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75-1-32

Bombay
8th January, 1975

London

My dear Tribhuvanatha das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 5th, 1975 and have noted the contents. Regarding your coming to India, I was told by Bhagavan das that you wanted to leave England and that it would be good for you to come to India, so I said that I had no objection of your coming to India. But if you can stay there in England and continue your festival program, that will be best. It is a very nice program. You should increase it as much as possible.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-1-33

London

Bombay
9th January, 1975

My dear Devamaya devi dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 6th 1975 and have noted the contents. Thank you for your burfis. Regarding your questions, there is no special planet for the Lord in His form of Lord Jagannatha. This particular lila was performed with His brother and sister when They were on this planet. If you are attracted to worshipping this form of the Lord, then you will go to Krishna. Lord Jagannatha is Krishna. You ask about what kind of food He likes to eat most. That you cannot prepare. If you sometimes come to Jagannatha Puri, then you can see. You should not give them any clubs to hold. It is not necessary.

Regarding astrology, you should not listen to any of these so-called astrologers—strictly avoid. Don't even see

them. What is the use of seeing them? Astrology is meant for the materialist, but a spiritualist does not care for the future. Everything is dependant upon Krishna. So where is the necessity of astrology? The devotees' principle is, let there happen anything as Krishna desires. Let me remain sincere devotee, that's all. Pure devotee is never interested in this astrology.

So, continue nicely with your deity worship there and read my books very carefully, and without fail chant 16 rounds on your beads daily.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-1-34

Bombay

9th January, 1975

Temple Presidents

All ISKCON Centers

My dear temple president,

Please accept my blessings. This letter is to inform you that Hari das Brahmachari has received permission to go to all of our centers in the west for visiting and gaining the experience of preaching there. He is from Bengal and he can cook nicely, go out on sankritana, lead kirtans, classes, as well as teach Bengali bhajans. Please give him all facility to engage in these ways while he is staying at your temple. He will be returning to India for the Mayapur festival in March, 1975.

I hope this meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

ACBS/ps

75-1-35

Bombay

9th January, 1975

Sri Mohan Mazundar

402/1a Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Rd.

Calcutta-47

My Dear Sri Mohan Mazundar,

Please accept my greetings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 29-12-74 and have noted the contents. Regarding my assistance in the producing of your film, if you are producing it in India, it is impossible for me to assist you with manpower. I have no sufficient men in India to give you.

If you can join our asrama that will be very nice for you. But you have some business to take care of with your daughters, etc., so, finish up your business and then you will be free to join us anytime you like.

I will be returning to Calcutta in March.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

ACBS/ps

75-1-36

Bombay

9th January, 1975

Brooklyn

My dear Rupanuga das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 2nd, 1975 and have noted the contents carefully. Regarding the new building, if it is suitable, never mind if it is a little more or less, you should get it. We can rent the unused space, and the householders can live in the building as long as they have separate floors. One thing is that they must be fully engaged. Don't make a hotel for free boarding and lodging. Everyone must be full-time engaged and the best engagement for them is to sell books. That will be very

nice. Don't allow anyone to simply eat and sleep. All should attend classes 2 or 3 times daily, chant 16 rounds, and go out for street sankirtana. Eating should be minimized. Too much eating leads to too much sleeping, and then sex desire. So, management should be done very carefully to see that there is not easy-going, lazy attitude which will only end in fall down.

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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

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75-1-37

Bombay

10th January, 1975

Sri Caitanya Gaudiya Math

Gour Bat Sahta Road

Swargadwar, Puri Orissa 752001

My dear Asita das,

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

have noted the contents. If you want to stay there I have no objection. For the time being you can perform your devotional service in Puri and when I return to Mayapur in mid-March, you can see me and we shall see what was the cause for your being asked to leave. It is a big establishment and sometimes disagreement happens and I am helpless. I am enquiring from Mayapur why you were asked to leave there. If you want to take initiation from Madhava Gosvami Maharaja I have no objection.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

ACBS/ps

75-1-38

Bombay

10th January, 1975

Mayapur

My dear Jayapataka Svami,

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

ACBS/ps

75-1-39

Bombay

10th January 1975

Sri Ram Patel

105 Park Avenue

Southall, Middlesex

London, England

My dear Mr. Patel

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter concerning your son Durgesh. I am very sorry for any inconvenience that has come upon you due

to this misunderstanding. I did not receive any letter from you until now about the situation so I was not aware fully of the circumstances as you have given them. Your son should stay with you and abide by your instructions. I will be coming there in April and will be more than glad to meet with you and your son at that time if you so wish. Again, I am sorry for any misunderstanding that may have occurred.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-1-40

Bombay

10th January, 1975

Montreal

My dear Sri R. M. Patel

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your check for the amount of 200 dollars. Thank you very much for this kind offering. I hope by now you have been to our center in Montreal. If not, you are cordially invited at any time to visit there and take prasadam and associate with devotees. The address is: ISKCON, 1626 PIE IX Blvd., H1V 2C5.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

ACBS/ps

75-1-41

Bombay

10th January, 1975

Bhaktivedanta Manor

My dear Patit Uddharan das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 4th, 1975 and have noted the contents. I very much appreciated your nice report on London and I am glad to hear how things

are going on there. Many thanks to Prabha Visnu das.

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

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

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

ACBS/ps

75-1-42

Bombay

12th, January, 1975

Bhaktivedanta Manor

My dear Bhaktin Lesley Fordham,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated nil and have noted the contents. Thank you very much for participating in this sankirtana movement. I am glad to hear that you are enthusiastic about chanting. Keep chanting 24 hours if possible. This constant chanting of Krishna's names will assure you of not falling down from His service. Never leave the association of devotees,

otherwise it will be very difficult to chant constantly.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

ACBS/ps

75-1-43

Bombay

12th January, 1975

Seattle

My dear Gandharva das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated nil and have noted the contents. If you like, you can come to India and live with me for some time. During Sri Caitanya's appearance day festival, if you like you can come and live with me. Then everything will be allright.

Please do not fail to chant 16 rounds, rise early, read my books carefully and follow all the regulative principles.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

ACBS/ps

75-1-44

Bombay

12th January, 1975

Dallas

My dear Jagadisha das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Dec. 31, 1974 and have noted the contents. Thank you very much for the nice book distribution report. Chicago temple is doing very nicely. Give them many thanks. There are so many devotees there in your zone. So, you must see that every one of them is chanting at least 16 rounds daily and observing our rules and regulations strictly. Keep everything nicely in this way. This is the duty of GBC, to see that all of our

members are becoming fixed in Krishna's service.

If you think it best, you can set up headquarters at Gurukula.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-1-45

Bombay

12th January, 1975

Los Angeles

My dear Kirtiraja das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Dec. 31, 1974 and have noted the contents. Any householder devotee who is working full-time (with his wife) as a sankirtana book distributor, of temple managerial duties, artist, cook, etc. shall be provided food, shelter, and other bare minimum necessities by the temple itself. They should not cook their own meals separate from the temple meals. If they have children, then some minimal allowance may be given according to the number of children. If they want anything extra or over and above what the temple president sees as absolute necessity, then they should work outside—the temple cannot pay for anything beyond the bare necessities. And definitely, the BBT cannot pay any salary to anybody. Our philosophy is "simple living and high thinking"—not sense gratification. The temple presidents and leaders (elder students) must show this by example. Temple or asrama means for renunciation and renounced persons. If one is engaged in self-realization process, then his material necessities become almost nil. Persons who do not like this can work outside.

Regarding food-stamps and welfare, if we have to fabricate some lie, that is not

good. It can be done only if it is completely honest.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-1-46

Bombay

12th January, 1975

Yvetot, France

My dear Mr. Lepesqueux,

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Aug. 28, 1974 and have noted the contents. I am sorry for such a late reply, but I have just received your letter last night due to the poor postal system in India. I hope that you have had the opportunity to visit our temple in Paris. If not, please go there and you will be pleased to see our programs there. The address is: ISKCON, 4 rue le Sueur, 75016 Paris, France.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-1-47

Bombay

12th January, 1975

Buffalo

My dear Nari devi dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 11-26-74 and have noted the contents. You must follow the principles that I have given at all times, under all circumstances. Without these four principles, there is no spiritual life. Even it may be very difficult you must follow. You should reject anything or anyone who advises you to break these principles. Association with such persons is worse than poison.

If you like, you may come to Vrindavan and live for some time.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-1-48

Bombay

12th January, 1975

Seattle

My dear Sukadeva das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Dec. 25, 1976 and have noted the contents. I have also just received one letter from Gandharva das. I have requested him to come to India and live with me for some time. I think that will solve this problem.

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-1-49

Bombay

14th January, 1975

Puri

My dear Sripad Madhav Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet. I understand from the letter of Asita das that he has gone to your place in Jagannatha Puri. He has asked permission from me for taking initiation from you. I have given him my permission and you can initiate him if you like so that he may increase his devotional service there.

By the by, I beg to inform you that I have arranged for the opening of the temple in Vrindavan on Sri Ram Navami day by the 20th of April, 1975. Perhaps you

know it that the ceremony was to take place on last Janmastami, but as the temple was not finished at that time, it could not be. Therefore, it was postponed. I wish to know whether your Holiness will kindly participate in this ceremony during that time to install the deity properly according to the Hari-bhakti-vilas regulations.

His Excellency, the Governor of Uttar Pradesh has kindly consented to join us during the ceremony.

So, I shall be very glad to hear from you in this respect by return post.

I am obliging.

I hope this meets you in good health, and thanking you in anticipation for an early reply.

Yours obediently,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami
ACBS/ps

75-1-50

Bombay

15th January, 1975

Detroit

Madame Sengupta,

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your Bengali letter dated 29-12-74 and have noted the contents. The grievances of family life are always the same everywhere. There is nothing new in your case. I am very glad you have taken shelter there at our Detroit temple. You can remain there without any hesitation and learn how to become a devotee. We have no Bengali books. All of our books are in English, but you can chant always Hare Krishna and follow the rules and regulations and this will help you in the advancement of spiritual life.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami
ACBS/ps

75-1-51

Bombay

15th January, 1975

Navadvipa

My dear Sripad Sridhar Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet. I beg to inform you that I have arranged for the opening of the temple in Vrindavan on Sri Ram Navami day by the 20th of April 1975. Perhaps you know it that the ceremony was to take place on last Janmastami, but as the temple was not finished at that time, it could not be. Therefore, it was postponed. I wish to know whether your Holiness will kindly participate in this ceremony during that time to install the deity properly according to the Hari-bhakti-vilas regulations.

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I am obliging.

I hope this meets you in good health and thanking you in anticipation for an early reply.

Yours obediently,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami
ACBS/ps

75-1-52

Bombay

16th January, 1975

Coconut Grove, Florida

My dear Abhirama das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 7, 1975 and have noted the contents. I have accepted the ten persons whom you have recommended for second initiation and their threads have been enclosed along with mantra sheet. I have also accepted the three you have recommended for first initiation. Their names are: William—

Isa das, Eric—Ahobala-Nrsimha dāsa, Nancy—Nartaka Gopāla dāsī. Their beads may be chanted on by Kirtanananda Svami.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

Enc: 7 threads and mantra sheet.

N.B. You must make sure that all of these devotees are following the regulative principles very nicely. Everyone must rise early, take bath attend mangala arati, chant at least 16 good rounds, attend class, and follow the four regulative principles strictly. If these things are lax, then there is no question of spiritual life. Any one who does not accept these things staunchly will have to fall down. You must teach them by your own personal example otherwise how will they learn. If you are loose in your habits, then everyone in your temple will also be loose in their habits. So, as one of my elder disciples, be strong. Do not deviate and you will be blessed.

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75-1-53

Bombay

16th January, 1975

Boston

My dear Adi Kesava das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 8th, 1975 and have noted the contents. Regarding your proper engagement, you should first discuss that with your GBC and try to work something out together. Regarding your questions. I have already answered the most important question. "How to please Krishna?"—by following all the regulative principle that I have given you, chanting 16 rounds and reading my books scrutinizingly. Everyone

must do these things, otherwise they cannot understand Krishna Consciousness.

I have accepted the four persons that you have recommended for second initiation and their threads and mantra sheet are enclosed herein. I have also accepted the six persons you have recommended for first initiation. Their names are: Edward—Sadāśiva dāsa, Robert—Rūpa dāsa, Susan—Sītāpati dāsī, Theothora—Tryadhīśa dāsī, Mildred—Mahālakṣmī dāsī, David—Dharmasetu dāsa. Their beads can be chanted on by Kirtanananda Svami.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

ACBS/ps

Enc: 3 threads and mantra sheet.

75-1-54

Bombay

16th January, 1975

Madras

My dear Akshayananda Svami,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 11-1-75 and have noted the contents. Stridish das was just here and he has brought you the answers to your questions I hope. Your program sounds very nice there.

You have mentioned the idea of having a pandal in Madras between the Mayapur and Vrindavan festivals. This will be nice, if it is practical. If you can arrange it co-operatively with the other leaders, then I shall also come there at that time. So, you can consult amongst yourselves and see if it will be possible or not.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-1-55

Bombay

16th January, 1975

Washington, D.C.

My dear Bhṛsakapi das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated nil and have noted the contents. Thank you for distributing my books so enthusiastically. Please increase this book distribution as much as possible. Regarding the Mayapur and Vrindavan festivals coming up, you can come to one of them or both of them as it is convenient to you.

I have accepted the three devotees that you have recommended for 1st initiation and their names are as follows: Ben—Bhavanātha dāsa, Jeff—Yadunātha dāsa, Jim—Yājña dāsa. Their beads may be chanted on by Kirtanananda Svami. I have also accepted the three men that you have recommended for 2nd initiation. Their threads and mantra sheets are enclosed herein. Let them hear the gayatri mantra through the right ear from the tape of myself saying it. Please make sure that these new devotees (as well as the old ones) follow all of my rules and regulations strictly. They must chant 16 rounds, rise early, attend class, etc. Without these things, there is no spiritual life at all.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

ACBS/ps

Enc: 3 threads and mantra sheets.

75-1-56

Bombay

16th January, 1975

Shri P.S. Garg M.A., M.B.

Advocate High Court

Chandralok "A"

97, Nepean Sea Road, Bombay-6

My dear Shri P.S. Garg,

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 6th,

1975 and have noted the contents. I thank you for your concern for my disciples' health. Actually, they are getting ghee and other milk products daily along with chapattis, dhal, and rice. They are also taking fruits and vegetables daily. Some of them are getting very fatty. Any way the food is there, if they are getting skinny and thin, it might be some other cause.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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N.B. You are cordially invited to come to our Hare Krishna Land. We have a nice evening program starting at 7:00 with kirtan, pravacana, and arati. Please come at your convenience. Hare Krishna.

75-1-57

Bombay

16th January, 1975

Brooklyn

My dear Mr. Gold,

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 12-30-74 and have noted the contents. I am so glad to see that you are so much absorbed in our philosophy and comparing it to other philosophies. I have written many books already which are full of the different aspects of this deep philosophy of Krishna Consciousness. I request you to study them carefully and you will find a treasure house of scientific information in relation to the ultimate goal of life and conquering the major problems of life, birth, death, old age, and disease. Visit our temple there in Brooklyn as much as you can. By associating with the devotees there, your spiritual life will become fully developed.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

ACBS/ps

75-1-58

Bombay

16th January, 1975

San Diego

My dear Jyotiganesvara das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 4th, 1975 and have noted the contents. Because I am stressing one thing (book distribution) especially, does that mean that everything else is not important? No. Everything must go on. Please consult with your temple president or your GBC for direction as to what is your best engagement there in San Diego.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-1-59

Bombay

16th January, 1975

London

My dear Krsnavesa dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 10th, 1975 and have noted the contents. Thank you for your nice book-bag.

My request to you is that you try to follow the authorities there, the temple president, the GBC, etc.—co-operated nicely with them. Our movement is based on love and trust, so if we do not co-operate, then how is that love and trust? Follow all of the rules and regulations very strictly without deviation, chant 16 rounds, attend class and mongol arati and then everything will be allright.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-1-60

Bombay

16th January, 1975

Paris

My dear Locanananda das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Dec. 31st, 1975 and have noted the contents. Your ideas are good and are surely worth considering. I have discussed them with Bhagavan das and he also thinks that it may be possible to unify Europe in this way. So, Bhagavan should be going back to Europe in a couple of weeks and we shall see how things are working out there.

Please keep yourself fixed up in Krishna Consciousness by strictly adhering to all the rule and regulations. Always be sure to chant 16 rounds and study my books daily. This will keep you strong in spiritual life.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

ACBS/ps

75-1-61

Bombay

16th January, 1975

London

My dear Malati devi dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 12-1-75 and have noted the contents. Thank you very much for the honeycomb and the camphor that you sent. Always fix yourself in Krishna's service and you will be far away from Maya's touch.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

ACBS/ps

75-1-62

Bombay

16th January, 1975

Bhaktivedanta Manor

My dear Mondakini devi dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 11th, 1975 and have noted the contents. Regarding your going to Moscow, if as you say, there is a chance of your getting a residential permit, then you should go there and try to get it. If your husband has a plan, that is very good. By Krishna's grace you may be able to stay there and spread Lord Caitanya's movement.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

ACBS/ps

75-1-63

Bombay

16th January, 1975

London

My dear Partha das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 7th, 1975 and have noted the contents. Your idea sounds very nice. It is a good proposal. Is it practical? Can you do it? If you think it is practical and you can do it, then it could have very nice results. Work nicely with Hansadutta and see what can be arranged.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

ACBS/ps

75-1-64

Bombay

16th January, 1975

Amsterdam

My dear Puranjan das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in

due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 6th, 1975 and have noted the contents. I think your idea about having professional men do our accounting in order to assure good accounting, is a good proposal. Regarding your other points, you must discuss these things with Hansadutta.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

ACBS/ps

75-1-65

Bombay

16th January, 1975

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Rajahmundry 533103 East Godavari A.P.

My dear Sri M. V. Ramalal,

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 21-12-74 and have noted the contents. In regards to your question, we are accepting the Sri-mad Bhagavatam as it is without interpretation and in that book in the 3rd chapter of the 1st canto all the incarnations of Godhead are listed. (at least the major ones are there). It is stated there that Lord Ramachandra advented and also disappeared many many 100's of thousands of years ago. This is all I can say on this matter. I cannot go beyond what the sastra says.

If you happen to go to Hyderabad sometime, you are welcome to visit our Radha-Krishna Temple there. The address is: Hare Krishna Land, Nampally Station Road, AP.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-1-66

Bombay
16th January, 1975

Los Angeles

My dear Rebatinandan Svami,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Dec. 27, 1974 and have noted the contents. Your program sounds very nice. Please go on with this work continuously preaching and as far as possible, try to sell some books also.

Regarding your fasting, if you are sick, then fasting is the best medicine. For disease and unwanted guests, if you do not give them food, they will go away.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-1-67

Bombay
16th January, 1975

Evanston

My dear Srutadeva das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 3, 1975 and have noted the contents. Thank you very much for your sincere endeavors to distribute my books widely. If you continue with such desire and determination, Krishna will give you all strength to increase more and more.

I appreciate your Sankirtan Newsletter greatly.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

ACBS/ps

75-1-68

Bombay
16th January, 1975

Atlanta

My dear Tripurari das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letters dated Jan. 1st and 5th, 1975 and have noted the contents. My general request is that you all distribute as many books as possible and at the same time be very careful in dealings with others so that they may not become irritated with us. Your book sale statistics are astounding. I am so much pleased. Please continue distributing such nice quantities and try to enthuse others more and more. You are sincere, so Krishna will give you all intelligence, strength and everything else you may need to distribute millions and millions of books.

I have written letters to Ramesvar and Rupanuga in regards to the recent controversies about book distribution methods to be used by our men. You may refer to those letters if you like.

Regarding the two boys you mentioned, they can receive initiation in Mayapur as long as they are recommended by the temple president or GBC.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

ACBS/ps

75-1-69

Bombay
16th January, 1975

Toronto

My dear Uttamasloka das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Dec. 31st, 1974 and have noted the contents. Yes. The way that you should make the altars is that there should be three separate rooms, doors, and altars. That will be very nice.

Thank you for your wonderful sankirtana results. It is very pleasing to me that you have sold so many books. Now, continue and increase.

I have accepted for 1st initiation the 6 persons you have recommended. Their names are as follows: Earl—Harideva dāsa, Geoff Meek—Govinda bhakta dāsa, Lucien—Lakṣmīnātha dāsa, Tim—Trilokanātha dāsa, Tuija—Tribhuvaneśvarī dāsī, Cathy—Kṣīracora dāsī. Their beads may be chanted on by Kirtanananda Svami. I have also accepted Purnamasi devi dasi and Rudrani devi dasi as my duly initiated (secondly) disciples. Their threads and gayatri mantra sheet, are enclosed herein. Let them hear the gayatri mantra through the right ear from the tape of myself saying it.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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Enc: 1 mantra sheet.

75-1-70

Bombay

17th January, 1975

Frankfurt

My dear Brahmananda Svami,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 11-1-75 and have noted the contents. If Karandhar can continue to pay the 9,000 dollars monthly, then what is the necessity of change? Let him continue.

Regarding the lawyer, is it necessary to pay 20,000 dollars? Can this be avoided? Unnecessarily, we cannot spend so much.

I will be going to Hawaii on Jan. 26th. You can let me know what is the situation by mailing a report there. It is contemplated that we are going to South America afterwards. So, if your business is finished up, then you can join us directly from London to Caracas, but if the South

American program does not take place, then I may come back through L.A., New York, London, etc.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-1-71

Bombay

17th January, 1975

Bhaktivedanta Manor

My dear Hansadutta das,

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

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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cc. Ajita das, Puranjan das and Viswambhar das

75-1-72

Bombay

17th January, 1975

Los Angeles

My dear Prajapati das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 8, 1975 and have noted the contents. You can come to the Mayapur festival and stay until the Vrindavan festival if possible. In between the two festival, we will be trying to arrange other large programs in South India (Madras and Hyderabad), so, there will be a nice program for all the devotees. You don't have to worry so much about recruiting new people. Just work nicely with the dancers you have now. Make full utilization of the facilities that you already have. Regarding your plane fare to India, it will be best if you can collect that money by selling some books on sankirtana. Then there will be no shortage.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-1-73

Bombay

17th January, 1975

Brooklyn

My dear Rupanuga das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated nil and have noted the contents. Why is it that money that has been collected on behalf of ISKCON Food Relief program has not been sent to India? Where is that money? This is not good. If you are not intending to send for food distribution, then do not collect in the name of Food Relief. Whatever is collected for India food distribution, must be sent as soon as it is collected, to India. You should send it to: Bank of America, International Society for Krishna Consciousness, Mayapur-

Vrindavan Fund, account no. 16026 in Bombay. It must be sent, otherwise it will be a discrepancy. The plan that the lawyer has proposed to you is very good. There can be two separated accounts, ISKCON Food Relief, and BBT.

Let Gopal Krishna come to India immediately. When he comes, he can get approval from Delhi for importing grains.

Secure the new building. Be cautious. Do not spoil the negotiation. That building is very nice. We want it.

The Bulletin that you have sent is very nice. Pancaratna has done very nicely. Maybe you can approach all the constituent members of the CSR (mentioned on the 2nd page) for giving us facility to expand our preaching work even more.

Regarding Harikesa, I thought he was going to London to take standing orders of books from the libraries there. Anyway he is there now, he can be engaged as you both see it fit. Consult amongst yourselves.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

75-1-74

Bombay

18th January, 1975

Ontario

My dear Mrs. Bhatt,

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 29th of October, 1974 and have noted the contents. Thank you very much for your kind donation of 2500 Rupees for our food distribution program. It will be very helpful in endeavors.

I hope that by now, you have had the opportunity to come and visit our center in Toronto. You are cordially invited to visit there anytime. The address is: 187 Gerrard St., East, Ontario M5A 2E5. We have very nice Radha-Krishna murtis

there and there are many devotees there also. Please visit at your convenience.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-1-75

Bombay

19th January, 1975

Los Angeles

My dear Guru das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Dec. 31st, 1974 and have noted the contents. By Krishna's grace, you are very much engaged there. It is very encouraging. I will be going to Hawaii on Jan. 24th via Hong Kong and Tokyo, arriving in Honolulu about the 29th. If you like, you can see me there.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-1-76

Bombay

19th January, 1975

Hyderabad

My dear Mahamsa Svami,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 10-1-75 and have noted the contents. Mr. Badruka came and talked with me about the land, but I don't know whether he wants to sell it or give it to us. It is not clear. But he has invited me to see the land when I come to Hyderabad. I have agreed to this.

So far the Nellore property is concerned, that is a nice proposal. Now, we should have self-sufficiency. This means to make our own food grains grow and to weave our own cloth—like in Mayapur. If we have food grains, milk, and cloth life

becomes easy and we can save time for preaching and chanting. Not that everyone should do these activities of farming, but if one is less intelligent, or not intelligent enough to preach nicely, he can do. If one is capable, then he should preach. On the whole, our society should be divided into 4 divisions, but such divisions are not material. Just like Krishna belonged to the Vaisya community, but he is worshiped by the brahmanas. We shall utilize everything for Krishna's service.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

ACBS/ps

75-1-77

Bombay

19th January, 1975

Brooklyn

My dear Radhaballabha das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 1-8-75 and have noted the contents. I have received one copy of Srimad Bhagavatam, Canto 4, Volume 4, and Krsna Consciousness: the Matchless Gift. Thank you very much for these books. One thing is that every volume of Srimad Bhagavatam, Caitanya Caritamrta and any other big volumes, must have a full index. It is not a very prestigious presentation without the index. All volumes in the future must have the index.

Please go on there with great enthusiasm and strength to print my books very nicely.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-1-78

Bombay

19th January, 1975

Los Angeles

My dear Satsvarupa Maharaja,

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

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

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

Sravanam kirtanam is the beginning—to chant and hear. Book distribution is under this category of sravanam kirtanam. The next item is smaranam. If somebody simply remembers the Supreme Lord, that is also as good as sravanam kirtanam. Then there is arcanam. That is also as good as the others, but one who simply becomes engaged in arcanam and does nothing of sravanam kirtanam, his position becomes in the material field. Any one of the nine processes is as good as the other. There is no question of inferior or superior. But out of all of them sravanam kirtanam is

very important. Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu while instructing Śrīla Rupa Gosvami, has said how the seed of devotional service sprouts and increases by watering the root by the process of sravanam kirtanam. So, these two items are very important in devotional service, but that does not mean that the other items are inferior. Śrīla Jiva Gosvami has stressed kirtanam especially in the age of Kali. Even if there is arcanam for sanctifying the contaminated mind, it must be accompanied by sravanam kirtanam.

So, you are all advanced students. You should understand the importance of each and every item of devotional service. Do not make any misunderstanding by devaluating any of the spiritual activities. You are one of the advanced students. One who distinguishes a particular type of service as inferior or superior, he does not know the value of devotional service. It is all transcendental. Whatever item is suitable, that is accepted as very elevated. Just like Maharaja Pāriksit. He simply listened to Sukadeva Gosvami. That is sravanam. And Sukadeva Gosvami simply narrated *Srimad Bhagavatam*. This is kirtanam. Prahlaḍa Maharaja simply contemplated—smaranam. Prthu Maharaja simply did deity worship—arcanam. Arjuna only remained as friend of Krishna—sakhyam. Hanuman remained only engaged in carrying out the order of Lord Rāmacandra—dasyam. And Bali Maharaja surrendered everything to Krishna—atma-nivedanam. So, any devotee executing any one of the nine is transcendently glorious. One devotee may be proud that his process of service is the best. That is not inglorious. This is called transcendental competition. Everyone should feel proud of his particular type of devotional service, but that does not mean that other types of service are inferior. Everyone should feel proud of becoming sincere servant of Krishna, but the pure

devotee never minimizes the importance of other devotees. Krishna is the enjoyer of varieties of service. It is not stuck up with any particular type of service. Krishna takes pleasure with devotees even by fighting service. When Grandfather Bishma was trying to injure the body of Krishna by sharpened arrows, in full devotion in the mellow of chivalry, Krishna was feeling the piercing of the arrows as good as worshipping him with soft rose flowers. The conclusion is that everyone should be very very sincere. There is no more the question of inferior or superior.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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

75-1-79

Bombay

19th January, 1975

Hyderabad

My dear Sucharu deva das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated nil and have noted the contents. Please try and work nicely with Mahamsa Svami. He is very nice devotee and he can help you to be engaged in Krishna's service with great enthusiasm. I will be coming there shortly—in April, for a large pandal program. You can see me then. For the time being, try to be very staunch in following all the rules and regulations. Chant 16 rounds daily, attend managala arati and classes, etc. and you will be very happily

engaged in the service of the Supreme Lord, Sri Krishna. Never let a moment go by without engaging in at least one of the nine devotional processes.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-1-80

Bombay

20th January, 1975

New Delhi

My dear Tejyas das,

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-1-81

Bombay

21st January, 1975

Ottawa

My dear Amsu das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 10th, 1975 and have noted the contents. Thank you very much for distributing my books in such severe conditions of cold. This is Krishna Consciousness. No matter what the conditions, still a devotee will always try his best to please his spiritual master and Krishna.

I have accepted Kati McIntosh as my

initiated disciple. Her name is Karana-karana devi dasi. Her beads can be chanted by Kirtanananda Svami.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-1-82

Bombay

21st January, 1975

Alexandria, Australia

My dear Madhuvisah Svami,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 4th, 1975 and have noted the contents. Thank you for settling things up nicely in Fiji. Enclosed, please find one copy of a letter to Vijaya das requesting him to work co-operatively with Asta Siddhi das.

Try to get some nice farm. That will be very good. If we can produce milk products and grain, there will be grand success. I was so much pleased with your book distribution there. I am sure that the coming year will be even better. I am very much encouraged by big book distribution. I have received information from Ramesvara that 50,000 big books will be distributed every month in 1975. Introduce the books as far as possible. That is the success of our mission.

Please send the next shipment of ghee immediately, as it takes quite a while for it to reach India. Shipments should be sent regularly every six months. The amount that you sent last shipment was good, send that much twice a year.

You are so humble and so sincere, this is a sign of your success. May Krishna bless you more and more. Krishna has placed you in that position. Now, you should always be fully conscious of your

great responsibility.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

ACBS/ps

75-1-83

Bombay

21st January, 1975

Glasgow

My dear Niranjana das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 9th, 1975 and have noted the contents. Thank you very much for translating my books. It is so much important to me to have my books printed in all languages of the world. But, why are you sending the work to Ksirodakshayee for publication. I would rather have you send them to Bombay. You can send them to Yasomatinandan das adhikari here in Bombay. He can do the final editing as well as see to it that they are printed nicely. For the translation of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, you can say either Paramesvara or Bhagavan. Paramatma or Antaryami is good for localized Super-soul. If you can give the meaning of all the sanskrit words, that will be best.

I am glad to hear things are going nicely in Edinburgh and Glasgow.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

ACBS/ps

75-1-84

Bombay

21st January, 1975

Brooklyn

My dear Radhaballabha das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 1-7-75 and have noted the contents. Regarding the

book on Kapila's philosophy, you can call it "the Sankhya Philosophy of Kapila, (the Son of Devahuti)" You can give the roman transliteration for the sanskrit and the English translation and then the lecture. There is no need of the original sanskrit (deva-nagari), or the synonyms. For the time being, I shall consider regarding the dedication, and introduction. After it is ready, I will tell you. You can use pictures from the Srimad Bhagavatam. That will be alright.

Finish the Caitanya-Caritamṛta as soon as possible.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-1-85

Bombay
21st January, 1975

Lautoka, Fiji

My dear Vijaya das,

Please accept my blessings. I hope that everything is going nicely there in Fiji. I have heard that Mr. Punja is now enlivened to work with us again. This is very good. He can help us in many ways, and he is a devoted man. You are a devotee, so this is the process, yasya prasādā bhagavat prasādo So, kindly follow my instructions very carefully and work co-operatively with Asta Siddhi das. That will be good for you and the people in general. Do not deviate in any way.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-1-86

Mayapur

My dear Bhavananda Svami and Jayapataka Svami,

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-1-87

Paris

Tokyo
27th January, 1975

My dear Bhagavan das adhikari,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your telegram reading as follows (dated Jan. 25th, 1975): NEED SANCTION LETTER FROM PRABHUPADA FOR MANAGING OTHER EUROPEAN TEMPLES FORWARD TO PARIS GERMANY—BHAGAVANDAS. So far our movement is concerned, actually it is not a so-called religion movement. People throughout the whole world are more or less disgusted with the man-made religious systems. Therefore the government of different states is gradually banning the preaching of religion. People in general also think that this is also another type of so-called religion. So, gradually, they will take steps for banning our propaganda also, unless we present our system very scientifically based on philosophy. Of course, by Krishna's grace,

the higher learned section is appreciating our books. That is the only hope for pushing on. But, I am very much depressed by the recent incidences in Germany. It is now evident that some of our top men are very much ambitious and there has been so many fall-downs. In his last letter, Hansadutta said as follows: I am exhausted, my brain is exhausted, I do not know what to do, so you can just tell me what I should do and I shall do that. I cannot understand your mind or actions, I do not know what you divine grace wants, or what you want from me. So, at this moment I am just going to sit and chant till I hear from you, because everything till now has come out wrong, so please just instruct me what to do. Sorry to be the bearer of bad news again. Please forgive me, I am so helpless and spiritually weak. Please save me. What more can I say, please save me. In India you said, "Every rumor contains a grain of truth." So the police, the karmis, newspapers must also bear a grain of Truth. I feel discouraged now. All my godbrothers and your Divine Grace are dissatisfied with me, so I have lost my enthusiasm.

Under the circumstances, I have asked Hansadutta to come to me at Hawaii. There I shall try to rectify the mistakes and as previously arranged, the GBC's should act as my secretary at least one month in a year. So, he may come and remain with me and in the meantime, you work conjointly with Brahmananda Svami. Try to manage Germany, London, and Paris. The main business in Germany is to reply the charges and rescue the frozen money. In England, we have to revive the Rathayatra festival which is now stopped by the police intrigue. In Paris, you require a larger place to accommodate devotees, so find out a suitable place.

I am going to Honolulu by Wednesday (29th) and if Brahmananda Svami is absolutely required, I'll call him to South

America. Otherwise, both of you cooperatively, execute the most important business in Europe.

Kindly send in regular reports and oblige.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

ACBS/ps

cc: Germany

75-1-88

Honolulu

31st January, 1975

Laupahoe hoe, Hawaii

My dear Goursundar,

Please accept my blessings. I shall be very happy if you would kindly come and see me here. I am scheduled to leave Hawaii on the morning of Feb. 9th, so if you could possibly come before that time it would be very nice.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-1-89

Honolulu

31st January, 1975

Brooklyn

My dear Tamal Krishna Maharaja,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 16th, 1975 and have noted the contents. Your report is very very encouraging. It means really preaching Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's message. Do that and be blessed. Krishna has given you a special duty, so carry it very faithfully and enthusiastically. The more you preach, the more you become recognized by Krishna and the more He gives you intelligence how to preach. You are a good representative of Radha Damodara. You are very

fortunate that Radha Damodara is traveling with you and giving strength and intelligence. All glories to the assembled devotees.

Regarding your meeting with Sat-svarupa Maharaja and your 3-fold attack plan for preaching on the campuses, it is a very good idea. Do it. I know that you are practical. Instead of talking 100 times and doing nothing. That I want. This is a very good plan. You can call Rebatinandana Svami also to join you. He is a good preacher also. If you think in terms of Krishna's instructions, then Krishna will give the intelligence how to execute. Strictly adhere to Krishna's instructions and He'll give intelligence how to execute them from within your heart.

Regarding the idea of having the younger boys travel with you, the question is whether the government will object or not to our taking small boys in a sankirtan van. If there is no objection, then you can adopt this program immediately. It will be a very nice program.

The US has got immense potentiality

for accepting Krishna Consciousness. So, do service to your country-men, as well as Krishna simultaneously. Your country has been glorified on account of her children like you. Krishna has his own plan for using your country-men for this movement. So, accept Krishna's mercy and do the needful. It is not just my desire, it is the desire of Lord Caitanya, then my Guru Maharaja, then it is my desire, and that desire should be executed by you all; then it will be accepted. Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu accepted the Bharat-bhumi, but at least one person from Bharat-bhumi has accepted this cult and handed it over to you so, see that this desire takes practical shape.

Your photo is very nice. I'll keep it to show others. Very encouraging. I want to organize such a program in India.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

ACBS/ps

FEBRUARY

75-2-1

Honolulu
1st February, 1975

Cleveland

My dear Batu Gopala dasa,

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

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

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-2-2

Honolulu
1st February, 1975

San Francisco

My dear Bhakta das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in

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

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

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

Please continue distributing by books as many as possible.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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N. B. Thank you for the 100 dollar check.

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Honolulu
1st February, 1975

Honolulu

My dear Govinda dasi,

Please accept my blessings. In reply to your letter dated nil and have noted the contents. I beg to advise you to come to

India and live in Mayapur comfortably in association of devotees. If you go, then I shall arrange to give you a very nice room completely for your use and you can peacefully engage in your painting work and read Srimad Bhagavatam as well as join in with the devotees for regular kirtan, arati, and prasadam. What you have to do in this connection is as follows: 1) immediately you go to New York and take an entry visa from the consulate general of India. 2) ask your father to send the 200 dollars monthly to the Bank of America-Bombay branch, account number 16026, (International Society for Krishna Consciousness Mayapur-Vrindavan Fund.) This money will be kept for your expenditure. I think 500 rupees monthly will be sufficient for your food and lodging (60-70 dollars). And the balance you can spend as you like. I think this arrangement will be very nice for you according to my idea. Now you decide what to do.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-2-4

Honolulu

1st February, 1975

Los Angeles

My dear Guru das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated nil and have noted the contents. I will be leaving Honolulu on Feb. 9th and will be arriving there in Los Angeles on the same day. While I am in L.A., we can discuss your plans in full detail.

I hope this letter meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-2-5

Honolulu

1st February, 1975

Seattle

My dear Jagadisa das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 1-1-75 and have noted the contents. This problem that you have presented is not the kind of thing to present before the spiritual master. You should try to approach your GBC man, Jayatirtha prabhu in this matter. I am requesting again and again that all of my disciples simply follow all of the rules and regulations very strictly. Rising early, chanting 16 rounds, attending mangala arati and class, etc. are all essential for spiritual development.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-2-6

Honolulu

1st February, 1975

Culver City, California

My dear Karandhar,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 1-28-75 and have noted the contents. I will be leaving Honolulu on Feb. 9th and will be arriving there in Los Angeles on the same day. While I am in L.A., we can discuss your situation in detail. I will see you there.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-2-7

Honolulu

2nd February, 1975

Dallas

My dear Candramukhi devi dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated nil and have noted the contents. I am very happy to see that you are learning our philosophy so nicely. You will grow up to be a great devotee of Krishna. You are very fortunate to have the opportunity of attending Gurukula, so don't waste this opportunity. Take full advantage of it by always rising early, attending arati, classes and chanting at least 16 rounds daily without fail. These things will make you very strong in Krishna Consciousness. Thank you for appreciating my books. Read them carefully and you will preach very nicely.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-2-8

Honolulu

2nd February, 1975

Dallas

My dear Dayananda das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 17, 1975 and have noted the contents. Your study aids that you are using to help the children learn the meaning of Bhagavad-gita slokas fully seem to be allright. The thing is, you must see that the meaning of the verse is in no way altered or changed. Simplification is allright but do not change anything. I have accepted Brenda and Gary Wallis for 1st initiation. Their names are as follows: Balavati devi dasi and Gaurasara dasa. Their beads may be chanted on by Kirtanananda Svami. I have also accepted Kamanagari dasi, Jyotir dasa, and Svarga devi dasi as my duly initiated brahmanas.

You can perform the fire yajna and let them hear through the right ear the tape of myself chanting the gayatri mantra.

Please continue working nicely there training all of the children to become ideal vaisnavas.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

N. B. Sacred thread and mantra sheet enclosed.

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Honolulu

2nd February, 1975

Toronto

My dear Duryodhanaguru das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Dec. 17, 1974 and have noted the contents. I want that someone learns how to make mrdungas in the Western countries. As far as I know Isan has not produced any mrdungas. So how will he teach your wife how to make them. First let him produce something, then he can teach others. I have no objection. If somehow or other someone can learn how to make good mrdungas in America, it will be a great service.

Please study my books very carefully and do not fail in chanting at least 16 rounds daily.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-2-10

Honolulu

2nd February, 1975

Amsterdam

My Dear Hari Krishna Das,

Please accept my blessings, I am in due receipt of your letter dated January 18,

1975. I am glad to note that your Amsterdam center is improving and that new devotees are joining. Example is better than precept, so you follow the regulative principles, chant 16 rounds daily, attend morning and evening arati and as much as possible go for sankīrtan distributing my books.

I have already written Purāṇjana, that whatever money is owed to the BBT that should be paid. You may continue to distribute records, providing a book is given with each record.

Do not manufacture records, but take from Germany. They are already doing so you take from them. Hansadutta is here with me now and other GBC members, they are consulting all problems and trying to relieve me of management, so in future you may consult with the local GBC and work co-operatively, that will give me relief for printing my books.

I hope this letter finds you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedānta Svāmī
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75-2-11

Honolulu

2nd February, 1975

Dallas

My dear Jagadīśa das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 22, 1975 and have noted the contents. All of your proposals have been approved by me. Try to increase the book distribution as much as possible. This is our business—to put our books in the hands of intelligent men of America. If they read even one page, the influence will be so great.

I have accepted Doug, Judith and Paul for 1st initiation and their names are respectively; Dayāla Nitai, dāsa, Jagannmayī devī dāśī, and Parīpurna dāsa. Their beads can be chanted on by Kīrtanananda Svāmī.

Train them nicely to follow all of our rules and regulations strictly without fail and to engage 24 hours in Kṛṣṇa's service. Help them to understand the importance of this Kṛṣṇa Consciousness Movement.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedānta Svāmī
ACBS/ps

75-2-12

Honolulu

2nd February, 1975

Michael Jon King

3415 Maunaloa Ave.

Honolulu, Hawaii 96816

My dear Mr. King,

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Feb. 1, 1975 and have noted the contents. I am glad that you enjoyed our chanting. You are welcome to come again and again if you like. You should understand though that we are not very much concerned with the principles of Hatha-yoga. We practise Bhakti-yoga strictly and since Bhakti includes all other results obtained from practising other yogas as it is declared in the Bhagavad-gītā to be the culmination of all yogas it becomes unnecessary for us to apply any other techniques besides simply chanting and hearing about the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Kṛṣṇa who is called Yogeśvara or the master of all yoga. Of course, it is certain that if one sits with straight spine it may be of some help in his ability to concentrate, but it cannot be considered as essential by any means. That thing which is really essential in Bhakti is to develop one's eternal dormant love for Kṛṣṇa.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedānta Svāmī
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75-2-13

Honolulu

2nd February, 1975

New Vrindavan

My dear Kirtanananda Svami,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your recommendations for initiations received on the 2nd of Feb., 1975. I have accepted the ten devotees you have named and their new names are as follows: Gregory—Gaurasakti dāsa, Walker—Venkata dāsa, Patrick—Pari-sevana dāsa, Barbara—Vibhāvarī devī dāsī, Anne—Amrtapradā devī dāsī, Sheryl—Śobhāvatī, Mary—Mahādevī dāsī, Donna—Damagrāhyā devī dāsī, Marie—Mudākārī devī dāsī, Catherine—Kratuphala devī dāsī. You may chant on their jappa beads.

I have also accepted upon your recommendation, Hunkāra dāsa, Stavya dāsa, Mahā devī dāsī, Demagrāhyā devī dāsī and Mudākārī devī dāsī as my duly initiated brahmanas. Let them hear the gayatri mantra through the right ear from the tape of myself saying it. Their threads and a mantra sheet are enclosed herein.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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Honolulu

2nd February, 1975

Brooklyn

My dear Lokamangala das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 30, 1975 and have noted the contents. You have asked me what I feel is the best engagement for you at this time and in response, I kindly request you to continue to distribute my books full-time. You are

very expert in this matter and you can also teach others how to do it. At the present moment, the plays are not as important as our book distribution. So, my desire is that you increase your book distribution more and more and be blessed by Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-2-15

Honolulu

2nd February, 1975

Seattle

My dear Prabhanu dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 1-31-75 and have noted the contents carefully. Regarding your problem, first thing is that the philosophy of the Bhagavad-gita is that one must learn to tolerate the sufferings due to the frailties of the material body. Whenever there is a material body, we have to expect birth, disease, old age and death. We don't want these things, but they are forced upon us, therefore we should try to attain that position in which these miseries will not be forced upon us—eternal life in the kingdom of God. Material life means great risk—at every step there is danger. But, a devotee is not jolted by this. He simply tries to render whatever service possible and accepts everything as the mercy of Krishna. So, you should carefully consider these points and do the needful.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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Honolulu
2nd February, 1975

Amsterdam

My dear Puranjana,

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

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

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami
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75-2-17

Philadelphia

My dear Rabindra Svarupa das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 26, 1975 and have noted the contents. Thank you for distributing my books there very nicely. Try to increase it more and more. You mentioned in your letter that you are doing a lot of deity worship and cooking due to lack of sufficient brahmanas. So why don't you ask your GBC man for some brahmanas (at least one) to come and relieve you of this service so that you can spend more of your time preaching and distributing books. A temple president should have more time for preaching. That is important.

Regarding your question about the loan for the building, Ramesvar and Jayatirtha have suggested that you be given a 4,000 dollar loan from the BBT. So, I think that will be nice.

I have accepted Joe and Tim as my disciples and their new names are respectively; Jamunapriya dasa and Tattvavada dasa. Their beads may be chanted on by Kirtanananda Svami. I have also accepted upon your recommendation, Kamalatika devi dasi for 2nd initiation. Let her hear the gayatri mantra through the right ear from the tape of myself chanting. Her mantra sheet is enclosed herein.

The photos are very nice. Try to spread this movement as far as possible.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami
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75-2-18

Brooklyn

My dear Rupanuga das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in

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due receipt of your letter dated nil and have noted the contents. Regarding the idea of suing the U.S. Government, it is better not to make such a move. Try to solve all problems with the local scale. The GBC men who are here now have considered this point and decided that it would not be wise to sue the Gov't. at this point.

According to Jayatirtha prabhu, Jagadisa's proposal for BBT loan has already been rejected.

BTG is not meant for advertising ISKCON Food Relief.

Regarding instruments for temple kirtans, karatala and mrdunga are sufficient. There is no need of other instruments.

Keep negotiations going for that building. It will be very nice if we can get that building.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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2nd February, 1975

Houston

My dear Sahadeva das adhikari,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Feb. 1, 1975 and have noted the contents. What is the difficulty if you immediately start preaching in the colleges? At the present moment, Tamal Krishna Gosvami is looking for men who are interested in preaching at the colleges. Why not contact him and work together with him? That will be very nice. There is no necessity of your going to India. Better to begin preaching work immediately.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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Pierre Sauvageau

a/s Centre d'information Hare Krishna

728 Laurier, Trois-Rivieres

Province de Quebec, Canada

My dear Mr. Sauvageau,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Dec. 17, 1974 and have noted the contents. I am very pleased to know that you have taken such a great interest in our Hare Krishna Movement. You are an educated man and you can use your education very nicely in the service of Krishna. I like the idea of yours to continue on for PHD presenting our books and philosophy in your thesis. This will be a great service for you to perform and I shall be very grateful to you if you can do it. Please therefore go ahead with obtaining PHD and become a learned scholar in the science of loving Krishna.* This will be a wonderful credit for you and you will surely get recognition from Krishna for such an attempt.

Keep in touch with Jagadisa dasa and he can give you all assistance.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

*That is the verdict of S.B. "Idam hi pumsa srntasya saktasya ca budhadata yo avicyuta'tha kavibhih nirupitah yaduttamasloka gunanuvarnam"

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Seattle

My dear Sukadeva das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 24, 1975 and have noted the contents. If you can acquire that building in Seattle, it will

be very nice. Jayatirtha like it very much and he recommended that you should be given the loan for 10,000 dollars. So, if it is there you can take it.

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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Honolulu

2nd February, 1975

Auckland

My dear Tusta Krishna Svami,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 12, 1975 and have noted the contents carefully. Thank you for the 1,000 dollars (in checks). I am very happy to hear your report. Krishna is giving you facility there to develop a very nice varna-asrama society in New Zealand. Try your best to develop an ideal society there to set a perfect example for the human society of how one can live very simply, chanting Hare Krishna and developing love for Krishna. Make sure that you keep the whole program pure by carefully following all of the rules and regulations that I have given, rising early, attending mangala arati and holding classes, chanting 16 rounds daily, observing the four basic principles, no intoxication, meat-eating, etc. Then everything will be a great success. You are an intelligent boy, so, I think you can understand how to manage things very nicely there. I hope to be seeing you in Mayapur this year. The festival begins about the 25th of March.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

Sriman Siddhaswarup Maharaj is with me here. I met Sudama Vipra — acarya at Hong Kong

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Honolulu

2nd February, 1975

Dallas

My dear Yadunandana das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 22, 1975 and have noted the contents. Regarding your child, the vedic philosophy is that the miseries of the material body must be tolerated. When material body is there, we must expect so many problems. Considering these things, it is up to you to decide what to do.

It seems to be the best thing to continue our Gurukula program in Dallas, at least for now. However, the GBC is considering building another school at New Vrindavan since one very wealthy man has offered to do so. You can contact Kirtanananda Svami in this connection.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-2-24

Honolulu

3rd February, 1975

Los Angeles

My dear Gauri dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 23, 1975 and have noted the contents. You are a very expert book distributor, so I do not want you to give it up altogether. If you like, you can also do some painting, but you should still distribute books two days out of the week (at least).

Always strictly follow all the rules and regulations, rising early, attending mangala arati and classes and without fail chanting 16 rounds daily. This will make you strong in Krishna Consciousness which is the most essential thing. Always be engaged 24 hours a day in the service of Krishna and be happy.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-2-25

Honolulu

3rd February, 1975

Honolulu

My dear Jivananda das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 8, 1975 and have noted the contents. Thank you for your kind donation for 108 dollars (in check). I hope that you are being very careful to strictly observe all of our basic rules and regulations such as rising early (before 4:00 AM), attending managla arati and classes, chanting 16 rounds without fail and of course the four regulative principles. Without accepting these things seriously, there is no question of spiritual life. So, I hope you understand the utmost necessity of these things and are remaining pure in your activities.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-2-26

Honolulu

3rd February, 1975

Honolulu

My dear Kusa devi dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 30,

1975 and have noted the contents. I have studied your situation carefully and I encourage you to live in the temple in the association of fixed up devotees who are following my teachings strictly. If your husband cannot follow our principles properly, you are not to think that you should let that hamper your spiritual life. You should stay with us and cultivate spiritual life peacefully under Krishna's protection and care. If he is not interested in spiritual life, let him do as he pleases. I have given all of my disciple instructions to follow for making spiritual advancement, but if they do not have the desire to follow, then what can I do? Anyone who is unwilling to follow our regulated principles, you should not live or associate closely with such a person.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-2-27

Honolulu

3rd February, 1975

Amsterdam

My dear Malati devi dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your letter dated Jan. 27, 1975 and have noted the contents. It is good that you have gone to Amsterdam temple to help with the deity program there. It must be done very nicely. So, help train them up to worship Radha and Krishna very nicely.

Thank you for also sending Syamasundara's new address.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-2-28

Honolulu

3rd February, 1975

Bhaktivedanta Manor

My dear Patit Uddharan das,

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

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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

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3rd February, 1975

London

My dear Prabha Visnu das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 18, 1975 and have noted the contents. Regarding the question about selling records there, I have already told Hansadutta that it may continue temporarily until the stock is finished, but you must give a book with each record.

I will most probably be coming to London on March 2nd or 3rd after visiting South America. So, I will see you then.

Your picture of the London Deities is very nice. Thank you very much.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

N.B. I have just received your letter (signed by several persons) dated Jan. 27, 1975 and have noted the contents. Hansadutta will be coming there shortly. We shall decide about the permanent management arrangement when I come there in March.

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3rd February, 1975

Bhaktivedanta Manor

My dear Radhey Syam Kripalu
Sarasvati das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 29-1-75 and have noted the contents. I thank you very much for your very nice painting of Krishna. It is very beautiful. I am glad that you are feeling happy in Krishna Consciousness. Please continue to follow all of the rules and regulations very carefully and strictly so that your spiritual life will flourish. Rise early, chant 16 rounds, attend mangala arati and classes and your life will be perfect.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

N.B. I do not remember your name very well. Could you tell me where and when you were initiated? If you would tell me this information, I could put it in our files. Thank you.

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Honolulu
4th February, 1975

Bombay

My dear Giriraja das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of the two copies of the Governors' letters but nothing from you. I do not know how far you have advanced in the matter of constructing of the building as sanctioned by the municipality. I hope everything is going on nicely there and please send weekly reports as I am anxious to know.

As advised by Sri M. Channa Reddy, have you seen the Chief Minister or not? If you've seen him, let me know the result. But I think the Governor is personally examining our case. So, what is the use of seeing the Chief Minister.

Regarding the bus, now I am serious to purchase one bus at least and I have secured money. So, arrange for this immediately with the help of Sridhar. We do not want the seats—it should be vacant. As such, the price should be reduced considerably. Guru Kripa Svami will go to India to lead the party, but at least 6 Indian men must go with him. As soon as I return to India, I shall take up this Bus sankirtan very seriously.

One copy of our book, Lord Caitanya in Five Features may be handed over to Svami Cinyamananda as our humble presentation. If somebody, or yourself sees him personally, give him thanks for his letter recommending our admission in the temples and present this book to him. That will be nice.

As far as possible, all big Mayavadis sannyasis should be presented with this book.

Hope this meets you in good health.

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

75-2-32

Honolulu
6th February, 1975
Evanston, Illinois

My dear Audolomi das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Feb. 2, 1975 and have noted the contents carefully. It is the mercy of Krishna that you are getting fair warning of your nearing death. Now, you must become very serious to prepare to meet death without fear by being fully absorbed in the lotus feet of Krishna. You must be very careful and always praying to Krishna that you will not forget Him at the time of dying.

If your heart is weak, do not take part in so much active service. It will be better for you to chant more, read books, eat less—like that you can engage yourself. Everyone has to die sometime, but the problem is that most men your age are thinking, "I will live another fifty years", but now you have been informed that in your case, you will not live so long. Take advantage of this advance notice, consider it a blessing and prepare yourself to go back to home, back to Godhead.

I hope this meets you in strong Krishna Consciousness.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami
ACBS/ps

75-2-33

Honolulu
6th February, 1975
Frankfurt, Germany

My dear Brahmananda Svami,

Please accept my blessings. I have heard that you want to make apologies to the police and others. This policy is not at all good. We cannot apologize. We have not done anything wrong. Our policy should be to protest against this persecution if they are determined to suppress our

movement there. However, everything can be settled peacefully, if they agree to drop the charges and give us facility to push on our movement without further harrassment in the future. These are the two points to be considered, so, discuss with Hansadutta and Bhagavan and do the needful.

I am coming to London via New York by the 2nd of March and you can meet me there.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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Honolulu

6th February, 1975

Albert Park, Australia

My dear Caru das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated nil and have noted the contents. From your letter, it appears that you need a change of activities. I think it will be best if you come to the festival at Mayapur and from there we can decide what project will be best for you to become involved in. For the time being, keep yourself fixed in Krishna's service 24 hours and follow staunchly all of the regulated principles, such as chanting 16 rounds, rising early, attending arati and class, etc.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

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Honolulu

6th February, 1975

TO ALL TEMPLE PRESIDENTS

My dear President,

Please accept my blessings. Recently

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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Honolulu

6th February, 1975

Brooklyn

My dear Radhaballabha das,

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

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

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

I will be glad to see you all (at least 15

of you) in Mayapur for our festival.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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Honolulu

6th February, 1975

Evanston, Illinois

My dear Sri Govinda das,

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

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

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

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

I have also accepted, upon your recommendation, the five men for 2nd initiation. Let them hear the gayatri mantra through the right ear from the tape of myself chanting it. Their threads are enclosed along with mantra sheet. Make sure that everyone is pure by following the four regulated principles and chanting

at least 16 rounds daily. Without these things, there is no spiritual life.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-2-38

Mexico City

12th February, 1975

Mexico City

My dear Hanuman das

Please accept my blessings. Regarding your engagement, I strongly recommend and encourage you to travel extensively and preach our philosophy everywhere you go. You have my authorization to open centers as you see fit after considering twice and thrice. Do not whimsically open or establish any center and then close it down later on. Please report to me directly as to your whereabouts and your programs for preaching work. You must be very strict to follow all of the rules and regulations that I have given without even the slightest deviation. By a perfect example from your own conduct, others will be nicely trained up to be perfect vaiṣṇavas.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-2-39

Mexico City

14th February, 1975

Navadvipa

Personal

My dear Sripad Sridhar Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet. I thank you very much for your kind letter dated 1-1-1975 and I have noted the contents with great pleasure. I left India on the 26th January from

Bombay and I went to Hong Kong and Tokyo. Then I went to Hawaii and I received your letter there. Then I went to Los Angeles. Now I am staying at our Mexico City temple at the address below. Here the Mexicans are taking part in sankirtana and Deity worship very nicely. They have become very good devotees. In the neighboring countries like Venezuela, Argentina, Puerto Rico, Brazil, Trinidad and the Dominican Republic we have also got our temples. So, I am touring in these temples to see how things are going on, and by the grace of Krishna, everyone is becoming Krishna Conscious.

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

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

Yours affectionately,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami
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75-2-40

Mexico City
15th February, 1975

Bombay

My dear Giriraja das,

Please accept my blessings. The interest rate here in the west is very low now, so I am thinking very seriously to invest about 410,000 dollars (approximately 32 lakhs rupees). I want to know immediately what kind of monthly interest I would receive if I was to put this amount in a fixed deposit for five years. Check with the big banks and find out what the highest interest rate would be. You can check with many of the big banks such as First National Bank, Punjab National, Central, Bank of India, State Bank of India, etc. Please see to this matter immediately without any delay and let me know by return post to New York Temple.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami
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75-2-41

Mexico City
15th February, 1975

Brooklyn

My dear Gopiparanadhana das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Feb. 6th, 1975 and have noted the contents. Regarding your problem of not being able to get married, this is not the proper type of question to place before your spiritual master. I think you should discuss this

matter with Rupanuga das. Anyway, you should be sure to follow all the regulative principles without fail and to chant at least 16 rounds daily. If you do these things, then in any position of life you will be satisfied. Krishna is fully aware of your every necessity and he will surely provide everything that you need for your bodily maintenance. You should have this kind of faith.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-2-42

Mexico City

15th February, 1975

Detroit

My dear Govardhana dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Feb. 8th, 1975 and have noted the contents. Thank you for the photo of Sri Sri Radha Kunja-Bihari. It is very nice photo. They are looking very beautiful. I have accepted the following for 1st initiation: Bruce—Brajendralala, Miriam—Mukhyā, Jeff—Jayavāmana, Robin—Rajendranatha, Kim—Kaviraja, Karl—Kapiladeva, Sue—Śukti. Their beads may be chanted on by Satsvarupa Maharaja. Be sure and help them become first class devotees by following all the rules and regulations, very carefully, especially, they must rise early for mangala arati, chant at least 16 rounds and attend class.

Your list of qualifications for choosing candidates for 2nd initiation is very good. Regarding Rudra dasa, he can worship Gaura-Nitai in his home. The most important element for their worship is the chanting of the Hare Krishna Mantra. They can have at least one arati and whatever foodstuffs are prepared can be offered. Regarding my books, everyone

should read. I am also reading. Everyone should be engaged 24 hours. That is the sum and substance. How much you should read and how much you should do other types of service, that has to be decided by each individual devotee. Eating and sleeping should be minimized—not a single moment should be misused.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-2-43

Mexico City

15th February, 1975

Dallas

My dear Krsna dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated nil and have noted the contents. You are very fortunate to be attending the Gurukula school. You please take advantage of it and become a pure devotee of Lord Krishna. I would like to come there very much and see all of my sons and daughters there. I will be coming sometime soon, maybe next time I come back to USA after the Mayapur and Vrindavan festivals. Be very careful to follow all of the regulative principles nicely and chant 16 rounds and study my books very deeply. This will make you able to go back to Godhead at the end of your life.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-2-44

Mexico City

15th February, 1975

Laguna Beach

My dear Mrdapiya dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in

due receipt of your letter dated nil and have noted the contents. It is never too late to become Krishna Conscious. If you actually follow all of the regulative principles and chant 16 rounds avoiding the offenses, and attend the mangala arati and classes, then Krishna will see that you are sincerely trying to follow the real process of Krishna Consciousness. Don't try to manufacture some artificial process. The process I have already given. Now you simply have to follow it strictly and Krishna will give you all help.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-2-45

Mexico City
15th February, 1975

New Orleans

My dear Nityananda das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Feb. 5th, 1975 and have noted the contents. I am very glad to hear that your farm project in Mississippi is going on nicely. Develop it nicely like New Vrindavana.

I have accepted the two persons that you have recommended for 1st initiation. Their names are Michael—Muniraja, and Robin—Rajanatha. Their beads can be chanted by Kirtanananda Svami. Train them to be first class devotees by following very strictly all of our rule regulations, chanting at least 16 good rounds daily.

Thank you for the 100 dollars donation.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-2-46

Mexico City
15th February, 1975

Denver

My dear Pancananda das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 31, 1975 and have noted the contents. The problem that you are experiencing may have something to do with the drugs you were taking previous to joining our movement. Any way, you should try very sincerely to become a pure devotee of Krishna by following all of the four regulative principles and chanting at least 16 rounds daily, as well as rising early, attending mangala arati, attending classes, etc. By this simple method, you will be very strongly fixed in spiritual life and whatever problems you may have will seem insignificant. However, if you need medical attention, your temple president should make the necessary arrangement for your seeing a doctor.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-2-47

Mexico City
15th February, 1975

Dallas

My dear Satsvarupa Maharaja,

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

Regarding your lecturing in the college classes. This is a very good program also.

Why not continue it?

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svawmi

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75-2-48

Mexico City

15th February, 1975

San Francisco

My dear Jennifer,

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 6th, 1975 and have noted the contents. Thank you for your donation of 20 dollars. We are vaisnavas. We are not concerned with male or female position in life. That is simply bodily concept of life. It is not spiritual. Whether one is male or female, it doesn't matter, simply chant Hare Krishna and follow the four regulative principles and your life will be perfect.

Regarding initiation, it is required that you be recommended by one of our temple presidents to me and then I shall consider it. First of all, one must have followed the regulative principle for at least six months without deviation. It is not necessarily required to live in the temple, but you must observe the rules.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-2-49

Mexico City

15th February, 1975

Atlanta

My dear Svarupa Damodara dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 20th, 1975 and have noted the contents. I was very glad to receive your letter and to hear that you are feeling very happy in

Krishna's service. I will be coming to Atlanta around the first week of March. Rupanuga prabhu has informed me that he will call a meeting of all the scientists in the movement at that time in Atlanta. So I will be seeing all of you there.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-2-50

Mexico City

15th February, 1975

San Pedro, California

My dear Yadhavacarya das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Feb. 6th, 1975 and have noted the contents. I think in connection with film making, you should contact Yadubara das adhikari in Los Angeles temple. He can help you and give you advice as to how is the best way to work in this way. He is experienced in this field.

I understand from your letter that you are now in prison. Anyway, you can use such a situation as an opportunity for preaching Krishna Consciousness. I am very glad to hear that you have already distributed some books in prison. Please try to keep yourself fixed in Krishna Consciousness by chanting 16 rounds daily and following the four regulative principles strictly and reading my books very carefully. These things will keep you nicely in Krishna Consciousness so that wherever you are you will remain strongly fixed in the service of the Lord.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-2-51

Mexico City
16th February, 1975

Portland

My dear Dina Bandhu das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Feb. 6th, 1975 and have noted the contents. Thank you very much for the 300 dollars dak-sina. Thank you again and again for distributing my books with great enthusiasm. Now, try to double this enthusiasm. Anyone who even touches one of our books gets such great benefit. Give them to everyone. Because you are all very sincere and working very hard, Krishna is giving you all facilities.

I have accepted upon your recommendation the three persons for 1st initiation and their names are as follows: Dave—Devarsi, Michele—Mālādhari, Andrea—Abhaya. Their beads will be sent to you by separate post. I have also accepted Anant-ātma dāsa for 2nd initiation. His thread and mantra sheet are enclosed herein. Let him hear the tape of myself chanting the gayatri mantra. It should be heard through the right ear.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

ENC: one thread, mantra sheet.

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75-2-52

Mexico City
16th February, 1975

Los Angeles

My dear Jayatirtha Das,

Please accept my blessings. I have accepted Jesus's for 1st initiation upon your recommendation. His name is Yaduvamsī. His beads may be chanted by Kirtanananda Svami. I have also accepted Aroudha, Vidambha, Pujana, Sastramayī, Jalakara as my duly initiated brah-

manas. You should allow them to hear through the right ear, the tape of myself saying the gayatri mantra. Please make sure that these devotees follow very strictly all of our regulative principles and chant at least 16 rounds daily. Then they will not go away from us.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

Enc: 3 threads, mantra sheet.

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75-2-53

Mexico City
16th February, 1975

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

My dear Dr. Kumar,

Please accept my greetings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated Jan. 18, 1975 and have noted the contents carefully. Regarding your question, the Supreme Personality of Godhead is recognized through the sastras not otherwise. For instance, in the Srimad Bhagavatam, first canto, third chapter, all the major incarnations of Godhead are listed. Many times the scheduled time of appearance and family, etc. are also mentioned. The incarnation of Godhead must be indicated in the scriptures, otherwise we cannot accept him as being incarnation. Today, there are so many bogus incarnations, but we do not accept them. The Supreme Lord can appear in this world at any time, but he does so according to the regular scheduled appearances mentioned in the sastras. According to the sastras, the last most recent incarnation was Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhuk who appeared in West Bengal about 500 years

ago. We are following in direct line of disciplic teaching from Him.

Another point is that the words of the Lord have been recorded in the Bhagavad-gita, so if someone comes claiming to be incarnation, but also contradicts the Bhagavad-gita, then we can be sure he is phony. Please try to read and understand my books very carefully. All these things are explained.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-2-54

Mexico City

17th February, 1975

Los Angeles

My dear Guru das and Prajapati,

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-2-55

Caracas, Venezuela

19th February, 1975

Calcutta

My dear Govinda Datta,

I am in due receipt of your letter dated 1-1-75 and have noted the contents. I am very glad that you are eager to see our foreign temples and that you wanted my advice in this connection. So, I am now on tour and very soon, by the 15th of March, I will return to India. Maybe, by the 20th I will be in Calcutta and you can see me there. I shall advise you personally. You are also invited to participate in our Mayapur festival during Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's appearance day ceremony, as well as the opening celebration of our Krishna-Balarama Temple in Vrindavan on Rama-Navami day. The governor of U.P. will also come there to participate and many other important and respectable gentleman will also be coming. I hope you will also come with your wife and son and mother, and encourage us by taking part in the festivals.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-2-56

Caracas, Venezuela

19th February, 1975

San Diego

My dear Gunagrahi das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Feb. 11, 1975 and have noted the contents. I have accepted upon your recommendation Dan for first initiation. His name is Dvarakaraja dasa. His beads may be chanted upon by Kirtanananda Svami or Sat-svarupa Maharaja. I have also accepted Matanga das and Vamsi dasa for 2nd initiation. Their threads and mantra sheet

are enclosed herein. Let them hear the tape of myself chanting gayatri mantra (through the right ear). Make sure and train these persons very nicely to follow all of our principles very carefully so that they may not fall victim of Maya.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-2-57 Caracas, Venezuela
19th February, 1975

Los Angeles

My dear Dr. Wolf,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated Feb. 12th, 1975 and have noted the contents carefully. I am very soon going to London and I shall meet with Hansadutta and other secretaries there. I shall seriously see that all such undesirable things may not happen in the future.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-2-58 Caracas, Venezuela
20th February, 1975

Honolulu

My dear Manasvi dasa,

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

This will save you from the attack of Maya.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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MARCH

75-3-1

Brooklyn
6th March, 1975

Mrs. Mohini H. Singh
Consul (Culture)
& Director Indian Cultural Center
215 Market Street
San Francisco, California
94105 USA

My Dear Mrs. Singh,

Please accept the blessings of Lord Krishna. I thank you for your kind letter of invitation dated 21st of Feb., 1975. I am just on my way to London from here (New York), and from there I shall have to go to Tehran, Iran, and then back to India by the 15th of March, 1975 for arranging the birthday anniversary of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu at our Mayapur center, (District Nadia), West Bengal, India. Therefore I am very sorry to inform you that I shall not be able to attend the auspicious meeting which you are going to hold on the 23rd of March. I am advising therefore my senior disciple, His Holiness, Kirtanananda Svami to attend the meeting and I hope he will be able to present the proper view of our Krishna Consciousness movement. Our movement is completely a spiritual movement, therefore sometimes it appears to be a little different from the materialistic cultural movement. In the Bhagavad-gita, the spiritual hint is there in the beginning of the lesson to Arjuna. Krishna wanted to pick up the spiritual soul from within the body: dehino'smin yathā dehe kaumaram yauvanam jarā. So, the spirit soul is within the body. Unless we catch up the spirit

soul within the body, there is no question of spiritual life or culture. Still, we are trying to push this movement in the western countries and many of them are taking it very seriously. I hope Srīman Kirtanananda Maharaja will be able to convince you further in the meeting and I hope you will give him some time to speak on the subject matter on my behalf. Further in order to convince people more about this movement philosophically and scientifically, we have published up to date about 50 books. So, if you kindly give me a nice booth for demonstration of the books, it will be a great opportunity to introduce our literature amongst the intelligent class of men. Our books are already recognized by the academic section of universities. They are a standard, authorized collection and I hope you will give us proper facilities to utilize the opportunity.

Thanking you once more for your kind invitation.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-3-2

Bhaktivedanta Manor
8th March, 1975

Personal

My dear Sripad Madhava Maharaja,

Please accept my humble dandavats. I thank you very much for your letter dated Feb. 5th, 1975, addressed to our Hawaii temple. I started from Bombay on the 24th

of January, and then via Hong Kong and Tokyo, I reached Hawaii on the 29th of January. Then, I left Hawaii for Los Angeles and Mexico. From Mexico, I went to Caracas, South American countries, Miami, Atlanta, Dallas, and New York. And just last night I arrived in London at the below address. Your letter arrived in Hawaii after I had already left that place and I received your letter redirected to New York only two days ago. So, just now, I am getting the opportunity to reply your kind letter.

A similar letter was addressed to Sri-pad Sridhar Maharaj inviting him, but he has not objected to the temple being open on the Srim Rama Navami day. Sridhar Maharaja on account of his uncertain health condition will not be able to take any active part in celebrating the ceremony, but he has promised to come provided his health permits. I have therefore entrusted the matter to a learned pandita, brahmana, Bhimasena Vedacarya, a great astrologer and learned brahmana. He has agreed to conduct the ceremony. Details may be discussed as soon as I return to India by the 16th of March in Bombay, then we will have a detailed program. Another thing is that I have invited the Governor of U.P., Mr. Channa Reddy and he has also agreed to join the ceremony. Under the circumstances, I don't think it will be possible to change the scheduled date. If we change the date, the Governor may not be available because he has his program fixed up.

On my return to India, I shall again try to revise the whole situation as far as possible and let you know.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Yours obediently,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami
ACBS/ps

75-3-3

Bhaktivedanta Manor
9th March, 1975

Los Angeles

My dear Guru das,

Please accept my blessings. I have received notice from Saurabha in Vrindavan that we owe 25,000 rs. to the Mukutwala and another 12,500 rs. to Lalita Prasada, and he says that still there are many other deity goods that only been ordered and not paid for. So, I request you to please send the equivalent of at least 30,000 rs. to Vrindavan because there are no collections coming in at this time for the deities and you have ordered this paraphernalia. You should send this money to the Bank of America in Bombay in favor of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (Mayapur Vrindavan Fund) account number 16026. Address is Express Towers, Nariman Point, Bombay-1. Please send me a copy of the bank receipt after you send the money.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

cc: Saurabha das adhikari
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75-3-4

Bhaktivedanta Manor
11th March, 1975

Kenneth H. Petchenik
President, Who's Who in America
200 East Ohio Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611 U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

I am in due receipt of your letter dated Feb. 28th, 1975 along with the enclosed information of Who's Who in America and data form. Enclosed please find the form duly completed which I hope will meet your requirements.

I thank you for your having selected me

for being listed in this noteworthy publication. I look forward to receiving the completed biography before publication.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Yours faithfully,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-3-5

Tehran

13th March, 1975

Honolulu

My dear Manasvi das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Feb. 28th, 1975 and have noted the contents. I am very glad to hear that things are going nicely there. Our Honolulu center is very nice. Give Siddhar Svarupa Maharaja nice facilities for preaching. He can attract many people by his preaching. Regarding the shortage of men that you mentioned, I have spoken to Kirtanananda Svami and asked him to try and arrange for more men to come. And regarding the cows on the farm, try to make some ghee also. That will be very valuable.

I have accepted the persons whom you have recommended for 1st initiation. Their names are: Linda—Lilasravana, Kathryn—Kamini, Cynthia—Sita, Joe—Yasodalala, Ronald—Ranganatha. Their beads can be chanted by Kirtanananda Svami. Also I have accepted Laksmānāśa for 2nd initiation. His thread and mantra sheet is enclosed herein. Let him hear the tape of myself chanting the gayatri mantra in his right ear. Keep the standard of devotional service very strict there.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-3-6

Tehran

13th March, 1975

Dr. R. P. Rao

Reader in Chemistry

University of Gorakhpur

Gorakhpur, U.P., INDIA

My dear Dr. Rao,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan 21, 1975 and have noted the contents. I had not received any letter from you until now, Svarupa Damodar das is in our Atlanta temple. The address is: 1287 Ponce de Leon Ave., N.E. Atlanta, Georgia 30306 U.S.A. I have asked Svarupa Damodara to write you and I gave him your address. He promised that he would immediately write a letter. I have just completed a world-wide tour visiting Hong Kong, Japan, U.S.A., South America and Mexico, London, and now I am in Tehran. Our center here is very nice. I will be leaving for Bombay on the 15th of March and then on to Calcutta on the 19th from there. This year, we will again celebrate the birth day of Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu in Mayapur on March 27th. All the devotees will be coming about a week early for doing parikrama of the different holy spots. About 400-500 devotees will again come this year. I would be happy to see you there if you are able to come.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-3-7

Tehran

14th March, 1975

Rio, Brazil

My dear Augusto and Romeo,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Feb. 17th, 1975 and have noted the contents. It is not

compulsory that one live in the temple, but in order to make spiritual advancement, one must follow all the rule and regulations of Krishna Consciousness, just as the devotees in the temples do. One must rise early, hold mangala arati, have class and chant at least 16 rounds daily as well as follow the four regulative principles. It is always best to associate with devotees as much as possible if one cannot live in the temple. I think Mahavira dasa is in charge of our Brazil temple, so you can co-operate with him nicely and follow his advice.

Regarding Siddhar Svarupa Gosvami, he is preaching nicely in our Honolulu temple.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-3-8

Tehran

14th March, 1975

Brooklyn

My dear Bhanutanya dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated March 6, 1975 and have noted the contents. You should understand that Krishna Consciousness is a purificatory process. One may not be purified immediately, but since he is on the right path for purification, one should not criticize him for some faults that he may still have. Just because some body has made some mistakes does that mean that you should give up your whole career in Krishna Consciousness? What will that accomplish? Simply more rebirth and death. The fact that you have left our movement just on account of some minor disagreements shows that you are not actually serious about going back to home, back to Godhead. I suggest that you become serious about spiritual life

and try to overlook the minor offenses of others. You should keep yourself in the association of devotees, chant at least 16 rounds, read my books and follow all of the rules and regulations very strictly.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-3-9

Tehran

14th March, 1975

Mr. Dennany

8653 South 2nd St.

Mattawan, Miami, Fla. 49071

My dear Mr. Dennany,

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

becomes perfect.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-3-10

Tehran

14th March, 1975

Dallas

My dear Jagaddhatri devi dasi,

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-3-11

Tehran

14th March, 1975

Bhaktivedanta Manor

My dear Jayahatakosthaka dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated March 10th, 1975 and have noted the contents. Regarding your going to Spain, if Hansadutta and Bhagavan think it is a good idea, then it is alright with me.

Your name means all glories to Krishna who performs the transcendental pastime of breaking into the storeroom (of butter).

Wherever you may go to perform your devotional service, you should always be very careful to observe very strictly the

rules and regulations. Rise early, attend mangala arati and class, chant 16 rounds, and follow the four regulative principles without deviation. This will guarantee your spiritual perfection.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-3-12

Tehran

14th March, 1975

Dallas

My dear Krishna Dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated March 4th, 1975 and have noted the contents. Thank you for the karatala bag. It is very beautiful. I was very happy to see all of you bright-faced children at Gurukula. And I am already thinking of when I can come and visit there again. You are so fortunate to have such training in Krishna Consciousness from the very beginning of childhood. So, take full advantage of it and follow very obediently what your older Godbrothers and God sisters ask you to do. Chant Hare Krishna all day and dance nicely. Eat nice Krishna Prasadam and go back to Godhead, back to home.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-3-13

Tehran

14th March, 1975

Sintra, Portugal

My dear Mr. Lourence,

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 18-9-74 and have noted the contents. Thank you for reading my books and appreciating

them. Please continue to do so. That will help you advance nicely in spiritual life. By reading my books and chanting Hare Krishna, your life will become perfect. The reason for the Jappa beads is so that you can keep track of how many times you are chanting Hare Krishna mantra daily. It should be chanted a steady amount of times regularly. We chant at least 16 times around the string of 108 beads daily (one full mantra on each bead). This keeps us strong in spiritual consciousness. Try to visit our temples in London, Paris, Rome, etc. as much as you can. The association of the devotees there will help you to become fixed in Krishna Consciousness. If this is not possible then you can correspond with the devotees at those temples.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-3-14

Tehran
14th March, 1975

Los Angeles

My dear Nandakishore dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Feb. 14th, 1975 and have noted the contents. I think it is best if you consult with Prajapati prabhu on these points. He is in charge of the dramas, so take his advice on these matters. Keep yourself always engaged in Krishna's service following very strictly the rules and regulations so that Maya will not be able to discourage you in your attempt to become Krishna Conscious.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-3-15

Tehran
14th March, 1975

Melbourne

My dear Samjata,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letters dated Feb. 3rd and Jan. 20th, 1975 and have noted the contents. Thank-you for the newspaper clipping. This proves that Krishna Consciousness is more attractive than material success.

Krishna has given you a nice responsibility there in Australia, so work nicely with the devotees there and remain always strong in Krishna Consciousness by following all of our rules and regulations very carefully and chant at least 16 good rounds daily.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-3-16

Tehran
14th March, 1975

Puerto Rico

My dear Sandipani dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Feb. 21, 1975 and have noted the contents. I thank you for your kind sentiments and I am glad to hear that you are feeling happy in Krishna's service. This is a good sign of advancement. Keep yourself strong in all respects by following very carefully all of our rules and regulations without fail. If you try sincerely, Krishna will help you. He will supply all strength and ability.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-3-17

Tehran

14th March, 1975

Laguna Beach

My dear Sivani devi dasi,

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-3-18

Tehran

14th March, 1975

Berlin

My dear Tirhanga dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Feb. 28th, 1975 and have noted the contents. Regarding your questions, the main things is that whatever is required by you and your family to live nicely in Krishna Consciousness, that much you should accept. Do not take more than what you actually need. And you should give what ever you

can to the temple as donation. Nothing is compulsory. Whatever you kindly pay, that will be accepted.

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-3-19

Tehran

14th March, 1975

San Francisco

My dear Vaikunthanatha and Bahulasva,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letters dated March 1, 1975 and have noted the contents, along with the newspaper article. Thank you very much for sending this article. It is very good news. It appears that this scientist has become very intelligent. Yes, try to meet with them somehow and make arrangement for them to meet with me when I come for the San Francisco Rathayatra. That will be very nice. Such persons should be given the chance to study our books very carefully. In this way they will actually understand what is science.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-3-20

Tehran

14th March, 1975

Los Angeles

My dear Yogamaya devi das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your short note (dated nil) and poem. The poem is very nice. You are understanding the philosophy nicely. Keep yourself strongly fixed in Krishna Consciousness by following all of the rules and regulations. Rise early, attend mangala arati, and class. Chant 16 rounds daily without fail and observe the four regulative principle. In this way, you can realize Krishna in every step of life.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-3-21

Tehran

15th March, 1975

Dr. G. Ghosh
Gyan Bhavan
22, Minto Rd.
Allahabad 211002
INDIA

My dear Dr. Ghosh,

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Feb. 8th, 1975 and have noted the contents. On my world tour, I have received your letter re-directed to New York City. I started from Bombay on the 24th of Jan., then via Hong Kong, Japan, Hawaii, Los Angeles, Mexico City, Caracas, Miami, Atlanta, Dallas, New York, and London, now I am here in Tehran in our center as above mentioned. I shall be starting from Bombay tonight and will be staying for 2 or 3 days. Then I shall go to Calcutta from there. And after that, I shall go to Mayapur to hold our annual ceremony celebrating Lord Caitanya's Birth day. You are

cordially invited to attend our ceremony there and then also our ceremony in Vrindavan. I wish that you may visit our temple along with your wife Mrs. Ghosh.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

NB: Mayapur festival will be held from March 23rd-27th. Vrindavan festival will be held on April 20th.

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Tehran

15th March, 1975

Bhaktivedanta Manor

My dear Gokularani dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated nil and have noted the contents. I thank you very much for your kind donation of 10 English Pounds. Please try and render devotional service very carefully following all of the rules and regulations mentioned in our books. Always chant at least 16 good rounds daily. If you try very sincerely to do these things Krishna will help you and you will become spiritually perfect in this life.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-3-23

Tehran

15th March, 1975

T.P. Murli
7 Shilloo House
1st Floor, 20th Road,
Danda pada, Khar,
Bombay-52. AE.

My dear Mr. Murli,

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Feb. 18th,

1975 and have noted the contents. I am returning to Bombay on March 16th (tomorrow). I shall stay up to the 19th. If you like, you can see me there.

I hope this meets you in good health.
Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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join the ceremonies.

I hope this meets you in good health.
Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami
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Tehran
15th March, 1975

Goswami Radheswarananda
c/o H.K. Ajudia, Advocate
At-Jam-Jodhpur 360530
Gujarat State, INDIA

My dear Sri Radheswarananda Goswami,

Please accept my humble dandavats. I thank you very much for your letter dated Feb. 8th, 1975. I am now on world tour. I left Bombay on Jan. 24th, 1975 and traveled to Hong Kong, Japan, Hawaii, Los Angeles, Mexico City, Caracas, Miami, Atlanta, Dallas, New York, London, and now I am at our Tehran center as above mentioned. And again, I am going back to Bombay tomorrow. So, your proposal is very nice. I wanted to take a party of sankirtan movement all over India, if some of the leaders like you co-operate with us. So, I am reaching Bombay tomorrow and I shall stay there until the 19th. If possible, please come and see me at my Bombay center as follows: Hare Krishna Land, Gandhi Gram Road, Juhu, Bombay 400 054. Or, if the letter does not reach you in time, I am inviting you to come to our festival at Mayapur from the 23rd-27th of March. Then we have also got the opening ceremony for our Vrindavan temple on April 10th, 1975. If it is convenient for you, please try to come and

75-3-25

Bombay
18th March, 1975

Seattle

My dear Gandharva dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Feb. 7th, 1975 and have noted the contents. We are very eager to give everyone a chance to become Krishna Conscious, but if someone repeatedly causes a disturbance then he may be asked to leave. That is not our business to ask people to leave our association but if they are actually causing too much disturbance by not co-operating with authorities or by not following the rules properly (especially the four regulative principles), then we are forced to do the necessary. If someone who has been asked to leave sincerely wants to be given another chance, following the rules strictly and co-operating with authority, then he may be admitted again. That is the Krishna Conscious system. Any way, whatever your position may be simply follow the rules carefully, chant 16 rounds and read my books and you will be saved from Maya. Regarding your writing, it is a little off-time. I suggest that you read my books more carefully and present things as I have presented them.

I hope this meets you in good health.

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

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75-3-26

Bombay

18th March, 1975

San Jose, Costa Rica

My dear Hanuman,

Please accept my blessings. I have received one letter from Narayana dasa, saying that he has been informed by some of your men that you are GBC there and that he must subjugate to your authority. I never said that you were the GBC there. You cannot say that. If you are unable to work under the direction of Hrdayananda Gosvami, then you must work under my direction, but you are not independent. You cannot interfere with the programs that are now going on there. If you can work co-operatively, that is wanted, but if you cannot work with Narayan, that doesn't mean that you can disturb his program. He is working hard under the direction of Hrdayananda Gosvami. He is not under your authority. If you want to preach there, that is alright, but you cannot interfere with the work that Narayana is doing. If there is any difficulty, we can discuss it in India.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-3-27

Bombay

18th March, 1975

Naveen and Margaret Khurana

2FY Lake Village Dr.

Walled Lake, Michigan 48088

My dear Naveen and Margaret,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated March 9th, 1975 and have noted the contents. Thank you for your kind sentiments and the 100 dollar daksina. Upon the recommendation of Srīman Govardhana Prabhu, I have accepted you both as my duly initiated dis-

ciples and your names are as follows: Navīna-Kṛṣṇa dāsa and Mahānandinī devī dāsī. Please continue to chant 16 rounds and to follow the four regulative principles as you have promised in your letter and your life will be perfect. Your beads will be sent along with Govardhana dasa.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-3-28

Bombay

18th March, 1975

Miami

My dear Lalana devi dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 3-7-75 and have noted the contents. It is very nice that you are learning to weave. That is a great asset to have. I have no objection to your coming to India as long as your temple president and GBC do not object. So, consult with them and do the needful.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-3-29

Bombay

18th March, 1975

San Jose, Costa Rica

My dear Narayana Dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated March 4, 1975 and have noted the contents. Hanuman is not GBC. If he cannot work under Hrdayananda Gosvami, then he must work under me. He cannot be independent. I never said he was GBC. You should continue your programs there under the direction of Hrdayananda Gosvami. If Hanuman wants to preach there as long as

he does not create any disturbance, he can preach there. I am enclosing one letter to Hanuman which you may present to him explaining his position.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-3-30

Bombay

18th March, 1975

Detroit

My dear Supriya,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated March 9, 1975 and have noted the contents. Thank you very much for your kind sentiments and the \$100 daksina. Upon the recommendation of your temple president Govardhana dasa, I am accepting you as my initiated disciple. Your name can be Sukrta dasa. I am hoping that you will fulfill your promise to chant at least 16 good rounds a day and to follow all of the four regulative principles. These things are of the utmost importance. Your beads will be sent along with Govardhana dasa.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-3-31

Bombay

19th March, 1975

Pittsburgh

My dear Lata devi dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated nil and have noted the contents. Krishna Consciousness is the only truth that exists. Without Krishna Consciousness everything is illusion. You must not waste this life away thinking that everything belongs

to you. Everything belongs to Krishna and it must be used in His service. Even your body and mind belong to Krishna and it must be used for Krishna's glorification. Otherwise, if you use your body or mind any other way, you will have to suffer so many future miseries such as rebirth, etc. So, I request you to please try and chant 16 good rounds daily and to follow the four regulative principles as well as to read my books carefully. And give up all these foolish ideas. If you sincerely try to do this, Krishna will reciprocate by giving you the necessary intelligence and determination to carry on in Krishna Consciousness.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-3-32

Bombay

19th March, 1975

Calicut—2, Kerala State

My dear Miss Nedungadi,

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated March 6th, 1975 and have noted the contents. Thank you so much for your kind appreciations. I am so much grateful that you have enjoyed studying my books. Many young intelligent persons such as yourself are studying these books in the colleges and universities all over the world. Actually anyone who tries to understand these books will become a great realized devotee of Lord Krishna gradually. The original potency of the shastra remains in these books because I have not added or opinionated anything of my own. I have simply presented

the scriptures such as Bhagavad-gita and Srimad Bhagavatam as they are. Therefore just see the effect they have on the world. At present, we have about 100 centers worldwide and about 10,000 fully dedicated students in those centers. You are welcome to visit or stay in any of our centers for your spiritual advancement. We have a nice center in Madras: 50, Aspiran Gardens, 2nd St., Kilpauk, Madras—600010. You can get all the books there. I will be in Bombay at the end of April and beginning of May. So, if you can come then, I shall see you there. In the meantime please correspond with or visit one of our temples.

I hope this meets you in good health.

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

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75-3-33

Mayapur

26th March, 1975

Sri B. Kanungo
General Manager (Sales)
4, Fairlie Place,
Calcutta—700001

My dear Sri Kanungo,

Please accept the blessings of Lord Caitanya. I thank you for your kind letter dated March 24th, 1975 and I have noted the contents carefully. I am sending my disciple Gaura Govinda dasa brahmacari as my representative. Please give him all facilities and help him to do as is necessary. He will in form you of any other details you may need to know.

Thanking you, I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami
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APRIL

75-4-1

Mayapur
1st April, 1975

Honolulu

My dear Manasvi dasa,

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

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-4-2

Mayapur
2nd April, 1975

R.L. Bhatt

Gokul Nivas, Ahmedabadi ____,
Baroda

My dear Mr. Bhatt,

Please accept my greetings. I have received your kind letter dated 19th March

and have noted the contents. I am very glad that you have appreciated our movement so nicely. I am sorry to say that I did not reach your letter until quite a few days after I left Bombay. Our festival has gone very nicely here in Mayapur. About 400 American and European devotees have come for the celebrations this year. We will all be going to Vrindavan for the opening of our Krishna-Balaram temple there on April 20th, 1975. You and your family are cordially invited to attend our functions there if it is convenient for you at that time.

Regarding your books, we are trying to organize our shipping of books in a better way, so you should be receiving them in the near future.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-4-3

Mayapur
2nd April, 1975

Zambia

My dear Charanaravinda dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 15-3-75 and have noted the contents. Thank you for the interesting Photographs that you sent. I am very glad to hear report of your programs going on there, especially with the young boys. Please continue these programs with added enthusiasm. They are very important. You should be very careful to follow all of the principles very rigidly. You must rise early (before 4:00

AM), attend the mangala arati, attend the classes, chant at least 16 good rounds daily, and observe the four basic principles. These things you must do without fail otherwise, there is no question of spiritual life.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-4-4

Mayapur
2nd April, 1975

Mr. and Mrs. Kimmel
20321 Enadia Way
Canoga Park, California 91306

My dear Mr. & Mrs. Kimmel,

Please accept my greetings. I have received your kind offering of guava jam through your daughter, Urvashi devi dasi. I wanted to thank you very much for becoming so much interested in our Krishna Consciousness movement. Actually, because Krishna Consciousness is the nature of the soul, it is not unusual that one becomes attracted to the method. We are trying very hard to give everyone in the world, in all walks of life, a chance to hear the message of Krishna and to take up the process which is recommended in the Bhagavad-gita for becoming freed from the cycle of birth and death, and thus go back to the kingdom of God to render eternal service to Him. I sincerely hope that you will continue the process as your good daughter has done and achieve the perfection of human life.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-4-5

Mayapur
2nd April, 1975

Bhaktivedanta Manor

My dear Patit Uddharan dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated March 17th, 1975 and have noted the contents. Thank you for your articles. They are very nicely written. They have given us a good amount of space. That means that we can present our philosophy in detail and they will read it. Regarding that man Mr. Shah, you can ask him what is the best season for going to Dvaraka. Then I shall arrange for going there. I have never been there yet.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-4-6

Mayapur
2nd April, 1975

Honolulu

My dear Siddhar Swarupa Maharaja,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 12th of March, 1975 and have noted the contents. Thank you for your kind donation of 1,000 U.S. Dollars. Your small booklet seems very nice. I am very glad that you have taken my request to heart and that you are now preaching in so many nice ways. This is very satisfying to me. You are executing the duty of a sannyasi very well by this preaching. Now continue it and you will simply become more and more expert in your preaching ability.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-4-7

Mayapur
2nd April, 1975

Mayapur

My dear Visala and Visalini,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated March 27th, 1975 and have noted the contents. Thank you for your kind donation of 501 rs. My simple request to both of you is that you continue to endeavor sincerely in Krishna Consciousness, being very careful to follow all of our principles very seriously and try to co-operate fully with this Hare Krishna movement in spreading the message of Lord Chaitanya all over the world.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-4-8

Mayapur
5th April, 1975

Sriman Alfred Ford
Teton Village
Wyoming 83025 U.S.A.

My dear Alfred,

Please accept my blessings. Gurukripa Svami has referred your letter dated March 12th, 1975 to me for final approval. I think your idea is very good. You are giving your forefather's hard-earned money and I don't want to see it spoiled in any way. In a year or so you can turn the property over to: A.C. Bhaktivedanta Svami Prabhupada, Founder Acarya of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness. You are sincerely trying to please Krishna, and therefore He is giving you all intelligence—how to do it.

After the opening of our Vrindavan temple here in India, I shall start for Australia by May 5th to install Gaura-Nitai deities and then I shall go to Fiji for a few

days to see how our center is doing there. After that, I shall arrive in Honolulu by May 17th. This time, I will stay there for some time, most probably until the beginning of July, when I will be going to the American mainland for our annual Rathayatra festival in San Francisco. If it is convenient for you, I would like to have you come and stay with me while I am there in Hawaii. I will arrange a nice room for you and any other facilities you may require. I am hoping that you will consider this carefully to my Bombay address.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

ACBS/ps

75-4-9

Mayapur
5th April, 1975

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

My dear Dr. Ghosh,

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your two letters dated March 20th and March 23rd, 1975 and have noted the contents very carefully. I thank you very much for your kind invitation and, tentatively, I accept it. Most probably, we shall go to Allahabad from Vrindavan by the 28th of April, 1975 and stay there for a week, and then start for Bombay on the way to Australia by the 5th of May. I wish to hold classes on Bhagavad-gita and Srimad Bhagavatam for one hour in the evening and one hour in the morning. I do not know if gentlemen there will spare so much time. If not two hours, then I shall hold one hour Bhagavad-gita class, and I wish to see how people there appreciate our missionary activities. It is strictly on the basis of Lord

Krishna's teachings as they are presented by Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu. That is our mission. So, if people become interested in our philosophy, then we shall consider the other two items, namely, the nursery school and dispensary. So far dispensary is concerned, we have none all over the world. It will be a new attempt. So far the school is concerned, we have got in Africa and America, and we have got men experienced to teach on our line. But for dispensary, we have no experience at all.

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

ACBS/ps

75-4-10

Mayapur
6th April, 1975

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

My dear Mr. Karl,

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

Regarding your question, you may refer to *Adi-lila*, Chapter 6, Text 79 along with the purport, (*Caitanya-caritamṛta*).

The answer is there. The basic understanding is that Sada-Siva is an expansion of Maha-Visnu and that same Sada-Siva incarnates as Adwaitacarya. Therefore, since Adwaitacarya is an incarnation of Sada-Siva who is non-different from Maha-Visnu, we can say that Adwaitacarya is an incarnation of Maha-Visnu. It can be said both ways, that He is an incarnation of Sada-Siva or Maha-Visnu.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

ACBS/ps

75-4-11

Los Angeles

Mayapur
8th April, 1975

My dear Bhakta Dennis,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated nil and have noted the contents. I think that the best thing for you is to study our books very carefully and then try to write something. Do not try to concoct your own theories. This is not the process. You must write just as you have heard from your Guru and nothing else. Otherwise, your writing is useless. I think you may contact Swarupa Damodara prabhu if you want to ask any questions. Most important thing is to make sure and follow all of the regulative principles and chant at least 16 rounds daily.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

ACBS/ps

75-4-12

Los Angeles

Mayapur
8th April, 1975

My dear Daruka dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 3-16-75

and have noted the contents. Thank you very much for the 150 dollar donation. If you follow my instructions very carefully as you promise in your letter, then your life will be perfect. I am not saying anything which is not given by my Guru Maharaja. I am simply repeating what I have learned from him. So you please do the same and your life will be full of ananda—blissful happiness, and you will be able to help spread this sankirtan movement all over the world.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

ACBS/ps

75-4-13

Mayapur
8th April, 1975

Brooklyn

My dear Devakinandana dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I have heard that you are a very good man with cows. Your service would be very valuable here in India. I think that you could travel to the centers here where we keep cows and try to establish a very high cow-protection standard. Our cow-protection program in India should be the exemplary standard for the whole world. So, if you like, come to India as soon as possible. You may come directly to Calcutta and from there you can easily go to Sree Mayapur-candra-daya Mandira. I want to improve our Go-shalla here in Mayapur first.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-4-14

Mayapur
8th April, 1975

Culver City

My dear Mr. Faul,

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated nil and have noted the contents. I am glad to hear that you have visited our temple in L.A. If you carefully study our movement around the world, you will find that actually we are solving all of the so-called problems of life. I request you to take an active part in our movement as much as possible and your spiritual understanding will increase manifold.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami,

ACBS/ps

75-4-15

Mayapur
8th April, 1975

London

My dear Mr. Fitzgerald,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated March 21, 1975 and have noted the contents. These things should be decided by the GBC. Let them make a decision on the matter. You have already sent letters to them, so the problem is in their hands. I cannot deal with so many managerial problems. The GBC is there to relieve me from so many problems such as this one. I hope that you will continue your service nicely following all of the rules and regulations and that you are chanting 16 rounds daily on your beads.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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75-4-16

Mayapur
8th April, 1975

Laguna Beach

My dear Gupta Dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated March 8th, 1975 and have noted the contents. Regarding your idea for writing articles for different legal journals, that will be very nice. I think it will be best if you take a little help from the editors who will be in Los Angeles soon. They can help you to make sure that nothing is stated improperly. They are experienced, so consult with them. Jayadvaita and the others are now here in India, but they will be back by the first of May, so take their advice in this matter. Please continue your work, and most of all try to rigidly follow all of the rules and regulations and chant at least 16 good rounds daily without fail.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/ps

75-4-17

Mayapur
8th April, 1975

Cleveland

My dear Krsnanandini devi dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated March 3rd, 1975 and have noted the contents carefully. Regarding Bhumata devi dasi's affliction, she should simply take the proper treatment. Make the best out of a bad bargain. This material body is a bad bargain because it is always miserable. So, to make the best out of this bad bargain means to render devotional service in any circumstance. The dust from the lotus feet of the spiritual master is never to be used for material benefit. That is a great misconception. The best thing is that the

girl tries her best to chant 16 rounds daily and to follow all of the rules and regulations even if she is afflicted with something, and in this way, she will fully understand the mercy of Krishna and the spiritual master.

I will be in Hawaii in May and June and then American mainland for about 6 weeks. She can send her offering to Hawaii.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/ps

75-4-18

Mayapur
8th April, 1975

London

My dear Mantrini dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated March 26th, 1975 and have noted the contents. In order to start the proposed project in your letter you must have full sanction of the GBC. Then I will approve of it, if they approve it. Do not try to start any project independent of the GBC. I want that everyone will co-operate nicely with the GBC. Please follow all of the rules and regulations very carefully and chant at least 16 rounds daily.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/ps

75-4-19

Mayapur
8th April, 1975

Gururaja R. Rao
1626 PIE XI Blvd.
HIV 2C5
Montreal, Canada

My dear Mr. Rao,

Please accept my blessings. I am in

due receipt of your letter dated March 14th, 1975 and have noted the contents. I am very pleased to know that you are feeling the greatness of the Krishna Consciousness movement. You will find that the more you involve yourself, the more you will understand our philosophy and then automatically you will be able to preach it nicely. Please continue to associate with devotees, read my books, follow all of the rules and regulations as well as chant at least 16 rounds daily and then everything else will follow automatically.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-4-20

Mayapur
8th April, 1975

Ashis Roy, B.A.
c/o Artists Academy
85, Vasant Nagar, Nagpur-10

My dear Mr. Roy,

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your kind letter dated 27th march, 1975 and have noted the contents carefully. The process of opening a center somewhere is that we go there and hold classes for one week on the teachings of Bhagavad-gita and if the people like, then we'll open a center. Actually, the teachings of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu that in every town and village there will be a center of Krishna Consciousness, is essential. People must co-operate. If not, then they will have to suffer. So, I am very glad that you have come forward, being one of the leaders of the cultural community. I am very much enthused by this. Our ideology is standard. It is not anything new, but it is very old. It is not anything concocted. a jo nityah sasvato 'yam purano na

hanyate hanyamane sarire, The living entity is unborn, eternal, ever-existing, undying and primeval. He is not slain when the body is slain. (Bhagavad-gita 2/20).

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to our Vrindavan festival which will be held on the 20th of April up to the 27th of April. We will be opening our temple there. If you can come, then we can talk in detail about a center at Nagpur.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-4-21

Mayapur
9th April, 1975

Indupati Brahmachari
Shri Caitanya Gaudiya Math
Mathura Rd.
Vrindavan—281 121

My dear Sripad Brahmachariji,

Please accept my humble obeisances. I am in due receipt of your letter (in Bengali) dated 29-3-75. I am advising my men in Vrindavan to begin the function from the 16th of April as desired by you. Thanking you for your suggestion.

Yours respectfully,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-4-22

Mayapur
9th April, 1975

Vrindavan

Dear Yasomatinandan, Pranava
and Pradyumna,

Please accept my blessings. Our deity installation ceremony is to be held on the 20th and the function was to begin three days before, namely, the 17th of April. So, instead of the 17th, you can make it

the 16th. That will satisfy everyone. Sri-
mad Bhimasena Vedacarya may be in-
formed in this way and do the needful.
Please let me know the result at Hydera-
bad by phone or if somebody is coming
there, through him.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-4-23

New Delhi

15th April, 1975

Joy Deb Mullick

s/o Late Ratton Lal Mullick

50A, Hari Chose Street

Calcutta-6

My dear Joy Deb,

Please accept my blessings. I have
duly received your card sent through my
devotees and I am so glad to hear from you
after so long a time. I am sending herein
an invitation card for our Vrindavan festi-
val from the 20th through the 26th of
April. And it will be my great pleasure if
you attend the ceremony along with your
mother. I hope this will meet you in good
health along with your brothers and other
family members.

Yours affectionately,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-4-24

Vrindavan

17th April, 1975

Melbourne

My dear Amogha dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in
due receipt of your letter dated 2-4-75 and
have noted the contents. I am also hoping
that you will be able to print our books in
that part of the world in the local lan-
guages. I think there is a Dai Nippon

branch in Jakarta. It is a great service to
sell our books to educational institutions.
The more you do this, the more you be-
come recognized by Krishna. Take stand-
ing orders, as much as possible. If you can
induce any of these educational institu-
tions to invite me, I shall go there to speak
amongst the educated persons. Please
continue your good work with added en-
thusiasm.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-4-25

Vrindavan

17th April, 1975

Narinder Nath Bagai

1185, Sector 18C

Chandigarh, Punjab

My dear Mr. Bagai,

Please accept my greetings. I am in
due receipt of your letter dated 28-3-75
and have noted the contents. Our book
shipping department in Bombay is being
improved, so I hope you shall receive your
books soon. Regarding your taking san-
nyasa, first, you must come and live with
us for some time and then we shall see.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-4-26

Vrindavan

17th April, 1975

Honolulu

My dear Bali Mardan,

Please accept my blessings. I am in
due receipt of your letter dated April 7,
1975 and have noted the contents. Thank
you for sending the \$1,000 to Bombay.

Your article is very nice. You should continue to write very nicely. I am giving your article to the press editors to check over for printing.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-4-27

Vrindavan
17th April, 1975

Stockholm

My dear Dvarakesa dasa,

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-4-28

Vrindavan
17th April, 1975

Dallas

My dear Jitasvara dasa,

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

and regulations and chant at least 16 good rounds daily.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-4-29

Vrindavan
17th April, 1975

Paris

My dear Lilavati dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated April 2, 1975 and have noted the contents. Bhagavan das and Brahmananda Swami have suggested that you go to London and collect the money for your ticket there and then immediately go to Africa to help there. I think that will be nice. Make sure that you follow all of the rules and regulations, and chant at least 16 rounds daily. That will make you out of the reach of Maya.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-4-30

Vrindavan
17th April, 1975

Dallas

My dear Nandarani,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated April 3, 1975 and have noted the contents. Your going away, I did not take very seriously. I am very glad that you have come back. You should remain with Dayananda. That is your duty. He is a very good boy. So, please remain always fixed in devotional

service and live peacefully.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-4-31

Vrindavan

17th April, 1975

P.K. Shrivastava

Dept. of Metallurgy

Univ. of Strathclyde

Glasgow, U.K.

My dear Niranjan dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated April 6, 1975 and have noted the contents. Go ahead and continue your work and try to work co-operatively with Yasomatinandana dasa. Concerning a temple in Gorakhpur, Ramananda can consult with me about that.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-4-32

Vrindavan

19th April, 1975

John Panama, c/o Zabrek

9113 Sudbury Rd.

Silver Springs, M.D.

20901 USA

My dear John Panama,

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated nil and have noted the contents. Yes, I can help you. But you must want to be helped. Life is not meant for simply eating, sleeping, mating and defending as the animals are doing. It is meant for developing spiritual consciousness or Krishna Consciousness. I think if you could visit one of our temples, it would be very nice for you. We

have many temples there on the east coast in Baltimore, Boston, New York, Washington, Philadelphia, etc. I hope you will make the opportunity to go to one of them in the very near future.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. In the meantime, please chant Hare Krishna as often as possible for purification of the heart.

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75-4-33

Vrindavan

19th April, 1975

Mr. Ramanbhai M. Patel

1255, Fort St., Apt. #201

Montreal H3H 2B8

Canada

My dear Mr. Patel,

Please accept my greetings. I have duly received your check for 200.00 dollars forwarded to me at our Vrindavan branch. Thank you very much for this kind donation. I hope that you are finding the time to visit our Montreal temple frequently, and that you are finding our books interesting to read. By associating and rendering service to the vaisnavas and hearing the philosophy of Bhagavad-gita and Srimad-bhagavatam as well as chanting Hare Krishna, your life will become perfect.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-4-34

Vrindavan

19th April, 1975

Caracas, Venezuela

My dear Ramacandra dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in

due receipt of your letter dated nil, and I have noted the contents. Please try your best to come to our temple in Caracas and to follow all of the rules and regulations very carefully. Follow the advice of the devotees there and in this way you can make nice spiritual advancement. Do not try to concoct your own method for developing Krishna Consciousness, simply do as the disciples are doing in our center.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-4-35

Vrindavan
19th April, 1975

Paris

My dear Viruha dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 2-4-75 and have noted the contents. This body belongs to Krishna and therefore we must always keep it in healthy condition to the best of our ability, but if due to some past sinful activities, we are suffering some bodily miseries we should not become discouraged. Devotional service must continue under all circumstances. This material body is actually a bad bargain because it is prone to suffer, but we must make the best use of this bad bargain. That means to always be engaged in the service of Krishna without fail.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-4-36

Vrindavan
22nd April, 1975

Proprietor

Mathura Prasad Agarwala

Agarwala Iron Works and

late Argawal Oil Mills

Motilal Nehru Rd.

Agra

My dear Mathura Prasad,

Please accept my greetings. I have heard from Gopinatha Maheshwari that you came here to see me, but that due to the Governor's coming there was some confusion and you were not able to see me. I am extremely sorry for this. I wish to invite you to come and take lunch with me on the 26th of April at about 11:00 AM if it is convenient for you. I will be awaiting your arrival.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-4-37

Vrindavan
28th April, 1975

Mathura Prasad Agarwala

Proprietor-Agarwala Iron Works

and the Late Agarwala Oil Mills

Motilal Nehru Rd.

Agra

My dear Mathura Prasad,

Please accept my greetings. I had sent you one letter of invitation which I think did not as of yet reach you. Gopinatha Maheshwari spoke to you on the phone and told me that you will be coming here on the 30th of April. He gave me a more complete address and now I am hoping

that this note will reach you in time. I will be awaiting your arrival on the 30th for luncheon with your family also at about 11:00 AM. I hope that will be convenient for you.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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MAY

75-5-1

New Delhi
2nd May, 1975

Kartikey Mahadevia
A-11 Sea Pace Park
Bhulabhai Desai Road
Bombay-400 026

Dear Kartikey,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 27-4-75. The enclosure of the Gujarati paper clipping was received but I could not read the Gujarati language. I could although understand the purport of it. I have already decided to make a trust board for Hare Krishna Land in which there will be twelve trustees. Out of them seven will be Indians and five will be foreigners. Foreigners means, not only Americans, but members of the Commonwealth like England, New Zealand, Australia, etc. I have selected you also one of the trustees out of the Indians. I am reaching Bombay on the morning of the 5th instant, so kindly see me so that before leaving for Australia on the 6th I want to immediately make a document of trustees and get it signed by all concerned.

Regarding Ahmedabad program, in Vrindavan, I was certainly a little indisposed, but I have come here in Delhi invited by some MP Ministers in the Central Government. We had one meeting at the place of Brahmananda Reddy, the Home Minister, as well as at the place of Mr. Tripathi, the railway minister last night. The meeting was very much successful. They were very much pleased to understand our activities. I am also invited by Mr. G. L. Nanda, the late Prime Minister

in the central government for a conference at Kurukshetra. We are going there with our party, the morning of the third instant and most probably, I shall come back the same evening. On the fourth instant I shall take rest and then on the fifth morning I shall go to Bombay. This is my present program. I shall be very glad to see you in Bombay on the fifth morning, and we shall discuss how to improve our activities in Hare Krishna Land, Juhu, Bombay.

I hope this will meet you in good health. My blessings for your wife and children.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/ps

75-5-2

New Delhi
2nd May, 1975

Hyderabad

My dear Mahamsa,

Please accept my blessings. At the present moment, I am in New Delhi. We came here on the invitation of two big ministers, the Home Minister and the Railway Minister and we had two successful meetings here. Now, on the third instant, we shall go to Kurukshetra invited by Mr. G.L. Nanda. Then I shall come back on the same evening. On the fourth, I shall take rest and on the fifth, I shall go to Bombay. I do not know how much you have proceeded about the land donation by Mr. Hari Prasad Badruka and brothers. If Hari Prasad Badruka donates the land as stipulated, then I wish to make him one of the trustees of Hare Krishna Land,

Bombay. I am going to make a trust board for the Bombay Hare Krishna Land in which I wish to include Sri Panalala Pithi, Hari Prasad Badruka, as well as yourself as members of the trustee board. What is your opinion? If possible, please see me in Bombay on the fifth instant, and we shall discuss on this point. If Hari Prasad Badruka and brothers are serious about donating land to us, then my decision is to make one of them especially Hari Prasad become the member of the trust of the Hare Krishna Land. I hope you will understand my views. I shall be glad to see you in Bombay on the fifth before starting for Australia on the sixth instant.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-3

New Delhi

2nd May, 1975

Hyderabad

Dear Panalalaji,

Please accept my blessings. I am now staying in New Delhi and I am going to Bombay on the fifth instant. You wanted me to send you news when I am reaching Bombay. You also wanted to come at that time. So, would it be possible to come to Bombay on the fifth instant and do the needful?

Now I have decided to make a trustee board for Hare Krishna Land, Bombay. I wish to select trustees—twelve altogether. Out of them seven will be Indian and five will be foreigners. Foreigner means those who are members of the Commonwealth like Australia, New Zealand, England, Canada, etc. After all, this is an international institution, but the majority of the members of the trustees will be Indian. Namely, out of twelve members, I will make seven Indians and five foreigners.

Therefore, I have decided to make you one of the trustees. If you come to Bombay on the fifth instant, we shall discuss on this matter. If not, please send me your letter of acceptance in which you agree to become one of the trustees of the Hare Krishna Land. Kindly treat this as urgent and do the needful.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta

75-5-4

New Delhi

4th May, 1975

Vrindavan

Dear Aksoyananda Swami and
Dhananjaya,

Please accept my blessings. The bearer of this letter, Sri Munnalai, the driver for Mr. L. S. Agarwal, should be given nice facilities for himself and his family at our Asram when he comes to Vrindavan for pilgrimage. He would like to stay with us very much so see that full prasadam as well as a room is given during his stay in Vrindavan.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-5

Perth, Australia

7th May, 1975

San Francisco

My dear Bhakta dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am due receipt of your letter dated April 15th, 1975 and have noted the contents. I am very glad to hear all of the good news in your letter. This is very encouraging. Continue to preach vigorously, following

all of the rules and regulations very carefully and Krishna will give you every facility. It sounds like the Rathayatra festival will be bigger than ever this year. I am hoping to come there again.

Regarding your physical malady, you should do whatever is required to treat it properly. Whatever is most practical. The names for the new child are approved by me. Circumcision is not important.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedānta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-6

Perth, Australia

7th May, 1975

Nairobi

My dear Chaityaguru dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 14th, 1975 and have noted the contents. For some reason or other, I have received your letter very very late, otherwise reply would have been much sooner. Anyway, I am very glad that you are feeling very much encouraged working in Africa. If you follow all of the rules and regulations very carefully and continue in this way then you will always be successful.

Regarding the program in Punjab, that may be possible to hold in the fall when I will be in Vrindavan.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedānta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-7

Perth, Australia

7th May, 1975

Edinburgh

My dear Lalita Priya devi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in

due receipt of your letter dated April 10th, 1975 and have noted the contents. I am happy to know that you are feeling blissful in our Krishna Consciousness movement. We should follow in the footsteps of Lord Caitanya and the six Goswamis of Vrindavan. They were always serving Krishna in the mood of separation. They never said that "now I have seen Krishna" or "last night I danced with Krishna"—No. They were crying where is Krishna, and they were always searching after Him, wondering when they would finally be able to see Him. We should also desire intensely to see and be with Krishna, but first thing is to become purified through devotional service. It is not possible otherwise. So, keep on helping me to spread this Krishna Consciousness movement, following the rules and regulations very carefully, and your life will be perfected and you will see Krishna.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedānta Swami

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75-5-8

Perth, Australia

7th May, 1975

Sri Kamalapati Tripathi

Minister of Railways

Government of India, New Delhi

My dear Sri Kamalapati Tripathi,

Please accept my Namaskara. Since I met you in New Delhi, I went to Kurukshetra to attend the meeting of Manava Dharma organized by Sri G.L. Nanda. The enclosed letter to Mr. Nanda will speak for itself how I appreciated the grand place of Kurukshetra. I wish to organize this holy spot for spreading Krishna Consciousness all over the world and the suggestions that I have given to Mr. Nanda may be carefully read by you also. And I shall be glad to know whether

any co-operation from your side is possible in this attempt. I shall be glad to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-9

Honolulu

8th May, 1975

Grant Hotel

Oakland, California

My dear Mooljibhai Patel,

Please accept my greetings. Since a long time, I did not hear from you. Hope you are all doing well with your business and family affairs. Recently, we have purchased one building at Berkley and the Deities, I have understood are being removed by the 1st of July. I understood also that the Gujarati Vaisnavas there are not happy on account of the temple being moved to Berkley. The San Francisco temple, not being situated in a nice quarter, they are trying to remove to somewhere else. Now they have got a Berkley temple. It is not my policy to close any temple, but if there is inconvenience, we change the place. If we can get another nice house in San Francisco in good quarters, we can immediately re-open another temple in San Francisco. Sriman Chit-sukhananda das adhikari is also enthusiastic in this connection, therefore, if your good self along with other Hindu Vaisnavas help us in this connection, it will be my pleasure to get another temple in San Francisco as soon as possible.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-10

Perth, Australia

9th May, 1975

Geoffrey Fletcher

St. Ives, Australia

My dear Mr. Fletcher,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated April 9th, 1975 and have noted the contents. Thank you for your kind sentiment. You are very fortunate to be taking part in the Krishna Consciousness movement. If you take it very seriously, then you will not have to take another birth in this miserable material world. You can go back to home, back to Godhead at the end of this life. So, my request is that you take it up very boldly and finish your business in this material world.

I hope to see you in Melbourne. I will be arriving on the 17th of May and leaving on the 21st of May.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-11

Perth, Australia

9th May, 1975

Coconut Grove, Miami

My dear Pavanadeva dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 21st of April, 1975 and have noted the contents. Do not be discouraged. Simply follow all of the rules and regulations very carefully. Rise early, attend mangala arati, attend class, chant 16 rounds and follow the four basic rules and regulations. This is most important. Without these things, there is no spiritual life. If you try sincerely, then Krishna will give you all blessings.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-12

Perth, Australia
9th May, 1975

Phoenix, Arizona

My dear Satkrita dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated April 8th, 1975 and I was unable to note the contents. Why do you write such a crazy letter? You cannot write like a normal person? Anyway, I hope that you are following all of the rules and regulations very carefully without any deviation. Try to work hard for Krishna and co-operate very nicely with the temple authorities.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-13

Perth, Australia
10th May, 1975

Vrindavan

My dear Aksayananda Swami and
Dhanajaya,

Please accept my blessings. Kindly send me report of Vrindavan, how things are going on there, to our Honolulu address: 51 Coelho Way, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA. The proposal for selling rooms should be dropped for the time being unless you take instruction from Giriraja how to take contributions from the prospective clients. For the time being, you organize the paying guest proposal.

Whether you have arranged for Dr. Varma's stay in our guest house? He is an experienced physician, perfectly qualified. Try to accommodate him as a honorary physician of our guest house. Please let me know how things are going on there.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-14

Perth, Australia
10th May, 1975

Bombay

My dear Giriraja,

Please accept my blessings. I am very much anxious to receive report of the Bombay activities, about construction and everything. Please send full report to my Hawaii address: 51 Coelho Way, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA.

We have got many enemies, especially our tenants. Therefore, things should be very carefully done. Whether the tenants union is legally alright and whether by their united action, they can encroach upon the rights of the landlord. We wanted to build up a wall and the tenants, by force, have broken the wall. Does it mean that the tenants unit can encroach upon the landlord's right? Have you formed any advisory committee of the persons we selected? I think the advisory committee should not be more than ten persons, very important from the list. The other day, I saw Mahadevia's attitude not in our favor, but in favor of the tenants, being influenced by Acarya. These things should be considered very carefully. For the time being, we have stopped the wall construction, but it was not at all congenial that the tenants broke the wall illegally.

Now, plans should be made how to utilize all the lands available. Sumati Morarjee wanted some land for her school on lease. I think we shall negotiate with her on favorable terms. Things in the past were done very irregularly.

Now, everything must be done very carefully and cautiously.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-5-15

Perth, Australia

10th May, 1975

Prof. O.P. Goel

7, Krishna Kunj

Plot 143, Tulsipipe Road

Matunga, Bombay-26, India

My dear Sriman O.P. Goelji,

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

Your proposal for co-operation with ISKCON is welcome. I very much appreciate your proposal. The mass problem at the present moment in India is actually a food problem. I have therefore decided to start some village organization program—namely, people should be invited to live in the village, produce their own foodstuff (grains, fruits, and vegetables), maintain a sufficient number of cows to get a large quantity of milk, produce their own cloth, eat sumptuously for keeping fit

in health, and then they can regularly sit down and chant the Hare Krishna Mahamantra. I shall arrange for the irrigation of the land and the people living there should give their labor for their own food and clothing, and then chant Hare Krishna Mahamantra and cultivate Krishna Consciousness. Besides that, our men should go from village to village with Sankirtan party, hold festival, namely distribution of Bhagavat prasadam and induce them chant and join with us in vibrating the Hare Krishna Mahamantra. In India, they are not less than 95% villagers and Mahatma Gandhi wanted this village organization. I think this is a solid program. The people must eat sumptuously—not voraciously and make them fit for working and chanting. In this way, they will be purified and everything will be nicely organized. We require some men only like your good self to co-operate with this movement. The necessary things in this connection will surely be supplied by Krishna. Simply we want some sincere worker like your honor. Up to date, I am working chiefly with my foreign assistants and disciples. In India, for them there is the language difficulty, otherwise they are ready to work in Indian villages also. Besides that, they have visa problems. Under the circumstances, I require immediately some willing, educated worker for this purpose. So, kindly reply this letter to my Honolulu center. The address is as follows: 51 Coelho Way, Honolulu Hawaii, USA.

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

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

Thanking you in anticipation.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-16
Hyderabad

Perth, Australia
10th May, 1975

My dear Mahamsa Swami,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your telegram which read as follows: MISSED YOUR GRACE BY HOURS AGREEMENT DRAFT FOR FARM LAND SENT TO YOU PLEASE SANCTION RS 30,000 URGENT TRANSFER TO PREPARE FOR UTILISING THIS MONSOON = MAHAMS SWAMI. But, I have not received the draft copy as informed by you. Regarding the money, rs. 30,000, of course, if need be, it must be paid, but one thing is that you must be very careful that our temple portion must be completed by Janmastami so that the Deity can be moved there. This is very important that the temple portion be completed by Janmastami. Whatever money was available, I have given 1-1/2 lakhs to Jayapataka Swami and 2 lakhs to Giriraja. So, you have to take this money from Giriraja. Please arrange like that and let me know what is the progress of Hyderabad activities at my Honolulu address: 51 Coelho Way, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-17

Perth, Australia
10th May, 1975

Vrindavan

My dear Pranava,

Please accept my blessings. I am very much anxious to know what you have done about the land which Tahsildar and Patwari proposed to give us. I am very much anxious to know it. Please send report to our Honolulu address: 51 Coelho Way, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-5-18

Perth, Australia
10th May, 1975

Goswami Radheswaranand
c/o H.K. Ajudia, B.A.LL.B.
ADVOCATE
Station Road, Jam-Jodhpur 360530
India

My dear Radheswaranand Goswami,

Please accept my humble dandavats. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 23-3-75. I expected you at our opening ceremony of the Krishna Balaram Temple in Vrindavan. The Governor of U.P. came and the festival continued for 7 days. Then I went to Kurukshetra, then I have come here in Australia for installing Gaura-Nitai deities in Melbourne. Then I shall go to Fiji and on to Honolulu.

Regarding opening a center in Saurashtra, it will be my pleasure to do it immediately if the local important men like you will co-operate with me. I wish to open centers in the villages. The mass problem at the present moment in India is actually a food problem. I have therefore decided to start some village organization program—namely, people should be invited to live in the village, produce their

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

Thanking you in anticipation.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedant Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-19

Perth, Australia

11th May, 1975

Shree Chaitanya Gaudiya Math
Puri

My dear Sri Ananga Mahan dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter in Bengali dated 16-4-75 and have noted the contents. It is understood that you are arranging for passport for going to the foreign countries and if you will get it, there will be no difficulty to see our temples in the foreign countries. I hope you have at least 7,000 rs. for your ticket along with return ticket. There will be no difficulty to stay in our different temples and when you are ready, you can write to my Honolulu address as follows: 51 Coelho Way, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA. I will reach there by the end of this month.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-20

Perth, Australia

11th May, 1975

Calcutta

My dear Bhagavat dasa,

Please accept my blessings. This is to introduce Sriman Svadhin Kumar Mullick of 50A, Hari Ghose St., Calcutta-6. I do not remember whether I have seen him before, but his grandfather was my very intimate friend. This boy is coming from a very respectful family, Mullick. I think he is slightly deformed by one hand. Anyway, please admit him to be trained up to be a devotee. He appears to be educated. Let him read our books, follow the regulative principle, and be trained in our line. Then, when I go to Calcutta, I shall see

how much he has advanced and then we shall give him some definite engagement.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-21

Perth, Australia

11th May, 1975

Mustafa Building

Bombay

My dear Brijratanji,

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated April 17th, 1975 and have noted the contents carefully. I welcome your suggestion. I have advised my assistants to publish one chapter in each issue from the Bhagavat Mahapurana. This will contain the devanagari script as well as the roman script. I thank you very much for your suggestion.

I hope this letter meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-22

Perth, Australia

11th May, 1975

Dist. Hooghly

West Bengal

My dear Dinesh Chandra Sarkarji,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated April 16th, 1975 and have noted the contents. We are not interested to purchase any land at so high a price. That is not practical. I have already spoken with Jayapataka Swami about all details of Mayapur. You may

hear from him my ideas.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-23

Perth, Australia

11th May, 1975

Bhaktivedanta Manor

My dear Hansadutta dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I have received one telegram from Mahamsa Swami which reads as follows: MISSED YOUR GRACE BY HOURS AGREEMENT DRAFT FOR FARM LAND SENT TO YOU PLEASE SANCTION RS 30,000 URGENT TRANSFER TO PREPARE FOR UTILIZING THIS MONSOON—MAHAMSA SWAMI. So, they have agreed to our terms and made a draft agreement form which I have not yet seen. Anyway, as stipulated before, that you will come back to India after setting things up there in London and Frankfurt, the monsoon begins by the latest, July in that part of India, so you have to come back sometime in the month of June. And immediately, you have to send Mahamsa Swami 4,000 dollars. So, do the needful and be in correspondence with Mahamsa Swami at Hyderabad.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-24

Perth, Australia

11th May, 1975

Hyderabad

My dear Jamuni devi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated March 28, 1975 and have noted the contents. Your

husband recently came to Delhi and Vrindavan and he has sold so many properties of ISKCON through the Makutwalla. His only business is to acquire money. He is collecting money like anything and is not contributing to the society. So what can I do? I did not say anything to him. I am simply praying to Krishna for his welfare.

It is good that you are now living separate from him. Wherever you live, you can follow the regulative principles and my instructions along with chanting. That will make you happy. Do not deviate from the path I have chalked out for every one of you.

Some years ago, in San Francisco, both you and your husband wanted to live in Vrindavan and I was training both of you to take up the charge of Vrindavan center very expertly. Unfortunately, both of you fell victim to sense enjoyment and now both of you are fallen from the service especially your husband. So what can I do? But if both of you again come to your consciousness, Krishna consciousness, Krishna can lift you again from the fallen condition. That much I can assure you.

Tejyas was complaining that Madira has also gone with Gurudasa. Recently, I was in Delhi for participating in a meeting at Kurukshetra, and he informed me like that.

Anyway, the Vrindavan opening ceremony was performed very gorgeously for 7 days. The Governor of U.P. participated for 2 days. There was a big crowd all the days and it was a grand success. The total expenditure for the opening ceremony was about 60,000 rs. or more and I was feeling your absence. Your husband was present, but his business was different. Anyway, what can I do? I can simply pray to Krishna for revival of your old Krishna Consciousness.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-25

Los Angeles

Perth, Australia

11th May, 1975

My dear Jayadvaita dasa,

Please accept my blessings. From now on, include one chapter from Srimad-bhagavatam in every issue of Back to Godhead magazine. You can start with the 1st chapter of the 1st canto and continue. You should reproduce the chapter as it is in the book, in other words, with the devanagari script, word meanings, transliteration, etc. If a chapter is very very big, it can be given in two issues.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-26

Mathura

Perth, Australia

11th May, 1975

My dear Kunj Bihari Shastri,

I am in due receipt of your note. Your desire to stay with us for regular recitation of the Srimad-bhagavatam is welcome. So, for a few days, you can stay with us and see how it will be suitable for you. But, one thing is the language difficulty. All our men are speaking in English. Still, you can make an experient and if you like, then you can live with us provided you follow our rules and regulations. Just now, I am on tour and I shall be glad to receive your reply to my Honolulu address as follows: 51 Coelho Way, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA. Then I shall do the needful.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-27

Perth, Australia
11th May, 1975Svadhin Kumar Mullick
Calcutta

My dear Svadhin Kumar,

I am in due receipt of your letter dated 1st Vaisakh, 1382. So, I am enclosing herewith one introduction letter to my disciple Bhagavat dasa, in care of our temple at #3 Albert Road, between Camac St. and Hungerford St. near the Hindu school. So, you can go there and present the introduction letter and he will do the needful.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-28

Perth, Australia
11th May, 1975

Lautoka, Fiji

My dear Mr. Punja,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated April 1st, 1975 and have noted the contents carefully. I have also received from Madhudvisa Swami one copy of the Constitution that you have drawn up there. On my way from Melbourne to Honolulu, I will stop in Fiji for two days around the 22nd of May. Madhudvisa Swami will give you the exact dates of my arrival as soon as it is fixed up. When I come there, we shall discuss everything in detail regarding the Fiji program. I am looking forward to seeing you in Fiji.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-5-29

Perth, Australia
11th May, 1975

Sri K. C. Nigam

Convenor-All India Spiritual Conference
108/119 Durgadevi Road
Kanpur-208012, INDIA

My dear Mr. Nigam,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated March 11th, 1975 and have noted the contents. Now, I am on world tour. At present, I am staying in Perth, Australia, then in one week, I shall go to Melbourne, then Fiji, then Honolulu where I will stay for at least one month. Then I shall go to Philadelphia and San Francisco, etc.

I am very glad that you are holding some spiritual conference, but my only request is to follow the standard method of spiritual consciousness. One must know first of all, what is the spiritual basis. Anyone who is accepting this body as the self, he is no better than the cats and dogs. One must know what the spirit soul is within this body. He is eternal part and parcel of God, therefore, his only business is to revive his eternal relation with God and work on that fundamental basis so that he can achieve the ultimate goal of life. The whole thing is instructed in the Bhagavad-gita and if we accept the teachings of Bhagavad-gita, as it is without unnecessary commentary on it, then our spiritual movement will be successful. But, if we manufacture something out of our own concoction, it will never be successful. This is confirmed in the Bhagavad-gita (16/23):

yah sastra-vidhim utsrjya vartate

kama-karatah

na sa siddhim avapnoti na sukham na
param gatim

“But he who discards scriptural injunctions and acts according to his own

whims is headed for a hellish destination.”

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-30

Perth, Australia

11th May, 1975

Swami Sachchidanand Bharati

c/o Mohan Chand Agrawal

Dropadi Bhavan, Baldeo Ganj

Kosi Kalan (Mathura) U.P. INDIA

Dear Sir,

For the time being, we don't want the books you have mentioned in your letter dated 23-4-75. In the future, if we need any of them, we shall let you know. In the meantime, if you have got any source for distributing our books (English), the list is enclosed herewith. If you want the complete catalogue, you can get it from our Vrindavan temple: Krishna Balaram Temple, Raman Reti, Vrindavan, Dist. Mathura.

Thank you.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-31

Perth, Australia

12th May, 1975

New Delhi

My dear Tejyas dasa,

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

age them to construct the temple in their factory as soon as possible.

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-5-32

Perth, Australia

14th May, 1975

The eldest son of the late,

Mr. Atulya De

P.O. Barala, Dist. Mursidabad

West Bengal, INDIA

My dear son,

Please accept my blessings. I wanted to see you very urgently to know about your family affairs. So, will you kindly give me your exact name and address so that I can arrange to see you? When I was grhastha, I had visited your home two or three times. Now, I am a sannyasi. My headquarters is #3 Albert Road, Calcutta-17. So, it will be very kind of you to write me at this address in Calcutta how I can see you.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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N.B.. If possible, you may reply this letter

to my Honolulu address: 51 Coelho Way,
Honolulu, Hawaii, USA.

75-5-33 Perth, Australia
14th May, 1975
Dallas

My dear Yadunandan,

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/sda

75-5-34 Perth, Australia
15th May, 1975
Los Angeles

My dear Ramesvara,

Please accept my blessings. Caitanya-caritamṛta is complete (12 parts) and only 3 parts are published, and now the 5th Canto is almost finished, so why these books are not being published? This is our first business. Immediately, these pending books (17 in total) must all be published. Why the delay? The US printer's binding is better than Dai Nippon. So, some may be printed in US and some in Japan, but the pending books must be finished in a very short time. When I see so

many books pending, it does not encourage me to translate. When I see books printed, I become encouraged to write more and more. We can talk this over more in Hawaii. Now, you and Hansadutta expedite the publishing work. That is your business. And push on the selling. You request Tripurari Maharaja in this connection along with the others. Now, Bhavananda Swami and Gargamuni Swami are there. They are also expert in pushing this on. By combined effort, publish as quickly as possible and immediately Caitanya-caritamṛta should be done.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-35 Melbourne
19th May, 1975

Dinanatha Misra, M.A.B.L. Pleader
Somewhere in the junction of
Chittaranjan Ave. and Balaram De St.
Calcutta-6, INDIA

My dear Dinanatha,

Please accept my greetings. Since I saw you last at your house, I had gone to Kurukshetra, Delhi, and also attended our Vrindavan temple opening ceremony, and now I've come to Australia to open another temple here. Just this evening the function is completed. From here, I shall go to Fiji and then Hawaii (USA). I was wondering whether you will be willing to join this Krishna Consciousness movement in your ripe old age. Your beloved son goes to our temple in Calcutta along with your daughter-in-law. I am very much pleased upon them. I also understand that you do not move very much nowadays, therefore you cannot come in the temple, but at home you can render some valuable service for this movement. So far I know, you are a good Hindi

scholar as well as in English. So, if you like, you can translate our books into Hindi and I shall be glad to hear from you in this connection. I do not know whether you shall receive this letter because your house number is not known to me. I have simply given an idea of your address on the envelope. I am asking somebody in our temple to go to you with the copy of this letter.

I hope this meets you in good health. My blessings to your children and my regard for your good wife.

I beg to remain,

Yours affectionately,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-36

Melbourne

19th May, 1975

Pittsburgh

My dear Dulal Chandra dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 4th, 1975 and have noted the contents. Thank you for boldly infiltrating into the intellectual circles there. By attracting intelligent men to our movement, automatically, others will also be attracted to come. By preaching in this way, one becomes firmly convinced of the philosophy of Krishna Consciousness himself, and gradually it becomes easier and easier for him to convince others also. Most important thing is to follow all of the rules carefully, chant 16 rounds, and read our books carefully. This will make you spiritually strong.

I accept Bob Bauer and Sue Bauer as my duly initiated disciples. Their names are Bhoktā dāsa, and Sukhāvahā devī dāsī. Their beads may be chanted by Kirtanananda Swami.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-37

Melbourne

19th May, 1975

Kamuela, Hawaii

My dear Govinda dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated April 28th, 1975 and have noted the contents. Thank you very much for your kind donation of \$100. I am very glad to hear that you are continuing your drawing work nicely. This is your business. Krishna has given you some special talent and you are using it for spreading His glories. This is wanted. I will be arriving at Honolulu on May 25th, 1975 and at that time I can see you. I will be staying there in Honolulu for at least one month, so we can talk during my visit sometimes.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-38

Melbourne

19th May, 1975

San Diego

My dear Gunagrahi dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 8th, 1975 and have noted the contents. Thank you very much for doing such nice preaching work there. Train our men to follow all of the rules and regulations very carefully, as well as to chant at least 16 good rounds daily and to read all of our books.

Regarding the festival on July 6th, the best thing is to simply hold big kirtan and have plenty of prasadam distributed. Generally, the public masses are not so much interested in hearing philosophy. After five or ten minutes, their attention is lost. You can speak a little philosophy, but the

stress should be on kirtan and prasadam and selling my books.

I accept Sharon Swanson for 1st initiation. Her name is Sandāminī. Her beads may be chanted on by Satsvarupa Maharaja. Also I have accepted Sajjane Jivana for 2nd initiation. Let her hear the gayatri tape (of myself chanting) through the right ear. Her mantra sheet is enclosed.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-39

Melbourne

19th May, 1975

Bhaktivedanta Manor

My dear Hansadutta dasa,

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

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

Regarding the farm, whatever money I had, they have taken 3 1/2 lakhs in India. Giriraja took 2 lakhs and Jayapataka

Swami took 1 1/2 lakhs. So, you can provide the funds from Europe I think. As far as machines are concerned, it is better to avoid using them as far as possible. I am enclosing one letter that I have recently written to Mahamsa Swami concerning the farm for your information.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

Where is Haimavati?

ACBS/ps

75-5-40

Melbourne

19th May, 1975

Caracas

My dear Hridayananda Goswami,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your report dated April 30, 1975 and have noted the contents. When our Mexico City branch is open, how can we close it? That building there is very nice and we have been there for five years now. I am not at all in favor of closing such a temple. Stay there in that building somehow or other, and if you like, you may also open a center in Guadalajara. We can keep men in Mexico City who are approved by the government, why should we close it? Jagadisa prabhu is there, so, work together with consultation so that we may remain in that building. Jagadisa has met one good lawyer and he is helping us. It looks favorable for us. You and Jagadisa please arrange it so that we may not have to leave Mexico City. That is my desire.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

N.B. Thank you for distributing so many books and please continue to print more books with added enthusiasm.

ACBS/ps

75-5-41

Melbourne
19th May, 1975

Hyderabad

My dear Mahamsa Swami,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 7-5-75 and have noted the contents. Please find enclosed the copy of the draft agreement with my corrections made therein. The money you have requested can be paid, but unless there is a solid transference of the land over to ISKCON, then how can we invest any of our funds? It is not good business to invest money when it is not sure yet that the land will actually be transferred in the name of ISKCON. This must be considered very carefully before anything can be spent. Immediately send me one copy of the original trust document as drawn up by the settlor and I will examine it. After I have seen it, I will give my next instruction. Send reply to this letter along with copy of document to my Hawaii address: 51 Coelho Way, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-42

Melbourne
19th May, 1975

Los Angeles

My dear Ramesvara dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 7th, 1975 and I have noted the contents. I am extremely happy to hear that a firm of young lawyers are now working with us to help us spread this movement by helping us to flood the world with our books. This is very welcome news. Things are looking very favorable for us, now we simply have to try even harder to sincerely carry out

Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's orders and He will be pleased to provide us with more and more facilities. Co-operate nicely with one another and strongly push on this mission by printing and distributing our books in unlimited quantity.

Yes, let Hayagriva come to Los Angeles, he is very intelligent. He is becoming more enthused. That is very good.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-43

Melbourne
19th May, 1975

Vinode Kumar Chudamani B.A.L.L.B.
Krishnapuri, Mathura, U.P., INDIA

Dear Sir,

While I am in Australia (Melbourne) at the above address, I received your Hindi newspaper 'Braja-Garima', but unfortunately, I don't see anything written about Brajendra-nandana, Krishna. So far we are concerned, we are preaching the glories of Krishna throughout the world, to glorify Brajendra-nandana Hari. Our Krishna Consciousness movement is going on in the Western world very appreciatively. We have published about 50 books of 400 pages each and they are going well. Recently, we have received a report from our headquarters in Los Angeles, California, USA, how our books are being accepted by the authorities. I think if you want to glorify Braja, as you like to say, 'Braja-Garimi,' then we can co-operate very nicely. We can publish many books in Hindi translated from our English books, and distribute them to the Hindi knowing public, both in India and abroad. If you are interested, please

correspond with me at the following address; where I will be going very soon: 51 Coelho Way, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-44

Melbourne
19th May, 1975

Catonsville, Maryland

My dear Srutadeva dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your weekly sankirtana newsletters. I am always happy to hear of increasing book sales. These reports are very encouraging to me. Our real business is to print and distribute books. By doing this business, you are all becoming recognized by Krishna. Please try to continue working so nicely for Krishna, following the rules and regulations, chanting 16 rounds, and studying my books and you will finish your business in this material world in this life and enter into the spiritual world to live with Krishna eternally. Don't become discouraged by any so-called problems. Make your program simple, that is to say, always make sure that you are somehow or other engaged in Krishna's service, and the best service is peaching or engaging others in Krishna's service. So continue in this way and be happy.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-45

Melbourne
20th May, 1975

Kerry Welsh

Whangamata, New Zealand

My dear Kerry,

Please accept my blessings. I am in

due receipt of your note and your hand-knitted sweater gift. Thank you very much for this sweater. I have been using it here in Melbourne as it is a little cold here. Please continue living nicely in Krishna Consciousness, chanting 16 rounds daily minimum, rising early, following the rules and regulations, reading my books, and make your life perfect. Regarding your initiation, I will be pleased to accept you as my disciple if Tusta Krishna Swami gives me his recommendation. It appears from your letter that you are following everything very nicely, so if Tusta Krishna Maharaja will recommend you to me, then I will be very happy to accept both you and your wife for first initiation.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-46

Melbourne
20th May, 1975

Coconut Grove, Florida

My dear Madhava dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated nil and have noted the contents. You go to those rascals and they will convert you. You are not so strong that you can convince them and convert them from their foolishness. It is distinctly said in the Bhagavad-gita that the purpose of Vedic knowledge is to understand Krishna, *veda is ca sarvair aham eva vedyo*, (BG/15/15). So, we are presenting Krishna in so many ways, politically, socially, economically, philosophically, and religiously, etc. We are describing Him in 75 books of 400 pages each. Better read these books thoroughly and be firmly convinced yourself before going to these demons for convincing

them. If you are weak yourself, while trying to convert them, you will be converted by them. Don't try any hard task before you are very strong. Chant 16 rounds daily, follow the rules and regulations, and read our books. Don't become very big preacher immediately.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-47

Melbourne

20th May, 1975

Seattle

My dear Prabhanu dasa,

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-48

Melbourne

20th May, 1975

Melbourne

My dear Subhalaksmi devi dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in

due receipt of your letter along with your daksina of \$80. Thank you very much. Please continue to sell my books as much as possible in huge quantities. This is very pleasing to me. Try to maintain the standard of a perfect person as is given in the Bhagavad-gita, and do not deviate from this wonderful method of Krishna consciousness. Follow the rules very carefully, chant at least 16 rounds, and read our books over and over.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-49

Melbourne

20th May, 1975

Auckland

My dear Tusta Krishna Swami,

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

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-50

Melbourne

22nd May, 1975

Melbourne

My dear Ganesa dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 21st,

1975 and have noted the contents. Thank you for the \$200 (Australia) and your kind sentiments. From your letter, I can understand that you are reading my books nicely and understanding our philosophy. This is wanted. By reading my books carefully, you will become enthused to distribute them more and more in greater quantities. If you continue in this way being very much determined to achieve success in this lifetime, following all the rules, chanting at least 16 rounds, and reading my books, then all of your desires to advance in Krishna Consciousness will be fulfilled and you will surely attain spiritual perfection and be able to go Back to Godhead, very soon.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-51

Melbourne

22nd May, 1975

Melbourne

My dear Rama dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your note and daksina totaling \$142 (New Zealand). Thank you very much for this presentation. Please try very hard to remain fixed-up in devotional service to Lord Krishna, always chanting Hare Krishna (at least 16 rounds), following the four rules, and reading my books frequently. Do not deviate from the path that I have chalked out for every one of you, and be happy in Krishna Consciousness.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-52

Melbourne

22nd May, 1975

Melbourne

My dear Rasaranidevi dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your note and your offering. Always remain engaged in the service of Krishna. That is the sure and safe method to be safe from the grip of Maya. Maya will never touch you if you are cent percent serving Krishna. Follow the rules carefully, chant at least 16 rounds, read and study my books deeply, and in this way be enthusiastic about going back to Godhead in this life.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-53

Honolulu

26th May, 1975

Vrindavan

My dear Aksayananda Swami and Dhananjaya,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 17th, 1975 and have noted the contents. I was very much encouraged by this nice report you have given. Continue to organize the guest house. This is very important. Do it very nicely with the co-operation of Dr. Verma. In the evening, you must have many varieties of first class ghee-cooked preparations offered to the Deity and you can sell the prasadam. The L.A. standard is good, but still you should have a better standard. You should make kachuris, samosa, etc. If it is required, a professional confectioner may be employed. The Deity worship must be done very gorgeously. The 24 hour chanting is very encouraging to me. Please continue all as I have given you. I have full faith in both you. Kindly

execute the routine work very nicely. Please send me a weekly report of how things are going on.

Keep the accounts carefully and occasionally, they may be audited by Vishvambara's brother. Also, what about the Punjab National Bank opening a branch at our temple? Either Syndicate Bank or Punjab National Bank must open a branch on our land and pay 300 rs. rent. If they are not willing, then approach State Bank of Central Bank. Ask Gopal Krishna to complete the negotiations for the 5,000 sq. yds. of land. He's in charge of that.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

N.B. I am very glad to hear that Pradyumna is teaching English and that the classes are going on. Please continue this. ACBS/ps

75-5-54

Honolulu
26th May, 1975

Robert Bedoian
16102 Orange Ave.
Paramount, Ca. 90723

My dear Mr. Bedoian,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 17, 1975 and have noted the contents. Thank you for being attracted to this Hare Krishna movement and engaging yourself in chanting Hare Krishna. You are most fortunate to be giving up your sinful activities and chanting the name of Krishna. Please continue and go to visit our temples as much as you can. After you have followed our principles for a while under the instructions of one of our temple presidents, I shall, upon his recommendation, give you a spiritual name and initiate you into the chanting of Hare Krishna. For the time being, it is not necessary for you to have a deity of Krishna. That will come

later. For now, just chant Hare Krishna and read my books, and try to follow our principles in association with devotees.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/ps

75-5-55

Honolulu
26th May, 1975

Richard Cohen
P.O. Box 1615
Sausalito, Calif.

My dear Mr. Cohen,

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter April 10, 1975 and have noted the contents. I am happy to hear that you are attracted to the Krishna Consciousness movement. Your talents for making movies can be engaged very nicely in Krishna's service. I think in this connection, you may contact Sriman Yadubara dasa adhikari, 3764 Watseka Ave., Los Angeles, Ca. 90034. He is very experienced at making Krishna Conscious movies. He may be able to give you some good advice.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/ps

75-5-56

Honolulu
26th May, 1975

Los Angeles

My dear Damodara dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 9th, 1975 and have noted the contents.

Regarding your writing, this is very much wanted, but I think that it is better if you write articles, not books. Write articles that can be printed in our Back to Godhead magazine. That will be very nice. Also, be very sure that you always maintain a high spiritual standard by following all of the rules and regulations very carefully. Chant 16 rounds minimum daily and study my books deeply.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-57

Honolulu

26th May, 1975

Alexandria

My dear Gauragopala dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated nil and have noted the contents. I think it is very obvious, even you have admitted, that the problem is that you are not following the basic principles of our society. The fact that you have not chanted your rounds for a long time is enough to make you without any spiritual strength. The best thing for you is to seriously try to follow all of the rules and regulations very strictly under the guidance of the temple authorities. Then your mind will become very clear, not so agitated. You have taken initiation from me, so actually you are obliged to do this. You have promised, therefore there is no choice,—you must follow strictly. Otherwise, you are carving your pathway to hell.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-58

Buffalo

Honolulu

26th May, 1975

My dear Hasyakari,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 17, 1975 and have noted the contents. If the GBC has no objection to your going to India to help with the cow program, then I encourage you to go there. This program is very very important. If you can help to organize our cow program in Mayapur, it will be a great credit for you. We must be able to grow our own fodder for the cows. We don't want to have to purchase food for the cows outside from some other party. That will run into a great expense. Cow protection is the business of the vaisyas and along with our preaching, this is the most important work. We must have a good section of Brahmanas in our society and we must also have a good group of vaisyas who can grow grains and tend cows, and thus supply the society with food-grains and milk products from the cow like ghee, curd, cream, etc. If you can help in Mayapur it would be very much appreciated.

I have accepted the devotees you have recommended for initiation. Their names are: Stephen—Sundarākārā, Janet—Jagannūrti, Patricia—Premakā. Their beads may be chanted by Kirtanananda Swami. The thread for Phanamandita dasa is enclosed and the mantra sheet is also enclosed with the gayatri mantra. Let Siladitya devi, Mahavegavati devi, and Phanamandita dasa all hear the tape of myself chanting the gayatri mantra through the right ear. Make sure that these boys and girls follow very carefully all of the rules and regulations, as well as chant 16 rounds daily and read my books carefully.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-59

Honolulu
26th May, 1975

Dallas

My dear Jagadisa dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 20th, 1975 and have noted the contents. Thank you for helping in this situation so nicely. By Krishna's grace we shall be able to remain in that building. For the time being, make sure that the Deity worship is been done nicely and that sankirtan goes on daily. Also the devotees must all follow the rules strictly as well as chant 16 rounds daily and read my books.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-61

Honolulu
26th May, 1975Natural Sky
Alameda, California

My dear Tapana Misra dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 6, 1975 and have noted the contents. Thank you for your kind donation of \$50. Regarding your business, if Jayatirtha and the others give their sanction, then I have no objection. The most important thing is that you must follow all of the rules and regulations very strictly. Then everything will be very nice.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-60

Honolulu
26th May, 1975

Brooklyn

My dear Radhaballabha dasa,

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-62

Honolulu
26th May, 1975

Wellington, New Zealand

My dear Tony, Linda, & Yajna Saraswati,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 20th, 1975 and have noted the contents. I am very glad that you are trying to live Krishna Conscious lifestyle. If you simply try to follow very carefully the prescribed method that has been chalked out for us in the vedas, refrain from eating meat, having illicit sex life, taking intoxications, and gambling, and try to chant 16 rounds on you beads daily, read our books regularly and discuss them, rise early, and eat only Krishna prasadam. By following this path and associating as much as possible with pure devotees, you will go back to your original state—pure spirit soul, eternal servant of Krishna. Please visit our

temple there in New Zealand and take advice from them how to advance in Krishna Consciousness.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-63

Honolulu

26th May, 1975

New Vrindavan

My dear Vahna dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 12, 1975 and have read the Cintamani poetry book. It is indirect, impersonal and useless. Who will read these things? Krishna's name is only mentioned in two poems in the whole book. What is this? There are so many poems written by great acaryas. Why do you try to concoct something like this? It is not in our line. How is that our Kirtanananda Swami is there and he has approved printing this? It is a waste of time, paper, money, ink, and labor. There is so much work to do for spreading this Krishna Consciousness. Who will become attracted by such things as this. You should all spend more time reading my books very carefully and stop all this unnecessary manufacturing.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

N.B. Why there is no picture of Krishna on the cover? If you have the desire to write poetry, better if you read one chapter of Krishna book very carefully. Then put it into poetry. But, do not concoct anything. There is no need for that type of poetry. If you do this, I think it will be appreciated nicely.

ACBS/ps

75-5-64

Honolulu

28th May, 1975

Bombay

My dear Giriraja dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 19th, 1975 and have noted the contents. So far the managing committee is concerned, when I shall return to Bombay, I shall personally form it. In the meantime, go on managing as it is. If there is any possibility of getting money from Africa, then you must go there and collect. That Major Jagdish Sah should be encouraged to continue nicely as he is doing.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-65

Honolulu

28th May, 1975

Washington D.C.

My dear Anangamanjari devi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 23rd, 1975 and have noted the contents. I have given the information in my books, how to please the spiritual master. Simply by following the rules and regulations very carefully, by chanting at least 16 rounds daily, by reading our books, and by always engaging one's self in the service of Krishna, a person will please the spiritual master and Krishna both.

In your country, the Deity should not go without shirt. Gaura-Nitai may wear turbans. Nothing should be offered to Krishna unless it is prepared by the devotees themselves.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-66

Honolulu
28th May, 1975

Brooklyn

My dear Gopijanaballabha dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 25, 1975 and have noted the contents. If this building in New York is the best one available, then we must get it. By Krishna's grace, things may work out so that we can get that building. I shall be seeing Alfred Ford here soon so at that time, we can discuss further and we shall inform you if we can devise a plan to get the building with Alfred's help.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-67

Honolulu
28th May, 1975

Caracas

My dear Hridayananda Gosvami,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 21, 1975 and have noted the contents. Try everything to remain in that house in Mexico City. I like that house very much. The best thing to do in Guyana is to kick out Mr. Rama, but if it is not practical, then let him buy us another house of our choice for our use—at least as good as that house, if not better. Regarding registration in Guyana, you simply have to show in court how we are an international society, not for any particular creed, race, or nation. Show them that we are a cultural movement. You should not back away when things get difficult.

Regarding your spanish literature, I am very happy to hear that they are selling nicely. Now, print more and distribute more. Let me know what is the most suit-

able season for going to Brazil and I may go there. If you want to add Radha Krishna's name to the list of candidates for *sannyasa*, that is alright.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-68

Honolulu
28th May, 1975

Los Angeles

My dear Kirtiraja dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 26, 1975 and have noted the contents. Thank you for sending the book reviews. They are very encouraging to me. As much as possible, we want our books to be accepted by all learned circles of men. Regarding sending books freely to any library. The system that you can adopt is to send the books and tell them to read them over for one week's time. If they do not like the book, they should send it back at our cost. If they like it and want it, then they can send the amount of money to us (whatever the book sells for). But, we cannot give books away free to anyone. They must be paid for.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-69

Honolulu
31st May, 1975

Bhaktivedanta Manor

My dear Hansadutta dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 23, 1975 and have noted the contents. I approve your ideas. Yes, London is a city

where we can open many centers. If possible, do it.

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-70

Honolulu

31st May, 1975

Honolulu, Hawaii

My dear Babhru dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 29, 1975 and have noted the contents. Thank you for you daksina of 20 dollars. Please continue to follow very strictly the rules and regulations, chant 16 rounds and read my books well. This will keep you always fixed up in Krishna Consciousness and Maya will not succeed in bewildering you.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-71

Honolulu

31st May, 1975

Los Angeles

My dear Kalacanda dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Trivikram 1,489 and have noted the contents. Thank you for the nice photos. I saw one photo there of Baradraja's doll studio along with the others. You can tell him that we want many Panca-tattva Deities made out of cement or plaster paris. They can be made the same size as the L.A. Gaura-Nitai Deities.

Regarding your sarod playing, I shall hear you play when I come to Los Angeles next.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

N.B. Continue doing nice plays for the public. This can be very attractive if it is done very nicely.

ACBS/ps

75-5-72

Honolulu

31st May 1975

New Vrindavan

My dear Kirtanananda Swami,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 23, 1975 and have noted the contents. Your report is very nice to hear. If you give the right protection to the cows, then they will give so much milk, that the ground of New Vrindavan will be muddy with milk. European and American civilization will be finished on account of this sinful activity of killing the cows. Actually, one should not circumambulate when the Deity is open. It is stated in the Nectar of Devotion. I think you can close the doors to the Deity room during Tulasi puja and then open them again afterwards.

Regarding my coming to New Vrindavan, yes, I can stay there for the month of August. That will be very nice.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-5-73

Honolulu

31st May, 1975

New Delhi

My dear Prabhakar,

Please accept my blessings. I thank

you for your letter dated May 20, 1975. I have not yet received any reply from Nandaji. So, immediately, what I want is in the Kurukshetra university a class should be opened for studying Krishna Consciousness and there are already about 50 books in English and Sanskrit, so if the university offers degree, B.A., M.A., and P.H.D. in different grades of understanding, I can arrange for many foreign students to come there. My first business is to spread Krishna Consciousness all over the world. Actually, this movement is not to be limited in India only—that is the mission Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu. As desired by you, I can immediately take up the task of opening a center there and to open a varna-asrama college there affiliated by the university. In this college we shall train up pure brahmanas, (qualified brahmanas), Ksatriyas and Vaisyas. That is the injunction of Bhagavad-gita. And this institution will be open for all without any discrimination. As I am training these European and American boys, most of them coming from Christian and Jewish families, and they are accepting to become a pure brahmana and then a pure sannyasi. This system should be introduced. They must sit for proper examination after being trained. And then why not accept them as real brahmana by quality and work? This procedure is recommended both in the Bhagavad-gita and in the Srimad-bhagavatam. In the Bhagavad-gita, it is said that the brahmana, ksatriya, vaisya, sudra should be selected by quality and work. Similarly, in the Srimad-bhagavatam, it is said that if quality and work is present in a different varna, that is to say, if the quality of a brahmana is visible in a person born in sudra family, such person on account of quality and work, should be accepted as brahmana. So, if we start a varna-asrama college in terms of Bhagavad-gita instructions and approved by Srimad-bhagavatam, why the

university will not give degree to a qualified person as approved brahmana. This is the necessity of the present day. In the days past, when Prthu Maharaja was the emperor, his government was inspecting to see whether a brahmana is acting actually as a brahmana, whether a ksatriya is acting as a ksatriya, and all the different castes were engaged in all their respective duties. At the present moment, even though one is qualified brahmana, he does not get sufficient opportunity to act as brahmana, and therefore he is obliged to accept the occupational duty of someone who is outside the brahminical post. But if we accept the principle of varna and asrama as they are recommended in the sastra, and if we push on the Krishna Consciousness movement, surely everyone will be engaged in his occupation and the question of unemployment will be finished. Therefore, I think if we propagate this movement on the principles of Bhagavad-gita, all the problems of the human society will be solved. I can do all this business if some leading men of India co-operate with me. When I was in Delhi, Nandaji met me and I spoke to him exactly as I am writing now, but he said that immediately, these things cannot be introduced. But, I think it can be introduced immediately without any loss of time, provided you are serious about it.

I am so pleased that you are ready to help me in spreading Krishna Consciousness in India. So, kindly decide it finally and immediately upon my return to India, maybe by the end of August, you meet me anywhere I am (of which I shall inform you duly). In the meantime, you can let me know what is the position of the Birla temple at Kurukshetra. What is the form of Deity being worshiped there? How the management is going on? Who is the chief Birla under whose direction the temple is being managed? My idea is that if this temple can be used for our movement,

bhten we do not need to construct a separate temple. If it is not possible to utilize this temple, then we can construct our own temple and for constructing temple and varna-asrama college, we shall require a big plot of land—at least 10-15 acres or more. Whether this plot of land is available through the government acquirement. So, these are the immediate questions which I place before you. Kindly let me know the answers as soon as possible.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

N.B. On May 18, 1975 we just opened a very large headquarters in Melbourne, Australia. The festival took place with great pomp and it was a great success. Many outsiders came and took part in the festival. I installed two very large, beautiful Deities, Gaura and Nitai in a very beautiful all-marble temple room. Things are going on very nicely in the western countries.

JUNE

75-6-1

Honolulu
3rd June, 1975

San Francisco

My dear Jayananda dasa,

Please accept my blessings. The book, 'Hare Krishna and the Counterculture' written by Professor Judah, the copy of which was presented to you was lying here at Honolulu temple. I have read it with great interest. Just to congratulate the Professor, I am enclosing herewith a letter to him. I do not know his address therefore I am sending it through you. I wish to present him also one copy of the book titled, 'Lord Caitanya in Five Features.' So, kindly immediately see him with my letter and the book and congratulate him on my behalf.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-6-2

Honolulu
3rd June, 1975

My dear Professor Stillson Judah,

Please accept my humble greeting and blessings of Lord Krishna. Since I have come to Honolulu from Melbourne, I got the opportunity to read your nice book "Hare Krishna and the Counterculture" with profound interest. I am also very much obliged to you as you have shown to me so much mercy, even by illustrating my photograph instead of your goodness. The presentation has been done just fit for read by all scholars and educationists. If

you so permit I can ask my assistants to publish some important extracts from your work in our magazine B.T.G. for benefit of all our readers. Besides that we can sell your book also along with our other books by arrangement. I don't know what is exactly your address and therefore I am dispatching this letter through my disciple Sriman Jayananda Adhikary. I shall be very glad to meet you again when I go to the mainland. You have taken so much pain for writing this book and I thank you very much again & again. May Lord Krishna bless you more & more.

Yours very sincerely

N. B. I take this opportunity to present you one chapter of my translation of Chaitanya Caritamrita under the caption *L. C. in Five Features*

75-6-3

Honolulu
3rd June, 1975

Hyderabad

My dear Mahamsa Swami,

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

registration with the Endowments dept., you can discuss this with Gopal Krishna.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

N.B. We're not going to be controlled by the endowment dept. That is not good. They are all worldly men. Why should we be controlled by them? If possible start a center in

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75-6-4

Honolulu

3rd June, 1975

Vrindavan

My dear Mr. Sharma,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 1-5-75 and have noted the contents. The best thing is if you continue to visit our temple regularly in Vrindavan at Raman Reti. The temple manager there is His Holiness Aksayananda Swami. Since I am overseas and cannot personally interview you, you please request Aksayananda Swami to recommend you to me for initiation, and then do the needful as he may suggest to you. By this process, it may be possible for you and your wife to be initiated as my disciples. We are very strict in the selection of disciples. We are not after large numbers. In order to be initiated by us, one has to chant at least 16 times around his jappa beads daily (the Hare Krishna maha-mantra), he has to follow strict rules such as: no meat, fish, eggs, no intoxication—including tea and cigarettes, no illicit sex, and no gambling.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-6-5

Honolulu

3rd June, 1975

Los Angeles

My dear Kṛṣṇa Vilasini devī dāśī,

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-6-6

Honolulu

4th June, 1975

Bombay

My dear Gopal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 26, 1975 and have noted the contents. It is a great credit that you have met with the Chief Minister and now he will give us all help. Why you did not apply immediately for the NOC? You should do it immediately, if you have not done so already.

Regarding Bangalore, I am not much interested in staying there. I have already got so many places to stay, but I cannot stay in any of them for more than a few days.

Why the guest house in Vrindavan is not yet organized? You have not even mentioned it in your report. That will pay for the maintenance budget if you simply organize it. You must do it immediately. Pranava and Dhananjaya together can organize it, or anyone else who may be able to do it, but it must be done. Why is there delay? Stop construction for the time being, and clear all of the debts.

Regarding Hong Kong, Bhurijana is in Melbourne and he is again ready to help there if he is needed. Yes, try to start a center in Malaysia. That Malaysian boy can help in this connection.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-6-7

Vrindavan

Honolulu

4th June, 1975

My dear Pranava,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 26, 1975 and have noted the contents. I agree to give Shri Ghanshyam das amount that you have mentioned, and he must donate the 25,000 rs. and he can be a patron member with his brother. But, why you are asking for so much? You do not need 1 1/4 lakhs. You only need 75,000 rs. Anyway the money can be paid by PNB upon my request, but first you make the sales agreement, then you take the owners' documents to our lawyer to make sure they are actually bonafide, and the lawyer will give a title certificate, if they are bonafide. Then you make the deed conveyance, and take it to the registration office for being registered. Then upon registration, at that time, you give the payment. Not before that time. So, by the time you have done all this, the money

will be ready for you. The land should be put in the name of International Society for Krishna Consciousness, Mayapur-Vrindavan Trust, Founder-Acarya A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

Why the guest house not yet started?

Please let me know about this.

ACBS/ps

75-6-8

Los Angeles

Honolulu

4th June, 1975

My dear Satsvarupa dasa Goswami,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 31, 1975 and have noted the contents. Thank you very much for working so hard to distribute my books in the Libraries. This is very much pleasing. You will make your whole country Krishna Conscious in this way. Regarding the book review booklet, it can be included in another small booklet which I have just told Ramesvar to print called 'The Hare Krishna Movement'. The Miami situation is a great discredit for us because we have made such a bad impression on the neighbors that they have had us kicked out. This is because of nasty management. Rupanuga was the GBC, and now you are, why it cannot be made clean? Avirama has proved his poor management, so he must be replaced. If you sell the old buildings and buy some land as proposed, it may be very nice. One thing is though, if the management continues to be so nasty, then that place will also be ruined. Management must be done very nicely otherwise it is useless. Regarding your staying in Houston, yes, but do not neglect your other business. Jagadisa can take over New Orleans management. Yes, you will be my GBC

travelling secretary in August.

Regarding, Bon Maharaja, I am actually authority accepted by authority. In the Caitanya Caritamṛta it is said, *kṛṣṇa sakti vīna nāhe nama pracar*. So, now the Hare Krishna movement is world known, and learned scholars, etc. give plaudits to me as Professor Judah has. So, then why I am not authority? Nobody says Bon Swami has done it, or Vivekananda, or any other swami. There are so many yogis and swamis coming, but nobody is giving credit to them, they are giving the credit to me. So, why I am not an authority? If Krishna accepts me as authority, then who can deny it? Besides that, in 1933, Bon was given the first chance to preach Lord Caitanya's movement in London. He remained there about four years and not a single person could be converted to become a vaiṣṇava and he was receiving regularly 700rs. per month for his expenditure, being supported by the whole Gaudiya Math institution, and still, as he could not do anything appreciable, he was called back by Guru Maharaja. Then where is his authority? Our authority comes from Parampara system. If the Guru was not satisfied with him and called him back, and since then, he gave up connection with Gaudiya Math and started his own institution, then how he becomes authority? And in spite of all these things, if he is still authority by his own imagination, then people should ask him what he has been doing for the last 40 years, about the objective of Gaudiya Vaisnavism. Even if he thinks that he has done, certainly he has not done better than me. Under the circumstances, accepting him as an authority, I am greater and better authority than him. So, all vaiṣṇavas are authorities to preach Krishna Consciousness, but still, there are degrees of authorities. On the whole, if his motive is to suppress me and that is why he has come here, how we can receive him? He has already given one Professor a wrong im-

pression. He may be treated as a guest, if he comes to our center, give him prasadam, honor him as an elder vaiṣṇava, but he cannot speak or lecture. If he wants to lecture, you can tell him that there is already another speaker scheduled. That's all.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-6-9

Honolulu

5th June, 1975

His Holiness, Sri Srimad
B. H. Bon Maharaja
c/o Joseph T. O'Connell
St. Michael's College
University of Toronto

My dear Sripad Bon Maharaja,

Please accept my humble dandavats. When I was in Vrindavan, I was informed that you were staying in New York, but I do not know what is your address. Now, I understand that you are staying with Professor Joseph T. O'Connell. So, I am addressing this letter to his care and I hope you will receive it.

One of my disciples informed me that you had been in our Toronto temple. Now, I invite you to come to Hawaii. The climate is very nice here and I wish that we may pass a few days together in this nice climate.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your obedient servant,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-6-10

Honolulu

5th June, 1975

New Orleans

My dear Nityananda dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 31, 1975

and have noted the contents. Thank you for the nice photos. Your Deities are very nice there. Regarding my coming there, we shall see lateron.

I have accepted Caron Dempsey for first initiation. Her name is Krsna-pujya devi dasi. Her beads can be chanted on by Satsvarupa Maharaja. Be sure that all of the devotees there are very carefully following all of the regulative principles and chanting 16 rounds daily and let them study the books deeply.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-6-11

Honolulu

6th June, 1975

My dear Madhudvisa Swami

Please accept my blessings. I am writing to find out what has happened with the Fiji affair. What has happened to the registration of the society in Fiji. When I left it was settled up that you would remain there until the completion, but I have not heard from you and I am anxious to know what is the situation there. Please inform me.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hkdb

75-6-12

Honolulu

8th June, 1975

N. V. Bhakta

Box 130, Nelola

Zambia, Africa

My dear Mr. Bhakta,

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 21-5-75 and have noted the contents. I can go to

Zambia at any time by my secretary's arrangement. So, Brahmananda Swami, my chief secretary, is coming to meet me in Los Angeles on the 20th of June, and then he can give you reply as to when I shall be coming to Zambia.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-6-13

Honolulu

8th June, 1975

Doc and Shari Dockstader

340 Manzanita Ave.

Boulder Creek, Ca. 95006

My dear Doc and Shari,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 29th, 1975 and have noted the contents. I am very pleased to know that you have accepted the Krishna Consciousness way of life. Please continue with determination to keep chanting 16 rounds daily and follow all of the regulative principles very strictly. Upon the recommendation of Revatinandana Swami, I have accepted you both as my initiated disciples and I have sent your names to Revatinandana Swami who can give them to you at the proper time at the initiation ceremony. Please continue your Krishna Conscious program with great faith and steadiness.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-6-14

Honolulu

8th June, 1975

Evanston, Illinois

My dear Gargamuni,

Please accept my blessings. I am in

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-6-15

Honolulu

8th June, 1975

Bhaktivedanta Manor

My dear Hansadutta,

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-6-16

Honolulu

8th June, 1975

Grant Hotel

Oakland, Calif.

My dear Mooljibhai Patel,

Please accept my greetings. Since a long time, I did not hear from you. Hope you are all doing well with your business and family affairs. Recently, we have pur-

chased one building at Berkley and the Deities, I have understood are being removed by the 1st of July. I understood also that the Gujarati Vaisnavas there are not happy on account of the temple being moved to Berkley. The San Francisco temple, not being situated in a nice quarter, they are trying to remove to somewhere else. Now they have got a Berkley temple. It is not my policy to close any temple, but if there is inconvenience, we change the place. If we can get another nice house in San Francisco in good quarters, we can immediately re-open another temple in San Francisco. Sriman Chit-sukhananda dasa adhikari is also enthusiastic in this connection, therefore, if your good self along with other Hindu Vaisnavas help us in this connection, it will be my pleasure to get another temple in San Francisco as soon as possible.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

75-6-17

Honolulu

8th June, 1975

Laguna Beach

My dear Rebatinandana Swami,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 29, 1975 and have noted the contents. Yes preach as much as possible. Preaching is our life. Travel, here and there, holding kirtan, distributing prasadam and books and speak our philosophy very nicely. I have accepted Doc and Shari for 1st initiation and their names are as follows: Dhar-madyaksa dasa and Sri Radha devi dasi. Make sure that they continue to follow the principles, chant 16 rounds and read

studiously and their spiritual advancement will be guaranteed.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-6-18

Honolulu

8th June, 1975

Evanston, Illinois

My dear Sri Govinda dasa,

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-6-19

Honolulu

8th June, 1975

Evanston, Illinois

My dear Sudama,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 2, 1975 and have noted the contents. Last

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-6-20

Honolulu

8th June, 1975

Dr. W.H. Wolf-Rottkay

12915 Venice Blvd., Apt. 37

L.A., Ca. 90066

My dear Dr. Wolf-Rottkay,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 1, 1975 along with your elaboration of the word LIFE. It is very interesting. Regarding your question at the end, yes, the soul is eternal and it is transmigrating from one body to another. Therefore the body is undergoing evolution, not the soul. Just like if I come to the USA from India, I have to change my residence. I personally do not have to change, but my residence changes. So, the soul travels from one body to another and always remains the same. I shall be looking forward to your elaboration of the word MATTER.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-6-21

Honolulu
9th June, 1975

New Vrindavan

My dear Kirtanananda Swami,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 6, 1975 and have noted the contents. Your report is very nice. It is wonderful to hear that you are distributing 1000 magazines and collecting \$1,000 daily. Now, you have plenty of money, milk, fruits, flowers, grains, everything, and you are living in the jungle. What more could you want? I may be coming there immediately after the Philadelphia Rathayatra, and I shall stay until after Janmastami.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-6-22

Honolulu
9th June, 1975

Denver

My dear Kurusrestha dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 5, 1975 and have noted the contents. I am very very pleased with your report about how things are going there. This is very encouraging news. Yes, I will come there. I am leaving Honolulu for L.A. on the 20th of June, and on the 27th of June, I shall come to Denver for 6 or 7 days stay on my way to Chicago temple. Make sure all of the devotees there are working very sincerely, following all of the rules and regulations, chanting 16 rounds, and reading every day, and everything will be successful.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-6-23

Honolulu
9th June, 1975

Los Angeles

My dear Satsvarupa Maharaja,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letters dated May 9, June 5, June 6, 1975 and have noted the contents. So, work very nicely to encourage Avirama and the others to very enthusiastically carry on our program there in Miami, even though there may be so many difficulties. I will be coming to Denver temple on the 27th, of June approximately, from L.A. on my way to Chicago. I can stay in Denver 6 or 7 days.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-6-24

Honolulu
10th June, 1975Sree Chaitanya Gaudiya Math
Puri

My dear Ananga Mahan dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 31-5-75 and have noted the contents. I am returning to Vrindavan by October. At that time, you please see me, and we shall talk about your program.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-6-25

Honolulu
10th June, 1975

Calcutta

My dear Bhagavat dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 28,

1975 and have noted the contents. I am very glad to hear that things are going on very nicely there. Keep on working with this nice enthusiasm and carefully observing all the rules and regulations, chanting, reading, —in this way, you will always be a success. Regarding Nandulala, Guru Krpa Maharaja wanted her to go to Japan and collect for some time there and then afterwards, if she likes, she may come again to Calcutta.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-6-26

Honolulu

10th June, 1975

San Francisco

My dear Brhat-samu dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 6-7-75 and have noted the contents. Thank you for the pecans. I shall be coming to L.A. on the 20th of June for one week and then I shall go to Denver for one week. You can see me in L.A., if you like. Please continue to follow all of the rules and regulations carefully, and chant or read always.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-6-27

Honolulu

10th June, 1975

Kealakekua, Hawaii

My dear Brsni dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 6, 1975 and have noted the contents. I shall

be very glad if you come and visit me in Honolulu at our temple at 51 Coelho Way. When you come to see me, we can talk over all these things. I shall be leaving Honolulu for L.A. on June 20th, 1975.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-6-28

Honolulu

10th June, 1975

Nairobi

My dear Chaityaguru dasa,

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

Will you kindly let me know what Guru Nanakji has said about Lord Krishna and Lord Rama in his Granth Sahib? How we can cooperate with the sikh community?

ACBS/ps

75-6-29

Honolulu
10th June, 1975Radha Krishan Dhawan
Concord Housing Society
1st Plot—10th N.S. Rd.
Juhu Scheme, Bombay-58

My dear Radha Krishna Dhawan,

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated April 29, 1975 and have noted the contents. Yes, we are trying to set a perfect example according to the Bhagavad-gita as it is, how to execute simple living and high thinking. We are not interested in any material comforts of life which are limited and temporary. We are interested in solving the real problems of life, birth, death, old-age, and disease. These problems must be solved, and Krishna gives the formula in the Bhagavad-gita. So, we are preaching that simple formula given by Krishna, and people are trying it and finding real happiness in life, therefore the Hare Krishna movement is an undeniable success. Everyone is accepting. I am very glad that you are also accepting. Please visit our temple there in Juhu as much as possible, and try to read our books. We have many books, about 50 400 pages long each, as well as many smaller ones. Study this movement carefully and you will find it very rewarding.

I hope this meets you and your good wife in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/ps

75-6-30

Honolulu
10th June, 1975

Dallas

My dear Jagadisa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 5,

1975 and have noted the contents. Yes, when you go to the court in Mexico, show them a copy of Professor Stillson Judah's book, "Hare Krishna and the Counterculture", and a copy of the letter from him to me which I have enclosed. Our movement is a genuine movement and we are being accepted as such by the higher educational circles all over the world.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/ps

75-6-31

Honolulu
10th June, 1975Sudhindra Kishore Roy
Govt. of India Overseas
Communications Service
International Telegraph Office
Poddar Court, Calcutta 1
INDIA

My dear Sudhindra Kishore Roy,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 21-4-75 and have noted the contents. Please continue to visit our temple in Calcutta as often as possible. I cannot very well understand what your letter says due to typing errors and spelling and grammar. But even if there may be some problems, always try to remain in Krishna Consciousness. Do not give up chanting the Hare Krishna mantra simply due to some external difficulties. Under all circumstance you should always chant Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare. This will protect you from all danger of being influenced by Maya or the material energy.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/ps

75-6-32

Honolulu
10th June, 1975

Alexandria, Australia

My dear Sanatan dasa,

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-6-33

Honolulu
10th June, 1975

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

My dear Mr. Van den Tak,

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

Corner Wrights Rd. and Drummoyne
Ave., Drummoyne N.S.W.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-6-34

Honolulu
10th June, 1975

New Delhi

My dear Tejyas dasa,

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-6-35

Honolulu
10th June, 1975

Auckland

My dear Tusta Krishna Swami,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 6, 1975 and have noted the contents. I accept Kerry Welsh for 1st initiation. His name is Krodhāhā dāsa. You can give him the name at his ceremony. Keep on preaching. Preaching is our life. Introduce our books, then everyone can understand, if he has

good brain. I shall be leaving Hawaii on the 20th of June for LA.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-6-36

Honolulu

10th June, 1975

Jennifer Wayne Woodward

3081 16th St. #201

San Francisco, CA. 94103

My dear Jennifer,

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 6, 1975 and have noted the contents. First of all, you decide whether you are female or male, then be one or the other. Then, you may enter our temple any time you like. But sometimes man and sometimes woman, that is not proper. Such awkward thing cannot be allowed. It will be disturbing to others. Anyway, continue to chant Hare Krishna as much as possible.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-6-37

Honolulu

11th June, 1975

Professor Stillson Judah

Graduate Theological Union Library

2451 Ridge Rd., Berkeley, CA. 94709

My dear Professor Stillson Judah,

Please accept my greetings. Your kind letter dated June 6, 1975 in hand, I thank you very much for this. The chapter 5 of Caitanya-caritamṛta is already dispatched

yesterday by post. It is my great delight that you have realized how Krishna Consciousness has transformed lives from drug addicted hippies to loving servants of Krishna and humanity. Loving service of Krishna is so exalted, that it automatically turns loving service to humanity. Krishna is just like the root of the tree and if you pour water on the root, it automatically reaches other parts of the tree. It is said in the Srimad-bhagavatam, *yasyasta bhakti bhagavati akincana sarvai gunai statra sama sate surah harau abhaktasya kuto mahad-guna manorathena asata dhavato bahi*. If a person has unflinching devotion at the lotus feet of Hari (God), then all the good qualities of great personalities like the demigods, automatically becomes manifest in the person of a devotee. Whereas a non-devotee, even he is decorated with material qualities, he is forced to act on the material plane and he stays in temporary field of activities. The idea is that spirit-soul is eternal and the material body is temporary, or for the sake of sense gratification. The mental plane is also material. People being forced to stay on the material platform, they are planning for temporary happiness, and being frustrated, they are jumping from one platform to another which are all temporary. But, fortunately, if one becomes situated on the platform of Krishna Consciousness, then his jumping over material platforms becomes ceased. It is confirmed in the Bhagavad-gita as follows: *yam labdhva caparam labham manyate nadhikam tatah*—Upon gaining this, he thinks that there is no greater gain. So, at the present moment, there is great necessity to give to the human society Krishna, or God. Everyone speaks of God, but nobody has clear idea what is God, or where is God. We Hare Krishna people are trying to do our best to say, "here is God, Krishna" So, please try to co-operate with this movement and I am sure the world will be

happy. I am coming to Los Angeles on the 20th of June, and more when we meet.

Yours very sincerely,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/ps

75-6-38 Honolulu
12th June, 1975
Cleveland

My dear Batu Gopala dasa,

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

I hope this meets you in good health.
Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/ps

75-6-39 Honolulu
12th June, 1975
Los Angeles

My dear Jagannatha-suta dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 10, 1975 and have noted the contents. I have received the new BTG magazine. It is very nice issue. Having the Indian Rathayatra on the cover and the American one on the inside makes a good contrast.

I hope this meets you in good health.
Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/ps

75-6-40 Honolulu
13th June, 1975

Mr. Ogata
Int. Sales Manager
Dai Nippon
Tokyo, Japan

My dear Mr. Ogata,

Please accept my greetings. By experience, we gather that Japanese ladies and gentlemen are very much interested with our Krishna Consciousness movement, especially with our literature, and more specifically with Srimad-bhagavatam. Here in Hawaii, many Japanese gentlemen, they purchase Srimad-bhagavatam simply by hearing the name, but they have got the language difficulty—they don't know English. So, if our books were translated into Japanese language, it will be a great help to us and to you also because it will be another opportunity for printing books. So, why not give us a good translator who can regularly translate all our books into Japanese? This will be another enterprise for printing in your press. So, if you can arrange for this with a Japanese scholar, or if you take this responsibility, then it will give me great pleasure.

I hope this meets you in good health.
Yours very sincerely,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/ps

75-6-41 Honolulu
14th June, 1975
New Vrindavan

My dear Damodara Pandita dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your note dated June 12, 1975 and have received the check for 500 dollars. You can thank Kirtanananda

Swami for me since he has given the donation. I will be seeing you all there in New Vrindavan after I visit the Rathayatra festivals and some other temples here in America.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-6-42

Honolulu
14th June, 1975

Calcutta

My dear Dinanatha,

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

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

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

After leaving India, I went to Australia and there we have constructed a very nice temple of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, Radha-Krishna, and Lord Jagannatha at Melbourne. This movement is being highly appreciated by the higher educated

circle. One professor in Berkly, California University has written one big book in favor of this movement, "Hare Krishna and the Counterculture"

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

There is a great need of the Krishna Consciousness movement all over the world. If educated persons like you take active interest in this movement, and preach the cult for the benefit of the mass of people, that is the success of life.

You will find on the 2nd page of the enclosed magazine, a list of our important centers all over the world. In big cities like London, Chicago, New York, Paris, Rome, Geneva, Tokyo, Toronto, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and in India, Vrindavan, Navadvipa, Bombay, Calcutta, Hyderabad, etc. I wish that you may retire from family life and live in one of our so many centers wherever you like, and preach the cult of Krishna Consciousness. That will make your life successful.

Because you are my very intimate friend, from college life, I take this opportunity to give you a suggestion, and I shall be glad to hear from you.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Yours very sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-6-43

Honolulu

15th June, 1975

Johannesburg, South Africa

My dear Pusta Krishna Swami,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 11, 1975 and have noted the contents. I am prepared to come to South Africa by the middle of July. I can come there from Brazil. We shall need at least one visa for Wayne Gunderson (Upendra) and if possible, one for Robert Campagnola (Hari-kesa). Please arrange for that.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

N.B. One travel agent in New Delhi has told us that two of her clients (American) were going to Johannesburg with visa, sufficient funds onward ticket, passport, etc., and due to some change all of the sudden in the Government, they were thrown into jail, and the next day, they were sent, at their own expense out of the country. The travel agent said that it could be even more severe for an Indian citizen, so, if there is any risk, it is not a very good idea. So, you should find out if there any risk at all and then let me know at my Los Angeles address. ACBS

ACBS/ps

75-6-44

Honolulu

16th June, 1975

San Jose, Costa Rica

My dear Narayana dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 10, 1975 and have noted the contents. Regarding your report on Hanuman, I am forwarding your letter to Hrdayananda Goswami who can present this problem to the GBC for their solution.

I have accepted Saunaka dasa for 2nd

initiation. His thread and mantra sheet are enclosed. Let him hear the tape of myself chanting the gayatri mantra through his right ear.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-6-45

Honolulu

16th June, 1975

Dallas

My dear Yadunandan dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 12, 1975 and have noted the contents. Now, everything has been rectified. That is good. Please continue executing your Krishna Conscious activities, strictly following all of the rules and regulations carefully. Always remain engaged in the service of Krishna and you will be sublime.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-6-46

Honolulu

17th June, 1975

San Francisco

My dear Bhakta, Jayananda, and Bahulasva,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letters dated June 13th and 15th, 1975 and have noted the contents. It sounds like things are going very nicely there. I will come for Rathayatra festival and then I shall see the new building also. The photos were very nice. Regarding the sannyasis convincing men within the temple that they should leave and go with them on their parties, that is

not at all good. I have never approved of this action. You can tell them. Everyone is concocting something of their own. It must be checked. The sannyasis should work with what men they have got and they cannot secretly convince men in the temples to leave their duties. Those duties also must be done and they are just as important as any other service.

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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

ACBS/ps

75-6-47

Honolulu

17th June, 1975

Cleveland

My dear Batu Gopala,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 8th, 1975 and have noted the contents. I accept the persons you have recommended for initiation (first). Their names are as follows, Bill—Bhāma dāsa, Brenda—Brahma-vādinī devī dāsī, Michael—Mahāna dāsa. Their beads may be chanted by Kirtanananda Swami. Also, I have accepted Divyangana dasa for 2nd initiation. His thread and mantra sheet are enclosed herein. Let him hear the tape of myself

chanting gayatri mantra through his right ear.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-6-48

Honolulu

17th June, 1975

Charlotte, N.C.

My dear Gadi dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 13, 1975 and have noted the contents. Thank you for the \$20 donation. Thank you for helping me in this preaching work. Make sure that you preach nicely and at the same time follow the example of perfect behavior given by your spiritual master and the previous acaryas and confirmed in the scriptures. Always remain fixed in the service of Krishna and you will be untouched by Maya.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-6-49

Honolulu

17th June, 1975

Melbourne

My dear Madhuvisa Swami,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 11, 1975 and have noted the contents. Regarding Ratha-yatra, we shall chose the most favorable time to hold our celebration. If for our preaching, it is going to be more beneficial to hold it in September,

then you may do so.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

N. B. I am awaiting your report.

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75-6-50

Honolulu
17th June, 1975

Beatrice Matusow

4542 Lehus St.

Kapaa, Kauai, Hi. 96746

My dear Mrs. Matusow,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 2, and have noted the contents. Regarding your idea, I think it will be best, if the next time you come to Honolulu, you come to our center here and discuss this proposal to the temple president named Manasvi dasa. Then some decision can be made.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-6-51

Honolulu
18th June, 1975

Durgesh Patel

105 Park Ave.

Southall, Midd'x, U.K.

My dear Durgesh,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 10/6/75 and have noted the contents. Please keep yourself saved by chanting 16 rounds daily and following the regulative principles, and reading books. For the time being, stay with your parents until you are of proper age to be independant. Raghunatha dasa Goswami was also restricted by his parents, but ultimately he joined Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's movement and

became one of the six Goswamis of Vrindavan. So, do not be discouraged, rather feel fortunate that at such a young age you are able to practise Krishna Consciousness.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-6-52

Honolulu
18th June, 1975

Tehran

My dear Karandhara,

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

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

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-6-53

Honolulu

18th June, 1975

Vrindavan

My dear Dhananjaya and Aksayananda Swami,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 7th June, 1975 and have noted the contents. You can go on offering ten plates. In the Radha-Damodara temple, the offer Bhoga to the Six Goswamis. Offer ten full plates, 8 puris, 2 kachoris, 2 samosas, varieties of sweets (2 each), and varieties of vegetables. Make many palatable things such as Jhuri, Dhal-mot, Jalebis, Rauta and many other nice dishes. You can keep a nice stock of these things, so that when a big man comes you can give him a nice plate of free prasad. In this way, our temple will become very popular, because everyone will know that if they come to our temple, they will receive very nice prasad. For the other guests, continue to sell the prasad daily. This is very nice program. Make all the prasadam very first class.

Regarding Tulasi devi in the courtyard: For the time being, put one stone pot in each corner and when I come there I shall see if any other thing is to be done in that connection.

In Delhi, the Home Member, Mr. Brahmananda Reddi, has promised me that 50 of our members will be allowed to

stay as permanent residents. He said it may take a little time to arrange, but Tejyas can see him.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

What Pranava is doing about the land?

ACBS/ps

75-6-54

Honolulu

18th June, 1975

Dr. W.H. Wolf-Rottkay
12915 Venice Blvd., Apt. 37
L.A., Ca. 90066

My dear Dr. Wolf-Rottkay,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 14, 1975 and have noted the contents. Biological evolution is taking place on account of the soul's desire. It takes place because of infection. If a man has small-pox virus, then he is subjected to small-pox. It is not that everyone is infected and everyone is attacked with Small-pox Disease. Only the person who is infected, he is attacked.

In this connection Krishna says in the Bhagavad Gita, *puruṣaḥ prakṛti-stho hi bhunkte prakṛti-jān guṇān kārṇam guṇa saṅgo'sya sad-asad-yoni-janmasu.* (13/22). Purusa means the living entity, or the soul. He is subjected to be infected by the modes of material nature. There are 3 modes of material nature, *sattva-guna*, *raja-guna*, *tama-guna*. And when they are mixed up, they become $3 \times 3 = 9$, and $9 \times 9 = 81$, and in each quality, there are millions of forms. Therefore the total number of forms is 8,400,000.

So, the diseases are there and the

forms of disease are also there. Material form means diseased form. Therefore, one has to change this form—death. And he carries with him the infection and he develops another disease. In this way, the soul although part and parcel of God in diseased condition, they are forced to change body. That is transmigration of the soul from one body to another.

To be more clear, the disease is there. Just as the Small-pox disease is there. One has to become diseased, being infected. Similarly, the forms of the body are there. One has to infect the form and it develops. *kāraṇam guṇa saṅgo'sya sad-asad-yoni-janmasu*. Because he is infecting different diseased forms, therefore he is developing different forms of body. There is no such case of Small-pox changing into Malaria. Small-pox is Small-pox, and Malaria is Malaria. By the desire of the living entity, he becomes infected with a certain disease or body. Krishna Consciousness is the vaccine for all the diseases (different forms of material bodies).

Krishna says, *mām ca yo'vyabhi-cārena bhakti-yogena sevate sa gunān samatītyaitān brahma-bhūyāya kalpate*. (BG/14/26). Brahma-bhuyaya is the immune stage or Krishna Conscious stage when one is always fixed in Krishna. When one reaches this perfectional stage he no longer has to accept these different types of diseases, or bodies.

Regarding the German translation work, if you feel difficulty because there is no good scholar there in Germany in our temple, then do whatever you can. Do not feel pressured. Whatever you can do is very much appreciated by me.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-6-55

Honolulu

19th June, 1975

W.D. Currier, M.D., INC.
960 East Green St., Suite 209
Pasadena, California 91106

My dear Dr. Currier,

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your kind letter dated June 16, 1975 and have noted the contents. If you are willing to offer your medical services to my students, when it is required, that will be very nice. It is important to keep the body fit and healthy so that we will not meet the obstacle of ill health while serving Krishna. Ill health may hinder one's service, so, we want to avoid it as much as possible. Enclosed herein is the question sheet sent by you, duly filled out by me for your information and signed by me. Thank you.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-6-56

Honolulu

19th June, 1975

Brooklyn

My dear Gopijanaballava dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 16, 1975 and have noted the contents. I accept the devotees that you have recommended for 1st initiation. Their names are as follows: Nick—Nandakī, David—Durjaya, Frank—Pharṇeśvara dasa, Jimmy—Jitamanyu, Joe—Jāra-saṅgha, Kurt—Keśihā, Luis—Lokasvāmī, Wilfred—Vidisā, Linda—Lakṣmīrīmanjanā, Judy—Jaganmātā, Merylee—Mūrti-vandya. Their beads may be chanted on by Kirtanananda Swami. I have also accepted Bhakti-vinode, Pankajanabha, Preraka, Vipra-mukhya, Agnideva, Urmila for 2nd initia-

tion. Their threads and mantra sheet enclosed herein. Let them hear the tape of myself chanting the Gayatri mantra through their right ear.

Please train our boys and girls to follow the principles very strictly. They must chant 16 rounds daily, follow the 4 principles, read our books very carefully, and always be engaged in the transcendental loving service of Lord Krishna. These things will give them real spiritual strength and their lives will be perfected.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-6-57

Honolulu

19th June, 1975

Hawaii

My dear Taitreya,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter and check for \$1,000 and I thank you very much for this contribution. So, fortunately you have got a very good husband, and you are also a very good wife. So, live co-operatively and help him in writing essays which he has done very nicely. In this way, both of you will be happy and successful in life.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ps

75-6-58

Los Angeles

21st June, 1975

Bombay

My Dear Gopal Krishna das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 14, 1975 with enclosure hand delivered by

Palika dasi, and I have noted the contents carefully. Yes, I have received your letter dated May 26, 1975. So it is good that you are meeting with the Government officials and they are taking interest. Yes, you arrange for a big festival in Bombay and get them to come. That will be very nice, but not exactly on Gour Purnima as we will be in Mayapur, but afterwards.

Why are speaking of a loan for Bombay construction when you have already taken two lakhs from the Book Fund? What do you mean that you want another loan? Why are you again asking for a loan? Why is Girirāja not writing?

Regarding the Vrindaban Gurukula land, yes, I shall arrange to pay. Don't worry. I have already told Pranava. The money will be paid. This I have already said. Complete the negotiations and the money shall come. All instructions have already been given.

Regarding the maintenance for Vrindaban, that must come from Tejiyas in Delhi. Whatever he is sending, that you must use. If he can send only Rs. 7,000/—, then you should maintain with that. Rs. 7,000/- per month is no joke. Are other temples spending like that, Rs. 18,000/— per month? I do not like that Madras should pay for Vrindaban maintenance. Neither should Akshayananda Swami go out of Vrindaban on a collecting party. His business is to remain there and organize the temple program. I have heard reports that Dhananjaya is not following the schedule. So Akshayananda Swami must be there if Dhananjaya is not so expert. Also, the guest house should be organized to make income. Why have we invested so much money in the guest house? Please organize this.

Regarding your making Jashomatindan das BBT administrator, I have no objection, but I think he can be better engaged in printing work. Actually he has no business experience. Of course he may

be trained up, but in the meantime he should not be in charge. I have given him charge of the publishing work, but what is he doing? Better not to change. Yes, the accounts must be kept very carefully. The book inventory must be recorded, and what is collected and what is spent must be there.

One thing I want is for the book sales to be organized there in India. There are many English books selling there on the market, and there are many English publishing houses. So why it cannot be organized? Even if our own men cannot do the selling, we can hire some agents to do it. Our books are very much appreciated in India, and the people will purchase. Even the clerks they can purchase the small books. We have so many small books. This kind of preaching work is very important. The people must be given some impression of our philosophy.

Regarding the food distribution program, you spend whatever is collected. Why are you asking me?

Regarding Vrindaban construction, you may have all of the creditors submit their final bills and together with the accountant you check them vigilantly and make a full settlement. Then conveniently we shall see how the further work will be done. Now I am very much doubtful. I think there has been some cheating.

It is my habit to see that money is not being squandered. If money is spent unnecessarily, I feel very badly. You are all collecting with great effort, and I do not like to see it spoilt. I am thinking that Guru Kripa's collectins may be used for book publishing only. He can print books there in Japan and send you for selling in India. From these sales, you can spend 50% on construction and 50% on Hindi publishing. And anyone who can manage such an organization, he can manage the BBT. But one must do it. It is simply a matter of organization. We can send you unlimited

number of books. You simply have to apply your brain how to sell them. Then you will have plenty of money. This my mission you know started when I came alone to your country by selling my books, and still whatever money we are getting it is coming from the book selling. So it is already proven how important the bookselling is.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

75-6-59

Los Angeles

21st June, 1975

Tokyo

My Dear Guru Kripa Swami:

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

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-6-60

Los Angeles
21st June, 1975

New Vrindaban

My Dear Purnima das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 19, 1975, and I thank you very much for it. I am glad that you are very serious about Krishna consciousness even at such a young age. This is the instruction of Prahlād Maharaj who was a young boy like yourself. He said that now is the time to become Krishna conscious no matter what is one's age. We may die at any moment. There is no guarantee. So you please stick to this line you have taken and chant Hare Krishna every day without fail. You will be very happy, and I shall pray to Krishna for your advancement.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-6-61

Los Angeles
23rd June, 1975

Dallas

My Dear Laxmimoni devi:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 21, 1975 with enclosed photo. Generally it is not good for the women with babies to worship the Deity, because a baby means uncleanness. You have to touch the baby and there is so many dirtiness, so how can you remain sanctified? But if you are doing it nicely, then it is okay. But, if you have to take care of the baby, then it is not good.

Why is Nandarani not taking care of the Deity?

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-6-62

Los Angeles
23rd June, 1975

Los Angeles

My Dear Mahajan das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 21, 1975 and have noted the contents. As far as this matter is concerned, it is my desire that you consult your local Governing Body Commissioner Jayatirtha das. Now I am desiring more and more to have time for translating my books, not that I have to become involved in every question. For this reason I have installed the GBC. Now I have given the guideline that 50% of a householder's income should be donated to the temple. If there is any disagreement, it may be taken up with Jayatirtha.

I hope this meets you and your family in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-6-63

Los Angeles
23rd June, 1975

Atlanta

My Dear Svarupa Damodara dasa:

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

As you say you are thinking of retiring from the university, yes, as you are not a family man, you can do it for better service to the Lord. Regarding Manipur, you said that there is a Govinda temple there and that they are willing to hand over the

management. I think somebody came to see me in India about it, but I don't exactly remember the name. The best thing will be for you to retire and take charge of such a noble project.

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

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

Those who are not sober cannot understand how the spirit soul is changing from one body to another. Krsna therefore says

that this change of body can be appreciated only by the *dhiras*. *dhiras tatra na muhyati*. While those who are not *dhiras* cannot understand how the soul is changing from one body to another. There are two kind of men, *dhira* and *adhira*. The modern education is producing only the *adhira* class who are neither sober or educated. Therefore the majority of the population cannot understand how the soul is transmigrating from one body to another. They are only interested in wine and woman under the impression of the bodily concept of life. Therefore out of so many scientists in this country only you and the few others are understanding the importance of this subject matter. *manusyanam sahasresu*. So please work very hard, following our rules and regulations and you will always remain in the fire of Krsna consciousness.

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

75-6-64

Los Angeles
24th June, 1975

Vrindaban

My Dear Pranava das:

Please accept my blessings. How is that there is no news from you about the land? I expected to receive news through Nitai, but there is no news. Please see to this matter as I have requested you in my previous letter, the copy of which is enclosed.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-6-65

Los Angeles
24th June, 1975

Nairobi

My Dear Sanat Kumar, Daniel,
and Yudhistira:

Please accept my blessings. You have been recommended for initiation by Brahmananda Swami and Chayavana Swami, and I am pleased to accept you as my initiated disciples. They have given me a very nice report of your activities and I am glad to know that the government authorities are taking interest in our movement. It is a good sign. So you go on with your preaching and be very careful to follow the rules and regulations, chanting 16 rounds daily and abstaining from eating animal flesh, intoxicants, gambling, and illicit sex.

Your names are Sanat Kumar—Sarva vit dasa; Daniel—Danda dasa; Yudhistira—Yogīśa dasa.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/bs

75-6-66

Denver
27th June, 1974

Hyderabad

My Dear Achyutananda Swami:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 5, 1975 and have noted the contents. Regarding the question of New Vrindaban that should be referred to Kirtanananda Swami who can deal with it directly.

I am glad to hear that your Bangalore program was a success. Your question of how did Sukdev Goswami hear Srimad Bhagwatam, it was in the womb of his mother.

I hope this meets you in good health.
Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/bs

75-6-67

Denver
27th June, 1975

Paris

My Dear Bhagavan das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 20, 1975 and also the French Gita blues prints. Is that the paper that it will be printed on. This paper is very nice. I have also seen the Spanish literature you have published. Why you do not use the literature they are publishing for South America?

Your qualification is that you can live amicably with anyone. Even if one is an offender to you, you do not become agitated. This is a Vaishnava qualification. I am glad to hear of the improvements of Amsterdam temple. That you are now getting so many more people for the feast program means that the management is very much improved.

Yes, I am looking forward to coming to France to see the castle.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/bs

75-6-68

Denver
27th June, 1975

Sao Paulo, Brazil

My Dear Hridayananda Swami:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 9, 1975 with the enclosed books in Portuguese. It is very nice, and I am glad to learn that our movement is being nicely received there.

So I am prepared to come to South America, but the Venezuela Consulate in Los Angeles informs that they have government order not to give me visa. What is the meaning? You can try to arrange programs in Panama, Trinidad, and Guyana, so I can get down there on my way to Brazil. But, if there is any difficulty in getting the visa for these countries, then we may suspend the program. I do not want to take any risk, just like in Nairobi I was refused entry and it was a great inconvenience. This is not good for me.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-6-69

Denver

27th June, 1975

Nairobi

My Dear Jnana das and Lilavati dasi:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 16, 1975 hand delivered by Brahmananda Swami. So now that you are married you work together to spread Krsna consciousness. Marriage means that one's service becomes doubled, but at the same time we have to be very careful not to fall into sense gratification. That tendency is there, and we have to be always vigilant. Best thing is to chant carefully our 16 rounds on the beads and always think of Krsna.

Brahmananda Swami has given me a good report of the African program, so you two as man and wife make our movement solid there. This I want.

I hope this meets you both in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-6-70

Denver

27th June, 1975

Philadelphia

My Dear Rabindra Svarupa das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 22, 1975 with enclosed clipping. It is a very important article. The magistrate has given a very good judgement in our favor and a very good certificate that this is bonafide religion. I have given the clipping for publishing in our "Back to Godhead" magazine.

Yes, I am coming to your city on Friday morning July 11, 1975 from Chicago. I look forward to meeting the professors. July 15 is all right, as I may be going to San Francisco on Wednesday, July 16.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-6-71

Denver

27th June, 1975

Laguna Beach

My Dear Rsavdeva dasa:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 22, 1975 and have noted the contents. I am accepting the following for second initiation as twice born brahmin and their threads are enclosed duly sanctified: Anatacharya das, Gupta das, and Rasatoonga dasi.

I also accept the following as my disciples and their spiritual names are as follows: Aurthur Davis—Arka dasa; Ken Kilmer—Kumunda dasa; Kim Kilmer—Kundara dasa; Racy Niciu—Rucirangada dasa; Robert Queen—Rama Sriyah dasa; Russel Noles—Radhapati dasa.

Please see that they are all chanting 16 rounds on their beads and following the rules and regulations. We have to become

very strict in this matter. To go back home, back to Godhead is not an easy thing. It requires great discipline of body and mind, and performance of pure devotional service.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-6-72

Denver

28th June, 1975

Bombay

My Dear Gopal Krishna das:

Please accept my blessings. I am sending you one copy of a letter to PNB so the bank will pay up to 1 lakh of Rupees. So now complete the negotiation. The bank will guarantee payment. Why you are not completing the negotiation? Pranava is silent. He did not send any message with Nitai so I do not think that he is able to negotiate. If it is ready, then settle up. The money is there in the bank.

I have also given Giriraj 2 lakhs of Rupees but I have not heard anything from him. How has it been spent?*

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

*Please ask him to write and report

75-6-73

Denver

28th June, 1975

Mayapur

My Dear Jayapataka Swami:

Please accept my blessings. I have not received any report from you. I gave you 1 1/2 lakhs of Rupees, and I want to know what you have done with it. How have you spent it, and what is the progress.

Gargamuni Swami is collecting for

Mayapur. Is he sending you any money? How is the money being utilized?

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-6-74

Denver

28th June, 1975

Winnipeg, Canada

My Dear Nandikesvara das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 17, 1975 and thank you for the nice report. You are enthusiastic for spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness. This is the most important quality. Please continue.

I am accepting the following as twice born brahmins and their threads duly sanctified are enclosed: Duryodhana guru dasa and his wife Vṛndadevi dasi, and hold a fire sacrifice and impress upon them that they are taking vows before Rādhā Kṛṣṇa, the spiritual master, and the assembled Vaiṣṇavas.

I also accept the following as my initiated disciple: Sandra Fohr—Sāṅga devī dasi. Please see that she carefully follows the regulative principles.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-6-75

Dever

28th June, 1975

Punjab National Bank

Vṛndaban Branch

Vṛndaban, Dist. Mathura

U.P. INDIA

Att: The Manager

Dear Sir:

Re: A/c No. 668 Vṛndaban Con-

struction Fund Fixed Deposit for Rs. 3,14,557.36 Date of Maturity 21/6/75

Regarding the above mentioned C.D. which matured on June 21, 1975, out of this 1 lakh of Rupees may be kept with you, and the balance should be renewed for Fixed Deposit for 3 (three) months.

The 1 lakh of Rupees may be kept in your custody, and you issue a letter of credit in favor of Sri Ghanshyam das Agarawal of Murzaffar Nagar stating that on completion of the negotiation of selling his land to Mayapur-Vrindaban Trust he will get up to 1 lakh of Rupees when the conveyance deed is registered before the Registrar.

Thanking you.

Faithfully yours,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-6-76

Denver

28th June, 1975

Los Angeles

My Dear Tulsi das:

Please accept my blessings. I have

received your request for initiations and I accept the following as my disciples and their spiritual names are as follows: Robin West—Rathāgrāhi dasa; David Moore—Diśa dasa; and Dorrie Winham—Dharmada devi dasa.

I also accept the following as twice born brahmins and their threads are enclosed duly sanctified: Chitraka dasa, Ameyatma dasa, Gurutama dasa, Urjasvat dasa, Padmahara dasi, Manya dasa, Parvata Muni dasa, Nikunjvasini dasi, Krsna Lauliya dasi, Chaitanya Simha dasa, and Racitambara dasi.

Now hold a fire sacrifice and impress upon them that they are taking vows before Radha Krsna, the spiritual master and the assembled Vaishnavas. It is a serious business.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

JULY

75-7-1

Berkeley
1st July, 1975

Calcutta

My Dear Bhagwat das:

Please accept my blessings. Enclosed please find a copy of a letter addressed to the Central Bank of India, Camao Street Branch dated June 2, 1975. I have not received any reply from them. Will you please personally go to the bank and take their reply or any other information regarding the subject matter and let me know definitely at the above address in Berkeley.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

N.B. Round about our temple there are many apartment houses constructed. Will you enquire about an apartment not less than three rooms and up to four rooms and find out what is the price and what are the terms.

ACBS/bs

75-7-2

Evanston, Illinois
1st July, 1975

Sao Paulo, Brazil

My Dear Hridayananda Swami:

Please accept my blessings. With regard to your letter dated June 9, 1975, upon your request I am accepting the following as my initiated disciples: Joca—Yajni dasa; Claudio—Caturmurti das; Bosco—Bhamaka dasa; Lucio—Loka-saksi dasa; Marcio—Maha kala dasa; Julio—Jagad bharta dasa; Flavio—Viro-

cana dasa; and Bernadech—Bhuta mata dasi; Lucia—Raga bhumi devi; Marcia—Maha yogisvari dasi.

Please see that all these new devotees from Brazil are strictly following the regulative principles and chanting 16 rounds minimum daily.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/bs

75-7-3

Denver
1st July, 1975

Mr. Morris Lapidus
439 Henry St.
Brooklyn, New York 11231

Dear Mr. Lapidus:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 21, 1975. Actually we are not fond of having businesses. Although for spreading Krsna consciousness we can use millions of dollars, yet we do not like to employ many of our men at great endeavor in the competitive business world. In order to manufacture and market your own inventions it would be a great struggle and too much time and energy would have to be spent, as you have stated. It also requires great business expertise to succeed and not be cheated.

You should regard your main business as trying to become Krsna conscious through reading my books and associating with the devotees in the Samkirtan movement there in Brooklyn temple. You are an older man, 68 years old, so I appreciate it

if you can help my disciples in New York in cooperation with the President, Gopijanaballava.

At any rate we do not know how long we shall live. So we have to concentrate on reading, chanting, and distributing books, and in this way try to become Kṛṣṇa conscious completely before the next death.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-4

Denver
1st July, 1975

New Orleans

My Dear Nityananda das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 28, 1975 with the enclosed photos. Your farm appears very nice, open plain land. The cows are very nice and so are the sheds. This farm project you should consider very important. The idea is that people can be self sufficient and raise their own foodstuffs and have sufficient milk to save time and chant Hare Krishna. Why should they work so hard in the hellish factories? Let everyone live simply and be Kṛṣṇa conscious.

Upon your recommendation I accept Paul Warren Menard as my initiated disciple. His spiritual name is Pana dasa. Please see that he maintains the Vaishnava standards and chants always 16 rounds minimum.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-5

Berkeley
1st July, 1975

Acharya Prabhakar Mishra
E-91, Kirti Nagar,
New Delhi-15
INDIA

My Dear Prabhakar:

Please accept my blessings. I wrote you one letter on May 31, 1975, but I have not received any reply from you. Did you see Nandaji in this connection?

Please reply this letter at the following address immediately: ISKCON, 2334 Stuart St., Berkeley, California 94075, U.S.A.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-6

Denver
1st July, 1975

Dallas

My Dear Sat Kṛita dasa:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter undated June 23, 1975 and have noted the contents. I have organized the GBC for the purpose of spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness all over the world. In this way I am trying to become free from the management in order to translate my books. Therefore there is no need to form a separate new committee of 64 members. Let each zone and center push on in their area of the world. If such an international committee is to be formed, it can be done by the GBC. You can make your further suggestions to Jagadisha.

I am glad your son is doing well in Gurukula.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-7

Evanston, Illinois
2nd July, 1975

West Germany

My Dear Hansadutta das:

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

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-8

Denver
2nd July, 1975

Nataka-Candrika

Jusania

Rama Tulasi

Tripti

My dear daughters,

Please accept my blessings.

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

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

75-7-9

Denver

Dear Kurusrethra,

Please accept my blessings.

I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 2, 1975. Upon your recommendation, I am accepting the following twice born brahmanas; Koshalendra Das Adhikary, Jyoti Das Adhikary. Enclosed please find their threads sanctified by me. I also accept as my initiated disciples the following devotees and their spiritual names follow: Al Rhiener—Adhata, Cleef Athey—Kamari Das.

Please see that they are chanting 16 rounds & following the four regulative principles.

Now hold a fire sacrifice and let the brahmanas hear the Gyatri mantra tape that I have spoken in their right ear.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

75-7-10

Denver

Denver
2nd July, 1975My Dear Padmanabha and
Mahojjvala dasi:

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your guru dakshine gift and your nice letter expressing your appreciation for your spiritual master. This is the proper way to receive the blessings of Kṛṣṇa, by begging the mercy of the spiritual master. *yasya prasada bhagavat prasado*. If one pleases the spiritual master, then it is to be understood that Kṛṣṇa is pleased.

So continue on in this way following our path of bhakti yoga with enthusiasm

and you will have perfection in this life and the next.

Hoping this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-11

Evanston, Illinois

4th July, 1975

Bombay

My Dear Giriraj das:

Please accept my blessings. I have received your report via telephone and it is a very good news that you have received the NOC for the construction of the temple. So, you begin the work, and money will come to you by the grace of God. Don't worry, just finish the buildings as soon as possible and somehow or other money will come. In Bombay you collect as much as you can, and the balance money will be sent rest assured. I am instructing Ramesvar to send Guru Kripa's collection to Bombay. So you just finish all the buildings as soon as possible. You must also keep proper account. Not a single farthing should be wasted. I will see the accounts personally when I return to Bombay.

Regarding the money you are taking for the rooms, this must be carefully done. As soon as you take money and allow a person to stay in your place, then the money can be considered by him as rent. The Rent Act is so subtle in India. If you have to call the police to eject a man, the police will not do it. They will see that the man is living there only, but they will not ask how he got there. That is a matter for the courts to settle. And in India court business is very troublesome. Practically it is useless because you have to bribe. This is Kali Yuga; you have to pay money to get justice. Neither will it be sufficient for you to print on the registration form that the visitor signs that you have some

right to bar entrance. Making your own law on the registration form has no value. You know of that Mr. Mukherjee who refuse to leave our place even when you called the police.

In Tirupati they have a nice system. You have to see how the hotels and dharmshallas are doing it. What laws there are to protect them. People are very cunning nowadays, and we have to be careful. You should manage the whole thing very nicely, just like in Tirupati they are managing so many buildings very carefully.

[TEXT UNCLEAR]

India to organize large scale book distribution. He can help Yashomatinandana Prabhu. Yashomatinandana is sincere but not a business minded. But, if sincerity is there, other things will come.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

N.B. All money sent to Bombay from L.A. is BBT money and must be paid back by you to the BBT account in Bombay. The money sent to you is on loan basis and must be paid back. You can pay back conveniently. We shall help you, but you must pay back.

Also One of the rooftop blocks may be dedicated for stocking books as go down. You may select the largest one available. If you fit it with book shelves that are away from the wall and not touching one another; i.e. the shelves should be wide enough to accommodate only one row of books and each shelf should be separated by a space wide enough for a man to pass; then you will not have the rat problem.

The Chand Society flat may not be sold. It can used as office and residence of Vaikunthnath and Yashomatinandana. Two rooms used as residence and one room office and stock. The BBT should provide facilities for offices and stock go down. BBT should pay for the rooftop go down. By my calculation you should be

able to sell in India at least four lakhs of Rupees worth of books per month. You simply have to organize it.

What is the report of Hyderabad?

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75-7-12

Evanston, Illinois
4th July, 1975

Tokyo

My Dear Guru Kripa Swami:

Please accept my blessings. I may inform you that we have received the permission for constructing our Juhu temple. I want that your collection should be sent there so that the buildings may be completed as soon as possible.

I am instructing Ramesvar to do the needful.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-13

Evanston, Illinois
4th July, 1975

Mayapur

My Dear Jayapataka Swami:

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

I have not received any report from

you. I am anxious to know how you have spent the money.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-14

Evanston, Illinois
4th July, 1975

Denver

My Dear Manindra devi dasi:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 3, 1975 and I thank you very much for your nice sentiments. It is simply by the grace of Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu that we have now got a feeling for service to Krishna. Krishna is so perfect that He comes and teaches us personally how to become Krishna conscious. What Lord Chaitanya is giving no one else has done. So you continue on in this way following our rules and regulations, and I shall pray to Krishna for your ever advancement in Krishna consciousness.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-15

Evanston, Illinois
4th July, 1975

Honolulu

My Dear Paramhansa Swami and Sruta Kirti das:

Please accept my blessings. Now we have a plan for expanding our Samkirtan and we will be needing so many hundreds of mridangas. So you have got the fibreglass shells there, so I am informing Jayapataka Swami to arrange for one or two Bengali craftsmen to come and stay with you for at least one year to make the skins.

Then our men can learn from him. We will pay the transportation and some salary.

Please let me know what you think of this idea.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-16

Evanston, Illinois

4th July, 1975

Los Angeles

My Dear Ramesvar das:

Please accept my blessings. I may inform you that in Bombay they have received the sanction for constructing the temple in Juhu. Until further order whatever money you collect should be sent to Bombay. You should print books as far as possible, and whatever money you collect should be sent to Bombay.

Guru Kripa has informed by telephone that he is sending you almost \$75,000.00. This should be sent to Bombay.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-7-17

Evanston, Illinois

4th July, 1975

Dr. & Mrs. Ram S. Verma
1325 Madison St. Apt. 203
Denver, Colorado 80206

Dear Dr. Verma:

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge with thanks your letter undated with enclosed donation of \$50.00 and thank you very much. You have a good position by the grace of Krishna, and

I request you to continue on in this spirit of service to the Lord.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-18

Evanston, Illinois

5th July, 1975

Calcutta

My Dear Bhagawat das:

Please accept my blessings. Tripauri Swami is starting his bus preaching program, and you are required for this purpose. You are a good preacher. I very much like these bus programs. They are greatly increasing the scope of our book distribution and many new men are being attracted. So you should immediately come here to USA. You may hand over the management of Calcutta affairs to Bhavananda Maharaj.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-19

Evanston, Illinois

5th July, 1975

Gorakpur

My Dear Ramanand das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 5, 1975 forwarded to me from Vrindaban. When I return to India I shall go to Gorakpur and talk with you in detail.

I understand that Gopal Krishna Prabhu is soon to be going to visit you.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-20

Evanston, Illinois

5th July, 1975

Atlanta

My Dear Swarupa Damodar das:

Please accept my blessings. I have read Dr. Wolf's letter addressed to you dated July 1, 1975. I think he has given you good, sane advice. I think you should not think of relinquish your job without meeting me and discussing the matter deeply. Don't do anything out of sentiment. You must make the best use of a bad bargain. Unless you keep your job, you will not be considered an important man in the material sense. And, if you are not an important man, then who will listen to you?

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

cc: Dr. W.H. Wolf-Rottkay, California

75-7-21

Evanston, Illinois

7th July, 1975

Rector, Institute of Oriental Philosophy
Vrindavan

My Dear Sripad Bon Maharaj:

Please accept my humble dandavats. I thank you very much for your letter dated June 18, 1975 and I have noted the contents carefully. I left Honolulu on the 30th of June for Los Angeles where I stayed for one week, then I left for Denver where I stayed for one week, then I have come to Chicago, and I am staying in our temple at the above address. Enclosed are two newspaper clippings from the Chicago newspapers concerning my arrival.

Here we shall observe the Ratha Yatra festival on the twelfth of July and grand arrangement is being prepared with the cooperation of the local authorities. The Rath will be taken downtown to Chicago as usual.

So after making all these arrangements I shall have to go to go to Philadelphia where I shall attend the Ratha Yatra ceremony, and then I shall go to San Francisco where as usual our Ratha Yatra will take place for the seventh year. The Mayor of the city of San Francisco has declared two days local holiday for this particular ceremony. This will take place on the 20th of July. If you could have found the time to come to Hawaii, I thought I would take you with me to all these places and surely you would appreciate my humble attempts. I thank you very much for your appreciation, "A wonderful job in this country."

Sripad Sripad Sridhara Maharaja also appreciated my service. He said that Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's prediction: prthivite ache yata nagaradi grama/ sarvatra pracara haibe mora nama, would remain a dream only, but he congratulated me that I have done it practically.

I do not know how things are going on automatically by His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupad, because I have no other assets except his causeless mercy. I am glad to know that you visited some of our centers in Canada. Prof. O'Connell is well known to me. Last he met me in London. He sent a copy of his review of Prof. Stillson Juddha's book, *Hare Krishna and Counterculture*. This book is a favorable presentation of our movement of Hare Krishna in this country, and he has done it very scholarly. I have seen in the book that your good name and Sripad tirtha's name are also there. We are also having good sales of our books about 50 in number amongst educated circles both in America and Europe with good appreciation. Enclosed is one pamphlet published in Dutch. We are publishing in all languages.

Last time we met in Vrindaban in that matter of your institution. I gave you my decision, and you were to reply your decision, but I never heard from you in this

connection. If there is any possibility of co-operation I am still ready for it. Apart from this, I wish to start a Gurukula Institution in Vrindaban for educating small children attached to my temple. You have enough land still vacant. Therefore I request you to spare some land in the front of my Kṛṣṇa Balaram temple. It will be a great mercy upon me. I hope by this time you have gone _____ can reply this letter to my San Francisco address which is as follows:

75-7-22

Evanston, Illinois
7th July, 1975

Amsterdam

My Dear Locananda das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 17, 1975 and am very pleased to read the contents. I have also received the copies of the Dutch pamphlet. The get up is very nice. I thank you very much. The picture of Kṛṣṇa on the inside front cover is very nice. It is very natural. Kṛṣṇa is so young, and I see on the following page that everyone is getting old. That is the difference of the spiritual world and the material world. On the whole this pamphlet is very nice.

Regarding your proposal for printing the condensed version of Bhagavad-gita, yes, do it. From your figures of book distribution you are doing *real* preaching. Which books are you distributing? Your prasadam program is also very important. Continue it. By chanting and giving prasadam you will get so many devotees. Yes, as you say the purity is attractive to people. Continue it. Our only asset is our purity. *pavitram paramam bhavam*. You cannot reach Kṛṣṇa without being pure, because He is the supreme pure. Yes, on my next visit to Europe, I will certainly visit your temple.

Upon your recommendation, I accept

the following as my initiated disciples and their names are: Henk van teylingen—Hayeśvara dasa; Gabriel Sebach—Gabhirātmā dasa; Ernesto Lucifero—Ekatmā dasa.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

N.B. The translation work of Bhagavad-gita in Dutch language is very important work. Do it nicely.

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75-7-23

Evanston, Illinois
7th July, 1975

Los Angeles

My Dear Tulsi das:

Please accept my blessings. Upon your recommendation I am accepting the following as my initiated disciples and their names are:

Barbara Stark—Bhrama Kārikā devi; and Bhakta Ned—Nirguna dasa. I also accept for second initiation Mahaswara dasa. His sacred thread is duly enclosed sanctified by me.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-24

Evanston, Illinois
8th July, 1975

Tokyo

My Dear Guru Kripa Maharaj:

Please accept my blessings. Regarding your request to divert \$5,000.00 from your collection to purchase a vehicle for the Hawaii farm costing \$8,000.00 does the farm require this? Does it mean that without this truck they cannot develop? Actually I do not think it is a very good place. There is no water arrangement.

The temple is not being maintained properly. They are keeping long hairs and not living responsibly. I do not think it is good to put good money after bad. So I have asked the GBC's that are here to discuss this, and the conclusion was that if you can make profit from selling the property, then it should be done. They said that the property was purchased for \$60,000.00 and now is worth \$100,000.00 So why not sell it and make profit.

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

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-25 Evanston, Illinois
8th July, 1975

Washington D.C.

My Dear Hasyakari das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 1, 1975 and have noted the contents. As for your going to Mayapur is concerned, that is a very good suggestion. But, it is best that you earn the money for the fare independently by doing Samkirtan.

Now Guru Kripa Swami and his men are working very hard to raise money for construction of our important projects in India. He has raised objection why his

collections should be used for other purposes such as plane fare, etc.

Therefore it is best that you raise the money through your own efforts, even it may take a little longer. You are sincere in this endeavor, so Lord Chaitanya will assist you.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-26 Evanston, Illinois
8th July, 1975

Denver

My Dear Ramachandra das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 4, 1975 and am glad to know that you are happy in Krsna consciousness.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-27 Evanston, Illinois
8th July, 1975

Bombay

My Dear Yashomatinandanana das:

Please accept my blessings. I am enclosing some correspondence with Goswami Radheswaranand. There is one reply to him and also his latest letter.

So you go to Saurashtra and see what is the possibility of opening centers there. I want that we should open up more centers in India. When I return to India I shall go there to Saurashtra.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-28

Evanston, Illinois
10th July, 1975

Calcutta

My Dear Bhavananda Maharaj:

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-29

Philadelphia
12th July, 1975

Los Angeles

My Dear Ameyatma das:

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

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-30

Philadelphia
12th July, 1975

Cleveland

My Dear Bhumata devi dasi:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 10, 1975 with enclosed check for Dollars 300.00. I thank you very much for this your service. You are a good lady and a good devotee. Your willingness to serve shows what is your progress in Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

Regarding sending money to Mayapur, you can transfer money through your bank by wire in favor of International Society for Krishna Consciousness, American Express Bank, Calcutta, India, Account No. 090031.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-31

Philadelphia
12th July, 1975Carlos Bismark
Bagio City R.P. Philippines

My Dear Carlos:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter undated and have noted the contents. It is very good to hear from you and that you are chanting and trying to follow my instructions, even though you are so far distant from any of our centers. This proves the potency of Lord Chaitanya's mission. He predicted, *prthivite ache yata nagaradi grama/ sarvatra pracara haibe mora nama*. In every town and village My name will be heard."

Now through His grace this is coming to pass. So please continue to chant and also carefully follow the four regulative principles namely, no eating meat, fish,

or eggs; no illicit sex; no gambling; and no intoxication.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-32

Philadelphia

12th July, 1975

Laguna Beach

My Dear Mrdapiya devi:

Please accept my blessings. I have received your letter undated and noted the contents. You should not feel that it is impossible for you to surrender to Krsna or that you are not a devotee. You are already a devotee, that is clear from your statements. Of course an advanced devotee feels sometimes hopelessness, just like Chaitanya Mahaprabhu prayed: "O my Lord out of kindness You enable us to easily approach You by Your Holy Names, but I am so unfortunate that I have no attraction for them."

However in the neophyte stage it is best to develop firm faith, that just by chanting the Hare Krishna Mahamantra everything else will come, and try to avoid the ten offenses. So please continue to chant 16 rounds daily and follow carefully the four rules and regulations, and Krsna will help you more and more.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-33

Philadelphia

12th July, 1975

Los Angeles

My Dear Ramesvar das:

Please accept my blessings. Herewith

please find the following the three checks:

1. No. 2-134/710 on Lake View Bank, Chicago for Dollars 21.00.

2. 6-12/410 on National City Bank, Cleveland for Dollars 300.00.

3. No. 5-161/110 on Barclays Bank, Boston for Dollars 10,000.00.

Please transfer this money to Syndicate Bank, Vrindaban Branch, account No. 3871 in favor of A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami, and send the duplicate copy of the transfer advice to me.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-34

Philadelphia

13th July, 1975

Hyderabad

My Dear Pannalal Bansilalji:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 19th, 1975 and have noted the contents. I am advising my Bombay center with a copy of this letter to send you the latest amended copy of the Rules of the Society. It is not yet settled up as to those who will be the Trustees. When I return to India, I shall send you the list.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

cc: Giriraj das, Bombay

75-7-35

Philadelphia

13th July, 1975

Vrindaban

My Dear Dhananjaya das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letters dated June 21st and June 29th, 1975 and have noted the

contents. Your printing in Hindi in Mathura is a good idea. Do it in consultation with Gopal Krishna Prabhu. So you send me the translation and after seeing it, I shall approve.

Regarding the land, you purchase immediately. I have already advised the bank.

Regarding Nitai, he is now travelling with me for some immediate editing work. Afterwards you can consult with Ramesvar what will be his program.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

N.B. Please send our latest Vrindaban Temple pictures at the following address.

Sri Mahabir Prasad Jaipuria

8, Prithviraj Road,

New Delhi—110011.

ACBS/bs

75-7-36

Philadelphia
13th July, 1975

New Delhi

My Dear Mahavir Prasad Jaipuriaji:

Please accept my blessings. Last time we opened our Vrindaban temple under the leadership of the Governor of U.P. Dr. Channa Reddi. I expected your presence also. Perhaps you could not attend due to prior engagement.

So this Vrindaban temple is being visited by many devotees to the extent of 500-1000 per day, and we have got a very nice guest house. I request you to come there at your convenience and see how it is nicely done especially for the retired gentlemen, vanaprastha.

You are Jaipuria, so you can help me in completing such an institution in Jaipur also. Jaipur is visited by many Vaishnavas as a holy place of pilgrimage. Especially Goudiya Vaishnavas go there to see the duplicate Vrindaban Deities such as Govin-

daji, Radha Damodarji, etc. So I want to open a duplicate Krishna Balaram temple in Jaipur. I am sending separately copies of pictures of our Krishna Balaram temple in Vrindaban. Of course there is also Radha Krishna and Gour Nitai. I wish that you have some land in Jaipur and to help us in constructing a duplicate temple like Vrindaban.

When I was a guest in your house I saw you a great devotee of the Lord, and I hope you will try to fulfill my request as above-mentioned.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-37

Philadelphia
13th July, 1975

Vrindaban

My Dear Narottamananda das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 4, 1975 and have noted the contents. Regarding your taking a second wife, you cannot do this. At least you cannot stay in our temple in Vrindaban. If you want to take a second wife, then you have to leave our Vrindaban temple. Whether you can maintain them and take some job and earn? Our temples cannot support you and your two wives. You will then want three, four, and more. Anyway as an American it is illegal for you to do this. We are trying to minimize sex and you are trying to increase it. Please give up this idea.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-38

Philadelphia
13th July, 1975

New Delhi

My Dear Tejiyas das:

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

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

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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

ACBS/bs

75-7-39

Philadelphia
14th July, 1975

Bombay

My Dear Giriraj das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 6, 1975 and have noted the contents. Why are you making concessions to the ten-

ants? There shall be no common area for the tenants to sit. Why are you doing this? This shall not be allowed. It is not in the Rent Act. This is all nonsense concessions. They should be placed in their rooms, that is all. We have to construct buildings on all the vacant lands. The common reading room is for the public and not for the tenants.

You now have to make a program for building on all the vacant land. Every inch of available land will be built up. In the back side of my apartment the single story tenants should be induced to occupy temporarily the rooftop flats, and we shall construct a three or four story building where their houses are on their plot and shall then give them the same area to live in the new building. Now make this plan. Every drop of land must be filled with buildings. We cannot spare any land for any other purpose. Take sanction and make plans for these buildings. If the tenants become devotees and follow our principles, arising early like the others, then we can forgo their rent, but no nonsense concessions of sitting room. This is all rubbish things. So make plans for all vacant lands for buildings. We actually do not want anyone to live there who is not a devotee. Note this policy and do the needful.

Regarding the internal road, this has to be decided in the court. How can it be a public road? We have purchased it and there never was any mention of a public road. Go to the court. If in the court they prove that the road is public, then you can agree to surrender your claim for compensation for the setback land. But, this is all Matre's program. It will be very, very, bad if this road is public road. Immediately make plans for constructing the land behind my quarters with buildings.

Regarding finances do not worry. Whatever is required, Krishna will send. Don't be bothered. Ramesvar has now

transferred Dollars 50,000.00 to Bank of America.

Jashomatinandana is reporting that the publications are coming just now, but this has been going on for 300 years.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-40

Philadelphia
14th July, 1975

Bombay

My Dear Gopal Krishna das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letters dated July 4, 6, & 8th, 1975 and have noted the contents. Regarding Vrindaban, yes purchase immediately that land at Rs. 20/-. I have already advised the bank to issue one letter of credit for up to Rs. one lakh. If the cost is more, then we shall pay. Atul Krishna Goswami has given a good certificate. Yes, everybody says like that, that I am incarnation of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. Actually Krishna and Krishna's representative are not different. Anything that is Krishna's is not different from Krishna. Therefore it is said sakshad hari tvena'sa-masta sastrair. The spiritual master is accepted by all advanced devotees as Hari.

Regarding Narottamananda das, no he cannot marry a second wife. If he wants to do so, he can leave our temples. We will not support him and his wives. I have written to him separately in this matter.

Yes, you can use BBT payments from the temples for printing the books. I paid Giriraj three lakhs from the Book Fund and Gargamuni was also given money from the Book Fund. Besides this there are the regular collections, so use this money.

The paper sample you have sent is not at all good. It is third class. If good paper is not available then we shall not print. If the printer is getting import license to import books for selling, why we are not getting? What have we done that we are not getting this license? Why are we prohibited from selling our books, and the others can do it? How are they paying for the books? Are they sending out foreign exchange as payment? The best thing will be for them to get import license to import paper. We shall supply them the paper. But this paper you have sent is not approved. It is not even half as good as the paper supplied from Japan.

Who is writing complaints? I have not received any complaints about your management.

I have no objection to Bhurijana going to Hong Kong and Pancha Dravida Swami going to South America. That is nice if you can arrange it.

Regarding Bhagawat das, I received report that he was talking privately in his room with a woman, and if anybody would try to come in, then he would get angry, saying get out, get out. What is this? In India private talks with woman are immediately condemned. He is a good preacher, but it is very dangerous to close the door with woman, and then he becomes angry if anybody comes. Lust is so strong that if it is obstructed it turns into anger. Brahmananda Swami and Bhavananda Swami also confirm that he has this tendency. All women should be sent from Calcutta to Mayapur. No women should be in Calcutta. Woman is good and man is good, but if you combine them, then both become bad, unless there is regulation.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

75-7-41

Philadelphia
14th July, 1975

Mayapur

My Dear Jayapataka Swami:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 25, 1975 and have noted the contents. The Gurukula and poor feeding programs should be developed and it will make us very popular. The wrestling is all right. The program for Nitai Chand to visit the villages and preach and make men join is very good.

Make everything green there. Why not install your American sprinkler system? I have seen in Denver a very nice arrangement in the park for watering the grounds. You have got your own pumping water, so it will be easy for you. There you have got enough water.

Move the dirt from the pukur. It is not nice. I have sent to Bhavananda Maharaj the photos of how it should be done. It may be cleared and the dirt put along the sides where we shall make rooms at a high level for the flooding. The lake water should be clear. What is a charan on the front gate?

I have asked Jayatirtha that Ranadhir may immediately go to Mayapur.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-42

Philadelphia
14th July, 1975

Sri B.D. Joshi
6608 Hagen Blvd.
El Cerrito, Ca. 94530

My Dear Sri Joshi:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 6, 1975 and your invitation to come to your

house. I thank you very much for it, and shall be please to come on July 19th. I shall be accompanied with up to six disciples.

I am starting for San Francisco tomorrow and shall be staying at our new temple located at 2334 Stuart St. Berkeley, Ca. You can come and see me.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-43

Berkeley
16th July, 1975

Honolulu

My Dear Paramhansa Swami:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 11, 1975 and have noted the contents. It is a good idea to send the fiberglass shells to India for fitting and testing. You can easily pack two or three in a crate and send air mail. Your Hare Krishna pineapple program is very nice. Continue to distribute. The name is already nicely advertised and there you can easily get pineapple.

Regarding the restaurant, why they should get salery? There should be no salery. You are working without salery, so why they should take. They are not very important men. So after this month arrange for no one to get any salery there. That will be nice.

Regarding the farm, if by getting money from the cash crops, then do that and improve the place. Construct temple and residential quarter. Somehow or other you have to keep the men who are there engaged. If they are allowed to become idle gradually they will again become hippies. If the farm cannot be utilized, then it may be sold. What is the use of keeping a bad cow? But if you are utilizing, then we can purchase the truck to help. But, what

about the idea of selling the bus and repaying me Dollars 3,000.00? What happened to that idea? I had lent Dollars 5,000.00 and that should be repaid somehow or other. Everyone I advance money to, they repay. Brahmananda Swami took Rs. 16,000/-, and he has returned, so why not you also? Anyway if there is some potential there then keep it and go on. But, if you are able to make profit, then why not you purchase the truck?

So far I have studied Siddhar Swarup, he is not a bad boy, but he has his own philosophy, from the very beginning. It is almost inevitable that there should be enviousness amongst the godbrothers, just like amongst my godbrothers. What kind of business is that which the man is giving Dollars 5,000.00 monthly profit?

It is very nice that you are getting that other property. You are gradually getting men, so try to develop it. If men are required, then you can get them from the mainland.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-44

Berkeley

17th July, 1975

Bombay

My Dear Gopal Krishna das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 12, 1975 and have noted the contents. So it is all right that Akshayananda Swami travels and collects provided that the management of Vrindaban does not suffer. This collecting is also preaching. But not only collection, but expenditure must also be stabilized and scrutinized. Nothing should be spent extravagantly. That you have to see. Do not bother my brain how to do it. I have put you in charge how to do it.

Regarding purchasing a car, why not purchase one Mercedes car, so when I am in India I can utilize it. I do not like very much the Ambassador car.

Regarding the festivals you are having at the Vrindaban temple, I suggested in my previous letter to make phool wadi of flowers. Please make this possible. Regarding the purchase of the adjoining plot, why not take the help of the D.M. regarding the negotiations. Take his permission that there will not be government enquiry so that there is nothing for the seller to risk. Explain that this man has agreed to sell, but he is now hesitating for this reason. He should help us in this matter.

Yes, you can take out the Deities in a cart for Samkirtan. Yes, you can make the name Mandir and Ashram instead of Guest House.

Formally you said that you would complete the Bombay project in six months if I sent money, and now you say one year, so why is this?

Shyamal Gupta is well known to me. He is an able man, and if he likes he can help us in so many ways. You can inform him that we are selling our books all over the world between 30 to 40 lakhs worth per month, but not in India are we selling because we do not have any sales organization. But, to give him the exclusive rights, they have to guarantee some minimum amount of order per month. We are selling 30-40 lakhs around the world so we shall expect at least sales in India of one lakh per month of Rupees.

So on experimental stage we can make them the exclusive sales agent for six months to one year, if they can guarantee a certain reasonable amount of monthly order. If they agree to Rs. 1 lakh per month than for the first four months they must pay us Rs. 50,000/- per month and then Rs. 1 lakh per month upon delivery. Yes, you can print small books as much as possible. The paper sample you sent in your

last letter is all right if it is acceptable for the Indian book market. If the sales will go on, even if the paper is inferior, then it is all right. S. Chand Co. they are able to sell 1 lakh of Rs. of our books per month. They can do this if it is organized properly. But, they should not get any commission on books we sell ourselves, nor will we sell our books at prices below that of the retail shops.

For printing additional small books you can use the loan repayment from Bombay. I gave so much loans and that must be paid back. Or you can take from the Dollars 50,000.00 that was just now sent. But, money will come do not worry. Did the Oberoi-Sheraton purchase the books? The hotels must purchase the books for putting in their rooms. Incidentally, it is my 80th birth anniversary, not 79th.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-45

Berkeley

17th July, 1975

Brijratan S. Mohatta
Mustafa Building
Sir P. Mehta Road
Fort, Bombay-1 INDIA

My Dear Brijratanji:

Please accept my blessings. Enclosed please find herewith a copy of our latest issue of Back to Godhead containing the selection from Srimad Bhagawatam as you had kindly suggested. We are making it a regular feature each month.

I hope this finds you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-46

Berkeley

18th July, 1975

Vrindaban

My Dear Dhananjaya das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 14, 1975 and have noted the contents. Yes, if you get guests there in the ashram you can easily make them Life and Patron members. For a gentleman who stays with us there is no difficulty in paying one or two thousand Rupees for this purpose. They come there to Vrindaban to spend for religious purpose their money. But, those who stay with us must be well behaved. From our side we will attend to their needs and make them comfortable, and from their side they must be clean and attend the arotiks. Somehow or other they must be induced to take interest in spiritual life. Then it will be successful. You will get money and they will get spiritual profit. Both will be benefitted by the grace of Krishna Balaram.

Continue your prasad distribution. This is very important. Yes, make the whole place full of gardens. Especially the small separation wall between my quarets and the temple should be filled with plants and creepers where there are the holes for putting in the plants.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

N.B. You should go see Swami Bon Maharaj and ask if he has replied to my last letter to him, a copy of which is enclosed. You should take a copy of his reply and send it to me c/o Los Angeles address.

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75-7-47

Berkeley
18th July, 1975

Bhaktin Susan Newman
c/o The Cathcart's
7411 Countrybrook Drive
Indianapolis, Indiana 46260

Dear Bhaktin Susan Newman:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated nil and have noted the contents. Do not waste your time with this study of monks. What will you learn by this? Better to hear from Lord Krishna Himself in Bhagavad-gita than to waste your time in this way.

Chant Hare Krishna and read our books very carefully. I am going to New Vrindaban at Janamastmi, so you can come there for the celebrations.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-48

Berkeley
20th July, 1975

Berkeley

My Dear Bunke Behari das:

Please accept my blessings. I wish to thank you very much for ivory carving gift which you have kindly presented to me. You have made it very nicely. I can see that it required skill to make it so artistically. You have made Radha and Krishna and Chaitanya Mahaprabhu very attractively.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-7-49

Los Angeles

Berkeley

20th July, 1975

My Dear Radhaballava das:

Please accept my blessings. In the next issue of "Back to Godhead" you should put one note of thanks to Mr. Alexander Kulik of Laguna Beach California. This boy has kindly paid BBT Dollars 25,000.00 for publication of books.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-50

Hyderabad

Los Angeles

23rd June, 1975

My Dear Abhinanda and Gopesvar das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 15, 1975 from Bhubaneswar and was very glad to read the contents how you are selling books there. You have done a great service, and I am very pleased with you. So far for selling books in India, we do not require a licence. We are already selling our books there. From where have you gotten this idea? Perhaps they clear the books from the customs on this plea. Anyway, why not obtain an import license and do the needful.

Regarding a book agent, we have got our agent, India Book House in Calcutta. Find out if they are importing. Also Gopal Krishna is arranging with our printer in Delhi who can also import books.

Regarding reducing the sale price of the Srimad Bhagavatams, Gopal Krishna is arranging for a new printing of Volume One Number 1 in Delhi. For what the book is costing to print, it should be sold for @ Rs. 50/-, but for a poor man we can

reduce the price by 25% so it could be sold for Rs. 38/.

You appear to be a very intelligent boy. We have got a land in Bhubanesvar. Can you develop it?

Your proposal for travelling and distributing books all over India is very good. Krishna will bless you with His mercy. Take books and sell and spend for your expenses.

I hope this meets you both in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-51 Los Angeles
23rd July, 1975
Nairobi

My Dear ChayavanSwami:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 2, 1975 and have noted the contents. I am glad to see that you are working enthusiastically there in Africa to spread Lord Chaitanya's movement. This I want. It is especially important that you train up the Africans there. Do this carefully.

Now I have received one letter from Bhakti Mati and she has some complaint. She also says there was some physical attack against Navayoginder. This is not good. So I think they can open a separate temple in Mombasa for the Asian community. The Africans and the Asians will not like to mix. So there is no harm in opening separate temples. Both will preach Krishna consciousness and the kirtans will go on. So do like that.

Regarding your questions, you have to decide amongst yourselves if Jagad-guru is to come, but if you require his assistance since Brahmananda Swami is not there, that is different thing. Yes, there can be a separate bank account for Spirit-

ual Sky. The idea of the travelling ship seems a bit utopian, but at the next GBC Mayapur meeting it can be thoroughly discussed.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-52 Los Angeles
23rd July, 1975

Vrindaban

My Dear Dhananjaya das:

Please accept my blessings. Enclosed please find a copy of my letter dated July 23, 1975 to Syndicate Bank, Vrindaban. Please take the copy and go there and take information whether they have received the amount and done it according to my instructions, and reply to me.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-53 Los Angeles
23rd July, 1975

Bombay

My Dear Giriraj das:

Please accept my blessings. Enclosed find a copy of my letter to Bank of America, Bombay. Please take this copy to the Manager and see whether they have made the Fixed Deposit in the name of Bhaktivedanta Book Trust.

Also send me a report of the Bombay affairs. You should send reports regularly. Copies of your letters may be sent to Los Angeles and New York during the next thirty days as I will be touring.

I also request you to send me an account statement of Bank of America A/c

No. 16026 International Society for
Krishna Consciousness.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-54

Los Angeles
23rd July, 1975

Bank of America

Express Towers, Nariman Point

Bombay, INDIA

Att: The Manager

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find a copy of the cable transfer advice No. 177654 from Bank of America Branch No. 553, San Francisco to your bank in favor of INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS A/c. No. 16026 for the amount of Dollars 24,846.39 (twenty four thousand eight hundred forty six and thirty nine cents).

Please place the entire amount on a Fixed Deposit for six months in the name of Bhaktivedanta Book Trust. The Fixed Deposit receipt may be kept with you, and when I return to Bombay I shall collect it from you.

Faithfully yours,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-55

Los Angeles
24th July, 1975

His Holiness Swami B.H. Bon Maharaj,

D.Lit., I.Ph.D., D.D., D.D.,

D.Theos., D. AEH.

Institute of Oriental Philosophy

Vrindaban, Dist. Mathura

U.P., INDIA

My Dear Sripad Bon Maharaj:

Please accept my dandabats at your lo-

tus feet. I thank you very much for your kind letter dated July 15, 1975 and have noted the contents carefully. Your letter was addressed to our San Francisco temple, and it is forwarded to me here in Los Angeles. The day after tomorrow I am going to San Diego via Laguna Beach. Then I shall go to Dallas, New Orleans, Detroit, Toronto, Montreal, New York, and then New Vrindaban, West Virginia. From there I shall go to Europe to London and Paris, and then I shall return to Bombay perhaps via Africa by the month of October.

Regarding your proposal for a guest house, we have already got it, a guest house of 75 rooms well equipped. The Governor Dr. Channa Reddy was very pleased with it, but we can extend the guest house program more if we get suitable land. So I can immediately accept your proposal for Gurukula and guest house provided you give us the vacant land in front of our temple. This land is lying vacant without any use. So if you spare this land just behind your college building, we can immediately begin the construction work.

The best thing will be that if you charge some nominal price for the land or as you like it. Then we can use the land independently according to our plan. Immediately we do not require any guest house, but in expectation of a future influx of guests we can construct another house along with the Gurukula building. So either in the newly constructed guest house or the guest house already constructed our scheme is to receive paying guests. So for the Gurukula it will be very suitable if you spare the front land or back side of your college building. That will be very kind of you.

Our Philadelphia Ratha Yatra was very attractive and successful; similarly the San Francisco Rathayatra was also. Some of the Indian saints Shushil Muni Maharaj

and Yogi Bhajan and many others attended the ceremony. They also appreciated our activities.

I have not received any report from Saurabha das about his meeting with you in Vrindaban. Nowadays the construction of a guest house is a very costly affair. We have spent about Rs. 50 lakhs for our temple and guest house in Vrindaban and with great difficulty.

Regarding the library building, I am only interested in Chaitanya philosophy. As it is stated, in the Chaitanya Chari-tamrita, "sri krsna caitanya daya karaha vicara/ vicara karile citte pabe camatkare." If you are indeed interested in logic and argument, kindly apply it to the mercy of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. If you do so, you will find it to be strikingly wonderful. (Adi lil 8:15.) But, in the library other books may be kept for comparative study by the scholars. I have no objection, but our main purpose will be to accelerate the grandeur of Chaitanya philosophy. On this basis I have full cooperation. Besides that I have got about a half a dozen students who are Ph.Ds in different subjects, but they are all expert in Chaitanya philosophy. If you so desire, their service can be utilized in this connection. If we fully cooperate on this Institution plan, I can attract students from all over the world such as America, Europe, Canada, Australia and the Middle East. In all these places we have got our centers and there are many students.

So when I arrive in Vrindaban we shall discuss these things in detail, and if possible we can take up the library program at that time. In the meantime if you decide to give us the land in front of our temple we can immediately begin the construction.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-56

Los Angeles

25th July, 1975

Cleveland

My Dear Batu Gopal dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 16, 1975, and have noted the contents. Upon your recommendation, I am hereby accepting the following as my initiated disciples:

Shombe Lumkin—Sri Lanka dasa

I also accept upon your recommendation the second brahminical initiation for Murari Chaitanya dasa. His sanctified thread and mantra sheet are enclosed. Please have a fire sacrifice and impress upon them that they are accepting vows before Radha Krsna, the Spiritual Master, and the assembled Vaisnavas. The mantra should be heard through the right ear from my recorded tape.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:bs

75-7-57

Los Angeles

25th July, 1975

Paris

My Dear Madhavananda dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 25, 1975 and I am glad to know that everything is going on well in the Paris temple. Upon your recommendation I am accepting the following as my initiated disciples:

Olivier Anconne—Bhusana dasa

Frank—Visodhana dasa

Frances Marlier—Anisa devi dasi

Also upon your recommendation, I am accepting the following as twice-born initiated brahmins:

Indriyadamana dasa Brahmachary

Mahabala dasa Brahmachary

Brajisma dasa Brahmachary
 Vrsaktri dasa Brahmachary
 Avyaya dasa Adhikary
 Jyestha devi dasi
 Navalanga devi dasi

Their sanctified threads and mantra sheets are enclosed. Please hold the fire sacrifice and impress upon them that they are taking vows before Radha Kṛṣṇa, the Spiritual Master, and the assembled Vaisnavas. Please see that they are chanting 16 rounds and following the four regulative principles. This is your responsibility.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:od

75-7-58

Los Angeles
 25th July, 1975

Vrindaban

My Dear Satchitananda das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter from Vrindaban and am very englanded to hear of your report how things are going on. You have given me great pleasure and I thank you for your attempt to please me.

Regarding your going to Malaysia, at the present moment we are not going to open a temple there. We first want to see that the Vrindaban temple is going on very solidly. So go on with working there in Vrindaban for the time being, and when I return to Vrindaban in October I shall speak to you personally.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-59

Los Angeles
 25th July, 1975

Vrindaban

My Dear Saurabha das:

Please accept my blessings. I have received one letter from Swami Bon Maharaj regarding his meeting with you to show you the land he is willing to spare for our Gurukula project. Which land did he show you? What is the area of the land? Is it suitable for Gurukula?

I want the land just in front of our temple. The entrance to the Gurukula will be on the road, and we shall partition this land from the rest of the land with a wall.

I shall talk further in detail with Bon Maharaj personally when I return there to Vrindaban.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

cc: Bombay

75-7-60

Los Angeles
 25th July, 1975

Mombassa, Kenya

Dear Urvashi dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 17, 1975 and have noted the contents. I am glad to learn that you are taking up Kṛṣṇa Consciousness under the guidance of Shaktimati prabhu. You should follow her example. She is an experienced devotee. You assist her and help spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness especially amongst the Asian community there. I have given permission for Shaktimati and Navayogindra to combine together for establishing a temple there in Mombassa especially for the Asian community so you also assist in this endeavor. Be sure to follow the regulative principles of chanting 16 rounds without

fail each day. Also, we do not take any coffee, tea, or cigarettes, meat, fish, or eggs, illicit sex, or any gambling. Be sure and read my books very carefully, Bhagavad-gita, then Srimad Bhagavatam, and then Caitanya Caritamṛta. You should read every day without fail and become fixed in our philosophy. If you are going to England, we have our temples there so there should be no difficulty for you to remain in Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:bs

75-7-61

Los Angeles
26th July, 1975

My Dear Akshayananda Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letters dated June 22, and July 3. So I am glad to know that you have had successful program in Kampoor. Yes, I think I remember Radha Kṛṣṇa in Sadaf Agharwal from Kampoor. What was the name of his shop, is it a bottle shop? Yes, this traveling preaching program is a good idea. It is very nice, and you are a good preacher, so I am sure that you will do it nicely. It is a good idea also to train up other good preachers there in India. This is our need there.

Regarding the Madjar center, sending funds for the deity maintenance in Vṛndāban, you are already collecting money, so it is not required that Madjar send money to Vṛndāban. Rather the money in Madjar should be used for printing. Not that we should use all collected money for maintenance. Better to print books and distribute.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-62

Laguna Beach
26th July, 1975

Sriman D.N. Mishra

179, Balaram Dey Street
Calcutta-6

My Dear Dinnanath:

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

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

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

I have a great desire to translate the Vālmiki Rāmāyana because that is authorized. Tulsī das' Charit manas is already

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

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

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

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

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

Very recently we have established our temple in Vrindaban at a cost of 50 lakhs of Rupees or more. The Governor of U.P., Dr. Channa Reddy was present for two days for the opening ceremony. All the go-

swamis and sannyasis like Akhananda Swami all attended the ceremony. We have got a guest house there containing about 80 rooms, and the recent report is that not less than 500 men are coming daily to visit the temple. Prasad is being distributed to the poor, and others are purchasing prasad (pakki) to the extent of Rs. 100/- per day. We are selling our books also.

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

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

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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

ACBS/bv

75-7-63

Los Angeles

26th July, 1975

Glasgow

My Dear Niranjan dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 14, 1975. Regarding the temple that Ramananda is expecting to construct, who will pay for it? Has he mentioned this to you? Anyway, I will be speaking with him when I next go to India. I thank you for your report of the Rathayatra. Please ask Hansadutta to send me a complete report of the Rathayatra festival in London. Yes, go ahead with your translation work. This is very important and work together with Yasominandana. We want very much to publish Hindi publications and distribute throughout India. This will be our next program, so please do it.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-64

Los Angeles

26th July, 1975

Mombassa, Kenya

My Dear Sarvavit dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 15th, and I am very glad to read the contents. I am glad to learn that you are getting good training by Chayavana Maharaj and you should take your post of temple president as a very serious matter. It is your responsibility to always exhibit a Krsna conscious example. You should always be thinking how to spread Krsna consciousness to the African people. This is our mission—to save suffering humanity from the path of repeated birth and death. The way to become free is only by becoming pure devotee of Krsna. You should simply stick to our principles and everything will come out all right in our preaching work. You should publish profusely literature in Swahili and distribute. This is very important. This mission has been established simply on the publishing and distribution of my books. So get them translated and published as soon as possible.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-65

Los Angeles

26th July, 1975

Winnipeg, Canada

Dear Vrnda devi dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in re-

ceipt of your letter, undated. Regarding the booklet, "A Guide to the Care of Sri-mate Tulasi devi," yes, the book is very nice. It is approved. But one thing is that no sprays can be used, not at all. Tulasi is a worshipable plant so there is no question of using any sprays. The best thing is to simply daily water tulasi devi and keep her clean. Nothing else is required.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-66

Dallas

29th July, 1975

Nairobi

My Dear Chayavana Swami:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of several letters from Shakti Mati, also your telegram reading as follows: REGARDING OPENING OF SEPARATE TEMPLE MOMBASSA ASIANS ATTITUDE AND MOTIVES OF NAVAYOGINDER HIGHLY QUESTIONABLE AND MAKE SUCH A PROPOSITION QUITE IMPOSSIBLE SITUATION HERE DIFFICULT AS IS AND WE CANNOT UNDERSTAND THE VALUE OF A SPLIT IN OUR EFFORTS TO SPREAD KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS AFRICA FULL REPORT WILL FOLLOW AND CAREFUL CONSIDERATION IS HUMBLY REQUESTED—YOUR SERVANTS CHAYAVANA SWAMI AND MANAGING COMMITTEE ISKCON AFRICA. I have also received a letter from Shakti Mati's son.

I have been very much disturbed to learn of the difficulties in Africa. As the leader there you should not have allowed this dissension to take place. Shakti mati is an elderly woman and can do important work with the cultured Indian society, and

she also speaks Swahili. She must be given an important position as a manager. She can work under Brahmananda Swami.

They may have had some disagreement with you, but expert management means to engage all of the devotees and not allow them to split into different parties. Your action of sending a letter to the pleader has disturbed me. Why have you taken this rash action without consulting me or Brahmananda Maharaj? You should immediately withdraw that letter.

I want that you approach Navayoginder with all humility and ask his forgiveness for the beating. In this way you can rectify things. You must bring them back. Otherwise if you cannot do it, then you should come here to me and we shall discuss it personally.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-67

Dallas

29th July, 1975

Honolulu

My Dear Guru Kripa Swami:

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

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

gaged in managing these restaurants.

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-68

Dallas

29th July, 1975

Bhaktivedanta Manor

My Dear Hansadutta das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 21, 1975 and have read the contents carefully. I am very glad that you had a nice Ratha Yatra there, and that even more people attended this year. It doesn't matter that the rath was smaller. The people know that the police have reduced the ceremony. Anyway, do not try to agitate the police. Whatever they say, you follow. We want the ceremony, that's all.

Regarding getting a different house in the City, that's nice. In the City purchase a first class house, and the Indians will pay for it. Now the Indians are interested to come to the temple, and in the City they will take more interest. Yes, utilize the land at the Manor, and purchase a first class building in the City. There are many churches that are vacant. Find out one. I saw many nice churches when I was there with Dayananda. He has much information about them, but he does not remember. If required he can go there for one

month and find out some church and negotiate. There is one Paddington Church. Also there is one I saw with a weak roof, but we can repair it. There was also a YMCA building available near our temple. So you find out some nice building or church.

You can send the new German publications to New York. I am going to New Vrindaban on August 20th. I am glad you are selling the books nicely there in Germany. Therefore I have elected you BBT Trustee. Sometimes you should come to L.A. to see the BBT affairs. Ramesvar and Jayatirtha they are doing it, but still sometimes you may come and check. Sometimes you may come and sometimes Bhagavan das may come.

Regarding your being depressed, you are becoming older, but so also am I an old man. But, you should not be depressed on account of advanced age. Krishna will help you. I do not think you have done wrongly in your management, and still now I do not think you have done wrongly. Rather you are wrongly depressed. But, for you this feeling of insufficiency is good for progress. No one should think that now I am complete. It is good to think that I am incomplete and useless. Actually Krishna is unlimited, and our energy is limited. Actually we cannot serve the unlimited, but Krishna's unlimited mercy induces us to serve, and He accepts. Actually we are unworthy. He is so kind that He accepts our little service as if it were very big and great.

Regarding your wanting to leave your family and take sannyas, what is your family? You live aside from your wife, and you have no children, so you are already sannyas. Anyway we can consider later on. First we have to push this movement. That is most important thing. Grihastha or sannyas it doesn't matter. First we have to know the science of Krishna consciousness. Chaitanya Mahaprabhu

never said everyone had to take sannyas. We should just be after becoming the pure servant of Krishna.

Regarding my coming to London, yes I will come immediately after Janamastmi and Vyas Puja from New Vrindaban. So it will be in the very beginning of September.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-69

Dallas

29th July, 1975

Lautoka, Fiji

My Dear Deoji Punja:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 28, 1975 with enclosed plans for the Fiji temple. Regarding the land, if it cannot be transferred then you should give the use of the land to ISKCON with a formal lease for 99 years with an option to renew. Your purpose that the land cannot be transferred will be served because a temple on leased land cannot be sold or transferred. So your purpose will be served. ISKCON is locally registered with yourselves as the incorporators, and the lease can be made. So do the needful. The adjacent land, that can also be purchased. The money can be collected locally.

Regarding my coming there, yes I shall go there again and again because there is temple there. I was always thinking of how Fiji can be developed and organized. It is a nice place.

Regarding the plans you sent, it is not clear whether the front stairway leads to the temple or the first floor rooms. There should be a space for a large kitchen for preparing mass prasadam. The first floor

kitchen seems too small for this purpose.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

N.B. There should also be one pujari room for keeping the Deity paraphernalia nearby the Deity.

ACBS/bs

75-7-70

Dallas
29th July, 1975

Los Angeles

My Dear Tulsi das:

Please accept my blessings. Upon your request I accept the following as my disciples and their names are: Mihallais Gitsis—Nandagopa dasa; Jamie Cray—Mahapurusa dasa; Terry Dann—Priyat-maja dasa; and James Mason—Kamala-natha dasa.

I also accept the following disciples as twice born brahmins. Devamrita dasa brahmachary and Gopipanandana das brahmachary. Their threads duly sanctified by me are enclosed. Please have the beads chanted upon by a GBC sannyasi and hold a fire sacrifice. The brahmins should hear the gayatri mantra with the right ear from my recorded tape.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

N.B. Also initiated are: Dan Richardson—Gopagopisvara dasa and Beatrice Matusow—Bahubhavini devi dasi.

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75-7-71

Dallas

30th July, 1975

Jacquetta Buell

c/o Mrs. Keya Laurence

1477-A 19th Ave.

San Francisco, Ca. 94122

Dear Jacquetta Buell:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 21, 1975 and have noted the contents. It is a very good sign that although you are not happy now you know it is only because you are not in the company of Krishna and the devotees. It is true that in the past there was some mismanagement in our Honolulu temple, but I was there recently, and it is nicely organized. But, since you have moved to San Francisco, I advise you to go there to our very nice temple in Berkeley. All the things you say you are yearning for are there. Radha Krishna are being worshipped, and there are many devotees there. So I am sure that if you go there and join with the devotees, all your problems will be solved, Krishna Consciousness is so nice.

As for your desire to follow the path of the gopis, that can only be done by following the rules and regulations of devotional service in the association of devotees. Once you have joined the temple, then we can see about Deity worship.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-72

Dallas

30th July, 1975

Mr. Gordon T. Gattone

Art-Craft Associates

114 Evergreen Ave.

Woodlynne, New Jersey 08107

Dear Mr. Gattone:

I am in due receipt of your letter dated

July 20, 1975 and have noted the contents. Your feeling on seeing the Ratha Yatra in Philadelphia, which you say cannot be expressed in words but which has since given you great peace in your life—is not astounding. In the authoritative transcendental literature which we have published as *The Nectar of Devotion*, it is stated that one can be liberated from all material suffering simply by seeing the Ratha Yatra cart passing.

You say, "I am not sure I want to learn more," but a human being should desire to know the science of God consciousness, which is the most important part of human life. Krishna consciousness is not sectarian. One should not think that because he is a Jew or a Christian he should not read the Bhagavad-gita. The Bhagavad-gita As It Is is pure knowledge. It tells us of our relationship as eternal spirit soul with the supersoul Lord Krishna the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

In no other philosophy will you find such a clear conception of God. So I request you to kindly study with seriousness our books, and you may compare Krishna consciousness with other philosophies.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-7-73

Dallas

30th July, 1975

Srimatis Jagaddhatri, Pasupati,
Sailogata, & Pamela devi dasis
Dallas

My Dear Daughters:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 29, 1975 and have noted the contents. Re-

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

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

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

AUGUST

75-8-1

Detroit
3rd August, 1975

Hyderabad

My Dear Mahamsa Swami:

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

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

Anyway without court permission we shall not take the land. In the meantime it is all right that you invest only in moveable property. Of course you should not be thinking to sell any of the crops for profit. That is not our purpose. The village organization is that the local people produce their necessities like grain, vegetables, milk, and cloth; and for recreation they have the chanting of Hare Krishna. They should live there comfortably and have spiritual recreation. They should not come to the cities. I wish to introduce this ideal now. Then if we are successful this

cheating civilization will stop. They have made these cities as hell. If people do not cooperate with them, then how will the factories run on? And, if the people are satisfied by this arrangement, then what will the communists do?

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

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

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-8-2

Detroit
3rd August, 1975

Bombay

My Dear Saurabha das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 25, 1975 with enclosed sketch and I have noted the contents carefully. Regarding the land offered by Bon Maharaj, if it cannot be in our name then we shall not take it. Why he cannot lease the land, or sell it to us? He wrote me that I can develop the Gurukula "as I desire," but who will possess the land? I am prepared to cooperate with him, but if our money is there, then also our management must be there. What does it mean that he would like to come with me for preaching? Does he want to travel with me?

Regarding the east side adjacent land, why don't you purchase it? The price has already been settled at Rs. 20/- per sq. yard. You should immediately purchase. The money is there in the bank, so go to the bank. Why there so much delay? So many men are there, Gopal Krishna, Pranava, etc. What is Pranava doing? The M-V Trust will pay, so do not worry about Vishvambar. What is his family business? Anyway, purchase the land first, then we shall see about the scheme. If there is some difficulty about investigation of the sellers properties, then go together to the D.M. and arrange for the seller not to be investigated if possible. You are all simply writing letters to me. Without my personal presence there you cannot do anything. Simply correspondence. Anyway, be careful there is no underhanded dealings in this transaction. It is very much risky, so be careful.

Regarding Bombay, yes the tenants have no right for recreation area. They are paying for the rooms at much less price, so they can remain in their rooms. They cannot have playing ground. This is not in

the Rent Act. We cannot spare any land. We will construct land on all available space. They can go to the public park for playing. All vacant land should be developed with buildings. We want sufficient income.

Yes, please send me regular report of the Bombay construction. I am very much anxious and will be glad to receive your regular reports.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/bs

75-8-3

Detroit
4th August, 1975

Bombay

My Dear Giriraj das:

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

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

The idea is that local inhabitants will

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

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

Yes, what is the use of approaching a poor man to contribute. A poor man will simply think how can I occupy. Regarding the retired persons staying, retired means

vanaprastha. They cannot live with family. Husband and wife must sleep in different rooms. One room should be for two or three retired men, and they will live together. So there will be no accommodation together with the wife. And, husband and wife must follow all the rules and regulations.

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

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

Enclosure check for Rs. 3,75,000/- three lacs and seventy five thousand on Bank of America, Bombay check no. 60276077 a/c 16026

ACBS/bs

75-8-4

Detroit

4th August, 1975

Bombay

My Dear Gopal Krishna das:

Please accept my blessings. I have read your letter addressed to Panch Dravida Swami dated July 23, 1975. So a temple may not be wanted there now. But, someone must stay there and print literature. Keep Guru Gouranga altar. But there is no good preacher. Even Pancha Dravida

fails. Trivikram failed. You should simply print literature and distribute. Get the smallest rental place. Let Yashomatisuta do it. Give up the present flat if necessary.

Bhujirajana wanted to go there, but if he is spiritually weak, then there is no need. Print literature and distribute, or if it is impossible, then close it. Yashomatisuta should be assisted by somebody. He is a good boy. Therefore I do not like to close it.

Why you have not mentioned anything about Bombay?

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-8-5

Detroit

4th August, 1975

Melbourne

My Dear Madhudvisah Swami:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your GBC report and have noted the contents carefully. Yes, it is good that you are sending everybody on Samkirtan party, and also that everybody is taking prasada together. This is all very good. And, the cutting of the long hairs is also good. They should all adopt our means of life, and we should behave in such a way that others may follow.

Regarding Sydney, that the President has left, if one does not follow the regulative principles, then he will leave. That is a fact. Has somebody else been elected? This is the function of the GBC, to see that one may not be taken away by maya. The GBC should all be the instructor gurus. I am in the initiator guru, and you should be the instructor guru by teaching what I am teaching and doing what I am doing. This is not a title, but you must actually come to this platform. This I want.

Regarding Adelaide, unless you are

sure that the Deity worship will go on nicely, do not install the Deity. Simply have kirtan and keep the Pancha Tattva picture, that's all. What are the ingredients of the Lord Chaitanya murti? Metal or wood is best, but not ordinary wood. Neem wood which is never attacked by moth is best. Regarding New Zealand Spiritual Sky, that you must decide. Spiritual Sky is not important.

Regarding Fiji, you can decide what to do there. I have written Mr. Punja to lease the land to us in the name of ISKCON for 99 years. Yes, it is all right for you to observe Caturmasya if you can manage in the mornings. The Deities should be offered the regular prasada. The Deities are not devotees. They are Lords. But, it is a fact that Lord Chaitanya observed, as we find in Chaitanya Charitamrita, but it is not necessary for Them to follow there in your temple.

Regarding your Ratha Yatra and my visit, nothing should be done according to my schedule. I am an old man. My visits should remain independent. As far as possible I am travelling, but nowadays I am feeling a little inconvenience. Still I am thinking to go to Australia during December or January as you like.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-8-6

Detroit

4th August, 1975

Vrindaban

My Dear Prabhas das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter and have noted the contents. If you have your ticket, I have no objection to your coming to USA.

You should consult with Gopal Krishna Prabhu.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-8-7

Detroit

4th August, 1975

Buffalo

My Dear Saptaratha das:

Please accept my blessings. I have seen a photo of the dolls you have made of Krishna lifting Govardhan Hill and also Balarama. Your son has sent the photo. So you have done it very nicely. Go on with this work.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-8-8

Detroit

4th August, 1975

Frankfurt

My Dear Vedavyasa das:

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

Regarding your questions, you may not be so advanced that you will take the karmi remnants as prasad. The karmis should not be given so much that there is waste. You can give them a little, and then if they like you can give them more. This system should be introduced everywhere. I have seen myself that so much prasad is being left. This is not good. Regarding the attitude for taking prasad, if you think it is something palatable, so let me take more and more,

then that is sense gratification. But, still it is prasadam so it will act. Prasad is transcendental, but one should not take too much. Sannyasis may take the mahaprasad but not to overeat. Chaitanya Mahaprabhu was taking, but on principle he was avoiding.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-8-9

Toronto

7th August, 1975

New Orleans

My Dear Candradevi dasi:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter undated and have noted the contents. It is a very good idea that you have to be more attached to the Deities above marriage. But, it is not good to live at home because there is where meat is eaten. That will be offensive, so how can you worship the Deity under such circumstances. If your whole family become devotees, then that is another thing.

Actually I think that you can move from the Lord Jagannath Deities to the Gour Nitai Deities if that is your desire. That will be best.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-8-10

Toronto

7th August, 1975

Dr. Y.G. Naik, M.Sc., Ph.D.

Retired Principal, Gujarat College,

66 Hemdeep, Sharda Society

Ahmedabad, 7 INDIA

Dear Dr. Naik:

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 11,

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

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

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

You will be interested to know we are collecting about Dollars 250,000 per month. This means about Rs. 20 lakhs per month from book sales. I have written about 50 big books of 400 pages each and about a dozen small books, and all of them are being sold in the above mentioned figures. We spend also very liberally, and whatever we collect we spend it also. The first book was started with your foreword, *Easy Journey to Other Planets*. Now they are selling revised editions and perhaps it is the best selling item. Since I have come to this country, I might have sold this *Easy Journey* about one half million copies. My *Krishna* books are selling more than that. So by Krishna's grace our books are being appreciated by universities, libraries, and respectable professors, and some are being used as textbooks in the universities. I am enclosing herewith a copy of our book catalogue which contains some of the comments of the professors. I hope you will enjoy it. Also I am enclosing a copy of one book, *Scientific Basis of Krishna Consciousness*, written by one of my Ph.D. students. You are also a scientist, and I hope you will enjoy it.

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

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

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

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

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

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

I hope this finds you in good health.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/bs

75-8-11

Toronto
8th August, 1975

Melbourne

My Dear Amogha das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 15, 1975 and have noted the contents. I think you should take Australian rather than the American passport. The Australian passport is better because it is Commonwealth. So you take the Australian passport, and immediately go to India. We require good men in India now. Indonesia is not a very important place.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/bs

75-8-12

Toronto
8th August, 1975

Los Angeles

My Dear Jayatirtha das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 6, 1975 and have noted the contents. Yes, it

is all right if you pay something monthly. The monthly dividend is all right. Please send me the balance of the M-V Fund.

Regarding the Bank claim, is it necessary to correspond with them? We do not know whether we have received two or three or whatever payments from them. Anyway, whatever we get, we spend.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-8-13

Indre, France

11th August, 1975

Victoria, Australia

My Dear Bhurijana das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 1, 1975 with enclosed currency note of 50 dollars. Thank you very much. I am glad to know that you have applied for your Hong Kong visa. You were happy there, so why not return there. Pancha Dravida Swami is leaving to go to South America, and Gopal Krishna cannot send any man there. You started there in Hong Kong, and I have full confidence in you to make it successful.

I am presently en route to Bombay, and I have stopped here for one day. Here we have got a very nice land of 250 acres with a big French castle. They are starting to grow vegetables, fruits, and flowers, and they are keeping cows. It is a very nice place about 180 miles from Paris. So you may keep me informed of your program by replying to me in Bombay.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-8-14

Indre, France

11th August, 1975

Swami B. H. Bon Maharaj
Rector, Institute of Oriental Philosophy
Bhajan Kutir, Madan Mohan Ghera
P.O Vrindaban, Dist. Mathura
U.P. INDIA

My Dear Sripad Bon Maharaj:

Please accept my humble dandabats at your lotus feet. At the present moment I am staying in our French castle in the village of Lucay-le-Male. We have purchased recently 250 acres of land with a big palace. Some photos are enclosed herewith. I am now organizing in Europe and America many farm lands so that my devotees can live there peacefully, grow their own foodstuffs, produce cloth, and save time for chanting Hare Krishna. This scheme has been successful in New Vrindaban, West Virginia; New Orleans; and Pennsylvania. So the same attempt is being made here in France. This place is a little interior from Paris about 180 miles, and there are about 100 devotees already. They are growing vegetables, fruits, and flowers, and keeping cows with great enthusiasm. They are chanting Hare Krishna also village to village in buses, so the propaganda work is going on nicely.

I have received recently one letter from Dhananjaya in which amongst other things he gives me the following information: "Now Bon Maharaj is prepared to make a proposition regarding allowing the construction of the Gurukula on two acres in his college property. He has assured us that the land will be registered in the Society's name."

I have received your letter dated July 15, 1975, and I have replied from Los Angeles. I am very much anxious to start this Gurukula scheme immediately, and as you have kindly agreed to give us the vacant land for our Gurukula, I am starting for India immediately by cancelling other programs.

From here I shall go to London for one or two days, and from there I shall take one Quantas plane which goes directly to Bombay in eight hours. Then I shall see Bombay affairs where we are constructing a very big temple and residential quarters. There are six houses of two stories already on a spacious land of 20,000 sq. yards. We have already constructed one floor more on each house to accommodate our devotees, and still we are constructing another two towers for receiving guests, as well as a very big temple in that land.

After inspecting for a few days how things are going on there, I shall go back to Vrindaban via New Delhi, and if you kindly give us the land I shall begin the constructing of the Gurukula building immediately.

I am coming here via Toronto and Montreal, and it was a great pleasure for me to know that you saw our temples there. Next time if you kindly come either to Europe or America please visit all our temples, especially I will request you to visit our temples in Los Angeles, Detroit, London, and Paris (Lucay-le-Male.)

I hope this meets you in good health.

Affectionately yours,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-8-15

Indre, France

11th August, 1975

Vrindaban

My Dear Dhananjaya das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letters both dated July 30th, 1975 and have noted the contents. Regarding the plot of Bon Maharaj, I will speak with him personally. I am returning to India, and shall reach Bombay by the 14th instant. After seeing Bombay affairs I shall come to Vrindaban via New Delhi.

Regarding men for Vrindaban, when I

was in Toronto one British householder with wife and child has agreed to come. Please send me the list of all devotees there in Vrindaban giving their passport names, nationality, and passport number, and date of arrival in India. Send this list to Bombay. Krishna will arrange more men for you there. Do not worry. I have requested them to send more men from Canada.

I am very glad to note that you are having the Phool banga. It will be very popular. Tell me how it was held. That you are expecting 30,000 people for Jullan Yatra is wonderful. You should distribute liberally prasadam. Akshayananda Maharaj will supply money. Let each man be given prasadam. That is our special program.

I thank you very much for the photos you have sent. The translation specimen is all right. Please arrange to have this man come and see me when I come there. Navayoginder can also personally guide the translators. The temple there should be kept very nicely. Some one was saying that the front well has been spoiled.

Regarding the adjacent land for sale, yes, it is not to be done in this indirect way. Let them take money from us openly and give us the land. We are prepared to pay for 5,000 sq. yards Rs. 20/- per sq. yard. If Bon Maharaj gives us land, still we can purchase this land for future expansion.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-8-16

Indre, France

11th August, 1975

Catonsville, Maryland

My Dear Srutadev das:

Please accept my blessings. I have read this weeks newsletter, and I like it very much. You are doing very nice service. I

have got all blessings upon you, and I am ordering all temples to send you regular news. You may send them a copy of this my letter.

You are a very nice boy, and you should be encouraged. It is very nice, and a great service to our cause. But, everyone should read it, otherwise what is the use?

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-8-17

Bombay

15th August, 1975

New Delhi

My Dear Tejiyas das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 26, 1975 and have noted the contents. Regarding the importation of printing paper, it will not be as gift, but it will be paid for from India in foreign exchange. We have sent so much foreign exchange from America and Europe, now we want permission to send out the same amount for purchasing foreign paper. Just like in 1967 when I returned to India. When I wanted to go out, for purchasing my ticket, they would allow only if I had brought in foreign exchange. I showed the bank receipts for encashing the foreign exchange I had brought in, and they immediately granted permission for me to purchase my ticket. So following the same principle we want permission to purchase printing paper up to the amount of foreign exchange that we have sent into the country.

In this connection you can find out in the Import/Export Department on e Mr. Mukherjee who is the son-in-law of the late Mr. N.C. Chatterjee. Mr. Chatterjee was my personal friend, and some 10 years ago promised to help me. So if you

find Mr. Mukherjee, he can help you.

Regarding your feeling yourself as unqualified, whatever you can do, then do it, but you should try your best for Krishna. This is important. Ultimately everything is depending on Lord Krishna. You just have to always remember this.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-8-18

Bombay

16th August, 1975

San Deigo

My Dear Gunagrahi das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 5, 1975. Your letter to the newspaper is nice. Upon your recommendation I accept for second initiation Sona puri devi dasi. Enclosed is the mantra sheet. Hold a fire sacrifice and let her hear the mantra from my recorded tape through the right ear.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-8-19

Bombay

16th August, 1975

Boulder Creek, Ca.

My Dear Sama Priya devi dasi:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 30, 1975 with enclosed checks for Dollars 50.00 and 5.00. Thank you very much for it. I appreciate your sentiments for your spiritual master, and I will pray to Krsna for your continued spiritual advancement. You simply have to keep yourself always in the fire of Krishna consciousness. Read my books daily, chant 16 rounds, and

worship Lord Chaitanya in your home. If you do this maya will never touch you.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-8-20

Bombay

17th August, 1975

Hyderabad

My Dear Abhinanda das and

Gopesvara das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 25, 1975 and have noted the contents. Your success of book distribution to the libraries has given me great pleasure. Gopal Krishna has discussed with me the problem of selling books imported under the present CCP. We are planning to import books for sale to libraries through an importer of books in Delhi. The arrangements will be finalized in about two weeks, and then we will be able to supply you with all the books you need for libraries.

This distribution of books to the libraries is very encouraging. Please expand this program all over India. In one library carrying my books, hundreds of people will be able to read.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-8-21

Bombay

17th August, 1975

New Vrindaban

My Dear Kirtanananda Swami:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your telegram. Upon your recommendation I am accepting the fol-

lowing as my initiated disciples and their spiritual names are as follows: Barbara Wolfe—Vedanta dasi; Janet Cleaver—Viduttama dasi; Kurt Cleaver—Sarvasaksi dasa; Florence Waldeck—Vedapriya dasi; Carlos Ordenoz—Nityodita dasa; Gary Williams—Rsi Kumar dasa; Jeff Long—Maharudra dasa; Jeff Wiseman—Atmabhu dasa; Jeff Daniels—Visvamohan dasa; Eileen Daniels—Vinalangi dasi; Karen Bogdonoff—Janani dasi.

I also accept for second initiated brahmins the following: Suksmarupini dasi, Damagraha dasi, Dharmakala dasi, Maha Kamini dasi, Nogomala dasi, Kunjari dasi, Jalakolahali dasa, Baivsyhe dasa, Caidayastru das, Hari Dharma dasa, Advaitacharya dasa. Enclosed are the sanctified threads and mantra sheet.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-8-22

Bombay

17th August, 1975

Hyderabad

My Dear Mahamsa Swami:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 2, 1975 and have noted the contents carefully. The photographs show that the Nellore land is very nice and that a nice center can be constructed there. Yes, you did the right thing in getting the Gift Deed registered. I am sending herewith the Power of Attorney in this connection that you have asked for. Gopal Krishna informed me that you plan to build the temple in Nellore with the help of local life members. This is a very good idea. You may construct a library and a meditation hall to please the donors, but as far as possible the library should carry our books and

books of other Vaishnava acharyas. The meditation hall you may put pictures of Krishna on all four sides. The construction may start as soon as you have raised enough money to local help. If the climate there is nice, then I may also come there.

Regarding the Hyderabad construction, it should not be stopped. I have received your request for the additional Rs. 40,000/- that I have agreed to give you, and this is all right. _____ you a loan you have requested for Rs. 60,000/-, but one thing is that it must be paid back. So many loans are given and they do not pay back. Please send me in writing that you agree to repay as soon as possible. Regarding the farm, we should not invest any money until it is transferred into our name.

If we are offered land in the future, you can consult with me or Gopal Krishna before accepting it. I would like to have a temple in every village in India and invite everyone to come and eat prasada, and live with us provided they follow our principles. The only problem is that we do not have enough devotees to manage so many centers. But, if you can make local devotees who have management ability, then you may accept as many plots of land as are offered.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-8-23

Bombay

18th August, 1975

Nairobi

My Dear Shakti Mati devi dasi:

Please accept my blessings. I have received report from Brahmananda Swami that you are still living outside the temple. This is not good, and I would request you to immediately return to the temple. And they must receive you nicely. They are your spiri-

tual sons and daughters, so Mother and children must live together in the temple.

Please especially see that the Deity worship is going nicely. You are an experienced lady, and you can teach especially the girls there to cook nicely for the Deity, to prepare flower garlands nicely for the Deity, to clean and dress the Deity nicely. You organize this to the first class standard, as I have seen they are doing in Los Angeles and in London. Then people will be automatically attracted. You know how to do these things, and they must take instruction from you. And, you can let me know how things are going on there.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-8-24

New Delhi

21st August, 1975

Miami

My Dear Avhirama das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 18, 1975, and upon your recommendation I am accepting the following as my initiated disciples and their names are: Sunil Awatramani—Śrīsatya dasa; Wayne Prabhu—Upasya dasa; Marcia Bernheimer—Gatiprada devi; Antoinette Kennedy—Gitagamyā dasi; Bernadette Bonaccorso—Visnū-kānta devi.

I also accept the following as twice born initiated brahmins: Langa Ganesa dasa, Janardana das, Nandana Acarya das, and Raghunatha Puri das. Hold a fire sacrifice and let them hear my recorded tape through the right ear.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-8-25

New Delhi
21st August, 1975

Laguna Beach

My Dear Gurudas Swami:

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

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-8-26

New Delhi
21st August, 1975

New Orleans

My Dear Nityananda Das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 5, 1975 and have noted the contents. The news clipping was nice. Regarding your festival of Ratha Yatra, you have got my blessings. Either with or without my presence, you will be successful, so do not worry.

I have seen your farm, and it is very nice. Develop it very nicely. You have already done nicely, so develop it further. That is very nice that you are saving money U.S. 250.00 per month on cow feed. Grow for animal and man food as far as possible. That is Krishna's order. *an-nad bhavanti bhutani*. It is also nice that

you are making so much profit from your Spiritual Sky. Use it wisely.

Upon your recommendation I am accepting the following disciples as initiated and their names are as follows: Thomas White—Pādāvja dasa; Henrietta Whelan—Jayapradā dasi; Katherine Kern—Kāmārikāntā devi; Jim Tucker—Jagatkarta dasa. I also accept for second initiation Sanatani devi dasi. The mantra sheet is enclosed. I think you can inquire from Jagadish about getting the tape. Hold a fire sacrifice amongst the devotees and let her hear the tape through the right ear.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-8-27

New Delhi
21st August, 1975

Los Angeles

My Dear Radhaballava das:

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

Do not worry, in spite of war, Srīmad Bhagwatam will be distributed. We don't care for war. Our preaching business will go on. Your desire for the complete Srīmad Bhagwatam will be fulfilled. The Sixth Canto I have already completed and I shall begin the Seventh Canto within a

fortnight. When I am relieved from the administration work, then it will be done.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-8-28

New Delhi

21st August, 1975

Los Angeles

My Dear Ramesvar das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 12, 1975 and have noted the contents. Yes, when Kṛṣṇa was present, the religious principles were going on nicely, but when He retired back to His abode, then deterioration infiltrated. But Srimad Bhagwatam is the sunshine Purana by Vyasdev to open the eyes of the conditioned souls. It is the sound representation of Lord Kṛṣṇa.

Regarding your desire for all twelve cantos, you will get it, rest assured. Your so much ardent desire will be fulfilled by Kṛṣṇa.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-8-29

New Delhi

21st August, 1975

Deaplane, Virginia

My Dear Rupanuga das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 3, 1975 and have noted the contents. Regarding the Washington temple why are you selling the present building? Why are you changing it? We are not businessmen that we sell for profit and then move the Diety. Develop the farm in New York nicely. Show by example what it means

plain living and high thinking. Regarding the letter to the lawyer, I have heard from Brahmananda Swami that the lawyers did not like the letter and threatened to Ramesvar that if it was not retracted then they would bring suit. So if necessary then retract it. Do not write in a way to accuse them. Just terminate their service. So after retracting, then write a new one.

Regarding your questions, no, the large Diety can never be moved, not at all. Regarding remarriage, no, remarriage should be always discouraged. Remarriage means encouraging sense gratification. Our mission is to curtail sense gratification. Three times marrying in a year, this is not good, and they are doing this.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-8-30

New Delhi

21st August, 1975

Madras

My Dear Sravanananda das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 16, 1975 with the enclosed clipping from the "Hindu." It is very nice, and it is very good that you got responses all over India. Madras is a good field, so do your work there very carefully, and you will be very successful. Do not waste any time, but work always to please Krishna within your heart. He is witnessing everything. He only wants us to constantly remember Him. Is it very difficult?

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-8-31

Vrindaban
24th August, 1975Miss Wanda Bonner
536 Maple St. No. 305
San Diego, Ca. 92103

Dear Miss Bonner:

Please accept my best wishes. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 20, 1975 and have noted your problems. My suggestion is that you please chant Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare; Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare. This maha mantra cleanses the dust from the mirror of the mind and awakens us to a pure life of devotional service to the Lord, free from all anxieties.

You can discuss further your problems with Gunagrahi das Adhikary, the President of our San Diego center.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Yours faithfully,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/bs

75-8-32

Vrindaban
24th August, 1975

CERTIFICATE OF CHARACTER

In the matter of an application for a certificate of naturalisation under the Citizenship Act, 1955, made by my disciple Jayapataka Swami/ Gordon John Erdman I, Sri A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami aged 79 years by occupation the Founder-Acharya: International Society for Krishna Consciousness son of His Divine Grace Sri Srimad Bhakti Siddhanta Saraswati Goswami Prabhupada, residing at Vrindaban, U.P., do solemnly and sincerely affirm that I am an Indian citizen otherwise then by naturalization; that I am

a property-holder; that I am not a solicitor or agent of Jayapataka Swami/ Gordon John Erdman; that I have personal knowledge of, and intimate acquaintance with, the said Gordon John Erdman of seven years; that the statements contained in his application for naturalisation are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I support Sri Jayapataka Swami's/ Mr. Gordon John Erdman's application for naturalisation and I can vouch for his good character and loyalty.

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

75-8-33

Vrindaban
26th August, 1975

Sriman Deoji Punja
Punja & Son's Ltd.
P.O. Box 125
Lautoka, Fiji

My Dear Deoji Punja:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 12, 1975 and have noted the contents. What you have proposed I have no objections. Do it. Krishna will bless you for this work, rest assured. He will give you all facilities; that is His promise, and actually it is so. You are all respectable gentlemen, and I have full confidence in you.

Yes, I will come there to lay the foundation stone as you invite me.

I hope this meets you in good health. I am sending a copy of this letter to Madhudvisa Swami so he may be instructed to cooperate with you.

It is all right for the appointment of officers as you have suggested.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/bs

75-8-34

Vrindaban
26th August, 1975

Honolulu

My Dear Guru Kripa Swami:

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

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-8-35

Vrindaban
26th August, 1975

Los Angeles

My Dear Jagannatha Suta das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 18, 1975 and have noted the contents. I have received the new issue of "Back to Godhead," No. 9 and it is done so nicely. It is all very pleasing to me, and I thank you all for this service. The printing I think is actually better than the Japan printing. Long, long ago when I was alone I was

thinking of printing like this, but there was no way to do it. Now you American boys and girls are helping me, so I thank you in this regard. I pray to Krishna for your continued enthusiasm in spreading Krishna consciousness.

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

75-8-36

Vrindaban
26th August, 1975

Bombay

My Dear Giriraj das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 22/8/75 and your telegram reading as follows: COMMISSIONER AGREES WRITTEN IOD TEMPLE WITHIN 24 HOURS—GIRIRAJDAS. So this is very good news. Actually Krishna is doing everything. Only we are taking the credit.

I am enclosing a copy of the latest "Back to Godhead", and I am requesting that in your Janamastmi Festival meeting you read the article under "ISKCON NEWS" about the Ratha Yatra Festival. The point is that in the foreign countries

they are accepting this a bona fide religion and making holidays and our Ratha Yatra is regularly established. But, in our own country they are giving so many hindrances. Anyway, after all we have got the permission. I am also sending you a copy of the correspondence with Raj Kapoor. This should also be discussed in your meeting how prominent people are giving us respect, why are others making false propaganda? This correspondence can be published by you along with his photograph. I think you have one publication of Member Lists. It can go in there.

I am returning herewith the Bank of America resolutions duly signed.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-8-37

Vrindaban

26th August, 1975

Sri Raj Kapoor
R.K. Films & Studios
Tromby Road,
Chambur, Bombay-71

Dear Sri Kapoorji:

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

So after ten years of struggle, in 1965 I went to USA, and by the grace of Krishna it has become successful all over Europe, America, Canada, and Australia. As it is stated in the Bhagavad-gita; yad yad ācarati sresthas, tad tad evetaro janah, sa yat paramanam kurute, lokas tad anuvartate. "Whatever action is performed by a

great man, common men follow in his footsteps. And whatever standards he sets by exemplary acts, all the world pursues." (Bg. 3:21). Your donation to this movement and your becoming the Patron Member is a very great thing, and it will ensure others who will also follow in your footsteps. So I am very much grateful to you.

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-8-38

Vrindaban

26th August, 1975

Los Angeles

My Dear Radhaballava das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 17, 1975 and have noted the contents. Regarding the English editing discrepancies, that how can I know? Let them point out which part and on which page so I can see.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-8-39

Vrindaban

26th August, 1975

Los Angeles

My Dear Ramesvar das:

Please accept my blessings. Now Bombay is requesting that more money be sent. So please send them US 50,000 to Bank of America, Bombay. Also I am told that Gargamuni Swami has pledged to send Vrindaban US 1,000 monthly but he has not sent anything this month. Please

see why he has not done it yet for this month.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedant Swami

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75-8-40

Vrindaban

28th August, 1975

His Holiness Swami B.H. Bon Maharaj
Bhajan Kutir, Madan Mohan
Vrindaban

My Dear Sripad Bon Maharaj:

Please accept my humble dandabats at your lotus feet. Your letter dated August 7, 1975 addressed to my Los Angeles address is just now received having been redirected from there. Please take our invitation card for the Janamastmi and Vyas Puja Day. Kindly attend if possible because I understand that you are sick. The other day Sripad Brahmananda Swami and Sriman Gopal Krishna das Adhikary and Sriman Dhananjaya das Adhikary went to see you, but they were not allowed to disturb you on account of your sickness.

Now I have studied your letter under reply. Regarding the land, if you can't sell then you can lease it to us for 99 years. I think there is no objection. The land is lying vacant from a long time 50 years. Now if it can be utilized for the benefit of the Institute why there should be objection.

The other day while taking my morning walk from the backside of your land I reached on the main road. So much land is still vacant without any utility. If you can spare all these lands on lease terms we can immediately use them properly. Now when you lease out the lands for some income, I don't think there is any objection by the Trustees. So if you come on Janamastmi or Vyas Puja Day we can talk on this matter, or if you are sick, if you give me some ap-

pointment I can go and see you.

So far other proposed, if the Institute is given for our management, we can fulfill all your desires mentioned in your letter under reply.

Hope this meets you in good health. Thanking you once more.

Yours faithfully,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-8-41

Vrindaban

28th August, 1975

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

My Dear Prabhakar Mishra:

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-8-42

Vrindaban

31st August, 1975

Dear Sri Rameshji Mahalingam:

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 12, 1975 and have noted the contents carefully. I am very sorry for the incidence which has taken place between you and my devotees. So you may please note it that I am dealing with these foreign students and teaching them to become Krishna devotees, and

some of them being neophytes may sometimes commit some offense. There is nothing surprising in this, but their ardent desire to convey the idea of Krishna consciousness is always laudable.

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-8-43

Vrindaban

31st August, 1975

Atlanta

My Dear Swarupa Damodar das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 6, 1975 with enclosed photo of the Gour Nitai Deities. It is very nice how you are worshipping the Deities. Our movement of Krishna consciousness is not dry. Your letter was pleasing to me. I am glad that you have

keen interest in the Institute program. Be ready, as I am negotiating. As soon as it is complete, I shall send a telegram for you to come. In the meantime request all GBC's to send lists of all our disciples who have B.A., M.A. or Ph.D. degrees.

I am glad to know that you are getting nice cows for your farm. If you have good cows then you will have good milk, which is the most important food. We are giving cow protection in the very place where they are eaten. At Bon Maharaj's Institute there is enough land for also keeping cows.

I was not able to come to Atlanta because I was called here to India on urgent business. Also I was feeling inconvenient by so much travelling. Regarding your question, so long they are not getting the human form by natural elevation, they are under the laws of nature. "prakrteh kriya-manani, gunaih karmāni sarvasah," Material nature is helping to bring him to the human body, or human species. When a human being is civilized he can take knowledge from Vedic literature. So in Kali Yuga the Srimad Bhagwatam is the essence of Vedic literatures: *nigama kalpa taror galitam phalam*.

So by study of Srimad Bhagawatam under the bona fide spiritual master, one becomes aware of the full value of life, and then he revives his original Krishna consciousness. That is the perfection of life. The individual soul is already under specific material nature, and the process is going on in lower grades of life, but in the human form of life by advancement of education, one can become above the modes of material nature. That chance is given to him. This is stated in the Bhagavad-gita: "yanti deva vrata devan." So if he likes he can go back to Godhead, "yanti mad yajino 'pi mam," and stop this transmigration process. Then he comes again perfect in Krishna consciousness. We are trying to bring the human society to this stage of life.

In human life even in the lower stage of modes of nature, he can come to the higher stage. That is our movement. In the animal form there is no chance, only in the human form. Unfortunately the modern mode of education is to kill the chance. In animal stage of life it is very dangerous.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

N.B. The negotiation with Bon Maharaj is not very feasible. It is too much encumberous. So if it possible, you start the Institute in USA. Do you think it is possible here in India or in USA?

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75-8-44

Vrindaban

31st August, 1975

Minister for Land & Revenue
Government of Uttar Pradesh
Civil Secretariat
LUCKNOW

Re: Land for Community Development

Dear Sir:

I have been told by Sri Ram Pandey

who is the Editor of INPF Samachar Samiti, Allahabad, and the District Youth Counsellor for the District Planning Office, Allahabad; that there are enough barren lands that are not suitable for agricultural use that are lying unused in Allahabad District. If you could kindly give over these lands to use we could develop it into a self sufficient community producing foodstuffs, grains and vegetables, milk products, and cloth involving the local peoples for their greater benefit, as we are already doing at our Mayapur Chandraya Community Development Project in West Bengal, Dist. Nadia, and which we are now planning near Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh.

I hope you may enquire into the availability of lands for such a complete development scheme which will benefit the people at large.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

SEPTEMBER

75-9-1

Vrindaban
1st September, 1975

Stockholm

My Dear Alanath das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 22, 1975 with enclosed copies of your new Swedish Back To Godhead magazine. It is very nicely done. The printing and paper are very good. You have published on the first page the first photograph of my preaching in America. It is an historical photograph. Eventhough I was alone completely in a foreign country, still I was not appearing forlorn. I was confident, that can be seen in my photograph.

I think the translation work was done by Vegavan and Ajit Prabhus. So encourage them in this work. This translation work is very important. It is not simply a matter of ABC's, but it requires spiritual realization to do it properly. I understand that you are a good Samkrtan man and book distributor. So you all cooperate. They translate, and you print and distribute. What more do you want? In this way you flood Sweden with transcendental literatures.

I am very glad that you are getting so much interest from persons coming from the Eastern Europe countries. You should give the two devotees from there all facility in translating. Now I am requesting Hansadutta and Bhagavan to make vigorous propaganda in Eastern Europe. In the latest issue of Back to Godhead English edition there is my discussion about Marx philosophy. It will appeal to any sane man. Lenin has murdered the Czar, that was his only accomplishment, but any

gunda could do that. This article should be read and translated.

Upon your recommendation I am accepting Vaclav and Jan as my initiated disciples. Their spiritual names are Paragati dasa and Turiya dasa respectively. See that they chant regularly 16 rounds and follow our principles. Then they will remain strong in Krishna consciousness. Their beads can be chanted upon by Hansadutta dasa.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-9-2

Vrindaban
1st September, 1975

Ann Arbor

My Dear Badrinarayan das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your note dated May 9, 1975 attached to the letter by Pam Conger. Upon your recommendation I am accepting her as my initiated disciple, and her spiritual name is Padmahasta dasi. Please see that she chants regularly 16 rounds.

Enclosed please find herewith a copy of a letter to Mr. Mahalingam. You have to deal tactfully in your preaching. Do not compromise the truth, but speak palatably so he does not reject it but accepts it. That is preaching.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-9-3

Vrindaban
1st September, 1975

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

Dear Bahu Rupa Das:

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

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

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

Bhagawatam and the Vedic literature. The calculation is that the Kali yuga is 432,000 years, out of which we have passed 5,000 years.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktiviedanta Swami
ACBS/bs

75-9-4

Vrindaban
1st September, 1975

Mr. Orbrey L. Duke
Chief of Police
City of Cypress
5275 Orange Avenue
Cypress, Ca. 90630

Dear Mr. Duke:

I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 31, 1975 redirected to me here in India. How can I assist you when I am here in India? If you take away the girl, I have no objection. They come and go, but if the parents take her away, I have no objection. We have no business to keep young girls from their parents. We do not force anyone to go or to stay. It is all voluntary.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktiviedanta Swami
ACBS/bs

75-9-5

Vrindaban
1st September, 1975

London and Paris

My Dear Hansadutta and Bhagavan das:

Please accept my blessings. I have received one letter from Alanath das Brahmachary, President of ISKCON Stockholm, in which he reports that there is much interest in Krishna consciousness in Eastern European countries. He is recommending two boys for initiation from

Czechoslovakia. I do not know the language otherwise I would have gone there. So I am requesting you to make vigorous propaganda in Eastern Europe. In the latest English BTG there is my discussion about Marx philosophy which will appeal to any sane gentleman. This should be read and translated. Lenin killed the Czar that's all, but any gunda can do that.

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

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-9-6

Vrindaban

1st September, 1975

Tampa

My Dear Jayananda das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 11, 1975 and have noted the contents. What you have done is good. Why should you remarry? Rather you should take sannyas. Now you are getting very good training. Why has Jayatirtha suggested you to remarry?

In Delhi there is a certain kind of laddhu which has such a taste, that anyone who has tasted it once, he laments, oh how I would like to taste again. And anyone who has never tasted, he also laments, oh I have never tasted. So one who has tasted, and one who has not tasted, both are lamenting. Wife is like that. You have already tasted, now you are lamenting. But my advice to you is not to try to taste

again, otherwise your lamentation will increase. You have got no children, so you are free, so take sannyas.

Sex life is nasty, but out of illusion we think it is nice. Now you are experienced, so don't take sex life again. You should not take sannyas out of sentiment nor artificially, but it is better to accept it anyway.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-9-7

Vrindaban

1st September, 1975

Los Angeles

My Dear Ramesvar & Co.,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 31, 1975 and the six new volumes of Chaitanya Charitamrita. So the books have increased, and they are all very nicely done. I think I may stop all touring and just sit down here for translating. You have taken seriously the publishing and also the distribution of these books, and that is the success of our mission. You have taken seriously this work and I know that my guru maharaj is pleased with you because he wanted this. So by this your endeavor you will all go back home back to Godhead.

Let me first of all finish Srimad Bhagavatam, then we can take up others. So I wish to also thank you for your cooperation. Because of your cooperation, therefore I has been possible. For me to publish alone the first three volumes, I had to take so much trouble, but by the cooperation of you American boys and girls now this has become possible.

You promised on Vyas Puja Day, and it has come, although Nitai has come a little

late just after our ceremony. Anyway, what you have done is good. Nitai has said he has brought advance verses for 7th Canto, and this will help me. Nitai was to come on the 20th but now he has come with the substance, so I am very much pleased.

The pictures are all wonderful. The artists tease me with so many questions, about this and that, but they have done nicely, so it is all right. So you all go on with your work, and I will pray to Kṛṣṇa for your ever advancement in His service.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-9-8

Vrindaban

2nd September, 1975

Los Angeles

My Dear Omkara dasi:

Please accept my blessings. I have seen your letter dated August 17, 1975 and have noted the contents. I never said there should be no more marriage. By all means legally you can get married. How can I object? They misunderstand me. Unless it is there from me in writing, there are so many things that "Prabhupada said."

I have no objection to marriage, but to bless it by a fire sacrifice, that I am thinking that if they don't stay together, then it is not good. But if they can remain together for one year, then there can be fire sacrifice. But changing three times in a month husband and wife, that is not good.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-9-9

Vrindaban

2nd September, 1975

Sri Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha, Secretary
Sree Chaitanya Gaudiya Math
35, Satish Mukherjee Road,
Calcutta-26

My Dear Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha:

Please accept my best wishes. I am in due receipt of your invitation card for the Annual Sree Krishna Janamastmi Celebration and I thank you very much for it. I am here in Vrindaban where we are holding our Janamastmi and Vyas Puja ceremony at our Krishna Balaram Mandir.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Yours faithfully,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

N.B. I am enclosing herewith a copy of the latest "Hare Krishna Explosion" which is published from our Hyderabad branch for your perusal.

ACBS/bs

75-9-10

Vrindaban

3rd September, 1975

Bombay

My Dear Achyutananda Swami:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 30, 1975 with enclosed clippings. They are very nice. You have done nicely. If you can get money, I have no objection to your getting a bus.

Regarding your question, Sukdev and Vilvamangal Thakur developed the conjugal ecstasies later on.

Regarding your difficulty in rendering Chaitanya Bhagawat, yes you are right that you are overstepping your position. Better to stop it.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-9-11

Vrindaban

3rd September, 1975

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

Dear Sriman Bharadwaji:

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

Generally it is very difficult to understand Krishna tattvatah, as it is confirmed in the Bhagavad-gita, manusyanam saharasresu/ kascid yatati siddhaye/ yatatam api siddhanam/ kascin mam vetti tattvatah. "Out of many thousands among men, one may endeavor for perfection, and of those who have achieved perfection, hardly one knows Me in truth." (Bg. 7.3) But, Krishna is available through the process of devotional service, bhakti yoga, bhaktya mam abhijanati, and anyone who actually understands about Krishna, about His appearance and disappearance, he goes back to home, Back to Godhead, janma karma ca me divyam/ evam yo vetti

tattvatah/ tyaktva deham punar janma/ naiti mam eti so 'rjuna. (Bg. 4:10) Therefore in the Brahma Samhita we learn: vedesu durllabham adurllabham atma bhaktau. It is further stated in the Padma Purana: atah sri krsna namadi na bhaved grahyam indriyaih/ sevonmukhe hi jihvadau svayam eva sphuraty adah. "No one can understand the transcendental nature of the name, form, quality, and pastimes of Sri Krishna through his materially contaminated senses. Only when one becomes spiritually saturated by transcendental service to the Lord are the transcendental name, form, quality, pastimes of the Lord revealed to him." Krishna cannot be known by the materially blunt senses. When you utilize your tongue in the service of the Lord then Krishna reveals Himself. You cannot order Krishna please come and I will see you.

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

With my best regards, I beg to remain,
 Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
 ACBS/bs

75-9-12

Vrindaban

3rd September, 1975

Bhaktivedanta Manor

My Dear Hansadutta das:

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

Did Dr. Wolf-Rottkay help edit this book? I do not see his name mentioned.

He is professor, so if you mention his name in the book, it will be impressive. When I was in Los Angeles he was coming to see me everyday. Also on the spine of the book under the BBT logo the words "Bhaktivedanta Book Trust" must appear. They are doing this on all the new volumes of Chaitanya Charitamrita from Los Angeles.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-9-13

Vrindaban

3rd September, 1975

Hyderabad

My Dear Mahamsa Swami:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 21, 1975 with enclosed copies of the master plan and cost estimate of the Hyderabad land. Who has drawn this big scheme? And, where to get the money? I wanted simple life. What is the Nature Cure Hospital? The first scheme is how to get food grains.

What is the scheme for getting this money? Will Hansadutta supply? Then I have no objection. Hansadutta will be president of this scheme. I will go in my quarters there, nothing more.

The idea is good. I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-9-14

Vrindaban

3rd September, 1975

Phoenix

My Dear Nalinikanta das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in

due receipt of your letter dated August 8, 1975 with enclosed check for U.S. 50.00. I have noted the contents of your letter. You have been married for a year and a half but do not have any desire for children. Then why did you marry? That is my question. If you do not want children, then why did you marry? You should not take sannyas.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-9-15

Vrindaban

3rd September, 1975

Sankar and Mira Pyne

c/o Sri Krishna Chandra Pyne

P-63, Tollygunge Road

Calcutta-700033

My Dear Sankar and Mira:

Please accept my blessings. I am very much pleased with your Vyasa Puja offerings. Both of you have done very well. I am very pleased to know you are making progress in Krishna Consciousness and following the rules and regulations. Next time when I come to Calcutta, I shall initiate Mira. In the meantime go on with your duties as prescribed by me which will be always pleasing to me.

Thanking you very much.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-9-16

Vrindavana

4th September, 1975

Melbourne

My dear Bhurijana das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 11, 1975 with enclosed currency note of \$50.

I thank you very much. Please keep me informed regarding your Hong Kong visa.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs/hdb

75-9-17

Vrindaban

4th September, 1975

Nairobi

My Dear Chayavana Swami:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 14, 1975 with enclosed copy of letter to Shakti Mati and the proposed BBT and Spiritual Sky arrangements. So it is good that Shakti Mati is again living in the temple. Keep her nicely. She is woman, so you call her Mother. As soon as you call her Mother, that I am so fallen please save, you are so great, then she will be very pleased. She is very talented and can organize the Pujari Dept. You say that the devotees are not enthusiastic, but this is important for spiritual life. Without Deity, then we are just sleeping and eating, and again they will return to hippie life. They must take care of the Deity very carefully. I saw once the film of the Deity installation there, and it was done very nicely, so why are they now slackening? Shakti Mati can teach others how to do things. They should assist her.

It is very good that the Government is cooperating by giving land. It is a good opportunity. Do it nicely. Do not worry about the political situation. Try to convince the African leaders that we have nothing to do with politics. We are trying to unite the whole human society under the flag of Krishna consciousness, love of God. That is our mission. If we get African devotees, then we are successful. So already some are coming. Now keep them fixed, and they will bring others. That is

nice that the Africans from South Africa are coming from there and joining you. The philosophy of South Africa is simply on the bodily platform. It is all nonsense. Can they be sure that in their next life they will be South Africans?

The BBT arrangement you have made is all right, but Brahmananda Swami says that it may be difficult for the temples to maintain by giving to both the Book Fund and the Building Fund. So if it is not possible that the temples maintain themselves by giving 45% to the BBT and 45% to the Building Fund, then use the Building Fund for maintenance. But the BBT must get its money. That is the prime responsibility of every temple. So let the temples pay the BBT 50% and when you require money for construction, then we shall see.

I understand you want to print Swahili literature with Dai Nippon and it will cost U.S. 8,000. So Dai Nippon gives BBT-L.A. credit, so let them order, and you pay L.A., even if you can transfer funds yearly. It doesn't matter. This publishing work is very important. I approve for you to get books from BBT-L.A. at reduced prices, at the cost price, the same as India is getting. You can inform Ramesvar that I give my sanction.

Regarding my coming there, I want to come, especially your Mauritius program is attractive, but my present state of health will not allow me to travel outside of India. I am not having any appetite so I am eating less. By eating less where is the energy for travelling?

Upon your recommendation I accept the children of Rasalila as my disciples. There spiritual names are Radhika devi dasi and Sanatana das Brahmachary. You can chant on their beads. I know the devotees there are working hard, especially as you have mentioned Prabhanu, Sharma, Dinanath, Jnana das, Chaitya Guru, Jalakara das, and Pusta Krishna Swami.

Because you are all cooperating with me, so much has been done. When I was alone I was taking so much trouble, but now there are so many assistants. But now you have to manage things very carefully and relieve me from the management so I can translate my books. But I do not want to see that everything deteriorates by your management. If you cannot increase then you should at least maintain what I have established.

Yes, you are correct in feeling sorry for mistreating Shakti Mati and Nava Yoginder. Hitting the devotees is not good. We have to teach by our example.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

N.B. Now I have decided that I must come to Africa. So my visa for South Africa is valid up to October 18. Therefore I shall leave from Bombay approximately October 1 for Mauritius and stay there for one week. Pusta Krishna Swami may come there and take me to South Africa since none of my servants have S.A. visas. I shall stay in South Africa for one week. Then Pusta Krishna Swami may take me to Nairobi and I will stay there for one week and go to Mombasa if you think. Then I shall return to Bombay by the end of October. So you arrange this program.

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I shall decide later on.

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75-9-18

Vrindaban
4th September, 1975

Sriman Deoji Punja
Punja & Sons
P.O. Box 125
Lautoka, FIJI

My Dear Deoji Punja:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your two letters dated Au-

gust 6th and August 15th together with the revised plans for the temple. The pujari room on the first floor behind the temple is not meant as living quarters for the Pujari. It is meant for storing the Deity paraphernalia, making flower garlands, etc. No toilets should be on this floor. Water taps will be needed however for washing the Deity utensils and prasadam plates of the Deity. Also on the Ground Floor on the first plan there were living quarters, but on the second plan there is only one big Library. Where will our men live? Living should be on the Ground Floor.

Regarding the adjacent piece of land, if you can donate, then the adjacent land owner can also donate. The management of affairs should be in the hands of my devotees. Your program for making Life Members is approved by me. You should work under the supervision of the GBC.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/bs

75-9-19

Vrindavana
4th September, 1975

Daytona Beach

My dear Gatravan das;

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter and have noted the contents. I do not know why you are bringing this matter to my attention. I have appointed Rupanuga das as my GBC to take care of these matters. Do not bother my brain. I cannot understand what has gone on but I simply request you to return to the temple and take part in the activities. In addition you should chant Hare Krishna and read my books and co-operate with the authorities. If you engage yourself full time in preaching then there won't be any other time for these other activities. You should approach the other

Vaisnavas in a very humble state of mind.
Vanca kalpatarubhyas ca krpa sindhubhya
eva ca patitanam pavanebhyo vaisnavebhyo
namo namah. Do not be puffed up but al-
ways be more tolerant than the tree. This
is the prescription given by Sri Caitanya
Mahaprabhu.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-9-20

Vrindavana

4th September, 1975

London

My Dear Ksirodaksayi das;

Please accept my blessings, I am in
due receipt of your Sri Vyasa Puja offer-
ing and I thank you very much for it. I
hope everything is going nicely in your
preaching. Simply read my books and re-
peat what I have written then your preach-
ing will be perfect.

Your ever well wisher

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-9-21

Vrindavana

4th September, 1975

Melbourne

My dear Madhuvisa Swami;

Please accept my blessings. I am in
due receipt of your telegram regarding the
baby boy born to Ram Prasad. So far the
name is concerned you can call him
Bhaktivardhana das. All my blessings are
there for the child so that he may become a
pure Vaisnava. I hope this meets you in
good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs/hdb

75-9-22

Vrindaban

4th September, 1975

Honolulu

My Dear Paramhansa Swami:

Please accept my blessings. I am in
due receipt of your letter dated August
21, 1975 with enclosed check for U.S.
1,000. I have not received the letter you
say you sent to Paris with a second check
for U.S. 1,000. You should immediately
inquire.

Regarding Mansavi, you should im-
mediately prosecute. The charge should
be Breach of Trust and Misappropriation
of Funds. I have received today the Oath
of Allegiance duly signed by him and no-
tarized. When required it will be supplied
to you. Therefore I wanted this declara-
tion. Immediately prosecute.

Regarding the restaurant, that is the
defect, that if we divert our attention
more on business. Therefore it is very
difficult. Things should be adjusted so
that temple programs are not hampered.
The brahmacharies and sannyasis must
stick to the temple activities. Only the
grihastas can take part in the restaurant.
Our aim should not be to work for profit.
You American boys and girls can make
very large profit, but why you have taken
to Krishna consciousness? You are not
meant for profit making but for advanc-
ing in spiritual life. So we should not take
to the restaurant for profit making at the
cost of slackening of spiritual life. This is
dangerous.

Mansvi is getting a job, but what about
the money? Ask him.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-9-23

Vrindavana

4th September, 1975

Calcutta

Dear Sudhindra Kisore Roy;

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 18, 1975. It is very nice that you are chanting Hare Krishna and are very enthusiastic to read our literatures. Please take part as much as possible in the activities of our Calcutta temple there. Attend the aratrikas and the classes and read my books very carefully and chant on the japa mala beads 16 rounds daily.

When I come to Calcutta next you can come and see me.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-9-24

Vrindavana

4th September, 1975

Sharon Suzuki

P.O. Box 742

Keaau, Hawaii

My dear Sharon Suzuki;

Please accept my best wishes. I am in due receipt of your letter and I have noted the contents carefully. It is quite evident that you are feeling anxiety in your mind. The best way to overcome this, the way to control the mind is to become Kṛṣṇa conscious. This is stated in the Bhagavad gita in the sixth chapter, that one has to control the mind otherwise the mind will become his worst enemy. The process for Kṛṣṇa consciousness is that we control the mind through hearing and chanting. We hear the maha mantra, Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Hare Hare and we hear the lectures from the spiritual master and read his books. Also we speak by preach-

ing and by chanting. This is the easy method for controlling the mind, by hearing and chanting.

So my advice to you is to somehow or other fix your mind on Kṛṣṇa then you will experience peace of mind and your mind will be your best friend.

I hope this meets you in the best of health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-9-25

Vrindaban

5th September, 1975

Arjuna Das

Lecturer in Commerce

St. John's College

Agra, U.P.

My Dear Sri Arjuna Das:

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 31, 1975, and it is very encouraging that you have tried to understand our philosophy so quickly. As I am travelling all over the world, I see that people are not satisfied. The dissatisfaction of the whole human race is being manifested in different ways. As sometimes the root disease becomes manifest by different symptoms. So far we understand from authoritative sources the dissatisfaction of the human race can be mitigated only by the acceptance of Krishna consciousness. The Bhagavad-gita confirms this: bhokṣāram yajna tapa-sam/ sarva loka mahesvaram/ suhrdam sarva bhutanam/ jnatva mam santim re-chati. Another example can be given that if by taking care of the cage of the bird without taking any care of the bird within the cage, certainly the bird will be restless and unhappy and create disturbances.

We require the help of many, many young men like you to understand this philosophy thoroughly and preach this movement in an organized way all over

the world. Fortunately some young men cooperated with me in the USA, therefore I have been able to push on this movement in the western countries. Similarly if some of the young, educated men like you in India join this movement, we can change the present situation of poverty and restlessness all over India.

In the Bhagavad-gita the procedure is described very elaborately for acting in all fields. We have to simply understand it and accept it, then everything will be peaceful and in a happy situation. Krishna appears for this purpose. He leaves behind His instructions so that in the future people could take His help and guidance. But, if you do not accept His instructions, then how can you be happy?

I am here in Vrindaban for some time. If you conveniently come and stay with me along with some of your interested friends, I shall be happy to convince you how this Krishna consciousness movement is so needed all over the world.

I hope this meets you in good health.

More when we meet.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Na byavicarati tabeksa yaya hi byavihito
bhagavato dharma. sthiracarasatvaka-
dambesu aprthak dhiyo yam upasate tva-
rya. (Bhag 1/16/43)

75-9-26

Vrindavan

7th September, 1975

Atlanta

My dear Balavanta das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter undated with enclosed check for \$500. Thank you very much. I am very glad to hear that everything is going on nicely, especially your developing your new 250-acre farm. Yes, if you can get the government to support our project,

that would be big triumph for us. They are spending millions and millions of dollars trying to keep the young people from turning into hippies, drug-addicted, and we are actually doing it. So why they should not give us some support?

Upon your recommendation I am accepting the following as twice-born initiated Brahmins and their santified threads and mantra sheets are enclosed: Ballabadra Battacharya das Brahmacari and Mahejya das Brahmacari. I also accept as my initiated disciples the following and their spiritual names are: Dr. Richard Thompson, Ph.D.—Sadapata das; Mike Dunn—Vedaguhya das; Chuck and Diana Sanders—Munjakesa das and Madamohini dasi; and Cindy Barber—Janmasunya dasi. Please see that they are chanting 16 rounds without fail. You should hold a fire sacrifice and let the second initiates hear the mantra from my recorded tape through their right ear. I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-9-27

Vrindaban

7th September, 1975

Paris, France

My Dear Bhagavan das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 29, 1975 with enclosed copy of Italian Back to God-head. This is very encouraging. Thank you very much. Regarding the farm, you can call it Bahulaban.

Regarding the question of second marriage, it cannot be done. Neither the law will allow it and neither we can encourage it. If they want to marry more than one wife, they must live outside our temples in their own arrangements. We have no objection if he does it, but it must be done

outside the temple. It cannot be done inside the temple jurisdiction. Outside he can work, earn money, and if he wants he can maintain 16,000 wives. But he must go outside the Society. Within the Society only one marriage can be allowed.

I thought these boys and girls will be married and be happy. But, I see that they are not satisfied. In the Western countries they are trained up in a different way. Jumping from one to another. Another wife, another husband. This is the disease all over the world. Simply by agreement, then cancelled, then another agreement.

Everyone wants more than one wife. That is human nature. This means their mind is not being diverted to Krishna. Because they are not madan mohan, they are madan dahan, they are in the Cupid's fire. You want them to have more wives under GBC supervision. You will supply the maintenance? What is this nonsense? They must go outside the Society to do it. And, the sort of marriage where they are not satisfied cannot be allowed. Nor can women with child strictly she cannot marry again.

Regarding Spiritual Sky, yes you can be appointed. Gopal Krishna has suggested that the Board meet bi-annually, and I approve of it.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Vrindaban

7th September, 1975

Tridanda Swami

Sree Bhakti Pramode Puri

Sree Ananta Basudev Sree Mandir

P.O. Kalna, Dt. Burdwan

Dear Bhakti Pramode Puri Maharaj:

Please accept my obeisances. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 27,

1975 and have noted the contents. Yes, it is Bhagavan's special mercy upon me that I am getting such immense wealth. You will be pleased to know that my books are selling to the extent of one million of dollars per month. But this money is coming from the mleccas and yavanas. That is the difficulty. This money is not coming from the brahmins. Therefore I am afraid to contribute to you as you request. How shall I give to you and pollute you?

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Yours faithfully,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-9-29

Vrindaban

7th September, 1975

Melbourne

My dear Bhurijana das,

Please accept my blessings. This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 15, 1975 with enclosed currency note of \$50 Australian. I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-9-30

Vrindaban

7th September, 1975

Mombasa, Kenya

My dear Dininatha das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 6, 1975 and have noted the contents. I am glad to learn that you are working very

hard there and preaching Krsna consciousness amongst the Africans. If you are sincere and your motive is pure, then everything will come out all right and you will be successful. Regarding the incident with Nava Yogendra, now this can be forgotten and you go on with your work. We are not concerned for these things.

So I am coming there shortly and I will see how you are doing. I am glad to learn that one Moslem girl has joined. I do not know why there should be opposition from her community for wearing sari. In Bengal many Moslem women, they wear sari and there is no objection. Similarly, in other parts of India Moslem women, they wear sari and there is no objection. The fact that the Moslems are saying Hare Krsna to you on the street, that is your success. We do not care for Moslem, Christian, this or that. We see everyone as part and parcel of Krsna, and as such they should re-establish their loving relationship with Krsna. I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/BS/mdd

75-9-31 Vrindavan
7th September, 1975
Los Angeles

My dear Jayatirtha das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 26, 1975. I want that the GBC relieve me of all management which means they have to manage the way I manage. I do not want to see things deteriorate by their management.

I have read the article of Transcendental Meditation. From this study I understand that it is not seriously taken. Therefore it means that this Transcenden-

tal Meditation, so-called, will not stay.

I hope this meets you in good health.
Your ever well wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/BS/mdd

75-9-32 Vrindavan
7th September, 1975
Los Angeles

My dear Koumadaki devi dasi,

Please accept my blessings. This is to acknowledge receipt of your Sri Vyasa Puja offering, August 30, 1975. Thank you very much for it.

Your ever well wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/BS/mdd

75-9-33 Vrindavan
7th September, 1975
Hyderabad

Dear Mahavirya das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 9, 1975 redirected from Los Angeles. I am very glad to hear that you are working so nicely in developing the project there. It is very important, and I am very encouraged that you are taking it seriously.

The modern civilization is a condemned civilization. The innocent people are being dragged from the villages and exploited in the cities. But in the Bhagavad-gita Lord Krishna recommends them to remain where they are and produce grains: annad bhavanto bhutani. Grow your food, eat sumtuously, and chant Hare Krishna. This is real life. If we establish such projects all over India, we shall be the proprietor of India. Similarly in the USA. And if USA and India join together in such Krishna consciousness projects, then the whole world will be

paradise. Krishna provides everything, but we mismanage it. Even in this condemned world He has provided everything complete. He is so perfect. Krishna wants us to pass on our days here in Krishna consciousness, and then go back home, back to Godhead.

This village program is for the ordinary class of people, and for the intellectuals we have got our books. We are not lacking in anything.

I hope this meets you in good health. I very much like that place in Hyderabad. That tree is very nice. I was sleeping underneath it. It is a pleasant place. Now develop it first class.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/bs

75-9-34

Vrindavan
7th September, 1975

Sri P.R. Jalan
Kunjilal Street
Upper Bazaar
Ranchi, Bihar 834001

Dear Parasuram Jalan,

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 1, 1975. Becoming a life member of this movement is not the necessary thing. Life membership is a side issue. We want people like you to co-operate with this movement. We want you to work for this movement. This is essential. You must know the philosophy and try to co-operate. Money is not important thing. Money is sent by Kṛṣṇa.

The thing is that unless one understands the philosophy that the human life is meant for understanding Kṛṣṇa, then simply a group of men such as you propose of the Jaycees, this will not help us. We have to impress upon all men the importance of this movement. Therefore

people should be given the chance to hear somehow or other, to hear the philosophy of Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

So my suggestion is that some of the intelligent men of Ranchi are welcome to stay here with me and try to understand the philosophy of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Then it'll be easier for you to start a center there. So you are invited to come and one who cooperates with this movement, he is the real life member. I hope this meets you in good health.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/BS/mdd

75-9-35

Vrindaban
7th September, 1975

Spiritual Sky
Culver City

My dear Stokakṛṣṇa das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter undated and have noted the contents. Yes, you can come here and I know you can do many things, but whether you will stay here. It's like Nanda Kumara. He came and after one day he wanted to leave and return. So you should not uselessly spend money. If you are going to come, then you should remain and do work. You can come on tourist visa and stay for 6 months.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever-wellwisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/BS/mdd

75-9-36

Vrindavan
7th September, 1975

Auckland

My dear Yaśomatinandana das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 11,

1975 with the enclosed letter from Lakshmana devi dasi. I have already sent a telegram that I accept her for brahminical initiation.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-9-37

Vrindaban

9th September, 1975

Mr. Ed Gilbert

3101 West End Ave.

No. C4B

Nashville, Tennessee 37203

Dear Ed Gilbert:

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 19, 1975 redirected to me from New York. Regarding your question, God does not discriminate, but so long as we have got forms we have to discriminate. Without God consciousness the discrimination is there. Why should think that you are American or that he is an Indian? Upon this platform of discrimination the whole philosophy of nationalism, communism, this ism and that ism is going on. When one learns how to see individual persons without discrimination, then he becomes perfect. That is described in the Bhagavad-gita: vidya vinaya sampanne/ brahmane gavi hastini/ suni caiva svapake ca/ panditah sama darsinah. "The humble sage by virtue of true knowledge, sees with equal vision a learned and gentle brahmana, a cow, an elephant, a dog, and a dog-eater (outcaste.)" (Bg. 5:18.) It is only on the spiritual platform or Krishna consciousness or God consciousness platform that there is no such discrimination. So if you remain on the material platform and artificially desire no discrimination it is not possible.

We are preaching therefore this Krishna

consciousness movement so that we may not have material discrimination. The soul has nothing to do with the body. The body is of different varieties calculated to be 8,400,000 forms. The soul is the same passing through different bodies by the process of transmigration. It is exactly like gold passing through business transaction, but when it is in the hands of somebody he thinks that it is "my gold," and when it is passed through another's hands, he thinks it is "my gold." Similarly the soul being as gold when he is situated in a particular body, it identifies with the bodily position, and each and every body is different from the other. So long the soul is in ignorance and identifies with the body, how can there be equality? So unless one is raised to spiritual understanding, there is no question of equality on the bodily platform. This is a scientific calculation.

Women claim to be equal, so that now they are thinking that they do not want to become pregnant, so they are killing their own child. What kind of equality is this that it creates another's suffering? As soon as the body is different how can there be equality? We see that woman cannot work so hard as a man, and women can do work that a man cannot do, so where is there equality?

I hope this meets you in good health.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-9-38

Vrindaban

9th September, 1975

Bhaktivedanta Manor

My Dear Hansadutta das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September

3, 1975 with enclosed clippings and the booklet on Cow Protection. Cow protection is one of the items of the Krishna consciousness movement: *kṛsī gorakṣya vanijyam*. *rakṣya* means protection. It is especially mentioned. Mukunda has done a great service. I am asking them to reprint it here. It will be very useful for preaching to the Indians. If you are sending men they can bring copies with them.

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

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

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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

75-9-39

Vrindaban

9th September, 1975

Hyderabad

My Dear Mahamsa Swami:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 6, 1975 with enclosed photos of the farm. I like that place and wish to go there. As soon as you call me I will come. If this scheme is successful, it will be a great fortune for us to capture Indian ideals and the support of the Government. Yes, Hansadutta can supply Rs. 2 lakhs for irrigation. Also I am asking that he may request that English devotees may be sent. The Nature Cure Hospital as you have described it is all right.

Regarding the libraries taking the books, they can be given up to 25% discount. We shall take a standing order from them, and supply whatever we can, and the balance by and by.

Yes, you can rotate the profits from the milk products and agriculture for future developments.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

N.B. I wish to make an experiment in preaching by bullock cart. One cart can hold 6-8 men sitting and 2 men for sleeping.

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75-9-40

Vrindaban

9th September, 1975

Los Angeles

My Dear Satsvarupa Goswami:

Please accept my blessings. I have

been informed by Brahmananda Maharaj that only six temples have sent copies of the Affidavit that I have requested from each temple. Please see why they are not sending.

From St. Louis I have received not only the Affidavit but also a "Quit Claim Deed." This decree very nicely expresses very clearly that the property cannot be sold without written permission by myself or the GBC. Such a declaration should be from all centers. Please see to this.

Also I want that all centers follow the following procedure for handling the money. Whatever income is there, every cent must be given to the treasurer. Immediately he records it in the book. Then daily he deposits everything in the bank. For the expenditures, he withdraws from the bank the petty cash by check signed by himself and the President. Then the expenditures are checked by the President to see how the money is being spent. The important thing is that all monies must be given to the treasurer and he records it and every day deposits everything in the bank. And whatever is spent that also is withdrawn from the bank. This will stop the embezzling that is going on. Please arrange for this and inform me.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-9-41

Vrindaban

11th September, 1975

Melbourne

My Dear Bhurijana das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letters dated August 22, 29th and September 5th with enclosed Dollars 50.00, 159.61, and 126.50. You say that someday you hope to be useful, but you are already useful—you are send-

ing checks. This is the best useful. You are remembering me and chanting Hare Krishna. This is Krishna consciousness.

Regarding the other matters, a difference between godbrothers is natural. That difference of opinion will continue, what can be done. Siddhaswarupananda Maharaj and his group, whenever they see me they give me money. So they are not against me. So it is a natural thing for the brothers to fight, as long as they all stay obedient to the father.

You do whatever you like, but do not forget chanting and following the rules and regulations. That will save you.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-9-42

Vrindaban

11th September, 1975

Sri Ramchandra Chabriaji

Soa Palaco Road

26, Strand Road

Bombay-1

My Dear Sri Ramchandra Chabriaji:

Please accept my blessings. Here in Vrindaban we have constructed one Guest House by our Krishna Balaram Mandir. The Guest House contains 44 Guest Rooms not including the rooms for our own men.

I wish that you may kindly come here to Vrindaban to train up my men how to organize and run the Guest House nicely. I think one week will be sufficient. We shall pay all your expenses in coming and going from Bombay.

I am here in Vrindaban, and shall look forward to seeing you.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-9-43

Vrindaban

11th September, 1975

Bombay

My Dear Giriraj das:

Please accept my blessings. I have the copy of your letter addressed to K.T. Charitable Trust dated July 29, 1975 regarding the sale of one guest room. But, what you have agreed to is not satisfactory. We cannot make such agreements with Trusts because it will go on perpetually. It can only be in one person's name and for his lifetime.

The following scheme should be followed hence forth. We have Guest Rooms and Devotee Rooms. The Guest Rooms can be used by anyone who pays the fees, in advance. Any Life Patron Member can live in a Guest room for a period not exceeding three days free of charge. If he wants to stay with us longer for any reason; then he may move to the Devotee Rooms, where he must live as we do, following all devotional practices as we do.

Rooms can be sold on bhet nam basis, but only to an individual and for his lifetime. A person who purchases a room can stay there as long as he likes for his lifetime and the room cannot be transferred to his sons, heirs, or assignees. His individual name will be put on a plaque on the room. Trust or Companies can nominate one man in whose name the room can be sold.

No Guest Rooms can be given to anyone free of charge. Everyone must pay for the accomodation, except Life Patron Members for three days. When a Guest comes he signs in the book how many days he will stay, and then pays in advance. Small kitchens can be provided for the use of Guests for preparing their own tea. Smoking is strictly prohibited. All men who live in the Devotee rooms must attend mangal aratik or starve.

The price for rooms on bhet nam basis

in Vrindaban are Rs. 60,000/- for a double room and Rs. 50,000/- for a single room.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-9-44

Vrindaban

11th September, 1975

Los Angeles

My Dear Radhaballava das:

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

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-9-45

Vrindaban

11th September, 1975

Tampa, Florida

My Dear Sudama Maharaj:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 20, 1975 and have noted the contents. I am glad that you are doing nicely in Krishna consciousness, and that you are reading my books and preaching. Tamal Krishna

Goswami also gave me a good report of your activities. So now continue.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-9-46

Vrindaban

12th September, 1975

Kilifi, Kenya

My Dear Jnana das and Lilavati devi dasi:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letters dated August 20, 1975 and have noted the contents. So I think that you are both very well suited for preaching in Africa. If you continue as you are now doing by the mercy of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu you will be very successful. It is by His order that we are carrying this message all over the world. Do not neglect chanting Hare Krishna.

Chayavana Swami is submitting very good reports of your activities. Now I am coming there to Africa, and shall see you then.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-9-47

Vrindaban

12th September, 1975

Mr. Thomas McCarthy

P.O. Box 446

Kapaa, Kauai

Hawaii, U.S.A.

My Dear Thomas McCarthy:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter and have noted the contents. If you want to donate the profits of your store to the Book Trust, you can do by sending to the Bhaktivedanta Book Trust, 3764 Watseka Ave., Los

Angeles, Ca. Att: Sriman Ramesvar das.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-9-48

Vrindaban

15th September, 1975

Detroit

My Dear Ambarisha das:

Please accept my blessings. The land at Kurukshetra is now available to us. So you can come and join me. If you meet me in Nairobi at about the third week of October, then we can come to India together.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-9-49

Vrindaban

15th September, 1975

D.N. Mishra

179 Balram De Ste

Calcutta—6

My Dear Dinnath Misra

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 11, 1975. I have sent you one telegram as follows: "RECEIVED YOUR LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 11 PLEASE COME HERE IMMEDIATELY

—A.C. BHAKTIVEDANTA SWAMI.

So I am here in Vrindaban at least up to September 25th or longer, as I am leaving for South Africa in the first week of October.

Kindly come here so we can discuss.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

75-9-50

Vrindaban

15th September, 1975

Bombay

My Dear Giriraj das:

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

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

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-9-51

Vrindaban

15th September, 1975

Los Angeles

My Dear Kirtiraj das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in

due receipt of your letters dated September 7 & 8th and have noted the contents and the enclosures. The reviews are very nice. He has written that people will want to learn Bengali just to read Chaitanya Charitamrita. That was the prediction of my Guru Maharaj. This is very enlivening. Get all these appreciations published in a nice booklet.

Regarding your preaching in Poland, you go there immediately. Take this opportunity. I want that our preaching be pushed in the Eastern European countries. I have recently written to Bhagavan Das and Hansadutta regarding this. This boy who has written from Poland, can be sent a set of books, Krishna Book, Chaitanya Charitamrita, and Bhagavad-gita. If he cannot pay that is all right. You are an intelligent boy, and I know that you will be successful in preaching there.

Regarding my birth date, it is September 1, 1896. Why is there question?

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-9-52

Vrindaban

15th September, 1975

Honolulu

My Dear Paramhansa Swami:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 2, 1975 with enclosed check for Dollars 3,000.00. Thank you very much for repaying this money. But I have still not received the Dollars 1,000 you sent c/o Paris. You should inquire into this and inform me.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-9-53

Vrindaban
15th September, 1975

Los Angeles

My Dear Ramesvar das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your August BBT Report and the August BBT Trustees Report. What is the Prabhupad Maintenance a/c?" How is the money collected and how is it dispersed? I have received the latest appreciations from the professors. These should be all collected and published in a booklet. I see from your report that you are planning this. 1,000 copies should be sent here to India, and you may send 250 copies of this and your new catalogue to Vrinda Book Co., 30/1B College Row, Calcutta—700009. They are attempting to sell our books all over India.

Nitai has sent additional chapters of Sixth Canto with Tamal Krishna. He is also expecting to send more in a couple of days.

You have written: "The BBT is capable of keeping up with Prabhupada's pace at this time and we humbly request all devotees to respect Prabhupada's desire to fulfill his dreams of publishing and distributing thousands and millions of volumes of Srimad Bhagawatam in Twelve Cantos all over the world by not disturbing him at this time with problems and decisions that can be made by his direct representatives, the GBC Secretaries." Yes, this is wanted. I want to increase my work. Brahmananda Swami and Gopal Krishna were suggesting that I go to some other place in India, but if Tamal Krishna flies 10,000 miles to lodge some complaint against Jayatirtha what can I do? If you all leaders cannot work together, then how can you expect the others to cooperate with you? Differences may be there, but still you have to cooperate together, otherwise where is the question of my being relieved of so many problems and decisions?

That is good that you are taking dis-

count from the unsatisfactory printing from Donnelly Co. Hardbound abridged Bhagavad-gita will be nice.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-9-54

Vrindaban
17th September, 1975

Dr. Babbar
Civil Surgeon
District Medical Hospital
Mathura
(Residence: Dawnpier Park)

Dear Dr. Babbar:

Please accept my best wishes. I wish to introduce to you Mr. Goverdhan Sharma, Token No. 0404, Tiamic Shop, Escorts Ltd., Faridabad. He is in need of some service from you, and I request you to kindly give him assistance.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-9-55

Vrindaban
17th September, 1975

Sri Ram Kumar
Magistrate and Tehsildar
P.O. Bassi (Dt. Jaipur)

My Dear Sri Ram Kumar;

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your nice letter and am very pleased to read the contents. It is rare that an important man like yourself understands the prime importance of the Krishna consciousness movement. In the Bhagavad-gita Lord Sri Krishna says that it is the specific duty of the leaders of society to give an example of Krishna consciousness so that the common people

will follow, yad yad arcarati srethas. Elsewhere in Bhagavad-gita the Lord says that it is the leaders of the society who can understand rightly this transcendental knowledge; imam rajaso vidhuh.

So it is very good that you have understood and are following the Lord's instructions in this way. Now you should perfect your knowledge on a solid basis. At your request I am sending a set of my Krsna Books. Enclosed is the bill. You have enquired about Life Patron Membership, and the necessary form is enclosed. The donation is Rs. 2222/-, and when you become the member you receive these Krishna Books and all other books and magazines for the rest of your life. So you can either send payment for the enclosed bill, or you can send payment for the membership and keep the books.

There are so many things to discuss that I suggest that you come here and see me if it is convenient for you. I am here in Vrindaban at least up until September 25th. I must leave Delhi the latest on October 2nd for Bombay.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/bs

75-9-56

Vrindavana

18th September, 1975

Honolulu

My dear Babhru and Satyaki,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 1, 1975 with enclosed check for \$15.00. I thank you very much for it and for your appreciation of the Krsna consciousness movement. Please continue reading my books seriously and everything will be revealed to you.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/BS/mdd

75-9-57

Vrindavana

18th September, 1975

Melbourne

My dear Bhurejana das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 12, 1975 with enclosed check for \$127.68. In this way you are rendering very nice service and the more you render service, the more you advance. This is the only way. Therefore the Vedic regulation is that whenever one goes to see some saintly person or to visit a temple, he must offer something. That will help him. It is enjoined that one should first of all dedicate his life and if it is not possible to do that, that one should dedicate his money. If he has no money, then he should utilize his intelligence how to spread Krsna consciousness. Or if he has no intelligence, then he should utilize his words that, "Yes, they are doing nicely. This is a nice movement." This is the process for advancement in Krsna consciousness.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
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75-9-58

Vrindavana

18th September, 1975

New Vrindavana

My dear Damodara Pandit das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 6, 1975 with the enclosed versification of the chanting of the song sung by Lord

Siva. It is all right.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-9-59

Vrndavana

18th September, 1975

Mr. Charles Frazier Wilson

924 Littlefield Building

Austin, Texas 78701

U.S.A.

My dear Charles Frazier Wilson,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 17, 1975, redirected to me here in Vrndavana, and I am glad to see that you have appreciated my books and the Krsna consciousness philosophy. So I recommend you to continue and read as much as possible and also chant Hare Krsna. We have our temple in Houston, Texas, and if possible you can associate with the devotees there for some time.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-9-60

Vrndavana

18th September, 1975

Brooklyn

My dear Pancaratna das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 17, 1975. This proposal of yours is out of the question and it shall not be done. I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-9-61

Vrndavana

18th September, 1975

Dela Plane, Virginia

My dear Rupanuga das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letters dated August 29 and September 7, 1975 with enclosures. The matter regarding by-laws and the articles of incorporation should be definitely brought up at our annual Mayapur meeting. One thing: why is that so few temples are sending the affidavits? You should see that this is done. This is the important thing. No one should go against this principle. We have discussed this matter thoroughly. Please see that it is done.

Regarding Washington, D.C. temple, it is the capital of your country. Therefore, the building there must be suitable. Do things very nicely there. I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-9-62

Vrndavana

18th September, 1975

Boston

My dear Satsvarupa Maharaja,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your GBC monthly report for August dated September 7, 1975 and have noted the contents. I have received a copy of the review written by the Cornell professor and it is very encouraging. I am having them reproduce it here for distribution to the libraries in India. I have also requested Ramesvara to make a booklet of all these reviews.

I'm glad to hear that Miami has got their new property and temple. I understand they have many mango trees there. When is the mango season there in Florida? I am very fond of mangoes and

when they are produced on our own property; then they become more palatable. It is a fact that if you purchase fruit in the market, it is not as palatable as if it comes from your own tree. Even Caitanya Mahaprabhu's devotees were very fond of mangoes. Caitanya Mahaprabhu, He immediately produced one mango tree at the house of Srinivasa and He was daily distributing mangoes.

Regarding Houston temple, it is best thing if they recruit their own men as the other temples are doing. I find that in the United States and also in Europe there are many Indians in every city. Encourage them to take part in our programs.

Regarding St. Louis, I know that Markenal is a very good boy. Perhaps it is better for him not to have such a wife. I thank you very much for your report. I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/BS/mdd

75-9-63 Vrndavana
18th September, 1975
Catonsville, Maryland

My dear Srutadeva das,

Please accept my blessings. I was in due receipt of your Sankirtana Newsletter, Volume 2, Number 23. The report from Denver regarding the legal judgment of Judge M. Winner is giving intelligence to the judge also. It appears that the airport officials are defeated. I have heard that in some of the airports they are making announcements telling the people not to purchase our literature. This is impeding our religion and is therefore blasphemy. This cannot be allowed. You should take this to the courts; let people know what they are doing. They cannot impede our right. It is simply wonderful that Caradesna das has

distributed in one day 210 big books.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/Bs/mdd

75-9-64 Vrndavana
18th September, 1975

Honolulu

My dear Sukadev das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 10, 1975. Your letter will be reviewed during the Mayapur annual meeting. That is the time to take up such matters. You all should co-operate and then things will go on very nicely. We should not bring in politics. That is a very nasty thing. Anyway, this matter will be reviewed at Mayapur. I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
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75-9-65 Vrndavana
18th September, 1975

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

My dear Sushil K. Arora,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 11, 1975 with enclosed check for 250 rupees. I thank you very much for it. I am glad to know that you have appreciated our movement and are taking active interest. I very much enjoyed my stay in Toronto and I hope that everyone there, all the devotees,

especially amongst the Indian community, will co-operate to spread our movement in Toronto and establish a very nice temple.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-9-66

Vrindaban

19th September, 1975

Dr. The Rt. Hon.

Sir Ramgoolam Reewoosagur Kt., M L.A.

Prime Minister of Mauritius

Government House,

Port Louis,

MAURITIUS

Your Excellency:

Please accept my best wishes. I am in due receipt of your kind letter dated September 11, 1975 and I thank you very much for your kind invitation, to visit Mauritius. I am pleased to inform you that I am arriving at Port Louis from Bombay on the afternoon of September 30th instant. I look forward to meeting with Your Excellency.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-9-67

Vrindavana

21st September, 1975

Melbourne

My dear Amogha das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your cable reading as follows: COMING EARLY OCTOBER TO WHICH PLACE SHALL I COME SIGNED AMOGHA DAS.

You may come to Bombay.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-9-68

Vrindavana

21st September, 1975

Bhaktivedanta Manor

My dear Bhaja Hari das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 10, 1975 with the enclosed clippings. The clippings are very interesting and I enjoyed them very much. I have been showing them here to all the people who have been visiting me. Yes, the plan you have sited for the lake and island is approved by me. I am very glad that you are doing this work and since the work started on September 8th, it is already going on. It is because you are charming the Indian community, therefore they are giving you money for these projects. So you should continue in this way.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-9-69

Vrindavana

21st September, 1975

Srimati Harinama-devi dasi

Srimati Tadit-devi dasi

Bhaktin De Anna

Atlanta

My dear devotees,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter. I thank you very much for the package containing the woolen slippers and the nice bag for the kartals. They are very nicely done. Regarding the baby Acarya das, yes, the

name is approved by me and it is a very nice thing that he was born with umbilical cord wrapped like sacred thread. I am very pleased to hear about the book distribution. I know that Atlanta is very good place for book distribution and you are doing it nicely. So please continue.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-9-70

Vrndavana

21st September, 1975

Hyderabad

My dear Guara Govinda Swami,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your long letter dated September 12, 1975 and your letter dated September 17th and have noted the contents. Regarding your returning to your own village, a sannyāsa is not supposed to go back to his own village. If you are doing some substantial work, you should not agitate your mind for opening a center in Orissa. I talked here with Anandapanda and he said after October the season in Orissa is better. I have proposed to him also for arranging for us to go there and during that season we may go there in a party and preach there and if possible open a center.

I understand that you are doing well in Hyderabad so there is no necessity for immediate change. I am going now on tour of Africa and when I return I shall see you and we shall do the needful. I may go to Hyderabad when I return.

I hope this finds you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-9-71

Vrndavana

21st September, 1975

Hyderabad

My dear Mahamsa Swami,

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

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/BS/mdd

75-9-72

Vrndavana

21st September, 1975

Los Angeles

My dear Radhaballabha das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in

due receipt of your letter dated September 13, 1975 with enclosures. Regarding 6th Canto, Nitai has just yesterday sent off Chapters 5, 6, 7 and 8 and next week he expects to send off Chapters 9 through 13. This will be sufficient for you to publish one volume. I expect before leaving India on September 30th to have finished the 6th Canto. I have received a letter from Jayadvaita das dated September 8th regarding the *Upadesamrta* book. The title of the book can be *Nectar of Instruction*. We already have the *Nectar of Devotion* so now you will have the *Nectar of Instruction*. You can make it just like the set-up of the *Nectar of Devotion* book. The words *Sri Upadesamrta* do not have to appear in the title. A dedication is not required because it is not a big book. The suggestion for the picture of Rupa Gosvami's Govindaji Temple is approved. Regarding the conclusion of the book, yes, it says in the text that the most fortunate devotees execute devotional service near Radha-kunda. That is stated in the book. I am enclosing the introduction for the book; please find.

Regarding the corrections you have sent, this kind of changes is admissible. There is no harm.

Regarding your managing production of Spanish and German books, yes, it is approved by me. Why not?

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/BS/mdd

75-9-73

Bombay

26th September, 1975

Evanston, Illinois

My Dear Jagadisha das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 6, 1975 and have noted the contents. Regarding the difficulty with Gurukula what

can I reply? This is your responsibility. The GBC can decide what to do. Instead of spending money there, if the government is specifically passing the act against us, then we can spend that money in the Gurukula in Vrindaban. We are getting land adjacent to our temple and on Radhastami I laid the foundation stone for a Gurukula. We shall put up a suitable building there. In India there is no such government regulative law.

I see that all the temple presidents are not to your liking. So how will you manage? If all the presidents are bad and not to your liking, then let the GBC consider what to do.

I hope this meets you in good health. You say that Karandhar was being supported by Jayatirtha, but Karandhar does he have any position still? He has no official position I do not think.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-9-74

Bombay

26th September, 1975

Los Angeles

My Dear Jagannath Suta das:

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

Kṛṣṇa gives. This is the real knowledge.
 I hope this meets you in good health.
 Your ever well wisher,
 A. C. Bhaktivedānta Swami
 ACBS/bs

75-9-75 Bombay
26th September, 1975
 Los Angeles

My Dear Kirtiraj das:

Please accept my blessings. I have seen the latest reviews that you have sent with your letter and I thank you for them. The linguistics professor has correctly remarked. It was my intention in presenting the books that anyone who would read, they would learn Sanskrit. For example almost all of my disciples are pronouncing Sanskrit very nicely just by reading my books. He says that there is no pronunciation guide, but it is there is it not? The best thing would be is a recording. Therefore our process for learning is by hearing. Hearing is so important.

The other professor has remarked that my books will be appreciated by students of consciousness. That is very good. Our books are meant to educate people in consciousness. And, it is very good that the other professor has recommended the Kṛṣṇa Book for undergraduate study. This book should be introduced as a Kṛṣṇa study book. As soon as the book is discussed in the class the books will be purchased by the students.

Now you should publish a booklet of all these quotes. It will be very effective. This must be done.

The questionnaire for Religious Who's Who is enclosed.

I hope this meets you in good health.
 Your ever well wisher,
 A. C. Bhaktivedānta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-9-76

Denver

Bombay

26th September, 1975

My Dear Kurusrestha das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 13, 1975 and have noted the contents with pleasure. The District Court has given us the permission "for as long as the country lasts." Were these exact words used in the judgement? This is very funny. The judge is a very funny man. He should be sent a congratulation letter. This should be quoted. Actually any gentleman should be a little humorous.

So Krishna has given you the chance to spread Krishna consciousness so long your country lasts. So try to sell a similar quantity of books every day as you are now doing and that will encourage me. And you can offer your heartiest thanks to the justice because he has given us such a great facility. May by the grace of Krishna your country last forever, and may the justice also live a long time and may you go on selling books. That is my desire.

Your country is very much liked by me, and I am sure that if your country takes this Krishna consciousness movement than nobody will be able to vanquish America at any time. With this aim in view try to convert your great country to become Krishna conscious. There is a good chance for it, so if you try, you can do it. That is my opinion. I like America very much. So many good boys have come to me from America. Unless your country is good, how could good boys and girls come? You are not poverty stricken. That is a great qualification. You have all good qualities. You are open-minded people. So please go on breaking every month the records of how money you send to BBT. The more you go on in this way, the more your country will go on everlastingly. I see in your country that the girls

are being exploited. They are taught to be independent so they become the playthings for sex. So where is the freedom? I want that they live, man and wife together, chant Hare Krishna and be happy.

When I was in Denver I saw the temple very nice. You have great potential for sreading Krishna consciousness there. So if you organize things, it will be very nice. That the people are receiving you nicely, these are all signs of improvement. You have to be determined in your preaching, and at the same time remain humble. The two brother Jagai and Madhai injured Lord Nityananda, but still he continued to preach, and they became great Vaishnavas. In the beginning we have to face awkward situations, but if we stick to our principles and continue to preach, things will come round to our favor. The University wants you because they have seen it is as a good movement. Stick to our principles and be humble even if there is provocation; and things will come out successful. This is the instruction of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, *trnad api sunicena*.

Regarding your festivals with prasadam, yes do it occasionally. There is no need of accumulating wealth more. You can get wealth more, and also spend wealth more. This is brahminism. Get and spend, but not to spoil and squander. This example should be shown to others. That the City was paying you means that they are appreciating. Gradually they will all appreciate very much.

Upon your recommendation I am accepting the following as my initiated disciples and there spiritual names are as follows:

Mike Puglise—Govardhanadhāri das
Cheryl Puglise—Gopānandakarī devi dasi

Christina Mills—Pradhānagopikā dasi

Scott Byrnes—Yajñopabdhoktā das

Please see that they follow the four regulative principles strictly and chant 16

rounds daily, and they will remain strong in Krishna consciousness. I also give brahminical initiation to Puja dasi. The mantra sheet is enclosed. She can hear at the fire sacrifice my tape recording through the right ear.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/bs

75-9-77

Bombay

26th September, 1975

Los Angeles

My Dear Radhaballava das:

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

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/bs

75-9-78

Bombay

26th September, 1975

Bridenville, Canada

My Dear Rochana das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 17, 1975 and have noted the contents. Upon your recommendation I am accepting the following as my initiated disciples, and their names are:

Dennis and Paula—Jñānamudrā das & Trailokyasundarī devi dasi

Timothy Moore—Yogīnātha das

Peter and Carol Fortany—Rukminīśa das and Vedagarbha devi dasi

Ken Perry—Parampadam das

Marlane Boyadjian—Yaśodanandapātni devi dasi

Please see that they will follow our rules and regulations and chant minimum 16 rounds daily. I also accept for second initiation Mahidhara das and Pracetana devi dasi. Enclosed is the sanctified thread and the mantra sheet.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-9-79

Bombay

26th September, 1975

Honolulu

My Dear Sukdev das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 8, 1975 and have noted the contents. Yes, the girls when married to a brahmin, still they have to be recommended. She may be recommended by her husband.

Upon your recommendation I accept Sita devi for second initiation. Enclosed is the mantra sheet. She must hear the recorded tape I have given through the right

ear.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-9-80

Vrindavan

27th September, 1975

Athens

My dear Dina Dayal,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 18th inst. with Greek pamphlet. This preaching work is very pleasing to me. Go on with your translation work, and Krishna will surely bless you. Thank you very much.

Do everything in consultation with the GBC. I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/as

75-9-81

Bombay

28th September, 1975

Mr. M.K. Kaul, M.A. B. Comm.

Development Officer

New India Assurance Co. Ltd.

Station Road, Main Puri, U.P.

Dear Mr. Kaul:

Please accept my best wishes. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 18/9/75 and have noted the contents. The best thing will be for you to immediately come and live with me. I am going on the 30th instant to South Africa, and I am coming back after one month's time, and then you can meet me in Bombay, and I will be glad to keep you as my constant companion for sometime so that you can learn Krishna consciousness and be useful for Krishna's service.

It is the great mercy of Krishna that you are feeling like this that you want to

serve me. Do not lose this opportunity. The whole world is suffering for want of Krishna consciousness. Although the subject matter is very simple and easy, still fools and rascals will not take to it. This is the influence of maya. To take to Krishna consciousness means to make one's life successful, as well as helping others to make their lives successful. It is a great mission. Try to understand the philosophy and try to dedicate your life for Krishna's mission.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-9-82

Bombay

28th September, 1975

Mayapur

My Dear Pradyumna das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 11, 1975 and have noted the contents. It is nice that you have started the Sri Rupanuga Vidyapitha Library and that you are teaching the boys at the Gurukula Sanskrit. You can do it. You have got the capacity. Now do it. You may send me a copy of the examination and what were the results.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-9-83

Bombay

28th September, 1975

Prem J. Batra

Ruparel College, Sr. B.A.

Matunga, Bombay 400 016

My Dear Prem Batra:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September

19, 1975 and have noted the contents. I am very glad that you are seriously trying to understand our Krishna consciousness philosophy. It is Srila Jiva Goswami who has presented very high philosophy in his Six Sandavas.

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

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

For those who are grossly materialistic persons, for them the yogic system is recommended, otherwise if the mind is directly engaged engaged at the lotus feet of Krishna, the senses automatically

become engaged in Krishna's service; and that is the liberated stage. Chanting of the Hare Krishna mantra is the direct process for curing the mind of all materialistic contamination. Take to this process and be happy.

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-9-84

Bombay

29th September, 1975

Brooklyn

My Dear Gargamuni Swami:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 25/8/75 and have noted the contents. Regarding the disturbance made by the women devotees, they are also living beings. They also come to Krishna. So consciously I cannot deny them. If our male members, the brahmacharies and the sannyasis, if they become steady in Krishna consciousness, there is no problem. It is the duty of the male members to be very steady and cautious. This can be done by regular chanting like Haridas Thakur did. Whenever there is a young woman, we should remember Haridas Thakur and beg his mercy to protect us, and we should think that these beautiful gopis are meant for the enjoyment of Krishna.

It is a dilemma for our Society that we cannot deny these girls, and at the same time they are a great dangerous allurements to the young boys. Yes, as you say, I never think in terms of Indian or American regarding my students. I take you all as part

and parcels of Krishna.

Regarding your program, that is your fortune, that wherever you go, you do nicely. One thing is that in your absence the Calcutta center is not being managed very nicely. You were making progress for making a Calcutta temple. Who is there who can do that now? Those men cannot do that. Anyway you are doing greater service there by distributing so many magazines and also books.

Your program of travelling to Europe and then by vehicles to India is a very good idea. I quite appreciate that idea. Do it. Come to India and preach. Six months in America and six months in India. Such a program of world touring work is very nice, and you are the competent person to execute this program. At the same time chant Hare Krishna regularly. That is my request.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-9-85

Bombay

29th September, 1975

Bhaktivedanta Manor

My Dear Hansadutta das:

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

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

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

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

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

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

rate temple building. The Deity must have its own temple.

I hope this meets you in good health.
Your ever well wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

75-9-86

Dallas

Bombay
29th September, 1975

My Dear Jagadisha das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 19, 1975 with enclosed photographs and map. The property is very nice. You should take it immediately. Make some bargain as far as possible to get the best price, and take it. We shall try to get the money. Ask Ramesvar. He is now getting money from book distribution, so money is coming. I do not know if the centers can contribute. 40 centers would have to contribute U.S. 5,000 each to raise U.S. 200,000. As far as taxing the centers for the maintenance, that should be considered amongst the GBC.

It is a good idea to also have the Vedic Institute there also on this property. So negotiate and develop it jointly.

I hope this meets you in good health.
Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
N.B. What will you do with the old building?
ACBS/bs

75-9-87

Los Angeles

Bombay
29th September, 1975

My Dear Ramesvar das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 19, 1975 and have noted the contents. Why has Dr. Wolf gone against us? What

is his complaint? Just consult with Swarupa Damodar.

Regarding the airport distribution, I have personally seen that they do not create any disturbance. They speak quietly and on the side, and no one is disturbed.

Yes, Swami Bon is envious. What can be done?

Here the Hare Krishna People film by Yadubara is very much appreciated. Just encourage Yadubara to make more films. He can do nicely.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

N.B. You have published the photo of Krishna Balaram Mandir in Chaitanya Charitamrita. I want that this picture should be printed and 1000 copies may be sent to %Vrindaban and they can paste it on some boards, and people will purchase.

75-9-88

Bombay

29th September, 1975

Delaplane, Virginia

My Dear Rupanuga das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 19, 1975 and have noted the contents carefully. What is the street address of the new building in New York? The consent letter has been sent from Vrindaban. You should minimize the expenditure and increase the income, otherwise how will you liquidate the debts? I understand that you are saving on the milk bill by supplying your own milk from the farm. This is wanted. If these farm projects are successful, then all this industry will be closed. We do not have to make propaganda, but automatically people will not want. The people are innocent. The rascal leaders say it is primitive to remain on the farm, but to do business in the city and become rogue and rascal, that is

advanced. They have dog race, horse race, gambling, coka cola, pepsi cola—all unnecessary. There is no use for it but the business is going on. They take to cigarette and T.V. because they have no good engagement. They are chewing the already chewed. That is nice that the parents are donating. They will donate more and more, because they see here is something good.

Regarding the new New York house, yes, let me know when I shall have to go there to see. I have more houses than anyone else in the world, but I am not allowed to stay. The richest man in the world does not have such facilities. They have one or two, but in each place it is fit for prince, and they do not have as many as I have. And, the wife of Bali Mardān how was she giving such a bluff? This woman is very dangerous.

I see that in every center we are getting good income, and it is all from the sale of the books. Philadelphia temple must have a proper place. Regarding Washington temple yes Brisakapi can be now recognized as the temple president. I give my consent for the present temple to be sold and you may purchase the other one as you have described it.

Regarding Boston, yes you may utilize the funds as you have indicated. People are coming forward to donate. They are actually seeing. These boys were drug addicted, and now they are saintly. They do not smoke even. They talk only of God.

So you get from all the farms all your necessities, then it will be successful. Fodder, milk, grains, vegetables, and animals and man will be satisfied, and you can chant Hare Krishna. No unnecessary cow killing, and no unnecessary needs of the body. The woman's SKP party, that is very good.

I hope this meets you in good health.

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-9-89

Bombay

30th September, 1975

Los Angeles

My Dear Guru Kripa Swami:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter addressed to Rupanuga das dated September 16, 1975 and have noted the contents. Why is there this politics? This is not good. If politics come, then the preaching will be stopped. That is the difficulty. As soon as politics come, everything is spoiled. In the Gaudiya Math the politics is still going on. My Guru Maharaj left in 1936, and now it is 1976, so after 40 years the litigation is still going on. Do not come to this.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-9-90

30th September, 1975

Arvind Shah (Mathiawala)

166 Parkview Ext.

Athens, Georgia 30601

My Dear Arvind Shah:

Please accept my best wishes. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 12, 1975 and have noted the contents. I cannot quote immediately from shastra, but psychologically we can understand that there is no such things as Hindu religion, but according to the Vedic shastra there is varna-ashrama, the religion of varna and ashrama. The whole varna-ashrama system discourages sex life. Circumcision is a facility for sex life. So in other systems of religion or throughout the whole universe the tendency is to enjoy sex life, whereas the varna-ashrama system discourages sex life. Sex life is the cause of bondage of the conditioned soul to remain in the material world. If one can

conquer over the sex impulses voluntarily, he conquers over the influence of material nature. So the ideals being different, I think in the Vedic system such circumcision is prohibited.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-9-91

Bombay

30th September, 1975

Rakesh Sharma

2704 West Terrace Dr.

Augusta, Georgia 30904

My Dear Rakesh Sharma:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 19, 1975 and have noted the contents.

You are born in brahmin family, so your forefather's blood is there, and now you are thinking like a brahmin. So it is all Krishna's grace. You have already given up meat eating, etc., and if possible you can live in our temple and execute devotional service. This will save your life in Krishna consciousness.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-9-92

Bombay

30th September, 1975

Atlanta

My Dear Swarupa Damodar das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 16, 1975 addressed to Brahmananda Swami. The purpose of the Institute is to achieve the distinction of human life. The human being is meant for understanding his real identity. If a human being be-

comes entrapped with this body which may be American, Indian, brahmin, ksatriya, and so many other designations, then he remains on the platform of cats and dogs. A dog or a cat is thinking he is such and such. Similarly a human being thinks he is this and that designation, then he remains in the dog and cat category.

The Institute will be primarily for those who have not entered our temples. The subject matter will not be different from what is taught in our temples. There will be no difference between our temples and the Institute, but the Institute will be offi-

cial for the general mass. It will be a formal education and they will get degree. It will be open for everyone, including those who have already entered our temples, they may also participate. But, the subject matter should not be different from what is in the temples.

I hope this meets you in good health. I have heard that Dr. Wolf has turned against us. What is his complaint?

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/bs

OCTOBER

75-10-1

Johannesburg
3rd October, 1975

Los Angeles

My Dear Ramesvar das:

Please accept my blessings. In Bombay I have paid in advance Rs. 25,000/- to Bhavananda Maharaj for Food Relief poor feeding; so whatever you have collected for poor feeding may be sent to Bombay Bank of America.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-10-2

Johannesburg
5th October, 1975

West Coast Presidents

My Dear Devotee Presidents:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 21, 1975 with enclosures. This is very bad. These reports about Japan are coming from all over the world. This is very disturbing to me. Their own original face is coming out. This is not at all good. Now you have to do what you have to do to rectify the situation.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-10-3

Johannesburg
6th October, 1975

My dear Rebatinandan Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Sept. 19, 1975 and I have noted the contents carefully. It is best that you travel with Visnu-jana Maharaj and Tamal Krsna Goswami. Our mission is a continued effort and we need not give up the association of devotees simply because there is a difference of opinion how to preach our philosophy. If your conviction is strong and evidential, then try to convince them of your ideas for spreading Krsna Consciousness. Our principle is to simply repeat what we have in our books. But, it is very dangerous to live outside the association of devotees. If you must live a more solitary life for some time, then you can go to our temple in Mayapur or Vrindaban, and they can give one small room there and you can chant and read. I can advise the temple authorities there to permit you to do so without disturbance. In either case you can take boiled vegetables, boiled rice, a little milk, once a day, and this is very easily digestible. I am also taking like this. Living outside the association of devotees is dangerous and unnecessary. You must, however, give up the association of Janmadagnir and Karnupriya. Their company will not be beneficial to your Krsna consciousness.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

75-10-4

Johannesburg
7th October, 1975

My dear Dina Bandhu dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Sept. 25, 1975 with enclosed daksina and I thank you very much. So far as name for Port-land Yātra is concerned, you may call it Manipur.

Upon your recommendation I am accepting both boys for my disciples. Their names are Girijārata dāsa—Marty, and Amoghavīrya dasa—Michael. Also, I am accepting Edhaniyasvabhava das brahmācari and Lila devi dasi as twice born brahmanas. You will find enclosed one brahmin thread duly chanted on. Now everyone must strictly follow the principles of chanting sixteen rounds japa daily, and refraining from illicit sex-life, intoxication, gambling, and animal slaughter and then they will not be blown away by the material energy. You may perform fire-yajna and brahmins should hear a tape of me chanting Gayatri mantra through the right ear. I thank all of you for assisting me in spreading Lord Caitanya's Movement throughout the world. People are simply being cheated by so many rascals who pose themselves as big, big leader so you must all strictly follow the principles that I have established and for the general mass of people give them chanting, prasadam, and have them take some of our literature. That will benefit them and gradually they will come to the standard.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

75-10-5

Johannesburg
7th October, 1975

My dear Mokika dasa, Kardama Muni dasa, and Vaisnavananda dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 6 and enclosed daksina and I thank you very much.

I hope this meets you all in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

75-10-6

Johannesburg
8th October, 1975

Vrndavana

My Dear Dhananjaya das;

Please accept my blessings. Kindly send me a report immediately to the Johannesburg address.

Hoping this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher;

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/hd

75-10-7

Johannesburg
12th October, 1975

His Holiness Swami Sahajananda,
Divine Life Society of South Africa,
P.O. Box 19069,
Dormerton, Durban, 4015

My dear Swamiji,

Please accept my humble obeisances. I beg to thank you very much for your kind letter dated 10th October, 1975 and it is very encouraging as you write to say: "As many spiritual leaders are often deriding the Godhood of Lord Krishna, it is gratifying that your great movement is disseminating His greatness and thus keeping alive our devotion to Lord Krishna." It

means that Your Holiness is a great devotee of Lord Krishna. So, out of your natural humbleness you have presented yourself as my "humble child." Certainly, in consideration of age, you are my child but I see in devotion you are greater than me. So as you are a devotee of Lord Krishna you are my guru. Thank you very much.

It has become a fashion nowadays amongst the politicians, scholars, and so-called swamis to deride Krishna. This is very dangerous position. Any blasphemous activities to Krishna will not affect His body. He has no material body, therefore prayers or accusations do not affect Him. He is always kind and equal to everyone.

samo'ham sarva-bhutesu
na me dvesyo'sti na priyah
ye bhajanti tu mam bhaktya

mayi te tesu capy aham (B.G. 9/29)

"I envy no one, nor am I partial to anyone. I am equal to all. But whoever renders service unto Me in devotion is a friend, is in Me, and I am also a friend to him." But, those who are deriding the Godhood of Krishna are considered as demons and raksasas. There was only one raksasa at the time of Lord Ramachandra who did not care for the Lord and attempted to kidnap his wife so he took away maya-laksmiji from Narayana. The result was that he became ruined with his whole family and kingdom. In this age of kali there are a number of Ravana's deriding the Godhood of Lord Krishna and Lord Ramachandra, and they will meet with the same result as it was done in the case of Ravana. So it is a dangerous position of the whole world that they have become all godless or atheists in different degree or manner. It is the duty of saintly persons to save these rascals from ruination. So, I wish that a devotee of Lord Krishna like you may conjointly work in propagating Krishna Consciousness to save the fallen

souls from going down to the darkest region of hell. I am quoting one verse from the Srimad Bhagavatam, Canto 7, chapter 5, verse 31:

na te viduh svartha-gatim hi visnum
durasaya ye bahir-artha-maninah
andha yathandhair-upaniyamanas
te pisanantryam-urudamni baddhah
(S.B. 7.5.31)

Thank you very much for your kind letter. With my best wishes and regards, I beg to remain,

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

75-10-8

Johannesburg
16th October, 1975

Stockholm

My dear Ajit dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Oct. 1, 1975 and I have noted the contents carefully. If you see problems in the Stockholm center why don't you try to reform it by your example and practical application of our philosophy. If I have to be involved in every dispute, then what is the need for the G.B.C.? G.B.C. is there for this purpose. However, if there is some serious difficulties, just now I can not give decision. If it is not settled, then it can be discussed at Mayapur.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

75-10-9

Johannesburg
16th October, 1975

Detroit

My Dear Audulomidasa,

Please accept my blessings. It is great

offence to change dress now that you have taken babaji dress you must continue. You are all so restless and take everything as farce. Now, take more rest and go on with your program of chanting and that will be good for you.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

75-10-10

Johannesburg

16th October, 1975

Frankfurt

My dear Hansadutta dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 29, 1975 and I have noted the contents carefully. It is a good idea to have the Russian teacher in Czechoslovakia to do the translating, but it must be checked afterwards by our men with the help of someone competent. It is encouraging to hear of your book distribution there and if you can manage locally by selling books, then I have no objection. If you want to print another cassette of books, that depends on your good discretion.

Why Bhagavan should interfere with Stockholm. I appoint G.B.C. for peaceful management of affairs and now you are creating disturbances amongst yourselves. So how can I be peaceful to translate my work. So all these things should be kept in abeyance for the time being and when we meet in Mayapur we can discuss amongst the entire G.B.C. If Stockholm is in your charge why Bhagavan and Jayatirtha should dictate, and why Ajit should join with them. On the whole why there should be difference of opinion amongst the G.B.C.? If there is some difference of opinion how is it that it can not be adjusted amongst you? The Spiritual Sky questions and all other questions of this nature will

simply have to wait until we discuss it in Mayapur.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

cc: Atreya Rsi, Jayatirtha, Bhagavan.

P.S. concerning the castle which you mentioned; if you can afford it then you can buy it.

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75-10-11

Johannesburg

16th October, 1975

Berkeley

My dear Jayatirtha das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 28, 1975 and I have noted the contents carefully.

There is no question of removal at the present moment. We shall sit together in Mayapur if there is any complaint against one another. At the Mayapur meeting, whatever we have decided that is good for one year. So if anything has to be done it will be decided by majority decision of the G.B.C. I do not wish to give any decision without the G.B.C.'s verdict. My only grievance is that I appointed G.B.C. to give me relief from the management but, on the contrary, complaints and counter-complaints are coming to me. Then how my brain can be peaceful. Naturally, I want to see that all of my centres are going nicely, so is it not possible to mitigate the differences of opinion and work smoothly, conjointly. So best thing is that we wait for the Mayapur meeting and decide there combinedly what to do.

The local management has to be done by temple president, G.B.C. should see whether management is going on nicely, and if there are any discrepancies that will be discussed at the G.B.C. meeting in

Mayapur. That is the process. Sannyasis are meant for preaching only. That is the principle. But, contrary to the principle if things are being embezzled then how can I save them. How one man can manage the whole world affairs? This is my concern.

So far I know you are approved manager, so why complaints are there I do not know.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

75-10-12

Johannesburg
16th October, 1975

Los Angeles

My dear Karunasindhu das,

Please accept my blessings. Concerning your letter of Oct. 5, 1975 addressed to Brahmananda Swami, nobody should interfere with our work. There is no need to send anything to be checked by Purushottam das in Vrindaban. It is useless.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

75-10-13

Johannesburg
16th October, 1975

Los Angeles

My dear Kirtiraj dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated October 8, 1975, and I have noted the contents carefully.

As soon as someone is trained then go to preach very nicely in Poland. Try to make some literature in Polish and Russian. Anyone can be trained to execute

orders in sending out the books but preaching requires special qualification. So you have this good qualification for preaching and now do it very nicely.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-10-14

Johannesburg
16th October, 1975

S.N. Mukurji

Senior Divisional Engineer

Damodar Valley Corporation

P.O. Maithon Dam (P.1)

Dist. Dhanbad, Bihar, India

My dear sir,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 5/8, and I have noted the contents carefully. In India we have got so many centres. Which ever is convenient for you, you can join and live with us.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-10-15

Johannesburg
16th October, 1975

Mukund Parikh,

838, Kohinoor Court,

Gaithersburg, Maryland 20760

My dear Mr. Parikh,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your letter dated August 22, 1975, and I have noted the contents carefully. You are knowing so many languages and you can be of great service in this respect, so why don't you join our Bombay centre

and help to propagate Krishna Consciousness in Hindi and other languages.

I hope that this meets you in good health,

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

75-10-16 Johannesburg
16th October, 1975
Los Angeles

My dear Ramesvara dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Sept. 27, 1975 and I have noted the contents carefully.

Concerning the expenses listed of phone calls, you should minimize phone calls. Concerning loans to temples, loans should be limited to a certain extent. Monthly installments should be regularly reminded and taken payment of.

So far Kirtiraj is concerned, preaching is our first business and ordering is routine work. Anyone can learn and manage the ordering department, but preaching requires special qualification. So Kirtiraj, if he is qualified for preaching he can be replaced for routine work of order execution.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. Concerning Prices of books to Nairobi, if it is not very difficult for you, you can accept this. Our main purpose is to distribute books not making extraordinary profit. I think India and Africa, both are poor countries; so it is up to you.

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75-10-17

Johannesburg

16th October, 1975

Los Angeles

My dear Swarupa dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your letter dated September 27, 1975, and I have noted the contents carefully. Your program of life-membership is a good idea. Thank you very much.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

75-10-18

Johannesburg

16th October, 1975

New Delhi

My dear Tejyas,

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

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

Paul Howard Dossick

Passport number—Z2269551

Issued—U.S. Embassy London,

England on May 5, 1975

Expiration date May 4, 1980

Birth date Feb. 8, 1950

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

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

Krishna Swami in Johannesburg.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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

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75-10-19

Johannesburg
17th October, 1975

Nairobi

My dear Chayavana Maharaj,

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

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

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-10-20

Johannesburg
17th October, 1975

Brooklyn

My dear Gopijanaballava dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 24, 1975 and I have noted the contents carefully. Thank you for the enclosed check for Daksina.

Your plan to have my quarters on the 11th. floor is very nice. I have made some alterations to your plan however and if possible you can implement then when you are designing the rooms. Enclosed is a copy of the 11th. floor plan with alterations. When it is completed, then I shall go there. New York is very special to me because I started there without anything except faith in my spiritual master and Lord Krishna. I am very glad to see that things are developing there nicely.

Yes, your plan to hold 24 hour kirtan is approved. Everything is kirtan including recitation of Bhagavatam which is also kirtan, and japa as well.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-10-21

Johannesburg
17th October, 1975

Los Angeles

My dear Ramesvara das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 19, 1975, and I have noted the contents carefully. If Dr. Wolf has become envious then we must simply avoid him. What is his complaint? The idea of the nursery school is very good idea.

I have instructed Pusta Krishna Swami

to issue one newsletter to the temple presidents, G.B.C., and sannyāsīs concerning the nefarious activities of Swami Bon. Kindly copy this and send out to all the temples accordingly that they should have no dealings with Swami Bon or others who are envious. You will find this letter enclosed.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

75-10-22

Bombay

19th October, 1975

Kartikēya K. Mahadevīa
Bombay

My dear Kartikēya,

Please accept my blessings and offer the same to your wife, Gauridevī, and your children. I am enclosing herewith some foreign stamps for your beloved son, Kīrtan. I am very much pleased that now you are taking more active part in the propagation of our missionary activities. Regarding Ahmedabad Centre, we must have a place there. I am also very much eager to open a centre there, Ahmedabad being one of the most opulent and important cities of India. Last time when we held our festival in Ahmedabad it was certainly very encouraging. People are naturally Krishna Conscious there. If we organize properly, people will get enlightenment more and more and they will be happy. We have to organize in the neighboring village from where the Raja Saheb came to offer his respects to me. He has promised to hold a meeting of the agriculturists of 20,000 people minimum and this will be a great opportunity. Now, our next program will be to organize farming land to set an example to the whole world how people can be peaceful, happy, and

free from all anxieties simply by chanting Hare Krishna Maha-mantra and living an honorable life in Krishna Consciousness. In India especially people are religiously inclined. They like to live in village and also like to love Lord Rama, Lord Krishna. This idealism is running through their blood and veins. We have to organize their natural tendency and elevate them again back to Home, Back-to-Godhead. Please think over these points very seriously and as soon as I return we shall take up the program. My beloved sannyāsī disciple Swami Pusta Krishna has promised to give me a car, and as soon as I get it I shall move from village to village along with some selected assistants and organize this farming village development program.

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

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
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75-10-23

Johannesburg

20th October, 1975

Srīman Viśhwambhar Dayal Agarwal,
Vrindavan

My dear bhaktaji,

Please accept my blessings. Since I have left India I have received no report from Vrindaban, how things are going on. I am very much anxious to know. Kindly immediately on receipt of this letter send me a report especially touching on the following points:

1. Whether the Gurukula land is purchased by this time.

2. Whether Kāśīramji has given the front land legally.

3. Whether temple management is going on without any loss of money.

Herewith please find one letter for Digambar Singh Chowdhury your friend. The letter speaks for itself, as you will see, and now we have to hold meetings for organizing the Krsan community, better the Vaisya community, for producing food and milk. I have given the idea, now you have to organize it properly.

I hope that this will meet you in good health, and please reply this letter along with Digambar Singh Chowdhury's reply to Bombay address where I am returning by the end of this month. Please offer my blessings to all your friends, especially Sethji Bisanchand and Kasiramji.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-10-24

Johannesburg

20th October, 1975

Digambar Singh Chowdhury

My dear Digambar Singh:

Please accept my blessings. Since I have left India I am touring so many places. Now I am in Johannesburg and on the 25th of October I am going to Nairobi. Regarding our farming scheme, it is almost settled that we shall get some land. Now we have to organize carefully. In this respect, I am counting upon your good help. On my return to India I wish to hold immediately one meeting of Krisans or agriculturist society. The idea is that the land is there and Krisans may be engaged to grow food both for men and for the animals, namely the cows. The cow should be maintained very healthy so that they can give sufficient good milk. The Krisans shall live comfortably in the cottages. They should produce their food, their milk, and their cloth. Everything produced will be used by themselves. If there is any excess production then the question of trade will arise. That we shall see later on. All the products pro-

duced will belong to Krishna-Balarama. Everyday at least thrice, all the Krisans meet in the local temple of Krishna-Balarama, chant Hare Krishna Mahamantra, and take prasadam. In this way they should live peacefully locally without going outside for their livelihood. This is the general program.

Now we have to itemize so that things may go on very nicely. So I am returning to India by the end of this month. Please arrange to hold a meeting successfully for this purpose. I do not know your address therefore I am forwarding this letter through Bhaktaji Sriman Vishwambhar Dayal Agarwal. I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

75-10-25

Johannesburg

20th October, 1975

Vrindaban

My dear Nitai dasa,

Please accept my blessings. Herewith please find the copy of one letter received from Karunasindhu in the matter of asking my permission to allow Purushottama das Brahmachari to scrutinize final printing. The letter has come from Karunasindhu suggested by Kirtiraj. Did you suggest this proposal to Kirtiraj? If not, then please enquire *who* suggested this proposal to Kirtiraj. I do not like that anyone should scrutinize our publications without my sanction. Kindly enquire into the matter and let me know the report to Bombay address. Also, send me a general report of Vrindaban affairs.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-10-26

Johannesburg
20th October, 1975

Los Angeles

My dear Radhaballabha dasa,

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

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

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

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

75-10-27

Johannesburg
20th October, 1975

Catonsville, Maryland

My dear Sama dasa,

Please accept my blessings for you, your wife, and your new baby daughter, Sarada devi dasi. I am in due receipt of your letter dated October 8, 1975 and I have noted the contents carefully. Thank you very much for the pictures of Baltimore yatra, especially I have appreciated the beauty of the Gaura-Nitai Dieties which you are going to install. Where were these Dieties made?

I herein accept your proposal for first initiation as of Francis (Tulasīballabha das) and Carol (Ujjvalapradā dasi). Now, I am accepting them on your recommendation so you must convince them of the seriousness of following the four regulative principles and chanting a minimum of

16 rounds japa daily. Hold a fire-yajna and do the needful in this connection.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever-well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-10-28

Johannesburg
20th October, 1975

Dinesh Chandra Sarkar,

5, Bidyasagar Road,

P.O Nabagram,

Dist., Hooghly,

W. Bengal, India

My dear Dinesh Chandra,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 22nd. October, 1975 and I have noted the contents carefully.

I am not keeping always very well. At the present moment I have some trouble with my teeth. By the end of the month, I shall go to Bombay where I shall decide to go either to Calcutta or Vrindaban. Please find out if there is any good big house for sale near where you stay. If so, please send me the details to the Bombay address.

c/o Hare Krishna Land

Gandhi Gram Rd.

Juhu, Bombay 400-054.

If you keep in contact with the Calcutta temple they will also let you know when I am coming. Thank you very much.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-10-29

Johannesburg
20th October, 1975

Haiku, Hawaii

My dear Siddha Swarup Ananda
Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Sept. 25 with enclosed Guru-daksina and I thank you very much. I am pleased to accept your recommendation for the first initiation of William and Barbara Renaroza. Their names are Śakāri das and Śivādasi respectively. Now hold a fire-yajna for their initiation and request them to honor the vow of following the four regulative principles and chanting of minimum 16 rounds japa daily.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

75-10-30

Johannesburg
20th October, 1975

Honolulu

My dear Srutakirti dasa,

Please accept my blessings. After very long time I've received your letter and this has given me very much satisfaction. By Krishna's Grace you have now alot of experience travelling with me and I hope it will be possible to manage the restaurant better and better. My blessings to your wife and child.

Another thing, out of 5,000 dollars I have received 4,000 dollars I think. One check which was sent to Paris I did not receive. It was informed to Paramahansa at the time that I did not receive the check but I didn't know what happened next. Please let me know at the Bombay address.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

75-10-31

Johannesburg
21st October, 1975

Gainesville

My dear Amarendra dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 9-22-75 with enclosed Guru-daksina and I thank you very much.

On your recommendation I am accepting the following devotees for initiation:

1st. initiation: Robert Tarjan (Droṇācāryaguru), Keith Consbruck (Manuśreṣṭha dasa)

2nd. initiation: Bhusaya das Brahmacari, Jagganath Tirtha das Brahmacari, Ekadasee das Brahmacari, Mahaprabhu das Adhikari, and Jalungi devi dasi.

You will find enclosed 4 brahmin threads and you should perform fire-sacrifice for all of the new initiates stressing the responsibility involved. Everyone must follow the four regulative principles and chant minimum of 16 rounds japa daily. There is no question of falldown if one seriously follows these principles.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

75-10-32

Johannesburg
21st October, 1975

Los Angeles

My dear Satsvarupa das Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September

29, 1975, and I have noted the contents with care. Concerning your devate with the professor who claims that if God knows everything then His foreknowing makes men very much like puppets or machines.

Persons who think of God like himself has no knowledge of God. He immediately becomes a mudha, fool rascal. Avajananti mam mudha God is omniscient and omnipotent. He knows everything what is going to happen. Therefore to save the living entity from future calamity He says, sarva dharman parityajya mam ekam saranam vraja So although He knows what is going to happen in the future, He can *cancel* all that was going to happen by His Grace, that is God's omnipotency. For a devotee, the future destiny is changed as confirmed in the Brahma-samhita:

yas tvindra-gopam athavendram aho
sva-karma-
bandhānurupa-phala-bhājanam
ātanoti
karmāpi nirdhahati kintu ca bhakti-
bhājān
govindam ādi-puruṣaṁ tam ahaṁ
bhajāmi

"Let me offer my respectful obeisances unto the original Personality of Godhead, Govinda, Who regulated the sufferings and enjoyments of fruitive activity for everyone—from the heavenly King Indra down to the smallest insect (indra-gopa). That very Personality of Godhead destroys the fruitive karma of one engaged in devotional service."

So anyone who surrenders to Krishna, his destiny is changed by the omnipotency of God. He takes charge of the devotee and guides him how the devotee can go back to Home, Back-to-Godhead. This is the Mercy of God. He knows everything and still He says "sarva dharman parityajya mam ekam saranam vraja . ." But, you are thinking God like you, what is

destined is going to happen and even God cannot change it? Then God is impotent? This is their version, not God's. God says surrender to Me and I shall cancel all your destiny, aham tvam sarva papebhyo moksayisyami ma sucah . . . God will save you from the destiny that you have created by misuse of your independence. He knows but still He is so kind. Surrender has nothing to do with your destiny, that will depend on you (the spirit-soul) because you have a little independence, a little freedom. Theirs is atheistic argument. God is not only omniscient, but also Almighty. Predestiny is there but it is cancelled if you surrender to Him, otherwise God is not the controller. Theirs is like karmimamsa philosophy, that God is our servant and He must reward me according to my activities. If you surrender to Krishna there is no more predestiny. He knows if you do this you must suffer, so why do you suffer. You take His advice. Even if he says predestined, so why don't you surrender to Krishna *now*, and get out of this material condition.

Concerning our use of analogy. We do not bring in imperfect analogy, but we follow the instructions of the Shastras strictly. Our authority is on the basis of Shastra, not analogy. So, Vyasadeva while giving the history of creation says "Janmadyasya . . . adhikavaye" . . . so He impregnated the heart of Brahma with all the designs of creation. So what is wrong there? If I instruct someone you do like this, and he does it, then what is the difficulty? This is the system. Our authority is shastra. We give analogy for the general mass of people who have no faith in shastra. Analogy is not proof; shastra is proof. Foolish people cannot understand or accept, so we use analogy. The conclusion is not drawn from the analogy but from the shastra. We don't use a combination of logic and authority, we use authority. Logic we use to convince someone who

doesn't accept the authority. The basic principle is authority. Vedas say that cowdung is pure and we accept it. There is no logic, but when we practically use it we see that it is correct. The logic of using analogy is called in the shastra "sakha chandra nayaya." It is easier to focus on the moon through the branches of a tree. The moon is great distance away, and you say that it is just through the branches. So you can focus more easily on the moon because 2 points joined make a straight line. So focusing on the nearby object helps us to focus on the far-away object. This is the use of analogy.

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

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

75-10-33

Johannesburg
22nd October, 1975

Bombay

My dear Giriraj dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 11-10-75, and I have noted the contents with care. Now that you have received the order from Indian Gov't. that our men can get two year visa you should send this to our centres from where men will be coming to India, such as New York, San Francisco,

London, Paris, Johannesburg, Nairobi, Etc. This way they can show a copy of the order at the port of entry and get the two years at the port of entry. The persons coming to India, however, *must* be experienced older devotees, not new men. Navayogendra sent telegram saying it was 3 year visa and you say two years, but never mind, it is a good opportunity all the same.

Do the account under Mr. Vyas' instruction. They must not remain loose. Accounting is simple, receipts and expenditures. Why complicated? From all centres receipts and expenditures should be taken and everything properly adjusted in the Bombay centre. Do it nicely.

It is very nice to hear of the book distribution. I shall be going to Mauritius from here on Oct. 24, meeting with the Prime Minister there, and then returning to Bombay by November 1.

I hope that this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

N.B. Send some book-catalogues to Vrinda Book Co. 30/1b College Row Calcutta—9
ACBS/pks

75-10-34

Bombay
22nd October, 1975

Ideal Advertising Agency
Calcutta

Dear Sir:

It is understood that you are connected with all the important Eastern and Indian newspapers societies. We are interested in advertizing in the important Indian daily newspapers. If you kindly send me the respective contract rates of advertizing, at the same time our society being a charitable religious concern to propagate God-consciousness all over the world, if there

is any special concession for us.

On hearing from you we may begin full-page advertizing in the best Indian daily newspapers.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

75-10-35

Johannesburg
22nd October, 1975

Los Angeles

My dear Tulsi das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated October 13, 1975 and I have noted the contents with care.

I have marked how you are making mridangas. Make many mridangas. It will solve a great problem.

Concerning your idea to go port to port by ship, why waste time and energy. Don't spoil money purchasing boat. Port to port we can go by airplane.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

nb. On your recommendation, I am accepting the following devotees for initiation:

1st. Initiation: Miriam Bicks (Dhriti devi dasi)

Karen Wilson (Kṛṣṇastutā devi dasi)

Connie (Pusti devi dasi)

Maddonna (Kulapriyā devi dasi)

Bhakti Pete (Mahānidhi das)

Ann Matesow (Yūvatī devi dasi)

Jim—(Kṣamābhudi das)

2nd Initiation: Gajapati das, Pundarika Vidyānidhi, and Raksana.

Enclosed you will find 3 brahmin threads, and you may hold a fire-yajna emphasizing the importance of strictly following

the 4 regulative principles, and chanting daily minimum of 16 rounds japa.

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75-10-36

Johannesburg
22nd October, 1975

P.O. Box 65

Murphy, Oregon

My dear Yāmuna devi dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated October 11, 1975 and I have noted the contents with care. The picture of the cows shows that they are very nice and friendly.

You have my consent to go ahead with your plan of pratistha for Sri-Sri Radha-Krishna Archavigraha. You may call them Radha-Banabihari.

The idea of a woman's ashram is good. Those not married, if there is not provision for separate living quarters for them in the temples, they can go there. It is very risky having single women living in the temples, especially where there is no suitable living quarters.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

75-10-37

Bombay
24th October, 1975

Los Angeles

My dear Ramesvara das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated October 11, 1975 and I have noted the contents with care. Concerning the print of the painting "showing Bhagavad-gita being worshipped," I do *not* consider this

suitable for using in our books.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

75-10-38

Bombay

24th October, 1975

Atlanta

My dear Swarupa Damodara das,

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

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

According to our shastra, sun is first, then moon, then Venus, Mercury, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn, like that. In other words, from Bhagavatam we understand that the moon is 1,600,000 miles above the sun. If that is true, then is it possible to go to the moon planet by persons who can never imagine to go the distance to the sun planet? Under the circumstances, if we say that they have never gone to the moon planet, is it exaggeration? You are a scien-

tist, I hope you will reply these 2 points scientifically. If the moon planet is actually far away from the sun planet, how they can go there and publish in the paper that the moon planet is the nearest planet.

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

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

75-10-39

Bombay

25th October, 1975

"Amrita Patrika" Newspaper

Calcutta, India

Attn: Advertising Dept.

Dear Sir:

Please accept my greetings. We are interested in advertising in the important daily Indian newspapers. If you can kindly send me the respective contract rates of advertising, at the same time our society being a charitable religious concern to propagate God-consciousness all over the world, if there is any special concession for us.

On hearing from you we may begin full-page advertizing in your daily newspaper.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

75-10-40

Bombay

25th October, 1975

"Hindu" Newspaper

Madras, India

Attn: Advertizing Dept.

Dear Sir:

Please accept my greetings. We are interested in advertizing in the important daily Indian newspapers. If you can kindly send me the respective contract rates of advertizing, at the same time our society being a charitable religious concern to propagate God-consciousness all over the world, if there is any special concession for us.

On hearing from you we may begin full-page advertizing in your daily newspaper.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

75-10-41

Bombay

25th October, 1975

"The Statesman,"

Calcutta—1, India

Attn: Advertizing Dept.

Dear Sir:

Please accept my greetings. We are interested in advertizing in the important daily Indian newspapers. If you can kindly send me the respective contract rates of advertizing, at the same time our society being a charitable religious con-

cern to propagate God-consciousness all over the world, if there is any special concession for us.

On hearing from you we may begin full-page advertizing in your daily newspaper.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

75-10-42

Bombay

25th October, 1975

"The Times of India"

New Delhi, India

Attn: Advertizing Dept.

Dear Sir:

Please accept my greetings. We are interested in advertizing in the important daily Indian newspapers. If you can kindly send me the respective contract rates of advertizing, at the same time our society being a charitable religious concern to propagate God-consciousness all over the world, if there is any special concession for us.

On hearing from you we may begin full-page advertizing in your daily newspaper.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

75-10-43

Nairobi

29th October, 1975

District Judge of Agra

Through his Personal Assistant

Mr. S.D. Kulshrestha

District Judges Court

AGRA, U.P., India

Dear Sriman Kulshresthaji:

Please accept my blessings and offer

my regards to Judge Saheb. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 24, 1975, while I am on tour. I left India on September 30th and went to Mauritius. From there I went to South Africa to Durban and Johannesburg, and then again I came to Mauritius and from there to East Africa to Nairobi at the above address.

I am very sorry to learn that Judge Saheb was sick and we could not meet. Anyway I am returning to India on November 2nd and afterwards I have to go to Vrindaban. So if Judge Saheb makes any program for my going to Agra and to arrange for a meeting of the leading people of the city, it will be a great pleasure for me to meet them and present my appeal so that they may join this great movement.

With the consent of Judge Saheb you can reply this letter to my Bombay address as follows: Hare Krishna Land, Gandhi Gram Road, Junu, Bombay 400054.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-10-44

Nairobi

29th October, 1975

Mr. Longo A. Ali

Kilifi Garage

Box 21

Kilifi, Kenya

Dear Mr. Ali:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated October 13, 1975 hand delivered to me by my disciple Jnana das Adhikary and I am pleased to note the contents. I am glad to note your determination to be freed from the material entanglement by chanting Hare Krishna mantra. This is the recommended process for this age of disagreement for achieving Krishna consciousness. It is authorized, very easy, and it does not cost anything. I

understand that you have got japa beads, so this is very good that you are seriously taking to the process. So if you continue Krishna will bless you, and you will go back home back to Godhead. I also understand that you have Bhagavad gita As It Is, so try to read something regularly, but do not neglect the chanting, that is the important thing.

I hope this meets you and your family members in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

N.B. Regarding becoming my disciple is concerned, first you have to follow our rules. Besides chanting on the beads 16 rounds daily minimum, you should take only prasadam of vegetarian foodstuffs offered to Guru Gouranga. Jnana das can instruct you in this.

ACBS/bs

75-10-45

Nairobi

29th October, 1975

To All ISKCON Temple Presidents:

This is to introduce to you Mr. Harjibhai M. Patel of Diamond Press Ltd., P.O. Box 40030, Nairobi, Kenya. He and his wife are going on world wide tour in April, 1975. Kindly receive Mr. Patel and offer him best accomodation, prasadam, and whatever assistance he might require. He is a pure vegetarian. He is my friend here in Nairobi, and he has kindly hosted me at his home on two occasions before we had our own temple here. He is also one of the important members in helping to assist our mission, especially through his press. So I want that he should have a favorable impression of our movement all over the world. So please do the needful.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

NOVEMBER

75-11-1

Bombay
4th November, 1975

Brooklyn

My Dear Gargamuni Swami

Please accept my blessings. Now after consideration it is my desire that you return to take over Calcutta affairs. Otherwise things are not at all going on nicely there. You are experienced man for Calcutta. I do not wish to see things deteriorating there. It is important center, and you have proven that you can manage things nicely, so why you should not be there? I want you to go there immediately. This is more important responsibility. Gopal Krishna also agrees with my desire, so you should go there. You can apply for one year entry visa. Say that you are a member of ISKCON and you are going to India to study Vedic culture and languages and Deity worship in our temples in India. Apply immediately because Gopal Krishna says it may take 6-8 weeks for the visa to be granted.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-11-2

Bombay
4th November, 1975

Melbourne

My Dear Madhudvisa Swami:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated October

21, 1975, and I thank you very much for it. Now I am getting old, so if you can do things without me, that will be a great pleasure for me. You are an experienced devotee and know how to manage things, and you have good men there to help you so I am sure that you can carry on things nicely. Still if I get the chance, I will come for the Ratha Yatra festival.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-11-3

Bombay
4th November, 1975

Montreal

My Dear Mayapurusa das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Oct. 9, 1975 and have noted the contents. Regarding this matter with your child, I cannot say, but at least I would not have agreed that the doctors perform this operation. In New York in 1968 when I was in the hospital they tried to operate my brain, but I left the hospital tactfully. Therefore I say that you never call a doctor for me or send me to the hospital. So it is up to you, but I would have not agreed.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-11-4

Bombay

4th November, 1975

Lautoka, Fiji

My Dear Deoji Punja:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated October 14, 1975 with enclosed altered plans for the temple. You are doing solid work, even alone, and I am very pleased. This is the test for a sincere devotee. Simply by depending on the mercy of the Lord and carrying out the order of the spiritual master, one's success in spiritual life is guaranteed. I thank you for your endeavor.

So far the plan is concerned, I shall consult with some of my experienced disciples in this matter and shall let you know. One thing is that the domes should be like the ones we have constructed on our Krishna Balaram Mandir in Vrindaban.

Yes, try to get the preaching permit, so that men can come and help you. Upendra das is in Vrindaban, and he is wanting to come and assist you.

It is good that you are taking the leading part in the raising of the funds. By your sincerity and determination, I do not think you will have any difficulty.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-11-5

Bombay

4th November, 1975

Nairobi

My Dear Suci devi dasi:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter as I was leaving the temple to come here to Bombay. You have rightly said that the best way to associate with the spiritual master is to follow his instructions. There are two ways of

associating, by vani and by vapu. Vani means words and vapu means physical presence. Physical presence is sometimes appreciable and sometimes not. Therefore we should take advantage of the vani, not the physical presence, because the vani continues to exist eternally. Bhagavad-gita for example is the vani of Lord Krishna. Although Krishna was personally present 5,000 years ago and is no longer present physically from the materialistic viewpoint, still Bhagavad-gita continues. So you have correctly concluded.

Nairobi temple is very nice, and there is great potency there. Now just cooperate with Shakti Mati and organize things nicely. This is wanted. Also you may thank Parvati for making the sandesh I took on the plane. She has made it very nicely. She learned the art.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-11-6

Bombay

7th November, 1975

Mayapur

My Dear Jayapataka Swami:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your telegram as follows:

PADAPADMA SAHSRA PRANAME
WELCOME BACK FROM YOUR
TOUR STOP DEVOID YOUR LOTUS
FEET DUST MAYAPUR IS WEEPING
HOPE YOUR ARRIVAL FORTHCOM-
ING WEATHER NICE FRESH STOP—
JAYAPATAKA SWAMI

So let us begin the construction on the temple here in Bombay first, then we shall

see for coming there to Mayapur to stay with you. Say after a month.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-11-7

Bombay

7th November, 1975

Melbourne

My Dear Madhudvisa Swami:

Please accept my blessings. I have seen your letter to Brahmananda Swami dated October 9, 1975. They promised before me to follow the principles. If they are not, then they are not allowed to initiate, but if they are actually following, then they are allowed. These things should be raised in our next meeting in Mayapur and decided.

My point is that even if somebody does not go in one line with the rest of the god-brothers, he can remain separately, but it does not mean that he may disobey the principles that I have laid down. So long as one follows the principles, he continues to be my disciple.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-11-8

Bombay

7th November, 1975

Vrindaban

My Dear Nitai das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated October 28, 1975 and have noted the contents. Regarding the matter with Purusottama dasa, you immediately go and take back whatever books of ours that he has in his possession. You may inform him that we

do not require his editing, neither should he correspond with our men in Los Angeles. He is a very hienious man. He wants to become more important. Who sent him books from Los Angeles without asking me? Who has given him the books he now has? You take them back immediately. If this man comes to see me in Vrindaban, I do not wish to see him.

Regarding your enrolling in the Sanskrit school, if you get a certificate and you can get the extended student visa, then it is all right, but first of all get it.

It is not at all good that the Deities do not have warm clothing for the cold weather. They are still spending so much for construction, spending spending, but the Deities are not clothed properly. What is this?

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-11-9

Bombay

7th November, 1975

Los Angeles

My Dear Ramesvar das:

Please accept my blessings. I have received your report on the telephone to Harikesh. This is very funny thinking in our society that you want to spend for this boat, and that Tulsi das wants to take sannyas because he is feeling sex agitation. First of all there is no sanction to purchase this boat from the BBT. We are not interested.

Tulsi das is affected by sex, and he wants to take sannyas? This is nonsense. Is sannyas so cheap? He will be a victim. He is not fit for sannyas. His mind is not fixed up. Everyone wants to fulfill their whimsical desires; this is going on. Let him stay with Tamal Krishna for some time, and if he is recommended, then he

can take sannyas. He cannot make any separate program. He is not fit to stay separate. He must remain with another experienced sannyas and be trained up.

Another thing, why are you always calling on the telephone? Are you such important men that you have to call all over the world? We are poor men sons, what can I do? But, why are you always calling on the telephone?

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

N. B. Please let me know why Purusottam Das was supplied books (S.B.) for corections.

ACBS/bs

75-11-10

Bombay

7th November, 1975

Laguna Beach

My Dear Rebatinandana Swami:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated October 17, 1975 and have noted the contents. You are happy because you are chanting, dancing, reading Srimad Bhagwatam and all the books. If you do these things regularly, then your life is a success. I am glad that things are going on better there. For lecturing, any one of our members can speak. Simply one has to memorize the purports and then speak in one's own language. Anyone who chants and follows the rules and regulations, where is there room for anxiety for him? You are an old, experienced devotee; so you behave like this and teach others to do so wherever you may stay.

You can preach independently as you have suggested, but do not deviate from our principles. You can start out small and then increase it if is successful. I want our

men to go town to town village to village to preach Krishna consciousness.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACB/bs

75-11-11

Bombay

7th November, 1975

Guru Datta Sharma

Beawar (Dist. Ajmer)

Rajasthan 305901

Dear Sriman Sharmaji:

Please accept my greetings. I am very glad to learn that your son Niranjana Datta Sharma is interested in our movement so much so that he wants to join. We are very eager to get educated men to push on our movement all over the world.

I cannot understand from your letter if your son is in India or abroad, but if he is in India then he may come immediately here to Bombay to see me personally.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-11-12

Bombay

9th November, 1975

Vrindaban

My Dear Akshayananda Swami:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated November 5, 1975 and have noted the contents. Regarding the Life Member collection, Rs. 20,000/- collected locally is not a joke. To collect so much from visitors is Krishna's grace. This is very good. If you simply please the visitors, you will get so many Life Members. Simply I want that by the local collection and the receipts of the Guest House you maintain everything.

We are considering to get a temple in Kurukshetra, so the collection from Delhi may be employed there. So it is a good sign that the visitors are becoming Life Members. So follow this policy, and very soon your temple will become self-sufficient.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-11-13

Bombay

9th November, 1975

Melbourne

My dear Bhurijana das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letters dated September 19 and October 17, 1975 with enclosed checks for \$100 and \$500 respectively. So this is very nice that your checks are getting bigger. You are one of my older experienced students and I am always praying for your advancement in Krsna consciousness. As the husband of your wife, you should see that she is trained up nicely in Krishna consciousness. You also have a child, so this is your responsibility to see that your family no longer again has to come back and take material body in this world of birth and death. This is the responsibility of a father in Krsna consciousness.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/BS/mdd

75-11-14

Bombay

9th November, 1975

Vrindaban

My Dear Dhananjaya das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in

due receipt of your letter dated October 5, 1975 and have noted the contents. Regarding the Krishna Balaram Gaushalla, so let them arrange the meeting of the Trustees. I am in India, so let them arrange the date, time, and place, and I shall go there. There is no difficulty for me to attend. But, let them do it.

The land on Chatikara Road is very good. We can develop it. Your Govardhan Puja celebration sounded very nice.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

N.B. I am also in receipt of your letters dated October 20 & 21, 1975. I note that your wife and Visalini both gave birth to baby girls. That is the defect. I want male children but you have no stamina for it. I expected from Visalini by her belly that it would be a boy. Anyway, never mind. The name Brijlata is nice. Why do the majority of my married disciples give birth to girls? That is nice that Upendra wants to stay and is calling for his family. Anyone who can stay permanently is welcome. I want that as many devotees stay permanently and become Brijabasis. That will be very inspiring. I am coming there soon. ACBS

ACBS/bs

75-11-15

Bombay

9th November, 1975

Los Angeles

My dear Ghanasyama das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated October 5th, 1975 and was very glad to read the contents. You mention about the well-renown psychologist at Harvard who is interested in finding about man's true nature. Man's true nature is to render service. Originally the living entity was meant for rendering service to Krsna and

as soon as the living entity misuses this marginal position, he becomes conditioned by material nature.

You are rendering first quality service to Kṛṣṇa by your preaching success. Be blessed and continue your efforts and Kṛṣṇa will recognize you very quickly. Anyone who preaches like this is very much appreciated by Kṛṣṇa.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/BS/mdd

75-11-16

Bombay

9th November, 1975

Los Angeles

My dear Hayagriva das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 23, 1975 with the proposed Table of Contents for the philosophy book. By the grace of Kṛṣṇa you have got a special capacity to do this work. I am very glad that you have revived your activities in the editorial work. So Kṛṣṇa will certainly help. Do not neglect chanting 16 rounds at least. Yes, you can come and see me wherever I am, either at Mayapur in the spring of next year or it may be that I may go to Impahl in Manipur after the Vṛndavana festival. The Table of Contents are nice and you can come and we shall discuss further. Yes, you have got a nice farm in New Vṛndavana. If you are not there, then let others stay. That is all right.

Regarding the scientists, they will always find something new because their knowledge is not yet standardized. They will go on making new discoveries, on account of their imperfect knowledge. The modern scientists despite their experience of imperfectness, they take everything that they find out as the last word of perfection. Again they find out something

which they find out as a further improvement and so they have to adjust everything new. They do not know that the senses are imperfect so any advancement of knowledge with imperfect senses must always remain imperfect.

Our process is different. We admit that we are in the conditional stage and our source of knowledge is not the senses because they are imperfect. We cannot find the right knowledge from the imperfect senses. We therefore take knowledge from the most perfect personality, Kṛṣṇa, and His faithful servants and the result is that despite all of our imperfect senses, we have perfect knowledge. You have to keep this point of view in your front and pray to Kṛṣṇa for enlightenment and then we shall be able to understand what is written in the Vedic literature. This is confirmed in the Vedic literatures: *yasya deve para bhaktir, yasya deva yatha guru*.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

75-11-17

Bombay

9th November, 1975

Dallas

My dear Jagadish das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated October 10, 1975, together with enclosures. Regarding the Dallas Army base property, you can forward this offer to Swarupa Damodar and in this connection you may correspond with him. We may require it for the Bhaktivedanta Institute for Higher Studies. Do not reject this military base. We can use it for this purpose. You can use the Illinois property for the Gurukula and the army base for the Bhaktivedanta Institute. Send details to Swarupa Damodar of the military base.

The military academy property in Illinois sounds very nice. You can consider amongst the GBC and do the needful. Regarding your proposal to reduce the number of students in the Dallas school, and sending them to New York and Los Angeles, that is a good idea. You can do that. Anyway, this should be considered by the GBC together and do the needful.

I am glad to hear that Govardhana Prabhu is doing nicely now. I am very happy. If there is any discrepancy, we have to request them to correct, not changing or dismissing. Our whole process is to humbly request, sometimes falling down on the feet and flattering. The vivid example is Nityananda Prabhu converting Jagai and Madhai.

So study my books and reproduce the purports in your own language. You should instruct your temple presidents to preach like this. This is preaching. We haven't got to invent something by our fertile brain for preaching. Everything is there. One who is expert for presenting these things before the audience so they can conveniently understand, this is a successful preacher. You have only to speak what Krsna has said. Then you become a preacher. I am also glad to learn that Sri-pati Prabhu is traveling with you. Keep him nicely.

I hope this finds you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-11-18

Bombay

9th November, 1975

Shree Kapoorji

International Foundation of Meditation

44 Kailash Mandir

Kanpur 208001

My dear Kapoorji,

I thank you very much for your letter

dated September 30, 1975 and also the one on the 22nd which has been forwarded to me. Yes, I left Vrindavan and went to Delhi, then Ahmedabad, then Bombay. And then I went to Mauritius, South Africa and again Mauritius where I met with a major motor accident in my car. All my men got slightly injured and they were saved by Krsna. The accident was very disastrous, but still Krsna saved. Anyway, then I went to Nairobi and from there I have come just the day before yesterday to Bombay. Perhaps I may stay here for some time for finishing our temple construction on this land.

So far the Vrindavana Gurukul is concerned, it is already named on the foundation stone as ISKCON Gurukul. Regarding the application of the Gurukul for recognition, kindly send me the necessary requisites for this purpose, but the land is not yet transferred, so we shall seriously think about these things when the land is actually obtained.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-11-19

Bombay

9th November, 1975

Los Angeles

My dear Karuna Sindhu das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated October 24, 1975 and I have noted the contents. I am very glad to receive your letter. I can understand this cunning Purusottama das has taken advantage of your simplicity. So any one of my godbrothers cannot help me in this way of book writing because they are unfortunate in the matter of preaching work. They are simply trying to infiltrate our society to do something harmful by their attempt. So please do not have any

correspondence with this Purusottama or any of my godbrothers, so-called. And do not do anything without consulting me. You can inform this instruction to everyone and send back to me the sheets of corrections sent to you by Purusottama.

I was very much anxious to know how Purusottama entered in our camp. Now the matter is clear. Be careful for further dealings with such men.

I hope this finds you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-11-20

Bombay

9th November, 1975

Amsterdam

My dear Lokananda das and
Ramesvari dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letters dated October 17 and October 20, 1975. With regard to your son, let him see the Deity and ask him to offer obeisances. He will see and learn it. Yes, the body is received according to karma, still it is not an impediment to advance in Kṛṣṇa consciousness by being deaf. Just teach him to see the Deity and how to offer obeisances and he will take prasadam. These things will elevate him to Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Later on if Kṛṣṇa desires, he can develop his hearing power. Kṛṣṇa is almighty and He can do whatever He likes. What is the use of the karmi deaf school. Better to sit him down before the Deity and see and offer obeisances.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-11-21

Bombay

9th November, 1975

Dela Plain, Virginia

My dear Rupanuga das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated October 21, 1975 and have noted the contents. It is not good that all of the temples are spending more than they are receiving. They should rather save more and not exceed on the expenditures. I do not think that the jewelry business should be encouraged. We are after preaching, not money. Their endeavor should be utilized for selling books. That is different from the endeavor of selling jewelry. I do not think that this attempt should be encouraged. Our principle is *tyaga*, or renunciation, which means to renounce material activities as far as possible. What plans are there for the book distribution for the bicentennial celebration in Philadelphia?

Regarding Baltimore, again deficit. This is not a good sign. Regarding the Sankirtana Newsletter, then stop it. If the BBT does not pay for it, then stop it. The temple cannot afford to publish it, and if the BBT does not pay for it, then stop it. But it is good attempt.

Regarding Atlanta, everywhere again expenditures more. Why was the airport distribution closed down in Atlanta? I am glad that their farm project is successful. Milk, fruits, flowers and also food grains can all be produced in the farm. Cannot flowers be produced in the farm? This will reduce their expenditure and tulasi also.

It is good that the New York income was more than the expenditures. The description of my room there in the new building sounds very nice.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-11-22

Bombay

9th November, 1975

Los Angeles

My dear Satsvarupa Maharaja,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated October 11, 1975 from Boston along with enclosed clippings and enclosures. You are doing solid work. Krsna will be pleased with you. You are a sincere student from the very beginning of your spiritual life and I wish that you may advance more and more.

The clippings for Nalini Kanta who is running for the mayor of Phoenix is a good advertisement and we are getting good publicity. But be careful not that he may be implicated too much. There is a proverb which states that one should pick up the fish without touching the water. I think you can understand me on this matter.

Yes, my books should be introduced as regular reading in all courses. There are many evidences of the professor's certificates, so these can be utilized as proof of how our books are being appreciated. Now Chayavana Swami has made one inquiry from the Nobel Foundation for getting myself recognized as Nobel Prize for literature. Enclosed is the correspondence and you will see that one can be nominated by professors of literature and theology at universities and university colleges; so I think if you take up this matter and pursue it, you can get some professors to make the recommendation, such as Professor Judah, who is very familiar with our movement. Also, enclosed is one letter from Kartikeya MahaDevia who suggests in this regard and also Mukunda Prabhu from London has telephoned that the Encyclopedia Britannica will be containing an article of 350 words on myself in their publication. So far your lecturing is concerned, you simply put in your own language the purports of our books. That will make your lectures successful. And

everywhere you can refer to the book, *Hare Krsna and Counterculture*, written by Professor Judah.

So in the Western countries they are selling their churches and farms which we require. That is also Krsna's plan. In U.S.A. there is enough land and if we organize we can become very big party—Hare Krsna party. We can occupy America and make them all become Krsna conscious. Regarding the St. Louis farm, yes, we can work and build some small cottages with thatched roofs provided we get men. It is very encouraging; you should get this farm. Ten at least are sufficient to run a farm. Regarding Denver, it is very good that they are regularly having kirtan in the colleges and that three new bramacaries have joined. Just see the result. And also one new householder couple. Regarding the devotee taking a second wife, it is all right from Vedic culture, but is not right from American law view point. That you have to adjust.

Regarding Miami, it is very good news that they have gotten their land and they have got cows and it is good news to know that the cows will live on eating the mango leaves. This is the injunction of Krsna in *Bhagavad-gita* to produce enough food both for human beings and the animals and you become happy. The animal is happy. If the animal is happy he will produce enough milk so what is the use of killing them.

By these activities I am must trying to satisfy my spiritual master and you are all trying to help me, so I am very much obliged to you. This is real co-operation on the platform of love.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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N. B. I am glad that you are appreciating the new *Chaitanya-Caritamrita* 's. It is all the mercy of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

75-11-23

Bombay

9th November, 1975

Honolulu

My dear Sukadev das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated October 3, 1975 and have noted the contents. Regarding your question about prosecuting Manesvi, this is a local management problem. Do I have to say on this matter? So Guru Kripa has given you the instruction. So therefore you should issue some warrant. But why has Guru Kripa advised you if you are unable to do it? Why are you asking me this question? Stop this business.

Regarding putting in the new temple floor, marble, and extending the Deity room, yes, that is nice. And your plans to have marble Panca-Tattva Deities, that is also good. You ask whether you should make your life's endeavor to have a temple on every island, but I say first of all improve the present temple, then talk of others.

Regarding your request for initiation. I am accepting the following as my initiated disciples and their names are as follows: Steve Frederick Ricciardi—Puraṇarsi; Eric Duncan Botts—Santiparayana; Michael Stanley Misiak—Dharmajivana; David John Smith—Adi Karta; Ronald McClelland—Sarvasatya; Michael Declare Bodhaine—Munisvara; Carissa Annette Crammer—Mahāviṣṇupriya. And for second initiation I accept the following as twice-born brahmanas: Godruma das Brahmacari, Bharata das Brahmacari and Daksa das Brahmacari. Enclosed are their sanctified threads and mantra sheets. You should hold a fire sacrifice and it is your responsibility to see that these devotees strictly follow the rules and regulations such as minimum chanting of 16 rounds daily and following the four regulative principles as well as attending the

aroti and the classes. You should lecture to these devotees on the importance of this for their progress in spiritual life, otherwise they will again be carried away by *maya*.

I hope this finds you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

N.B. I have received one letter from Trivakrama Maharaja requesting that Sacydev das and his Japanese wife and two children come immediately to Japan. He is required there. So I request you that you should send him there immediately. This is very important. He also has a valid missionary visa for Japan so his presence is required there now. ACBS.

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75-11-24

Bombay

9th November, 1975

Evanston, Illinois

My dear Tripurari Swami,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 13, 1975 and have noted the contents. I am glad to learn of your success at the Chicago airport for distributing 800 big books and collecting \$4000. I think you should distribute more parties to go in different parts of the U.S.A. Regarding adding the name Kṛṣṇa to the airport name, anyway you tried. This is Caitanya Mahāprabhu's blessings that everyone of us should become a sadhu and preach Kṛṣṇa consciousness. So far Kṛṣṇa consciousness is concerned, we have got new and sufficient number of books and if we read them carefully and reproduce the purports in our own language, that is perfect preaching.

I am very much obliged to you and your government that both the people and the government of America do not put any hindrances in distributing our books. This

kindness of your nation will cause the blessings of Lord Caitanya to be showered upon them and the higher section of American people will all of them become Krsna conscious. So many books they are reading, so will there not be any effect?

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-11-25

Bombay

9th November, 1975

Ohaza, Japan

My dear Trivakrama Maharaja,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated October 30, 1975, and I am glad to hear from you, that you are carrying out my order there in Tokyo. What is this stealing and violence. This is not good. By stealing, did Guru Kripa Maharaja collect that money? Stealing is not our business. Our business is to become Krsna conscious. Ceasar's wife must be above suspicion. This is our program.

I am writing a letter to Sacidev instructing that Sukadev should send him immediately to you in Japan. What is that pleasant surprise?

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-11-26

Bombay

9th November, 1975

Albany, New Zealand

My dear Tusta Krsna Swami,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated October 16, 1975 along with the enclosed letters from persons you are recommending for

initiation. I have no objection to your recommending these devotees, but whether you are acting as a sannyasi and observing all the rules and regulations and keeping yourself in sannyasi dress? On your confirmation I shall accept all these boys and girls as my disciples. So long as one continues to follow the rules and regulations, he continues to be my disciple wherever he may be.

Regarding the restaurant, this is a very good program and I am glad to hear of it. We have also started a restaurant in Honolulu and it is going on very nicely and we are getting good profit. If you take details from Sruti Kirta das Adhikari, he is in charge of the Govinda's Restaurant and he may be able to help you.

It is a very good idea for people to come to our vegetarian restaurant and take so many nice things, especially the panir, fried cheese, and sandesh, kacori, rasagula, samosa and in this way they will forget their meat-eating. If you make a soup of fried panir with asafitida and ginger, this will replace lobster soup nonsense. Of course we are not interested in giving them vegetarian food; we are wanting to give them prasadam. Then gradually they will become devotees.

The varnasrama college means to train people in varnasrama life. In human society a section of people must act as strict brahmanas. Similarly, another section must act as strict ksatriyas, still another as strict vaisyas, and the rest will be considered as sudras and less than sudras or the candalas. This is a materialistic division, but spiritually anyone can be elevated to the transcendental position simply by devotional service. This is the sum and substance of the Vedic education. If you and Siddha Swarupa Maharaja can organize such an institution following yourself the rules and regulations then it will be very glorious thing and I shall be very happy. But in any case both of you do not forget to

come to Mayapur during Caitanya Mahāprabhu's birth ceremony. Let us act co-operatively, maybe sometimes separately, but the central point and aim should be one—Kṛṣṇa.

Your idea for the scholastic institution as discussed with you and Siddha Swarupa Maharaja is a very good idea. Now we have got so many books—almost 50 books of 400 pages—so this institution can be affiliated with some nearby university. Then the students will get their degrees of Bachelors and Post Graduates Pd.D. We have enough matter to qualify a person in academic career. At least we can offer the degree of DD—Doctor of Divinity by affiliating ourselves with some neighboring recognized university.

The farming and opening the restaurant are correlative—in farming you produce enough milk and milk products, at least ghee, and the ghee is dispatched to the restaurant in the city and with that you prepare first-class samosas, kacoris, vegetables, halavah—so many things people will like very much. The principle is that not a drop of milk should be misused.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-11-27

Bombay

9th November, 1975

Toronto

My dear Visvakarma das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 3, 1975 with the enclosed statement about Van Maharaja. So I have now issued orders that all my disciples should avoid all of my godbrothers. They should not have any dealings with them nor even correspondence, nor should they give them any of my books or should they purchase any

of their books, neither should you visit any of their temples. Please avoid them.

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

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

N.B. What about that devotee from England who was to come to India? When I was in Toronto you agreed to send him. Now he is immediately required here in Bombay for construction supervision. I received your cable that you have purchased that church. Congratulations. What are the details? My blessings to Mr. Batra. ACBS

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75-11-28

Bombay

10th November, 1975

Stockholm

My dear Alanath das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your two letters dated 26th and 27th September 1975 and have noted the contents. Upon your recommendation I am accepting the following as my initiated disciples. Their names are as follows: Johnnie—Jamadagni das;

Maggie—Vedatita devi dasi and Christine—Samhartri devi dasi. I also accept for second initiation Vrsnivallabha das Brahmacari. Enclosed is the santified mantra thread and mantra sheet. It is your responsibility as the president of the temple to see that these devotees strictly follow the rules and regulations such as chanting 16 rounds minimum on the beads. 16 is the minimum; one can chant more. There is no harm, but one at least must chant the fixed number of rounds. You should hold a fire sacrifice and they may hear the mantra from my recorded tape through the right year. The beads may be chanted on by Hamsadutta.

Regarding the controversy that is going on there in Stockholm, what is the reason. This must be considered at a full meeting of the GBC. You may suggest a way to mitigate this difficulty and if it is not accepted, then both of them should resign. I know that Hamsadutta is very expert in selling books but books are not only for selling but also for reading. Now has the GBC become more than Guru Maharaja? As if simply GBC is meant for looking after pounds, shilling, pence. The GBC does not look after spiritual life. That is a defect. All of our students will have to become guru, but they are not qualified. This is the difficulty.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-11-29

Bombay

10th November, 1975

Vancouver

My dear Bahudak das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 23rd and have noted the contents. I am

glad to note that you are taking out the traveling party. I hope that you have good success. Just do everything very soberly. Regarding the instruments, stringed instruments are Vedic, but the real Vedic instrument is mrdanga and kartal. Anyway, you have to do according to the time and circumstances if you use these other instruments. So you have got my approval and you can go on.

Regarding complaints by the sanniyasis, these things shall be discussed in everyone's presence at the Mayapur meeting. There is no question of change but sometimes change is invigorating.

I note that your wife has given birth to one girl child. Are all your other children also dasi's or do you have any das's? We want more das's than dasi's.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-11-30

Bombay

10th November, 1975

Sriman Naresh Chandra Gupta

575 D L F Colony

Rohtak

Naryana

My dear Sriman Naresh Chandra,

Please accept my blessings. I am very thankful for your letter in appreciation of our Krishna consciousness movement. You will be very much useful in this great movement. Please immediately come to Bombay at the above address and we shall talk in detail and do the needful.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-11-31

Bombay

10th November, 1975

Los Angeles

My dear Jayatīrtha das and Manjuali dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your card dated October 25, 1975 along with the beautiful photographs of Sri Sri Rukmini-Dwarakdīś of New Dwaraka. So do it nicely. I have invited Kṛṣṇa and He may not be insulted by disrespectful behavior. I have introduced this system of Deity worship amongst the non-believers, the atheists, the mleccas, the yavanas and I pray to Kṛṣṇa that I am inviting You to come, so please, because You are seated in their hearts, please give them the intelligence how to serve you so that You may not be inconvenienced. I have introduced this system to the mleccas, the yavanas and the lowest and the fallen, but still it is successful. I think that you are doing nicely.

As soon as one thinks that he is greater than his spiritual master that is the greatest offense. Kṛṣṇa will give one everything, but to these offenders everything is lost. I thank you very much. You know how to dress and how to worship and I am very much pleased. It is a question of heart how to please Kṛṣṇa. One simply has to agree to be trained up how to do it. You have done very nicely. I am very much pleased. And now you should teach others how to do it. This is very important business, Deity worship. The more the Deity is decorated, the more your heart will be decorated with Kṛṣṇa consciousness. This is the way for the neophyte devotee how to absorb his mind in Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

Never think of the Deity as made of stone or wood. Every worshipper must remember that Kṛṣṇa is personally present. He is simply kindly presenting Himself before us in a way so that we can handle Him. That is His mercy, otherwise He is unapproachable.

a taḥ śrī-kṛṣṇa-nāmādi na bhaved
grāhyam indriyaiḥ
sevon mukhe hi jivātau svayam eva
sphuraty adah

"No one can understand the transcendental nature of the name, form, quality and pastimes of Sri Kṛṣṇa through his materially contaminated senses. Only when one becomes spiritually saturated by transcendental service to the Lord are the transcendental name, form, quality and pastimes of the Lord revealed to him." (*Padma Purāṇa*).

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedānta Swami

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75-11-32

Bombay

10th November, 1975

New Vrndavana

My dear Kīrtanananda Swami,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 24, 1975 together with your check for \$1,111. I thank you very much for it. I was thinking that Kīrtanananda Swami is angry upon me because I did not go to New Vrndavana, but what can I do? They are dragging me in so many places and it was arranged for me to see Indira Gandhi, the Prime Minister of India. Therefore, leaving aside all other programs, I had to come here. Of course it has become a little effective because since then the government of India is not considering us an enemy, but they are giving us more and more facility to extend the visa. Then again I had to go to Mauritius, South Africa and East Africa. In Mauritius for the first time in my life I had to meet a very disastrous type of motor accident. We were four in motor carriage, the driver, Brahmananda Swami, Pusta Kṛṣṇa Swami

and myself. The driver was especially injured and we got a little bruises and cuts. Anyway, I have come to Bombay on November 3rd. Here the temple construction is now being undertaken seriously and we are looking after things.

You say that you may be a broken gong, but you will never be broken. You are standing solidly by the grace of Krsna. Have faith in guru and Krsna and your attempt will be successful. You know how I started in the U.S.A. with faith both in the spiritual master and Krsna and they are certainly helping me. I am always praying to Krsna that the New Vrindavana attempt will be more and more successful and ideal for your country. That is my only prayer. I am glad to note that Indians are coming and that you are constructing a large kirtan and prasadam hall and also guest rooms. Yes, so you should do it and it will actually be a New Vrindavana in America. According to our program we will have to construct seven temples, Govindaji, Gopinatha, Madana-Mohana, Syamasundar, Damodar, Gokulananda and Radha-Ramana. And later on if possible, Rangunatha also. These guests rooms, it is very good you are constructing because they were needed.

I am glad also that you have a new goshalla. Let other farms see what is our behavior for the cows and how we derive benefit from them and that will be the living example to persons who are using cow flesh rather than cow milk.

Regarding the palace, when will you expect to finish it so I may go there.

I am glad to note that Pittsburg temple management is going on nicely. This is wanted. We want cooperation. Why there should be non cooperation between ourselves. That is not good. Regarding your desire to be relieved of managing these other centers, I may request you to continue until the next Mayapur meeting and then you can make some other arrangement conveniently.

Regarding your question about the dancing, the dancing should be done enthusiastically by raising the hands like Panca-Tattva. You can also dance enthusiastically by raising hands. All of Lord Caitanya's followers used to dance with raised hands. If someone dances with ecstasy, that is all right, but it is better to dance with raised hands.

Regarding the topics of the Krsna book, this is Ista Gosti. Ista Gosti means discussion between ourselves but that should not be taken as a competition. It is not the subject matter for competition. It can be discussed in a small group of devotees. That is Ista Gosti. This is better than competition.

Regarding your recommendations for first and second initiation; I accept the following for first initiation: Ann Shotland—Sukulina dasi and Diana Alpert—Gopalasyapriya dasi. And for second initiation I accept the following as twice-born brahmanas: Janaladha das, Manipuspaka dasi, Manisa dasi, Damodar Pandit das, Kalandidhi das, Uttamuja das, Ajitananda das and Mudhakari devi dasi. Enclosed are their sacred threads and the mantra sheet. Please see that they follow the rules and regulations. This is not to be taken lightly. If it is then surely they will again fall under the influence of *maya*. *Mama maya durataya*.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

N.B. I am in due receipt of your letter dated November 6, 1975 with enclosed check for U.S. 1111.00 which replaces your previous check which you have cancelled. I am glad to see that the Brijbasi spirit is improving in get-up. Yes, it is all right to close the Buffalo farm. It is also all right to move Radha Madhava to Nandagram and keep Gaur Nitai and Lord Jagannath at Madhuban. ACBS
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75-11-33

Bombay
10th November, 1975

Melbourne

My dear Madhudvisa Swami,

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

teṣāṃ evānukampārtham
aham ajñāna-jarṇ tamaḥ
nāśayāmy ātma-bhāvastho
jñāna-dīpena bhāsvatā

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

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

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

The dresses are made very nicely. It

appears from the photographs. Some of the dressmakers may come here to India, one or two of them. Kṛṣṇa is supplying the ideas for you to take photos like this, so you will be recognized by Kṛṣṇa. *Sarvasya cāhaṁ hṛdi sanniviṣṭho/ mattaḥ smṛtir jñānam apohanam ca.*

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

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

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

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

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-11-34

Bombay

10th November, 1975

Mr. A. D. Nyamiaka
District Commissioner Office
P.O. Box 29
Kilifi, Kenya
East Africa

Dear Mr. Nyamiaka,

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated October 18, 1975, delivered to me by my disciple Gyana das Adhikari. I had requested Gyana das for you to come and see me in Nairobi and he said you were to come, but unfortunately I did not meet you. Anyway I am glad that you are appreciating this Krsna consciousness movement which is meant for the welfare of all living entities in the universe. Our philosophy is that there cannot be happiness or peace unless everyone serves the Supreme Lord. Just like the body cannot be nourished unless

food is supplied to the stomach. When the food is supplied to the stomach, then the entire body becomes nourished very nicely. But if I foolishly think let me put the food not in the mouth hole but in the ear hole or the eye hole, then that is simply foolishness and there will be no good result. So at the present moment, we are thinking let us serve this "ism" or that "ism" or so on, but actually we should serve God and then everything will be taken care of. This is not some sectarian faith but it is eternal truth.

I am glad that you are reading *Bhagavad-gita*. Try to do this regularly. Chapter 2 is very important because it explains that we are not this body, that we are spirit soul, part and parcel of God. One has to have this preliminary understanding if he is to advance in spiritual life.

We want very much to spread this highest welfare activity there amongst the Kenyan people and we are very thankful for your cooperation. Please try to give us more and more facility. We want the people to live simply but to think highly. We want to make projects whereby the people produce their own food, food for themselves and also for the animals. In this way they can produce their own necessities and not live on any artificial standard. My disciple Gyana das Adhikari is there for this purpose of establishing our program. The main thing is to chant Hare Krsna and take the remnants of foodstuffs that have been offered to the Lord. This is our main program and please encourage him for this program within the village people. Everyone will like to sing and dance and to eat nice foodstuffs. This is our simple process for God realization. I hope this meets you in good health.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-11-35

Bombay

10th November, 1975

Vrindavan

My dear Upendra das,

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

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

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-11-36

Bombay

12th November, 1975

Seattle

My dear Abhinanda das,

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

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-11-37

Bombay

12th November, 1975

Calcutta

My dear Bhagawat das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated November 2, 1975 with enclosed articles and I have noted the article. So those who say that the Mahabharata battle was fought 3,000 B.C., that is correct. But they had a big, big meeting with big, big professors but was there any conclusion? No. So therefore these kinds of meetings are all useless. Unless there is some conclusion, it is simply a waste of time.

I hope this finds you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-11-38

Bombay

12th November, 1975

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

Dear Mr. Desai,

I am in due receipt of your letter dated October 14, 1975 with your enclosed

article. You mention God, but who is God? If you do not know who is God, then how can you say that He is the Super Joy?

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

Bhagavad-gita states:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours, sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
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75-11-39

Bombay

12th November, 1975

Tampa

My dear Gurudas Swami,

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

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

Upon your recommendation I am accepting for brahminical initiation Locasvara das. Enclosed is his sanctified gayatri thread and also the mantra sheet. I also accept for initiation Chris Nell and his spiritual name is Śrutisāgara das. His beads may be chanted on by Tamal Krsna Gosvami. A fire sacrifice should be held so the brahminical initiate can hear the mantra through the right ear from my recorded tape. You should impress upon

them of the responsibility for following the rules and regulations and chanting 16 rounds minimum each day. This will save them from *maya*. No, there is no special name for your Gour-Nitai Deities.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-11-40

Bombay

12th November, 1975

Frankfort

My dear Sacimata dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated October 23, 1975. So I understand that you are doing the layouts for the German *Back to Godhead* and also the Swedish *Back to Godhead*. The Swedish *Back to Godhead* was very nice. I am very much appreciative. What I suggest for you is to translate articles that have been written by myself or the devotees as they are published in the English *Back to Godhead* because unless you are conversant with the philosophy, it will be difficult for you to write authoritatively.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-11-41

Bombay

12th November, 1975

Manipur Gita Mandal

Paona Bazar

Impahl, Manipur 795001

Attn: Kulachandra Singh, Secretary

Dear Sri Singh,

I am in due receipt of your letter from Impahl, Manipur dated August 18, 1975 forwarded to me by my disciple Dr.

Swarup Damodar das. I am prepared to go to Manipur with some of my European and Indian disciples some time in April, 1976. I have written to Sri. N. Tombi Singh in New Delhi as per your instructions. Please find enclosed copy of letter.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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c.c. Swarupa Damodar das,

Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A.

75-11-42

Bombay

12th November, 1975

Sri N. Tombi Singh, M.P.

(Lok Saba)

108 South Avenue

New Delhi

Dear Sri Singh,

I have received a letter from the Manipur Gita Mandal in Impahl dated August 18, 1975 inviting me and my disciples to Manipur for putting on my programs. I am prepared to go to Manipur with 6 or 7 or my European and Indian disciples in April, 1976. So if you can arrange for my going there, I am prepared.

Thanking you,

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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c.c. Kulachandra Singh

Secretary, Manipur Gita Mandal

Dr. T. H. Damodar Singh,

Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A.

75-11-43

Bombay

12th November, 1975

Atlanta

My dear Swarupa Damodar das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in

due receipt of your letter dated October 11, 1975. I had never received your letter of September 21st and the invitation for going to Impahl for Manipur Gita Mandal. So I have now written them a letter as per enclosed and please find enclosed the copies. So we shall go there in April, 1976 and I will take some of my disciples who are good kirtan men. So you also should come and join in this program. Please arrange for that.

Regarding your letter of September 21, yes, it is a very good idea to have a meeting at the Mayapur meeting time to thoroughly discuss the Bhaktivedanta Institute. So please do the needful. It will be a great service if you can organize such an Institute in the U.S.A. In Dallas there is one former army base which is now vacant that has a number of buildings and enough land. It is located about 70 miles from the city of Dallas. So you should immediately correspond with Jagadisa. It is very big and nice. I think we should take it for the Bhaktivedanta Institute. The climate there is also nice.

I am glad that you are doing lectures in the various universities. When you go, take all of our books and keep them in your front. We have got so many books for study.

I am forwarding you the letter which Dr. Wolf has written me. I have not replied it, but you can reply it as you think fit.

Also enclosed is one article sent to me by Hayagriva about the new discovery which creates turmoil and confuses the physicists. The material scientists, they are discovering so many particles, but they have not yet discovered the soul. In *Bhagavad-gita* we learn:

apareyam itas tv anyam
prakrtim viddhi me param
jiva-bhutam maha-baho
yayedam dharyate jagat (Bg. 7.5)

That the jiva-atma is the superior particle

and these other particles are all inferior. So this is their business, to discover the inferior particles and neither have they discovered the superior particle which is one ten-thousandth the tip of a hair. Simply they are wasting their time. I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
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75-11-44

Bombay

13th November, 1975

Stockholm

My dear Alanatha das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated November 4, 1975, with the enclosed copies of the Yoga Library in Swedish language. The get-up is very nice and I think they will sell very, very well. Just see what books we are publishing all over our Society in all the languages. Where is the CIA message in our books that they are claiming? They are claiming that we are CIA's, but where is the CIA message in our books? Our books are simply on the basis of Krsna consciousness. What better service are we doing than publishing these books?

But one thing is disturbing me, are these reports coming from Sweden. These books are translated by Vegavan and Ajit, so they are rendering good service to you. Do not deal with them by force. They are competent hands, so why fight with them? Do everything amicably. This fighting is going on everywhere. It is not a good sign. I know the fight spirit is there in you, within the Westerners, that even if you do not care to fight, someone will induce you to fight. Rather, you should make vigorous propaganda for making people understand the utility of the Krsna consciousness philosophy. It is not something speculative. Make your

plans, organize, and then execute in order to increase all of our Kṛṣṇa consciousness programs. This will be better.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-11-45

Bombay

13th November, 1975

Brooklyn

My dear Gargamuni Swami,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter undated from El Paso, Texas and I have noted the contents. So I am glad to see that you are doing well. Similarly, now we are getting literature published all over the world. I just received very nice books in Swedish and also Italian *Isopanisad* and similarly our *Bhagavad-gītā* is being prepared in Dutch language. And also our literatures are being received very nicely. Bhagavan das in Paris has reported that they are collecting \$20,000 per week in literature distribution. Our *Bhagavad-gītā* in French language is being received very enthusiastically by the people, libraries and schools.

All other reports are also very good. Tamal Kṛṣṇa is also distributing many big books and also magazines and having many college engagements. Here in India the government is beginning to give us facility for our men to remain here. I am here in Bombay and I am supervising the construction of our temple here. It is a very large project. The temple is larger than our Vṛndavana temple. We are trying to get it done as quickly as possible.

I have just received a report from Mukunda in London that the Encyclopedia Britannica wants to carry my biography article in their publication. So this is all welcome news. So I am very pleased by all of

the progress, how you boys and girls are working very sincerely to push on this movement of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu. The only difficulty is the fighting that is going on. Why there should be fighting in our society? This is not a good sign.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-11-46

Bombay

13th November, 1975

Buenos Aires

My Dear Hṛdayananda das Goswami:

Please accept my blessings. I have seen your letter dated October 13, 1975 addressed to all GBC's. Brahmananda is accused, but I shall explain that Pusta Kṛṣṇa Swami since the last three years was trying for my visa, so out of natural compassion for him I thought let me go to South Africa and come back before sitting down tightly. He was expecting me for a very long time, and South Africa is a strict place in the matter of visa and so on. After going there I was very much satisfied with how my movement is being received there. After my lecture in the University the Europeans clapped and they were very enthusiastically purchasing my books.

Now I have come back, so let me stay in India. I will remain in Bombay, Vrindaban, and Mayapur. As you have desired, now let me do that, to sit down tightly and concentrate on the translating business. But, if you disturb me, then my mind will be disturbed. I want that what I have established may go on nicely, but I see that some of the devotees are reviving their old "good" qualities. That is the difficulty. If the old habits come back, then everything is finished. If my mind becomes disturbed in this way, then how can I concentrate on book writing. It is not possible. Better not

to inform me anything, and let me sit in Vrindaban.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-11-47

Bombay

13th November, 1975

Mayapur

My dear Jayapataka Swami,

Please accept my blessings. I have received a letter from Gargamuni Swami that he has sent \$20,000 to Mayapur. So why should there be scarcity of money? What are you doing with this money? Please give me your report.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-11-48

Bombay

13th November, 1975

Los Angeles

My dear Palika devi dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated November 27, 1975. Yes, the separation of man and woman is desirable. If Yamauna and yourself can develop such an institution of a woman's asrama, that will be nice. You are all elderly devotees. I think that this will be a good idea.

If you produce milk, you should not drink milk very much. Rather, you should save it and convert it into ghee and then sell it to the householders and centers and thus maintain your asrama. The excess quantity of ghee may be exchanged by trade. Kirtan is our first duty. The Deity worship should be simple and the eating

should be as meager as possible.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-11-49

Bombay

13th November, 1975

London

My dear Prabhavisnu das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter undated and accept upon your recommendation the following as my initiated disciples. For first initiation, their spiritual names are as follows: Martin Webster—Akhandādhī; Gordon Stocker—Prithvipati; John Morgan—Dhārānidhara; Frank Jokson—Yajñānga; Terry Maloncis—Adi Kurma; Lynn Avionis—Śrī Kāma dasi. I also accept the following as twice-born brahmanas and their threads and mantra sheets are enclosed: Kripamoya das, Yasodadul das, Servasagara das, Gokulananda das; Ragudvaha das, Cittavinodama das, Vamsivadana das, Anjana devi dasi. You should have a fire sacrifice and the second initiates should hear through the right ear the mantra on my recorded tape. The beads may be chanted upon by Hamsadutta. It is your responsibility to see that these devotees that you have recommended strictly follow the rules and regulations, chanting 16 rounds, attending the classes and the mangala aroti and refraining from the four prohibitions. You should lecture on these points at the initiation ceremony so that everyone understands fully. And by your own example you should teach.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Bombay

13th November, 1975

Rome

My dear devotees of ISKCON Rome,

Please accept my blessings. I have received from Haihaya recommendations for the following devotees for initiation and I am glad to accept them. Their spiritual names are as follows: Bhakta Tonino—Narakantaka; Bhakta Franco—Śjjanasraya; Bhaktin Miriam—Amohamoha; Bhaktin Subrena—Yoganandakari; Bhaktin Luciana—Vicitravasini; and Bhaktin Micaela—Citrapurini. So the beads may be chanted on by Bhagavan das and be sure to see that all these devotees follow all our rules and regulations, chanting minimum 16 rounds and attending the mangala aroti and the *Srīmad-Bhagavatam* class. This is very important because the *maya* is very strong, *mama maya duratyaya*. But we can easily cross beyond it if we take cent per cent shelter of the lotus feet of Kṛṣṇa. *Mam eva ye prapadyante/ mayam etaṁ taranti te*.

I have asked Haihaya to remain here in India for helping in the management of the Krishna-Balarama temple in Vṛndavana and he has gone there.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-11-51

Bombay

13th November, 1975

Honolulu

My dear Sukadev das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of the booklet on the Kau Farm on the big island of Hawaii dated October 26, 1975. The thing is that to mortgage your present house is not at all good. There is a Bengali saying that one should

not borrow money to purchase a gold earring. So I do not approve of this mortgaging transaction.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-11-52

Bombay

13th November, 1975

Tampa

My dear Tamal Kṛṣṇa das Gosvami,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter undated and I was very pleased to read the contents. This is Lord Caitanya's blessing upon you that you are executing his order. *Prthivīte āche yata negarādi grām/ savatra pracāra haibe mora nāma*. You are doing this very nicely. I heard that the Western Zone distributed more than your Rādhā-Dāmodara Traveling Saṁkīrtana Parties. Is there a competition between you and Jayatirtha Prabhu? That is nice.

The BBT says that they are publishing at the speed of my translating and that you will distribute at the pace of their publishing. That's nice. But still I am ahead in my translation work. They owe to me now the 6th Canto of *Śrīmad Bhāgavatam*. I am working on the 7th Canto already.

I am very pleased that already you have held 50 festivals in the colleges. *Param vijayate śrī-kṛṣṇa-saṁkīrtana*. And *param vijayate* American boys. Yes, you are doing very nicely. So many Vaiṣṇavas have taken birth in America. Now America is going to be glorified. So many people are afraid of the American CIA. But now they will welcome Americans as American Vaiṣṇavas.

Now maintain your status quo. You are in a very good position. To manage a *saṁkīrtana* party nicely is more precious than all other activities. That is the verdict

of *Bhagavad-gītā* and the mission of Lord Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu.

We have received good reports from Europe, Paris, Geneva, Amsterdam. And Bhagavan is doing very well. We have just now received Italian *Easy Journey* and *Isopaniṣad*.

The Bombay temple progress construction is now begun. It was started by you. It is a very nice project. The temple is very large and magnificent and there are so many facilities for guests, restaurant, theater. So I am remaining here to see that the temple construction is completed. We hope that it may be completed within three months.

Now it is understood from the report of Ramesvara that Jayatirtha's zone is Number 1 and that you are Number 2. How is this?

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-11-53

Bombay

14th November, 1975

Paris

My dear Bhagavan das,

Please accept my blessings. I am under receipt of your letter dated October 23, 1975 together with enclosures. So far your misunderstanding with Hamsadutta is concerned, it is not substantial. But in the presence of all GBC, the matter should be settled though. Don't worry. I have received the weekly cash reports. It is very good that you have the same treasury system and reporting system in all your temples. This is wanted. Please keep the accounts very correctly so that we may remain always above suspicion. I am glad that you now have 20 devotees in Geneva. This is very encouraging. Try to train them up and gradually leave the matters to

be managed by them, in the hands of the Swiss devotees. When I started this movement, I wanted to bring some men from India. The problem was that in India the men who joined the Gaudia Math mission were not very educated. So I declined to bring them in the Western countries and by the grace of Kṛṣṇa I was able to train the local men. And thus gradually, things became successful. The Western people, they are Aryans and ksatriyas in their origin, but due to bad association with the aboriginals, they have taken all bad habits and become degenerated. Now we have to revive this Aryan civilization and rectify things. If we do it nicely, then all the Western people will be happy and they will glorify Lord Caitanya. This is Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu's prediction, "When they will take this Vedic culture, they will applaud Me." So our mission should be how to have Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu applauded all over the world. His statement is param vijayate sri-kṛṣṇa-saṁkīrtanam. That statement will be fulfilled. That we want to see. It is very good that the new house in Geneva temple was former German Embassy. It is a very good honor that the people voted in favor of giving us the lease. Is this new place near to the river?

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

Regarding Spain, yes, don't risk anything. You've got sufficient engagement in the other European cities. Do everything slow but sure. The new French Back to Godhead is very nice. Amsterdam temple has also grown to 55 devotees. This is

a credit, not that the temple should be a place simply for good residence. It should be a place where there is constant activity in Kṛṣṇa's service. The Westerners have good brains, but they do not have any good leader. Now the Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement will provide them with good leader if they take it seriously. Regarding the contract with the incense manufacturer, don't supply them if they do not pay. That is very good to separate the Spiritual Sky business from the temple.

Regarding Paris, the house there in the city must be kept very nicely. It is a very nice house. I always remember my quarters there. Also the Parisian people are very intelligent. So you are selling 100 French Bhagavad-gītā's per day at \$12 per book. That's \$1,200 per day. This is no joke. That means there is very good reception. When are you going to print the next edition? Yes, try to place the books in stores and libraries. Are you liquidating your debts for the farm? You borrowed money on the farm. Are you repaying the loan? It is very good that the farm will be providing foodstuffs for both the farm and the temple in Paris. That is wanted. The farm program should be: grow your own food, produce your own milk, cloth and everything and chant Hare Kṛṣṇa. It is good that you are repairing the buildings. They are delapidated, but they can be repaired very nicely.

So your book distribution is very good. I think our books will never keep us in a poverty-stricken condition. This is the blessings of His Divine Grace Śrī Srimad Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvatī Goswami Mahārāja Prabhupāda. He is very pleased that you are distributing so many books. The American program for distributing books is very successful in this connection. So you collected \$20,000 in one week. Now you are a rich man. We are also constructing the Bombay temple and

the work has begun and if you so desire, you can send some contribution. Also we now have got Hindi and Gujarati publications. Do you require any for the Indians there? Now you are going to print the small Bhagavad-gītā. One thing is if the people will get the small Bhagavad-gītā at the cheap price, then will they want to purchase the bigger one? Will that be good? How will you distribute the bigger ones at the more expensive price when there is the cheaper one also available?

Your program in the schools, that is very nice. That is your success, that even the unruly students were well-disciplined. Dhiradhira-jana-priyau priyakarau nirmat-sarau pujitau. "I offer my respectful obeisances unto the six Goswamis, who are always engaged in chanting the holy name of Kṛṣṇa and dancing. They are just like the ocean of love of God, and they are popular both with the gentle and with the ruffians because they are not envious of anyone."

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/BS/mdd

75-11-54

Bombay

14th November, 1975

Lautoka, Fiji

My dear Deoji Punja,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated November 1, 1975 with enclosures. I have informed Upendra das, who is in Vrndavana, that his ticket is waiting for him in Delhi. So it is good that you have arranged it. And I think that he will be a good asset for your activities there in Fiji.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/BS/mdd

75-11-55

Bombay
14th November, 1975

Shree V.S. Murthy
Lecturer in Physics
Maharani Shree Jaya College
Bharatpur, Rajasthan

Dear Shree Murthy,

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 8/11/75, and have noted the contents. At present I am at Bombay and you are welcome to come and see me and we shall discuss these things broadly. And if possible I am prepared to go to Bharatpur and speak my views on spiritual advancement of life.

So for our guidance Krsna has spoken everything in Bhagavad-gita. Unfortunately so-called scholars and saintly persons have misguided the people by making different interpretations of the divine instruction unnecessarily. That is the cause of the ruination of our culture in India.

There is all round guidance in Bhagavad-gita for social, political, religious, educational, cultural and philosophical and in all matters of guidance, but instead of taking guidance from Bhagavad-gita, they are now enamored by the external feature of modern civilization. It is said therefore, nate viduh svartha gatin hi visnuh: "They do not know that the supreme self-interest is to know Visnu."

I am very glad to see that you have detected the deficiency in our educational system, but still there is time before complete ruination if we take seriously this Krsna Consciousness Movement.

If you can, come here, we shall provide for your staying here for some time. We have got guest rooms and arrangements for prasadam.

I hope this meets you well.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/BS/mdd

75-11-56

Bombay
14th November, 1975

Johannesburg

My Dear Pusta Krishna Swami:

Please accept my blessings. I have today sent you one telegram reading as follows: IMMEDIATELY GO NAIROBI TO TAKE CHARGE INSTRUCTIONS MAILED NAIROBI—A. C. BHAKTI-VEDANTA SWAMI.

One telephone call has come from Din-nath that Sharma the president has left Africa because of fighting with Chayavana Swami. When I was in Nairobi I took away from Chayavana all managerial duties. There were so many complaints against him from our men and from outsiders. He could not manage nor could he collect. I had wanted that Sharma and Shakti Mati manage themselves without any interference.

Now I want you to manage things there. The management was not being done properly when I was there. The accounts were not being kept properly, and they were spending everything. Please rectify the situation. Chayavana Swami should go to Europe for preaching and travelling. Chaitya Guru das may be sent here to India for starting our Kurukshetra Project.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

cc: Nairobi

75-11-57

Bombay
14th November, 1975

Los Angeles

My dear Ramesvara das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your October BBT report dated November 5, 1975 and have noted the contents. The report of the BBT Library Party is very encouraging to me that

the main library of Harvard told us they would be honored to complete the collection of our books. Just see. This is wonderful. Still University of New Brunswick has ordered our books even though they do not order religious books. This is a success. This quote by the head of their religion department of Oberlin is very important: "I think the best feature of the Hare Kṛṣṇa Movement is that it is providing scholars with authorized translations of the rarest books on Kṛṣṇa-bhakti." This should be quoted and printed in a pamphlet. Also the fact that at Colorado Springs Library that 8 volumes of their Bhagavatams had been take out 7 times in the past year. This should be published. You print one poster, big type, and put the quotation of the Oberlin professor. You can title it: How Our Book Are Being Received and have the quotation of the professor, the professor's remarks. This will be a good advertisement for our books.

This book distribution, that was my Guru Maharaj's purpose. He said that I have got so many temples and now in Calcutta I have got a marble temple, but I would have wished that if by selling the marbles I could publish and distribute books. Now by the mercy of His Divine Grace Śrī Srimad Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Gosvami Maharaja Prabhupada I am doing both by the co-operation of my American disciples. I am constructing so many marble temples and I am distributing so many books on Kṛṣṇa consciousness. This does not mean that I am excelling my Guru Maharaja, but it is the mercy of my Guru Maharaja that he is giving me the facility for doing both.

That is good that Ranadhir is taking over BBT mail order.

I hope the meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,.

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-11-58

Bombay

14th November, 1975

Shree P.D. Shastri

Advocate

Dairy House

Savasi

Baroda, Gujarat

Dear Shree Shastri,

Please accept my best wishes. I am in due receipt of your letter undated as well as your handwritten book, the Gita as it has appeared to me. Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu strictly followed Kṛṣṇa. That is his grace: yare dekha tare kaha kṛṣṇa upadesa/ amara agajnaya guru hana tara ei desa: "Instruct everyone to follow the orders of Lord Sri Kṛṣṇa as they are given in the Srimad-Bhagavatam and Bhagavad-gita. In this way become a spiritual master and try to liberate everyone in this land." (Caitanya-caritamṛta, Madhya-lila, Chapter 7, Verse 128.)

This means that Caitanya Mahaprabhu advises everyone, especially every Indian, to become a guru under His order. And when there is a question what is His order, that is explained in the next line: you simply repeat the instructions of Kṛṣṇa, that is, Bhagavad-gita, to everyone whom you may meet. Therefore Caitanya Mahaprabhu's mission is as good as that of Kṛṣṇa, but sometimes non-devotees misunderstand purposefully or foolishly the instruction given by Kṛṣṇa in the Bhagavad-gita. Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu says that you strictly follow the instructions of Kṛṣṇa and preach it to everyone. Therefore our Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement is based on the advise of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu to preach the Bhagavad-gita As It Is.

I hope this meets you well.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-11-59

Bombay
14th November, 1975

Mr. K.L. Trivedi
1st Grade Assistant (Retired)
General Administration Dept.
Nagar Mahpalika
Kanpur, U.P.

Dear Mr. Trivedi,

With this letter you can go to Vrindavana and live there under the direction of the President. If both of us find it suitable, then we have no objection.

I hope this letter meets you well.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/BS/mdd

75-11-60

Bombay
15th November, 1975

Mr. Paul Diglio
87 Fairmont Avenue
New Haven, Connecticut 06513
U.S.A.

My dear Paul Diglio,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter and I am glad to know that you have a sincere interest in this Krsna consciousness movement. Now you should try to become strong in Krsna consciousness. The first thing is to chant 16 rounds minimum on the beads and it is best to do this in the association of others who also desire to progress in spiritual life. So you should try to remain at one of our temples; that will help you. You should also read my books very carefully and you should render service. Tad viddhi pranipatena/ pariprasnena sevaya. Service must be there. So you have to find out some service that you can render. Then

your progress will be very quick.

I hope this finds you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
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75-11-61

Bombay
15th November, 1975

Memphis

My dear Janajanmadhih das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated October 31, 1975 and have noted the contents. So, if you are strong enough to preach Krsna consciousness there, that is very good; that as long as you chant your 16 rounds and follow the four regulative principles, then you will get the strength. The process is that you should memorize the purports of my books and then speak them in your own words. Do not adulterate or change anything. Then you will be the perfect preacher. You should also distribute our books as far as possible. If you do this sincerely, then you will be successful.

I hope this finds you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
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75-11-62

Bombay
15th November, 1975

Frankfurt

Dear Touati Lakhdar,

Please accept my best wishes. I am in due receipt of your letter dated October 21, 1975. I am glad to learn of your interest in Krsna consciousness. You should take up this chanting of Hare Krsna mantra very seriously. The devotees in the Frankfurt temple will instruct you how to do it. In this way you can become cured of any mental anxiety. Krsna consciousness

is something non-sectarian. It does not depend on Hindu religion or Moslem religion. So if you chant the Lord's name and pray to Him, "What service can I render?", then soon you will advance in Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/BS/mdd

75-11-63

Bombay
17th November, 1975

Calcutta

My Dear Dinanath,

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated November 14, 1975 and I thank you very much for the same. I am so much pleased that your staying in my Vrindaban temple was not any inconvenience.

I met a very major car accident in Mauritius, and still there is some little sore on my knees. So by the middle of December I shall go back to Vrindaban via Delhi. From there I shall go to South India to Nellore, and then I shall go to Calcutta by the beginning of February, 1976. Surely at that time we shall meet.

By the by we had some talks when you were in Vrindaban about some flat apartment. I require a flat of four rooms. If you kindly negotiate and let me know the terms, it will be very kind of you. The flats can be taken either on rent or maybe purchased.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/bs

75-11-64

Bombay
18th November, 1975

Los Angeles

My dear Bhardraj das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated November 1, 1975 with enclosures and thank you very much. From the photographs I see that the work you have done is superexcellent. It is very, very nice. I very much appreciate it. The dolls of Lord Damodara are very nicely done. The face is so nice.

Your plans for including restaurant and bookshop in the museum is very good. So far your future plans are concerned, you should understand that at every center there should be such doll exhibitions. So wherever it is suitable, you should take up in that place first. We want that at every center there should be this doll exhibition. In the new New York building, one flat should be for this exhibition.

The name of your exhibition is approved by me and it is a very good idea that you want to get federal funding. So far the Garuda Stambha is concerned, from the photograph, yes, it is approved what you have done. It can be placed in the Los Angeles temple in front of the Deity underneath the balcony. It must be underneath the balcony, otherwise how can it be done. It is better if it is not underneath, but if there is no other space for where to do it, then you will have to do it like that.

Regarding the Nṛsimha-dev Deity, yes, that can be done, however to worship Nṛsimha-dev requires a separate temple structure, not that Lord Nṛsimhadev can be worshiped in the same temple as Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa. Regarding your question about offering aroti to the form of Damodara, no, the Deity worship that you are now doing is sufficient during the Damodara-vrata.

Regarding my head for the statue, that will appear in the museum, all of them,

they are perfectly done. Locana has done very, very well. Yes, it is good if you prepare a mold so that these life-sized murtis can be available. I am sending these photographs with Saurabha to Jaipur for their making the murtis here for the Bombay temple.

Regarding the fruit decorations, it is not proper for them to be on the head of the throne. This should not be done.

Regarding the mrdanga-making, this is very, very important item. It will open a great scope of our activities, so it should be done very carefully. I want to see large production.

I note the signatures of all your assistants and I very much appreciate their activities. Make them all experts. All of them require to be experts because they will have to go to all centers because we want to have this transcendental exhibition in all our centers around the world.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-11-65

Bombay

18th November, 1975

Detroit

My dear Govardhana das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated November 7, 1975. It is a very good achievement that you have gotten this new building in Detroit. It is very aristocratic and prestigious. Do everything very nicely there now. You now have very good facility for broadcasting our Krsna consciousness propaganda. Just do everything very carefully and soberly. As soon as everything is set up, I will go there. You can call the new Detroit temple Devasādhana, meaning celestial.

Upon your recommendation, I accept

as twice-born initiated brahmanas Ramananda Raya das and Visvatomukha das. Enclosed are their brahminical threads, duly sanctified and the mantra sheet. Hold a fire sacrifice and impress upon them the importance of following the rules and regulations so that they may not be affected by the influence of maya. There is two things: there's Krsna and there's sex life. So if you want to have Krsna, one must be above illicit sex life. That requires some strength. So you have to impress upon them that following these rules and regulations, especially by chanting Hare Krsna, one will become strong. Unfortunately, we have no taste for this chanting. This is our misfortune.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-11-66

Bombay

18th November, 1975

Melbourne

My dear Madhudvisa Maharaja,

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

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

Regarding China preaching, so far as I

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

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-11-67

Bombay

18th November, 1975

Mr. Mohan Majumdar
402/1/A Netaji Subhas
Chandra Bose Road
Calcutta 47

Dear Mohan Majumdar,

I am in due receipt of your letter dated 12/11/75 and have noted the contents. I

can be seen during the Lord Caitanya birthday celebration in Sridhama Mayapur. That will be in March of 1976.

We cannot invest any money in any film industry. I am very glad to learn that you will soon be freed from all family responsibility and join our movement.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-11-68

Bombay

19th November, 1975

Vrindaban

My Dear Dhananjaya das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your telegram/reading as follows: JAYDAYAL DALMIA IN VRINDABAN TILL 22 AND DELHI 23 NOVEMBER TILL 7 DECEMBER. HE REQUESTS PRABHUPADA TO COME AS HE IS SOLE DECISION MAKER—DHANANJAYA DAS.

I have yesterday sent through my secretary the following reply: PRABHUPAD COMING DELHI MONDAY NOVEMBER 24th INFORM DALMIA

—BRAHMANANDA SWAMI.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

cc: J. Dalmia, Mathura and Delhi

75-11-69

Bombay

20th November, 1975

Los Angeles

My dear Ghanasyama das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated November 4, 1975 and was very pleased to read the

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-11-70

Bombay

20th November, 1975

Hyderabad

My dear Gour Govinda Swami,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 15/11/75 and have noted the contents. So if you think your presence is required in Bhuvaneshwar, then you can go there for necessary action. I am going to Vrindavana, so you can come and meet me at Vrindavana and from there you can go to Bhuvaneshwar.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-11-71

Bombay

20th November, 1975

Dallas

My dear Jagadisa das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated November 8, 1975. Regarding your letter of October 11th, I have replied it November 9th, so you should have received it by now. Regarding the Illinois property, I have also agreed that it is a nice property. That is good that the GBC men have agreed to the tax proposal. Regarding your use of manpower in the Texas Gurukula, that is very good what you are doing now. There should not be more than twelve students for one teacher. This is tutorial system. I am also glad to see that you have 9 devotees doing full-time book distribution. That is nice and also it is sufficient. Book-selling is our most important engagement.

Regarding Chicago, it is very surprising how they distributed 800 big books in one day. Here in India we could not sell 800 books in one month because there is no market. Here there is only a market for technology and black market. This is the advantage of the Western countries. There is enough resources, but simply it should be used in Krsna's service. Then it will be nice. Yes, you should develop better relations with the Indians in Chicago. 30,000; that is no joke. In the London temple the Indian devotees are doing everything for the maintenance of the temple. So as soon as the Indians in Chicago come to know, then they will help you. Here in India the temples are maintained by the grhastha bhaktas.

Regarding Toronto, I am glad that they have gotten that church. I have sent them congratulations. Regarding Detroit, I note that Sudhama Maharaja was there. Has he left Tamal Krsna's party? Alone Sudhama Maharaja is not safe. He should not leave Tamal Krsna's party. Regarding

the Detroit house, even though you will move there after Christmas, some devotees may go there immediately to take possession, and make the necessary repairing. If you can take out a mortgage for only \$70,000, then what is the use? Anyway, this you have to consult among yourselves.

Regarding Montreal, yes, it is required that the temple be ventilated nicely. That you will style it after the Krishna-Balarāma temple in Vr̥ndavana, that is very nice.

Regarding the New Orleans' farm, do not make sugar. Just boil it and make molasses. You can eat the molasses instead of sugar. Just boil it and keep boiling it until grandule forms and then keep in a pot. Don't try to make sugar and sell it. That will simply increase the botheration. If you start trading business, then so many problems will be there. You should produce just enough for our own use. Trading leads to envy and jealousy and cheating, then everything is lost. I am seeing now that the business activities in our society, they are increasing. Originally I allowed that Gargamuni could start the incense business. I thought that the Rama-Krishna Mission, they are doing and the incense we are using, so if we make some and sell it, then what is the harm. But now I see that Spiritual Sky, they have so many products. And now there is jewelry business going on. So why should the business increase? Nanda Kumar, he came here to India simply for doing business. This is not required. So I have given him san-nయా and now he is finished with all business, and he will go to Africa to preach. So this business should be discouraged, otherwise, if they do it, our men will again become karmis. Our business is simply book distribution. So far increasing the New Orleans' farm, yes, if you have got more men, you can get more land. You should make a stock of ghee

from the farm and if possible open a restaurant in the city for attracting people. You can prepare samosas, kachories, rasgullas, sweetballs: In Honolulu they are doing nicely, this restaurant. You can take information from Sruta Kirti das. And the farm will get money by selling ghee to the restaurant. And also you can sell the ghee to the Indian people in the city.

Regarding the Deities of Gurukula, Lord Kalachandji, why you should move? The Deities shall stay. If you want you can install another set of Deities in a new place. There's no question of selling the building; it must be maintained.

Enclosed is some correspondence I had with one Mr. Kumarachar. So he is now in London and he has his ticket up to New York, so if you want him to be Sanskrit teacher in Gurukula, you will have to pay for him from New York to Dallas. I do not know what he has been doing so long for 1 1/2 years since I wrote him April 17, 1974. Anyway, you can see if he is useful and if so, then you should keep him. So you can bring him to Dallas.

The new Gurukula buildings are very nice. We shall invite children there from all over the world. If big Indians here in India understand that Vedic culture in English medium is given, they will want to send their children. This is a unique opportunity. We shall induce big life members to send their children. Sanskrit and Indian culture through English medium—this is what they want if their children will not be trained up to do business. If we organize very nicely, the Indian families will send their children. The whole world is misled. You must apply your brains how to spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness. I am an old man. I can give you the idea. Now you have to carry it out.

Upon your recommendation, I am accepting the following devotees as my initiated disciples and their spiritual names

are as follows: William C. Rich is Kanu-priya das; Gregory Furgeson is Gopāl das; Melinda Pickup is Yogamala dasi; David Sliman is Sesadeva das; Sam Santoro is Pralambaha das; Kelly Griffin is Yugapriya and Tracy Smith is Vamana-devi. I also accept for second initiation Rajendranandanana das, Lokahita dasi. Also from Winnipeg, I accept for second initiation Dharmaprana das, Natha das, Lalita devi dasi and Misrani devi dasi. The sanctified gayatri threads are enclosed and also the mantra sheets.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-11-72

Bombay

20th November, 1975

Berkeley

My dear Jayatirtha das,

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

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

Regarding San Diego temple, from the pictures it appears very nice. So you can get this building. It is a good house. They are all selling to ISKCON, the Christians

and the Jews. They are all going to liquidation. So take it without any doubt.

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

Regarding Berkeley temple, I note that permission for living in the building is not yet finalized. Please keep me informed. Portland is a very nice city. I am glad that we have our temple there. That is very good that Seattle does not have any debts. This is proper management. This is very much wanted. It is also very good that Jayadvaita is in Laguna Beach and is preaching there. This is our process of preaching, that one shows by his personal example, not that we preach something and then do something else. That is called cheating and that is going on in the religion, especially. We are not that kind of cheaters. And we are not that kind of so-called religionists. Yes, so you keep an eye on things there in Laguna Beach, and see that whoever takes over as temple

president is trained up.

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/BS/mdd

75-11-73

Bombay

20th November, 1975

Los Angeles

My dear Ramesvara das,

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

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

I have received your telegram regarding the one million copies of *Back to Godhead* printed and also the Spanish *Gita*. This is solid work. Thank you very much. I have also received a batch of letters of

appreciation from professors such as from Anderson College, Alderson-Broadbush, University of Leicester, University of St. Andres and Brandeis University. All these letters are very valuable and they may be added to the quotation book, *The Kṛṣṇa Consciousness Movement is Authorized*.

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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

ACBS/BS/mdd

75-11-74

Bombay

20th November, 1975

Los Angeles

My dear Satsvarupa das Gosvami,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated November 10, 1975 and have noted the contents. Kṛṣṇa will guide you how to increase the library distribution. Do not worry. Just do it sincerely and with a cool brain. Regarding Miami temple, you say it is a paradise. So that must be because it must be better than the former place. But they must keep the whole temple site very neat and clean. This is very important and please instruct them on this. Abhirama, he is an intelligent boy. He can do and he can manage.

Simply you have to encourage him and see that he shows good example to all the devotees and they will all work very enthusiastically under his leadership.

Regarding Denver, why are they doing business? This creates a bad atmosphere. We shall only do one business and that is book-selling. That's all. As soon as you become karmis after business, then spiritual life becomes damaged. This business should not be encouraged any more. Doing business and not sankirtana, this is not at all good. Visaya chadiya kabe suddha ha'be mana/ kabe hama herabo sri-vrndavana. "When the mind is completely purified, being freed from material anxieties and desires, then I shall be able to understand Vrndavana and the conjugal love of Radha and Krsna, and then my spiritual life will be successful." One has to engage himself in devotional service, giving up the engagement of manufacturing pounds, shilling, pence. Sankirtana is very good, but grhastas under condition can do other business, only if they give at least 50%, but sankirtana is the best business. Our Denver temple is situated in a very nice place. It is our own house, so it must be managed very nicely. Please encourage Kurusestra in this regard. He is very good devotee, very sincere and intelligent.

I have seen the photograph you sent of the Houston temple. It is very impressive building. It looks like a secretariat building. I want that our Mayapur festival there should be booths showing our activities. There should be one booth showing all the photographs of our temple buildings. This will be very impressive. Even big, big businessmen, they haven't got such branches all over the world as we have got. And our business is with honor. Why not purchase the Houston temple? And I am glad to note the successful program in Gainesville temple.

Regarding the Africa preaching, in

South Africa it was very successful. Although they do not like Indians there very much, still in the university when I spoke, all the European audience, they clapped after and then they purchased my books very enthusiastically. It was very encouraging. Anyone who is not biased and fanatically sophisticated will like our books. Yes, I am doing *Srimad-Bhagavatam*, trying to finish. I am trying my best.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/BS/mdd

75-11-75

Bombay

21st November, 1975

Cleveland

My dear Bhumata devi dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated October 13, 1975 and also your poem enclosed and have noted the contents. I am very glad to note your enthusiasm for spreading Krsna consciousness and that you want to increase your propaganda work. This is the main thing—to always be anxious how to spread the glories of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's mission. I note that you have got this dedication and I am very pleased.

I have noted your ten requests and I think that yes, there should be a GBC man who I have delegated who can take care of these matters. So Satsvarupa Maharaja, he is the right man. Regarding your request for Krsna consciousness marriage, oh yes, certainly Satsvarupa Maharaja, he can perform the ceremony.

Regarding sending the gifts and offerings, is it cash or kind?

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
N.B. I think you may send to Bombay

address, but you have to be careful if you are sending money in the mail. You can consult with Satsvarupa Maharaja how best to do this.

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75-11-76

Bombay

21st November, 1975

Hyderabad

My dear Acyutananda Swami and
Yasodanandana Swami,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letters dated November 16th and November 18th with all the enclosed clippings which I have read with interest. I am glad to see that your preaching programs are going on. I think Acyutananda Swami, he is a very good preacher. The process is simply to read the books and learn the purports and then speak them in your own words.

One thing is, where is Guru Kripa Swami? I have not heard anything from him. I do not know where he is.

That you have been victorious in preaching to the big Mayavadis, that is the mercy of Kṛṣṇa. Now the Western higher circles, they have admitted that the greatest contribution of the Hare Kṛṣṇa Movement are these authorized translations of the Vedic literatures. This has been said by one professor.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

N.B. I am going to Delhi. I am arranging to start a Kṛṣṇa-Arjuna temple at Kurukshetra where B.G. was spoken. ACBS.

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75-11-77

Bombay

21st November, 1975

Phoenix

My dear Nalinikanta das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of November 9, 1975 and also your telegram to Brahmananda Swami reading as follows: "ASK ŚRĪLA PRABHUPADA IF WE SHOULD BUY SMALL CHURCH IN PHOENIX TWO BLOCKS FROM UNIVERSITY WITH \$15,000 to \$20,000 LOAN FROM BBT. WIRE BACK IMMEDIATELY AS MAY BE SOLD SOON. NALINIKANTA." So this matter I cannot say because I do not know what money is available. You have to consult this with Ramesvara. Regarding taking sannyasa, this mentality that either I will have sex life or I will take sannyasa, this is not proper. Sannyasa means that one is finished with material life. So you have gotten married and you are in family life. So you should remain there. So you thought that by getting married you would expand your service. So you should do that. Actually all my disciples are sannyasis because they have surrendered everything in the service of Kṛṣṇa.

I have read the clipping and you have also mentioned of the women wearing karmi clothes and going into sex movies and bars late at night for collecting. So this kind of canvassing should be immediately stopped.

Upon your recommendation I am accepting the following two brahmacharis as my initiated disciples. And their names are Malcolm Perey is Yamunapata das and Monte Flynn is Kalatita das. It is your responsibility since you are recommending them that they follow strictly the rules and regulations and remain strong in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. They must attend the mangala aroti and the Srimad-Bhagavatam class and Bhagavad-gita class and

chant 16 rounds minimum daily and also follow the four rules and regulations.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/BS/mdd

75-11-78

Bombay

21st November, 1975

Atlanta

My dear Swarupa Damodara das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated November 9, 1975. Regarding Manipur, I have replied your letter on November 12th and have informed them that we will be able to go to Manipur in April of 1976. And I am glad to note that Dr. Wolf is ready to help the German translation work. I know that he is a sincere devotee and I pray for his ever advancement in Krsna consciousness.

I am glad to note that your book about the origin of matter and life is progressing very well. This will be a great challenge.

From the Srimad-Bhagavatam we learn that the universe is like a tree with the roots being upwards. The pole star which is situated within the Asking question star constellation is the root. The universe is pivoting around the pole star. That is one movement. The second movement is that the sun is revolving around the universe, or as if it were going around the tree. That is the second movement. The sun is not fixed. If this is proved, then their whole scientific theory collapses. According to them, the stars are all suns. The stars may have the same composition as the sun but they are not suns. The Brahma-samhita says that the sun is the king with unlimited light and temperature. The Srimad-Bhagavatam sublime literature describes all these things and it was written five thousand years ago.

And they say that five thousand years ago there was no civilization. That Srimad-Bhagavatam has this information proves that Indian civilization is the oldest civilization.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-11-79

Bombay

21st November, 1975

Dr. W.H. Wolf-Rottkey

12915 Venice Blvd., Apt. 37

Los Angeles (Marvista),

California 90066

My dear Dr. Wolf,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter post dated November 12, 1975 and have read the contents carefully. So it appears that the sun planet comes first and then the moon planet. That is the statement in Srimad-Bhagavatam. How do modern scientists say that the moon is nearest from the earth? What is their authority? But according to what is stated by you, the sun is first and then the moon. That is the verdict of Srimad-Bhagavatam. If the moon is beyond the sun, then how they can go to the moon while they are unable to go to the sun? This is the problem I am thinking and if you can make a solution, that would be nice.

According to Srimad-Bhagavatam the moon is above the sun planet by 1,600,000 miles. The scientists say that the sun is 93,000,000 miles from the earth and if the moon is beyond the sun planet, the distance from the earth then would be 95,000,000 miles. So the moon being 95,000,000 miles away, how can they go even if they travel at the speed of 18,000 mph, how can they go 95,000,000 miles in four days. It is not possible. In four days

they can go only 1,728,000 miles.

If they say the moon is 240,000 miles from the earth, then why is the moon not mentioned first? Why not Monday being the first day of the week? According to *Srimad-Bhagavatam*, the sun is first, the moon is second and therefore we have no objection to the first of the week being Sunday and then Monday. Why is it universally accepted in all languages that Sunday is first and then Monday? Why is it not Monday and then Sunday?

I have noted that you are working with the German translation department. Kindly continue your cooperation. It is Kṛṣṇa's business and He will be very, very happy.

I hope this finds you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-11-80

Bombay

23rd November, 1975

Shree Himtsinh J. Bhatia and

Shrimati Manjula H. Bhatia

P.O. Box 82855

Mombasa, Kenya

East Africa

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bhatia,

Please accept my blessings. I have understood from Sripad Nava Yogendra Swami that you have taken keen interest in our Kṛṣṇa Consciousness Movement. So I am very pleased to hear this and I thank you for your service in helping to push on this mission of Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Our mission is that especially those who have taken their birth in India that it is their responsibility to become perfect in the science of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness and to deliver everyone in the world. In this way everyone is expected to become guru. But how to be a guru? It is said that one simply has to repeat the instructions that Kṛṣṇa

has given. If he repeats without adding or subtracting anything, then he is qualified as guru. Actually there is only one guru—Kṛṣṇa, the Supreme Personality of Godhead. So those who simply repeat His words, they also become guru. But of course a guru never thinks himself as being God. He only thinks himself as the servant of the servant of the servant: gopi bhṛtya pada-kamalayo das dasanudasa.

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-11-81

Bombay

23rd November, 1975

Miss P. Boodhena

Clairfonds Road

Vacoas, Mauritius

Indian Ocean

My dear Miss Boodhena,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated November 10, 1975 and have noted the contents. I am very glad to see that you are taking keen interest in this sublime movement of Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu for benedicting the entire world with the holy name, Hare Kṛṣṇa, Hare Kṛṣṇa, Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa, Hare Hare, Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama Rama, Hare Hare. It is very good that you are taking serious interest in reading our books. This is very important. I think it will be easier for you to get our *Srimad-Bhagavatam* from our devotees who are there in Mauritius. If they cannot supply,

you can write to our Nairobi temple at P.O. Box 28946, Nairobi, Kenya.

You should chant Hare Krsna every day and read our books and in this way you will make advancement in Krsna consciousness. We have to understand that we are not animals like cows and asses. We should not live like the hogs, but we should realize the higher goal of Krsna consciousness to understand that I am not this body, but part and parcel of the Supreme Lord Sri Krsna. This state of consciousness can only be achieved by following the instructions that Krsna gives and that his representatives teach us.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/BS/mdd

75-11-82

Bombay

23rd November, 1975

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

My dear Chayavana Swami,

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

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

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-11-83

New Delhi

27th November, 1975

My Dear Brsni Das Prabhu,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your letter dated September 9, 1975, I have noted the contents carefully.

Regarding the Gour Nitai deities, I think 100 dollars is too much to pay for one pair of dieties. Better you carve them from wood. In India the carvers have always used a wood bitter in taste, this keeps the worms from eating it, best is neem wood if such wood (bitter in taste) is available there then why not make Gour Nitai from wood.

In New Vrindaban we have so much woodland, it is not that dieties have to be made in Hawaii, why not in New Vrindaban and supply all our centers? let me know.

I hope this finds you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hda

75-11-84

New Delhi
27th November, 1975

My Dear Ramesvar Prabhu,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your letters dated November 18th and 20th 1975. I have noted the contents carefully.

The incident with Purusottama is now a closed chapter, in the future be more careful, we have got enemies as well as friends, we have to be careful.

I was very happy to receive the new edition of Bhagavad gita the make up is very nice. Everytime I see a new publication of my books it gives me so much enthusiasm that my life is increased by 100 years. Thank you for helping me so much.

The report of Ghanasyama Prabhu selling standing orders to the head of the Mormon church is very encouraging to me, may Krishna bless this boy. Practically speaking there is no religion in the world, the only true religion is Bhagavat Dharma, that is the original religion of the human society, whatever else there may be passing as religion has come after Vedic literature. The whole world is in darkness, so we are bringing light in the shape of Srimad Bhagavatam. Therefore this is the best service one can render to the human society, to give knowledge, how to go back to home back to Godhead.

The BTG No. 12 is also nice. In India the biggest circulated spiritual magazine is Kalyan printed by Gita press at 95,000 so you have far surpassed them, thank you, the magazine is very nice.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hda

75-11-85

New Delhi
29th November, 1975

Dear Rup Ram Sharma,

I thank you very much for your invitation card on the occasion of your fortunate girl Anu Karna with Sriman Hari Kantaji. Please convey my blessings to the newly married couple to become Krishna conscious and be happy in life. I am going to Vrindaban next week and I invite you to come to our Krishna Balaram temple, Raman reti Vrindaban.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/hda

75-11-86

New Delhi
30th November, 1975

My Dear Tikamdas J. Batra,

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

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

Regarding your question about Vaidikuntha; the example is The King and the bed bug, both of them are sitting on the same throne, but the business of the King is to rule and the bed bug's business is to bite. The place is the same, but the consciousness is different. It is said the Lord is situated in everyone's heart, so that means Krishna is also in the heart of a hog, and he is also in the heart of a demigod, but that does not mean that God has

become a hog, or a demigod, God is always in Vaikuntha. Similarly, those who are God conscious, Pure devotees of the Lord, they are always in Vaikuntha, there is nothing like material for them.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hda

75-11-87

New Delhi

30th November, 1975

My Dear W.J. Carpenter,

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

Material life means attachment for women, children, freinds, countrymen, position, wealth, and good name. In the Srimad Bhagavatam material existence is compare to a forest full of plunderers, dacoits, jacals, tigers and other ferocious animals. The jacals are compare to one's wife and children. In the dead of the night jacals cry very loudly, and similarly one's wife and children in this material world also cry like jacals. The children say, "Father this is wanted: give me this, I am your dear son." Or the wife says, "I am your dear wife. Please give me this. This is now needed." In this way one is plundered by the theives in the forest. Now knowing the aim of human life, one is constantly being misguided. The aim of life is Vishnu, or Krishna (Na te vidhu svarthagatim hi vishnum) Everyone works very hard to earn money, but no one knows that his real work is to serve Krishna, the supreme personality of Godhead. Instead of spending money to advance the cause of Krishna consciousness, one spends his hard earned money on clubs, brothels, liquor, drugs ciggarettes, slaughterhouses

and so forth. All these activities are sinful, and because we are engaged in such sinful activities constantly we are constantly reaping the result of our sinful work, which is suffering in one way or another.

But even if one is pious he cannot escape from the sufferings of material existence in the shape of Birth, death, old age and disease. Therefore the only solution to all problems of life social economic, or political is to surrender to Krishna. Krishna says "the material nature is very difficult to overcome, but one who has surrendered unto me can very easily cross beyond it." So to surrender to Krishna is not difficult all we have to do is follow the instructions given by Krishna in Bhagavad Gita under the guidance of his representative, the spiritual master.

So you are already chanting Hare Krishna, now simply try to give up these four habits of sinful life, and the best way to be successful in this attempt is to associate with the devotees of the Lord. Therefore we have established so many temples of Krishna. You simply go there, the devotees are very kind, you will be welcome and by their association automatically you will make advancement and purify your life. We have got a temple in London, 7 Bury Place WC I and one in Herts. Given to us by George Harrison. So you go there and everything else will come.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

75-11-88

New Delhi

30th November, 1975

My Dear Manasvi Prabhu,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated Nov. 18, 1975. Now you are living peacefully with your family, that is good. Best

thing is if you continue your employment at the book store, try to sell my books there if possible. Visit the New York temple regularly with your family and try to help them as far as possible, I think you should not attempt to make life members at this time. Maintain your wife and children by working honestly, attend the temple programs as far as possible and in this way live peacefully as a grihasta following the

four regulative principles of spiritual life and chant Hare Krishna on beads and at home with family. That will keep you pure.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hda

DECEMBER

75-12-1

New Delhi
2nd December, 1975

My Dear Chakravarty Prabhu,

Please accept my blessings. I have accepted the following list of Boy and Girls as my duly initiated disciples. So you are the president there at Schloss Rettershof, it is your duty to see that the standards of Krishna Consciousness are always maintained, especially chanting 16 rounds daily, observing the four regulative principles, no meat, fish, eggs, no intoxication, no gambling, and no illicit sex life. The students must all attend morning and evening arotik and classes. If we follow this simple program along with regular sankirtan, distributing the books and preaching, then there will be no fall down. Just like if one keeps himself clean and properly nourished by eating regularly, he will not infect disease, but if there is neglect, then there is room for infection, he becomes weak and fall prey to disease. So Krishna consciousness is the medicine for the material disease, and chanting Hare Krishna mantra sincerely is the basic ingredient of that medicine.

George—Pavenesvara das
Joseph—Airavata
Thomas—Gurusrestha Das
Duri—Khamadhena Das
Tulsi—Dinadyatma Das
Ananda Kumar—Giri Pati Das
Bernhardt—Mgrendra Das
Jurgen—Yadasampati Das
Peter—Devarsirat Das
Jutta—Saumyarupa Devi Dasi

Sabina—Amahamaha Devi Dasi

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hda

75-12-2

New Delhi
2nd December 1975

My Dear Gopiparanadhana Prabhu,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 20, 1975. Yes! You have done it very nicely. I thank you very much, so immediately it can be printed in BTG and then later on it can be published in book form. I thank you very much for your sincere efforts, please continue to work sincerely and Krishna will bless you more and more.

I hope this letter meets you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hda

Carbon copy: Satsvarupa Goswami

75-12-3

New Delhi
2nd December, 1975

My Dear Kirtiraja Prabhu,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 17, 1975. Due to traveling I have not received it till just now, but in the meantime I have learned from Hansadutta Prabhu that you have already arrived in Germany. So you work with Chakravarty

and Alanath Prabhu, they will give you good advice and help.

I am very happy that you are taking a chance for Krishna, do everything very carefully and sincerely, Krishna will help you. Lord Chaitanya predicted that in the modern age this movement would be spread to every town and village of the world. So by the sincere help of you American and European boys and girls it is actually happening. It is not bogus, like communism, socialism and so many isms going on in the world today. But is purely spiritual authorised by the disciplic succession tracing all the way back to Krishna himself who spoke this science for life 5,000 years ago on the battlefield of Kurukshetra. The battlefield is still there and you will be happy to know that yesterday we have been at that very spot where Krishna spoke to Arjuna, and we will build a gorgeous Krishna Arjuna temple there. People will come from all over the world to see it and understand the authority and sublime message of Lord Krishna.

Please keep me informed how you are progressing with your mission. I hope this letter finds you and your good wife well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hda

75-12-4

New Delhi
2nd December, 1975

My dear Pusta Krishna Maharaja,

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

The list of devotees to be initiated have

been named as follows;

Mike Harris—Pandavagrya Das

John Antonopaula—Nagendra Das

Gail Netherlands—Vimoha Devi Dasi

Martha Kreik—Venurati Devi Dasi

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

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

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. I just received your letter dated Nov.

20. Yes a roof carrier will be nice.

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75-12-5

New Delhi
2nd December, 1975

My Dear Tusta Krishna Swami,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 21 November, 1975. Every student is expected to become Acarya. Acarya means one who knows the scriptural injunctions and follows them practically in life, and teaches them to his disciples. I have given you sannyas with the great hope that in my absence you will preach the cult thruout the world and thus become recognised by Krishna as the most sincere servant of the Lord. So I'm very pleased that you have not deviated from the principles I have taught, and thus with power of attorney go on preaching Krishna consciousness, that will make me very happy as it is confirmed in the *Guru vastakam yasya prasadat bhagavat prasadah* just by satisfying your Spiritual Master who is accepted as

the bonafide representative of the Lord you satisfy Krishna immediately without any doubt.

I am very glad to inform you that Sudama Vipra Maharaja is also now following my principles. Si I am very very happy to receive all this news. Thank you very very much.

Keep trained up very rigidly and then you are bonafide Guru, and you can accept disciples on the same principle. But as a matter of etiquette it is the custom that during the lifetime of your Spiritual master you bring the prospective disciples to him, and in his absence or disappearance you can accept disciples without any limitation. This is the law of disciplic succession. I want to see my disciples become bonafide Spiritual Master and spread Krishna consciousness very widely, that will make me and Krishna very happy.

I hope this letter finds you well,

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hda

75-12-6

Vrindaban

3rd December, 1975

Los Angeles

My Dear Rameswara Prabhu,

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

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

Guru Maharaja they used to call me Poet.

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

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

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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

ACBS/hda

75-12-7

Vrindaban

4th December, 1975

Hyderabad

My Dear Achyutananda and
Ysodanandan Swami,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 28, 1975.

The pictures are very encouraging, and the reports of your life membership and book sales is also nice. There is tremendous field in India for selling books, if you continue this effort you will soon be compete with America. Gopal Krishna Prabhu is arranging to print Srimad Bhagavatam Hindi, First canto Vol. I 5,000 copies, also Bhagavad Gita as it is. So there is a big field, in India 600,000,000 people. In every home there should be at least one BBT publication, so the field is very big.

I hope this letter meets you both well,

keep me informed.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hda

75-12-8

Vrindaban

4th December, 1975

My Dear Aja Prabhu,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 17, 1975. I am very pleased to note that you are attempting to preach seriously in the schools and colleges. Prahlad Maharaja, a great devotee and authority in our line said, Krishna consciousness should be taught from the beginning of Childhood. The defect of modern education is that the children are taught all nonsense things. They do not receive even the first point of knowledge, that I am pure spirit soul part and parcel of God. Everyone is interested in the body only, which is compared in Bhagavad gita to a dress, "As a person puts on new garments, giving up the old and useless ones, similarly, the soul accepts new material bodies, giving up the old and useless ones." (Bg. 2/22) this simple fact they have yet to learn. So if you can teach them just this one point it will be a great success, because this is the basic platform of advancing in spiritual understanding. If we want to read and write, then it is essential to learn first of all A, B, C's.

Whatever knowledge they have got now is on the platform of this body, which is a lump of matter only, there is no knowledge of the soul which is entrapped within the lump of matter, and so people are suffering because of ignorance of this simple point. So try to enlighten them on this point and make them happy, that will please me and Krishna, and thus you will become perfect yourself.

My blessings to Shivananda Prabhu,

he is a good boy, he singlehandedly started the European movement. I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

75-12-9

Vrindaban

4th December, 1975

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

My Dear Chayavana Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 17, 1975. I have noted the contents carefully. The program you have suggested can be discussed at the Mayapur GBC meeting. At Mayapur each year a program is chalked out for the entire year, and that is to be executed till the GBC meets again.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

75-12-10

Vrindaban

Boston

4th December, 1975

My Dear Gargamuni Maharaja,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 11, November 1975, I have noted the contents carefully. Yes! your present engagement is more important, managing Calcutta temple is not so important. I am pleased that you are selling my books, this is superior engagement, so please continue and increase it more and more.

Your plan for the busses is nice. One address in Yugoslavia is Vladimir Radovanov, 45 Skadarska, Belgrade.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hda

75-12-11

Vrindaban
4th December, 1975Darkwood, Via thora
N.S.W. 2492
Australia

My Dear Mark Phillips,

Please accept my blessings. Thank you for your letter dated 4th November, 1975. Yes we are eternally related to the Lord as servant, so naturally when we forget our eternal relationship as servants of the supreme master, Krishna, we suffer. A child is naturally subservient to the parent, but if he rebels then the child suffers in so many ways. Therefore Krishna advises everyone in Bhagavad Gita to simply surrender to him, and he will take care of us.

In Australia we have got our temples, consult the Back to Godhead magazine for the temple nearest you. Please visit the temple and take advantage of the pure spiritual atmosphere, this will immediately extinguish the burning fire of material suffering in your heart. Meanwhile I humbly request you to chant Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare. This chanting will bring you all perfection of life, please try it.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-12-12

Vrindaban
4th December, 1975Dr. Yogi Raj Dev. Swarup,
c/o Prof. K. Sellin
Active University
Olfert Fiseersgade 40
Copenhagen Denmark

My Dear Dr. Yogi Raj Dev Swarup,

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

In thank you very much for your kind appreciation. Because you are teaching in a respectable University I request you to study some of my books, especially Bhagavad Gita as it is. As stated in the Bhagavad Gita, manah samyamya mac-citto, yukta asita mat parah "One should meditate upon me (Krishna) within the heart and make me the ultimate goal of life." (Bg. 6/13, 14). Western people are now becoming more and more interested in yoga practice, but unfortunately because they have no authorised source of information, they are being mislead by unauthorised teachers and concocted methods of yoga practice. Actually the astanga yoga system practiced thousands of years ago is not practical for this age, therefore Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu introduced the simple process of chanting the Holy name of Krishna for the people of this fallen age of Kali. It is said in the shastras that the same result that was formerly attained by difficult sacrifices or yoga practice is easily achieved in this age simply by chanting the Holy name of God, Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare.

In all our temples we are doing that, and we have more than 40 big volumes of authorised books, Srimad Bhagavatam and Bhagavad gita, etc. Intelligent people are accepting this movement all over the world, so if you are serious about joining this mission, then why not study these books, understand the philosophy and teach.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

75-12-13

Vrindaban
6th December, 1975

Dallas

My Dear Jagadisha Prabhu,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to

acknowledge receipt of your letter dated Dec. 1, 1975, I have noted the contents very carefully. I said from the very beginning that we should not move, but you proposed moving, so now you are proposing staying at Dallas. So it is all right, stay at Dallas and develop there.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hda

75-12-14

Vrindaban

6th December, 1975

My Dear Saksi Gopāl Prabhu,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your nicely decorated letter. Thank you very much. From your letter it appears that you are a little confused. This means that the consciousness is not clear, brahma-bhuta prasanna, na socati na kanksati, the clear stage of consciousness is free from hankering and lamentation. As long as we are on the material platform, bodily conception of life we will hanker for so many things required for material supremacy. Therefore to clear this cloudy consciousness Chaitanya Mahāprabhu recommended that one should simply chant the Holy name of God sincerely and hear it with attention. To chant dance, take prasadam and be happy. Marriage is not recommended. Are you prepared to get a job, live outside the temple in apartment, provide the wife with bangles sarees and sex? Better you concentrate on this chanting and hearing process, teach others and give them prasadam. So you and Bhoudhadev are doing this already, now be steady and increase it more and more. Hansadutta will guide you in this engagement, he is there to help you execute your pro-

gram.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-12-15

Vrindaban

6th December, 1975

Sriman Jaya Krishna Thakur B.Se., LL.B

3 Locket Road

Wealdstone

Harrow, Middlesex,

HA 3 7 LY,

England

My Dear Jay Krishna Thakur,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 30, 1975.

Yes I remember you were coming to see me daily at Bhaktivedanta Manor during my stay there in 1973. Regarding your question about my birth. I was born September 1, 1896, Tuesday at about 4:00 in the afternoon. My rāsi is Methuna.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-12-16

Vrindaban

7th December, 1975

Los Angeles

My Dear Hridayananda Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 22 November 1975 and the new books in Portuguese and Sāniskṛit. They are very nice and the reports of sales are also very encouraging. If Rādhāballābha Prabhu can help you that is all right, but you have to discuss this with the BBT trustees.

No you should not install Gour nitai

dieties if you do not have the required Brahmins. Better wait.

Yes you print all my books, if you can sell then why not print. Print as much as possible and store them if necessary. But you must pay regularly the BBT loans that is not to be neglected.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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75-12-17

Vrindaban

7th December, 1975

Melbourne

My Dear Madhudvisah Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter with the recommendations for first and second initiation, their names are as follows;

Steve—Visvahetu Das

Dave—Dustamohana Das

Grant—Jitagarisa Das

Rodney—Usapati Das

Peter—Adhipurusa Das

Samjata Das Brahmachari

Lugudi Das Brahmachari

Veno Gopal Das Brahmachari

Krpa Kara Das Brahmachari

Jagatvira Das Brahmachari

Asta Siddhi Das Brahmachari

I have chanted on the sacred threads and they are enclosed herewith, now hold a fire ceremony and have the students hear the Gayatri mantra chanted by me and the tape recording through the right ear. Instruct the newly initiated Brahmins about cleanliness, taking bath three times daily, taking bath each time after passing stool. Cleanliness within and without, that is very important for brahminical life. The qualifications of the Brahmanans are described in the 18th Chapter 42nd verse of the Bhagavad gita. You may chant on the beads of the first initiates, and they must

chant at least 16 rounds daily, that will keep them strong.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hda

75-12-18

Vrindaban

7th December, 1975

New York

My Dear Rupanuga Prabhu,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 24, 1975. Upon seeing the pictures of the doll exhibit I thought it was some of our devotees play acting. This boy Saptaratha Das has done the dolls very very nicely, now make a museum for the public. This doll making was one of the programmes of my Guru Maharaj, and the exhibit used to tour India. That same exhibit, although falling apart, is still touring India today and people are appreciating it. So develop this program, I am very pleased with this boys work, encourage him.

Our cows are happy, therefore they give plenty of milk. Vedic civilization gives protection to all the living creatures, especially the cows, because they render such valuable service to the human society in the shape of milk, without which no one can become healthy and strong. In your country the dog is protected, and the cow is killed. The dog is passing stool and urine in the street, he is considered the best friend of man, and the cow is all pure, stool, urine, and milk, but they are taken to the slaughter house and killed for food. What kind of civilisation is this. Therefore we have to preach against all this nonsense.

How is the New temple building in

New York?

I hope this letter meets you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hda

75-12-19

Vrindaban

7th December, 1975

Winnipeg

My Dear Sivarama Prabhu,

Please accept my greetings. From your report I can understand that things are going on there very nicely. When I first came to America I never imagined that this movement would spread so far and wide. I thought that my Guru Maharaj has ordered me to try to spread his teachings in the english language, so let me try. In a country where everyone is trained from childhood to indulge in sinful activities who will accept these restrictions, no meat fish and eggs, no intoxicants, no gambling, no illicit sex life. These things are the life and soul of western people, and I never imagined that even one person would accept. But by the mercy of my spiritual master and Krishna the thing has taken shape. I am so much indebted to you nice boys and girls who are helping me in this mission that I always pray to Krishna for your advancement in Going back to Godhead more and more. Thank you.

I am accepting the student you have recommended for Brahmin initiation, their names as follows; Dharmaprana das Brahmacari, Natha Das Brahmacari, Misrami Devi Dasi, and Lalita Devi Dasi. Hold a fire ceremony, and let the students hear the mantra from the tape recording through the right rear. Brahminical life means to be very very clean, inside and out. Inside by chanting and hearing, and outside by bathing three times daily, if not possible at least two times, but never less

than once. Bathing after passing stool. The qualifications of the Brahmanas are described in the 18th Chapter of Bhagavad gita verse 42 "Peacefulness, self-control, austerity, purity, tolerance, honesty, wisdom, knowledge and religiousness—these are the qualities by which the brahmanas work. So see that these instructions are being followed nicely.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hda

75-12-20

Vrindaban

7th December, 1975

Ahmedabad

My Dear Yasomatinandan Prabhu,

Please accept my blessings. You wanted one white assistant for facilitation of your work in Ahmedabad, so we have selected the best man for this work, Sri-man Hai Haya Das Adhikary. I understand that you wrote one letter to Gopal Krishna disapproving sending Hai Haya. He is approved manager and why you thought that there is some politics. I am very much surprised to hear all this.

Anyway he is going there, work with him cooperatively and everything will be successful.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta swami

75-12-21

Vrindaban

7th December, 1975

New York

My Dear Yogescandra Prabhu,

Please accept my blessings. Thank you for your letter dated December 2, 1975.

You always have my blessings, the father always wishes that the son may be more successful than himself. This is the

spiritual conception. If one is doing well, then the materialistic persons become envious and try to check his progress. This wasy actually so with Prahlada Maharaj, he was only 5 years old, he was preaching Krishna consciousness to his school friends, and the father Hiranyakashipu became so envious that he attempted to kill his 5 year old son in so many ways. Krishna consciousness is just the opposite, if someone is doing well then the attitude of the devotee is to give him all facility to go on and improve more and more.

Yes we are running on the mercy of the spiritual master, to understand this point is to get mercy more and more. Yasya prasada bhagavat prasada.

I hope this letter meets you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hda

75-12-22

Vrindaban

8th December, 1975

Sree Krishna C. Batra
Sri Aurobindo Ashram,
Pondicherry—605002

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter dated 26 November 1975, I beg to submit herein that our International Society for Krishna Consciousness is a Bhakti yoga asram as it is enunciated in the Bhagavad-gita. The main purpose of the society is to understand the nature of God and our relationship with Him. The very word yoga means connecting link with the supreme being. We accept Krishna as the supreme being, and nobody is equal to him or greater than him. How he is supreme is lucidly explained in the Bhagavad-gita, and we try to revive our eternal relationship with him. In the Bhagavad-gita itself there are different processes of yoga systems,

karma yoga, jnana yoga, dhayana yoga, hatha yoga, bhakti yoga and so many patterns of yoga. Others may practice different patterns of yoga, and we can understand that everyone is trying to pass on the path of yoga, but bhakti yoga is the ultimate goal, and if anyone is actually interested to understand God as he is, he has to come to the platform of bhakti yoga.

It is stated in the Bhagavad-gita that after many many births of practicing yoga, when one is actually mature he surrenders himself at the lotus feet of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Bahunam janmanam ante, jnanavan mam prapadyate, vasudevah sarvam iti sa mahatma sudurlabhah (Bg. 7/19)

So this bhakti yoga is practiced by varieties of rendering service to the Lord. They are divided into nine prescribed methods as it is called sravanam, kirtanam visnoh, smaranam pada sevanam, arcanam vandanam dasyam, sakhyam atma vivedanam. The actual path to understand God is bhakti yoga as it is confirmed in the Bhagavad-gita, bhaktya mam abhijanati, yevan yas casmi tattvatah, tato mam tattvato jnatve, visate tad anantaram. (Bg. 18/55) "One can understand the Supreme Personality as he is only by devotional service. And when one is in full consciousness of the Supreme Lord by such devotion, he can enter into the kingdom of God." This bhakti yoga is identical with Krishna consciousness this is also confirmed in Bhagavad-gita, Yoginam api sarvesam, mad gatenanteratmana, sradhdhavan bhajate yo mama, sa me yuktatmo matah. (Bg. 6/47) And of all yogis, he who always abides in me with great faith, worshiping me in transcendental loving service, is most intimately united with me in yoga and is the highest of all.

So we teach our students how to think of Krishna 24 hours and thus become devotees of Krishna. When one becomes a devotee he worships Krishna by the above

nine varieties of bhakti processes and remain always an obedient servant of Krishna, and the vivid example is Arjuna, how he engaged himself on the battlefield of Kurukshetra although he was not willing to kill the enemies on the other side, although they happen to be very near and dear kinsmen of Arjuna.

The conclusion is, when one gives up his concocted ideas of perfection and takes to Krishna consciousness just to render service to the Lord by following his direct order this perfection is actually attained by a pure devotee, so much so that a pure devotee constantly engaged in the service of the Lord can get direct orders from the Lord, and then follow perfectly the instructions of the Lord.

Our society is open to everyone without any discrimination of cast, creed, color, sex, or position, anyone can join us and be trained up in Krishna consciousness. That is evidently proved that we have got more than 100 centers all over the world, including Africa, or other supposed backward countries. Everywhere the Hare Krishna Maha Mantra is being chanted without any difficulty and all of them are becoming pure Vaishnavas. They are completely giving up the four principles of sinful activities, namely illicit sex life, meat eating, intoxication, and gambling, and thus they are making progress in the matter of understanding Krishna consciousness very perfectly.

The addresses of our India centers are listed as follows, ISKCON Bombay, Hare Krishna Land, Gandhi Gram Rd. Juhu 54. ISKCON Hyderabad, Hare Krishna Land, Nampally station Rd. Hyderabad. ISKCON Delhi, 19 Todar Mal Lane, Bengali Market, New Delhi. ISKCON Calcutta, 3 Albert Rd. Calcutta 17 (Near Hindi High School). ISKCON Mayapur, P.O. Sree Mayapur Dham, Mayapur District Nadia, West Bengal.

Just this month we have sent preachers

to Ahmedabad and Kanpur for opening centers, and we are planning to build a gorgeous Krishna Arjuna temple at Kurukshetra in co-operation with the late home minister G.L. Nanada.

We have published more than 50 big books in the English language such as Bhagavad-gita as it is, Chaitanya Charitamrita, Srimad Bhagavatam, and others. For a complete catalogue of our publications write the secretary at New Delhi temple.

Thank you for your interest.

Respectfully yours,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/hda

75-12-23

Vrindaban
8th December, 1975

Sree D.N. Mishra M.A., B.L. Advocate
179 Balaram Dey Street,
Calcutta—6

My Dear Dina Nath,

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 6 December 1975 and noted the contents. I am coming to Calcutta by beginning of February when I shall see to the matter personally.

I had been to Kurukshetra with the idea of constructing a temple, the negotiations are going on with the late home minister G.L. Nanda. So far my injuries are concerned, by the grace of Krishna and good wishes of friends and relatives it is already completely cured. Thank you very much for your kind inquiries.

I hope this letter meets you well.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/hda

75-12-24

Vrindaban
8th December, 1975

San Francisco

My Dear Kadamba Kanana Prabhu,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 8.31.75. The mercy of the spiritual master is always there, but we have to take it. Just like the sun, it is there for everyone, but we at least have to stand in a receptive place to get the benefit. So I do not know what you have done, but now you remain strict in the regulative practices of devotional service and make progress.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hda

75-12-26

Vrindaban
9th December, 1975
Hyderabad

My Dear Mahamsa Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 5, 1975 and have noted the contents. So Gour Govinda Maharaj has to go to Orissa to get that land in Bhuneshvara, so I have given him the documents for necessary action. Unless he is absolutely required in Hyderabad he may go there with the other Orissa devotee. I have seen his Oriya literature about our movement and it appears to be very nice, any common man can understand it, and it is set up very nicely. He is very much hopeful to sell our books there amongst the higher class. I have already given him all instructions how to organise a center there. So I wish that he may go there and do his best to show his ability.

You have taken a loan from me to the extent of 2 laks but I think you have not returned even a part of this. So kindly send me as statement of accounts. I require a huge amount for the Kurukshetra project, not less than one crore, so now I wish to get it back.

By 15th December I will be in Bombay, so you can reply this letter to the Bombay address.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hda

75-12-25

Vrindaban
8th December, 1975

Mr. S.D. Purmanan
Central training institute
for instructors
Kurla,
Bombay 70

My Dear S.D. Purmanan,

Please accept my blessings. Thank you for your letter dated December 1, 1975.

I shall be in Bombay by the 15th December, so you can meet me at that time any day after 5:00 PM till 23rd December. My address there is, Hare Krishna Land, Gandhi Gram Rd. Juhu, Bombay 54.

I hope this letter meets you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hda

75-12-27

Vrindaban
9th December, 1975

Los Angeles

My Dear Ramesvara Prabhu,

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

December 1, 1975. I have noted the contents carefully.

Regarding sending money, you have promised to send 50,000 per month to Bombay. So now the project is underway, so you have to keep sending.

You keep your enlivened position. I was just talking to Hansadutta about the good fortune of America, that Krishna consciousness is there and if you can cover the whole America with Krishna consciousness that will be good for the whole world.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hda

75-12-28

Vrindaban

9th December, 1975

Sree Tikamdas J. Batra

Kurla Rd., Andher,

Bombay—400-093

My Dear Tikamdas,

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

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

Krishna and be always in Krishna consciousness.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hda

75-12-29

Vrindaban

9th December, 1975

Los Angeles

My Dear Dr. W.H. Wolf-Rottkay,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 23, 1975.

Because your letter to Nairobi was a long letter I sent it to Swarup Damodara, he is also one of my trusted disciples. I do not know why he has not replied it yet, and since I do not have a copy with me I am also unable to reply it.

How is the German translation work going on?

I hope this letter meets you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hda

75-12-30

Vrindaban

11th December, 1975

My Dear Hridayananda Swami,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 25, 1975, I have noted the contents carefully.

The dieties in the picture you sent appear nice. Also the article, Visa to the Kingdom of the spirit looks favorable, although I cannot read the language.

Your idea of printing a deluxe edition and an ordinary edition is all right, everyone should get a book that is the idea, so do it.

The idea of GBC changing zones for 2-3 months of the year is also good. Bring up this point at the Mayapur meeting and vote on it.

I accept the below listed students as my initiated disciples their new names are given and you may hold a fire ceremony and chant on their beads. Instruct them to chant 16 rounds daily and refrain from the four sinful habits of material life. The second initiates should hear the Matra from the tape recording through the right ear, instruct them in habits of cleanliness, and brahminical qualifications and behavior.

BRASIL—

Amaro—Srivatsa Das
Sergio—Jagajaitra Das
Helio—Kalanemiha Das
Evaraldo—Anantakirti Das
Antonoi—Visvandya Das
Rogerio—Kuladeva Das
Pedro Paulo—Yajnatrata Das
Ariel—Dvijapriya Das

Argentina

Oscar—Jayadhvaja Das
Hector—Sadhyasrestha Das
Ramon—Sahasranama Das
Humberto—Dharmananda Das
Maria—Rasasun Devi Dasi
Liliana—Yogini Devi Dasi
Silvia—Rasavasini Devi Dasi
Kamala Carana Das—second initiation
Premaprayojana Das—second initiation

Mexico city

Arturo—Dviya hari Das
Rafael—Yajnaphalada Das
Vivara—Visvaksena Das
Alfredo—Devyahpati Das
Ricardo—Kripalu Das
Ricardo A.—Adityesa Das
Isabel—Bhutabhavya Das
Efren—Sananava Das
Raul—Stutya Das

Jorge—Vedasara Das
Your ever well wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hda

75-12-31

Vrindaban

11th December, 1975

Evanston, Illinois

My Dear Uttamasloka Prabhu,

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

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

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

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hda

75-12-32

Vrindaban

11th December, 1975

Srimati Yashma Sarna,
Muhuroni close, Ngara Rd.
P.O. Box 28946,
Nairobi, Kenya,
East Africa

My Dear Yashma Sarna,

Please accept my blessings. Thank you for your letter dated nil. Thank you also for your kind donation of 800 Shillings. The process of Krishna consciousness is very simple. Everything belongs to Krishna, so our only duty is to give everything for Krishna's service, and chant Hare Krishna. So you chant regularly and make advancement.

In February I am going to Calcutta and then Mayapur, so you can see me there.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hda

75-12-33

Vrindaban

12th December, 1975

Los Angeles

My Dear Jayasacinandana Prabhu,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 2, 1975. No! you have made some discovery. All along you have been hearing the recording of Yamuna devi and now you want to change. It is not ordinary singing, it is concert, many people are singing, so it is not bad. Just like Sankirtan, many voices are there, men and

women, so it is the same thing, sankirtan. I approve of it. Here in Krishna Balaram Temple we are hearing the same recording every morning, so if it is good here why not there?

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hda

75-12-34

Vrindaban

12th December, 1975

Shri Vishvambar Dayal,
Raman Reti,
Vrindaban, Mathura (U.P.)

My dear Vishvambar Dayal,

Please accept my blessings. I acknowledge receipt of donation* from your mother Shrimati Narayani Devi, which donation shall be used for the purchase of Gurukula land. The stone bearing your mother's name in both Hindi and English will be laid down at the proper place just after the registration of the land.

Thanking you,

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

*received with thanks Rs. 53,000-00 in cash.

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75-12-35

New Delhi

15th December, 1975

Sree Vishvambhar Dayal
c/o Krishna Balaram Temple,
Raman Reti, Vrindaban, (U.P.)

My Dear Vishvambhar Dayal,

Please accept my blessings. I understand that Sri Bhawatyaji has come to Vrindaban for transferring land for Gurukula. I hope by the time this letter reaches you, you will have finished the transaction.

The other day Goswami Nrsinghabalabha's son did not come to see me, so kindly finally once more approach the Goswami and let me know if he is at all interested to take up the translation work as he has informed me that he has already translated a part of the book which I gave him. Then immediately send the translation work to me in Bombay or you can read it yourself, compare with the original book and if possible re-write or copy and send it to me at the Bombay address. On hearing from you finally about this matter I shall decide to appoint one translator either in Delhi or Bombay. Please take it as very important and do the needful.

I hope this letter meets you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hda

75-12-36

Bombay

17th December, 1975

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

Dear Sriman Chaudhuri,

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

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

may acquire some land for us so that we may develop our plan, and I hope you can help me in this connection.

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

I hope this letter meets you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hda

75-12-37

Bombay

17th December, 1975

Mayapur

My Dear Jayapataka Swami,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to inform you that this time while coming from Delhi to Bombay I saw one Mr. M.N. Chandhuri he is a very nice gentleman and important West Bengal Government officer, he is in charge of the department of development and planning, government of West Bengal. His office is at Raj Bhavan, Calcutta. He wanted to help me in any way in the government affairs. So immediately see him with some prasadam and flowers. His office phone number is as follows; 23 29 19, 221681/476, 230177-79. His residential number is as follows; 44 53 22.

I am enclosing herewith an introductory letter which you can take with you when you go to see him. First of all try to invite him to come see our Mayapur establishment, give him nice reception, and then try to take his help in acquiring lands. He has personally promised to help me in every way, because he is impressed with my missionary activities all over the world. You can take help from him also about some of our disciples citizenship for which you have already applied.

I asked you to open a bank account for purchasing land, so did you open it? so

why did you not let me know the account number etc.? So do the needful.

I hope this letter meets you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hda

75-12-38

Bombay

17th December, 1975

Hyderabad

My Dear Mahamsa Maharaj,

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

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

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

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hda

75-12-39

Bombay

17th December, 1975

Bridgesville, B.C., Canada

My Dear Rocan das,

Please accept my blessings. Thank you for your letter dated November 30, 1975. First of all produce your own food grain,

milk and vegetables, eat as much as absolutely necessary, don't eat more, and in this way keep your health. Follow the regulative principles and then if there is time left over you can divert your attention. But I think you should not waste your time in any other thing except Devotional service and maintain the body in proper order. Unnecessarily you should not waste your valuable time.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hda

75-12-40

Bombay

17th December, 1975

Atlanta

My Dear Svarup Damodara Prabhu,

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

ago can be adjusted by the conviction that there was civilisation, millions and millions of years ago.

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

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

The other day I was talking on the morning walk about the sun globe. They say because it is fiery there cannot be any life there, but sometimes we see a big iron factory is full of flames from the chimney at a long distance, but does it mean there is no life in the factory? Fire is one of the five material elements, and Bhagavad-gita says that the soul is never burnt by fire. So in the sun globe if the living entities have a fiery body, just as fish have body suitable for living in the water, so how is it that there is no living entity in the sun globe if they have a body suitable to live in the sun globe? In the vedic literatures it is said that there are germs (agni pok) within the fire. There are so many contradictions, but we have our own defence. Why

should we blindly accept imperfect scientists, they are imperfect because they are changing their position in the name of progress. The word progress is used when there is imperfection at the beginning. So this regular changing of standard knowledge in the name of progress proves that they are always imperfect. It is a fact that they are imperfect, because they gather knowledge with imperfect senses. At any rate we cannot deviate from vedic knowledge. Regarding coming to Myapur festival, you must come, because after that we are going to Manipur.

I will send your corrections to the editors. Thank you.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hda

75-12-41

Ahmedabad

Bombay

17th December, 1975

My Dear Yasomatinandana Prabhu,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 11, 1975, I have noted the contents carefully. The program you have outlined is very nice, however I cannot go on long time procession because I am called by nature, I can go at most one hour.

So I shall come there on 25th morning.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hda

75-12-42

Hyderabad

Bombay

18th December, 1975

My Dear Achyutananda and
Yasodanandan Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to

acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 11, 1975.

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

I hope you are well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hda

75-12-43

Bombay

18th December, 1975

Kamuela, Hawaii

My Dear Brsni Prabhu,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your letter dated December 8, 1975. The Dieties may be carved without hair or dhoties, and then later they can be

dressed.

I will be anxious to see the photographs of your work.

I hope this letter meets you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hda

75-12-44

Bombay

18th December, 1975

Denver

My Dear Bhakti Steven Knapp,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your long letter how you are appreciating this philosophy. It is said in the Bhagavad-gita that out of thousands of men, only one takes an interest in the perfection of human life. The perfection of human life is to develop one's dormant love for God, and thus be released from the terrible cycle of birth and death. People are so foolish that they simply waste time in temporary pursuits of material happiness, eating, sleeping, defending and enjoying sex life. Especially sex life. The sum and substance of material life is attraction for the opposite sex. The sum and substance of spiritual life is attraction to Krishna.

So to develop attraction for Krishna is not difficult, you simply have to hear about Krishna, his activities, his name, his form and his teaching in Bhagavad-gita. Naturally you will develop love for Krishna, because we are all part and parcel of Krishna. The beginning process is to Chant Hare Krishna, follow the four regulative principles and associate with devotees, and take Prasadam of Krishna. I think you are now living in the temple of Krishna, so these things will be very easy for you to practice.

I hope this letter meets you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hda

75-12-45

Bombay

18th December, 1975

My Dear Temple President,

Please accept my blessings. I have received one letter from a Mr. Morris Yanoff with a news paper clipping explaining the disappearance of his Grandson David Yanoff age 12 years. Mr. yanoff is very anxious about the whereabouts of his grandson and he has asked me to help locate him. If this boy is in your temple please contact the following address. Mr. Morris Yanoff, 6159 North Wolcott Ave. Chicago Ill. 60626, U.S.A.

I hope this letter meets you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hda

cc: All temples

75-12-46

Bombay

18th December, 1975

Phoenix

My Dear Tamal Krishna Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. Thank you for your letter dated December 4, 1975 I have noted the contents with great pleasure. Your letter is very very encouraging to me. I do not know how you are selling so many books. There is no instance in history where religious books were sold with such enthusiasm and success. Is there any such history? The Christians have spread their teachings all over the world, and they have only one book, so we have got already 40, Big books published in english, therefore if we distribute, as you are distributing we cannot even imagine the

result. Your program is very nice, please continue more and more.

Yes we can print instead of 20,000, 50,000 copies of the first editions of each book, ask Rameswara to do it.

Your idea for holding Jagganth festival in the big cities is approved by me, do it. yes you come in January.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hda

75-12-47

Bombay

18th December, 1975

Frankfurt

My Dear TulsiaDas,

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

So if we want to be happy in this life and the next we have to worship Vishnu. But Ghandi did to satisfy Vishnu? He

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

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

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

I hope this letter meets you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

75-12-48

Bombay

19th December, 1975

Paris

My Dear Bhagavan Prabhu,

Please accept my blessings. I have received the list of first and second initiations and I have accepted them as my duly initiated disciples. Enclosed please find

the sacred threads duly chanted upon by me. Now hold a fire ceremony, and instruct the new devotees to chant 16 rounds daily and follow the regulative principles of devotional service.

The newly initiated Brahmins should hear the mantra from the tape recording through the right ear. Brahmin initiation means to be very clean, inside and outside. Inside by chanting the glories of the Lord, and outside by bathing regularly. Washing hands and mouth after eating. Instruct them all these things, and do it yourself, example is better than precept.

First initiates

Paris

Olivea—Valyavapu Das
Mathilde Bonci—Nandirupaka Dasi
Benny Beandin—Sadasiyapriya Das
Bruno Leny—Aristanasana Das
Christian Zkine—Kesindeasana Das
Nicole Bouborin—Dharmarupa Dasi
Anne Faramice—Gopanandini Dasi

Rome

Alessio—Papaha Das
Emanuel—Artiha Das
Carlo Dipalo—Suptavighraha Das
Carlo Zacca—Dhenupalaka Das
Paolo—Bhutiha Das
Fregro—Valihara Das

Second initiates

Adishekhhar Das
Chanarari Das
Shaligram Das
Bhima Das
Jivadaya Das

(1. Richard Diller, 2. Ann Diller—1. Sivatamaka Das, 2. Pralambahari Dasi

I hope this letter meets you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hda

75-12-49

Bombay

22nd December, 1975

Los Angeles

My Dear Guru das Maharaj,

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

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

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hda

75-12-50

Bombay

22nd December, 1975

Sao Paulo

My Dear Hridayananda Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. Thank you for your letter dated November 29th 1975. The poem is very nice, however one should not think himself a devotee, poem 3. should read

"Your servant's calling so sadly,"

"Your servant's falling so badly,"

A servant's tapped in the city."

one cannot call himself a devotee, but servant he can call himself always.*

Your bus program sounds nice, it is approved my me.

I hope this letter meets you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

*Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu presented Himself as "*Patitam kimkarana mam vi-samey charambudhva*" *Kimkaram* means servant.

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75-12-51

24th December, 1975

Los Angeles

[To Radhaballabha das]

THANKYOU BE BLESSED MY GURU MAHARAJ WILL BE VERY MUCH PLEASED UPON YOU AND ALL OTHER WORKERS ON THE HOLY OCCASION OF HIS DISAPPEARANCE DAY

A C BHAKTIVEDANTA SWAMI

75-12-52

Ahmedabad

27th December, 1975

Punjab National Bank,
Vrindaban Branch,
Vrindaban Dist. Mathura,
Attention: Manager

Dear Sir,

With reference to our conversation regarding opening a branch in our temple. The amount of 5 laks of Rs. to be deposited is already secured. As soon as you open the branch your Bombay head office will immediately transfer the money. The other bank was very much eager to open a branch in our temple, but because our negotiations with you were already completed we did not accept. I hope by this time you have your sanction from the head office and do the needful as soon as possible.

Respectfully yours,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hda

cc. Sree Vishwambar Dayal,
General supervisor.

75-12-53

Bombay

27th December, 1975

Los Angeles

My dear Ramesvara,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your telegram as follows: Christmas week book distribution in Los Angeles despite closed airport better than ever by your grace 112000 BTGS 8000 Gita sold stop on invitation of Governor Brown of California 50 devotees visited State mental institutions to help improve conditions and morale by giving religious message publicity very good Hare Krishna. Thank you very much. This is very good.

Fight and depend on Kṛṣṇa, that will bring you victory.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/jda

75-12-54

Ahmedabad, Gujarat

27th December, 1975

My Dear Vishwambhar das,

Please accept my blessings. I wrote you one letter regarding the translation work of nishringhaballabha Goswami and sons. I have not received any reply from you although I am very much anxious to know the result.

In the meantime I have written one letter to the Punjab National Bank, the copy of which will speak for itself is sent herewith. Please induce them to open the branch as soon as possible. The money is ready for being deposited.

I hope this letter meets you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hda

75-12-55

Bombay

31st December, 1975

My Dear Kirtiraja Prabhu,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated December 7, 1975. I am very please to note your activities in Warsaw Poland. Yes if you can arrange for the translation of my books in Polish language that will please me very much. We do not have to manufacture anything new. We are getting perfect knowledge from krishna through the discipic sucession, so our position is very firm. Whatever we hear from the bona-fide spiritual master should be practiced inlife and the same message delivered to whomever we meet. In this way you become spiritual master.

We have got so many big big books now, so any sane man will appreciate them, you simply have to present them, that's all. Is it very difficult? It is being done all over the world and professors and scolars are appreciating them by writing reveiws and introducing them as standard text books in their university courses. So try to present my books there. It is assure of success because Lord Chaitanya predicted, "In ever town and village of the world, my name will be known" The whole world is full of rascals presenting concocted ideas and everyone is suffering. Chaitanya Mahaprabhu came just to deliver these rascals. How? Hare nama hare nama hare nama eva kevalam, kalau nasteva nasteva nasteva gatiṁ anyathā. Chant Hare Krishna, induce others to chant, and distribute prasadam. This can be done everywhere, who will object. Temple or no temple, you simply chant and give prasadam and it will act.

I am very please that you have taken so much courage and I pray that Krishna will bless you with more and more success. Please keep me informed of your activities and send copy to Hansadutta and

Chakravarty in Germany so that they may help you as far as possible.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

75-12-56

Bombay

31st December, 1975

Edinburgh, Scotland

My Dear Mahavishnu Prabhu,

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

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

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

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

I hope this letter meets you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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

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Bombay

31st December, 1975

Sree Yuvraj Thakur Sahib,
Sanand Palace,
P.O. Sanand, Dist Ahmadabad,
Gujarat

My Dear Yuvraj Thakur Sahib,

Please accept my blessings. I am prepared to organise Gujarat by traveling village to village. You said that you could help me in this respect and also supply a car. So as soon as it is ready I shall accept, please let me know.

I thank you very much for your kind hospitality for me and my disciples while I was there. With my blessings for your family.

I hope this letter finds you and your good wife well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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JANUARY

76-1-1

Nellore

3rd January, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Rameswara Prabhu,

Please accept my blessings. Thank you for your letter dated December 15th, 1975. I have noted the contents carefully.

Regarding the suggestion for book selling, the point is that the Temples must pay the cost of printing. Then they may sell for whatever price they like.

The transcendental competition is nice. If Jayatirtha Prabhu defeats Tamal Krishna Maharaj, then Tamal will have heart failure. Go on selling books. My Guru Maharaj was very much anxious about selling books and preaching, so you are pleasing him by this bombastic flood of books all over the world. Thank you.

I hope this letter meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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N.B. Your letter dated December 27, 1975 has been delivered by Tamal and I have noted the contents. In regard to sending money for the India projects, after covering the costs of printing, whatever balance is left should be sent. The printing cannot stop, it is the first consideration. But if there is more printing then there is more income, so what is the difficulty? One thing however, is that we have just engaged the best and most experienced construction company in India, Larson and Turbrow, to complete our Bombay project. We have had to guarantee them seven lacs Rupees per month for the next nine months. And thereafter we shall immedi-

ately begin the Mayapur temple. So I think \$50,000 will not be sufficient. Gopal Krishna Prabhu suggests that in addition to sending this amount, if the Radha Damodar Party is given books at the printer's cost, then whatever else they collect they can send directly to me in India. In this way we shall be able to meet the Rs. 7 lacs per month. So please make this arrangement to send \$50,000 per month as well as supplying Radha Damodar Party at cost. Begin this immediately.

The new Sixth Canto Bhagavatams are very nice. Yes, actually they are worshipping Dieties. Be careful that our books do not appear like Bible printing. Sometimes the Christians also put gold gilding on their books, but people are adverse to purchasing Bibles. Neither our books should be given free, there must be some remuneration, otherwise it will be like Bible selling.

Hoping this finds you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

76-1-2

Nellore

3rd January, 1976

55 North Car Street
Thiruvanaikoil
Trichi, Tamilnad, India 620005

Dear Shri Subrahmanyam,

Please accept my greetings and prayers for your well being. Thank you for your kind appreciation of our Society's activities and of my humble effort on behalf of Lord Krishna.

Regarding your request for some

books, the best thing will be if you ask some able person to buy them for you. Or you may ask for the fare to come to Madras and live with the devotees of our Movement. The address in Madras is 50, Aspiran Gardens, 2nd Street, Kilpauk, Madras-10. If you live with our men following our program then you will also get opportunity to read all our books.

Hoping this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-1-3

Nellore

3rd January, 1976

My dear Trivikram Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. Replying your letter dated December 17th, 1975, I beg to inform you that until the next meeting of the G.B.C. no new arrangements can be made. Now Guru Kripa Maharaj is being sent to Japan, and as he is already the G.B.C., you both should work cooperatively. That is the best thing. After all, it is all Krishna's business; there is no personal considerations. When you all come to the Mayapur festival, at that time all suggestions will be heard and the needful will be done.

I am very glad to know that you want to recruit devotees. Unless we get local devotees it is very difficult to maintain. So try to maintain the center with local devotees, that is my urgent desire.

Regarding the 'dust' supposedly brought from the moon, that dust can be gotten anywhere. It has already been openly admitted that the same dust is available on this earth planet. These astronauts and scientists are all bluffing. But Śrīla Vyāsadeva is the correct authority. Just study Srimad Bhagavatam carefully with full faith in Krishna and Guru and all knowledge will be revealed.

Hoping this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-1-4

Nellore

4th January, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Hridayananda Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated December 22, 1975. I am glad to learn that everything is going nicely in your zone. In South America the people are not so rich nor so enlightened as their North American neighbors, but they are very nice people and somewhat pious and that is their credit. Now just try to deliver Sri Chaitanya Mahāprabhu's message to them. As you are doing go on publishing books, more and more, in Spanish and Portugues.

It is very good that you have concentrated all the production of Spanish and Portugues literature to Los Angeles. Please thank all the devotees of the Spanish BBT for the beautiful edition of Bhagavad Gita As It Is. This book publishing was the most important work of my Guru Maharaj and he ordered me to continue in the Western world. So I am very much indebted to all of you who are helping me to carry out the order of Śrīla Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Goswami. Please see that all of our books are translated as nicely as this edition of Bhagavad Gita As It Is.

Jaggadish Prabhu also is thinking to come as my GBC secretary for the month of February. If you come in February I have no objection, I can have three dozen secretaries. If your business will not suffer, you are welcome anytime. I wish to remain with all my disciples together, but

we have to do preaching work and therefore have to remain separate. But actually there is no question of separation for one engaged in Lord Krishna's service.

I accept Sriman Raghava Caitanya das Brahmachary for second initiation. Enclosed please find his sacred thread duly chanted on. Now you must hold a fire ceremony. He should hear the mantra through a tape recording in the right ear. Brahmin initiation means to be very clean, inside and outside. Inside by chanting the Lord's name, and outside by bathing regularly, washing hands and mouth after eating. Instruct him on all these things and do it also yourself—example is better than precept.

I hope this letter finds you in the best of health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-1-5

Nellore

5th January, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Jadurani,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your undated letter along with enclosed sketches. The sketches are all alright as they are. Please go ahead and make the paintings.

Yes, if Lord Vishnu appeared as a Shaivite then He must have Shaivite tilok. The brahmanas in Krishna lila should have shaved heads and sikas.

Since there is no longer such a rush for printing, you may once again send sketches for my approval. Thank you for organizing the art department.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-1-6

Nellore

5th January, 1976

Dallas

My dear Jagadisha,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 10th, 1975. I accept all the recommended devotees as my duly initiated disciples. Now hold a fire ceremony, and instruct the new devotees to chant 16 rounds daily and follow the regulative principles of devotional service. Their initiated names are as follows:

Bhakta Benoit—Jayagovinda das

Bhakta Arthur—Sadapusta das

Bhakta Alain—Paranagra das

Bhakta Michel—Vidyaraja das

Bhaktin Louise—Sarada dasi

Bhaktin Elizabeth—Ambhoda dasi

Bhaktin Joyce—Syamaballabha dasi

I accept Medhya devi dasi for brahminical initiation. She should hear the mantra from the tape recording through the right ear. Brahmin initiation means to keep very clean—inside by chanting the Lord's glories, and outside by regular bathing. See that she is instructed on all these things.

I hope this meets you in the best of health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-1-7

Nellore

5th January, 1976

Amsterdam

My dear Locanananda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated December 31, 1976 and have noted the contents carefully.

Your Deities shall be named Radha

Gopinatha. Your report is very encouraging about book printing. The more we distribute books our mission becomes solidified.

Yes, we should always remember following the regulative principles and reading our books. That will give us spiritual strength.

Upon your recommendation I am pleased to accept as my initiated disciples: First initiation; Mr. Claude Nowe—Klesapaha-dasa, Bert de Vos—Vrsnivamsa-dasa, Belgin Kaya—Vedasmrit-dasi, and Maria Eugenia Jorquera—Marutvati-dasi; Second initiation; Jaya Gopala dasa, Janaraja dasa, Aharadi dasa. Now, hold a fire sacrifice and instruct the devotees to follow strictly the regulative principles and always chant a minimum of 16 rounds. Let Bhagavan-das chant on their beads. Play the tape of me chanting Gayatri into the right ears of the second initiates and teach them how to count on their finger divisions.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-1-8

Nellore

5th January, 1976

My dear Radhaballabha Prabhu,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 27th, 1975 and I have noted the contents carefully. Also, I wish to thank you and all the devotees serving at the BBT for helping to produce these new volumes. Thank you very much.

This type of decoration on the books, the gold gilding and gold stamping, is generally found on Bibles and Shakespearean texts. Whether people will now confuse our books with these others? Our

get-up is already approved, you should not unnecessarily increase the price. You say that these additions will be especially useful for libraries, but if the price is increased they may not accept them. Of course, it depends on the local sellers—they can say whatever is best. You should only make these changes if the sales will actually be increased. I don't want the BBT or the temples to lose.

The Nectar of Instruction has come out very nice. It is very important and must be immediately read by all devotees. In the near future we shall introduce the Bhaktishastri examination for second initiation and this shall be one of the required books of study. Anyone who reads it will immediately understand what Krishna Consciousness is. Some minister in Bombay recently asked me how to create morality amongst the students, because the students are all vagabonds. If this book is introduced for study in the schools and colleges it will give a clear idea of what morality actually is. It is a most important book.

Yes, I have already seen the Gopal coloring book.

I will have to see personally what are the mistakes in the synonyms and also how you intend to correct them. I was not satisfied with the corrections that were made before. I saw some changes which I did not approve. Nitai may correct whatever mistakes are there, but the corrected material must be sent to me for final approval. So reprinting the volumes will have to wait until the mistakes are corrected and approved by me. In the meantime you can supply the standing orders whatever new volumes are published.

Yes, try to supply the damaged books to the prisoners. That is a very nice idea. The books should not be wasted, just for some small defect.

Please dedicate your life to publishing all our books. It is our most important

work. I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/tkg

76-1-9

Nellore
5th January, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Satsvarupa Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your monthly GBC report dated December 14th, 1975. I have noted the contents carefully.

Now you and all of your men are experienced in distributing books to the libraries. If you can get our books placed in the public libraries it will be a great victory. Do whatever you think best to make this possible. Yes, the reviews you are getting are very important. Many times I am showing them to influential gentlemen.

Everything should be done co-operatively. 'Our' and 'your's' are material conceptions and have no place in our Krishna Consciousness movement. If the members of our movement are unable to co-operate it will be very difficult to spread the mission of Lord Chaitanya.

Gour Nitai dieties should not be taken into university classrooms. The professors and students will think we are fanatics. It is better to keep a big picture of Gour Nitai which can be seen by everyone, rather than taking dieties into a classroom.

Yes, as a Sannyasi and GBC your first duty is to read my books. Otherwise how will you preach? In order to remain steadily fixed in Krishna consciousness there must be a sound philosophical understanding. Otherwise it will become only sentiment. Whenever you find time please read my books. Shortly we shall be

introducing the system of examinations for those students who are ready for second initiation as well as sannyas. According to the degree, devotees will be expected to read and assimilate our different books.

Our first business is this book distribution. There is no need of any other business. If this book distribution is managed properly, pushed on with great enthusiasm and determination and at the same time if our men keep spiritually strong, then the whole world will become Krishna conscious.

I hope this will meet you in the best of health.

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

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76-1-10

Nellore
6th January, 1976

My dear Akshayananda Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letters dated 24th December and 31st December, 1975, and have noted the contents of each carefully.

Regarding the land of Shri R. N. Bhargava, since he is offering it to us for our unconditional use, why not take it? Naturally, if we start a Goshala there, later on we can start a Vedic school for the higher class of people. Study of the Vedas is not meant for children. You should ascertain definitely by asking some knowledgeable persons, whether or not the Ganges will come again. Another point is whether the government can be induced to build a road there. So, if there is possibility of developing the land, then we can take it.

The other piece of land near the Kailash Temple is the most important place

in Kanpur. Please enquire from Mr. Kanpur what is the actual size of the land and what would be the conditions for transferring it to our name. That land would be most ideal for establishing our center in Kanpur.

I am very glad to hear that Shri Mungturam Jaipuria wishes to stay at our Guesthouse when he visits Vrindaban. He is a very big man, one of the big industrialists like Birla and Dalmia. Please deal very nicely with him, for if he is pleased with us he can be very helpful.

I am glad to know that new men are coming to help with the activities in Vrindaban temple. The kitchen department should be very clean and things should not be wasted. This is the first consideration. Yesterday we have visited a very old and famous Ranganath Temple here in Nellore. Everything is being managed very nicely and there are very nice arrangements for those who come for darshan. So similarly our temple in Vrindaban must be managed expertly that everyone who comes is given carana amrita and prasadam of the Diety.

The translation of Dr. Radha Raman Gupta is not very good. We have sent Mr. Singh and Mr. Mitra for this purpose.

I accept Govinda das Brahmachari for second initiation. Enclosed is his sacred thread duly chanted on by me. Now you have to hold a fire ceremony and let him hear the gayatri mantra from the tape recording in his right ear. If he is going to engage in the Diety's service, he must be taught to be very clean. Brahmin means to be clean—internally by chanting the Lord's glories and externally by regular bathing.

I hope this will meet you in the best of health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/tkg

76-1-11

Nellore
6th January, 1976

My dear Dina Dayal,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated December 12, 1975, giving a report of your preaching in Greece.

Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu desires that in every city, town and village Krishna Consciousness should be preached. Therefore I left Vrindaban to come to your country. And now you have left your country also on behalf of Shri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, therefore your life is glorious. May Krishna bless you that your preaching attempt becomes successful. As soon as a devotee endeavors to serve Krishna, Krishna immediately wants to help that devotee. Krishna will certainly protect and maintain you. You are an intelligent sincere boy so try to introduce this movement to the people of Greece. Everyone in the world is suffering. Despite so many attempts on the parts of the governments and planning commissions of the world, still the suffering continues. People are thinking that by more education, hospitals, food and so many other things they will become happy. But we actually have the ingredient which alone can make them satisfied—Krishna Consciousness. So please deliver Krishna to everyone you meet; instruct them in the philosophy of Bhagavad Gita As It Is. If it is possible to get our books translated into Greek that will be very helpful for your preaching. In the meantime as you are preaching to intelligent persons such as the lawyer you met, they will be able to read English, so you can give them our English books.

I cannot read the news clipping you have sent. But as you say Lord Krsihna's name appears four times, then it is very nice. My Guru Maharaj always see if Krishna's name or Lord Chaitanya's name

appeared in someone's writing and would appreciate the writing for this alone.

Yes, your idea to teach English by having the students read KRSNA book is very good. When you were in Mayapur you saw Bhavananda Maharaj doing this and it was very successful. Simply repeat this. Have them also chant the Hare Krishna mantra and as far as you can arrange, feed them nice Krishna prasadam. That is our entire process. I started this movement just in this way. It is not very difficult. The important thing is that you behave nicely, chant all your rounds and follow strictly the regulative principles. Example is better than precept. These spiritual practices are our actual strength.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-1-12

Nellore

7th January, 1976

Auckland

My dear Bhakta Ralph

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you letter, undated.

There is no reason why you cannot associate with any of my disciples, providing that they adhere to our principles. As long as Siddha Swarup Maharaj and Tusta Krishna Maharaj act as sanniyasis, ie. dress in dhoti, keep shave headed with sika, follow strictly the rules and regulations and preach from my books, I have no objection. Sometimes there will be a little misunderstanding between Godbrothers, that is even going on amongst liberated souls. What is important is that everyone must engage in Krishna's service under the direction of the spiritual master.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-1-13

Nellore

7th January, 1976

Nairobi

My dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 17th, 1975.

As you report that things have deteriorated in Africa, you can stay there if necessary. Your decision to send Dinnanath to join Tamal is a good idea. Tamal is here now. He says that before coming he telegraphed you to phone him but there was no response.

The first business is that the GBC must see to the management of their zones. Still, I require a permanent secretary. In addition, one GBC man may come and go.

Here we have been given a nice piece of land measuring nine acres. The local people are very enthusiastic and the plan is to construct a Radha Krishna Temple complex.

I hope this meets you in the best of health.

(What about Navayogendra?)

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-1-14

Nellore

7th January, 1976

My dear Brisakapi,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated December 12th, 1976. I am very pleased that we have now got such a wonderful property in

the nation's capitol, Washington, D.C. The photos show that there is good opportunity to develop it into a very important center, and since you say that it is in a most aristocratic location, it is certainly Krishna's mercy. If you can make arrangements for me to meet with the President, I shall surely go.

As far as your desire to have Sita Rama Dieties, it is a good idea, but you should wait for some time. First see that you have sufficient brahmins who are very well trained and qualified, then you can consider to install Sita, Rama, Lakshmana, and Hanuman. They are the ideal King and it will be very suitable that They reign over the capitol of America. Now you have got Gour Nitai Dieties, so you can go ahead and get Prabhupada and Bhaktisiddhanta Dieties immediately. Guru and Gourāṅga worship is standard for all our temples.

I am very much pleased to see how much you and all the devotees have increased sankirtana in the Washington area. This you should all make your main business. For a long time there was not so much book distribution done there, but now that you are all concentrating on it there will be no shortage of anything. It is wonderful how many big books you are able to distribute.

I accept John Weber as my initiated disciple. His new name is Ramasena das Brahmachari. See that he chants daily sixteen rounds and follows strictly the rules and regulations. Similarly, I accept Kṛṣṇa Gopal das, Vardhanya das, Puspavan das, Gabhira das, Ambujaksa das, and Megha devi dasi for second initiation. Now you must hold a fire ceremony. Enclosed are the sacred threads for the brahmins. They should be allowed to hear the Gayatri mantra through the right ear from the tape recording. Brahmin means to be very clean—inside by chanting the Lord's glories and outside by regular bathing. Teach

everyone by your personal example. Also you must see that the brahmins are given sufficient time to read the books. Soon we shall be introducing the Bhaktishastri examination which all brahmins will be expected to pass. It will be based on Bhagavad Gita, N. O. D., Nectar of Instruction, Ishopanishad, and the small paperback books like Easy Journey. A brahmin should be pandita.

I hope this meets you in the best of health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/tkg

76-1-15

Nellore

7th January, 1976

Melbourne

My dear Madhu-dvisah Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated 10th December, 1976. I have noted the contents carefully.

Mr. Deoji Punja came to see me in Bombay. If any of the trustees are to be dropped, this has to be discussed between the trustees themselves. These are all important men and we should be careful lest they become offended. If I say something it will not look well. If some of the trustees are not abiding by the principles or not chanting 16 rounds, then they should be induced by the other trustees who are following, to step down. I think you can follow what I mean.

Now Upendra is waiting in Hawaii, so please direct him how he should proceed. I have also asked him to write Mr. Punja.

I hope this meets you in the best of health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/tkg

76-1-16

Nellore

7th January, 1976

Honolulu

My dear Upendra,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 13th December, 1975, and I have noted the contents.

Shri Deoji Punja came to see me in Bombay and he explained the whole situation, of how you missed him. Now you may write him and he has promised me that he will do the needful. Be determined and Krishna will surely help.

As to your question concerning whether relationships between devotees are eternal, the answer is 'yes'. This is confirmed by Shri Narottama dasa Thakura: "cakhudana dilo yei, janme janme prabhu sei", he is my Lord *birth after birth*. In this way you have to understand, by studying carefully the philosophy. We have got so many books now and I want all of my disciples to read them carefully. Soon we shall be instituting Bhaktishastri examinations and all brahmins will have to pass. So utilize whatever time you find to make a thorough study of my books. Then all your questions will be answered.

I hope this letter finds you in the best of health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-1-17

Bombay

9th January, 1976

Miami

My dear Avhirama,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated 8th December, 1975. I have replied your previous letter. I do not know why you have not received it.

I accept all the candidates for first initiation as my duly initiated disciples. Their spiritual names are:

Bhakta Wayne Melton—Visvavrksa dasa

Bhakta Michael Cremo—Drutakarma dasa

Bhakta Sunil Awatramani—Adridharana dasa

Bhakta Andrew Hooper—Srimaya dasa

Bhaktin Bernadette—Andharupa dasi

Bhaktin Antoinette—Harestanu dasi

Now you must hold a fire ceremony. Everyone must vow to chant faithfully 16 rounds minimum a day and follow strictly the rules and regulations. This will insure spiritual strength.

They newly initiated brahmins are Nandanacarya das, Raghunath Puri das, Langaganesh das, Janardana das, Trimalla Bhatta das, and Nartaka Gopal dasi. They should participate in the fire ceremony and afterward should hear the Gayatri mantra from the tape through the right ear. Brahmin means cleanliness—inside by chanting and externally by regular bathing. Teach them this, not only by precept but by your personal example.

Now you have got very excellent land, so develop it very nicely. Miami is a tropical climate, so it should be made very lush with fruit and flower trees. I was very glad to see how your temple is now amongst the big leaders of book distribution. This is a sure sign of spiritual strength, for where there is preaching there must be life. Please go on increasing more and more the book distribution. You are working in the right direction.

I hope this meets you and all the devotees at New Naimisaranya Forest in the best of health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-1-18

Bombay
9th January, 1976

Ahmedabad

My dear Jashomatinandana,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated 3rd January, 1976 and I have noted the contents carefully.

I have sent you a telegram reading as follows: "Gandhi ashram house useless Letter follows." As described by you, there are so many disadvantages of that building. Therefore, forget it. We are not at all interested in it. The entire structure would have to be dismantled.

The other house which you describe sounds very nice. You can accept the offer immediately and begin living there. You say they are prepared to give it for a good cause. What is more public welfare than Krishna Consciousness? To awaken everyone's original consciousness is the best public welfare in the whole world. So occupy this house and show some good work and in this way they may be induced to let us stay. Even if you can only stay for three months, what is the loss? You can always look for another place. Now people are seeing how genuine our movement is, they are coming forward to offer us so many places. We simply have to maintain our strict principles, keeping ourselves pure. Otherwise, there are so many bogus institutions doing business in the name of God and simply cheating the people. We have to be careful not to degenerate like these others. Our strength depends upon regular chanting the required 16 rounds and rigidly adhering to the regulative principles.

Regarding Dr. Ashok's address, my secretary shall be sending it to you by separate post.

Hoping this meets you in the best of health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-1-19

Vrindaban

Bombay

9th January, 1976

My dear Nitai,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your unsigned letter dated January 1, 1976.

Regarding the translators, I like the work of Nrsingh Vallabh Goswami best, and I want to settle up with him. I have already written Vishwambhar in this regard. Shri Tripathi is after money, so we do not want him. Dr. Premalata Paliwal's translation is not bad. Later on we can decide on her. So far Dr. Radharaman Gupta is concerned, first let us have a Gurukula, then we shall see who will be the headmaster. We will consider about him later, but his translation was not very good.

Now beginning from this year's Mayapur festival the devotees will begin preparing for Bhaktishastrī examination. Therefore we require a guidebook for Diet worship, arcan-paddhati, based on Hari-bhakti-vilas. All brahmins will be responsible to learn this book. I would like to have the manuscript ready as soon as possible, preferably my Gour Purnima. So please work diligently for this. Pradyumna began this, but I do not know what he has done with his work.

I hope this finds you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/tkg

76-1-20

Aukland

Bombay

9th January, 1976

My dear Tusta Krishna Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter sent in September, which has only now reached me, having been redirected a number of times. I

am very pleased to get your report.

Your home to home preaching is very good. The important thing is to make arrangements that they hear and chant. That will make your preaching successful. Once they begin chanting then automatically they will want to follow the rules and regulations, attend Arotik, take Prasadam, etc.

Yes, try to encourage book distribution as much as possible. Books are the basis of our Movement. Whatever appreciation we are getting on account of our books, it is because we are following the path chalked out by exhalted devotees. We are not writing something whimsical. So far devotees being hesitant to distribute books on account of pressure, sometimes pressure is required, especially when one is not so advanced. Of course it has to be applied properly, otherwise there may be some bad taste. But spontaneous service can only be expected from advanced devotees. Just like a child by pressure goes to school and is made to read. Then after some time he wants to read, even without pressure. We have all got experience of this. It is *vaidhi bhakti*—*vaidhi* means 'must'. Sometimes devotees are promised a plate of *mahaprasadam* for the biggest distributor. There is no harm. Actually one should try to serve Krishna to his or her full capacity without thought of reward—service is itself the reward. But this takes time to actually realize and until that platform is achieved some pressure or inducement is required.

I am glad to know that a restaurant has been started. In Hawaii you may have seen that the restaurant is very successful. Now that boy's money will be used properly. Instead of maintaining a slaughterhouse, he is paying for *prasadam* distribution. Very good. But we should not waste time encouraging vegetarianism as opposed to meat eating. We want to encourage *Prasadam* taking and that is automatically vegetarian. The *karmis* are concerned for

vegetarian-non-

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Bhaktishastri, Bhaktibhaibhava, Bhaktivedanta, and Bhaktisarvabhoma. All our brahmins and anyone wanting to become brahmin, will have to sit for examination once a year at Mayapur. They will be expected to know Bhagavad Gita, Nectar of Devotion, Nectar of Instruction, Sri Ishopanishad, a book soon to be published on Diety worship, as well as all the small paperbacks. If they pass the examination they will be awarded Bhaktishastri certificate. Sannyasis will be asked to sit for Bhaktibhabhava examination which will include the first six cantos of Bhagavatam.

In our Vedic Universities we will not encourage anyone to be merely a bookworm. There must be life—rising early in the morning, attending mongal arotik, taking *prasadam*, etc. The man who is studying will be brahmin, the farmer will be *vaisa*. In this way there will be divisions, but they are all one in service to Krishna.

I hope this meets you in the best of health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/tkg

76-1-21

Bombay
9th January, 1976

Vrindaban

My dear Vishambhar,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter undated. I have received so many samples of translations from different persons. Most of them are not very good. Of all, I like the Goswami Nrsingha Vallabh. I want to settle terms with him.

Hoping this meets you in the best of health.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/tkg

76-1-22 Bombay
10th January, 1976
Shri Jaidayal Dalmia
4 Scindia House
New Delhi-1

Dear Shri Jaidayalji,

Please accept my best wishes. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 7th January, 1976. As you have suggested that someone from our institution be coopted as a member of the Managing Committee, I have selected Shri Vishvambhar Dayal as well as myself. Both of us may be made members, and I shall give instructions through him.

Hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

Copy forwarded to:
Shri Vishvambhar Dayal, Nitai Niwas, Ram Reti, Vrindaban.
ACBS/tkg

76-1-23 Bombay
10th January, 1976
Amsterdam

My dear Locanananda dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated November 28th, 1975. Your letter was received late so it was not possible to send you a reply in time for your Diety installation ceremony.

I have received the names of all the candidates for initiation and I accept them all as my duly initiated disciples. Their new spiritual names are as follows:

Jan Appelmann—Jayagopal dāsa
Freddy Van de Buerie—Mahāsrnga dāsa

Raymond Nota—Jñānarāja dāsa
Henry Fluster—Akhilādhāra dāsa
Peter Vander Heyden—
Divyasinhadasa
Patricio—Kṛtayajña dāsa
Jannie Smit—Mangalyā dāsi
Tettje Meursing—Āhārādā dāsi
Francisco van der Linden—
Atitagamanā dāsi

I also accept Yasoda vatsala das and Bhasya kara das for second initiation. Enclosed you will find their sacred threads which I have chanted on. Now hold a fire ceremony and the brahmins may afterward be allowed to hear the Gayatri mantra from the tape recording through the right ear. First initiated devotees must vow to always chant minimum 16 rounds daily and strictly observe the regulative principles. The Brahmins must practice cleanliness, internally by chanting the Lord's glories and externally by bathing regularly. In addition the brahmins should study carefully, especially Gita, Ishopanishad, Nectar of Devotion and Nectar of Instruction as well as all the small paperbacks. Soon we will have yearly examinations for brahmins based on these books and those who pass will be awarded Bhaktishastri titles.

I hope this meets you all well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-1-24 Bombay
10th January, 1976
Tanus, West Germany

My dear Pusta Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your two letters dated December 23rd and 24th respectively.

I have just sent you a telegram: "Yes Purchase Mercedes." For so long there has been contemplation to buy this car.

But where is the car? We are spending crores of Rupees to finish this Bombay construction, but whenever I arrive at the airport, I am picked up in a borrowed car. What kind of impression is it to the members that we always have to approach them to borrow their car? Please get it. But one thing is that I have heard that you are taking the money from the BBT to pay for it. There is one story that a guru went to his disciple's home and was greeted very elaborately. When he enquired how was it possible for his disciple to afford such nice arrangements, his disciple told him: every-belong to you. Later the guru saw that he had no money left in his bank account and he could understand that his disciple had spent all of his money. So whether you are also making such arrangements? I do not want to spend the books fund money for such things. If you can not pay for it, then Tamal Krishna says he will pay Ramesvar who can send you the money.

Thank you for appreciating Sri Chaitanya Chaitamrita. There is no need to feel sad at the end of a chapter or a volume because there is always another chapter and another volume. There is no scarcity. You want more nectarine and the supply is also there. Those who are actually looking for spiritual culture will find immense wealth in Chaitanya Chaitamrita.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-1-25

Bombay
10th January, 1976

My dear Ramesvara;

Please accept my blessings. Enclosed please find one book written by Harikesa Prabhu called, Spiritual Dialectism.

Please first of all print it in Back to Godhead magazine and if the response is good it maybe made into a book along the lines of Svarup Damodaras book, The Scientific Basis of Krishna Consciousness.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hd

76-1-26

Bombay
10th January, 1976

My dear Subhivilasa,

Please accept my blessings. I received your letter and I gave it to my secretary with instructions to reply it.

Anyway, all blessings upon you for securing this church. Krishna will certainly be pleased upon you. Now you and your good wife are both initiated, chant faithfully 16 rounds daily, and follow the four regulative principles. This will insure your spiritual perfection.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-1-27

Bombay
10th January, 1976

My dear Svarupa Damodara,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated December 26th, 1975, and I have noted the contents carefully.

Your plan to have the Bhaktivedanta Summer Institute in one of our farms is a very good idea. But you say that there is a chance that none of our farms will be suitable. Why not? Anyway, you will be discussing it at Mayapur at which time you should fix-up everything definitely.

I have read the aims and objects of the

Institute and it is done very nicely. I am satisfied that you are properly understanding the philosophy. The analysis you have given in the section "What is the Bhaktivedanta Institute", regarding the scientists, technologists, and other so-called authorities is most accurate. According to Bhagavatam, they are all asses and cows, *sa eva gokhara*.

I have also suggested for the GBC's consideration, that we introduce a system of examinations for the devotees to take. Sometimes there is criticism that our men are not sufficiently learned, especially the brahmins. Of course second initiation does not depend upon passing an examination. How one has moulded his life—chanting, attending arotik, etc., these are essential. Still, brahmin means pandita. Therefore I am suggesting the following examinations. Bhaktishastrī—(for all brahmins) based on Bhagavad Gita, Sri Ishopanishad, Nectar of Devotion, Nectar of Instruction, and all the small paper backs. Bhaktibhaibhava—the above plus first six cantos of S.B. Bhaktivedanta—the above plus cantos 7-12 S.B. Bhaktisarvabhūma—the above plus Chaitanya Chaitamrita. These titles can correspond to entrance, B.A., M.A., Ph.D. So just consider how to organize this Institute. At Mayapur we shall finalize everything.

Hoping this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/tkg

76-1-28

Bombay
10th January, 1976

Toronto

My dear Viswakarma,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your undated letter.

Yes, it is the mercy of Krishna that we

have got such an important building in Toronto. It is a top-most triumph. If you can fix up a neon sign always moving with the maha-mantra Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare, that will be a great achievement. The sign can be on from evening to mid-night, that will be the proper utilization of such an ideal building and location. Christianity is now declining, therefore they are having to sell all their churches to us. Because they have got no clear idea of God, people are not satisfied with them. But we can explain what God is, so people are appreciating more and more our Movement. Now by Kṛṣṇa's grace you have a beautiful Temple, use it to preach very vigorously. If you all strictly follow the principles and chant sixteen rounds, your spiritual strength will be insured, and our Movement will become increasingly prominent.

I accept the recommended devotees as my initiated disciples. Their spiritual names are:

Errol Lewis—Ugreśa dāsa

Craig Harper—Asuramārjara dāsa

Subash Batra—Subhaviṣa dāsa

Asha Batra—Ashalata dāsi

Now you have to hold a fire ceremony. Instruct everyone to faithfully chant 16 rounds and follow the regulative principles. Teach them by your personal example.

Regarding Bon Maharaj, in the future he should be completely avoided. We shall have no further connection with him.

Enclosed is a letter to Subhaviṣa which you may please deliver to him.

I hope this meets you in the best of health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/tkg

76-1-29

Bombay

11th January, 1976

Vancouver

My dear Bahudak,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated December 15th, 1975 and I have noted the contents carefully.

I was very glad to learn how our devotees are coming out victorious in the preaching to the university professors and students. Other groups have no philosophy nor do they have any idea of spiritual life, what to speak of living it. Our movement is authorized. Our books are based on the statements of the most exalted devotees. And if we follow strictly the guidelines for devotional service as they are given in the Nectar of Devotion and Nectar of Instruction, then no one can touch us. Our position is definitely due to our books, therefore I am always pressing on this point. All the groups are declining including the Christians. We are being harassed by the authorities and they are all Christians. Because they are losing ground, and we are increasing, they are trying to stop us. There is always this battle between the demons and the devotees, but the devotees always win because they are protected by Krishna.

It is good that you are again the President of the Vancouver temple. Of course the farm projects are important but more stress should be given to Sankirtan. We require so much money here in India. So Jayatirtha has said right. Whatever we are doing in India is from the BBT fund. Continue to go out on Sankirtan. Example is better than precept.

The harmonium may be played during bhajan if there is someone who can play melodiously. But it is not for kirtan and arotik.

All of the devotees you have recommended I accept for initiation. Dhamarupa das, Subavrata dasi, Mahojjvala

dasi, Stanor das, Jagadadicha das, Damagosh das and Kanti-mati should after holding a fire ceremony, be allowed to hear the Gayatri mantra through the right ear from the tape recording. They must always keep clean, internally by chanting the Lord's glories, and externally by regular bathing. In addition they should regularly study Bhagavad Gita, Nectar of Devotion, Nectar of Instruction, Ishopanishad and all the paperbacks because soon we shall be holding examinations based on these books for the brahmins. Those who pass will be given the title Bhaktishastri. Gail Bergeron's spiritual name is Paratpara dasi. She that she chants minimum 16 rounds daily and strictly follows the regulative principles.

I hope this meets you and all the devotees there well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-1-30

Bombay

11th January, 1976

International Foundation
of Meditation
44 Kailash Mandar,
Kanpur

Dear Shri Kapur,

Please accept my best wishes. I beg to thank you for your letter dated December 25th, 1975. I shall be returning to Vrindaban by the end of March. At that time I shall try to visit Kanpur to see the park.

Hoping this meets you well.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-1-31

Bombay

11th January, 1976

Taunus, West Germany

My dear Kirtiraja,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated 3rd January, 1976, giving a report of your preaching in Poland. I also received your letter dated December 7th, 1975 and replied it.

Yes, you should get my books translated into Polish. Wherever our books are being distributed, our movement is established on a firm basis. Therefore I came to your country with books. So try to get the books translated.

You ask what you should do about your wife and child. What can I advise if your wife doesn't want to take inconvenience. Preaching means some inconvenience. There is no reason why you have to be settled in one place. The actual education of a child doesn't begin until five years. Before that the child is free. Thereafter, the child may be sent to Gurukula in Dallas. This is the Vedic system.

The most important aspect of our preaching is Kirtan. Induce the people to chant, that is the only thing. Then everything else will follow. The goal is to make devotees and books; both are required. Distributing the books will make devotees. To make a devotee means to make someone purified. Reading the books will purify the intelligence. A purified heart and mind means Krishna Consciousness.

Don't try to become big very fast. That is not possible. Go slowly.

My advise is that you and your wife should preach together. But your wife doesn't like this so what can I do?

Hoping this meets you in the best of health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-1-32

Bombay

11th January, 1976

New York

My dear Rupanuga,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 26th, 1975, and I have noted the contents.

The bombastic distribution of Kṛṣṇa Trilogies in New York is wonderful. I have read the report given in the Sanitan Newsletter. But one thing is whether they have collected enough to cover all the costs. I have heard that despite all this distribution, now there is a big debt to the Book Fund. The GBC has to manage so expertly that there will not be debts. This debt to the Book Fund must be cleared immediately, if possible by the Mayapur meeting. Now we require so much money for the Temple projects in India, but if the Temples do not pay their book bills from where will I get the money?

Swarupa Damodara has written me about the Bhaktivedanta Summer Institute. It is a very good idea. If possible try to accommodate it on one of the farms we already have. To buy another farm simply for this purpose is not very practical. The Institute should not only stress book study but there must be equal time given to kirtan, arotik, prasadam, etc. There must be spiritual life, then book study will have meaning.

Many people have mentioned the nice prasadam distribution program in our New York Temple. I have heard also that on Sundays there are 500 people attending. So there is tremendous scope for preaching. Now this building must be organized very expertly. I want to come in April or May, but whether my quarters are ready or not?

In the six day book distribution, Eastern zone was first. This is our most important work. All the leaders should tax

their brains for increasing the sales of our books. I have always said that if we simply rely on book distribution all our needs will be met.

We shall never use this artificial fertilizer on our farms. It is forbidden in the sastras. If you plant easily grown crops once in the year, then the earth will not become exhausted. Don't overuse the land,

I accept Bhakta John as my disciple and also Padmamalini dasi for second initiation. His name is Amara das. Now hold a fire ceremony. She may be allowed to hear the mantra through the right ear from the tape. Instruct them both on the meaning of first and second initiation respectively.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-1-33

Calcutta

12th January, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Ramesvara,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letters dated December 18th and December 25th respectively.

The quote book, "The Krishna Consciousness Movement is Authorized", is very important. From each city find out important persons names and post it. You can send it to important members of the Government, businessmen, entertainers, sportsmen, etc. Another device is that you can address it to "Any Respectable Gentleman, Post Office....., City..... State....." The postman will then deliver it to some respectable gentleman. Everyone who gets it will think: 'I am a most respectable gentleman because he has given it to me. The best thing is to find out the customers list to some big magazine like "Time" or "Life", and post it to

them. I think the post office can give concession rate for huge numbers of postings. Yes, go on adding any new important quotes in the reprinting.

Regarding the improvements of gold stamping and gold gilding on the Bhagavatams, I have already advised Radha-ballabha Prabhu. Simply to make fashionable and increase the price may hamper the sales. Rather decrease the price.

That so many people are purchasing our literature in Los Angeles indicated that it is being advertised: Oh, I have got a very nice book. Then their acquaintances want the book also. The books distribution in Los Angeles during the six day period is transcendental samadhi. They are working in trance, not on the material platform. No common man can work so hard, it is not possible. Working without sleep means no death. Sleeping is dead condition. "Jiv jago, jiv jago, hauracanda bole, kot nidra yao maya-pisacira kole." Your book distribution is really intoxication.

Please thank Jagannath suta for the 10 copies of BTG. Thank you for printing the photo of the Mauritius meeting.

I hope this meets you in the best of health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-1-34

Calcutta

13th January, 1976

Vrindaban

My dear Akshayananda Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 8th January, 1976.

Why Saurabha should be consulted for Temple functioning and maintenance? He cannot give you any idea for these things.

He is busy with other matters.

Dramas are alright if you can perform them nicely. Even if you don't speak them in English, they can be rendered into Hindi on the microphone while the drama goes on. But the puppet shows should be stopped. It is nonsense.

What are those Bengali dramas that Nitai is working on? He should work on arcan-paddhati, not divert his attention here and there. He should make Hari-bhakti-vilas into short cut, not more than twenty pages. He can consult Nrisingha Ballabha Goswami for help in this matter. This should be his first consideration now.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

N. B. Please let me know how 'mukut' department is going to be managed? Who is the manager and what is the management scheme?

ACBS/tkg

76-1-35

Calcutta

13th January, 1976

Nairobi

My dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 27th, 1975.

Our movement is so large it requires expert management and strong vigilance. Now you are finding out so many things were mismanaged, but why didn't you find out before? What is the use of complaining now? It is your fault that you remained absent for so long. The GBC's first business is to manage their zones. You said you were training Chayavana. Anyway, just try to mend things and restore it to its original position.

Chaitya Guru's case is one of misused intelligence. I have also received com-

plaint about him from Nava Yogendra Maharaj. He has been taken out of any position of responsibility.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-1-36

Calcutta

13th January, 1976

Berkley

My dear Jayatirtha,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated December 24th, 1975.

The \$1900 payment should be used half for Gurukula and half for the Temple.

Regarding Jamuna and Dinatarine, they want to live independently, that is the defect. A woman cannot live independent. According to the Vedic culture a woman is always to be protected by a man. Why they should purchase a house? We already have Los Angeles. If they want they can have a separate ashram supported independently of ISKCON. Every woman in America has money, so why do they want support? No, the BBT cannot give them loan. You may check that they are chanting and following the rules but do not get involved with their management. So far your suggestion that they sew clothes for the sannyasis Dieties it is not possible. Sannyasis may have no connection with women.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-1-37

Calcutta

13th January, 1976

Shri K. Raghupati Rao
5 Raja Annamali Road,
Madras 600084

Dear Shri Rao,

Please accept my best wishes. I beg to thank you for your letter dated 5th January, 1976.

You say that there is some contradiction in the Bhagavad Gita, that is your defective understanding. The direct meaning of the 15th Chapter 7th verse is that every living entity is the eternal part and parcel of Krishna. How can you think of contradiction in the Bhagavad Gita? Krishna is not an ordinary human being. How can you think that Krishna is contradicting Himself in His own statements? It is your concoction. The jiva is jivatma and Krishna is paramatma. Where is the contradiction? Why do you manufacture "iva"? That is the defect of Mayavadi philosophy. They concoct ideas.

Yes, Krishna can enter into anything. The body is also His energy. "Bhumir apo 'nalo vayuh" (Bhagavad Gita 7:4). And in Srimad Bhagavatam in the prayers of Queen Kunti, Krishna is described "antar-bahih", within and without. In the Brahma Samhita it is stated by Lord Brahma about Krishna: "andantara-stha-paramanu-cayantara-stam", He is present in His fullness in every one of the atoms.

Where are the words "iva" and "sadsra"? You cannot rectify Bhagavad Gita with new words of Sankara. And even if you take sadsra it can be taken to mean qualitative. "Nityo nityanam cetanas' cetananam", the Supreme Absolute is the supreme eternal being amongst all other eternal beings. This is sadsra, not eternal in quantity, just in quality. Krishna never falls into Maya. Therefore His name is Achyuta. But the living entities can fall into Maya so how can they be sadsra in all

respects? If you take gold and a little fraction of gold, the quality is the same. Only the quantity is changed. This is common sense.

There is no question of "breaking" as you have mentioned. The jiva is eternal, sanatan. Just like the sun and the sunshine. The sun is a combination of bright molecules and both are eternally existing. Similarly, Krishna and His qualitative fragmental parts are also eternal. Therefore the jiva is explained in the Bhagavad Gita as acchedyah (2:24) so how can it be broken? It is eternally existing as vibhu and anu. Svarupamsa is not jiva, it is Vishnu Tattva. Vishnu tattva is known as svansa and the jiva is known as Vibhinamsa.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-1-38

Calcutta

13th January, 1976

My dear Yamuna and Dinatarine,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated December 24th, 1976.

I am very pleased to see the nice photos of your Dieties Radha Vanebehari. The singasana has also come out very nicely.

You can attract the fair sex community. Most of them are frustrated being without any home or husband. If you can organize all these girls they will get a transcendental engagement and may not be allured to the frustration of life. Your engagement should be chanting and worship of the Diety Jiva Goswami advises that in the Kaliyuga sankirtana is the principle worship. Even if one chants many mantras it must be preceded by glorious sankirtan. Sankirtan is the mahamantra.

Yes, you are right, women are generally after sense gratification. That is the disease. Chant 24 hours a day and don't dress nicely to attract men. It is better that you don't make a large program. Remain a humble program. In bhakti there is no grotesque program. A humble program is better. We are doing all these grotesque programs to allure the masses. My Guru Maharaj used to say that no one hears from a person coming from a humble, simple life. You remain always very humble.

So far as giving loans, I think it won't be possible because in India we require a huge amount of money for Bombay and Mayapur. We also have to build nice Temples at Kuruksetra and Jagannath Puri. The Americans are accused of being C.I.A., so counteract this. We want to prove how Americans have constructed very large temples. Certainly it is not for C.I.A. propaganda.

Sita Devi, Mother Laxmi, wife of Lord Ramachandra, went to live with Valmiki Muni in a cottage. Although she was a King's daughter and a King's wife, she preferred to live very humbly in the cottage of Valmiki Muni with two sons in the absence of Ramachandra. That should be the ideal example. Women when not with husband must live very very humbly and simple life.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-1-39

Calcutta

15th January, 1976

Santa Cruz

My dear Chidananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 23rd, 1975 which I only received

recently. Probably it has been forwarded a number of times before arriving.

Anyway, I have read your letter, and it is my opinion that you should return to Santa Cruz. But where ever you stay you must chant 16 rounds daily and strictly adhere to the regulative principles as well as try to study my books.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-1-40

Calcutta

15th January, 1976

St. Louis

My dear Makanlal,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated January 1st, 1976.

I accept all the new devotees as my initiated disciples. Their names are:

Glenn Wharton—Isvaripati dasa

Andy De Souza—Sarvadevamaya dasa

Thomas Wyhaupt—Guruvagmi

Harry Troy—Vedatma dasa

Now you must hold a fire ceremony. Everyone must agree to chant daily minimum of 16 rounds and follow strictly the rules and regulations. I also accept Gopta Das for second initiation. I have enclosed his sacred thread duly chanted on. After the fire ceremony he should hear the Gayatri mantra through the right ear from the tape. Brahmin means to be very clean, inside by chanting the Lord's glories and externally by regular bathing. Teach him these things by your personal example.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-1-41

Calcutta

15th January, 1976

Mark Phillips

Darkwood, Australia

Dear Mark,

Please accept my best wishes. I beg to thank you for your letter dated 22nd December, 1975, along with your contribution. Please continue to chant Hare Krishna, read our books, and associate with the devotees. In this way you will surely become Krishna Conscious.

Hoping this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-1-42

Calcutta

15th January, 1976

ABC Model House

Bombay

Dear Sri Pillai,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your kind appreciation of my humble preaching activities. Please continue to read Bhagavad Gita As It Is. You will derive all spiritual benefit from it. Also if you can find the time, I will request you to visit our Temple in Juhu, Hare Krishna Land.

Hoping this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-1-43

Calcutta

15th January, 1976

Carlton Apts.

Santa Monica

Dear T. B. Randler,

Please accept my best wishes. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated

December, 1975.

From your letter I can understand that for the time being you are not fixed up. I shall most probably be coming to the U.S. in May, so try to see me at that time and we shall talk about all your points. In the meantime go on chanting Hare Krishna and reading Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam.

Hoping this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

76-1-44

Calcutta

16th January, 1976

New Vrindaban

My dear Ajitananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 25th, 1976. Considering your problem I will advise you to chant on your lips since you become tired chanting out loud. Also you can sit and hear your God-brothers chanting. And you can also hear tapes. Do all of these and there should be no problem.

Hoping this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-1-45

Calcutta

16th January, 1976

My dear Atreya Rsi,

Please accept my blessings.

It has come to my attention that the G.B.C. have not been able to fully participate in the Mayapur festivities due to the annual meeting. Therefore, I am asking all G.B.C. Members to come to Mayapur early and hold the meeting in my presence

beginning the morning of March 6th.

Hoping this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

Copy to all G.B.C.

ACBS/tkg

76-1-46

Bombay

16th January, 1976

My dear Bhagavan,

Please accept my blessings.

It has come to my attention that the G.B.C. have not been able to fully participate in the Mayapur festivities due to the annual meeting. Therefore, I am asking all G.B.C. Members to come to Mayapur early and hold the meeting in my presence beginning the morning of March 6th.

Hoping this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

Copy to all G.B.C.

ACBS/tkg

76-1-47

Calcutta

16th January, 1976

Shri S. N. Nayar

Delhi

Dear Shri Nayar ji,

Please accept my greetings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated 21st December, 1975. I have gone through your translation, but it is not acceptable. We have already settled with a Vrindaban gentleman. I am returning herewith your manuscript. Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-1-48

Calcutta

16th January, 1976

New Delhi

My dear Ratnamala devi,

Please accept my blessings. Thank you very much for the nice greeting card. May Krishna bless you.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-1-49

Mayapur

18th January, 1976

Sweden

My dear Dvarakesa,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated Narayana 21.

You have asked how you can thank me. Whether you thank me or not, if you understand the importance of this Krishna Consciousness Movement, that is my success. The whole world is thinking in the bodily conception of life and thus remaining like animals. The animals cannot be happy but people want to keep themselves like animals. For peace they are barking in the United Nations. Croaking toads who think they are making a big conference, and then one day the snake of death comes and swallows them up.

If there is possibility to preach amongst the communists, you must do it immediately. The intelligent communist people will very easily understand our philosophy. We can convince them on the basis of *samaṁ sarveṣu bhūteṣu*, a Krishna conscious person is equally disposed to every living entity (B.G. 18:54). You become a communist and make the present imperfect idea of communism perfect. The idea of the communist philosophy is that the state should be benefitted. But the state being imperfect, the living entities

other than the human beings cannot derive any profit. It is therefore no better than the capitolists. For the benefit of the human beings, the capitolist kills the poor animals. Similarly, the communist does the same thing. Where is the difference? Perfect communism is in the Srimad Bhagavatam wherein it is stated that you feel for the poor animals as well as the human beings. Srimad Bhagavatam instructs that even if there is a snake or lizard in the house, it is the duty of the householder to see that they are also eating, not starving. So you have to begin your preaching with such broader idea of communism.

So this is a good wish for Krishna's service. If it is possible take immediate opportunity for it. So far as coming out of Hungary once you enter, if you can preach what is the need of coming out?

Hoping this meets you in the best of health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-1-50

Mayapur

18th January, 1976

New Zealand

My dear Jashomatinandan,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of the names of the persons recommended for first and second initiation. I accept all the new devotees as my initiated disciples. Their spiritual names are:

Bhakta Phil—Sarvakṣadāsa

Bhakta Mark—Parivādi dāsa

Bhakta Jimmy—Lalasamvara dāsa

Bhakta Bruce—Rudracandi dāsa

Bhakta Martin—Krodhesvara dāsa

Bhaktin Karen—Sarvaga dāsi

Bhaktin Sue—Brahmapatni dāsi

All of them must agree to faithfully chant 16 rounds minimum daily and rigidly

abide by the four regulative principles.

I accept Sriman Ram das and Sriman Dayasara das for second initiation. Their sacred threads are duly chanted on and are enclosed. Brahmin means to be clean—inside by always chanting the Lord's glories, and outside by regular bathing. Brahmin also means pandit, so they must be able to support their preaching by quoting shastric references. Particularly, they should study Bhagavad Gita, Sri Ishopanishad, Nectar of Devotion and Nectar of Instruction as well as all the small paperbacks. There will be a yearly examination for all Brahmins based upon these books.

Now you must hold a fire ceremony. Afterwards, the brahmins may hear the Gayatri mantra through the right ear from the tape recording. Teach everyone to follow the principles by your personal example.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-1-51

Calcutta

18th January, 1976

Hyderabad

My dear Mahamsa,

Please accept my blessings. I have already informed you what is our purpose in the matter of the Nalore establishment. The ladies must be clearly informed that we are not at all interested to be dictated by them. We cannot construct a meditation hall with Śaraswati and Ganesh or create a library with hodgepodge books. We can simply have our Radha Krishna Temple with facilities for the people in general to study our philosophy joining us in our Krishna Consciousness Movement and as we are doing in our other centres we shall act accordingly.

If they refuse to give us in so-called charity the whole land then we can purchase the vacant land at the price mentioned in the document and because we have already installed the foundation stone, we do not wish to go back. We shall construct the Temple and Residential Quarters as we see fit. But we cannot follow their dictation. The idea is that the land, both vacant and occupied, must be given in a real charitable mentality, not to take advantage of our ability and get a temple and then create some trouble. This is not at all possible. We are also prepared to purchase the main land with garden and building by paying the fixed price. If they are not interested in selling, we can accept charity. But in either case we can allow the two sisters to live in one portion of the building as devotees.

On these grounds you should make a document and do the needful.

Hoping this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-1-52
Los Angeles

Calcutta
18th January, 1976

My dear Ramesvara,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your sending the monthly BBT newsletter. The results for December and for 1975 are wonderful.

In the material world competition one thinks my competitor can do so much, how can I bring him down? In the spiritual world there is appreciation: he has done so nicely, I could not do so well. Just like in the material world there is attraction between men and women and this attraction is stronger than anything else. In the spiritual world there is also beautiful men and beautiful women and there is attrac-

tion but this attraction is not so strong as the attraction for chanting the Lord's glories.

The results show that there is no limit to our book distribution. Our books are qualified to be distributed unlimitedly. We are not fiction writers. It is a fact that no expert booksalesmen can compete with our men. The Librarian has noted the difference between our men and other publisher's men. We are working for heart and soul, not for money. Such expert salesmen would have to be paid at least \$1000 per month. That means if they had as many men as our Library Party they would have to pay at least \$15,000 per month.

You are charging too much for the "Krishna Conscious Movement is Authorized" It should not cost the Temples more than 10¢ or whatever the cost price is. This is our advertisement and is meant for mass distribution. I have already suggested to you how to do this.

The Nectar of Instruction is also overpriced, in comparison with other books of its size. Print at least 100,000 and charge the appropriate price according to the other books.

Hoping this meets you in good health.

From the December ratings there appears over \$800,000 was received. There should be \$400,000 for construction.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-1-53
Calcutta
18th January, 1976

Dr. W. H. Wolk-Rottkay
Los Angeles

My dear Dr. Wolf,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 17th December, 1975 and also your most

recent letter, undated, both with enclosures.

Karmis are considered like asses because they are working so hard day and night without profit. The Bhagavad Gita states: *antavat tu phalam tesam/ tad bhavaty alpa medhasam*. "Men of small intelligence worship the demigods, and their fruits are limited and temporary." The karmis benefits are temporary and those who are seeking after such benefits are 'mudhas' Srila Vishvanath Chakravarty Thakur has identified mudhas with karmis. So we are servants of the acharya, therefore we also cannot give any good position to the karmis. According to Narottama das Thakur: *karma-kanda jnana kanda kevala visera bhanda*. "The paths of karma kanda and jnana kanda are just like pots of strong poison" Therefore according to the principles, of bhakti, one has to avoid the karmis and jnanis.

Regarding your letter to me send to Nairobi, I have handed it over to Svarupa Damodara, so I do not possess it.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-1-54

Mayapur

20th January, 1976

My dear Jayatirtha;

Please accept my blessings. Regarding the ISKCON Gurukula presently situated in Dallas—The Gurukula must be based on the principle of renunciation; *vairagya vidya nija bhakti yogam*. Bhakti is based on the principle of the renunciation of material desires beginning from the earliest age; *kaumaram acaret prajna dharman bhagavatan iha*. From the very beginning, a boy must be trained to perform

devotional service to the Supreme Personality of Godhead, and not to be attached as the fruitive workers, the karmis, to the so-called fallible soldiers; *dehapatya kalatradisu atma-sainvesu asatsv api tesam prammato nidhanam pasyanapi na pasyati*. The karmis are attached too much to their bodies, children and wives, who are like fallible fighting soldiers who must ultimately be destroyed. Although they are sufficiently experienced, they still cannot see this.

Therefore our young men must be trained at the earliest age to not be attached to so many things like the home, family, friendship, society, and nation. To train the innocent boy to be a sense gratifier at the early age when the child is actually happy in any circumstance is the greatest violence. Therefore; *brahmachary gurukule vasan danto guror hitam*. The brahmachary lives at the place of the spiritual master and works for the benefit of the spiritual master by begging for his maintenance, by cleaning, learning the principles of Krsna consciousness, and engaging in the process of bhagavat dharma, whereby his life will have a firm, sane foundation with which he can overcome the forces of maya by strong training in the beginning.

The karmis cannot accept this because they are too much attached to their bodies and cannot tolerate any austerities. Since they are too attached to their children they are even more insistent that the child be drowned in bodily consciousness so that he may avoid all types of austerities and enjoy life to the fullest, thereby going to hell at the earliest age; *mahat sevam dvares ahur vimuktes tamo-dvaram yosita sangisangam*. Those who associate with the mahatmas through service to them become eligible for liberation whereas those who are associating with woman or those who are too attached to woman are paving their way to hell. Therefore the school

systems require so many codes and regulations so the children will not feel any inconvenience. The training is geared to producing cats and dogs who will feel quite at home in a society of sense gratification.

Therefore how can they accept our school system which teaches that the young men must undergo *tapasya* to become purified? *Tapo divyam putraka yena sattvam suddhyed yasmad brahma saukhyam tv anantam*. They will never accept that one must undergo austerities to break the influence of the modes of material nature upon the living entity in order that he may experience the transcendental bliss on the platform of pure goodness. Therefore they see our school as a threat and a cruel punishment to the children. If we were to run our school as it was actually to be run, they would close it down, and factually they will place more and more codes and restrictions as the school develops to water down the process until it becomes unrecognizable and useless.

We cannot be forced to follow the standards of the *mlecchas* and *yavanas*. One may build so many buildings to follow this and that code, but the basic principle of such codes is sense gratification which we are against. There are so many thousands of buildings in the west which are filled with illegalities, but how is it that we must come to a perfect standard or be closed down? This is not the standard of law, but prosecution. If in illusion we think that we must spend money to come to that standard what guarantee is there that they will not simply find another standard for us to follow which will cause so much more trouble and cost so much more money and ultimately they will pass some law making the gurukul illegal.

Therefore the school should be moved to India, specifically to our new gurukula project in Vrindaban, where the facility will be just to our needs and the needs of

the brahmacharya to develop spiritually because it is based on authentic scripture. To live in Vrindaban is the highest perfection and to grow up in Vrindaban the greatest fortune. Who can compare Vrindaban to the nasty western culture? Even to live in Mathura-mandala for a fortnight guarantees one liberation. In Vrindaban no one will place restrictions on the school and it will be encouraged by the government. The people will see such a school and the example will encourage thousands to send their children there to be trained as human beings and devotees. The cost for maintaining such a place is minimal and when compared with the exchange rate in dollars, a very substantial savings. Some have objected to the cost of transport to India for the child, but children ride at a very reduced rate and require no visa. The one way fare can be arranged at a very small cost which will be made up in no time. For the child costs \$100 per month in the USA, but in India the cost will be a fraction of that amount. The average Indian makes about Rs.400 per month (\$50) and supports an entire family nicely. The savings will more than compensate for the ticket and maintenance, and once in a year, during the hot season of April, May and June, the child may return to the parents. Certainly the government will give cheap rates on return ticket once they find out about the program. This is much cheaper than altering the present building or building a new one to meet the so-called codes.

The atmosphere in Vrindaban is beyond compare and the teachers are far more experienced as we have many men willing to work there who are retired or qualified professors, what to speak of our own scholars who are living in Vrindaban and starting this gurukula project. Many people will contribute to expand this program and the Krishna-Balaram Mandir the finest in the world. All the devotees

Vrindaban, especially the children are in fine health and their needs are being guaranteed by the members. They can even beg from door to door and collect enough to feed themselves nicely. This is the system. This is the required training. But if this is done in America, they will accuse us of child cruelty although this is actually the saving grace of the child and he becomes very blissful. Therefore in all ways it is obvious that the best place to have this gurukula is in Vrindaban and this should be done before the US Government starts to cause a disturbance which will harm us, and before we have to waste large sums of money on a risky endeavor which may turn out to be a complete failure.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hd

76-1-55

Mayapur

21st January, 1976

My dear Rupanuga,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 17th January, 1976.

Madhudvisa Swami has come here from Australia and as he is free I am sending him to New York. I have discussed with him how I want my rooms to be. As things have generally not been so well managed there I have asked him to be ad-hoc President of New York Temple until the coming GBC meeting.

Hoping this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-1-56

Mayapur

22nd January, 1976

Shri Bimal Kumar Bhattacharya

Dep. Sect. Gov. of West Bengal

Dear Sir,

Please accept my greetings. It is understood from His Holiness Babaji Adwaitanandan das Bhaktibhusan that some respectable gentlemen, headed by your Honour, have selected me as the President of Shri Krishna Chaitanya Sangeet College, Bhaktivedyalaya Bisramtala, at Serampur. I wish to speak in detail about this institution. For this purpose I should like to invite you on Sunday, 1st February, 1976, or if this is not convenient, then on such day as is convenient to you. I am here in Mayapur and it will be a great pleasure for me to see you along with your associates. I invite you also to respect noon-day Prasadam with me. Please confirm through Babaji and we shall arrange to receive you.

Yours sincerely,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-1-57

Mayapur

22nd January, 1976

Dallas

My dear Jagadisha,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated January 3rd, 1976 and I have noted the contents carefully. Jayatirtha has also written me about the future of Gurukula. He was suggesting to have a Gurukula in Santa Cruz. I have replied his letter and am enclosing a copy for you. It is my opinion that considering all points, we will do best to move Gurukula to India. In the letter I have explained everything fully.

Another thing, is that you are expecting a BBT loan of \$150,000. but the BBT has already taken responsibility for

Bombay, Kurukshetra, Mayapur, so this money has to go to India. Therefore, I do not think the BBT can give this loan. Actually it is the responsibility of the parents to maintain Gurukula. By taxing the Temples or taking loan from the BBT the parents are being allowed to avoid their responsibility. Before having a child the parents should see whether they shall be able to pay for their child's education. The GBC should make an injunction that if they beget children, then whatever the expenses are for supporting Gurukula they must pay for it. In another letter to Jayatirtha I have suggested how the parents can earn money for their children's support. So you can discuss everything together and do the needful.

Hoping this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-1-58

Mayapur

22nd January, 1976

Berkeley

My dear Jayatirtha,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated December 12th, 1975 reporting on your Zone for November, which arrived late due to having been redirected a number of times.

Your Zone's book distribution is most commendable. It is to your credit as a good manager that there are now no longer any debts to the Book Fund from the Western USA Temples. Now you will have to meet a very stubborn competitor, Madhudvisa Swami, who I have sent to New York to organize the new building and preaching activities.

All of the leaders should study my books very carefully, since now everyone will have to appear for the examination. But I don't get any time to go into

seclusion. My Guru Maharaj also did not approve of seclusion. He used to say: "Dusta mana, tumi kiserai vaisnava? Pratisthara tare, nirjanera ghare, tava hari-nama kevala kaitava." My dear mind, what kind of vaishnava are you? Simply for cheap adoration you sit in a solitary place and pretend to chant the Hare Krishna maha-mantra, but this is all cheating.

Many times in the past it has proven difficult to get the support of the Indians in San Francisco. Because Chitsukananda said there were many men who were willing to help I was encouraging. Now abandon it. Chitsukananda should join Berkley instead of wasting time. The Berkley project is actually important. Your idea for establishing a center in San Jose is nice, so you may bring it up before the GBC at Mayapur. As you are finding a good preaching field at the colleges in Berkley, you will find all places similarly receptive. Human psychology is the same—simply you have concentrated on Berkley thus far. Now make this propaganda very vigorously every where.

Regarding the donation of \$6000 for distribution of books, you can send one or two copies to very distinguished men. You can address them: Sir, kindly have a glance over these books. If you like you can keep them and send the price or if not you can return them at our cost. In this way you can write them. But don't give them freely. There should be either the option to pay or return. Neither you should give the books to the Librarians of public and hospital libraries, it will not be fruitful. They have their managing committees, so approach these men individually to purchase books for the libraries.

Regarding your question about having a Gurukula in Santa Cruz, I have replied this in a separate letter enclosed, a copy of which I have also sent to Jagadisha. You may consider carefully the points and di

the needful.

You have suggested that some men are best engaged in doing bussiness. I agree. All grihastas who are interested in doing bussiness should do so in full swing. Yat karosi yad asnasi, yaj juhosi dadasi yat/yattapasyasi kaunteya tat kurusvamad arpanam. Let this be the guiding principle. So let all the grihastas who wish to, execute bussiness full fledgidly in the USA and in this way support Gurukula. Bussiness must be done by the grihastas, not by the sannyasis or brahmacharies. Neither the sannyasis or brahmacharies can be expected to support Gurukula. The parents must take responsibility for their children, otherwise they should not have children. It is the duty of the individual parents. I am not in favor of taxing the Temples. The parents must pay for the maintenance of their children. Neither can the BBT be expected to give any loans. Now the BBT 50% for construction is pledged to the projects in India—Bombay, Kurukshetra, Mayapur. The profits from the businesses should first go to support Gurukula and balance may be given for the local Temple's maintenance. Grihastas can do bussiness. It is best if the Temple Presidents are either sannyasis or brahmacharies. If the grihastas want to do book distribution, they should be given a commission of 5 to 10% of which part must go to Gurukula. For any others who are engaged in important Society projects, they must get something for maintaining their children at Gurukula. So far as Prasadam and residence, they are already getting that free. But sometimes, grihastas make their own arrangement for cooking. For that we can give no expenditure. Just try to improve the Prasadam system so nicely that one will not want any other arrangement. Another thing, is that the grihastas may be encouraged to do agriculture. In the Indian villages like in Vrindaban, they get

enough ghee for their personal use, and sufficient excess to be sold to the merchants, who then also get some money. Cow protection means good food and good trade. So I can give you suggestions how to manage everything, but it is up to the GBC to practically execute all these points.

You cannot survive without my mercy and I cannot survive without your mercy. It is reciprocal. This mutual dependence is based on love—Krishna Consciousness.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-1-59

Mayapur

22nd January, 1976

My dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your Zonal report for December dated January 13th, 1976. Your November report was also received by me and I have replied it on the 5th Janaury. By now you should have received it.

I am always very much pleased with our Library Party's preaching. Their work is most important. Ramesvara has sent me some recent review from Professors and there is no doubt that these intelligent men are deriving benefit from reading my books. These reviews make me very encouraged. Also, the Krishna Consciousness Movement is Authorized has come out very nicely. The review or appreciation of your lecture sent by the professor shows that they are appreciating how nicely our men can present this perfect philosophy of Krishna Consciousness. Go on vigorously expanding this preaching. You are proceeding in the right way. It is good that now you have arranged for independent support of the party.

The church proposal in Houston is a good offer. I think somehow or other the BBT must give you loan for it is a worthy cause. The photographs of the St. Louis farm appear very nice. There seems to be ample grazing ground. In India you can't get such nice land, but there is enough good land in America. Just introduce this new type of Krishna Conscious civilization and the whole world will thank you.

I have seen that the Temples in your zone are now leaders in Book Distribution in their respective categories. Particularly Miami, Gainesville, and Houston. I am glad to see that Abhirama is doing well. He is a very intelligent boy. Now he is concentrating on book distribution so there will be no difficulty. This should be our first business. Temple opening is secondary. Yes, I approve Amaranda's program to have the men go out on book distribution and distribute the feast at the Temple instead of at the college. Regarding closing the Phoenix center, since there is no Diety installed, it can be closed if you decide to do so.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-1-60

Mayapur

23rd January, 1976

Department of Development
and Planning

Government of West Bengal

Raj Bhavan, Calcutta

Dear Shri Chaudhuri ji,

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

The bearer of this letter is the secretary at our Mayapur establishment, and he will

explain to you about our activities there. I am presently at Mayapur and it would be a great satisfaction if you could kindly visit our establishment and see how things are being conducted. We are developing a plan to be self-sufficient. Namely, to produce our food grains, maintain cows, for drinking milk, and weave cloth for garments. We have plans for erecting a magnificent international city based on this Vedic culture. For this purpose we want a considerable tract of land, and I therefore wish that the Government may acquire some land for us so that we may develop our plan. I hope you can help me in this connection. I would be very glad if you could come to Mayapur, see our activities, take noon-day Prasadam and discuss with me.

I hope this letter meets you well.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-1-61

Mayapur

23rd January, 1976

Bombay

My dear Gopal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your two letters dated 13th and 20th January, 1976 respectively, and I have noted the contents.

You say my apartment will be ready by mid-March but without an elevator, how can I use it? Here in Mayapur we have begun construction on a 67 room Residential Quarters along the Northern boundary of the land to be ready for use by Gour Purnima. I have asked Tamal Krishna to send his Radha Damodar party's collections to pay for it. Chaitya Guru is engaged to help oversee the construction.

I have already sent by separate post the authorization for the Rs.22,143/49p to be transferred to the B. of Hyderabad a/c.

Regarding the Government trying to acquire our land, I have already told you to finish the Temple immediately. So far paying for Bombay construction, what is the wrong if I issue cheques as per your advice? Bank of America should send credit advices whenever they receive funds. You make a photocopy of the advice and against it I will send cheques. ECC only has to paid after 30 days, so what is the hurry?

Haridas told me he was going to Bombay. If he can't be trusted then let him work in Bombay under supervision.

You say you have enclosed copies of the land deeds from Nellore, but I did not receive them.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-1-62

Mayapur

23rd January, 1976

Mr. Morris Lapidus
Brooklyn

My dear Morris,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 5th, 1976. I am forwarding your letter to His Holiness Madhudvisa Swami who I have sent to New York to organize things. You may meet with him.

I hope this finds you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-1-63

Mayapur

23rd January, 1976

West Germany

My dear Pusta Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to

thank you for your letter dated 15th January, 1976.

I am very glad to know that you have already purchased the Mercedes. For such a long time this car has been required and now you are fulfilling that desire. Thank you. But you must pay your entire debt to the Book Fund in the future, otherwise you will become that disciple who spends the money of his Spiritual Master.

Since you are paying, there is no need for Radha Damodar Party to pay. Their money is already being utilized for construction in Mayapur.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-1-64

Mayapur

23rd January, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Ramesvara,

Please accept my blessings. Last year at the Mayapur meeting it was decided to build another residential building. Now the festival is fast approaching, so construction has begun today on a very long residential quarters. Due to urgency, I have asked Tamal Krishna to supply funds immediately. So whatever money his Party sends should be credited against their book bill. Also in the ratings it should be shown for book distribution, not as a Mayapur-Vrindaban Fund donation. They are sending the money as usual, simply I have asked them to send it directly to India.

I have received a letter from Pusta Krishna Swami. He has already paid for the Mercedes from his own money and he intends paying his debt to the Book Fund entirely in the future. Considering this, there is no need for Radha Damodar Party to pay for the car. Their money is already

engaged for construction.

Another point is that BBT cannot give loan to Dallas for Gurukula construction. That is not possible. Jagadisha Prabhu is expecting a loan of \$150,000 from the BBT. So I have told him that the money is already needed for construction here in India, in Bombay, Kurukshetra, and Mayapur. The best thing is that Gurukula should be moved to India.

Somehow or other arrange to give a loan for \$40,000 for a new Temple in Houston. It is a worthy cause.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/tkg

76-1-65

Mayapur

24th January, 1976

Shri Debasis Bagchi
New Delhi

Dear Shri Bagchi ji,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 26th December, 1976, which has only now just caught up with me as I was travelling.

Please go on with your translation work. When I see the translation, then we shall consider the honourarium. I am presently in Mayapur and will be remaining here until mid-March. I will be going to Vrindaban at that time.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/tkg

76-1-66

Mayapur

24th January, 1976

Coral Springs, Florida

My dear Chayavana,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to

acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 5th January, 1976.

Your normal life is Krishna Consciousness. If you so desire you can stay in Mayapur without taking any responsibility. Simply read books, take Prasadam, and chant Hare Krishna. Now, for the time being, you stay with your father. Later on you can decide.

I hope you are recovering.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/tkg

76-1-67

Mayapur

24th January, 1976

Shri P.L. Khanna
Calcutta

Dear Shri Khanna ji,

Please accept my greetings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 17th January, 1976, and I have noted the contents. Regarding the person in question, I have no such news so far. Be assured, my devotees in foreign countries do not admit unauthorized persons without first getting my permission.

Thank you for your concern. I hope this meets you well.

Yours faithfully,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/tkg

76-1-68

Mayapur

24th January, 1976

Vrindaban

My dear Nitai,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated 13th January, 1976.

Please continue to work on the Arcana-paddhati and finish it. We can not be sure that Pradyumna will come in time.

Also, you can go on translating the drama of Girish Ghosh. Everyone here has appreciated it. As you translate the scenes, there should be people rehearsing it.

In the syllabus of Nrishringa Ballabha Goswami, the Sankhya-karika must be by Kapiladev, Devahuti putra. The other is atheistic. There are two sankyas—theistic and atheistic. The Sanskrit in the Vishnu Purana is even easier than in Raghu-vamsa. Yes, Bhagavad Gita As It Is should be studied from the beginning. There must be study from my books also. Whatever the syllabus you make up, the point is to somehow or other get recognition. The syllabus can always be changed later on. If we can get equivalency for our degrees that will be even better than affiliation. But whichever is possible that you should get. It is very important because as soon as we are recognized then our students will be able to come very easily.

As far as the Bhaktishastris and other examinations are concerned, that we will discuss at the GBC meeting.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-1-69

Mayapur

24th January, 1976

Vrindaban

My dear Prithu Putra Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated 12th January, 1976 along with the news clippings. The newsclippings show that the public has appreciated very much our Movement. You can hold similar such programs in every big city and you will always get a nice reception. This is really preaching and Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu will surely be pleased with you and bless you. That you cannot stay anywhere very long

due to the rules of your visa is a blessing in disguise. It is very good for a sannyasi. Narada Muni was similarly cursed by Daksa that he could not stay anywhere very long and this only increases his preaching. So you also increase your preaching and be more merciful to a greater number of persons.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-1-70

Mayapur

26th January, 1976

Shri Tikamdas J. Batra

Bombay

Dear Shri Batraji,

Please accept my greetings. I beg to thank you for your nice letter dated January 20th, 1976.

Those who take Indian philosophy and scripture as mythological are not at all intelligent. They have been described in the Bhagavad Gita as "sinful", "rascals", "lowest of mankind", "bereft of all knowledge", and "atheistic" na mam duskrtino mudhah prapadyante naradhamah/ mayayapahrta-jnana asuram bhavam asritah. This psychological conception of the so-called Indian philosophers has killed Indian civilization. There is no question of mythology when Krishna says: dehino 'smin yatha dehe kaumaram yauvanam jara/ tatha dehantara praptir dhiras tatra na muhyati. A baby grows to become a child, and a child grows to become a boy, and a boy grows to a young man, and a young man develops to middle age, and grows to an old man, and then what is next for the old man. The so-called mythologists don't know what will happen to the old man. Neither they believe in the next life, and even if they do believe they don't know what will happen

to the old man or what kind of life he will get next. Therefore they are all fools and rascals.

How a rascal can become a professor? That is the defect of modern day education. It is said in the Srimad Bhagavatam: Na te vidhuh svartha gatim hi Vishnu. Philosophy means to find out the actual source of everything. Our Vedanta philosophy begins athato brahma jijnasa, to enquire about Brahma, that is real philosophy. And the Supreme Brahma is described as the original source of everything: Janmady asya yato, etc. Srimad Bhagavatam is the real philosophy because it describes the original source of everything—Janmady asy jatah. The first chapter of Srimad Bhagavatam begins with this verse. Accept this, all other philosophies are simply jugglery of words to mislead the less intelligent class of men. You are benedicted by Lord Krishna that you are doubting the philosophical speculation of the mudhas. Please try to read real philosophy—Vedanta Sutra and its right commentary by Vyasa-deva, Srimad Bhagavatam. And the preliminary study, Bhagavad Gita. If you

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directly in the Bhagavad Gita.

My request is that you read carefully the Bhagavad Gita As It Is and do not be misled by the fools and rascals. The fools and rascals have spoiled Bhagavad Gita simply by their interpretation. We have published it As It Is. Try to visit our center at Juhu—Hare Krishna Land—and associate with the devotees. They will be able to answer all your philosophical questions.

I hope this finds you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-1-71

Mayapur

26th January, 1976

Shri M. N. Chaudhuri
Calcutta

Dear Shri Chaudhuriji,

I beg to thank you for kindly accepting my invitation. It will be our great pleasure to receive you this coming Sunday, the 1st of February, at

I hope you are well.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-1-72

Mayapur

26th January, 1976

Hyderabad

My dear Mahamsa,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your telegram regarding the Nellore affair. I have already written you one letter on 18th January in this regard. The summary is, don't relax the conditions. We can either purchase for the price mentioned in the deeds or take in charity, but we cannot accept any conditions. My letter makes everything explicit. If they decline then try to acquire the land through Government because we have already installed the Foundation Stone.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-1-73

Mayapur

26th January, 1976

Sri Sri Radha Damodar TSKP
Tempe, Arizona

My dear Ramesvara,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated January

16th, 1976, and I have noted the contents.

Regarding supplying the Radha Damodar TSKP books at discount, there is no harm. The BBT should charge them the printing cost only and the balance they will send to India. It is the same as before, but instead of the money being sent to the BBT and then to India, this is shortcut and the money will go directly to India. As their collections depend entirely on book distribution, whatever amount they transfer here plus the amount paid to BBT in Los Angeles may be combined for listing in your monthly ratings as book distribution. In this way they will be encouraged to go on increasing the book distribution more and more and at the same time they will be encouraged to send more and more for the construction. There is no question of discounting them ore money than is needed in India, because we require crores and crores of unlimited funds. America has the money, so this is co-operation between the blind men and lame men. This will be a good name to your country, that Americans are building such nice buildings. It will make good relations between India and America. The next chance I have for meeting with Indira Gandhi I shall inform her about how much foreign exchange we are sending. After receiving your encouraging assurance that as book distribution increases the amount BBT sends will also increase, we are now going to attempt the Kurukshetra project and the Jagannath Puri project. For the time being we are spending in India, but eventually we will spend everywhere. This will greatly enhance the American's spiritual position.

Always remain dependent on Guru and Krishna and your progress will always be assured.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-1-74

Mayapur

27th January, 1976

Shri Ajit Kumar Chatterjee
Calcutta

Dear Shri Chatterjeeji,

I beg to thank you for your letter dated January 23rd, 1976. Please come with your articles and see me at Mayapur, we shall discuss on the articles and if they are correct, then we shall publish them. It will be our great pleasure. But first I must see how they are written. We have got sufficient place so you can stay here and we shall read them together.

Your theme is O.K. There were many devotees of Lord Chaitanya like Adwaita Acharya, and even Lord Nityananda who were grihastas. Lord Chaitanya left His grishasta life. It is a matter of understanding Krishna—that is the real qualification. Whether one is grihasta or sanniyasi, how well he knows Krishna. Srila Narottama dasa Thakura has sung: "grhe va vanete thake, he gauranga bole dake" Lord Chaitanya says "Kiba vipra, kibra nyasi, sudra kene naya, yei krishna tattva vetta, sei guru haya" So please come and we shall discuss your articles.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-1-75

Mayapur

27th January, 1976

Sri Gunendunath Chaudhury
Calcutta

Dear Sri Chaudhuryji,

I am in due receipt of your Bengali letter and I request you to come here to Mayapur. Live with us for some time, see the situation and conduct of your living

with us, and then we shall decide what to do next.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-1-76

Mayapur

27th January, 1976

My dear Jnanagamyā,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated December 26th, 1975.

Regarding making a movie to help people become Krishna Conscious. If we show such devotional activities as worshipping the Deity, the karmīs will think it is some sentiment, people worshipping a statue. Unless they hear from devotees and then practically perform devotional service themselves, what benefit will there be? As far as your point that those who say movies about Hitler identified with him and followed him, Hitler was still finished despite so much propaganda. Napoleon, Mussolini, Churchill—they all made so much propaganda—but the French, Italian, British, and German empires are all lost now. Our real propaganda is to chant the Hare Krishna Mahāmantra, and let the mass of people chant and dance with us. If this movie induces people to chant and dance it is O.K. If it aids our cause then it is welcome. The best thing is for you to give this subject matter to your GBC for discussion at this year's GBC meeting in March.

The photos you have sent are very nice. Thank you. I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-1-77

Mayapur

27th January, 1976

Laguna Beach

My dear Rebatinandan,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated 2nd January, 1976.

Where ever you deliver your lectures to students try to introduce at least our small books. If the students purchase these cheaper, smaller books, they will get a permanent impression of Krishna Consciousness. Especially present them *Easy Journey to Other Planets*, *Topmost Yoga*, *Beyond Birth and Death*, *Krishna Trilogy*, and *Nectar of Instruction*—these are cheaper and they can purchase them and read them easily.

Yes, for returning to England you should consult Hansadutta.

When you come to Mayapur and Vrindaban you will very much appreciate how everything has developed since you were last there. There are also very nice accommodations for the devotees living.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-1-78

Mayapur

27th January, 1976

Shri Birendra Kisor Roy
Calcutta

Dear Shri Roy,

We have received your letter in Bengali. Please come here to Mayapur. We shall talk and then we will do the needful.

I hope this meets you well.

Yours faithfully,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-1-79

Mayapur
29th January, 1976

Vrindaban

My dear Akshayananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated 23rd January, 1976 and I have noted the contents.

I have read the letter of Mr. Kapur. I am agreeable to coming to Kanpur; the question is when. You are planning a program at the Prayag Narayan Mandir on the 15th Feb. I know that Temple, it is very famous. If some program is held there, all Kanpur people will come. Just now I am resting at Mayapur, so if it is possible to hold this program without me, then I may not come. Otherwise, if my presence is required* then I can come. Following the Vrindavan festival there is a tentative program for me to go to Manipur. At that time I can easily visit Kanpur on my way to Manipur. Visiting at that time would be very convenient. We should certainly have a centre in Kanpur. It is the third most important city in India after Bombay and Calcutta.

It is not possible to give you definite answer on the land of Mr. Bhargava at this time. We have to wait to see what is the condition of the land during monsoon. If it is not too disturbed we can take it. We will have to wait until July atleast to decide. If we get the Kailash Mandir land and this land has a Goshalla, it will be a good combination.

I am glad that you are developing the mukut bussiness. Now the devotees must learn so that in the future professionals will not be required.

Regarding holding feasts on Dvadasi days, we don't want to invite some beggar class of men. Don't invite now. When Ramdas Shastri and Vishvambar think best then we shall invite.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

*being invited by some leading men of the city.

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76-1-80

Mayapur
29th January, 1976

Bhaktivedanta Manor

My dear Hansadutta,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated January, 23, 1976.

Your struggle in Germany is the struggle between Hiranyakasipu and Prahlad Maharaj, and Prahlad Maharaj must come out triumphant. When there is so much interference on the part of Kamsa, Krishna must come out victorious, and kill Kamsa.

Yes, begin the bus program village to village, distributing kirtan, prasadam and books. That will make our foundation strong.

Just pray to Krishna for help. Krishna will come out triumphant without any doubt.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-1-81

Mayapur
29th January, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Karandhar,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated January 21st, 1976.

The photos of my murti are very nice. The murti of the Spiritual Master should

be treated as good as the Diety. Saksad-dharitvena samasta-sastrair, uktas tatha bhavyata eva sadbhih/kintu prabhor yah priya eva tasya, The guru should be treated as good as God. This is stated in all the shastras. The difference is that God is master-God and guru is servant-God. So the installation ceremony for such a murti should be similar to that done for other Dieties. All Temples can have this Diety if they like. But Temples which have only Panchatattva painting worship should not be given this Deity.

You should make a murti of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati and then they may be worshipped together as is now being done in our Krishna Balaram Temple. They should be placed with Gour Nitai—Guru Gouranga.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-1-82

Mayapur

29th January, 1976

Atlanta

My dear Svarup Damodara,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated January 21st, 1976 and I have noted the contents carefully.

If you cannot come to India there is no harm. Ordinarily, if you leave, your application will be closed. Better not to take any chances. You instruct your assistants who are coming how and what to discuss with the GBC on your behalf.

In the tentative course outlines some additions are as follows. In the philosophy section there should be a class dealing with all the Vaishnava philosophies (the four sampradayas). Music class can be based on the Sama Veda. In the Political Science class Maharaj Prithu's life may

also be studied. There should also be a discussion with the GBC regarding what titles should be awarded to students who pass.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-1-83

Mayapur

29th January, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Dr. Wolf,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of a copy of a letter sent to Sriman Vedavyas dated January 14, 1976.

Mundane books are written by imperfect persons. Everyone has his own theory, which means he is imperfect. The Srimad Bhagavatam says if there is a real presentation of spiritual understanding, then even if it is presented in broken language, it is accepted by high, saintly persons, because it glorifies the Supreme Person. On the other hand, if literature is highly metaphorically composed, if it does not glorify the Lord, it is compared to a place inhabited by the crows.

Actually, if some literature doesn't carry any real knowledge, what is the use of ornamental language? We are not interested in presenting ornamental language.

In India the system is that people go to see the Jagannath Diety. The Diety is not very beautiful from the artistic point of view, but still people attend by the thousands. That sentiment is required. Similarly with our kirtan we are only using drums and kartals, but people come to the point of ecstasy. It is not the ornamentation, it is the ecstasy. This ecstasy is awakened by sravanam kirtanam by devotees. I

hope this makes everything clear.

Hoping this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-1-84

Mayapur

30th January, 1976

Sri Sri Radha Damodar TSKP

Tempe, Arizona

My dear Dhirstadyumna,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for sending the conversation between yourself and Professor Verdu. You have talked very nicely. I have asked that the conversation and photos as well as the letter of appreciation from Prof. Verdu, be printed as a small pamphlet by the BBT. Please study carefully my books to be enlightened. You have presented our philosophy very nicely. This engladens me that our students are presenting so convincingly. This is the way to become future preacher.

These T.V. engagements are very popular. If your bus program can arrange many T.V. shows it will be a very good propaganda.

I hope this finds you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-1-85

Mayapur

30th January, 1976

Berkeley

My dear Jayatirtha,

Please accept my blessings. I am forwarding to you the enclosed letter from Mr. Morris Yanoff, for necessary action.

Please do the needful.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-1-86

Mayapur

30th January, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Ramesvara,

Please accept my blessings.

Enclosed please find a conversation between Drystadyumna das and a Professor Verdu of the University of Kansas. It was a television program as you can see from the enclosed photos. The professor has very much appreciated the discussion and he has written that he will now teach a course with special attention to the teachings of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. This conversation can be published as a small pamphlet similar to the one published originally as the "Vedic Way" The photos can be used for the front and back covers. The letter from the Prof. Mr. Verdu, can also be included. You can also include some reviews from important professors on Chaitanya Chaitamrita. There should be an advertisement for Chaitanya Chaitamrita 1st Part ___ pp.; 2nd Part ___ pp.; 3rd Part ___ pp.; Complete ___ pp. It should be printed so that Temples can give to persons who offer small donations, even too small to give a BTG to. It will also impress all intelligent people, that our students can present our philosophy so nicely and authoritatively.

Now work is proceedingly full scale here on the new residential building and in Bombay work is beginning under the guidance of Larson and Tubrow. So Rs. 7 Lakhs will be required immediately this month for Bombay. In your BBT Trustees report you say that \$200,000. has been put in fixed deposit for one month. That one

month is now over so you can immediately transfer \$100,000. to the Bombay Bank of America account. The balance can be put on fixed deposit for another month and transferred to B. of America Bombay in the beginning of March when it matures.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-1-87

Mayapur

31st January, 1976

Aukland

My dear Bhurijana,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated 16th January, 1976 along with the enclosed donation. Unless there is loving feeling, how is it possible for you to always make offerings to me? The spiritual master is always instructing his disciples and they in turn are always trying to serve their spiritual master. It is a reciprocal relationship of love.

Naturally your daughter is chanting the transcendental Name of the Lord. It must be so, because unless one is pious in previous life, one cannot take birth in a Vaishnava family. Give her good chance to become Krishna Conscious more and more, and offer my blessings to your good wife Jagatarini.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-1-88

Mayapur

31st January, 1976

Puri

My dear Goura Govinda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to

acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 19th January, 1976 and I have noted the contents.

Regarding the mutation, I understand the Settlement officer has asked you to wait still another month. Also you have no men nor books. Neither you have any place to live. Therefore, the best thing is that you come immediately to Mayapur where I am staying until Gour Purnima. You can do your translation work nicely here, and after the Gour Purnima festival all the necessary arrangements for Orissa can be made.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-1-89

Mayapur

31st January, 1976

Shri K.C. Kapur

Kanpur

Dear Shri Kapurji,

Please accept my greetings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated January 17th, 1976.

I am remaining in Mayapur most likely until the end of March. At that time I shall be going to Vrindaban. Vrindaban and Kanpur are not far from each other, so it will be most convenient for me to come. From Vrindaban I am tentatively scheduled to go to Manipur, so I am thinking to stop in Kanpur on the way. In the meantime I am sending Shri Gopal Krishna das Adhikary, ISKCON's Zonal Secretary for India and Southeast Asia, to see the land.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-1-90

Mayapur

31st January, 1976

Phoenix

My dear Nalinikanta,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated January 12th, 1976.

I accept Mr. and Mrs. Kelley as my disciples. Their spiritual names are Sarvasiddhirat das and Svayamprabha dasi. Now you must hold a fire ceremony and they should vow to always chant minimum of sixteen round daily and strictly to adhere to the regulative principles.

Regarding Phoenix Temple, this should be discussed at the forthcoming GBC meeting. I want that in every village and town there may be Temple. But how far this is possible now, that has to be discussed.

I am glad that you are bringing 10 devotees to Mayapur for the festival. We are constructing 67 rooms more and we hope they will be ready when all the devotees come.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-1-91

Mayapur

31st January, 1976

Sri I, Kulabhandra Singh
Secretary, Manipur Gita Mandal
Imphal

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 8, 1976. I am looking forward to visiting Manipur in April. The list of Foreign and Indian devotees who will accompany me which Mr. L. Kulabidhu Singh has is quite alright.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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FEBRUARY

76-2-1

Mayapur
1st February, 1976

Paris

My dear Alain,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your French letter. Your feelings are very nice. Please continue chanting Hare Krishna, study my books, and follow faithfully the four regulative principles. Your path Back to Godhead will be assured.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-2-2

Mayapur
1st February, 1976

Dallas

Dear Elaine,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated October 20th, 1975. Your letter must have been forwarded a number of times and I have also been travelling, so I have just now received it.

It is your great fortune to be chanting Hare Krishna Mantra. This is the special purpose of human life. In the other forms of life like the animals, this opportunity is not available. So make your life perfect by becoming Krishna Conscious.

Spiritual life means to become pure, and chanting Hare Krishna will automatically make you pure. But just as when a physician prescribes a certain medicine, he also describes the conditions under

which the medicine will be most effective. Similarly, the chanting will have the most effect if you can abide by the principles of purified living: First, no eating of meat, fish, or eggs. Second, no gambling. Third, no taking of any kinds of intoxicants such as drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, coffee or tea. And fourth, no illicit sex life, which means sex life only within marriage and then only for the purpose of procreating Krishna Conscious children. If you can follow these principles and chant Hare Krishna, you will make great spiritual advancement. The best thing is for you to associate with the devotees at the Dallas Temple, then it will be much easier.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-2-3

Mayapur
1st February, 1976

Elwood, Australia

My dear Geza,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your appreciative letter dated December 1st, 1975. Yes, when I come next time I will see you.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-2-4
 Mayapur
 1st February, 1976
 Los Angeles

My dear Jagannatha suta,

Please accept my blessings. Thank you very much for the 10 copies of the latest issue No. 2 of Back to Godhead. It is very nicely done.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-2-5
 Mayapur
 1st February, 1976
 Ottawa

My dear Jagatikanda dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated October 15th, 1975, which has only just now arrived.

I thank you for your kind donation and for your willing service attitude. The disciple is always thinking how he or she can better serve the spiritual master, and the spiritual master is always thinking how to help his disciple to surrender to Krishna. Please continue the process of Krishna Consciousness with full enthusiasm and patience and there is no doubt Krishna will surely accept you.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-2-6
 Mayapur
 1st February, 1976
 Los Angeles

My dear Mangalananda,

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

January, 9th, 1976, and I have noted the contents. Your proposal for a varnasrama college shall be discussed at the GBC meeting at Mayapur, this coming March.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-2-7
 Mayapur
 3rd February, 1976
 Boston University

Dear Dr. Bhatt,

Please accept my greetings and thanks for your appreciative review of Srimad Bhagavatam. I am trying my best to publish the entire Srimad Bhagavatam, which will be about 60 volumes. Thank you very much for your encouragement.

I hope this meets you well.

Yours sincerely,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-2-8
 Mayapur
 3rd February, 1976
 Dipak Kanti Chowdhury
 New York

My Dear Dipakji,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 22 December, 1975, and have noted the contents. I am very glad to learn that you have got your M.S. degree in Industrial Engineering, so do finish your Ph D course. Kṛṣṇa will bless you with a good situation for the service of the Lord.

I am glad to learn that you are daily coming to our New York temple to worship the Deity. Most probably I shall be coming to New York next April where we

shall meet and talk more about spiritual progress of life.

Your ever-well-wisher,
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/dda

76-2-9

Mayapur

3rd February, 1976

Paris

My dear daughter Rajani,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your Hindi letter dated 11/11/75. I am so pleased to understand that you are living in our Paris temple under the good care of Bhagavan dasa.

I shall be coming to the USA in April and on the way I may stop in London. From London I may go to Paris and see you there. I am so pleased that you are chanting the Hare Krsna mantra 16 rounds regularly and following the principles. Stick to these rules and regulations and Krsna will bless you with Krsna consciousness.

Thank you very much once more.
Your ever well-wisher,
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/dda

76-2-10

Mayapur

3rd February, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Radhaballabha,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated January, 19th, 1976.

If the gold stamping on the bindings will increase the appeal of the books then it is O.K. Yes, I have also seen that the old cover cloths were very poor quality. It is good that you have improved them.

You can add to the Songbook the poem I wrote before arriving at the Boston Port

when I first came to America. This can be printed at the beginning of the books.

Ramesvara has asked some questions regarding the art work for the 7th canto, 1st volume. Please inform him of the following:

1. The sketch showing Hiranyakasipu very big is the better of the two. Yes, you should show fire emanating from his head.

2. There should be no effulgence around Prahlad. Hiranyakasipu should not be shown with a pipe. He was a non-smoker.

3. Krishna killing Sisupala took place inside, not outside.

4. To illustrate Prahlad being protected when he is thrown off the cliff, there should be a semi-visible Krishna waiting below, as if to catch.

5. Yes, you can show dead bones, skulls, and snakes in the dungeon. Prahlad was not actually attacked with the tridents, just threatened.

Please also inform Ramesvara that in future any transfers to Bank of America, Bombay, he should send me a photocopy of the bank advice to wherever I am.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/tkg

76-2-11

Mayapur

3rd February, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Swarupa and Ranadhir,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated January 30th, 1976 with the important enclosures.

The membership pamphlet is very nicely done. That you have got \$20,000 in 1975 from the members is certainly very noteworthy. Develop the program more if the results are so good. Also, along with

the pamphlet and *The K.C. Movement Is Authorized* you can send our book catalogue. Then the philanthropists will be able to purchase our books.

The reviews have very much encouraged me. Especially those of Prof. Bhatt and Prof. Vajpeyee. I have personally written a letter of thanks to Dr. Bhatt, that he has so much encouraged me. Dr. Vajpeyee's review we are going to print and widely distribute, especially in Bombay and Madras, where there is so much propaganda from these bogus gurus and yogis. He has got practical experience of how they are cheating the innocent people in foreign countries and he has written; "The authorized edition of Bhagavad Gita will help to stop the terrible cheating of 'gurus' and 'yogis' who are false and unauthorized."

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. The large blow-ups of the reviews are most important.

ACBS/tkg

76-2-12

Mayapur

3rd February, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated January 23rd, 1976.

Regarding the examinations, the idea is that anyone, after studying the books, who wants to gain the title of Bhaktishastri, can take the exam. This is academic. Just like a brahmin with shastric knowledge and a brahmin without. It is optional—one who wants may take. The real purpose is that our men should not be neglectful of the philosophy. The examinations will begin on Gour Purnima, 1977, not this year, so there is no reason why any

of the devotees should give up their normal engagement.

So far your idea for teaching classes, this should be discussed at the GBC meeting. If it does not hamper our normal procedure then it is welcome.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-2-13

Mayapur

4th February, 1976

Bombay

My dear Aditya,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 28th January, 1976.

The spirit soul is equal in either a man or woman. One who is actually engaged in the service of Krishna, there is no such distinction as man or woman. In the Bhagavad Gita, 6th Chapter, 1st Verse it is stated *anasritah karma-phalam karijam karma karoti yah/ sa sannyasi ca yogi ca na niragnir na cakriyah*. Anyone acting for Krishna, he is a sannyasi or sannyasini. It is also stated: *striyo vaisyas ta-tha sudras te'pi yanti param gatim*. So spiritually everyone is equal. But materially a woman cannot be given Sannyas. But you should not be bothered because you are serving on the spiritual platform.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-2-14

Mayapur

4th February, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Danavir,

Please accept my blessings. I am in

due receipt of your news letter of January 22, 1976 and I thank you very much. Your sincere endeavor to engage new devotees is very much appreciated. It is especially encouraging that these new devotees are taking on responsible service within our communities. They should follow our regulative principles, chant Hare Krsna and engage all day in the service of Lord Krsna. That is the only way that they will become satisfied.

Please continue with your service. Encourage everyone to take up this Krsna conscious life and set a high standard by your own good example.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-15

Mayapur

4th February, 1976

Madras

My dear Sravanananda and Bhava Bhuti,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated January 30th, 1976.

In Madras we have to construct a very gorgeous temple. In Nellore the owners of the land are putting so many impossible conditions that we cannot construct. So that foundation stone can be brought to Madras and used for the Madras temple. Now immediately find out some land and begin the construction. Never mind what the cost will be. We are not concerned with the amount of money, but we want a very attractive temple. The money should come from the gentlemen of Madras. The foreign funds are reserved now for Bombay, Kurukshetra, Jagannath Puri and Mayapur. But if absolutely required, something may be arranged. Go on sending funds to Hyderabad. That construction should be completed as soon as possible.

But whatever amount you have sent there, Hyderabad will repay you after their Temple is finished.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

76-2-16

Mayapur

4th February, 1976

Hawaii

My dear Sukadeva,

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

I am very glad to know that you have worked so diligently that the BBT debt has become almost nothing. It is very good that you have gone to Hawaii. It is a very good preaching field and our house there is one of the nicest in ISKCON. It simply requires very enthusiastic preaching and side by side very careful management. So I am confident that you can do both.

As you say that the mango season is fast approaching, then I will come and visit by April or May. Everyone knows that I am very fond of mangos. Actually amongst all fruits I like them most. They are considered the king of fruits. And Hawaii has very excellent mangos.

The Pancha Tattva should not have long hair. It should only come to Their shoulders as you have shown in the drawing. Please correct this.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P. S. If Gurukripa Maharaj is there please ask him to send me a report.

N.B. The initiation letter is coming by separate post.

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76-2-17

Mayapur

5th February, 1976

Honolulu

Dear Sukadeva dasa,

Please accept my blessings.

I have received the names of the candidates for initiation which you included in your recent undated letter and I accept them all as my duly initiated disciples. Their new spiritual names are as follows:

Scott Wheeler Whitley—Sauri das

Howard Lee Sewell—Haravapu das

Roberta Marie Rivet—Radhanarupini dasi

Shinna Theresa Diaz—Sakhi dasi

I also accept Kanva das Brahmachari for second initiation. Enclosed you will find his sacred thread which I have chanted on. Now hold a sacrifice, a fire ceremony, and afterwards the brahmana initiate may be allowed to hear the Gayatri mantra from the tape recording through the right ear. First initiate devotees must vow to always chant minimum 16 rounds daily and strictly observe the regulative principles. The brahmanas must practice cleanliness internally by chanting the Lord's glories and externally by bathing regularly. You personally should set a high standard for the new devotees to follow.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-18

Mayapur

6th February, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Ramesvara dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I have received your letter dated January 27, 1976 and have carefully noted the contents. Regarding the *Nectar of Instruction*, why not distribute it to the common men? Every

book is meant for everyone, but especially for the devotees. Please try to print a large number so that it can be distributed just like Sri Isopanisd.

Regarding *Kṛṣṇa Consciousness is Authorized*, the first thing you should do is arrange to have a few thousand sent to India immediately. They can be sent to the Calcutta temple but addressed to me. I am organizing an office of book distribution under my direct supervision, and I shall post these books to officers, professors, lawyers, etc. I think that the mass mailings of this book can be done by the BBT Mailorder department and BBT can cover the whole cost. But because we will be distributing it freely for the most part, you should try to get the cost reduced as far as possible. You can try to get a good response from your mailings, but regardless of the response, we should distribute this book indiscriminately to selected persons as I have already indicated: renown business, medical men, government officials, scientists etc. Your new membership publication should be included with the *Kṛṣṇa Consciousness is Authorized* in any mass mailing.

Regarding the money for Bombay, you may send it by the first week of each month. There is no need to ask Gopal Kṛṣṇa. Following each transfer of money, please send a xerox copy of the transfer slip to me.

Hoping this finds you well,

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-19

Mayapur

7th February, 1976

Shri Sudhi Kumar Dutta
Calcutta

My dear Sudhi,

Please accept my blessings. When I

met with you last in Calcutta I wanted to know whether or not you could organize the sales of our books. If you are interested in this connection, I can help you up to the extent of Rs.500 per month. Please let me know your decision if you are able to do this business.

Yours affectionately,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/dda

76-2-20 Mayapur
7th February, 1976

Binoy Krishna Mitra
Calcutta

Dear Binoyji,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your Bengali letter dated 5 February 1976. I have noted the contents therein and I wish to invite you to come and stay here in Mayapur.

Hoping this meets you well, I remain
Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/dd

76-2-21 Mayapur
7th February, 1976
New Delhi

My dear Ratan Mala devi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your invitation letter and I am very glad that your daughter Kum Kum is going to be married. Please convey all my blessings to the bride and bridegroom.

I shall remain in Mayapur up to the Gaur Purnima festival in April. Then I shall go to Delhi for our festival there. It will be a great pleasure for me to see you, your daughter and your new son in law at that time.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/dda

76-2-22 Mayapur
8th February, 1976
Guntur, A.P., India

My Dear Achyutananda and
Yasodanandan Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 2 February 1976.

Now we have books in so many different languages, they simply have to be distributed everywhere. Then gradually by reading them our movement will be appreciated by all.

Go on preaching, chanting, distributing prasadam and selling our books. I shall see you when you arrive in Mayapur. I may go to Bengala Desh at the end of February.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/dda

76-2-23 Mayapur
8th February, 1976
Los Angeles

My dear Jayasacinandana,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of January 22, 1976, and I have noted the contents. Thank you very much for your nice translation of *Mārkinē Bhāgavata-dharma*. It is well appreciated. I think it can be included in the front of the new printing of the song book, and it can be sung in kirtana like the other songs of Bhaktivinoda Thakur. I have included a few corrections below which can be noted. The other prayer can be called Prayer to the Lotus Feet of Kṛṣṇa, and I will be sending

comments on that shortly.

Corrections:

Verse 2: synonyms: *ei*—in this *ugra-sthane*—terrible place

translation: ...to this terrible place.

Verse 3: synonyms: *prasanna*—is happy or jubilant

Verse 5: transliteration: *bujhāle*

synonyms: *bujhāle nija-vasa*—under your controlling power

Verse 8: synonyms: *kāne*—by aural reception

bāra bāra—again and again

Verse 9: translation: accumulated in the core of the heart

Verse 15: synonyms: *dhara*—determination

translation: ...in my mind there is only great determination

Hoping this meets you well,

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/DDA/nd

76-2-24

Mayapur

9th February, 1976

Nairobi

My dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 18, 1976.

It is good that you are paying your debt to the BBT. Please continue to do that.

As far as entering crematorium is concerned, no, we cannot go. That is social system, but we are sannyasis. A sannyasi is in spiritual life, not in social life at all.

We cannot pay for Shakti Mati to see her children. Concerning her scheme, who will pay the rent and who will manage? We cannot. It must be solidly discussed. We can consider at the GBC meeting. Things cannot be whimsically proposed and adopted.

That was a foolish letter sent by Chayavana. He was crazy. These things should

not be done without first asking.

Regarding the devotees in Mauritius, first of all they must take care there. So some may come to Mayapur—1 or 2—but they must take care there.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-25

Mayapur

9th February, 1976

To the members of the family of Hirjibhai Gelabhai Baba.

Respected ladies and gentlemen of the family:

I am very sorry to learn that His Holiness Hirji Baba has recently disappeared from this material world. Last time when I was in Nairobi, I had some talks with him when we were preparing to take lunch at the house of Damji Devji. That was our last talk. So it is a great shock that he is not visible to our eyes. But as we know, the living being does not die. It is said about the saintly persons: *moro vajivo va* which means that the saintly person devoted to the lotus feet of the Lord is always glorious, either physically present or not present. So I wish that the devotees who took shelter of this saintly person continue to progress in spiritual life. May Krishna bless all of you in spiritual life.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

cc: Damji Devji

76-2-26

Mayapur

9th February, 1976

Berkeley

My dear David Alan Ladner,

Please accept my blessings. I am in

due receipt of your letter dated 19 November, 1975.

It is very nice that you chant and take prasadam with our devotees in Berkeley. Please continue to chant Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare and your life will most certainly become perfect. Actually real peace is to spread this chanting everywhere. That we are doing.

Regarding your request for money, we ourselves are beggars and if we do get some money, we immediately use it to spread the chanting of the holy name of Krishna.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-27

Mayapur
9th February, 1976

My dear Morris Lapidus,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated January 29, 1976.

Since we have already moved to our new location and everything is going on according to our standard program, we cannot possibly think of moving again or purchasing another building. Actually it is out of the question altogether.

If you have any further questions in this regard, please consult with Madhuvīsa Swami as I have instructed you in my last letter.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-28

Mayapur
9th February, 1976

Puebla, Mexico

My dear Vakresvara das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated January 12, 1976.

Thank you for the sentiments you have expressed. As far as serving me is concerned, you should chant 16 rounds of the Hare Krishna maha-mantra and obey the four restrictions—no meat eating, no gambling, no intoxication, and no illicit sex life. Also as much as possible go to our temple in Mexico City, nearby you, and associate with the devotees there.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-29

Mayapur
11th February, 1976

My dear Chayavana Swami,

Please accept my blessings. I have received your letter dated 6 February, 1976 and have noted the contents. I was informed about your coming to Calcutta, and I understood that you were coming to see me. Then I heard that you left. Now I am pleased that you are in Vrndavana and engaged in the Deity worship. But I think it will be good if you live with me and assist me in so many ways. Here there are other GBC and sannyasis like Jayapataka Maharaja, Bhavananda Maharaja, Tamal Kṛṣṇa Goswami, etc. It will be nice if you stay with experienced men. I hope you will be benefitted in this way.

Hoping this finds you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-30

Mayapur
11th February, 1976

My dear Madhavananda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated February 2, 1976, and I have noted the contents. I am very pleased to see that you are distributing 40-60 books daily. Please go on doing this; it is very good. Tripurari Maharaja is well advanced in this art and your intelligence combined will produce a good effect. Please stick to this engagement, and in that way you will be successful.

In India we haven't established a very strong distribution, but I want to organize sales here. Please consider this, and if you have any suggestions how to do it, please give them to me.

Hoping this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. Kausalya is there in Bombay. She cooked for me for a few days.

ACBS/dda

76-2-31

Mayapur
11th February, 1976

Atlanta

My dear Svarup Damodar,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 2, 1976.

Regarding your initial points you may refer to my previous letter dated 29th January, 1976.

As far as the College and University Lecture Party is concerned that is very important and it may be done very seriously. As a matter of fact Tamal Krishna Maharaj is here and he suggests that our educated gentlemen travel with his buses. So what is the use of working alone. Working conjointly is better. Therefore I

have instructed him to call you when he returns to the United States. He has assured me that his college programs are very organised and he is very enthusiastic to increase.

Regarding publishing books, these books can be published by you and men in your rank. Ordinary man cannot write such books. So therefore if a book is written by one man with 'Bhaktivedanta' or 'Bhaktisarvabhoutma' and it is of high quality then it may be considered by me for publishing.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/dda

76-2-32

Mayapur
12th February, 1976

Auckland

My dear Caru Gupta das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 29 January 1976 addresses to Bombay and forwarded here.

Regarding the restaurant, I would like to know how it is running on? Please send a description. How many people are responding? Send all the details.

By your next letter I shall give my decision concerning your initiations. You are already worshipping Gour Nitai so that is all right. And your wife is assisting you, so that is also all right.

So you wait for a while for initiation and if possible come to India to Mayapur and I shall initiate you.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/dda

P.S. The name Mṛnālīnī means lotus.

76-2-33

Mayapur

12th February, 1976

Bombay

My dear Dixit das,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 5th February 1976 and I thank you for it.

Regarding your desire to preach in Hindi and English, that is very nice. My suggestion is that you purchase one or two rooms in our Vrindaban centre. The price is Rs. 50,000 for one room or 60,000 for two rooms and you may have your choice of commodes. Thank you very much for your inquiry.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-34

Mayapur

12th February, 1976

Bhubaneswar

My dear Gour Govinda Swami,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 8 February 1976.

It is very good that you have completed one cottage. We are trying to send one man, but in the meantime just think that Krishna is with you and there is no need of disappointment.

Now that you have your cottage, you may remain there and Krishna will help you. You have my full blessings and you try your best and you will be successful. There is no need of coming to Mayapur now. If you can come for the festival, that will be nice, but it is not compulsory.

If you are not getting reply from Gopal Krishna then you may write direct to me. I am also writing Saurabh to send you a plan.

If you publish some book in Orrian language, that book will give you good support. So now you have an opportunity,

you are there and Krishna will help. Gradually we will help. Krishna is so kind, He is always ready to help. "dadami buddhi-yogam tam yena mam upayanti te."

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-35

Mayapur

12th February, 1976

Shri Ajit Kumar Chatterjee

Calcutta

My dear Ajit Kumarji,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 7th February, 1976.

The message of Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu was to give the same message as Krishna in the Bhagavad Gita: "surrender to Krishna" The pastimes of Radha-Krishna relationship are confidential and are not for the distribution to the ordinary public. Chaitanya Mahaprabhu used to discuss with Svarup Damodar, Ramananda Ray, Sikhi Mahiti, but not publicly. Ordinarily he was chanting the Hare Krishna mantra with ordinary devotees at the Jagannath temple. So I think you should not discuss Radha-Krishna pranayavikritih openly among ordinary conditional souls.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-36

Mayapur

12th February, 1976

Bombay

My dear Saurabh,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of one letter from Gour Govinda

Swami in Puri. In his letter he states that he is ready to submit plans to the municipal authorities. So I am herewith requesting you to send him a plan.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-37

Mayapur

13th February, 1976

Vrindavana

Dear Prithu Putra Maharaja,

Please accept my blessings. I have received your letter dated 5/1/76 from Kanpur and I have noted the contents with pleasure. The private programs you held in homes in Allahabad were very nice. I would also like you to arrange a suitable place for us to have a tent at the Kumba Mela. We shall go there and have a nice festival.

Regarding the engagements in Kanpur on the 14th and 15th of February, you certainly have my blessings. Please hold a nice program there and invite all the audience to our Vrindavana temple. In fact, wherever you go you should invite people to our temples (Vrindaban).

Thank you very much for your kind sentiments.

Hoping this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-38

Mayapur

13th February, 1976

Munich

Dear Sacimata devi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 6 February 1976, and the copies of the newspaper.

Thank you very much. I have instructed that these copies be displayed in our international literature display at our festival in March. Please continue with the nice work.

Hoping this finds you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-39

Mayapur

14th February, 1976

Paris

My dear Bhagavan,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 2.

Regarding the first volume of Srimad Bhagavatam, your ideas are very good. Yes, print Krishna-Balaram on the front and the creation on the end pages as you have said.

The Bhaktisastrī test will not be held this year, but it will be held next year.

So from your letters, I think things are going nicely, please continue. The book is also nice. Now sell them in huge quantity and print again.

Yes, it is good that you are opening a small centre in Belgium.

The boys you have recommended may be initiated. Hold a fire sacrifice and they may vow before the deity, the spiritual master and the fire that they will chant minimum 16 rounds daily and follow the four regulative principles. Their names are as follows:

Jean Jacques Poree—Yajnesa dasa

Bruno Vigneron—Brahma-jyestha dasa

Pierre Cortier—Pranesvara dasa

Claude Maurin—Kutastha dasa

Aziz Neilli—Akhilesvara dasa

Christian—Jagadvāsi dasa

Jean Claude—Yajñabhuk dasa

Christian Mauvillain—Jagatsrasta dasa
 Dairo Lopez—Devarat dasa
 Ian Johnston—Aniha dasa
 Christan Le Paumier—Jagannidhi dasa
 Georges Mauvillain—Ghora dasa
 Nestor de Guili—Niramaya dasa

The photograph of the Gaura Nitai deities is very nice and I have having the picture of the Geneva temple framed and placed on my wall.

I hope this meets you well.
 Your ever well-wisher,
 A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

76-2-40 Mayapur
 14th February, 1976
 Nairobi

My dear Brahmananda Swami,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 1, 1976.

If you are needed there, it is all right for you to miss the festival. You will have to accept the decisions made by the other GBC. You can gradually train Nanda Kumar. He is undoubtedly a good pujari.

Regarding your visa problem, I think by tactful arrangement they will extend, but you know better than me. Otherwise you can come here to India. Or better, why not go to Mauritius and take missionary visa there and at the same time work vigorously. Mauritius is also a nice place on the sea side.

Chayavana is now here in Vrindaban. And Chaitya Guru is here in Mayapur working, so we shall see later on about him.

Regarding your questions about the problems in your zone and your question about why are you there, these should be taken up with the GBC.

Please keep some men in Mauritius to

carry on as I have said in my last letter.
 I hope this meets you well.
 Your ever well-wisher,
 A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
 ACBS/dda

76-2-41 Mayapur
 14th February, 1976
 New Delhi

My dear Gopal Krishna,

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

Regarding the house, it is nice, but again after just two years we will have to vacate. Why such a short lease? Why not get a long lease?

It is very nice that the Delhi libraries are buying a big order of our Bhagawattam.

I hope this meets you well.
 Your ever well-wisher,
 A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
 ACBS/dda

76-2-42 Mayapur
 14th February, 1976
 San Diego

My dear Gunagrahi das,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 5, 1976.

Regarding your question about the brahmacharies, you may consult the GBC regarding this matter. Tamal Krishna Maharaj especially is qualified to give you good answer.

Thank you for the picture of Radha-Giriraj: it is very nice. I am having it framed for hanging in my room here in Mayapur.

The boys you have recommended may be initiated. Hold a fire sacrifice and they

may vow before the deity, the spiritual master and the fire that they will chant 16 rounds minimum and obey the four regulative principles. Their names are as follows:

Dan Cooper—Dhiman Dasa

Mary Sandoval—Mahodari dasi

The six devotees you have recommended for second initiation may also receive the gayatri mantra in the right ear and you may instruct them to be clean inside by always chanting Hare Krishna and clean externally by bathing regularly. You yourself should set the example for them all.

I hope this finds you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-43

Mayapur
14th February, 1976

Delaplane, Virginia

My dear Rupanuga,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 31, 1976.

I have before me the Sankirtan Newsletter for January 12-18, so why are you standing third?

Regarding Philadelphia's move, yes, that is all right. And yes, we require many Ph.D.'s for our Bhaktivedanta Institute for Higher Study.

The program in Amhurst is nice, continue it and develop it more and more.

As far as New York is concerned, that is nice. Let Madhudvisa be in charge.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-44

New York

Mayapur

15th February, 1976

My dear Bhaktijan das,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 24, 1976.

Regarding preaching in Harlem and taking sannyas order of life, you may speak to Madhudvisa Maharaj and work with him. He is senior man and sannyas, so I will consider seriously his recommendation.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-45

Michael S. Darby
Wheeling, W. Virginia

Mayapur

15th February, 1976

My dear Michael Darby.

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 15 February, 1976, and I have noted the contents. Later this year I plan to come to America and at that time you may find out my itinerary from Kirtanananda Swami and you may come and see me.

Regarding the history of ISKCON, please ask Kirtanananda Maharaj; he knows everything.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-46

Ahmedabad

Mayapur

15th February, 1976

My dear Jasomatinandana,

Please accept my blessings. I am in

due receipt of your letter dated 12 February, 1976 and have noted the contents. I am very pleased with your monthly Bhagavat-Darshan. That is a solid program. Please continue it steadily. One thing is, you must be careful with the subscription books so that they are not counterfeit or used by cheaters. One man, Agarwal, was cheating us in Kota and is now captured and given to the police. Unless one is authorised no one should be given a receipt book. Therefore you must have printed on each receipt: "NO BEARER CHECK; NO CASH; ACCOUNT PAID CHECK ONLY—MAKE PAYABLE TO INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS ONLY."

Yes, I approve your distribution ideas, namely subscriber agents, news agents. The subscription drive is a solid program. And if you regularly publish and get registered, you can get a one or two paise charges (postal concession). All right, you may take advertisements. Go ahead and educate the public regarding our philosophy and ISKCON activities. Also in the future there are many cities such as Bombay, Surat, and Calcutta with large numbers of Gujaratis, you may arrange for getting subscriptions there. Gradually as you work there, you will get local men to join you.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-47

Mayapur
15th February, 1976

Vrindaban

My dear Krishnanga devi dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 4th February 1976.

Do not let your mind be disturbed by so many things. Our movement is for chanting Hare Krishna. One can be happy under any condition. Samah duhkha-sukham dharam. Krishna Consciousness does not depend on any external arrangement. You should not go outside of the shelter of this ISKCON. Just try to be happy by chanting Hare Krishna and following the regulative principles.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-48

Mayapur
15th February, 1976

New Delhi

Dear Tejiyas,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 8 February 1976 and I have noted the contents. Regarding our sending someone to see Mr. S.M. Patnaik at Bhubhaneswar, we can do this immediately, however, we may not get a good reception from this man. I would like to have a letter of introduction sent here from Mr. J.B. Patnaik. When we have a positive letter introducing our organization, we can send one man to see Mr. Patnaik in Bhubhaneswar.

Hoping this finds you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-49

Mayapur
16th February, 1976

Gainesville

My dear Gadi das,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 27, 1976.

Regarding your questions; Arjuna, Yudhistira Maharaj, and Draupadi were not killed in the battle. They are always personal associates of Krishna. Wherever Krishna goes, they go. The Bhagavad Gita says: bahuni me vyatitani janmani tava carjuna. "Both you and I have passed many lives; I remember, but you do not."

And at the time of death somehow or other Krishna takes special care. He says: aham tva sarva-papebhyo moksaisyami.

Regarding distribution of my books, somebody may say something, but that doesn't matter. Somehow or other they are taking our Krishna book. However it should be done so there is not legal implication. And aggressiveness is not good. That should be checked.

So you may hold a fire sacrifice and Hiowana Nivens (Hatāri das) should vow to chant minimum 16 rounds and keep strictly the four regulative principles. Paramatma das may hear the mantra in the right ear. He should keep clean internally by chanting Hare Krishna mantra always and externally by bathing regularly. You yourself must set the example. Satsvarupa Maharaj can chant on the beads and you can find enclosed brahmana thread duly chanted on by me.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/dda

76-2-50

Mayapur
16th February, 1976

Delhi

My dear Hansadutta das,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 7, 1976.

Yes, with great pleasure I will accompany and we shall go village to village.

I have seen the pictures and the buses

look very nice. They appear costly.

Regarding London, what I can advise. We must have a city centre. You do the needful, whatever is practical.*

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

*At least keep 7 Bury Place London, as our London office
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76-2-51

Mayapur
16th February, 1976
Mikajima Ohaza, Japan

My dear Satadhanya das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 6 February 1976 and have noted the contents. It is nice that you are continuing to distribute BTG. If karmi dress is favorable, then go on with karmi dress. We have to execute missionary activities; dress is not fundamental.

Try to renovate our own position. Rectify it with the blessings of Krishna. Trivikram Swami is well expert in Japanese dealings.

Yes, your idea is correct. The Japanese boys should join our movement.

Gurukripa Swami has arrived here this morning and if he is not needed there I can send him to Bengala Desh.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/dda

76-2-52

Mayapur
17th February, 1976
Boston

My dear Madhava das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in

due receipt of your letter and article entitled "Matter Comes from Life"

It is very nice and why not publish in BTG? It must be published in BTG. And you must also publish in other journals. That is our business. Let them protest or accept. If they protest, we will reply them again. If they accept, then that is victory. It must be recognised that we are not just a religious sect. People are being kept in darkness, so we are trying our best to give this to the world; we must work in that spirit and become qualified.

Regarding your questions, matter originally is spirit and when spirit is not distinctly understood, that is matter. Just like a tree is also a manifestation of spirit soul, but the consciousness is covered. When the tree is cut, it does not protest. But the moving entity has stronger consciousness than the tree. There is consciousness in the tree though. Also consciousness in a dormant state is matter; consciousness in a completely developed state is spirit. Matter is the symbol of undeveloped consciousness.

Thinking is a subtle form of matter. Just like it says in Bhagavad Gita: "bhumir apo'nalo vayuh" Like the ether is subtle, the mind is more subtle—subtle form of matter.

As for your third question is concerned everything is in the spiritual world. Krishna is the sum total of spirit and everything is coming from Him. *Aham sarvasya prabhavo* .(B.G.) Matter, spirit, everything comes from Him. He is the supreme life, the origin of spirit and life. Therefore matter emanates from life. *Nityo nityanam*. He is the Supreme Consciousness of all other consciousness.

The moon is situated 1,600,000 miles above the sun. You may refer to the fifth canto and read carefully.

By the grace of Krishna you are already able to increase your service to me.

It is very nice to hear that the students

and teachers appreciate our philosophy. Your program will also help them. I am very much pleased with your program. Thank you very much.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-53

Mayapur

17th February, 1976

New Orleans

My dear Vic,

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

Thank you for the nice sentiments expressed therein. Go on chanting and reading our books, and gradually you will advance in Krishna Consciousness.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-54

Mayapur

17th February, 1976

Poona

My dear Prabhas das,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your Bengali letter dated 6 February 1976.

In reply I have sent you one telegram as follows: Prabhas immediately come to Mayapur. Signed: Bhaktivedanta Swami.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-55

Mayapur
17th February, 1976

Auckland

My dear Raja Laksmi dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 9 February, 1976.

My advise is always chant 16 rounds minimum and follow the four regulative principles. All of my disciples must agree on this point otherwise they are not my disciples. Let one live anywhere, but stick to the principles. Disagreements will continue in this material world. So one may live in a suitable place, but one must follow these five principles. My disciples must follow these principles living either in heaven or hell.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-56

Mayapur
18th February, 1976

New Delhi

My dear Amogha das,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 9 February, 1976.

The guests must be pleased when they give a donation. That shows they are pleased.

I have received a letter from Gopal Krishna wherein he states that you are distributing our books to libraries. That is solid. Simply by bluffing words these bogus gurus and yogis are actually accomplishing nothing. But when the people read our books then they will get good opinion.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-57

Mayapur
18th February, 1976

Cleveland

My dear Batu Gopal das,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 31, 1976.

I accept Sriman Dhananjaya Pandit das for brahman initiation. You may hold a fire sacrifice and he should listen to the Gayatri mantra in the right ear from the tape. He can be instructed that the duty of a brahman is to maintain cleanliness. Internal cleanliness is always chanting Hare Krishna and external cleanliness is bathing regularly. You yourself must set the example.

Regarding your question regarding your household situation, that is not the spiritual master's business.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-58

Mayapur
18th February, 1976

Bombay

My dear Hari das,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 16 February, 1976.

Yes, you have better work there. You should stay in Bombay and continue the same work there.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-59

Mayapur
18th February, 1976

Miami

My dear Prabudha dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 2, 1976.

Regarding the sales and distribution of your fruits, please kindly work out the details with Avhirama and Satsvarupa Maharaj. Satsvarupa Maharaj is GBC and senior man, he knows everything about prasadam distribution.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-60

Mayapur
18th February, 1976

Honolulu

My dear Upendra,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 5 February, 1976.

It is nice to hear that your ministers visa is being processed. In the meantime you can just wait. You will be the right person to be in charge of the temple. Krishna is giving you time for being perfectly trained up.

If others are not listening, then better not cause disturbance, but inform the GBC. On any serious matter you should inform me directly.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-61

Mayapur
19th February, 1976Shri D. C. Chakravarty
Calcutta

My dear Dwipen,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 17 February, 1976.

Please kindly come to see me here. I can provide all accomodations for you and your good wife, Uma and any others you wish to bring.

Looking forward to seeing you shortly, I hope this meets you well.

Yours affectionately,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-62

Mayapur
19th February, 1976

Calcutta

My dear Sridhar Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. Herewith Vrindaban is going to you. Please hand over the key as I instructed you and take the letters signed by him. Make three (3) copies in the letter heading of Vrinda Book Co. Keep two (2) copies with you and one (1) copy give to Vrindaban. I hope you have already furnished the room, if not do it quickly because they will enter the house tomorrow in the morning.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-63

Mayapur
21st February, 1976

Bhaktivedanta Manor

My dear Maeve Davies,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to

acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 7 February, 1976.

Please do not be worried. Our movement is essentially for spreading this chanting of Hare Krishna world wide. And the main responsibility of my disciples is to follow the four regulative principles and chant 16 rounds without fail. Please worry about that first.

The best thing is to send your daughter to Gurukula, but if you cannot do that, then somehow see that she is trained nicely in Krishna Consciousness.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/dda

76-2-64

Mayapur

21st February, 1976

Washington, D.C.

My dear Gabhira das,

Please accept my blessings. I have received one article from Rupanuga entitled, "Officials approve Krishna Ministry". Thank you very much. We have succeeded by Krishna's blessing. Now do it nicely. It is a great stride. We can start in other places, too.

In your office you can hang a nice picture of the Panca Tattva done by a good artist, or a sankirtan picture.

I am also recognized as an ordained minister by the immigration authorities.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/dda

76-2-65

Mayapur

21st February, 1976

Delaplane, Virginia

My dear Rupanuga,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to

acknowledge receipt of your two letters dated January 30 and February 13, 1976 respectively.

Regarding the examination, I never meant that the examination would be held this year. It will be held first next year. The examination is meant for the intelligent class, not all. Neither it is compulsory. So to pass the examination means one must have knowledge. There are higher intelligent class of disciples, otherwise it is not compulsory. So how to organize it, how to do it, you G.B.C. can decide. I have given the idea, now how to do it is up to the G.B.C.

Regarding the purchase of the Washington temple, that is all right if it is certain that all the monies paid out will be applied toward the cost price. Better purchase than rent. And I think that Brisakapi should follow the example of Rupa Goswami. Rupa Goswami took sannyas and gave 50% in charity, 25% for family use, and he kept 25% for emergency. Krishna wants to see that the life is sacrificed, but also accumulation, money, should be given to Krishna. Life to Krishna and money to wife is not a good decision.

Thank you for getting this chaplaincy. Now it should be done nicely and started in other places. It will be very nice if we can get it in every school.

It is nice they are maintaining and increasing the Rathayatra program in Philadelphia. Last year's program was very nice. That is good they have sold the jewelry business; we have got so nice book business, why shall we have this? You say Atlanta has pledged \$33,000, that is nice, whose business can give us profit like that?

Yes, this supplying of milk to the temple is wanted. Thank you. In the way that Atlanta is doing, every center must have a farm so we can get all milk and if possible vegetable, even fruit, flowers and milk.

They are getting a flat-bed truck, then

no blocking. They can sit comfortably and chant and people will hear. He (Madhava das) is giving a class at MIT, that is very good. I challenged them where is the technology to understand the distinction between a dead man and a live man.

Regarding relocating New Kuruksetra and beginning the Bhaktivedanta Institute there, first of all decide among the scientists, Svarup Damodar and party, and if they agree then I have no objection.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-66 Mayapur
21st February, 1976

Sudhir Kumar Dutta
Calcutta

My dear Sudhir,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated February 18, 1976. You can come immediately and talk with me at Mayapur. You can inquire from our Calcutta temple, because often our men go here by jeep. So you can take that opportunity to go by jeep. You may also phone the Calcutta temple; the telephone number is 44-3757.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-67 Mayapur
21st February, 1976
Paris

My dear Sukirti das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated nil.

Thank you for serving steadily and taking responsibility in Krishna Consciousness

The spiritual master cannot be approached for solving marriage problems. That is not the business of the guru.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-68 Mayapur
21st February, 1976
San Francisco

My dear Trivikram Swami,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 8, 1976.

Regarding having Parivrajakacarya go to Asia to preach, yes, I agree. It is all right.

Satadhanya will be required to stay in India after the festival.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-69 Mayapur
21st February, 1976
Murphy, Oregon

My dear Yamuna and Dinatarine,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 4, 1976.

Enclosed please find a true copy of my reply to your letter dated December 24th, 1976.

The thing is cow protection is not possible for women. You can keep two or three cows, but on larger scale it is not possible. You should not try to take care of more. It is not women's business. Women's business is getting milk and making milk preparations. On the whole larger

scale is not to be attempted by women. Manage a small asram, but don't try bigger scale, then you require the help of men.

Don't try manual exertion, then again there is mixture and that is not desired. Simply keep yourself aloof from men—chanting, many more times as possible, read books, worship the deity. I am very much pleased with this girl Svati—she has adopted this white dress. She must not be attractive at all. A widow is forbidden to use ornaments, nice sari, decoration, combing the hair nicely. These are forbidden for the woman who is not with husband.

I hope this meets you well.
Your ever well-wisher,
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

76-2-70 Mayapur
23rd February, 1976

The Manager
Punjab National Bank
Vrndaban

Dear Shri Manager Sahab,

REG.: The opening of your bank's office at the Krishna-Balaram Mandir, Ram Reti, Vrindaban, U.P.

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your both letters dated 7th and 14th February, 1976. I am very glad to know you have gotten sanction for the branch office at our Krishna-Balaram Temple. I thank you very much for your appreciation. So far as going to Vrindaban, I am engaged here until 17th March. Therefore the earliest that I can reach there by the 18th to 20th March, 1976, if you think you can wait up to that date. But if your order is to open immediately, I have no objection. I have all my blessings upon you all and you can do that. In case you open the branch earlier then let me know the exact date. On or before that

time I shall dispatch five (5) laks of rupees as desired by you. But if you think you can wait until my arrival by the 18th to 20th March, then I shall personally deposit the money on that date while opening the ceremony.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/dda

76-2-71 Mayapur
25th February, 1976
Auckland

My dear Bhurijan das,

Please accept my blessings. I have recently thought of a scheme to increase funds in our BBT account. I would like to send Indian goods to you for sales to the devotees and others. In the beginning I can have cloth sent, especially sarees. So many others are doing it successfully, we can also be successful. I will have the papers sent through Lloyd's bank as I have an account with them in London. So you can find out the Lloyd's branch there. You can deposit all monies received from sales of the sarees in the Lloyd's Bank. You may also keep a percentage of the sales for yourself. Please advise me if you are able to execute.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/dda

76-2-72 Mayapur
25th February, 1976
Athens

My dear Dina Dayal das,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 6, 1976.

It is nice to hear that your activities are

going on successfully in Athens. Chaitanya Mahaprabhu says, prithivite ache yata nagar adi gram sarvasa . . . so now it is actually becoming a fact. This movement is being spread everywhere. Maintain your activities and increase gradually. I have instructed everything in my books. You may translate the Bhagavad Gita first.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-73

Mayapur

25th February, 1976

Bombay

My dear Giriraj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated February 10, 1976.

It is my intelligence and your cooperation that is working. There is a story of a man who was challenged whether he had any intelligence. He then began to look in his pocket. When asked why he was looking in his pocket, he replied, "if there is money, then there is intelligence" So you have gone so far to collect money and intelligently, but if there is no money, where is the intelligence. Both must combine, then everything works out nicely.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-74

Mayapur

25th February, 1976

London

My dear Vicitravirya das,

Please accept my blessings. I have recently thought of a scheme to increase funds in our BBT account. I would like to

send Indian goods to you for sales to the devotees and others. In the beginning I can have cloth sent, especially sarees. So many others are doing it successfully, we also can be successful. I will have the papers sent through my personal account in Lloyd's Bank and you can deposit all monies received from sales of the sarees in my account. You may also keep a percentage of the sales for the London temple. Please advise my secretary if you are able to execute.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-75

Mayapur

25th February, 1976

Vrindaban

My dear Nitai,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 17 February, 1976.

We will wait for the letter from Giridhari Lal.

As for the college, anyway take some affiliation, that will help students to come here on student visa.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-76

Mayapur

26th February, 1976

Bhaktivedanta Manor

My dear Bhaja Hari das and
Mukunda das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 18th February, 1976.

Yes, Harikesa Maharaj can do nicely

there. I do not know the program in Hungary, but London speaking is more important, going to the colleges and universities. I am confident that he can speak well. He may read more books and preach, now he is a sannyas.

The bus programme is a good idea.

Yes, any lease may be submitted to me for approval.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-77

Mayapur

26th February, 1976

Justice A. C. Sen

Calcutta

Dear Sir,

All Glories to Lord Sri Krishna.

I understand from our Life Member Sri Saral Kumar Das Gupta that you are interested in Krishna Consciousness Movement. I therefore invite you to come to Sri Mayapur Chandrodya Mandir to stay with us and see our Krishna Conscious activities here.

We will then have an opportunity to present you with Krishna conscious books like Bhagavat Gita As it is, Srimad Bhagavatam, Chaitanya Charitamrita etc. for your perusal and comments.

Yours faithfully,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

76-2-78

Mayapur

27th February, 1976

Hyderabad

Dear Mahamsa Swami,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of *The Hare Krishna Explosion*, vol: No. 21. You must stop circulation of this paper immediately. It is not

being properly managed. Who is thisascal who is writing such articles. See to this immediately.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-79

Mayapur

28th February, 1976

Vrindaban

My dear Akshayananda Swami,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 23rd February, 1976.

If we get chance, we must open a center in Kanpur. It is a very important city in India. I heard that there was someone who was willing to give us a house. Kanpur is the third most important city in India next to Calcutta and Bombay. We must open a center there, if there is a chance.

Padampat Singhania can himself build the whole gurukula. Similarly Banthuram Jaipuria who is our member, I think, can build the whole thing. If anyone gives the whole money for the building, then we can call the building in his name. The mercantile community is advised to follow the brahmanas. So you are bonafide brahmanas. And if the Vaisyas follow your instruction, they will be happy and pious.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-80

Mayapur

28th February, 1976

Bhubaneswar

My dear Goura Govinda Swami,

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

the 20th February, 1976.

Gopal Krishna was just here to see me, so he has been made aware of Sri Jagadish Prasad again. He is going to contact Mahamsa Swami and certainly if the man has paid the fee, he should get the benefits as much as the others are getting.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

cc: Mahamsa Swami, Hyderabad

76-2-81

Mayapur

28th February, 1976

Sahitra Ratra

Azamgarh, U.P., India

My dear Srinath Das Khanna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 15th January, 1976.

It is too bad that you are suffering too much. However this may be taken as the mercy of the Lord. If the Lord gives us some inconvenience then we may take it that He has reduced our actual punishment and just given us a token punishment. So you remain fixed up at the Lotus Feet of the Supreme Personality Sri Krishna and by always thinking of Him

and trying to render some little service to Him, everything will come out all right.

It is nice that you are chanting the Hare Krishna mahamantra and reading the *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*. Continue that and Krishna will surely give you protection as He states: *kaunteya pratijanihi na me bhakta pranasayati*.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-2-82

Mayapur

28th February, 1976

Sanskrit Vidyapith

Ajmer, Rajasthan

My dear RamRam Maharaj,

Thank you very much for your kind letter dated 11th February, 1976. And please accept my greetings.

As I am scheduled to stay in Mayapur up to the end of March, I am giving a copy of your letter to my zonal secretary. So you should hear from him shortly.

I beg to remain

Yours faithfully,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

cc Gopal Krishna das

MARCH

76-3-1

Mayapur
4th March, 1976

My dear Gurukula devotees,

Please accept my blessings. I have requested that Dayananda go to take complete charge of Gurukula, so you all please cooperate with him. I do not wish that the Gurukula should be closed. Please work combinedly and endeavour with great determination to keep it going on nicely.

Thank you very much.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/dba

76-3-2

Mayapur
4th March, 1976

P.R. Mohapatra, M.A.
Senior Deputy Manager (P.O.)
Food Corporation of India,
42-Hem Chandra Street,
Calcutta-23

My dear Mr. Mohapatra,

Please accept the blessings of Lord Krishna. I am in due receipt of your letter dated February 21, 1976 and I have noted the contents with care. Here in Mayapur we are trying to create a place of inspiration for people throughout the world. It is in Mayapur that the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, appeared. This information comes to us from the Srimad Bhagavatam.

kr̥ṣṇa-varṇam tvisakṣṇam
sāṅgopāṅgāstra-parsadam
yajñaiḥ sankīrtana-prayair

“yajan ti hi sumedhasah (S.B. 11.5.32)
“In this age of Kali those who are intelligent perform the congregational chanting of the Hare Kṛṣṇa maha-mantra, worshipping the Supreme Personality of Godhead, who appears in this age along with His associates to inaugurate the sankīrtana movement, or chanting of the Holy Names. That incarnation is yellowish in hue.” This description is there in the Srimad Bhagavatam, and there are other references also in the Mahabharata, etc. This sankīrtana of the Holy Names is the Yuga-dharma and all intelligent men will appreciate, as you are also appreciating the importance of this movement.

As you know March 16 is the birthday celebration of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu, and you are welcomed at any time to visit our centre in Mayapur. I thank you for your interest and look forward to your visiting our Mayapur centre with your family in the near future.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-3-3

Mayapur
4th March, 1976

My dear parent,

Please accept my blessings. There has been a serious mistake. I do not wish that Gurukula should be closed down in Dallas. So you kindly arrange to send your child back to Gurukula.

One thing is at least for the time being,

you must arrange to pay the tuition for your child. If you like, you can get my books and sell them and you can pay tuition in that way. You purchase at the temple's price and sell them and with the profit you can pay your tuition.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/dda

76-3-4

Mayapur

4th March, 1976

My Revered Sripad Sridhar Maharaja,
Please accept my humble dandabats. As we are eager to meet, I am sending hereby Srīman Satadharma das to hand over this message: I can send my personal car at any time you like to come here. Kindly let me know when I shall send my car to bring Your Holiness here to our temple.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Yours very sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-3-5

Mayapur

5th March, 1976

Kulapati
RamRam Maharaj
Shri Brahma Puskara
Sanskrit Vidyapith
Puskara, Ajmer (Rajasthan)

Dear RamRam Maharaj,

Thank you very much for your kind letter dated 11th February, 1976. And please accept my greetings.

As I am scheduled to stay in Mayapur up to the end of March, I am giving a copy of your letter to my zonal secretary. So

you should hear from him shortly.

I beg to remain

Yours faithfully,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

cc: Gopal Krishna das

76-3-6

Mayapur

6th March, 1976

Subhash Chander Batra,
22 Medina Crescent,
Scarborough,
Ontario, Canada

My dear Mr. Batra,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter with enclosed check and I thank you very much. I am very happy to learn that the new Toronto centre has been acquired and I thank you for assisting our mission in this way. It is also very nice that the building is now transferred into the name of our ISKCON. All over the world we are acquiring so many nice centres and this is Krishna's mercy simply to help us push on our preaching work. Thank you very much.

Hoping this meets you in good health,

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-3-7

Mayapur

7th March, 1976

Frankfurt

My dear Harikesa Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated March 1, 1976 and I have noted the contents with care.

I have marked how they are attracted to our kirtan and prasadam there in Hungary. If they consider our philosophy too revolutionary, there is no necessity to print books immediately. First, the heart

must be cleansed by chanting Hare Krishna and taking Krishna prasadam. To take birth in such place is due to impious past so it is not easy for them to immediately accept our philosophy. Just give them chanting and prasadam. You must be very tactful to preach in such places. If you like you can print one record there as you have suggested.

If the young people become very serious, if you find it is detrimental to have them wear dhoti and shave head, that is not necessary. Simply introduce the chanting and prasadam distribution and gradually they will be elevated to being Vaishnava. A vaishnava is aloof from all material conditions of life, so even under such circumstances a vaishnava will not feel inconvenienced. Kirtiraj should be returning to preach in Eastern Europe so you can work together to introduce Lord Caitanya's samkirtan movement in this part of the world.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-3-8

Mayapur

8th March, 1976

Melbourne

My dear Samjata dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 13 February, 1976 with enclosed daksina and I thank you very much. Now you must very strictly follow the orders of your spiritual master by chanting 16 rounds of japa daily and accepting the 4 restrictions; no illicit sex life, no intoxication, no gambling, and no meat-eating. In this way you will surely

make progress in Krsna Consciousness.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-3-9

Mayapur

8th March, 1976

Dallas

My dear Robert,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated February 18, 1976 and I have noted the contents with care.

You mention that the scientists try "to simplify the problem at hand by neglecting any complex factors that may be present." What is that simplification? That there is no God. Their position is "sour grapes." They try by their speculation to understand things, and being unable they say there is no God. So we can use this science to defeat them, just as I have many other disciples, such as Swarup Damodar. He is Ph.D. in Chemistry and now he is using his scientific background to defeat their atheistic arguments. There is a Bengali proverb: tor shil tor noda, tor bhangi dater goda. I take your mortar and pestle and I break your teeth. This means that we use the scientists own weapons and with them we defeat their atheistic philosophy. There is another example. A hatchet is sitting before a tree. The tree asks, "what are you doing here?" The hatchet replies, "I have come here to cut you down." The tree then said, "You can not cut me down, alone, but with the help of my descendants you can do it." The idea is that the ax-handle is made of wood, and so without the assistance of the wooden tree, the hatchet is useless. Similarly, we can use our materialistic knowledge to defeat the atheistic

philosophy of the scientists. So you also can continue your studies and learn what is shil and noda (mortar and pestle) so you can break their dater goda (break their teeth).

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-3-10

Mayapur

11th March, 1976

Delhi

My dear Giridharilal,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your kind letter dated March 8, 1976 and I have noted the contents very carefully. It will be a great pleasure for me to meet with you either at Delhi or Vrindaban when I return the 26th of March, this month, to Delhi. More when we meet. In the meantime, I hope this meets you in good health.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-3-11

Mayapur

14th March, 1976

Boston

My dear Ambarish das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated March 8, 1976 and I have noted the contents carefully.

I am glad to hear of your program. Try to satisfy your parents also. Your parents desire that you become educated also, although they do now know that someone who is a devotee is best educated.

I have sent one letter to Sruti Kirti das in Hawaii. He has been managing the restaurant very nicely in Honolulu and now

he can come to assist you in opening another prasadam restaurant there in Boston. I am enclosing a copy of the letter which I have sent to him.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-3-12

Mayapur

14th March, 1976

Honolulu

My dear Sruti Kirti das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter, hand-delivered, dated March 5, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

I have received one letter from our Ambarish das. He is presently in Boston living at the following address: Alfred Ford, 124 Chandler St. #5, Boston, Mass. 02116, U.S.A. He is very eager to open another restaurant there in Boston. Boston is a very good city for there are many, many young people and a Hare Krishna Restaurant where we serve delicious Prasadam will be appreciated there. So there is some disagreement that you are having there in Hawaii so better that you immediately go to Boston and work with Ambarish das to open another successful restaurant.

I hope that this meets you in good health,

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

cc: Ambarish das

76-3-13

Mayapur

16th March, 1976

New Delhi

My dear Tejyas,

Please accept my blessings. I am enclosing one copy of a letter to the Punjab

National Bank, Bengali Market, New Delhi. Kindly attend to this immediately. We can discuss further when I come to Delhi on the 24th March.

Hoping that this meets you in good health,

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-3-14

Mayapur

18th March, 1976

Sri Triloki Nath Acharya,
Jnana, Gudadi (Gudri)
Vrindaban, (Mathura District)
U.P.

Dear Sri Acharyaji,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 24th February, 1976. It was addressed to Calcutta temple but on account of not mentioning the zonal number, it was delivered very late in Calcutta, then it was redirected here in our above temple.

However, I am so glad to receive your letter and I reply that I require your good help in my preaching work. We are preaching all over the world with great success and you'll be pleased to know that we are selling our books tremendously. The general estimate is collection of Rs. 1 lac to Rs. 5 lac daily. Our preachers are very much enthusiastic but in India they have got a language difficulty. If you cooperate with us along with other learned devotees, we can immediately take up preaching work in India with great enthusiasm. We have got 8 big and small buses and one very nice car for my personal use. If you will start sankirtan movement from town to town and village to village with the cooperation of other learned Indian men like yourself, I'm sure that in very short time our endeavour will be successful.

Kindly see me on the 30th March,

1976, at Vrindaban in my Krishna-Balar Temple either in the morning between the hours of 10-12 or in the afternoon between the hours of 5-7 p.m. along with this letter.

Thanking you once more for your willing cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-3-15

Mayapur

18th March, 1976

Sri S.R. Acharya,
Sripally, Palta,
P.O. Bengal Enamel,
District 24-Parganas (N),
W. Bengal

Dear Sriman Acharya,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your postcard dated 10-3-76 and I am very much pleased that a learned scholar like you is prepared to cooperate with our preaching activities. If you kindly come in Calcutta* on the 22nd or 23rd March, 1976, at any time between 10-12 in the morning, or 5-7 in the evening along with your papers, I shall be very glad to meet you and talk with you on the subject matter.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

* 3, Albert Road (near Theater Road and Camac St.)

Calcutta

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76-3-16

Mayapur

19th March, 1976

My dear Guru Kripa Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. The check for rs. 89,433.44, Check no. 6206 83679,

of Bank of America, Bombay, is marked A/C Payee only. So how it can be deposited in my personal account? If necessary you must start an account at my bank, the Central Bank of India, 10, Camac Street, Calcutta-17, which is just near the temple. You can deposit the check in this account in your personal name, Gregory M. Gottfried, and give a *formal* notice to the bank in writing that when the funds are realized (when the check is cleared), the entire amount should be transferred into my account number 831, in favor of A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami. This account is with the same branch of the Central Bank on Camac St. Thank you very much.

I hope that this meets you in good health,

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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n.b. If necessary this letter can be shown to Mr. Dutta, the Bank Manager.

76-3-17

Mayapur
21st March, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Karandhar,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated March 5, 1976 which was delivered to me by Ramesvara. Hridayananda Maharaj has suggested that why don't you come to South America and assist him in responsible management. That is good idea. Please keep me informed of your activities.

I hope that this meets you in good health,

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-3-18

Nairobi

Mayapur

21st March, 1976

My dear Mahavirya,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 1-3-76, and I have noted the contents with care.

Concerning your request for babaji initiation, when I come to Nairobi we can discuss it further. I gave babaji initiation to one other devotee but now he is off somewhere restless.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-3-19

Mayapur
21st March, 1976

Dr. Chittaranjan Mohapatra,
Krishna Youth Club
Jasotikiri, Akhuapada,
Balasore, Orissa 756122

Dear Dr. Mohapatra,

Please accept my greetings. In reply to your questions of your letter dated 16-3-76 addressed to my secretary, I beg to offer you the following on the basis of the sastras. Krishna is the Supreme Personality of Godhead. The dictionary defines God as the Supreme Being, therefore, Krishna is the Supreme Personality of Godhead. This is confirmed in the Bhagavad-gita: *Mattah parataram nanyat, kincid asti* (B.G. chapter 7, text 7) "There is no Truth superior to Me. Everything is resting upon Me, as pearls are strung on a thread." And in many other shastras Krishna is accepted as the Supreme Personality of Godhead. All the acharyas such as Ramanuja, Madhva-charya, Nimbarka, Lord Chaitanya, and innumerable others have come to this

conclusion: that Krishna is the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

Concerning your question as to why we should sacrifice everything to Him; because He is the Supreme Personality of Godhead, He is the Proprietor and Enjoyer of everything; Bhoktaram yajna tapasam sarva loka mahesvaram (B.G. 5/29). Everything belongs to Him. We have unlawfully encroached upon His property this is mine, that is mine Krishna comes down to teach us real knowledge, therefore He tells you to give up encroaching on His property. Better to deliver it to Him. Therefore, perfection of life is when we deliver or return everything to Him, and He tells us this for our benefit! The sooner we return everything to Him, the better it is for us. Our Krishna Consciousness Movement is teaching this fact all over the world.

One should not think that Krishna is an ordinary man. If you think like that then you do not know anything about Krishna. Avajananti man mudha manusim tanum asritah (B.G. 9/11). "Fools deride Me when I descend in the human form. They do not know My transcendental nature and My supreme dominion over all that be." All the mudhas or rascals consider Krishna to be an ordinary man, but He is not ordinary, He is the Supreme Being. Where do you get this information that Krishna is an ordinary man like us? In no Vedic Literature it is said that Krishna is an ordinary human being. In the Brahma-Samhita it is said: Isvara Parama Krishna He is described as the Supreme Being. I do not know on what authority you can say that Krishna is an ordinary human being like you or me?

Sacrifice does not mean murdering. The real work is yajna. Yajna means Vishnu. In the Bhagavad-gita, yajna is prescribed. Yajnarthat karmamo'nyatra loko'yam Karma-bandhanah (B.G. 3/9). "Work done as a sacrifice for

Vishnu has to be performed, otherwise work binds one to this world." Yajna is prescribed in Vedic Literature. Yajna means satisfying Lord Vishnu. Lord Vishnu's another name is Yajna-Purusha. One must satisfy Him anyway that He likes. Patram puspam phalam toyam yo me bhaktya prayacchati (B.G. 9/26). If one offers Me in devotion a leaf, flower, fruit or water, I will accept it." Not that whimsically offer.

You also mentioned that how can I give up attraction for woman; when you learn to love Krishna, then you can forget your lusty desires for women. Krishna's another name is Madan-Mohan. When Krishna is within the heart, then the Madan or lusty desires become defeated. If we learn to love Krishna, our lusty desires will be finished, otherwise not.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-3-20

Mayapur
21st March, 1976

Indre, France

My dear Patit Uddharan das,

Please accept my blessings. I received one letter from Shaktimata Devi Dasi whom you know from London. She is presently in Nairobi and is looking for a good husband for her daughter. She wrote one letter appealing that you might consider marrying her daughter. So, if you are agreeable then I have no objection.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
n.b. her address in Nairobi is: Srimati Shaktimati, P.O. Box 41770, Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa.
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76-3-21

Mayapur
21st March, 1976

Bombay

My dear daughter Nirmala,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 11-3-76 and it is very nice how you are appreciating. It is also nice that you are caring for the devotees. They have left everything for me, so they should be treated as sons and daughters.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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My regards for your good mother-in-law

76-3-22

Mayapur
21st March, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Ranadhir das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated March 5, 1976 along with the lists of libraries and professors who have taken standing orders. Yes, you can compile a list of all the professors who have taken at least 1 of our books and please note his address as well as the title/s of the book/s that he has taken. I thank you very much for your hard work in sending out the 200,000 Krishna Consciousness is Authorized pamphlet to leading citizens. Please continue with this important work.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-3-23

Mayapur
21st March, 1976

Foreigners' Registration Office,
Calcutta

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that my student, Mr. Gregory M. Scharf (Gargamuni Swami) was sent here to India by me for his immediate assistance was required. In New York he was told at the Indian High Commission that an entry visa would take 11 weeks, however, I required his assistance immediately, so he arrived on a tourist visa. Since his service here in India is valuable as G.B.C. (Governing Body Commissioner) for our branch in Mayapur, International Society for Krishna Consciousness, kindly give him visa. Your willing assistance in this matter will be much helpful.

Your sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-3-24

Mayapur
21st March, 1976

My dear Dr. Wolf,

Please accept my blessings. I received your kind letter dated March 7, 1976 which was hand-delivered to me. Very soon I shall be able to see you and talk. Kindly chant Hare Krishna, and follow the regulative principles, see the Diet in the temple, and take Krishna prasadam.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-3-25

Vrindaban
23rd March, 1976

New Vrindaban

My dear Kirtanananda Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated March 8, 1976 and I have noted the contents carefully. Why should they complain about the way we are living there? We have our cottages and we take our own food. However, if it is necessary to make alterations, you can do. Concerning plumbing indoors, that is not difficult. This can be done very easily if you have a high water tank, and sufficient water there. Just like sometimes we see at big, big factories. If the water supply is sufficient, there is no question of insanitation. Disease comes when there are dirty conditions. Also, don't eat more than necessary. As soon as palatable food is offered, they eat. That is the disease. Concerning the outhouses, if they are not approved then you can have a septic tank, or pass stool in the open field. I was doing that. I never liked to go to the nonsense toilet so I was going in the field.

Your request to take out a loan in books can be arranged so it is good idea. I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-3-26

Vrindaban
24th March, 1976Sri S.R. Acharya,
Sripally Palta
P.O. Bengal Enamel,
District 24-Parganas
W. Bengal (N)

My dear Acharyaji,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 21-3-76, and I have noted the contents with care.

I shall be in Vrindaban up until the 10th April after which time I shall be going out of India. You can come to our Vrindaban Temple. You have got enough scope for engaging yourself in journalism and peaceful living. If you are in difficulty then by showing this letter you can take a railroad ticket from our Abhirama das Adhikari, the president of our Calcutta temple located at 3 Albert Road, Calcutta-17, near Camac Street and, Theatre Road. It will be a great pleasure to talk with you when we meet.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-3-27

Vrindaban
24th March, 1976Sri Kashinath Mullick,
39 Jatindra Mohan Avenue,
Calcutta-5

My dear Kashi Babu,

Please accept my greetings. Last night at the Thakur Bati we had a very nice meeting, so I wanted to talk with you of improvement of the Uddharan Dutta Thakur Path. I know you are managing the establishment so nicely till now but still further improvement can be done if you cooperate with us. We want to establish a small gurukula as mentioned in the Srimad Bhagavatam, accommodating willing Vaishnavas who will follow the Vaishnava behavior strictly; arranging worship of the Deity by the sincere devotees who will not take any remuneration and who follow the Vaishnava principles.

I do not know how many devotees are staying there for taking prasadam, but I want at least 25 devotees to stay there

regularly for taking prasadam, occasionally holding festivals also for distributing prasadam to anyone who visits the temple. I am thinking in this line. I am hoping that you can give me your considerate opinion as to how it can be done. Furthermore, I wish to be enlightened to know how much land the mandir possesses for cultivation because I wish the temple community to be self-sufficient by producing their own food grains. In foreign countries we are organizing our centres on this principle. Here also in Mayapur we are doing the same thing, and we have just taken on another place, Haridaspora, the place of Haridas Thakur. There are 6 bighas of land and they have donated it to us, and we are trying to develop it according to the above mentioned program.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-3-28

Vrindaban

27th March, 1976

Adelaide, Australia

My dear Citta Hari das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 18 March, 1976 with enclosed daksina and I thank you very much.

Now the new devotees must all be trained very nicely how to render devotional service by chanting 16 offenseless rounds daily, and following the 4 regulative principles. Kindly set a nice example yourself for everyone and in this way make your lives perfect in full Krishna Consciousness.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-3-29

Bombay

27th March, 1976

Chairman,
Managing Committee,
The 14 Cooperative Societies,
Juhu Ville Parle Development Scheme,
V.L. Mehta Marg,
Juhu, Bombay-56

Dear Sir:

As you may know, our Hare Krishna Land is very popular with the residents of Bombay, in particular the local residents and devotees of Juhu Beach and surroundings. Many visitors regularly attend religious services and we are trying to provide suitable facilities to this end.

Now with so many devotees visiting from the colony, it is necessary that we have access from the colony side to the temple. At present we only have access to the temple from the sea-side and it is proving a great inconvenience to visitors coming from the colony side. We therefore request that access be kindly granted to us on the colony side for the benefit of the many worshipers who regularly visit the temple. We request that you kindly give us permission to construct a suitable access to our property from the colony side and that you kindly provide us such land for use as may be necessary.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-3-30

Vrindaban
27th March, 1976

St. Louis

My dear Pranada das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated March 16, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

Concerning your questions about tantric shastras; the Vaishnava tantras are bonafide literatures, just like Narada-pancharatra, but not the atheistic tantra which have nothing to do with the Vedic literatures.

sat-karma-nipuno vipro, mantra-tantra-visaradah,

avainavo guru na syad, vaisnavah svapaco guruh. (Padma Purana)

"Even if a brahmana is very learned in Vedic literatures and knows the six occupational duties of a brahmana, he cannot become a guru or spiritual master unless he is a devotee of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. However, if one is born in a family of dog-eaters but is a pure devotee of the Lord, he can become a spiritual master."

The point is that Krishna is the Supreme Personality of Godhead, and He is always Purusha (male) not female (prakriti). "Purusham sasvatam divyam, adi devam ajam vibhum." Worship of the mother aspect is prakriti, not recommended by Krishna for the intelligent class of men.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-3-31

New Delhi
27th March, 1976

The Ambassador of the
United States of America,
Chanakya Puri,
New Delhi

May it please Your Excellency,

I beg to introduce myself as the founder-acharya of the above institution. Our mission is to preach Krishna Consciousness (God-Consciousness) all over the world, and in your country alone we have got about 40 branches in all the important towns of America. In all the countries, the majority of my disciples are Americans. I met Mr. Kenneth Keating, your former ambassador to India and he was a personal friend to my disciple, Sri Gurudas Adhikari. A copy of his letter is also enclosed herein.

I have seen a house situated at 12 Ring Road, New Delhi, which is your property. Immediately we need a house for our residential purposes. My disciples are mostly Americans. Our main activities are to preach philosophical and cultural literatures, a list of which is also enclosed. It is understood that the house is for sale and if you kindly give us some concession rate we can immediately pay you. So kindly do the needful. I am sending you Gurudas Adhikari to take care of this on my behalf.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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APRIL

76-4-1

Vrindaban
2nd April, 1976

Prem J. Batra,
97, Amatragar, Chakala
Kurla Road
Andheri Bombay 400-043

My dear Mr. Batra,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated March 27, 1976 with enclosed article. Concerning your questions raised, the process is simply to hear from authority and accept it. From the Bhagavad-gita we can understand Krishna because He is explaining Himself. What is the difficulty to understand. There is somebody Superior in all aspects of material activities. The sun rises exactly on time, the seasons changing, fruits appearing, and flowers. There is no change in the law of nature. Don't you think that there is a Superior Being managing these things. Why not accept this proposal. It is no explanation that it is simply accident that all these things are going on so nicely. "Mayadhaksena prakriti sayatte sacara caram This material world is working under my direction, O son of Kunti, and it is producing all moving and unmoving beings. By its rule this manifestation is created and annihilated again and again." (B.G. 9/10).

Reasoning is there if you simply explain that Krishna is full in 6 opulences: strength, knowledge, wealth, beauty, fame, and renunciation. No one can excel Krishna in opulence. Nobody is equal to or greater than Krishna, therefore He is God.

The word for philosophy is tattva

darsan—the Bhagavad-gita recommends that one approach a spiritual master who is tattva darshana, one who has seen the truth. This is philosophy.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-4-2

Vrindaban
2nd April, 1976

Vrindaban

My dear Chitsukananda das,

Please accept my blessings. The proposed farm project in northern California is approved by me. Such projects as well as constructing temples, protecting cows, gathering milk, then making ghee, then opening Hare Krishna Restaurants are all good programs for grihasthas.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-4-3

Vrindaban
2nd April, 1976

Lautoka, Fiji

My dear Deoji, (and Upendra das)

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your two telegrams from Fiji, and I can inform you of the following. I am scheduled to leave Vrindaban for Bombay on the 12th April and then departing for Melbourne enroute to Fiji

from Bombay on the 18th April. Allowing some days in Australia, we could be in Fiji on or about the 24th or so of April. The only delay could be that I am scheduled to meet the minister of Haryana concerning the donation of land to us at Kurukshetra. If the meeting is favorable it may be necessary for me to attend a conference in Kurukshetra in late April, April 29th. However, that is not settled yet and so far my plans to arrive in Fiji on or about the 24th April stand. I shall inform you immediately as soon as I know of the Kurukshetra land. In the meantime, you should honor the contract, and if necessary do whatever is required. If I am delayed beyond the date of beginning the construction contract then I shall give you further details what to do.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-4-4

Vrindaban
2nd April, 1976

Mr. Dhawan
Sunenri Dham
Mohalla Dehra,
Manimajra, Chandigarh

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your kind invitation dated Chandigarh, 19-3-76, addressed to my Bombay address. I am very glad to learn that you are endeavouring to understand the prime goal of life, without which the facility of human life becomes futile. I have just come back from Delhi yesterday and I'm preparing for going to Australia by the 10th April, therefore, I am very sorry that I must inform you I will not be able to attend the function, however, I am sending herewith

the answers to your questions, as far as I know. As we have received this knowledge from the greatest authority, Krishna, these answers will be acceptable in every sphere of spiritual activity.

First question: What is the true aim of human life?

Answer: The real aim of life is to go back to Home, back to Godhead. We all living entities in different forms of body numbering 8,400,000 forms beginning from the acuquatics up to the best advanced form of human life, there is a regular evolution by the laws of nature. The real fact is that we living entities although part and parcel of God, on account of our own disobedience have come down to this material world under different circumstances. We have different types of material dresses to fulfill the tendency for sense gratification, and this by the laws of nature, by association with the 3 modes of material nature. We are transmigrating through different forms of life. So this human form of life is given to us as an opportunity to understand our position because in the human form of life we have more developed consciousness than the lower forms of life like the acuquatics, insects, plants, birds, beasts and the civilized and uncivilized human beings. So the point is that a human being must know the aim of life is to go back to Home, back to Godhead.

Question #2: Which is the exact path to attain this aim?

Answer: God is great and we are all subordinate to God. In other words, God is the Supreme Master and we are all living entities, servants of God. Therefore, the path which teaches this fact, that a living entity is eternal servant of God, that is the only single path which leads one back to Home, back to Godhead.

Question #3: How many leaders have actually achieved this aim?

Answer: This aim is a fact, and the

path is a fact, and anyone who takes this path, he can achieve the goal. According to our authorities who have achieved this goal, there are many, many acharyas. In the recent years, within 1500 years, the following acharyas are actually leaders of this goal of life. They are Ramanujacharya, Madvacharya, Vishnuswami, and Nimbarka, and latest within the last 500 years is Lord Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. There are many such leaders who have achieved the goal of life and if you want to follow them, the path is very clearly mentioned.

Question #4: why all the present religions and spiritual systems came into existence, contradicting each other when humanity is meant to follow only one religion?

Answer: Religious system means the law given by God. In every system of religion the order is to follow the instruction given by God or His representative. Unfortunately, the so-called followers deviate from the orders of the master and sometimes create their own concocted religious system. Otherwise, there can't be different religions. We therefore accept only one religion which teaches one how to love God. Any religious system which doesn't teach this, how to love God is not religion, but is cheating system. The conditioned souls who have come to this world on account of forgetfulness of his eternal relationship with God is prone to be cheated, but a person who is sincere is not cheated, but he takes up the path which leads one to the perfection of life, how to love God. The present religious and spiritual systems in varieties come into existence on account of imperfect leaders who defied the authority of God. My suggestion is therefore that the leaders who actually agree as eternal servant of God may sit together and find out the ways and means of one religious system in this world. God is one. There cannot be many

gods, otherwise there is no meaning of God. In the English dictionary, you find that God means the "Supreme Being." There are unlimited number of living beings, but God is one Supreme Being. Supreme Being must be one. Nobody can be equal to Him, and nobody can be greater than Him, otherwise there is no meaning of God. At the present moment it has become a fashion to become God very cheaply, therefore, such system being very cheap and not authorized, there are so many religious systems. Otherwise, God is one, all living entities are His eternal servants, and therefore, the real religious system is to learn how to serve God.

Question #5: What has Hazur Mohammad Sahib said about 14th Century and why?

Answer: I have not sufficient information about the instruction of Hazur Mohammad Sahib, but if you mean Mohammad, the inaugurator of Islam religion, I accept him as empowered servant of God because he preached God consciousness in those parts of the world and induced them to accept the authority of God. He is accepted as the servant of God and we have all respect for him. I do not know what he has said about the 14th Century, therefore, I cannot answer this point. You are mentioning the Holy Names of Nanak, Krishna, Kabir, Christ, Mohammad, etc. Out of all of these names we accept Krishna as the Lord and all others representative servant of God, Krishna. In the English dictionary, it is said God is the Supreme Being, and when Krishna appeared on this earth He proved to be the Supreme Being in all respects. We are spreading this Krishna Consciousness Movement all over the world and if all the leaders would accept this philosophy of the *Bhagavad-gita As It Is*, then I am sure that the world would be fortunate to follow one type of religion, and accept one God without any faulty conviction.

I thank you once more for your invitation and I regret very much that I will not be able to attend but it will be a great pleasure for me if the leaders of the conference will like to correspond with me regarding our conclusions as above mentioned.

Thanking you once more,

Yours faithfully,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-4-5

2nd April, 1976

V.G.K. Dipple,
9 Kensington-Garden-Square,
London W-24Bh,
England

My dear Dipple-Kularatnam,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 15-3-76 and I have noted the contents with care. I have forwarded your letter to one of my disciples who is presently in South India, and I have advised him that the two of you can conjointly work together to open a centre in Colombo. That will be very nice, so if by mutual cooperation the two of you can begin a centre there it will very much please me. You can correspond with Pradyumna das Adhikari at the follow address:

Pradyumna das Adhikari,
c/o Raghurama Acarya,
Sri Pejvara Math,
Car Street,
Udipi, S.K.
Karnataka, India

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-4-6
Mayapur

Vrindaban
2nd April, 1976

My dear Hansadutta Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letters dated March 29 and March 30, 1976 and I have noted the contents with care. Concerning your need for some competent Hindi speaking devotees to assist the village program, I am authorizing that Lokanath Swami can go with the buses. Also, I am aware of the shortage of manpower at Mayapur and I am sanctioning Bhavananda Maharaj to do the needful and also for some men to go from here, but whether they actually are being sent?

If it is not possible for you to come to Vrindaban immediately, that is alright. You can manage conjointly with Gopal Krishna by correspondence. So far Himavati's engagement is concerned, she is organizing the nursery here in Vrindaban for the young children. There is a meeting with one minister of Haryana and if it is favorable we may be given some land in Kurukshetra area. It may then be necessary for me to attend one large function there in late April if we are given the land, anyway, however, nothing is fixed up yet. Otherwise, if my presence in Kurukshetra is not needed, I will be flying to Bombay the morning of April 12, and then leaving for Australia, Fiji, and Hawaii about the 18th of April.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-4-7
Glasgow

Vrindaban

My dear Niranjan das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in

due receipt of your letter dated 16th March, 1976 and I have noted the contents with care. Concerning your translating into Hindi, you had translated some small books into Hindi, where are they? Please send them to Bombay address. Also, you can write small articles for the Hindi magazine here, "Bhagavat Darshan." Also, translate more small books into Hindi and send them to Bombay.

There was one Hindi translation of "Bhakti-rasamrita sindhu" which I saw, I do not know the name of it. It was published in Benares and I saw it at one friend's house. One of my Godbrothers attempted also to translate the same into Hindi with Sanskrit slokas but he only completed a few pages. If you like his address is Sridhar Maharaj, P.O. Nabadwip, Dist. Nadia, W. Bengal.

Your program of visiting the local Hindu temple and giving discourse on our philosophy is nice. Try to follow the four regulative principles and chant 16 rounds daily and you will gradually make progress in Krishna Consciousness.

I hope that this meets you in good health,

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-4-8

Vrindaban
2nd April, 1976

Hyderabad

My dear Yasodanandan Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 22 March, 1976 and I have noted the contents carefully. My program will be confirmed by the end of April. There is a proposed meeting with the chief minister of Haryana for organizing Kurukshetra and if that meeting is serious, then certainly I shall remain in India. The minister is sup-

posed to meet me in Vrindaban before the 10th April and after the meeting I shall let you know my program.

Concerning the story of Prahlad (Varaha Nrsimha), if the story is mentioned in the Puranas then it is alright. I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-4-9

Vrindaban
6th April, 1976

Kanpur, India

My dear Kapurji,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your kind letter dated April 2, 1976 and I have noted the contents with care. Concerning the Chitra Studio, I very much appreciate your offering and I am sending Gopal Krishna das Adhikari along with one of our experienced photographers and filmmakers, Yadubara das Adhikari. They will surely arrive within the next couple of days and do the needful in this connection on my behalf. Thank you very much.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Yours faithfully,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-4-10

Vrindaban
6th April, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Krishna Kanti das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated March 27, 1976 with enclosed cassette tape and I thank you very much. I very much liked the chanting on this tape. It is very excellent and should be popularized and it will

be a great success. Introduce this into every home and that will help them, and if they read our books then finished, no more material life. Yes, when I come also I can make a tape of chanting Hare Krishna but the chanting of Hare Krishna by the other boys on this tape is very nice. Thank you.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-4-11

Vrindaban
6th April, 1976

Chandigarh

My dear Premyogi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your kind letter of 3 April, 1976 and I have noted the contents with care. If you are serious about serving Krishna, then remain with us for some-time to learn the transcendental art.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-4-12

Vrindaban
6th April, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Puru das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated February 7, 1976 addressed to Hridayananda Maharaj. Concerning the use of sour cream in the temple, it should be stopped immediately. Nothing should be offered to the Dieties which is purchased in the stores. Things produced by the karmis should not be offered to Radha-Krishna. Ice cream,

if you can prepare, is o.k., but not otherwise. Now, you have such a big stock of this sour cream, so sell the stock at any cost. Who is the rascal who has purchased without permission?

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-4-13

Vrindaban
10th April, 1976

Kanpur

My dear Kapurji,

Thank you very much for your letter dated April 9th, 1976. I am very sorry I could not go personally because the Ramnavami function is going on, and there was other function in Mathura yesterday; it was very successful meeting. Tomorrow I am going to Bombay, and then Australia. I will be in Bombay up to the 17th, at Hare Krishna Land, Juhu Road, Juhu, Bombay 400 054.

I can understand from your letters that you want to retire from business. It is very good proposal, but instead of devoting yourself to solitude, why not come with me and travel in foreign countries for some time? This will help you to obtain direct experience of our activities, and maybe you can become a preacher like me.

Hoping this meets you in good health,

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-4-14

10th April, 1976

Udupi, Karnataka

Dear Sri Viswesha Teertha Swami ji

Please accept my greetings.

I have received your letter from Guntur inviting me to Udupi through my disciple Yasodanandan Swami. I am very eager to come however due to prior commitments my program has already been scheduled. I am building one Kaliya-Mardana temple in the Island of Fiji and I will go there via Australia, where we have 4 centres, then New Zealand, where we have a center in Auckland, then on to Fiji. Afterwards I will visit my centre in Hawaii, Los Angeles (California) and New York.

In spite of my preaching program overseas, the scheduled program in Udupi on the 11th 12th 13th may go on and my sannyasi disciples Yasodanandan Swami and Achyutananda Swami will carry on the program there. Please help them to make this program a success.

Yasodanandan Swami has written an article on Madhvacarya and Udupi and it has been submitted to my monthly journal Back To Godhead, which has a circulation of 10 lakhs copies monthly.

This Sanatana Dharma prachar is the real path followed by all pure acaryas such as Madhva, Ramanuja, Sri Chaitanya and others. Kindly help us to spread this Krishna Consciousness movement all over the land of Bharat Bhumi.

I hope this meets you in good health.

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

76-4-15

Bombay
13th April, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Karandhar das,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 30, 1976 and I have noted the contents with care. Concerning your going to South America to assist there, if you like there is no need to go immediately. First you can complete the exhibit there in Los Angeles. There is no need to go immedi-

ately.

I shall be visiting our centres in Melbourne, Auckland, Fiji, then Hawaii. After some time I shall then come to Los Angeles. I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-4-16

Bombay
13th April, 1976

Gorakhpur

My dear Madhava Sharanji,

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 6 April, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care. I am going to Australia shortly, and thereafter to New Zealand, Fiji, Hawaii, etc. It will take about 4 months to come-back. There will be another temple opening ceremony in Hyderabad by August, 1976, and probably I shall return by that time. Kindly try to meet me when I return and we shall talk more when we meet.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-4-17

Bombay
13th April, 1976

Bombay

My dear Smt. and Shree Sadajiwatlal Chandulal Bahl,

Please accept my blessings to you and your family. I received your kind invitation to attend your daughter's wedding and I thank you. As you know we are constructing the Hare Krishna Land project in Juhu Beach and we trust that you and your family members will take advantage

of the facilities for generations to come.

I hope that this meets you in good health.*

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

I am going to Australia on the 18th.

76-4-18

Bombay

14th April, 1976

Vrindaban

My dear Akshayananda Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to inform you that one of our life members, Kanailall Taparia, has generously consented that we may use his place in Vrindaban. He has 12 rooms (10 are small and 2 are big), and they are located in the vicinity of Krishna Bhakti ashram in Raman Reti. You can make inquiries just where it is and survey the facilities.

Now there is some commotion about all the householders and children at the Temple so they can move there and we can use the 2 big rooms as a Gurukula for now. It does not matter that the land is not ours, that we can negotiate later, but we can utilize for the time being and negotiate later to purchase or not, or even he may contribute outright to us.

You can see the property and let me know promptly of the outcome. I shall send you a letter of authorization from Mr. Taparia in short time.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-4-19

Bombay

14th April, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Hasyapriya das,

Please accept my blessings. I have received one telephone call from Sruti Kirti who is presently with our Ambarish das in Boston. They are attempting to open a beautiful Hare Krishna Restaurant there and they say it is a good place. Ambarish is prepared to make substantial investment to do this and the problem is that they require some householders to assist in the maintenance and cooking there full time. They need about 8 devotees to work full-time who are dedicated and would like to assist in the opening of the restaurant. It is also a good opportunity to see practically how this is done as Sruti Kirti and Ambarish have good experience from the Hawaii Restaurant.

Please contact Sruti Kirti at the Boston temple and assist them with the devotees necessary if at all possible so that they can develop the Restaurant there very nicely.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

cc: Sruti Kirti

76-4-20

Bombay

16th April, 1976

Vrindaban

My dear Akshayananda Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I have received one invitation for a preaching engagement in Solan, Himachal Pradesh. There is some function there from the 6th May to the 13th May, 1976, and we have been invited for preaching. They have mentioned taking care of all arrangement and expenses. If you are free you can go

there and preach at this program. The gentleman's name is: Sri Hari, address below:

Sri Hari Mandir, Solan
Quarter 3, (number 3)
Somash Kanda,
Giri Nagar,
Kalkazi, New Delhi (110019)

You can contact him at this address for further information.

Hoping that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-4-21

Bombay

16th April, 1976

Bombay

My dear Panjabi Premanand,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 13 April, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care. Concerning your questions: Yes, it will help to read Bhagavad-gita but to have to hear from the realized person. Without the help of guru, if you read independently, you may be misguided. Therefore, so many politicians, scholars, etc. not being guided by the parampara system, have simply misled the public. The Bhagavad-gita is the standard book of knowledge in India and many eminent persons like Gandhi, Aurobindo, Dr. RadhaKrishnan, etc. they tried to understand the Bhagavad-gita, but could not do it. They were themselves misled and on account of their big position they misled so many followers. Our system, the Vedic system, is to approach the right person and hear from him exactly as Arjuna listened from Krishna. Mental speculation will not help. Hearing is the main point. In the Bhagavad-gita, it is written, dharmaksetre kuruksetre when you hear from a realized soul, a per-

son who knows things, he'll explain that Kuruksetra is a place where religious ritualistic ceremonies are performed from time immemorial, from the time before the Battle of Kurukshetra. But, if you read the books of some cunning politician, he'll mislead you and you'll learn that Kuruksetra means this body which is not actually the fact. That is the difference, hearing from devotees, the sound vibration coming from the realized person. Reading the book is the same thing tattva-darsana—hearing from one who has seen the truth. Reading or hearing from the realized person there is no difference, but hearing the sound vibration from the realized soul is still more effective, better.

Concerning your offering of doing padayatra, travelling village to village; what is the use of getting the land in the hands of politicians who cannot properly utilize the land according to the instructions of Krishna. That's a fact, but if Indian young men join me I am immediately ready for this travelling touring from village to village, town to town. However, my foreign disciples have the language defect, they can't speak the village language, otherwise I would have started this program long ago. If some young men like you would join me then along with some foreign disciples I can immediately take up this program. If you are very eager, please get hold of at least half a dozen young men like you then with another half dozen foreign disciples, I can immediately take up this program and tour village to village and town to town. It will be very, very effective, I know that.

To think of Krishna 24 hours a day, if you are serious this can be done. It is not very difficult. Your associates are harassing you for your interest in spiritual culture, yes, that is due to India's great misfortune. They're impressed with so-called politicians and scholars of the modern

age. The example is given in this connection that when a man is ghostly haunted, he speaks all nonsense. At the present moment they're all ghostly haunted and in this delirious condition the only cure is chanting the Hare Krishna Mahamantra.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-4-22

Melbourne
21st April, 1976

Boston

My dear Amburish das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated March 22, 1976 and I have noted the contents with care. I am happy to know that you are appreciating our work amongst the academic community. This is very important work to gain the acceptance of the academic world. If scientific men and scholars accept, the more that is a great stride. Here we have seen also in India. Burdwan University in Calcutta has taken a standing order. Also, in Benares the university there took 14 Standing orders. Please let me know how the restaurant is developing there, and also assist me in getting our books recognized by the academic circles there in Boston. That will be very nice.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-4-23

Melbourne
21st April, 1976

Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Blasko,

Please accept my blessings. I am in

due receipt of your letter dated March 12, 1976 and I have noted the contents with care.

Now that the Dallas Gurukula has been closed we have opened many smaller regional Gurukulas on some of our farming communities, such as our farms in Vancouver, Pennsylvania, and also Mississippi as well as others. It is best if you go to one of these regional Gurukulas where you can be nicely engaged in Krishna's service, and your young daughter can go to Gurukula.

Concerning the 88 acres of land there in Alabama, you can contact our G.B.C. secretary for that area, Balavanta das Adhikari, c/o Isckon Atlanta, 1287 Ponce de Leon Ave. N.B., Atlanta, Georgia 30306. He can assist you in this connection.

I hope that this meets you and your daughter in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-4-24

Melbourne
21st April, 1976

New York

My dear Madhudvisa Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of April 11, 1976 and I have noted the contents with care. I have sent you and I have experience that you have done nicely in Melbourne, and so you are the right one to organize the New York centre.

I am here in your temple, I'm feeling your separation. But, I'm seeing everything is going nicely, the same as when it was under your management. The devotees here, they are jumping and dancing

very nicely. You can also establish the kirtan hall on the farm and install Gaura Nitai Dieties. Gaura Nitai can be established anywhere, and it is simple to worship Them simply chant before Their Lordships. He doesn't mind that you have not decorated very nicely, but if you chant and dance He is very pleased. So you have my permission to take loan for this purpose, as you have mentioned for \$25,000.

Rathayatra, that will be your achievement. Nobody has done it before. Rathayatra in New York should have been introduced long ago but there was no competent men to do it. So Krishna has sent you there and most likely I shall attend the New York Rathayatra. New York is the place where I first landed and now we have our own place and books, so if you do it very nicely it will be a great triumph.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-4-25

Melbourne
21st April, 1976

Los Angeles

Dear Puranjan das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 8 April, 1976 and I have noted the contents with care. Concerning the alternatives, it sounds like the printing cost of \$1.25 is best as this will keep the price down and will also allow the full purport to be there. The general practice in deciding such matters shall be to have the BBT trustees discuss amongst themselves, and then they can submit their plan to me for final sanction.

I have noticed how you are producing

so many of our books now in the Spanish and Portuguese language. This is very good. I shall be in Fiji by the 28th April, and shortly thereafter in Hawaii.

I hope that this finds you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-4-26

Melbourne
22nd April, 1976

The United States Consulate, Visa Section
24 Albert Road,
Melbourne, Australia,
Attn: Mr. Fagan

Dear Sir:

This is to inform you that I am leaving Melbourne for the United States to visit my disciples in our centres in the U.S.A. We are departing from Australia the 26th April, 1976, and first of all we will be visiting our centre in Hawaii. For the past several months, one of my disciples, Mr. Denis Harrison, holding British passport number P606464, has been my personal secretary and for this reason I require that he accompany me to the U.S.A. I know that he is a good boy as I have had ample time to study his character, and I can assure you as the Founder of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness that our society will take care of all his expenses, including maintenance and upkeep, as well as his air tickets to the next place after America; at this time we are scheduled to go to England after our program on the Eastern coast in New York city. I trust that you will do the needful to help me keep my schedule as I am expected to be in certain places on certain dates, and I require the accompaniment of Mr. Harrison, so kindly if you will issue him the required U.S.A. visa for the 3-4 months that he may be there in time before

our departure on Monday April 26, 1976.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-4-27

Melbourne

23rd April, 1976

The Assembled Devotees

Australian Yatra

My dear sons and daughters,

Please accept my blessings. I am very grasteful for all your offerings of daksina to your spiritual master. This is the system. Now all of you must very sincerely follow the regulative principles. Four don'ts and one do: No illicit sex-life, no intoxication, no gambling, no meat-eating and always chanting Hare Krishna, minimum 16 rounds daily. If you take very seriously these principles then Krishna will bless you without any doubt.

I hope that this meets you all in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-4-28

Melbourne

23rd April, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Ramesvara das Maharaj and Ranadhir das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated April 19, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care. Firstly, there is no need to print the *Reservoir of Pleasure* as if it were an excerpt from Dr. Judah's book. Furthermore, we can use some book review when it is favorable, otherwise reject it. Why should we print the *Reservoir of Pleasure* as if it were Dr. Judah's writing? Fur-

thermore, you should not distribute Dr. Judah's book. We should not distribute anyone else's book except our own.

So far the sign is concerned, why should we make such an expenditure of so many thousands of dollars for a sign. What benefit shall we derive? Whether it will be beneficial or not? Everyone knows that it is Hare Krishna Centre so why should you spend some thousands of dollars? One thing, however, I can suggest. If we display there a new picture or painting of our Hare Krishna Movement regularly, very nicely painted. Also, you can have a book display, with pictures and paintings also. That will be good advertisement.

In regards to the International Yoga and Meditation Conference in Chicago, there is no need for any of our men to participate. However, you can have a *Bhakti-yoga* bookstall, and paintings, a painting of Dhruva Maharaj as 5 years old alone in the forest. One painting of a devotee sitting in a nice place chanting japa Hare Krishna. We have got yoga meditation and quote authoritatively giving evidence: Yoginam api sarvesam, etc. One who chants Hare Krishna is the topmost yogi. The highest perfection of yoga is Radharani. Krishna goes to Mathura and all night She is crying, 'Where is My Krishna?' But what they can understand? So you can have a bookstall, and show paintings, like that.

I am going on to Auckland by the 26th April, then to Fiji for 28th April where we are laying the foundation stone for our new temple there. Afterwards, I shall go to Hawaii and then to Los Angeles at the end of May, or early June. I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

n.b. Yasodanandan Swami wants to print the *Brahma-Samhita* with color paintings. The BBT Trustees can discuss amongst

themselves and if they agree then I have no objection.

ACBS/pks

76-4-29

Melbourne
23rd April, 1976

Nairobi

My dear Shaktimati dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 10-3-76, and I have noted the contents with care. It is best that you stay there in Nairobi. There you have your family, and you can assist in the activities of the Nairobi Temple. If there is any further question in this connection, Brahmananda Maharaj is there and he can further direct you. So far your daughter's marriage is concerned, I have no business. I cannot negotiate marriage. That is impossible. Neither there is any need for her to be sent to India. So you continue there in Nairobi, and take direction from Brahmananda Swami, that will be best. Try to remain always engaged in Krishna's service.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-4-30

Melbourne
23rd April, 1976

Hyderabad

My dear Yasodanandan Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 14 April, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

Concerning the printing of the Brahmasamhita, I have informed Ramesvara Maharaj that the BBT Trustees can discuss

this, and if they approve it, then I have no objection. You have stated that you would also assist in the printing costs. I can write an introduction to the book if it is approved by the others to go ahead and print it.

On your recommendation I agree to the second initiation of Jagaman das Brahmacari. Impress upon him the seriousness to follow the regulative principles strictly, keeping clean outside and inside by constantly chanting Hare Krishna. You can hold fire yajna and play a tape of the chanting of Gayatri Mantra into the right ear.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-4-31

Auckland, New Zealand
27th April, 1976

Bombay

My dear Giriraj das,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to inform you that I have sent two separate telegraphic transfers in Indian Rupees to the Bhaktivedanta Book Trust a/c 16066, care of the Central Bank, Gowalia Tank Branch, Bombay. I am enclosing the two receipts, one for Rs. 8,857.15 and the other for Rs. 14,797.17. So the total amount is Rs. 23,654.32. Now please see that this is recorded in the passbook and inform me accordingly.

I had taken some Rs. 59,000/= from the BBT account, so you can deduct the Rs. 23,654.32 from this. Hence I must still give Rs. 35,345.68 towards this.

Tomorrow we go to Fiji for some time, and the laying of the foundation stone of our new temple there, then on to Hawaii, and by about June 1st, we should reach Los Angeles. After that we are planning to

visit Detroit, New York Rathayatra tentatively scheduled in late June, then New Vrindaban. Before returning to India, we shall stopover in Europe for about 2 weeks, and possibly Tehran.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-4-32

Auckland

27th April, 1976

Melbourne

My dear Mrs. Perera,

Please accept my blessings. I wish to thank you for your kind offering which I have duly given to Srimati Radharani. This is the way, to give the very best thing to Radha-Krishna. Decorated with love, Krishna will accept even the humble offering of a leaf, fruit, flower or some water from His devotee. Anyone, anywhere in the world can worship Krishna following this simple formula.

Now you are placed in some awkward circumstances for rendering devotional service as you have mentioned in your letter to me. Devotional service is so powerful that it cannot be stopped in any circumstance. There are histories of many great devotees, like Prahlada Maharaj, who was living in the house of his demon father, Hiranyakasipu. Hiranyakasipu did not even like to hear the name of Krishna, but Prahlada had perfect faith in chanting the Holy Names of the Mahamantra, Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare, and in this way Krishna saved Prahlad in the end. So please be patient and go on chanting Hare Krishna and try to visit the temple as much as possible. Krishna will offer you all protection and make all suitable arrangements for His

devotees to engage in His service. Thank you for your keen interest.

Hoping that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-4-33

Auckland

27th April, 1976

Atlanta

My dear Swarup Damodar Das,

Please accept my blessings. Now our Ph.D's must collaborate and study the 5th Canto to make a model for building the Vedic Planetarium. My final decision is that the universe is just like a tree, with root upwards. Just as a tree has branches and leaves so the universe is also composed of planets which are fixed up in the tree like the leaves, flowers, fruits, etc. of the tree. The pivot is the pole star, and the whole tree is rotating on this pivot. Mount Sumeru is the center, trunk, and is like a steep hill, like the alps mountains which also have very high peaks. I have seen in Switzerland one mountain peak which was so high that is penetrated through the clouds. The tree is turning and therefore, all the branches and leaves turn with the tree. The planets have their fixed orbits, but still they are turning with the turning of the great tree. There are pathways leading from one planet to another made of gold, copper, etc., and these are like the branches. Distances are also described in the 5th Canto just how far one planet is from another.

We can see that at night, how the whole planetary system is turning around, the pole star being the pivot. Each planet has its orbit fixed but the sun is moving up and down, north and south. It is not that we shall accept the theory that the sun is fixed up and the others are all going around the

sun. That is not correct. Even the 7th star is rotating once around the pole star in each 24 hours. The whole universe is just like a big tree, that is a fact. I do not think that the modern astronomers have any such idea that the whole universe is like a big tree. The planets which are full of living entities are one after another, one above the other. The relative positions of the planets is fixed up but the whole thing is turning. The sun is going north and south, it has its own orbit below the moon. So now you all Ph.D.'s must carefully study the details of the 5th Canto and make a working model of the universe. If we can explain the passing seasons,

eclipses, phases of the moon, passing of day and night, etc. then it will be very powerful propaganda.

I am sending this letter to you, and you can make photocopies of it and send to our other Ph.D.'s and begin serious research into the matter in detail. But one thing, I am convinced that the universe is just like a great tree as described therein.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

MAY

76-5-1

Honolulu
3rd May, 1976

New York

My dear Adi Kesava Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated April 21, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care. Your plan to have the Rathayatra on July 18th, down 5th Avenue, is approved by me and I shall try to be there definitely. However make the carts very strong, not that while the procession is going on, the wheel breaks on the cart. It is better to have one first class cart. The cart in Philadelphia was done very nicely. If you are unable to make three strong carts, then make at least one very nicely. But, if you can make three very strong, then I have no objection.

Concerning the house in Delhi, I am surprised to hear that the State Department in Washington has not yet recieved our application from their Delhi office. I am herewith enclosing a true copy of the application with explanatory note to this effect. I want you to see that this is delivered to the proper person in Washington, and if possible you can arrange an appointment with him so that I can meet with him and finalize matters if possible when I visit Washington. I am tentatively scheduled to visit Washington, D.C. between the 2nd July (friday) and the 9th July (friday). If we can finalize this business during this time in my presence, that will be very nice. I shall likely remain here in Hawaii until the end of May, then I will be in Los Angeles for about 10 days. Please inform me of the outcome of your

endeavours.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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n.b. Please enclose one "Krishna Consciousness is Authorized" and one copy of the letter from Kenneth Keating to Gurudas (if available) when you present the application to the State Department of-
ficial in Washington.

76-5-2

Honolulu
3rd May, 1976

New Delhi

My dear Tejyas,

Please accept my blessings. I have received one letter from one of our life members in Delhi, and I am enclosing his letter addressed to me, that you might straighten this matter out. Why he should not have been issued with a receipt for his contribution at least?

I have been informed by Adi Kesava Maharaj that the people in Washington are prepared to approve our purchase of the Delhi house at 12 Ring Road, but they cannot do so until* they receive the application which we submitted in New Delhi. So much time has passed and still they have not recieved the original application in Washington from the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi. Please look into the matter and inform me in Hawaii where I shall most probably remain until the end of the

month of May.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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*Did you take any receipt of the application to the office?

76-5-3

Honolulu

3rd May, 1976

Mr. George Twohie,
State Department,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

I have been informed through one of my disciples that one application for negotiating a house owned by the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi has not yet reached your Washington office. In order to expedite matters, I am enclosing one "true" copy of the original application dated March 27, 1976, and addressed to the Ambassador of the United States in New Delhi. I am hopeful that we may be able to meet in this concern when I visit Washington between July 2 and July 9, 1976.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-5-4

Honolulu

4th May, 1976

Bombay

To whom it may concern,

I have been informed by Upendra das in Fiji Island that he wrote one letter similar to the enclosed letter herein and that one month has passed without any reply. What kind of management is this? So these things should be rectified immediately. There is good scope for distributing

Gujarati and Hindi books in Fiji, but if there is mismanagement then what can be done. Please reply this letter to Upendra das and other such inquiries at once upon receipt.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-5-5

Honolulu

4th May, 1976

My dear Guarasundara das,

Please accept my blessings. I am presently here in Hawaii and I would be very pleased if you could come to meet with me. Hoping that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-5-6

Honolulu

4th May, 1976

To All G.B.C.'s in the U.S.A.

My dear G.B.C. disciples,

Please accept my blessings. I have met with Tamal Krishna Goswami and it appears impractical to send anyone to China at this time. I am requesting him to resume his old position as manager of the Radha-Damodar TSKP. Book distribution is my most important concern and these devotees should be given facility to distribute books profusely throughout America. They are also helping with substantial contributions to construct the Temple in Mayapur. Please do the needful to see that everything is done very nicely in a cooperative Krishna Conscious spirit.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

n.b. Tamal Krishna Goswami will also be assuming his responsibilities as a Bhakti-vedanta Book Trustee for America. ACBS

76-5-7

Honolulu

4th May, 1976

Bombay

My dear Giriraj das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated April 28, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care. Seeing the success of the BBT Library Party, I am therefore stressing so much on the book distribution. Let the higher section accept these books, it will be a great triumph. Then the nonsense remark that 'kirtan is nuisance' will be stopped.

Regarding the Taparia land in Vrindaban, take it! Akshayananda Swami sent me a telegram to say that the place is too secluded, with no road and thieves. Nevermind, despite all inconveniences, take the land and when I return I shall see the situation and decide how to use the property. Some of our men can go and live there without difficulty, and begin making the necessary repair work.

With regards to the farmland you mentioned; we can not purchase any land for this purpose. If the land is donated, either by this party or that party, we can make use of the land, but we cannot purchase such land.

With regards to the question of our devotees being permitted to remain in India, this point should be discussed in Parliament. The point should be raised why our devotees who are coming from foreign lands should not be permitted to remain indefinitely in the Holy Places? We

have nothing to do with politics and our cultural and religious movement is being spread throughout the world. When they become actually devotees, it is *the instruction of the shastra* to live in such Holy Places as Vrindaban, Mathura, and Dvaraka. The references are there in the Bhakti-rasamrita-sindhu.

Other sects also have their holy places of sanctuary. Even the Buddhists' sect have a place in India, Gaya. Our Vaishnava injunction is there in the shastra, that devotees should dwell in the Holy Dharmas; many hundreds and thousands of devotees live in places like Vrindaban, Hardwar, and many other such places. Similarly, foreigners who have accepted this sect and religious process, they should be allowed on our recommendation to stay in India. So if some Parliament members debate on this question on the basis of cultural platform, it is a glory for India that our Krishna Consciousness Movement is being accepted all over the world, why the government of India should not accept?

Even taking into consideration the economic point of view that India has already got overpopulation, that is not a very sound ground. Even it is accepted, these foreign devotees are ready not to take a grain of India's production. They can bring their own food sufficiently for taking prasada themselves, as well as for distribution to others. There is no question of economic problem. Why these cultural and religious facilities should not be given to the foreigners who have accepted them as their life and soul. Our students from India go to foreign countries for learning higher technology, why the foreigners should be denied to learn the higher transcendental science in India. In addition, we have already published over 56 books which are highly appreciated by foreign and Indian scholars and the educated section. So it is a great science of

God consciousness. The government should take it very seriously and help spread this Krishna Consciousness Movement all over the world.

At least visa should not be limited to three months, six months, like that. The devotees should be accepted as permanent residents on our recommendation. If it is a question of economics, then they can bring food, and cloth from abroad sufficient for themselves and others. Neither they are going to occupy big, big tracts of land for residential purposes. No, they are trained up to lay down on the floor for taking rest. Whatever is required we shall do, but let them stay. The government allows Christian missionaries to stay, and the foreigners come to learn Indian religion, they are not allowed to stay? This is not a very good policy.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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n.b. enclosed you will find another letter addressed to the BBT in Bombay. Please see that it reaches Gopal Krishna and any other people involved in this matter.

76-5-8

Honolulu

4th May, 1976

New Vrindaban

My dear Kirtanananda Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated April 25, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

Concerning the construction of a new temple for Sri Sri Radha Vrindaban Chandra, our men can see how the Indian mis-
tris are doing the work there, and they can learn the art. During the construction, the Dieties can be moved to some temporary place. The worship must continue, it

doesn't matter if the Dieties are moved.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-5-9

Honolulu

4th May, 1976

Calcutta

My dear Srīman Kashinath Mullick,

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated April 12, 1976, to my Vrindaban address, and I have noted the contents with care. Since then I have left Vrindaban on my European and American tour and your letter was redirected to me here. From Vrindaban, I went to Australia, then Auckland, New Zealand, and then to Fiji Island where I laid the foundation stone for our new temple there. It was very gorgeously executed.

I am very glad to know that you are going to discuss the proposed matter amongst your contemporaries of the Subarnabanik Community and I shall be glad to hear the report.

I shall be staying in Hawaii at least up until June 1, 1976, at the above address, and then I shall go to Los Angeles where I can be reached at the following address: 3764 Watseka Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90034, U.S.A. Thank you once more for your kind letter. Conveniently, if you find time you can visit our Krishna Balaram Temple in Vrindaban at Raman Reti which has now become the best attraction in Vrindaban.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-5-10

Honolulu
4th May, 1976

New Orleans

My dear Nityananda das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated April 17, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care. You can call your farm, Talavana. Concerning constructing a temple at the farm, it is feasible only if you have sufficient brahmanas to take nice care otherwise no. You have seen our Vrindavan temple, also the temple in Melbourne and Los Angeles. So things must be at this standard in order to have a temple. The standard must be very high. Neatness and cleanliness are the first business of temple worship. I shall see later on whether or not that Krishna Balaram can be installed there. You cannot paint the Diety with paint to make bluish. Don't manufacture ideas. What is standard you must follow. Don't make it a farce.

On your recommendation I am accepting the following devotees for initiation:

Lee Sutton—Kuruksetra das

Ernie Courey—Vidyapati das

Barbara Sutton—Parijāta dasi

Padavja das Brahmachari (second initiation)

Hold a yajna and instruct the initiates that they must follow the 4 regulative principles: no intoxication, no meat-eating, no gambling, and no illicit sex-life, and chanting minimum 16 rounds of Hare Krishna Mahamantra daily. The brahmins must cultivate the brahminical qualities as mentioned in the Bhagavad-gita and in the other literatures. They must keep clean externally by bathing regularly each day, and internally clean by always chanting Hare Krishna. The beads of the first initiates can be chanted on by one of the san'yasis and the thread for brahmin initiation is herein enclosed. After the fire yajna you can play a recording of the gayatri

mantra played into the right ear of the brahmin initiate.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-5-11

Honolulu
4th May, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Puranjan das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of the Spanish edition of the Srimad Bhagavatam first Canto, Chapters 12-15, and I thank you very much. These books are the life of human society. Others may be disturbed, but they cannot disturb this Srimad Bhagavatam. Let any man come, but here they cannot touch. We are putting these books for deliberation before the topmost thinkers of human society. Therefore, I have to see that in all languages all of our books are published. If we strain, and if he takes one book home, some day people will come to understand what valuable knowledge they have received. It is transcendental literature. Nobody can challenge it. It is done so nicely, without any spot, the spotless Purana. Please continue like this to print books in all the languages for the benefit of suffering, misdirected humanity.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-5-12

Honolulu
4th May, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Radhaballabha das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in

due receipt of your letter dated April 22, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care. Yes, there is no need for corrections for the first and second Cantos. Whatever is there is alright. Once Pradyumna comes to join me here from India, then there will be no need for Nitai das or Jagannatha das to edit the Srimad Bhagavatam.

I would like to know who has done the advertising layout for the ad on page 98 and 99 of the brochure entitled, Association for Asian Studies, San Francisco, March 24-25, 1975. Please make enquiry and inform me who has done the layout and who placed the advertisement. If you do not know, then perhaps Ramesvara das Swami or Satsvarup das Maharaj would know.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

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

ACBS/pks

76-5-13

Honolulu
5th May, 1976

The Manager,
Central Bank of India,
Gowalia Tank Branch,
Bombay, India

Dear Sir:

Herewith please find enclosed one bank draft for U.S. \$2,871.45 (U.S. dollars two thousand eight hundred and seventy one and forty five cents). The check is a Bank of Hawaii check (Honolulu Main Office), draft number FH 099223 dated May 5, 1976. Please credit this amount to the Bhaktivedanta Book Trust savings fund account number 16066 with your branch. This is meant for printing

books. Kindly inform me of this transaction upon completion.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

cc: Giraraj, Bombay

76-5-14

Honolulu
5th May, 1976

Bombay

My dear Giriraj das,

Please accept my blessings. Herewith please find one copy of a letter to the Central Bank of India, Gowalia Tank Road Branch, Bombay. I sent one bank draft to them by registered post. See that the transaction is executed and have the funds entered in the Bhaktivedanta Book Trust passbook.

On Yasodanandan Swami's plea, I have sent him Rs. 15,000/= care of the Hyderabad Temple. This will be used for printing books by Yasodanandan Swami in South India.

Now, I originally owed Rs. 59,000/=, and I sent 2 telegraphic transfers totalling Rs. 23,654/32 from Melbourne, Australia (see my letter dated 27th April, 1976 to you). So this left the balance at Rs. 35,345/68. However, I gave you Rs. 5,000/= when I (by transfer also) was in Bombay, so the remainder is Rs. 30,345/68. Now, this check for U.S. \$2,871.45 is approximately Rs. 25,411/06 at the rate given here of U.S. 11.3 cents equals one rupee. So this leaves the balance at Rs. 4,934/62. This amount will be paid by Yasodanandan Swami. He will give Rs. 5,000/= towards the Bhaktivedanta Book Trust account 16066, and the remainder of the loan, Rs. 10,000/= will be paid into my personal account at the Punjab National Bank, Krishna Balaram Mandir branch,

savings fund account number 1. In this way he can repay the loan of Rs. 15,000/= and my debt to the BBT will thus be cleared.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

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

76-5-15 Honolulu
5th May, 1976
New York
Radha-Damodar TSKP

My dear disciples,

Please accept my blessings. As it is impractical for anyone to be sent to China at this time, I am sending Tamal Krishna Goswami to resume his old position as manager of Radha-Damodar TSKP. Now all of you work cooperatively. I was very pleased to see how you were working so hard last year to distribute so many books. There is no instance of religious books of philosophy being distributed in such magnitude in history. Now go on enthusiastically and increase this book distribution unlimitedly.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-5-16 Honolulu
6th May, 1976
Vrindaban

My dear Akshayananda Swami,

Please accept my blessings. We have just come from Fiji Island where we are about to build our first temple outside India. This Krishna Kaliya Temple will be in many respects similar to the Vrindaban Temple as regarding the architectural

work. Therefore, I am requesting you to make photos of the altars, and give detailed dimensions of the same, as well as the Vyasaana. Also take photos of the area outside the altar from where people will view the Dieties. These items and others requested by the devotees in Fiji should be sent to them directly so that they can go ahead unimpeded in the construction of the new temple. Please do this immediately. The address in Fiji is

Mr. Deoji Punja (Vasudeva das Adhikari)
P.O. Box 125,
Lautoka, Fiji Island

Thank you very much. I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-5-17 Honolulu
6th May, 1976

Potomac, Maryland

My dear Brisakapi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 2, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care. I also am desirous of visiting Washington, as I have never before been there. I am presently scheduled to go to Washington, D.C. from July 2 to July 9. I am looking forward to meeting with one State Department official, a Mr. Twohi, who is handling a house which we want to acquire to house our Delhi Temple. I believe that Adi Kesava Maharaj who is presently in N.Y. temple is supposed to arrange this meeting between myself and Mr. Twohie. So far meeting the President is concerned, you can try to arrange, but it is not the most important thing.

On your recommendation, I am accepting Larry Tucker for first initiation,

and Bhavanath das Brahmachari for second initiation. The first initiates' spiritual name is Lokaguru das. Have his beads chanted on by one of the sanyasis, and see that the devotees are strictly following the 4 regulative principles: no illicit sex life, no intoxication, no gambling, and no meat-eating. Everyone must chant a minimum of 16 rounds of Hare Krishna Mahamantra daily, and in this way be protected from the frailties of material existence. You will find a gayatri mantra sheet enclosed. After holding a fire sacrifice for both initiates, play the gayatri mantra into the right ear of the initiate. Brahmin thread is also enclosed for Bhavanath das.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

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

enc.: one thread and sheet for brahmin initiation.
ACBS/pks

76-5-18 Honolulu
6th May, 1976
Los Angeles

My dear Jagadisha das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated April 29, 1976, along with photocopy of your letter concerning the organization of Gurukula. You have some experience now with Gurukula, so your full-time engagement should now be how to organize the Gurukulas all over the world. Do it very nicely and thoughtfully. So far your plans are concerned for the same, you can have them conjointly approved with the other G.B.C. In this way, you may make the Gurukula program your portfolio and organize it throughout the world.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-5-19 Honolulu
9th May, 1976
Calcutta

My dear Abhirama das,

Please accept my blessings. Please let me know how negotiations are going on with acquiring the park across the way, for making "Bhaktivedanta Park." You should concentrate on getting the park. The house is of secondary importance.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-5-20 Honolulu
9th May, 1976
Bombay

My dear Sriman Susheel Asnani,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated April 27, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care. The best thing is that you engage yourself in chanting the Hare Krishna Mahamantra as many times as possible and Krishna will save you. I wish that all your family members should chant, your wife especially, for your prolonged life. Whenever you find time please go to the Bombay temple and offer your sincere obeisances to Lord Krishna. Nobody's life will continue in this material world but if we practice Krishna Consciousness, then certainly by giving up this body one goes back to Home, back to Godhead. As said by Lord Krishna Himself in the

Bhagavad-gita:

Janma karma ca me divyam
evam yo vetti tattvataḥ
tyaktvā dehaṁ punar janma
naiti mam eti so'rjuna

B.G. 4.9

"One who knows the transcendental nature of My appearance and activities does not, upon leaving the body, take his birth again in this material world, but attains My eternal Abode, O Arjuna."

I hope that this meets you in good spirits.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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n.b. Please find one U.S. postage stamp enclosed for your son.

76-5-21

Honolulu

9th May, 1976

Captain Cook, Hawaii

My dear Balbhadrā das,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you for your kind offering of some of the honey you produce at your honey farm. As you know, I have requested the devotees here to construct one beautiful temple on the grounds in order that many people may come from all around and see the gorgeous worship of the Deities. It is a big project and will require so much capital. So if possible you can try to follow the formula recommended practically by Srila Rupa Goswami, that 50% of one's income be spent for propagating Krishna Consciousness. That will be very nice, and then your business endeavours will surely be pleasing unto the Supreme Lord, as stated in the Srimad Bhagavatam:

ataḥ pumbhir dvija sresthā
varnāśrama vibhāgaśaḥ,
svanuṣṭhi tasya dharmasya
samsiddhir hari toṣaṇam

S.B. 1.2.13

"O best among the twiceborn, it is therefore concluded that the highest perfection one can achieve, by discharging his prescribed duties (dharma) according to caste divisions and order of life, is to please the Lord Hari."

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-5-22

Honolulu

9th May, 1976

Bombay

My dear Gopal Krishna and Tejyas das,

Please accept my blessings. I have received very encouraging reports from the Library Party in India, and it appears that this program will increase more and more. Now, you must be very sure to keep a stock of each and every book so that you can supply all of these orders immediately. You may require a stock of some 300 of each and every volume. So, contact Ramesvara Maharaj and compare your stocks with what you may require in the near future. The point is that you must have these books in stock in order to supply the orders promptly.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Take import order immediately

76-5-23

Honolulu

9th May, 1976

Temple President and G.B.C. for Hawaii

My dear disciples,

Please accept my blessings. I have

consented that when and if a new set of Pancatattva Deities are installed in the Hawaii Temple, the old set of Pancatattva Deities may be given to Govinda dasi. Please comply this at the said time, as Govinda dasi would like to worship these Deities if new Deities are installed in the Temple.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-5-24

Honolulu

9th May, 1976

Sri K. K. Joshi, Secretary
Indian Humanist Union
Kotwara House, Kaisarbagh
Lucknow, India

Dear Sriman Joshiji,

Please accept my greetings. I thank you very much for your letter dated 3/5/76 and I have noted the contents with care.

Just now I am on my 15th world tour and your letter was forwarded to me here in Hawaii from my Bombay address. It will take at least 3 months to return to India. I am very much pleased that you have invited us to cooperate with you in the matter of humanitarianism. I shall be glad to know in detail what is your program. Our program is to awaken the human society to God Consciousness.

The living entity is eternal and changing body by the evolutionary process. In this material world there are 8,400,000 forms of body and the living entity is passing through the cycle. When the living entity is given a chance in the process to become a human being, he has to decide which way he wants to go.

We are preaching on the basis of the Vedic literatures, which are considered to be the most authentic knowledge by In-

dian scholars, religionists, and people in general. This authenticity is being appreciated now by all scholarly sections throughout the whole world. Our books are being received by all libraries, universities, and scholarly persons, and I wish also that your institution may also order for all these books so that you can understand our point of view. Enclosed is one catalogue which vividly describes some of these books. They are available to your institution through our Bombay branch where address is: Hare Krishna Land, Juhu Road, Juhu, Bombay 400-054.

With reference to your statement that you are concerned with *this* life alone, I could not follow what you mean by this. In this life also, you take care of educating your children. So if the child is not educated for the next stage of life, then how do you account for the child's youth-hood age. Life is a continuation. The baby grows to become a child, the child grows to become a boy, the boy grows to become a young man, the young man becomes a middle-aged man, and the middle-aged man becomes an old man. So with which stage of life are you concerned? I shall be glad to know in which stage of life you are interested. If you don't take care of the child and simply become concerned with the young man, is it possible to act properly in the matter of humanitarianism? And according to the transmigration of the soul, a man can become a dog in the next life. So you take care of this life, and if in the next life he becomes a dog, then what?

Immediately, of course, we do not insist on philosophy, but if people join sankirtan, chanting and dancing and taking prasadam, then immediately we can begin cooperating without any distinction of Hindu, Christian, Muslim, etc. Unless we make our program in an authorized perfect way, anything we try to do will be a failure. So I shall be glad to hear from you

further in this matter.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Yours faithfully,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-5-25

Honolulu

9th May, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Ramesvara das Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I have received very encouraging reports from the Indian Library Party. Now, there must be sufficient stock of each book in our India warehouse to supply all of these orders immediately. I have written one letter to both Tejyas and Gopal Krishna in this connection, now you should find out their inventory and see that they have sufficient books to meet all of the orders promptly. Perhaps 300 of each book is required for this purpose in stock in India. So they should take inventory in India and order from the Los Angeles warehouse accordingly. Please supply these books promptly upon realization of the actual needs.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-5-26

Los Angeles

9th May, 1976

Office of the President
of the United States

White House

Washington, D.C.

Personal Secretary to the President,

Dear Sir:

On your new \$2 note it is stated "In God We Trust," and directly beneath

"Declaration of Independence, 1776."

On the 200th anniversary of this occasion, why not begin teaching the science of God as described in the Vedic literatures, like the Srimad Bhagavatam, which is authorized and appreciated by all learned professors in the universities throughout the whole world. This Krishna Consciousness Movement is going on since 1966 throughout the whole world, especially in the United States of America. It is a great fortune for the American people that they "Trust in God." Why shouldn't this spiritual education be given to the American people in an organized way? The whole world is going down and becoming Godless. If the American people, who trust in God, constitutionally, take this movement seriously, it will be a great service to the human society. We are prepared to cooperate in this connection if the American Government takes it very seriously.

Awaiting your reply with interest.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-5-27

Honolulu

9th May, 1976

Japan

My dear Trivikrama Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. It is understood that you have come back from Korea. I do not know why you have come back. You wanted to organize our preaching there. If Korea attempt has not proven very fruitful, you can come immediately to the U.S.A.

I am here in Hawaii and when you come we shall talk in detail. Maybe you shall be required by Tamal Krishna Goswami and Dristadyumna Maharaj for organizing world book distribution.

In any case, I have heard the report from Pusta Krishna Swami concerning

the visa situation in Korea, and if you are trying for Missionary Visa then you can apply for it here in America.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-5-28

Honolulu

11th May, 1976

Cleveland

My dear Arjit das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated April 26, 1976 and I have noted the contents with care.

Concerning renaming your temple, if I have already given a name previously, then what is the need to re-name it. Now I can see that there is good preaching potential everywhere in your country as you mention the good response at the universities. Push on with these preaching activities and distribute my books profusely. They will someday realize how valuable books we have left them.

If you carry out your plan to hold Rathayatra, be certain that the Rath-cart is very strongly made, so that it does not break during the procession. They had a very good cart made in Philadelphia and you can take hints from the devotees there how they designed their cart.

Upon your recommendation, I am accepting Lilamohana das and Kesava das for second initiation. Their threads are enclosed and you can play the gayatri mantra with accompanying mantra sheets into their right ear. Also, I am accepting Robert Hamilton (Sthāyibhāva das), and Joseph Hall (Mahāmantra das) as my disciples. You can hold fire sacrifice and their beads may be chanted upon by Kirtanananda Swami. They must agree to strictly follow the regulative principles:

no illicit sex-life, no intoxication, no gambling, and no meat-eating, and to chant minimum 16 rounds of japa daily. See that everyone is maintaining this standard of regulation so that there will be no hindrance to developing Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-5-29

Honolulu

11th May, 1976

Bombay

My dear Giriraj das,

Please accept my blessings. So far the new towers are concerned, not a single space should be allotted without my permission. When completed it will be a wonderful building and we want to keep it open for people to visit from all over the world. We are expecting guests like hotel so the rooms must be available. I also want to know what terms you have arranged with persons who gave substantial contributions for building the rooms in the towers. Please relay this information to me immediately.

Also, I am finding that there is one oil which Pradyumna brought with him from Bombay, it is helping to relieve the pressure on the head a little. You can send me 3 bottles of this oil, Brahmi oil, made by the Sadhana Ausadhala; they have a place in Bombay near the intersection of Kalpa-devi Rd. and Princess St. It must be packed very nicely otherwise the bottles will break or leak. To stop leakage, you can melt some paraffin, and seal the bottles with the caps on by dipping the side of the bottle with cap into the liquid paraffin, and when it is pulled out and cooled, it will seal the space around the cap. Then

also there should be some soft packing around the bottles so that they do not break in transit. Best if someone is coming personally to the U.S.A., they can bring it with them, but if that is not possible at this time, then send it nicely as above mentioned. You can send it to me care of the Los Angeles Temple as we will be there just after the beginning of June. Send it registered and special delivery so that it is handled very fragilly.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-5-30

Honolulu

11th May, 1976

Evanston, Illinois

My dear Sri Govinda das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 7, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

I know that you are a very intelligent devotee and that you are very capable. Why not contact Tamal Krsna Goswami in New York and see if you can work together with him to distribute our literature all over the world. He is now formulating plans how to increase our distribution everywhere, and perhaps you can be instrumental.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-5-31

Honolulu

11th May, 1976

Bombay

My dear Mahabuddhi and Library Party,

Please accept my blessings. I am in

due receipt of your letter dated May 8, 1976, and I have noted the contents with great pleasure. Continue with this program of standing orders. It is very important preaching work. At least if they read our books they will not speak nonsense that kirtan is nuisance. I have asked Gopal Krsna and Tejyas das to keep sufficient stock of all of our books so that we can supply the standing orders immediately. They very much appreciate the fine printing and color illustrations which are not available in other Indian publications. So somehow or other introduce these books into the universities and libraries like that.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

n.b. what books do you give with a standing order? Please list them.

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76-5-32

Honolulu

14th May, 1976

My dear Sriman RamKrishnaji,

Please accept my greetings. I thank you very much for your invitation letter dated April 28, 1976, addressed to my Bombay headquarters, forwarded to me here in Honolulu. When you came to see me in Bombay I had already accepted to become the member of the Co-ordinating Committee of the Gita Prachar Conference.

As you know I am trying my best to preach the teachings of the Bhagavad-gita all over the world, and I am experiencing some glimpse of success in this connection. Naturally, I'm inclined to preach the teachings of the Bhagavad-gita very fervently in India. India is the land of spiritual culture. But gradually, India, being influenced by the material allurements; its spiritual culture is being forgotten.

It is the duty of the Indian Leaders to note this degradation. There is no harm to become materially advanced, but if simply for material advancement we forget our spiritual basis, it will be a great loss. Therefore, I am also very eager to revive India's spiritual culture with the help of the Gita Foundation.

The difficulty is, I have come out of India with a program scheduled to continue up to August 14th, 1976, the expected date of return to Bombay. Now, if I suddenly return to India, I will have to cancel all other programs, or if I go to India by the time, June 28th, I would have to return again to complete the scheduled program, which means very heavy expenditures. Two secretaries travel with me inevitably, so I am in this dilemma; whether I shall return and again come back spending heavily. So, I shall be glad to hear from you what you advise. In this connection, you can contact my secretary, Giriraj das Brahmachari, at our Bombay center.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Yours faithfully,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

n.b. The teachings of the Bhagavad-gita are so potential that if it is practiced seriously, it can bring in a new life and civilization. Now you have established a Gita Pratisthan, so do it very seriously.
ACBS/pks

76-5-33

Honolulu
15th May, 1976

Hong Kong

My dear Sevananda das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 9, 1976, with the enclosed 3 copies of the Chinese edition of the Bhagavad-gita As It Is. It is a great triumph, and now you should see that this work continues. It is

very important, and Kṛṣṇa will bless you all for your sincere determination.

Regarding the two initiations, on your recommendation I agree to accept Yasomatisuta das for second initiation. Enclosed you will find his brahmin thread, and a copy of the gayatri mantra. After the fire sacrifice, you should play a tape of the gayatri mantra into his right ear, teaching him how to count on the fingers the prescribed number of times. The brahmin should remain clean outside and inside by regular bathing and chanting of the Hare Krishna Mahamantra. Also, I agree to accept Bhakta Richard as my disciple. A disciple promises to refrain from the four pillars of sinful life: no illicit sex-life, no intoxication, no gambling, and no meat-eating. In addition, one must chant at least 16 rounds of japa daily and in this way progress in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. One promises before the spiritual master, the Deity, the fire, the devotees, the Super-soul, so it should very strictly be followed. You can have Guru Kṛpā Maharaj chant on his beads before the Fire Sacrifice, and present his beads to him at the time of the sacrifice. His spiritual name is Satyasena das. See that everyone is strictly following by presenting an ideal example yourself, and try to distribute these new Chinese Bhagavad-gita as much as you can.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

76-5-34

Honolulu
15th May, 1976

Japan

My dear Trivikrama Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 10, 1976, along with enclosed pamphlet

printed in Korean language and photographs of preaching activities in South Korea.

I am very pleased to know that you are doing something solid there. What should be the objection on the part of Guru Krpa Maharaj that you cannot stay there several weeks until you get your missionary visa? There is no cooperative spirit. So you are actually doing preaching work in South Korea, and our mission is one, so why there is objection that you stay in Japan for receiving visa for Korea?

Under the circumstances, I have no objection to your staying there with your party until you receive the missionary visa for South Korea. Guru Krpa Maharaj should assist you in whatever way he can and both of you work cooperatively together.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

n. b. We have just received advance copies of the Bhagavad-gita Chinese translation, the first 6 chapters. Might this be of some value to your preaching work in South Korea?

76-5-35

Honolulu
15th May, 1976

Murphy, Oregon
Jamuna devi dasi
Dinatarini devi dasi,

My dear daughters,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letters with photographs enclosed of Sri Sri Radha-Vana-behari, dated May 10, 1976. I am very glad to see how nicely you are caring for the Deities. I am scheduled to be in Los

Angeles from June 1 to June 11. I am even contemplating coming to see you there on your farm if you are unable to come to see me. Please continue to develop things there for women devotees as previously instructed.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-5-36

Honolulu
15th May, 1976

Hong Kong

My dear Yasomatisuta das,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your translation into Chinese of the first 6 chapters of the Bhagavad-gita. It is a great triumph and is very well done. Some how or another now push it amongst the Chinese. Don't worry about money for printing books. If you require money, it will be supplied; and I am informing Guru Krpa Maharaj and Tamal Krsna Maharaj in this connection. You simply have to find out the market and push these books amongst the Chinese.

Do not be concerned that there may be some difficulty in preaching to the Chinese. Krsna has designated you to raise them to the higher level. Caitanya Mahaprabhu's mission is to raise the degraded to the higher platform. So Krsna has sent you amongst the Chinese people to save them so don't be disheartened and go on with the work, you'll get strength. Whatever financial help you require, I shall see that it is provided.

As your spiritual master, I have my whole-hearted thanks for your service. May Krsna bless you. You have done a

great service for being recognized by Kṛṣṇa, and continue with this work.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-5-37

Honolulu

16th May, 1976

Bombay

My dear Gopal Kṛṣṇa Das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your telegram from New Delhi relating the latest victories of the BBT Library Party.

I have requested Rādhāballabha in Los Angeles to send you all the transparencies for printing the color pictures in all of our books. So you can proceed to print all of the books and distribute them profusely. These standing orders need standing respect. So print these books in India using the government paper and see that there is good supply of books to all of our distributors throughout India.

Now, Yaśodanandan Swami is going to print some of the small and medium size books for his distribution in South India, so you can supply him with the transparencies and he can return them in good condition to you after he has no more use for them.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-5-38

Honolulu

16th May, 1976

Japan

My dear Trivikram Swami,

Please accept my blessings. Yesterday

my secretary received a telephone call from you indicating that everything was mended between yourself and Guru Kṛpā Maharaj, and then today he received a call from Guru Kṛpā Maharaj saying that the both of you were not cooperating. So what am I to do? I have appointed Guru Kṛpā Swami the G.B.C. for Japan and for now at least it will be necessary to comply with him. He has suggested that you leave Japan while waiting for the reply from the S. Korean embassy there, so you can please comply with his request. He suggested one island called Okinawa where you could go for the time being, and if that is not possible then you should come here to me in Hawaii. In any case, for whatever reasons Guru Kṛpā Maharaj has requested like this and he is delegated G.B.C. by me, so follow this course of action for the time being so that things can go on peacefully in Japan, as you know it is a very touchy situation with the government, and being G.B.C. Guru Kṛpā Swami is given sanction by me to develop the program along guidelines which he can choose.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

cc: Guru Kṛpā Swami, Melbourne

76-5-39

Honolulu

16th May, 1976

My dear Yaśodanandan Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 4, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

By this time you should have received the money I sent for your book printing in Hyderabad. I sent you one check care of Mahāmsa Swami, bank draft FH 099222,

for \$1,700, the equivalent of just over Rs. 15,000/=, which you requested as an advance for printing books. I have to this time received no reply from either Mahamsa Swami, and neither an acknowledgement of receipt of the bank draft from yourself. Please check on this, it was sent to the Hyderabad temple address by registered post care of Mahamsa Swami. Further I gave instructions in my letter to you of May 5, 1976, how you can repay this loan to you. I am concerned to see that this arrived safely through the post.

I have informed Gopal Krsna that you may also use the color transparencies for the printing of your books in South India. Radhaballabha is sending Gopal Krsna all the transparencies from all of our books as we intend to print all of our books in India for profuse distribution.

I am very encouraged to hear about the large crowds that are coming to the programs and taking our books. Concerning the new boy who has joined you from the Hubli program, you can keep him with you as you see fit, but be careful about money matters. Sometimes they will join with some ulterior motive. In the beginning, be very careful with money matters.

As regards your desire for Sad-bhuja Deity, if you divert your attention to worship, that will not be good. Time is short. You can keep one picture for your darshan.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-5-40

Honolulu
18th May, 1976

Nairobi

My dear Brahmananda Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in

due receipt of your letter dated May 2, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

Somehow or other I want that the Nairobi center is maintained, not closed. As sanyassi you can come and go, but my only ambition is that the center may not be closed.

You can inform the Mr. Motichand Shah, the gentleman who has started "Krishna Industries," that he can pay at least 50% of his income to the temple. If he wants to serve Krishna and he doesn't spend anything for Krishna, then it is not at all good.

I am writing a letter to Caitya Gurudas to issue one letter of explanation and apology to Mr. Amarshi B. Shretta, P.O. Box 53, Kisumu, Kenya, explaining what the reason was for not bringing his car at the time appointed. Also, please find enclosed one letter from Sarva Vit das Brahmachari in the Mombasa Temple. Please advise him in this matter as you best can judge the situation being there.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-5-41

Melbourne

Honolulu
18th May, 1976

My dear Guru Kṛpa Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I have spoken with Sukadeva das Adhikari, the Honolulu Temple President. It appears that because you had made some derogatory racial remarks against him in the presence of other devotees here in the temple, it has become difficult to manage and win the respect of this devotees. If the G.B.C. undermines the efforts of the temple presidents how will things go on

smoothly. This situation could have been avoided by sober dealings in a Kṛṣṇa Conscious manner.

I do not want that Sukadeva be removed from his position as I can see that he is sincerely following the principles at present. The G.B.C. can not whimsically change the temple president, there is a resolution to this effect. Why have you threatened to remove him and unnecessarily created this situation? Please be very sober in your dealings with these temple presidents, they are undoubtedly rendering a valuable service and are worthy of respect and encouragement.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-5-42 Honolulu
18th May, 1976
Honolulu

My dear Jamadagni das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your letter dated May 15, 1976, and I have gladly noted the contents.

Our aims and objects in the Krishna Consciousness Movement are very sublime. Kindly follow and you'll be happy and I'll be happy.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-5-43 Honolulu
18th May, 1976
Bhaktivedanta Manor

My dear Jayatirtha Das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in

due receipt of your letter dated May 9, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

The house that you mentioned in London, if it is necessary, I approve the £40,000 loan. There is another Hindu very sympathetic by the name of Mr. Modi. See if he cannot be of some service in the absence of Mr. Samani. It is very encouraging to hear the reports of increased sankirtan. Go on like this more and more.

Concerning the situation in Germany: So you are the right man to train them up. It is Kṛṣṇa's desire that Hansadutta is replaced by you. I have certified that you are our first class temple manager in our society. A little change is invigorating, so try to serve me to the best of your capacity. As Harikesa Maharaj appears to be very nicely there, why not Harikesa Swami be your assistant.

Your plan to print the books in German language is thoroughly approved by me. Make the same propaganda as in America to attract the scholarly world. Do it immediately. It doesn't matter where you print the books. You can print with Dai Nippon or in India. But why not Germany? We have got money in Germany, and you can present the bill to the bank for payment. Whatever the case may be, print books and present the bill to the bank. It is a good case in our favor. We are printing books in Germany in the German language. So why the money is frozen? Some good lawyer should be gotten. It will be good publicity and at the same time we will have the books. Whether the money was collected illegally or legally, the money is being spent in Germany. It is not going outside so why it is being held up illegally. Let it be spent in Germany. That is our money, there's no dispute. It is not the aim of our society to mislead the public; you can show them our aims. Maybe some workers have done like that but we

are trying to enlighten the whole world and the people of Germany with good knowledge. You can show them the full set of books that we are going to print in the German language, and use all of the professors quotes to show how authoritative our books are amongst the scholarly circle throughout the world. So it is not the aim of our society to exploit money for drinking, illicit sex, etc. These are not the aims and objects of our society. If some individual did wrong, the society is not held responsible. The society's aim is to build men and women of character and knowledge. We live a simply life based on the aims and objects of our society. If some individuals have done wrong it shouldn't jeopardize our entire community. People accustomed to all nasty habits have joined our society and are leading pure, happy lives. They want to take the money from us, but who will take payment of all that money that we collected to fulfill the aims of our society? Convince them that, never mind, in your opinion it was collected illegally, but it is being spent in Germany for a good cause. These books are being appreciated all over the world. Let the money be paid to the printer, whatever it may be it is being paid to the German people. In the meantime print the books, that will save us. When the educated circle supports our movement, there is no danger. We have already printed some books in German language.

So what is the loss on their part? We are spending the money in Germany. Print the books; get the government to pay the bill (allow us to spend the frozen money for payment of the books; if the court decides that we must pay the money to the government, then at least we must be able to print the books, pay the bill, and after selling the books we can pay the government as a last resort. Our mission is for enlightenment.

You will require an intelligent lawyer.

Collect the opinions and standing orders from all over the world and present it to a first class lawyer to present on our behalf very nicely.

Please keep me informed of the developments there. I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-5-44

Honolulu

19th May, 1976

Bombay

My dear Chaitya Guru das,

Please accept my blessings. I have received on report from Brahmananda Swami in Nairobi about an incident that took place that took place when you were there. One Mr. Amarshi B. Shretta, P.O. Box 53, Kisumu, Kenya, had lent his automobile to you that you might use it for me when I came to Kenya. However, it was reported that you disappeared with the car overnight. Mr. Shretta is very much upset at this and he demands an explanation and an apology. There have been many complaints at the mismanagement in the past and now Brahmananda Swami has worked very hard to regain the respect and support of the Indian community in Kenya. Needless to say they are supporting our movement in Kenya and we must be straightforward in our dealings with them. I want you to write a letter of explanation and apology to Mr. Shretta and also you can send one copy of your letter to Brahmananda Swami at the Nairobi Temple address, P.O. Box 28946, Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa. Kindly do this immediately.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-5-45

Honolulu

19th May, 1976

All Governing Board Commissioners

My dear G.B.C. disciples,

Please accept my blessings. Over the past ten years I have given the framework and now we have become more than the British Empire. Even the British Empire was not as expansive as we. They had only a portion of the world, and we have not completed expanding. We must expand more and more unlimitedly. But I must now remind you that I have to complete the translation of the Srimad Bhagavatam. This is the greatest contribution; our books have given us a respectable position. People have no faith in this church or temple worship. Those days are gone. Of course, we have to maintain the temples as it is necessary to keep our spirits high. Simply intellectualism will not do, there must be practical purification.

So I request you to relieve me of management responsibilities more and more so that I can complete the Srimad Bhagavatam translation. If I am always having to manage, then I cannot do my work on the books. It is document, I have to choose each word very soberly and if I have to think of management then I cannot do this. I cannot be like these rascals who present something mental concoction to cheat the public. So this task will not be finished without the cooperation of my appointed assistants, the G.B.C., temple presidents, and sanyassis. I have chosen my best men to be G.B.C. and I do not want that the G.B.C. should be disrespectful to the temple presidents. You can naturally consult me, but if the basic principle is weak, how will things go on? So please assist me in the management so that I can be free to finish the Srimad Bhagavatam which will be our lasting contribution to the world.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-5-46

Honolulu

19th May, 1976

Mayapur

My dear Jayapataka Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I wish to have a report of the situation with the land acquisition in Mayapur. I will be in Hawaii until June 1, then in Los Angeles until June 11.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-5-47

Honolulu

19th May, 1976

Lautoka, Fiji

My dear Upendra das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 13, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

Concerning the domes, the domes must be over the three Deities. The domes should not be brought to the front of the building. Their place is over the Deities, whether they are visible to the passerby or not.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-5-48

Honolulu
20th May, 1976

Calcutta

My dear Abhirama das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 9, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

You can continue to work at trying to get the park for constructing our temple there as previously planned. Keep me informed as to the progress.

So far the land in Jagannath Puri is concerned, we can have a nice temple on 21 acres of land.* You can negotiate the rental fees and inform me accordingly before proceeding further with this project.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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*Whether in the land there is vegetation? If it is only sandy then it is not good.

76-5-49

Honolulu
20th May, 1976

The Manager, Bank of America,
Bombay Branch, Express Towers,
Nariman Point, P.O. Box 10080,
Bombay-1, India

Re: a/c International Society
for Krishna Consciousness,
(Mayapur-Vrindaban Fund)
savings account no. 16026.

Dear Sir:

Please prepare an account payee only bank draft to the credit of Engineering Construction Corporation Limited, for a sum of Rs. 2,48,848/95. (Rupees two lakhs, forty eight thousand, eight hundred and forty eight and ninety five paise), and debit our account no. 16026,

Please send this account payee only

bank draft to the following address: *by registered post.*

The Manager,
Engineering Construction
Corporation Limited,
(Registered Office),
L&T House, Narottam Morarjee Marg,
Ballard Estate,
P.O. Box 278,
Bombay 400-001,
India

Thank you very much.

Yours faithfully,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

copy: Giriraj

76-5-50

Honolulu
20th May, 1976

Bombay

My dear Gopal Krishna das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your report dated May 4, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

So far that your request for funds to construct Vrindaban Gurukula, is concerned, I approve your plan to take one lac (Rs. 1 lac), out of the money that Bombay receives from Los Angeles. That will leave Bombay with Rs. 6 lacs monthly as you pointed out. I trust that by now you have rented the house in Delhi and there is no immediate difficulty for finding a place in Delhi at present.

You mentioned that the chief minister of Haryana promised to give me land in Kuruksetra for constructing our project there, but where is his letter? We must have this in writing. You mentioned that there is not much land available next to the Bengali temple. That will not suit us. In any case send me a site sketch of the available land, giving length and breadth. However, we do not want some land on

one side of the canal and some land on the other side of the canal. All the land must be in one piece, together, not separately. If the government gives us 30 acres of land then we shall attempt, otherwise, let it be postponed. We are not anxious to construct next to the Bengali temple, but send the dimensions of the available land in any case.

The Gurukula in Bombay was to be financed by Brig Mohan Mota. Giriraj, myself, and he talked together.

Now concerning Vrindaban, there is no need to move the mukhats business to the new house given by Mr. Taparia. It is not safe there, and you will have to employ 3 guards at expense of 500-600 Rupees so what is the use. Let the mukhats business remain in the guesthouse, however, we must free the other space in the guesthouse. Let all the women and children live in the Taparia house. The daily Gurukula can also be held at the Taparia house. When the Gurukula construction is completed, then the grihasthas can live on the third floor of the new building, but for now they can utilize the Taparia house for women and children, and the brahmacharis can remain in the guesthouse. The mukhat business should be given one room for working in the guesthouse. Do not move all the valuable stock to Taparia house, as it is risky. For protection of the Taparia house, why use barbed wire. Better to build a wall around it of bricks. Barbed wire can be destroyed very easily. Also, send me a plan of the Taparia house, and do not construct any more rooms there at present. When the Gurukula is completed the third floor will be available. So it is not necessary to spend the proposed Rs. 25,000, and neither the Rs. 10,000 for the extra room there.

The devotees should attend mangala arati at the temple otherwise it will become a household affair. So according to the situation see that if at all possible the

devotees staying at the Taparia house can come to the temple for Mangala arati. If not do not insist.

Concerning the rooms for Mr. Badruka in Bombay; they are rich men and they can rent or purchase some other place in Bombay. Why they are utilizing our facility? They have already put us into inconvenience by occupying, but what is this that they are taking it permanently. It is a guest room, not for permanent occupancy.*

Concerning the book printing: why are you having Thompson Press import the paper? We can do it ourselves and save the commission that they would take; also we will not be bound to Thompson Press if we have our own paper. Guru Kṛpā Swami can send the paper from Japan. In that way he can get money out of Japan in the form of paper, for printing books. Why through Thompson Press we must purchase paper, and then export our books? We can purchase paper and export books ourselves. Simply we pay the printing costs, that's all. First thing you will have to take license of import-export. If we are going to get the Delhi land, we can do the whole business in Delhi, importing through Bombay and Calcutta. If the whole thing turns out cheaper and efficient, then we can print all our books there, so long the quality is not diminished. There is law that what you export, to that value, you can import, so part of the payment can be in paper from Japan, so we get as much as possible paper in profit, in addition to payment for the books. If this can be arranged, I do not know. If Thompson Press can import, why we can't import. Then we can also print where we choose and we save so much money in every respect.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

n.b. Which devotee is giving the Hindi

lecture in the Vrindaban temple?

*There are so many flats available in the vicinity. Why do they not take? Why they should create inconvenience to our workers? This is not at all good.

ACBS/pks

76-5-51

Honolulu
20th May, 1976

New York

My dear Madhudvisa Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 15, 1976, and I have noted the contents with great care.

I want to meet you immediately. If you do not come to Hawaii and you want to come to Los Angeles to meet me, then I can go to Los Angeles immediately. If you actually want to give me service, then you can live with me. I want your service.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-5-52

Honolulu
20th May, 1976

Laguna Beach

My dear Rebatinandan Swami,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 17, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

On your recommendation I agree to accept the following persons for first initiation. Their spiritual names are as follows:

Leon Lane—Devala das

Mark Haley—Agastya das

Chriss Glenn—Devadatta das

Lenny Willoughby—Śvetadvīpa das

Wayne Bell—Sankhadhara das

Beverly Bell—Dvārakāvāsīnī dāsī

Laura Banks—Candravamsī dāsī

You can chant on their beads and give them their names and beads at the time of the fire sacrifice. They must promise to follow the four regulative principles: no meat-eating, no intoxication, no gambling, and no illicit sex-life, and to chant a minimum of 16 rounds of japa daily.

Also on your recommendation I am accepting Padmagarbha das and Papharini devi dasi for second initiation as brahmins. After the fire sacrifice you should play the gayatri mantra into the right ear of the initiates. Enclosed please find one brahmin thread and copy of the gayatri mantra. The brahmin must be clean both inside and outside by following the regulative principles strictly, and bathing regularly. The initiates as above mentioned are all taking vow before the Deity, the Super-soul within, the devotees, the spiritual master, the fire, and so they are vowing before so many witnesses to keep faithfully these regulative principles. So my request to them is that they take very seriously this vow and make progress in developing love for Krishna.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-5-53

Honolulu
20th May, 1976

Bombay

My dear Saurabha das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 9, 1976, and I have noted the contents carefully. Incidentally, you mentioned that there was a sketch of my house in Mayapur enclosed however I did not find it enclosed in the letter you sent me.

There is no hurry to build the exhibition hall in Mayapur if you have not yet made the site plan for the city. Also, the basement of the buildings means a risk of flood, also these buildings are for residential purposes. How can it be used for exhibition? Try to give me more information about these basements which you mentioned as I am not familiar about them, or at least wait until I return before going further on the exhibition hall plan.

Concerning the Vrindaban, I have written Gopal Krishna in Bombay what to do with the women and children in the guesthouse. It should allow for a better situation and sufficient room for guests.

Concerning marriages in the Bombay centre as a means of income, if it does not disturb the daily routine, then it can be done. However, the marriages can not take place before the Deity in the temple. Where in the tower would you plan to have the marriages take place? What rooms would be utilized for this purpose?

I am enclosing a copy of the letter to the Bank of America requesting them to issue payment to the ECC (Engineering Construction Corporation). See that this copy is given to Giriraj das, and he can see that this transaction takes place according to instructions contained therein.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-5-54

Honolulu
20th May, 1976

Atlanta

My dear Svarupa Damodara das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter with contents dated May 15, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

The idea of lecture seminars is very good. This is required. It is a very nice idea.

Concerning your immigration application, that is o.k. that you may not be able to leave Atlanta for some time, do not worry. They require some bank balance. Whatever bank balance they require, we shall supply. The health examination is there. You are employed by ISKCON, a registered association in the U.S.A.

Concerning the emblem for the Bhaktivedanta Institute, the words "Athato brahma jijnasa" is alright, however instead of inside the emblem, you can put athato on top (in Devanagari) and brahma jijnasa on the bottom (in Devanagari). That will be nice. Enclosed you will find your copy with the ideas written on in the appropriate place.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-5-55

Honolulu
20th May, 1976

Atlanta

My dear Dr. Wolf,

Please accept my greetings. I beg to inform you that I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 16, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

Why should our temples support or denounce Hitler. If somebody says something in this connection it must simply be some sentiment. We have nothing to do with politics. It is after all sentiment, you say something and I say something.

In this material world, to say this is good and this is bad has no value. To us, everything material is bad as it is lacking Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. Just like wet stool

and dry stool. Stool is stool, but somebody is saying that wet stool is better than dry stool. What is this good and bad? The top side of some stool is dry and the bottom side is wet, but anyway that you take it, the material world is stool, and it must be given up. Therefore, we are trying to get out of the material world and go back to Home, Back to Godhead.

But, of course, everyone has got some sentiment. If you want that my sentiment be decried, what is the wrong if I say that your sentiment should be decried. In this world of duality, this is good and this is bad has no meaning, it is called *mano-dharma*, mental concoction. However, the real truth is that Krsna says that: *dukhalayam asasvatam*, the world is a place of misery wherein repeated birth and death take place. Now this is good misery or bad misery? Misery is misery; and you have to die, good die or bad die? So to us everything material, without connection to Krsna, is to be rejected as stool, otherwise we will waste valuable time needed to solve the real problems of life, namely, birth, death, disease, and old-age.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-5-56

Honolulu
23rd May, 1976

Bombay

My dear Gopal Krsna das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letters dated May 9, and May 16, 1976, as well as one telegram from Bombay that the Russians are appreciating our books. In that telegram you mentioned that the "mantra books" arrived. What "mantra books" are those

that the Russians have ordered?

Concerning the prices of the *Srimad Bhagavatam* at Rs. 13/=, is this the printer's price to us, or our price to the temples? And concerning the price of the *Bhagavad-gita* that Thompson Press is giving, is that for a soft or hardbound edition? We will have to see what is the price if printed in America or Japan. In America, they are selling the Abridged edition (paperback) for \$1.95, to the bookstores.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-5-57

Honolulu
23rd May, 1976

Bhaktivedanta Manor

My dear Jayatirtha das,

Please accept my blessings. Concerning the new temple, that you are going to purchase in London, when Madhavananda and Hansadutta were there, they were collecting funds to construct a temple there at Bhaktivedanta Manor. Please report to me what was done with these funds.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-5-58

Honolulu
23rd May, 1976

Montreal

My dear Nandevara das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your telephone message from my secretary and on your recommendation I am accepting Allan (spiritual

name Tārāksa das) for first initiation, and the following devotees for second initiation: Dyapaka das, Jitarati das, Dayalji das, Gauranga das, and Jaganmatha devi dasi.

You can hold a fire sacrifice and you can have Tarakṣa's beads chanted on by one of the sannyassis. Give the beads and spiritual name at the time of initiation. For the second initiates, after the fire sacrifice, you can give the men their brahmin threads and play the tape of gayatri mantra into the right ear. I have enclosed a copy of the gayatri mantra for them to follow. The initiates are promising to follow the principles of no illicit sex, no intoxication, no meat-eating, and no gambling, as well as chanting a minimum of 16 rounds of japa daily. This promise is made before the Deity, the spiritual master, the devotees, the fire, like this, one should very strictly keep this vow and make progress in Krishna Consciousness. The brahmins must keep clean externally by bathing regularly, and within by always chanting Hare Krishna. The symptoms of the brahmana are explained in the Bhagavad-gita and one should cultivate these qualities in their devotional service.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-5-59

Honolulu
23rd May, 1976

New Orleans

My dear Nityananda das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 18, 1976 and I have noted the contents with care.

If the Varnasramadharma can be instituted it is welcome, but it is a little difficult today to do. If it can be done we want that. Training is required. The things are there but who will take up the training? Otherwise, the symptoms are mentioned in the Bhagavad-gita and if according to the symptoms some training is given, it is alright. But, everyone is after money and as soon as money is there they drink, eat meat, illicit sex, so who is there to be trained as a Brahmin?

On your recommendation I am accepting Danny Miller and Michael McKinley for first initiation into Hare Krishna chanting. You can have sannyassis chant on their beads, and give them their spiritual names and beads at the fire sacrifice. They must abide by the regulative principles; no illicit-sex, no intoxication, no gambling, and no meat-eating, and chanting minimum of 16 rounds daily. Then there will be steady and sure progress. Their spiritual names are:

Danny—Kālākṣara das

Michael—Guṇāvāsa das

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-5-60

Honolulu
23rd May, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Satsvarupa Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 19, 1976 as well as your copies of two purchase orders from two universities for the Bhagavad-gita As It Is.

The public libraries can order many sets, 50 to 100 at a time, for all their branches. Your tactics sound very good. The Indian professors reviews can be used to stimulate American orders, and the

American professors' reviews can be used to stimulate orders in India. So now with so many testimonials, why these libraries will not purchase?

The scientists cannot make a machine from a seed. Why not? Can they make a typewriter machine tree, or an automobile tree, that you plant a seed and you get an automobile it gets bigger, bigger, bigger until it is a full size automobile. They cannot make even one egg, and they are going to manufacture life? And we have to believe it? They are lunatics, this is demoniac. They want to compete with God.

Concerning the Deities in Chicago temple, if you want to have large size Gaura-Nitai then I have no objection. Your new travelling mobile temple sounds very nice. I shall be glad to see it when I visit Detroit. Keep yourself comfortable so that you can work nicely. There is no need of dry vairagya.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-5-61

Honolulu
23rd May, 1976

San Francisco

My dear Shama dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I understand from Hayagriva that now you are living in San Francisco along with your youngest son. I hope that you are doing well, but I shall be glad to see you in Los Angeles by the 2nd of June, 1976, when I shall be arriving there.

I hope that this will find you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-5-62

Honolulu
23rd May, 1976

New Delhi

My dear Tejyas das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 14-5-76, and I have noted the contents with care. The house that you have rented in New Delhi appears very nice. However is there any garden?*

Concerning your personal service, when I come I shall personally take this up with you. You can come and personally speak with me when I return to India.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

*What is the size of the lecture hall and my quarters?

ACBS/pks

76-5-63

Honolulu
26th May, 1976

Stockholm

My dear Alanath das,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 7, 1976, and I thank you for the copy of Easy Journey to Other Planets in the Finnish language. Now go throughout all of Europe with your travelling party and distribute my books profusely, just as the Radha-Damodar TSKP is doing in America. You must remain strong by following the four regulative principles, and chanting 16 rounds of japa daily, and go on distributing my books unlimitedly in Europe.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-5-64

Honolulu

26th May, 1976

Bombay

My dear Giriraj das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 15, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

You can make inquiry as to why the amount received was Rs. 4/= less than the amount which we transferred (telegraphic transfer) from Melbourne. From my letter to you dated May 5, 1976, you will note that the Rs. 59,000/= which I borrowed from the Bhaktivedanta Book Trust account is now all accounted for and with Yasodanandan Swami's payment it will be completed. Shri Brijratan Mohatta had promised that he would pay for the entire construction of the Bombay Gurukula, but you mentioned that he is only giving Rs. 10,000. Why only 10,000, Gurukula will require Rs. 10 lakhs?

Concerning the purchasing of other books for the Bombay library, I never gave a list of books to Saurabha for purchasing. Anyway, we may require but I never gave such a list to him.

The devotees must learn Hindi, as many as possible, and take citizenship. What about the Parliament? They were going to raise the question about our men coming to stay in India indefinitely, but I have heard nothing further in this connection.

I received the plan of my house in Mayapur from Bombay address. I do not approve of this plan just yet. I liked one plan which I saw in London. Where is that original plan? Then I can make comparison. There was supposed to be a lift from the ground floor to the first floor. Also, why the guest rooms are upstairs, above me. Guest rooms are alright, but they cannot be occupied while I am there. There is also the question of the kitchen. And moreover, if there is no sunshine it will

not be very nice. Will sunshine be able to enter my room? . (there are over-hanging verandas) and is there a place on the roof open to the sun for taking massage? In any case, I want to see the plans which I saw in London for comparison. Also, I do not want to go ahead with the construction of my house in Mayapur until I see the master plan of the Mayapur City. It may be that there is a more secluded, less congested, place to situate my house. Being so near the front gate, and the main road, it may get too noisy at times there. So, you can take up these matters with Saurabha, and have him send me the original plan which I saw in London. The site of the house can also be determined only after we have the master plan.

The facilities in Bombay appear to be very nice. I think it will be very peaceful up so high in the towers, and it may be a very good place for me to translate Srimad Bhagavatam. Let us see.

Concerning Shri Ramkrishna Bajaj, I sent you one letter dated May 14, 1976, concerning their invitation to me to attend the Gita Pratisthan conference as one of the Co-ordinating committee. Your letter to me was dated May 15, so you could not have received my letter when you wrote me. I will await a reply from Shri Bajaj before making any decision what we will do in this connection. If they do not honor our request as mentioned in the May 14, 1976 letter, than you will have to read some paper on my behalf which I would send you. However, I will make no decisions in this connection until I have received a reply from Shri Bajaj.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

N. B. Please send me a statement account of Vrinda Book Co. with B.B.T. up to date.

ACBS/pks

76-5-65

Honolulu
26th May, 1976

Vrindaban

My dear Jagannath das and Nitai das,

Please accept my blessings. I have received a report that you are not working on my books. Why you have stopped editing my books? So what are you doing with my books? You have stopped editing, but what is your occupation now?

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-5-66

Honolulu
26th May, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Ramesvara Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your BBT Trustee's Report dated May 22, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

You have mentioned this Kingsport Press which is now printing our books in America. Where is this located? I am interested to know the details of several expenditures. Firstly, it appears from your report that the BBT is paying for 50% of the Diorama project. Why the BBT should spend money for the Diorama project? Secondly, I want to know how it requires \$50,000 per month to maintain ISKCON Press as you have mentioned this on page 2 of the report under "Budget Projections." Concerning the need for a new larger warehouse for stocking and disbursing our books, why not use one entire floor of the new New York building. That will be very nice. There would be a warehouse on the West coast, and one on the East coast as well. The management should not be difficult as Tamal Krsna

Goswami is going to make his office in New York and he will have a staff to assist him. Then we could avoid having to locate a new place in Los Angeles for the time being.

I noticed that there is outstanding loan debts of almost \$1 million, and also that there is similarly nearly \$1 million outstanding owed for books by the temples. What is being done to collect these funds?

Now concerning the London loan, I know that Madhavananda who is presently in Detroit, and Hansadutta Maharaj both were collecting funds to construct a temple at the Bhaktivedanta Manor. What was done with these funds? And what is done with the money collected from Book sales in Germany and France?

Bhagavan das owes money on a loan which he got for purchasing the Chateau. He can return that money for being used to loan to London to purchase their new temple. Then you will not have to lay out that money from Los Angeles as you mentioned that funds are low this time. Between French and German book sales, it may be possible to loan this money to London. I am sending a copy of this letter to Jayatirtha and Bhagavan to discuss this matter. Since you are all BBT Trustees, you can discuss and come up with some idea how this can be done.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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cc: Bhagavan, Jayatirtha

76-5-67

Honolulu
26th May, 1976

Hyderabad

My dear Yasodananda Swami,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of the Hare Krishna Souvenir

printed from the Madras Centre. It appears that you neglected to advertise my books. It was a very good opportunity but why was it overlooked?

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-5-68

Honolulu

26th May, 1976

Auckland

My dear Yasomatinandana das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 23, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

I remember how so many people were coming to visit the temple. The Deities should be very beautifully decorated so that people will be able to see the gorgeous worship in the temple. Now you have also received shipment of books so distribute my books profusely. This distribution is the greatest welfare work for humanity. What will be the benefit of so many skyscraper buildings if in their next life they have to take birth as a cat or a dog? Where will be the advancement in such an arrangement? Actual progress is to become fit for going back to home, back to Godhead.

Concerning the incident where the two boys were killed in what appeared to be a bomb blast, it is unfortunate that the newspapers have made it appear that these boys are Hare Krishna devotees. Of course, anyone can chant Hare Krishna, just like we go on the streets chanting, and others will imitate us. However, in our aims you will not find that our organization is dedicated to such methods or goals. Our aim is to awaken people throughout the world to Krishna Consciousness, God

consciousness, by chanting the Holy Names of God. We have published so many books to explain our viewpoint, and why we should sit idly by and allow the press to unfairly take advantage of such a situation to mis-represent the Hare Krishna Movement. In any case, the movement cannot be judged simply by the activities of some individuals, but these men were not in our camp and still the press took unfair notice of all the facts. We should demand at least equal time from the press to explain the entire situation clearly, and when necessary we should file suit against such newspapers in order that things are not distorted. It is not in our aims anywhere to build bombs for any purpose. The same mentality is involved in trying to blow-up a slaughterhouse as is there in meat-eating. Such things will not stop people from unnecessary animal slaughter. It is only by educating people in the science of Krishna Consciousness that they will automatically develop all good qualities. *Yasyatma bhaktir bhagavati akincanna, sarvair gunais tatra samasate surah.* And the nondevotee will not have any good qualities even they may be vegetarians. *Harav abhaktasya kuto mahad guna manorathenasati dhavato bahih.* So we should clearly establish our aims in such situations and sit by idly. We must preach very boldly whenever the situation is favorable.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-5-69

Honolulu

29th May, 1976

Bombay

My dear Amogha das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in

due receipt of your letter dated May 18, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

You may remain in Bombay and assist with the temple management in cooperation with Giriraj das. I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-5-70

Honolulu
29th, May 1976

Atlanta

My dear Balavanta das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 23, 1976, with enclosed newspaper clippings, and I have noted the contents carefully.

In connection with the religious discrimination mentioned in the newspaper clipping from Atlanta; Wherever we live we worship God. We are not official worshippers. We worship wherever we are.

satatam kirtayanto mam
yatantas ca drdha-vratah,
namasyantas ca mam bhaktya
nitya-yukta upasate. (B.G. 9.14).

"Always chanting My glories, endeavouring with great determination, bowing down before Me, these great souls perpetually worship Me with devotion."

Our religion is not a part time transcendental recreation. We live in God. Of course, "Hare Krishna" is there on all these newspaper reports, that I want, that somehow or other hundreds and thousands of men will chant Hare Krishna. They have made all plans to avoid God, and our plan is that they accept God. The struggle will become acute, because formerly they thought we were simply hippies, but now they see our books, that we are here to stay. The professors are writing

books, like Hare Krishna and Counter Culture. So now they are beginning to realize that Hare Krishna is here to stay. So, now the people are becoming envious that in such a short time we are so well known. Do not be discouraged by these fools and rascals, and simply push on sincerely and Krishna will save you.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-5-71

Honolulu
29th May, 1976

New Delhi

My dear Bhargava das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 25, 1976, along with samples of the Gitar-gan and the cover in for the Bhagavat-darsana.

No, the printing of the Gitar-gan cover in this fashion is not at all approved by me. You have done most nonsensically. Why change the cover? When people look to see the Bhagavad-gita they expect to see Krishna and Arjuna, not the picture of Krishna with cow. You have done a great mistake by changing the front picture and it will hamper the sale. In future you don't do any changes without asking me first.

Simply because there is no stock of books, we can do anything whimsically??? Is this logic? Gita is not spoken in Vrindaban, it is spoken on the battlefield of Kurukshetra, but this is Vrindaban picture. That chariot driven by 4 horses, that is the real Kurukshetra picture. It is not that because there is no stock we can do whimsically as we like and lose the idea, that is rasa-bhasa. Because there is no bread, you take stone to eat? There is no stock of bread so you will take stone??? The front picture is most important thing and you

have changed it. It must remain standard, and not change. Also, the lettering is not nice on the cover. You could have taken a color picture of Krishna and Arjuna and used it black and white (one color) on the front cover. Just as you did with the inside back cover of the Bhagavat darsana, the original picture of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu was in color but you have printed it in black and white. You could have done this on the front cover with Krishna and Arjuna on the Battlefield of Kurukshetra, but the cover must not be changed.

Concerning the Bhagavat darsana cover, the Hindi on the back is not good. Who is translating this? Also, the address on the back of our Vrindaban Temple is not correctly spelled. It has been spelled Chattakara Road; But it should be Chattikara Road. Who is proof-reading?

I am glad to see that some Hindi translating is going on but what about that other boy who was translating The Srimad Bhagavatam in Vrindaban? Do not do anything whimsically in future, and you can write me if you have questions concerning the printing.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-5-72

Honolulu
29th May, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Dharmadhyaksa dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your "Simple Living and High Thinking" magazine. The article is very well-written and convincing. Thank you very much.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-5-73

Honolulu
29th May, 1976

Vrindaban

My dear Haihaya das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 21, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

The daily collections from the temple should be counted before 3 persons together. The accountant has nothing to do with these things. He simply notes down the figure in the books. This is how it should be done. Yes, the collections will increase as people come more and more. The temple should become self-sufficient, that is wanted. However, see that stealing is stopped. I am doubtful that things are being stolen, otherwise how is the expenditure so high.

In addition to the picture exhibition in the guests' reception room, you can also have the appreciations for our books exhibited, as was done during the previous Mayapur festival. Fill up the guesthouse with visitors. That is very important.

This business of sleeping devotees should stop. What is the use of such sleeping devotees, simply increasing the expenditures. All of them must be engaged. Women and child should all move to the new Taparia house, and the mukhat business should remain in the Guesthouse for now. Gurukula can also be held daily at the Taparia house, and when the Gurukula is completed, grhasthas may occupy some of the third floor facilities of the

Gurukula. But, everyone must be actively engaged.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-5-74

Honolulu

29th May, 1976

Vrindaban

My dear Hansadutta Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 20, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

You were there in Kurukshetra when Mr. Gupta, the Chief Minister verbally agreed to grant us land and support. You should personally negotiate with Mr. Gupta as Caitya Guru is not so important to deal with him. I wrote one letter to Gopal Krishna dated May 20, 1976, wherein I mentioned that we must have the land all in one piece, not some on this side of the canal, and some on the other side. If the government gives us 30 acres (which was proposed to me by Gopal Krishna) in one piece, then we can attempt. If the land next to the Bengali temple is too small, we are not particularly anxious to construct next to the Bengali temple. But we must have the land in one piece sufficient for our purposes. Also, I will require a sketch of the available land, giving length and breadth. But you should personally do the transaction with the Chief Minister, don't depend on Caitya Guru.

Caitya Guru can remain on in Chandigarh for now. Was the house there given to us or simply given for our use? In any

case, you should guide him as he requires guidance and vigilance. I know that Lokanath Swami is very nice. I am glad to know that he is doing nicely. So far your program is concerned, do not worry that Gargamuni Maharaj's party is doing more books and collecting more money. Both of you are doing very nicely.

In Solan, if possible take the offer by the Babaji. Land in that part of the country is very nice, with nice climate also. Yes, it will be a good idea if he can give over the asrama to us.

How will you keep the buses in India? Please let me know. As sanyassi, you are competent to spend the rest of your life travelling and preaching. Continue in this way with determination. I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-5-75

Honolulu

29th May, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Jagannatha Suta dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of the latest issue of Back to Godhead magazine, Vol. II, no. 6. I am very pleased with the presentation and the articles of this issue. Thank you very much and continue to work very sincerely and Krishna will bless you.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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JUNE

76-6-1

Los Angeles
4th June, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Bhagavan dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 17, 1976, with the enclosed Dutch edition of the Bhagavad-gita and I thank you very much. It is very nicely printed.

This book production is real progress. It is very good news to hear that you are producing so many books in the European languages. This is most pleasing to me.

Now we are starting new centres in Athens and a new building is being acquired in Rome. So as you have requested you can make a program for Rome, and I can go there just after the program in France. The program in France and Rome will be between July 26, and August 10, 1976, before I will be going on to India to officially open our Hyderabad centre.

I have heard with delight of your preaching attempts in Corsica. That is one of our businesses, to expose these rascals who are cheating and who have no spiritual asset. We don't say publicly that they are rascal, otherwise they will condemn also, but by practical action they will see and compare. Simply chant and dance, distribute prasadam, and where possible some books. Nobody will be grudged. This is our duty, yare dekha tare koha krsna upadesa. Everyone is fed up with this rascal civilization of sex and wine. How long one can artificially live on this. They have no other asset. Therefore, people are turning to Indian culture. Let us push on. Others cannot push on, they have

no asset.

Your plan to compose the French books in Los Angeles is approved by me. The composition arrangements are very good here. They should always busy composing books. The article from the French-Soir I have given to Ramesvara Maharaj for possible use in connection with Back to Godhead magazine. Try to introduce Rathayatra and Janmastami, at least 4-5 ceremonies and festivals annually. I recall how in the London newspaper, The Guardian, that when our Rathayatra ceremony was taking place in Trafalgar Square, they commented that Rathayatra was rivalling to Nelson, as there is a statue of Lord Nelson in Trafalgar Square. So in this way they thought that if Rathayatra goes on, Nelson will be killed.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-6-2

Los Angeles
4th June, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Gopavrndesa dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your offering of the sanskrit verse which you composed for me and I thank you very much. Now I am encouraging my young disciples to all try to learn at least one Indian language, like Hindi or Bengali. At least those who have the propensity can become proficient in some language, especially Hindi, and then you will be able to preach in India in the native

language. It will be very effective.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-6-3

Los Angeles
4th June, 1976

Vancouver

My dear Gurudas Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 28, 1976, and I have noted the contents carefully.

Try to convince them that without God Consciousness, no plan will be successful. Of course, the demoniac class of men will always remain, but unless there is a strong body to present God Consciousness proposals to the leaders of the world, there will be no hope. We have taken Bhagavad-gita as the standard of all human activities. If the leaders of the human society take it as standard, then all the problems will be solved. That we can give practical suggestions for. Any plan of the atheists will never be successful.

Your plan to go to Vrindaban in January is very nice. I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-6-4

Los Angeles
4th June, 1976

Raja Sajid Husain,
Chairman, Indian Humanist Union,
Kotwara House, Kaisarbagh,
Lucknow, U.P., India

Dear Mr. Raja Sajid Husain,

Please accept my greetings. I beg to

acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 16, 1976, and I have noted the contents carefully.

Your idea of the "unity" of man is utopian. It will never become. The United Nations has tried for so many years, and they will never agree. If we keep human beings in the status of cats and dogs, in the bodily concept of life, how can they live in peace? They will simply fight like cats and dogs amongst one another. However, when members of the human society come to the spiritual platform, then there is a genuine possibility of unity.

Without God Consciousness, nobody can be ethical. In the Vedic literatures, we find this verse:

yasyasti bhaktir bhagavaty akincina
sarvair gunais tatra samasate surah,
harav abhaktasya kuto mahad-guna
manorathenasati dhavato bahih.

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

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-6-5

Los Angeles
4th June, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Jai Sachinandana dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your offering of Bhaktivedanta-astakam, and I thank you very much. It is very nicely done. I have noted that you also have the aptitude for Bengali language, so you can learn this nicely and then you will be able to preach in Bengal in the native language. It would be very effective. Also, you can chant the Gita-Gan in Bengali and people will profusely take out Gita-Gan. Thank you very much.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-6-6

Los Angeles
4th June, 1976

Bishnu Prasad Mukherjee, Dr.
Department of Pharmacology,
Harvard University,
College of Medicine
Washington D.C. 20059

Dear Dr. Mukherjee,

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 27, 1976, with enclosed brochure, and I have noted the contents carefully.

Our Krishna Consciousness Movement is not a Bharatiya artistic one. It is a program to solve all the problems of all the world. We are getting good response, so your cooperation will be welcome, but we are not interested in Bharatiya as there are already so many organizations of this nature. Our workers are all dedicated souls and they are engaging in activities on the spiritual platform. If sometimes you could find the time, perhaps we could

meet together and we can talk.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-6-7

Los Angeles
4th June, 1976

San Jose, Costa Rica

My dear Narayan das,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 27, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

On your recommendation, I am accepting Bhaktin Shanna Wollerman for first initiation. Her spiritual name is Nīlācala dasi. Also, I am accepting Saurani dasi for second initiation. Those who take initiation must vow to refrain from illicit sex life, intoxication, gambling, and meat-eating, and to chant minimum of 16 rounds japa daily. The brahmins must practice cleanliness internally and externally. Externally by bathing regularly, and internally by always chanting the Mahamantra.

You can perform the fire sacrifice, and at that time give out the japa beads (which should have been chanted on by one of the sanyassis beforehand) at the time of initiation. Also, after the yajna, the gayatri mantra should be played into the right ear of the devotee who is taking brahmin initiation. I am enclosing a copy of the gayatri mantra for learning the gayatri mantra.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-6-8

Los Angeles

4th June, 1976

Lusaka, Zambia

My dear Purushottam Das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated April 6, 1976, which has been forwarded to me by our Nairobi centre as you had requested there in.

Life cannot be prolonged by heart transplant. You cannot increase the duration of life. One can perhaps give some relief to disease, that is another thing, but the duration of life is destined. From the dead body, one cannot bring life. Similarly, it may appear that one is prolonging the duration of life by medicines or heart transplant, but that is not the case. If one lives 4 years after having had a heart transplant, then by nature's law he was destined to live four years with or without having had a heart transplant. So what is the value of heart transplant?

Only by the yogic process can one prolong the life. By stopping the breathing process, keeping in samadhi, the breath period is not being misused, and he increases the life span. Therefore, destiny can only be changed by devotional service or yoga. Otherwise, what you must suffer, you must suffer, and what you must enjoy, you must enjoy. For a devotee however, whatever it may be, he takes the opportunity to chant Hare Krishna, and if by Krishna's Grace destiny is changed, then it is alright. Nature's law will work. We cannot change that, but Krishna, the Supreme Controller, He can change it; just like if a man is sentenced to be hanged, no one, not even the judge can pardon him, except the king or president. He only can excuse the offender. Similarly, I have to execute Krishna's order, and suppose I have to suffer to execute this order. Therefore, devotional service and the devotee is so dear to Krishna. The devotee is pre-

pared to die at any moment, but he simply wants to be engaged in Krishna's service. "I am suffering, I cannot carry out the order of Krishna. . ." This line of thinking is sense gratification. Suppose a devotee had to suffer in preaching work, just like Haridas Thakur or Prahlad Maharaj. Prahlad's father, Hiranyakasipu was giving so much trouble, but to Prahlad it was not trouble. He was simply concerned to see that others who were suffering might take to Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. That is the vaiṣṇava's concern. For myself, let me go to hell, I can chant Hare Krishna, but the Vaiṣṇava is simply lamenting for the nondevotees who must go immediately from the room? No. The living body or the dead body, either way it is the same, simply earth, air, water, fire, and ether.

What is the proof that they have gone to the moon? Why they are not now utilizing it, and they simply remain quiet? They have simply squandered so much money but there is no proof that they went. A foolish man squanders and does nothing and still we are to believe that they are scientists? According to the Bhagavad-gita, yanti deva vrta devan without the necessary qualification, namely visa, etc., one cannot even go to another country what to speak of another planet, and the moon planet, Chandra-loka, being a heavenly planet, how can we accept that they have gone to the moon? Our point is that they are accepting foolish men as scientists.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-6-9

Los Angeles

4th June, 1976

Calcutta

My dear Sridhar Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in

due receipt of your letter dated May 25, 1976, and I have noted the contents carefully.

I was very pleased to note that you are willing to go to China as we have just printed a Chinese Bhagavad-gita. I am most eager to see this distributed throughout Southeast Asia to as many Chinese speaking people as possible. For this reason I am sending Trivikrama Maharaj to Hong Kong immediately, and he will be followed by two of the big book distributors on the Radha-Damodar TSKP, being sent by Tamal Krsna Goswami. I wish that you will meet Trivikrama Swami in Hong Kong and combinedly organize distribution of the Chinese Gita profusely. It will be a great triumph. After all, one third of the world is Chinese speaking, and they are also human, they have a very old culture, so why shouldn't they be benefited by Lord Caitanya's movement.

You can go dressed as gentleman because it will be easier to travel in this part of the world. I have given full instructions to Trivikrama Maharaj and the both of you can cooperate in this very important mission.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-6-10

Los Angeles
5th June, 1976

Houston

Dear Mr. Hunter,

Please accept my greetings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter with enclosed contribution towards the development of our Mayapur City in W. Bengal, and I thank you very much. We are trying to construct a city where people from all over the world can come to visit and live according to the Vedic tenets of

"simple living and high thinking." I am pleased to hear that you appreciate of our humble efforts and if you would like to contribute in the future towards this great spiritual city you can send your contributions to me care of:

Hare Krishna Land,

Juhu Road, Juhu,

Bombay 400-054, India

I am enclosing one copy of our latest issue of Back-to Godhead magazine as you mentioned you have read some of our past issues. I hope that this meets you in good health.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-6-11

Los Angeles
5th June, 1976

Vrindaban

My dear Prabhavisnu dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 20, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care. Concerning the set of Srimad Bhagavatams that Dr. Tripati gave us in Ali-garh, I happen to know that the complete set should not cost more than Rs. 700, like that. And besides that, the paper may be so brittle that it may be useless. That I can examine when I see the set of books personally in Vrindaban. But, I know that the set of books could not cost so much, Rs. 3,000/-. So wait until I see the books in Vrindaban on my return and then we shall do the needful. At this point there is no need to immediately give Dr. Tripati honorary patron membership. I thought that he was giving the books as an offering.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-6-12

Los Angeles
6th June, 1976

Bombay

My dear Amogha das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 22, 1976 as well as your letter of May 26, 1976 along with the list of standing orders thus far received. The library party is doing very nicely. It is nectar to my ears to hear the list of schools which are taking our standing order.

Concerning the Nitya Swarup edition of the Srimad Bhagavatam that was given to us, I was informed by Prabhavisnu das that the professor who has kindly given them is requesting that since the books cost so much he should be given patron membership. I have one set here in Los Angeles however the paper is so brittle that when you touch the paper, it breaks. Practically it is unuseable. Also, the professor has said that the books would cost Rs. 3,000/- but I happen to know that they could only cost about ?Rs. 700/-. In any case, if the pages are brittle, what is the use. We cannot give him patron membership in exchange for the set of books. Anyway, when I return to Vrindaban, I shall see the set of books, and then I can decide further on this matter.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-6-13

Los Angeles
6th June, 1976

Bombay

My dear Giriraj dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 26,

1976, which was delivered to me by hand, and I have noted the contents with care.

I have received one reply from Mr. Bajaj of the Gita Pratisthan dated May 25, 1976, and it is not feasible for me to attend this meeting so if appears wise you can go as my disciples on my behalf, both yourself and Gopal Krishna. This is the line that you should adopt: We are already propagating Gita, but "As It Is," without changing. This should be the method. Krishna is not going to flatter the politicians and learned scholars, rather Krishna is teaching them how to flatter Krishna. Na mam duskrtino mudhah prapadyante naradhamah, etc. If one is not prepared to surrender to Krishna, then what is the meaning of preaching Gita. If one has got their own philosophy, then let them preach their own philosophy, but do not do it in the name of the Gita. This is our protest to all of the interpreters of the Bhagavad-gita. If they do not believe in God, Krishna, and they don't want to surrender to Him, then let him preach atheism. Everyone has got the right to do this, but why through the Gita. This is like a man who wants to smoke ganga, but he does not want to be caught. So he takes a friends' hand and smokes it in his hand, and then when the authorities come, he says, 'Oh, I have not smoked ganga, see, my hands are clean!' The idea is that if one wants to preach the Gita, then he must preach it as it is, otherwise, don't go through the Gita. So as my students, you can speak very tactfully.

One thing, if they are serious, we are prepared to preach, so together your men, and our men, let us preach. If the Gita is seen as important preaching work, then the Government should help, they should give all facilities. The government can help in the following ways for instance: 1). Our members want to stay and preach but the immigration department is giving us trouble. They are driving us away. So

few Indians are coming, but the Americans and the Europeans are coming. Indian educated boys, they are after some service to get income, they are not joining. This must be tackled tactfully. Our mission is to preach Gita. The best thing is that if we can conjointly preach, we can benefit the whole of India, and the whole of the world. Vinobaji is very respected and they can do a great deal to help our preaching mission.

Secondly, just like we require vehicles, we can bring vehicles and men, but they should be allowed to stay without the immigration gagging that we should go out, go out. Unnecessarily we have to spend so much money. So do it very nicely and tactfully.

Concerning the Bhetnama, you can follow the plan of Tirupathi, that guests cannot stay more than 2 months, 60 days, like that. But, there must be space left vacant for receiving foreign guests. Guests must register like dharmasala, where they come and can spend 3 days, otherwise they create trouble. So for ordinary guests, they can stay for 3 days, the ordinary life members. And for those who have paid for constructing one room, they can stay for up to 2 months per year. In Bombay, apartments are very expensive, 2 lakhs, so everyone would purchase an apartment for Rs. 50,000/ if they knew that they could remain permanently. So we cannot have them as permanent residents, only 2 months per year. Precaution must be taken that people don't take advantage like Mr. Badruka who is occupying 3 rooms, it has caused us so much inconvenience. Be careful. Make it clearly understood when they give the donations towards the rooms that they cannot stay more than 2 months per year, otherwise they may cause trouble.

I am anxious to know when my quarters will be ready. In your last letter you gave me an attractive idea of my quarters,

so I am anxious for it. Please keep me informed. From Los Angeles, I will go to Detroit, from June 11-16, then Toronto June 16-21, then New Vrindaban June 21-July 2, then Washington, D.C. July 2-July 9, then New York July 9-July 20, then London July 20-26, then Paris from and Rome July 26-August 10; Then Tehran from August 10-13, expecting to arrive approximately in Bombay August 14.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-6-14

Los Angeles
6th June, 1976

Mayapur

My dear Jayapataka Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 24, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

Concerning the "report" which you submitted to the District Magistrate in Nadia District, you mentioned only 300 acres being given to us. I think that we originally had asked for 350 acres. There is no objection that they give the land in two phases as mentioned but the total land required was 350 acres as I recall. What kind of jobs does the M.L.A. want? Yes, in such a big scheme, so many assistants will be required. So any qualified men's assistance will be considered. Do your best and simply depend on Krishna. We are not acquiring the land for sense gratification. It is for Krishna's Glory. *nimita-matram bhava savyascin*. 11.33. Just like Arjuna was asked to fight by Krishna, so it was Prabhupad's dream to make Mayapur a transcendental city. What do we care for Madhab Maharaj or Damodar Maharaj. They are figs. We must be fixed. Just see;

Madhab Maharaj is against us and he was supposed to be the greatest preacher.

I am very much encouraged by Bhavananda Swami and Gargamuni Swami's preaching attempts. Now we have just published 30,000 Gita-Gan's (although I am not satisfied with the new cover, why they have changed?). So go on preaching very very nicely. Everyone will like our program.

*Concerning my house in Mayapur, I have requested Saurabh in Bombay to postpone any idea for beginning the house until we have the master plan of the city. I may decide to move the location away from the front gate to a more secluded place, less congested area. Also, I am not satisfied with the plan that he had submitted to me. I had seen one plan in London which I would like to compare to the present plan. I am enclosing a copy of the letter which I sent to Saurabh and Giriraj in Bombay concerning this matter explaining in more detail about this. So the house should not be started until I choose a place for it in the master city-plan.

Concerning the fixed deposit with the bank, we must know what is the minimum amount that they would consider, then we can decide on the matter.

Concerning the festivals, it is a very good idea to have festivals on the major celebrations, at least 4-5 each year.

Concerning the request for another vehicle for preaching, you mentioned the cost of \$9,500, Ramesvara Maharaj has informed me that Gargamuni Swami still owes \$13,000 or so from when he was in America to the BBT. Ramesvara Maharaj has proposed that Gargamuni Swami purchase the vehicle and then Ramesvara could deduct this amount from Gargamuni's debt with BBT.

I have noted how the Block Development Officer was favorable inclined. So the officials are in favor.

Concerning Prabhu Swarup das of

Haridas-pur, he is a good man so utilize him.

Concerning the deposit slips which you are holding for me, where were these deposits made? And how many deposits were made? What is the amounts? You can hold these deposit slips for me until I ask for them.

So you are using that newsclipping from Melbourne. Actually it is a fact. The United Nations is barking like dogs, what have they done? Any sane man can understand that after 30 years they are simply barking.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-6-15

Los Angeles
6th June, 1976

Vancouver

My dear Prabhupada dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 31, 1976, and I have noted the contents carefully.

Concerning the production of toothpaste and cosmetics for which I may be able to supply the information, etc., you can come to see me in Toronto when I visit there between the 16th of June until the 21st of June.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-6-16

Los Angeles
6th June, 1976

Nabadwip

My dear Sripad B.R. Sridhar Maharaj,

Please kindly accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet. Since I saw you

last at Mayapur, I left India for my 15th world tour program. From Mayapur we went to Vrindaban, then on to Bombay. Then from Bombay to Melbourne, Australia, then Auckland, New Zealand, and then to Fiji Island where we have observed the foundation stone laying ceremony for our temple there, Krishna-Kaliya Temple. This will be the first temple on that island. There are many Indians on that island but there was no systematic temple worship so we are constructing a temple at the cost of \$200,000. In the meantime, I have received one letter from Jayapataka Maharaj in which it informs that Madhab Maharaj and also possibly Damodar Maharaj are making propaganda against our attempt to construct a township in Mayapur, with the centre of attraction being the "Vedic Planetarium." In this connection we have applied to the government for 350 acres of land and the matter is in the process. However, Damodar Maharaj and Madhab Maharaj are trying to frustrate our attempt. I shall quote the portion from Jayapataka's letter to me:

"After the report (request for land) was submitted, the District Magistrate sent some land officers to come here to our site to inspect the lands and their position, nature, etc. During this time the local people some how or other came to know about the acquisition. This was mainly transmitted through Damodar Maharaj initially, some persons say. Some local farmers raised a petition against the land acquisition, with about 90 signatures. Petitions for having the development plans go through are also being raised by the local people, the majority of whom support the ISKCON plan. About 2,000 should be raised in total in favor of this project. One supporter, while coming to show me his petition, with 500 signatures on it, was kidnapped and the petition was snatched away. He was taken to Madhab Maharaj's Math doorstep and some of the local culti-

vators and Prabhu's of the Math threatened him and demanded why he was supporting ISKCON. The supporter was now more determined to raise support in face of the rude behavior. Other persons have been also called to Madhab Maharaj's Math and chastized for helping us. They say our mission is political and we want only the downfall of India and political power. They are so envious." (end of quote). As a matter of fact, I am trying to develop a township in Mayapur spending crores of rupees to give protection against the occasional inundation (flood) and construct a tall planetarium estimated to be 300 feet high. So why they are obstructing this program? What is the harm to them? People are already coming from all parts of the world to see Mayapur and join in the Sankirtan Movement, so if something more attractive is done, more people will come from all parts of the world. So what is their tangible objection? Of course, they cannot do all these things, it is beyond their power, but if somebody else does it, why should they be envious and obstructive to this plan?

They are supposed to be very close associates of Your Holiness, so if you kindly ask them not to obstruct this program, it will be very kind of you. My program is until the middle of August, 1976, in Europe and America. In Europe we are going to open 2 new centres, one in Athens, Greece, and the other on Corsica, a French island. Another good news, we are selling books in Communist countries headed by Russia and Yugoslavia, and learned scholars are appreciating our books. We have published the Bhagavad-gita now in so many different languages, some of which are: English, French, German, Dutch, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Swedish, and now Chinese language, and also Russian language is in progress. We are getting very good response, especially where Spanish and Portuguese are

spoken, in South America.

Please find enclosed the latest edition of our Back-to-Godhead magazine. I hope that this meets you in good health,

Yours faithfully,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-6-17 Los Angeles
6th June, 1976
Atlanta

My dear Svarupa Damodar das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your short note dated June 3, 1976, which was hand-delivered to me by Dr. Wolf. I won't have the opportunity to visit Atlanta on this tour, however, I shall be in New York from July 9th to July 20th. You can see me in New York if it is possible for you.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-6-18 Los Angeles
7th June, 1976
Calcutta

My dear Abhirama das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 29, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

Our plan is to be presented in the following way: This is for beautifying the park. Our temple is not sectarian. Just as any beautiful spot is attractive to the public, so all members of the public will be invited to come. We shall decorate the park very nicely, and it will be open for all nations, and all sects. Take it from the beauty side. What is the harm? Suppose

that a statue is in a museum, does it mean sectarian? It will glorify Vedic culture, so why the corporation will not agree with our plan? (Of course, the Deity must be there). It will be open to the public and we will invite tourists from all over the world. It shall be an artistic exhibition. And we shall spend any amount of money to make it an attractive spot for world tourists.

So try for the sanctioning by all means. Somehow or other, by flattery or whatever, get it sanctioned. It is very important. Convince them it is beautifying the park. And we shall please the corporation, the municipality, in every respect. It is a cultural presentation, not a temple, and it will attract many visitors. Convince them on this point.

Also, what about the corner house, on the corner of the park? You can make inquiries concerning this as well.

Concerning Puri, whether there is potency of vegetation. That we have to examine. If there is no such potency, then we are not interested. And what about transportation across the hot sand? In the summer season, it will be too hot. So, the question is whether in that sand there is possibility of growing trees and plants, whether the sand is fit for that. Otherwise, it is desert and will not be suitable.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-6-19 Los Angeles
7th June, 1976
Dallas

My dear Bhurijana and Jagattarini,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letters with enclosed offering and I thank you very much.

I am very glad to hear that you are settling into some steady service. Krishna is sending us so many children and they must be nicely guided and educated so that they can grow up to become first-class vaishnavas. Go on with your service now and do not be side-tracked and create unnecessary problems. If you simply follow the simple program that I have initiated you will be happy in this life time and in the end you will go back to home, back to Godhead.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

I have received your check.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-6-20

Los Angeles
7th June, 1976

Mayapur

My dear Gargamuni Swami,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter undated and I have noted the contents with care.

Yes, it is simply time wasting and money wasting the way construction is going on in Mayapur at present. I have seen also when I was in Mayapur that 50% of the workers are simply wasting time. Best will be to get a *reliable* construction contractor and adopt the same method that has been done in Bombay. We can check their bill according to the contract so that they do not cheat us.

Tarun Kanti Ghosh, since he is favorable, there will be government support. So continue this boat program. I do not know about motor launch or not, but you should consult and do the needful. I simply want to see that the preaching goes on. That's all.

In the hot climates, hold programs at nighttime, and the daytime can be used for

resting. Also, green mango sherbert can be prepared. Roast the green mango, and take out the pulp. Mix this pulp with a little salt, black pepper, sugar, and make a liquid by adding some water, then drink it. This will give protection from stroke from the heat.

Concerning the Rs. 25,000 for continuing the food distribution program, Pusta Krsna Swami has discussed with Ramesvara Maharaj and there is enough money in the Food Relief bank account in Los Angeles to send this amount to India for this purpose. So Ramesvara Maharaj should be forwarding this amount to you for the prasadam distribution program in Mayapur.

If the Jagannath Puri land is simply desert, sand, and there is no prospect of growing any vegetation there, like grass and trees and plants, then in the hot season it will be difficult to go there and to remain there. So before we consider this plot of land, it will be necessary to see if there is possibility of vegetation or not. What about the Bhuvaneswara land?

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

cc: Rameswar Maharaj

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76-6-21

Los Angeles
7th June, 1976

Vrindaban

My dear Nitai das,

Please accept my blessings. I have received information that some of our devotees are mixing with the babajis in Vrindaban. This has produced so many problems amongst our men and women who visit Vrindaban. Here in Los Angeles, we have found that there is a group of about 40 devotees who privately

meet to discuss the intimate pastimes artificially thinking that they can enter into the understanding of the gopis prematurely. This will create havoc in our society, and the result will be that if this is allowed to go on, our preaching work will be greatly hampered. This premature desire to understand the lila of Krishna is due to mundane sex-life desire as we have seen amongst many of the babajis and sahajiyas in Vrindaban. Our Jagganath das came back from Vrindaban asking me that he had heard some babaji speaking about siddha-deha and he also was listening to these babajis. So I want this immediately stopped. If it continues, this mixing with the babajis, then it will mean spoiling. In many cases, these babajis keep 2 or 3 women. Asatsanga tyagi. Their association is to be avoided and prohibited amongst all of our devotees who visit Vrindaban.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-6-22

Los Angeles
7th June, 1976

Bombay

My dear Saurabh,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 28, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

Concerning the altars, it is not necessary to have three altars of different style. All the three altars should be of the same style. I am enclosing the copy of the style which I have approved for all three altars. This style is nice, the one which you had chosen for Lord Ramachandra's altar, so you can use this style for all three.

Your plan for holding marriages in the theatre, and on the theatre roof will be

acceptable. What will be the expected income?

For worshipping the Deities in Bombay, including Sita-Rama, there is absolutely no change in worship. Adopt the same method as in our Vrindaban centre, simply with 3 pujaris just like in Vrindaban. They are all Visnu-tattva, Ramachandra, Radha-Krsna, Gaura-Nitai. No additional kirtans, simply do exactly as in Vrindaban. I want to know what it would cost to have Kaliya-Krsna Diety (with four mermaids offering prayers, Nagapatnis), and also Radha-Krishna with Lalita and Visakha, and also Guru and Gauranga; what would be the approximate cost for production and transportation of these Dieties to Fiji Island?

I have already written about the house in Mayapur. No further plan should be done until I see the original London plan and the master city plan of Mayapur City. Then I can select the spot where I want my house to be. There is no hurry, we can wait until the master plan is available.

Concerning the workers who were not allowed to go to America, there is no question of illiterate or literate. They are going to construct a temple. They are good workers so we should take them. Concerning using some Indian gentlemen for managing our buildings, that is a good idea. Mr. Vyas is a competent man, but the difficulty is that he is not joining. Together, I know that they can manage very nicely. Concerning the Govardhana hill sila (stones), keep them there with you and when I come I shall see.

Enclosed please find the letter to the Bank of America, Bombay for transferring Rs. 3 Lakhs to the State Bank of Hyderabad as requested.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-6-23

Los Angeles
9th June, 1976

Los Angeles

Bhakti Jennifer Lynne Davis

My dear daughter,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 8, 1976, with enclosed guru-daksina and I thank you very much.

Simply follow the regular program of chanting 16 rounds of Hare Krishna Maha-mantra daily and abstain from illicit sex-life, meat-eating, gambling, and intoxication. In this way you will surely make rapid progress in Krishna Consciousness.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-6-24

Los Angeles
9th June, 1976

Vrindaban

My dear Gopal Krsna das,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your two letters dated June 2, and June 3, 1976 with typed copies of book reviews from Russia.

In your letter to me of May 4, 1976 from Vrindaban you said: concerning the Taparia house, "Dhananjaya and his wife and other grihasthas will live on that land (house). Three or four brahmacarinis who are working on the mukhats can also live there." You suggested like this, so if some women can live there, why not all? Somehow or other, the guesthouse must be freed from all encumbrances. It will be absolutely used by guests. I have received reliable reports that on account of the devotees staying there, guests were sometimes refused places because all the

rooms were taken up by the devotees there. Also, the fact that the mukat business takes up 8-10 rooms is very bad. The guest house cannot be occupied by anything. It is already spoiled, and they must move. Why there are so many women in Vrindaban? Vrindaban is meant for retirement, elderly persons in Krishna Consciousness can devote all their time to devotional service. Such men are wanted to live in Vrindaban, not women and children. That is a fact, the holy dharmas are meant for the sannyasis and brahmacaris especially. If necessary, the management must be done by sannyasis and brahmacaris, not grihasthas.

The printing should be managed by the BBT. Yasodanandan Swami is printing through the agency of the BBT, simply for convenience sake due to the inefficiency of the order department in Bombay. Even a letter from Fiji was not replied. However, the accounts should be kept by the BBT. The printing of Yasodanandan Swami is only for some small books. The quality of the big books must remain, and so they should not be printed by Yasodanandan Swami independently. So you can keep the account what is being sold, and what is the profit. But what is the wrong if Yasodanandan Swami prints the books on behalf of BBT for convenience. You are accusing him of so many bogus complaints. What is bogus? What is genuine? If all these complaints come to me it is too much taxation for me.

If the Ahmedabad centre is not making progress then if necessary you can decide to close it temporarily or not.

Concerning the reviews which you sent me of the Russia

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dictated the review and did not actually hand you a written review? Then what is the value of such testimonial? Please clear it. Testimonial means it must be written or typed on their official letterhead, and

duly signed by them. If it is not so, then what is the value of it?

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-6-25

Los Angeles

9th June, 1976

Woodland Hills, California

My dear Tarun Kanti dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your guru-daksina.

Concerning the initiation of your wife, Revatinandan Swami has approved her being recommended for first initiation, and he has been informed accordingly of her spiritual name. As disciples you must strictly chant 16 rounds of japa, Hare Krishna Maha-mantra, daily. Also strictly avoid the unwanted habits of illicit sex-life, meat-eating, gambling, and intoxication, and in this way make progress in Krishna Consciousness and be happy.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-6-26

New York

12th June, 1976

Vrindaban

My dear Lokanatha Swami,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 2, 1976 and I have noted the contents with pleasure.

I am very glad to see that you are enthusiastically pushing forward with this preaching work and the young Indians are coming forward to join our sankirtan

party. It is very encouraging to me. Anyone who has life he can preach, so go on very enthusiastically and there will be all facility given by Lord Krishna.

On your recommendation I am accepting the following devotees for initiation:

1st initiation: Bhakta Adhira whose spiritual name is Abhayāśraya-dāsa

2nd initiation: Dharanidhara das Brahmācari, Vrajesvara das Brahmācari,

Enclosed please find a copy of gayatri initiation and two brahmin threads. After the yajna, the brahmin initiates should hear the gayatri mantra in the right ear. The devotees must all bear in mind that they are promising to follow the four regulative principles, i.e., no illicit sex-life, no intoxication, no gambling, and no meat-eating, and also chanting a minimum of 16 rounds of japa daily. This promise is made before the spiritual master, before the Deity, the devotees, vaisnavas, the Supersoul, and the fire. Everyone should take very seriously this vow and make steady and sure progress in Krishna Consciousness and go back to home, back to Godhead in this lifetime.

When I return to India, I shall surely try to travel with your buses. It is a very nice program and I want to see it go on very enthusiastically. I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-6-27

New York

12th June, 1976

Hyderabad

My dear Mahamsa Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 26, 1976 and I have noted the contents with care.

Concerning the installation ceremonies, it is approved that you get some leading Ramajuna Pandits from S. India. The Vrindaban Pandits were useless. But one thing. Along with the pandits, our men should also join in.

Concerning the Nellore project, it will automatically be dropped. Simply forget it, and there is no need to go there. Let them rather drop it instead of we dropping it. Let them say, you are not doing anything so we drop it.

You plan to have travelling parties go out village to village preaching and distributing my books in Telegu language is very important. Do it nicely.

Regarding the trustees for the land, first of all get the land transferred to the ISKCON Trust, then I can send you the names of the 6 trustees from our side. I am having the G.B.C. discuss the matter of trustees in New York and at that time the matter can be taken up in detail. I am presently in Detroit and after that I shall be going to Toronto, New Vrindaban, Washington, D.C., and reaching New York by July 9th.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-6-28

Detroit
15th June, 1976

Madras

My dear Bhavabhuti das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 8, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

Before we can begin any construction in Madras we first of all must complete any temple construction that we are presently doing. They are also in want of

money. I understand that the Hyderabad Temple is also in want of money to complete the construction, Gopal Krsna knows it. First of all, Bombay and Hyderabad must be finished. The money which was collected in Madras can eventually be used in Madras, but our present projects must be completed, so why are you asking me?

But, where is the local devotees who are coming? You are all foreigners, so how long it will go on? Madras especially they are losing interest in Deity worship. Sometimes the political party is insulting. Those atheists class of men who have done this, they should be converted into theism by preaching Bhagavad-gita.

So now there are three G.B.C.'s in India and they can consult and make a program how to finance the various programs including the Madras development.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-6-29

New York
15th June, 1976

Vrindaban

My dear Gopal Krsna das,

Please accept my blessings. Concerning the idea of exchanging our books for Russian books, unless we find sellers in India for Russian books (in English language), what will be the value of getting their books. You must ask the prominent book dealers in India what books from Russia (in English) are in demand and to what extent. Then when we exchange our books with the Russians, then we can request these specific books and we can easily sell them to the Indian booksellers. That way we will have no difficulty. If there is no customer for Russian books in

India, then let the Russians take order for specific books and we can send them some of our books free of charge. That will prove that the Russians are actually poor.

So you can make this enquiry from the Indian booksellers, "If you are selling Russian books in the English language, if so, kindly send us the list." Then enquire from Russia, "we can supply our books in exchange for particular Russian books in the English language (those titles which are desired in India)."

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-6-30

Detroit

15th June, 1976

Durban, South Africa

My dear Riddha das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 7, 1976 with enclosed newspapers and pictures of Durban yatra.

In that newspaper, The Leader, it is very good indication of our acceptance by the South African community. They are clearly rejecting all these bogus rascals like Sai Baba and in the same issue they are glorifying our Rathayatra festival. So this is good sign that they welcome Jagannath and so you can arrange to have Jagannath Deities and Rathayatra festival in Durban. Just like when I first began our Rathayatra in San Francisco, all we had was a flatbed truck for the Rath-cart. So do it immediately. They are eager for it, and this will give life to the Hindus in South Africa.

Actually these rascals are simply creating matic and jugglery. Even during the time of Krishna, Paundraka was there and

Krishna immediately cut off his head. That is the only punishment for them, to immediately cut off the head of such rascals who pose themselves as God. They are simply cheating the people.

Concerning the Rathayatra festival, you can hold it in the warm months, just like in Melbourne, the festival is held in January. Pusta Kṛṣṇa Swami is going to arrange to have Jagannath Deities sent from Puri if there is no one expert enough to make Jagannath Deities in South Africa.

Svarup Damodar is the best candidate for the post at the university. What the other candidates will know? Therefore he is writing so many books. He has rejected the so-called scientific knowledge. It has no basis. So if he is chosen for the post he can go there to Durban and take up the post.

On your recommendation, I am accepting the following devotees for first initiation:

Bhakta Warrick—Caitanya-caraṇa dasa

Bhakta Peter—Kṛṣṇaśraya dāsa

Bhakta Mike—Adi Puruṣa dāsa

Nadira—Śyāmasundarī dasi

Hold a fire yajna and you can have Jagat Guru Maharaj chant on their beads. The initiates are vowing before the Deity, the Spiritual Master, the fire, the Vaisnavas, and the Supersoul to follow the four regulative principles: namely no illicit sex-life, no intoxication, no meat-eating, and no gambling, and to chant daily at least 16 rounds of japa. In this way if they hold firmly to this principle there will not be any obstacle to their steady progress in Krishna Consciousness, and one can go back to home, back to Godhead in this lifetime.

There is good potency there in South Africa and the Europeans are also taking up Krishna Consciousness seriously so continue enthusiastically to preach and distribute books and develop a nice center

in Durban.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-6-31

Toronto

18th June, 1976

Bombay

My dear Saurabha das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 9-6-76 (June 9th, 1976), and I have noted the contents with care.

I do not think that it will be a good idea to construct my residence over the Gurukula as it will be very noisy with the children there so close. You can begin the "kutir" as you mentioned by the side of the present tank, but it may require some trees and flowers and plants, then it will be alright. It is alright to have the guest rooms as shown in the plan of 3-6-76. I like the idea of being near the west gate as I want to go to the Ganges daily and during the summer I can take bath there.

It may not be a good idea to start immediately as the monsoon will check the work. The monsoon rains have already begun so how you can work? Who will take the contract to construct my house?

It has been suggested that perhaps the kitchen should be separate from the house (like in my Vrindaban house) as there is sometimes much noise coming from the kitchen. You can think this over.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

n.b. the hand-looms should also be moved if my house is going to be constructed there by the tank.

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76-6-32

Toronto

18th June, 1976

Gopal Krishna das Adikari
Gargamuni Swami
Hansadutta Swami
G.B.C. Secretaries for India

My dear G.B.C. Secretaries,

Please accept my blessings. I have received messages that Mahamsa Swami requires 2 more lacs to complete the Hyderabad construction by Janmastami, 1976. Already I have given about 5 lacs of Rupees, and I believe that Hansadutta Maharaj has also given a sum of money towards Hyderabad construction. So the total amount of the Hyderabad construction was estimated at about 10 lacs, and if I give this 2 lacs then I have given 7 lacs towards the construction so what is the collection in Hyderabad? It is not good that they are always asking me for money. The money is coming from the BBT in Bombay and it will have to be paid back in due course of time.

So I am sending advice to Bank of America to transfer 2 lacs of Rupees to the Bombay construction account at the State Bank of Hyderabad, Juhu Beach Branch, Bombay, and I want that the 3 G.B.C. secretaries for India should discuss together whether or not to give this 2 lacs to Hyderabad centre for completing their construction. If you think that Mahamsa Maharaj will be able to repay the BBT this money then you can go ahead and give the money to Hyderabad. Otherwise, there is no rush to open the Hyderabad temple by Janmastami, 1976, it can be postponed until a later date when the Hyderabad temple can be completed by collections in South India. So if you are confident that he will pay back the BBT then it is alright, otherwise you can use the 2 lacs for Bombay construction and the Hyderabad temple can be finished with local collections.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-6-33

Toronto

18th June, 1976

Delhi

My dear Tejyas das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 11th, 1976 and I have noted the contents with care.

If you can arrange with Gopal Krishna then I have no objection to you increasing your preaching activities there. If Gopal Krishna wants to be interim president, then if that is your "mutual" arrangement, then you can do more preaching work, especially to the government officers. I was very pleased to see how you are getting top-ranking men to read my books. That is real preaching. If all the government officers at least purchase some of our books, it will be a great credit so do it very nicely.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

n. b. The mentioned how the programs are being well attended at the new centre in New Delhi, so when I stay in Vrindaban, we can arrange meetings with important government officials at our new centre and I can come for the weekend and return to Vrindaban. New Delhi is the most important place for preaching to the leaders of India.

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76-6-34

Toronto

18th June, 1976

Auckland

My dear Tusta Krsna Swami,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 11, 1976, with enclosed outline of the temple which is being proposed.

Concerning your questions: First of all, no, you should not have the four symbols of Visnu on the four corners of the temple. Make the temple in our Vrindaban style. Three domes are there, over the Deities, and then you can have 2 domes on either side in the front. The idea is given in the sketch below:

[SKETCH]

On the inside veranda, you can have Gaura-lila carved. It will be a great attraction and I shall be very glad to have it. Either plaster or wood is alright, whichever is easier and cheaper to do, you can do. Of course, it would be very attractive in wood. But it is my fervent request that the devotees not make any "bombing-lila" as it was publicized recently.

Just like in our Vrindaban temple, you can have 3 Deity compartments. Facing the altar, Nrsinghadeva can be on the left, Guru-Gauranga in the center, and Jagannath-Subadra-Balaram on the right so that you can organize Rathayatra. You can begin the construction with corner-stone.

I would like to receive copies of the letters that you have written to the government officials there as you had mentioned, and also the copies of their replies.

Concerning the preaching to the local people, let them chant Hare Krishna mantra, nothing else, and dance and take prasadam. There is no need of teaching them philosophy in the beginning. In America also, neither white nor black like each other, but in our society they are chanting and dancing. This is on the basis of Hare

Krishna; everyone can join. On the small invitation it should read: Singing names of Krishna (God).

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-6-35 New Vrindaban
24th June, 1976
Vrindaban

My dear Akshayananda Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 2, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

I am very pleased to hear that Haihaya is doing nicely as manager. He is a good boy. Now train him to be first class manager. You mention attracting more people to stay in our guest house yes, but when will that attraction be made? First attraction is to clear all children out of the guesthouse, otherwise no one will come. It is very much botheration.

I had written to you about sending dimensions of the altar and vyasasana, etc. to Fiji where we are presently constructing the Krsna-Kaliya temple, but I have received word from Fiji that as yet they have not received this information from you. Please try to do the needful as they are nearly ready to begin work on that portion of the temple.

Concerning the 4 men who were supposed to have come to New Vrindaban for constructing purposes, Kirtanananda Swami will correspond with you directly in the event the need may arise.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

n.b. also send photos of the altars and

Vyasasana to Fiji as they will need these for making the designs.

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76-6-36 New York
24th June, 1976
Evanston, Illinois

My dear Chayavana Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 16, 1976 and I have noted the contents with care.

I am glad to see that you are trying to remain engaged in Krishna's service. Concerning your engagement, why not come to New York immediately. I shall be there on July 9, and at that time I shall do the needful so that everything will be alright. You can meet me there at that time.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-6-37 24th June, 1976

My dear Gopal Krsna das,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 12, 1976 and with enclosed news clipping, and I have noted the contents with care.

That Mrs. Kochar, she should be brought into court, immediately. The Hare Krishna Cult is bonafide, why she should say otherwise. She must withdraw this statement publically. It is Vedic culture. We have so many letters from professors, parents, other swamis, and even in the Encyclopedia Britannica. All the Gaudiya Maths and Vaishnava Goswamis should join us in fighting this. This must be done very

seriously. She should be removed from her post and a responsible person should be there. Therefore, I have wanted to have this Bajaj meeting. In India we have so many things to do. I am sending some copies of some letters to you which you will find enclosed.

Now you can utilize your knowledge of marketing for Krishna's service.

Idam hi pumsas tapasya smṛtasya va,
svīstasya sūktasya ca buddhi dattayo,
etc.

This is the perfection of education.

Gurukula education should be trained up for their character. I have already mentioned in the Srimad Bhagavatam. Simply they should be able to read our books in English and Sanskrit, and explain. That is compulsory.

This business of Yaśodanandan's party giving life membership to libraries should be stopped. I am also informing him in Hyderabad that the program must be standard all over India, just as they have had so much success in America and are very respected also.

Concerning the book exchange from Russia or wherever, first of all see if they can be exchanged, sold, in India. Otherwise we do not want to trouble ourselves with their rubbish literature. If it is not possible to sell their books, then if the Russian institutions take order, we can send them some variety of our books, like Bhagavad-gīta, one Srimad Bhagavatam, one Chaitany Caritamṛta, etc., like that. What about the boy in Vrindaban who was translating the Bhagavatam into Hindi? Also, do not print the Back-to-Godhead magazine in English. First of all you organize Hindi BTG up to 100,000 copies, then you think of English. Don't bother too many things at a time. Concerning the book to be written by Mr. Verma, what will he write? Does he know everything about our philosophy?

Concerning the new bhakta program,

unless one is educated, we should not admit anyone and everyone without discrimination. One who has got culture and education, he can be accepted. Jaso-matinandan would be better to go to Bombay and do the Gujarati publications and from time to time he can organize programs in Ahmedabad. That will be better.

Concerning Hariprasad Badruka, he must leave and not create any inconvenience to us. However, if he gives in writing that he will stay up to the end of December, 1976 only, we can give him one room and a kitchen. That's all.

Concerning Kurukshetra project, I have already replied to you concerning this in my letter to you of May 20, 1976, addressed to Bombay address.

Concerning Saurabh's ideas of having plays, When I go I'll personally see; for the time being however stop all these.

Concerning the printing of the Bhagavad-gīta in India, we cannot pay more than America. It must be lower price than America, otherwise it is useless.

Concerning the issue of taxes and tax exemption, the divisional commissioner who was our chief guest one day in Vrindaban the last festival in April, 1976, he is from Agra and he is also favorable. He ordered all of our books and he may be able to help in this connection.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
cc: Vrindaban
ACBS/pks

76-6-38

New Vrindaban
24th June, 1976

Frankfurt

My dear Harikesha Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 10,

1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

Concerning Arabic translations, someone has already done one. He came to me in Bombay. Also, there is no need to give commentary on the Koran. There is no other religion in the world in truth than this Bhagavat-dharma. However, something is better than nothing. The communism book that you have written, they say that there are some words that may be irritating to the communists. We have just finished a book which Hayagriva is editing at present. It is called Dialectic Spiritualism and within that book, your comments can be added if need be for preaching in the Eastern European countries.

Don't try for Vaikuntha players, etc. in Eastern Europe at this time. It will make too much encumbrance and you may not be able to manage it.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

n.b. when there is such language difficulty as was found in Yugoslavia in that press interview, then we should not give interview. Stop all this bad practice. No interpretation. Otherwise what is the use?
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76-6-39

New Vrindaban
24th June, 1976

George Harrison
c/o Bhaktivedanta Manor,

My dear Sriman George,

Please accept my blessings. I would be very much pleased if you can meet me the next time that I am in London. I am scheduled to be there from July 20th to July 26th, 1976, and for further details you can contact Mukunda das. I am looking forward to seeing you again.

Hoping that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-6-40

New Vrindaban
24th June, 1976

Bhaktivedanta Manor

My dear Jayatirtha das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 14, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

Concerning the idea of having a restaurant with the temple, if the temple and restaurant are mixed then it is not a good idea. However, if the restaurant is completely separate entrance and the activities of the restaurant do not mix with the temple at all, then it is possible, otherwise not.

I am writing and enclosing the two letters of invitation that you have requested, one to Mr. Modi, and one to Mr. George Harrison.

In Germany they are not able to sell the big books, that is not very good. I am informing Tamal Krsna Goswami in New York to try to arrange to send some men to Germany to help train the men and distribute these books.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-6-41

New Vrindaban
24th June, 1976

Bhaktivedanta Manor

Dear Sri Modi,

Please accept my greetings. It would

give me great pleasure if we could meet together when I am next in London. I am scheduled to be in London from July 20th up to July 26th, 1976. You can contact my secretary, Sriman Jayatirtha das Adhikari at the Bhaktivedanta Manor for details. Looking forward to seeing you then.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Yours faithfully,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-6-42

New Vrindaban

24th June, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Ramesvara das Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 19, 1976 and I have noted the contents with care.

Concerning the \$12,000 given to me by Jagat Guru Maharaj, that has nothing to do with Nairobi debts. It was an individual contribution to the book fund. Contributions and debt clearing are two different things.

On your recommendation, I am accepting the following devotees for brahminical initiation:

Vamana jana das Adhikari,
Dayalnitai das Adhikari,
Gopavrndesa das brahmachari,
Bahulavana das Adhikari,
Brahmakarika dasi,
Jaganmayi dasi,
Rukmavati dasi,
Viharini dasi,
Jalasayi dasi,
Khandita dasi,
Darmada dasi,
Anavijnani dasi,
Srila dasi,

Hold a fire sacrifice and for the male initiates you can give them sacred thread. The

gayatri mantra should be played for them into the right ear and the brahmins should practice the principles of cleanliness both outside and internally. Outside by bathing regularly, and inside by always chanting the Hare Krishna Mahamantra.

You mentioned that the lawyer was working to open the national parks, etc. What about the L.A. airport situation?

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

n.b. They require books and magazines in Fiji. Kindly supply them as soon as they make their order.

N.B. The food distribution fund may be sent to Jayapataka immediately. He wants it.

76-6-43

New Vrindaban

24th June, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Ramesvara Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of one letter from Srivatsa Goswami, 45 Dumrao Bagh Colony, Assi, Varanasi 221 005, India. He has written that Santosa das met him at his residence in Vrindaban and proposed to give Srivatsa Goswami all of my books in exchange for a set of "Goswami literature" edited by Sri Puridasa; all this was done without my sanction. Why has Santosa asked him for this? No one told him to do so. Write to him and ask him who gave him permission to do this!

What is this swop??? Why haven't they asked me first??? We have nothing to do with any publication by these people. Those books should be returned at once. Do the needful. Already they have sent several of my books to Srivatsa Goswami and Srivatsa Goswami mentions that he

received 2 volumes of Chaitanya Carita-mrta from Los Angeles BBT Warehouse. Who is doing this?

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-6-44

New Vrindaban

24th June, 1976

Srivatsa Goswami

45 Dumrao Bahg Colony,

Assi, Varanasi 221 005,

India

Dear Sir:

Please accept my greetings. With reference to your letter of June 5, 1976, I regret to inform you that this transaction has taken place without my sanction. We are not interested in book exchange. If you want our books you should purchase them from our Bombay centre:

Bhaktivedanta Book Trust,

Hare Krishna Land,

Juhu Rd., Juhu,

Bombay 400-054, India

Our Los Angeles office has been notified to return all your volumes to you. I hope that you have not been too much inconvenienced.

Hoping that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-6-45

New Vrindaban

24th June, 1976

Lautoka, Fiji

My dear Vasudeva das,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 18, 1976, and I have noted the con-

tents with care.

I am requesting the BBT in Los Angeles to forward you the books which you require. There is no need to deal through Australia. You can place your order directly to Ramesvara Maharaj and I am also notifying him to fill your order immediately so that your preaching work goes on there.

Concerning the Dieties, I have commissioned Bharadvaja in Los Angeles to make them for Fiji, however if anyone else is able to do it nicely and cheaply then it is alright. You can correspond with Bharadvaja in Los Angeles concerning this matter.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

n.b. I have also sent a reminder to Akshayananda Swami in Vrindaban to send the dimensions of the altar and Vyasasana of the Krishna Balaram Temple. I trust that you will receive this shortly.

76-6-46

New Vrindaban

24th June, 1976

Stockholm

My dear Vegavan das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 14, 1976 with enclosed copy of affidavit and I have noted the contents with care.

Now you can try to introduce all my books into the Swedish Universities just as we are doing everywhere else. Approach them with all 54 volumes in English and also in all other languages.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-6-47

New Vrindaban
24th June, 1976

Hyderabad

My dear Yasodanandan Maharaj
and Acyutananda Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 10, 1976 with enclosed photographs; especially the one taken in Bangalore of the Bar Association members taking my books was best of all.

The people of Bangalore have again shown nice response to our coming, so keep the relationship very friendly, and deal carefully. I am very pleased to read the letter of commendation from the other sanyassis in South India. Now you can make copies of all these letters and send them to both the Jagannath Temple in Puri, and the Ranganath Temple in Vrindaban and get their official reply.

Our movement is for everyone. It is not sectarian. When we speak of no intoxication, it is meant for everyone. You should always remember the statement of Caitanya Mahāprabhu:

yei bhaje sei bada abhakta-hina chara
“Anyone who takes to devotional service is exalted, whereas a nondevotee is always condemned and abominable. Therefore in the discharge of devotional service of the Lord, there is no consideration service of the Lord, there is no consideration of the status of one's family.” C.C. antya 4.67.

The devotee is great and the nondevotee is downtrodden. And in the matter of devotional service of Krishna, there is no concern of caste and creed. Kṛṣṇa also says, mam hi partha vyapasritya ye'pi syuh papa-yonayah. Even the papa-yonayah, if he takes to devotional service, he also goes back to Home, Back-to-Godhead. This conception of caste on the basis of birthright has killed the Vedic culture. Also in the Srimad Bhagavatam it is said:

yasya yallaksanam proktam
puso varnabhivyanjakam,
yadanyatrapī drsyeta
tat tenaiva vinirdiset

S.B. 7.11.35

So despite all these things, these people are still insisting that one can only be vaishnava if born in a brahmin family. That is not a very learned position.

As yet I have not received a confirmation from

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which I had sent to him c/o Hyderabad temple. Also, the BBT Bombay says that you owe Rs. 83,000 to them. So why haven't you paid yet? You are such a big preacher, why you shall remain in debt?

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-6-48

New Vrindaban
26th June, 1976

Bombay

My dear Gopal Kṛṣṇa das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 17, 1976, with enclosed reviews from professors in Russia, and I have noted the contents with care.

I think that the idea of pasting the jacket cover picture on the front of the book is a good idea (the half-bound books which you mentioned). It will not be very respectable. I don't like the idea. Make it hardbound and softbound, that's all.

Hicharan Sharma can not give good quality work at all. Forget him. Last time that we tried him he also did not do good work. You can also get good composition and good prices in Mathura. They have many hindi presses there as well.

The Rs. 15,000 was sent personally by

me to Yasodanandan Swami for printing books. What right had Mahamsa Swami to spend this money? He is spoiling.

South India is a good field for our books. The library party of Mahabuddhi and Bhugarbha are doing very nicely. Indeed there is a good potential or better for our books in Indian libraries and universities. Try to get them visa extension or do the needful in this connection to see that this program goes on increasing. This program is very much encouraging to me.

If the Maharashtra gov't. has given "No Objection Certificate" on the import of our books, then what is the need for the central gov't. to approve also? What is the situation? If one government has already sanctioned, then what is the need for another government to sanction?

Concerning the clinic idea in Bombay, that we shall have to consider. When I go there then I shall see to it.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

n.b. enclosed you will find some copies of reviews sent to us by Mahabuddhi's library party. They are very important reviews and they can be used in dealing with that Mrs. Kochar. I wanted to bring this rascal woman in the public eyes, that she is worthless and still she is posted in a responsible position.

cc: Vrindaban

76-6-49

New Vrindaban
26th June, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Jagannath Suta das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of the most recent issue of BTG issue #7, and I thank you very much.

I very much like the idea, "Declaring our Dependence on God." The scientists

can manufacture a big jet airplane 747, but they cannot manufacture a tiny mosquito, so what is their so-called declaration of independence. You can also run the quotes from the scholar's book reviews as mentioned.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-6-50

New Vrindaban
26th June, 1976

Mayapur

My dear Jayapataka Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 11, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

Concerning the doubts of the commission: 1). Christians also convert. It is not conversion from Christian to Hindu. We convert atheist class of men to take God-consciousness. God is one. It is not the question of Christianity, Hindu, Muslim; any religion that teaches to love God is genuine. It has nothing to do with Hinduism, Mohammedanism, etc. 2). Sources (of funds) means we get contributions from all over the world. All of our branches will gladly contribute. Practically this institution is the real U.N. We have the co-operation from all nations, all religions, all communities, etc. It will be an international institute. To see the planetarium and how things are universally situated has nothing to do with sectarian ideas. It is a scientific presentation of spiritual life. 3). The local Mohammedans have already agreed.

Concerning the food relief funds, I am not holding them. The food relief funds go directly from Los Angeles to Calcutta. I

have already informed Ramesvara Maharaj to transfer the funds to Calcutta that are available. He has agreed to send Rs. 25,000 already and you should be receiving that soon.

Enclosed are some copies of important book reviews and letters which may be helpful in dealing with the commission. The letter by Subrahmanyam is especially very nice.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

n.b. Why Prabhu Swarup das from Haridaspur is now living with us? He was supposed to arrange for the transfer of the land to us, but now no further word? I understand that he is a disciple of Bon Maharaj and he may have ulterior motives; inquire and inform me
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76-6-51

New Vrindaban
26th June, 1976

Bombay

My dear Mahabuddhi das and other members of the library party,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter with enclosed reviews and I thank you very much. The reviews were particularly important.

Why don't you try to arrange with India to extend visa somehow or other? I am very much encouraged by the efforts and response that you are getting from the universities and libraries. Indeed, the field is as good or better than the U.S.A. for this type of work.

That is nice even if the libraries are taking only 6 volumes per year. The libraries that you mentioned: associated with the Ministry of External Affairs, Education, Information and Broadcasting, Defense, and Indian council for cul-

tural relations, they can all take our books. Let them see the certificates given by all these big, big professors.

I remember when I sold the first one volume personally to the Archeological University. I sold them personally long ago. Now you must work conjointly with the other library men in India. Don't let there be undue competition amongst our men. Do combinedly, it is very much encouraging to me.

You can let Vrindaban De work Orissa and W. Bengal and Bihar, and when I go back I shall see how he's working. I am giving him a chance so let me see how he's done. For the time being at least, let him do it until I return.

Now import the books which are needed to carry on supplying all your orders. Gopal Krishna says that he has secured the needed license from Maharashtra Government. It is a very good report so continue to work enthusiastically.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-6-52

New York
30th June, 1976

Denver

My dear Sriman Arjunan,

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

You can come and meet me personally in New York. We shall talk. I will be in New York from July 9th-July 20th, 1976. You can come and stay with me between these dates and when you come we can clear up the whole matter.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-6-53

New Vrindaban

30th June, 1976

My dear Giriraj dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 24, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

I am in the process of answering the questions for Bhavans Journal, and I shall forward this to you when it is completed.

Concerning our proposal to be presented to the Parliament, anyone coming from ISKCON should be given permanent residence. India's original culture and religion is being spread all over the world, and out of their religious feeling if they come to stay in Vrindaban especially, why the government should harass them.

Our Goswamis have said:

nama-gane sada rucih, pritis tad-vasati-sthale.

(Bhakti-rasamrta-sindhu 1.3.25).

A devotee is very much anxious to chant Hare Krishna and to live in that place where Krishna has His pastimes, generally Vrindaban, Mathura, Dvaraka, like that. All of our men who are coming to India for this purpose, they are properly initiated and following the regulative principles. In this connection, the certificates of the S. Indian authorities gotten by Yasodanandan Swami can be used, where in they certify that our ISKCON men are proper vaishnavas, decorated with tilaka in twelve places, etc., etc.

Take the land for making the road properly, and use it. We shall make a very nice arrangement for parking cars, etc. In this way, from the other side of the Juhu

scheme people may take full advantage of the Hare Krishna Land facilities.

Let Brijratan Mohatta help. Personally he can pay 25 lacs or anything. He is a son-in-law of Birla personally and personally he is very rich also. Personally he may give what he wants but let him help collect funds. He is such a big man in Bombay. What I know is that if he likes he can help us, and he is favorably inclined to our movement. Rs. 25,000, he can collect from at least 100 men in Bombay. So he can collect and help raise 25 lacs very easily, although we require about 10 lacs. To pay Rs. 25,000, there are thousands and thousands of men in Bombay who can very easily do it. Bombay is the richest city in India.

Concerning the tax exemption, do it nicely and take help from friends. Ours is a public institution.

Why wasn't the lift for the towers planned from the very beginning? You can go on with your work and try to install the lift as soon as possible otherwise we will have to wait. When I come I shall see the situation.

Mulchand Deomal should be nicely taken care of. He is a very nice gentleman. I know him.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

n.b. So far I have not yet received the statement of account for Vrinda Book Company. Please forward this to me.

ACBS/pks

76-6-54

New York

30th June, 1976

Lautoka, Fiji

My dear Upendra dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 20,

1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

Unless the temple is fully under our control, we are not interested. Then we shall call it back. I will decide on receipt of the reply to this letter to Vasudeva dasa (Mr. Punja). So far the Fiji constitution is concerned, where it says: "supplying needs to the sick, poor, and orphans, etc." That is not our program. We distribute prasadam to everyone, not particularly to the needy. We make no discrimination, rich or poor.

I think that the enclosed copy of letter to Vasudeva is self-explanatory and I am awaiting his reply in New York where I shall further inform you concerning our project there. We cannot keep the temple in his private name and use our ISKCON name. Please keep me informed of the situation.

Hoping that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-6-55

New Vrindaban

30th June, 1976

Lautoka, Fiji

My dear Vasudeva dasa,

Please accept my blessings. In connection with our ISKCON project in Fiji, I beg to inform you that we are managing our Krishna Consciousness Movement by the Governing Body Commission, G.B.C. We have got about 20 G.B.C.'s looking after the whole world affair, and above the G.B.C. I am there. Below the G.B.C. there are the temple president, secretary,

treasurer in every centre. So the temple president is responsible to the G.B.C. and the G.B.C. is responsible to me. In this way we are managing. But why are you proposing a separate trustee for Fiji. We have up to now no separate trustee. If this is for security purposes, that we can discuss.

If you have got some new idea please explain to me how you want to manage. But I think Fiji Temple cannot be managed in a separate way. But still I will entertain some idea if you have difference you can write me explaining.

The deed for the property and temple should be made in favor of "His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupad, founder-acharya of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness." It cannot be dedicated to any of the office bearers. So I suggest that you become the president of the temple and Upendra become the secretary, and either your brother or your wife can become treasurer. *There is no need of trustees.*

But in any circumstance the temple can't be a private property in the name of ISKCON. If you want to keep it a private property then the ISKCON name should not be utilized.

I am very much anxious to get your clear reply to this thing. So many things are unclear, so let it be cleared up. I would like you to send me a copy of the deed to New York address along with your reply.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

cc: Upendra

JULY

76-7-1

Washington D.C.

5th July, 1976

Vrindaban

My dear Akshayananda Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 20, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

If you organize you will get so many nice guests and they will contribute. Everything must be neat and clean and silent, then people will come. Safety at Taparia house is that it should not be left vacant at any time. Somebody, at least 4-5 men should be there to remain. Then the thieves will stay away. Everything must be kept under lock and key. You see what is necessary. Previously it was proposed to have a barbed wire fence. I do not know if that is necessary, but if a fence is needed then a high brick wall is better than barbed wire.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-7-2

Potomac, Maryland

5th July, 1976

Bombay

My dear Sriman Ramkrishnaji,

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 1, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

I shall be returning to Bombay on or about August 14, 1976, after which time I shall be able to attend the Coordinating Committee meeting when the date is fixed up. After visiting our Washington, D.C. centre I shall be going on to New York where we are scheduled to have our Rathayatra procession down 5th. Avenue on July 18th, then London, Paris, Rome, Tehran (Iran) where we have our centers, and reaching Bombay thereafter.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Yours faithfully,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-7-3

Bombay

5th July, 1976

Internal Revenue Service
United States of America

Dear Sir:

This is to certify that Miss Elizabeth Luise Reuther contributed the amount of U.S. \$50,000 (fifty-thousand) to the Bhaktivedanta Book Trust which is a registered charity whose head office is in Bombay. This contribution was made in March, 1975, and these funds are being used for religious-charitable work.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami,

Chairman of the Board of Trustees

ACBS/pks

76-7-4 Potomac, Maryland
5th July, 1976
New Orleans

My dear Nityananda dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 1, 1976, and I have noted the contents carefully.

On your recommendation I am accepting Jvarajit das Brahmācari for second initiation. Hold a fire sacrifice and after the fire sacrifice a tape recording of the gayatri mantra should be played into his right ear. Enclosed is one brahmin thread and gayatri mantra sheet. Brahmin must practice cleanliness both externally and internally. Externally he must bathe regularly, and internally he must chant Hare Krishna.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-7-5 Potomac, Maryland
5th July, 1976
Santa Domingo

Dear Radha Sarana dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 16, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

On your recommendation I am accepting the following for first and second initiation:

First Initiation:

Bhakta Carlos—Karuṇāmaya dāsa

Bhakta Lalo—Lalitāgovinda dāsa

Bhakta Johnnathan—Jyotsna dāsa

Bhakta Willo—Viśvadeva dāsa

Second Initiation:

Minaksi dasa Brahmācari

Hold a fire sacrifice and the initiates

should refrain from the four pillars of sinful life: no illicit sex, no intoxication, no gambling, and no meat-eating. This is very easy when one chants daily their prescribed rounds seriously, at least 16 rounds daily. Enclosed you will also find one brahmin thread and gayatri mantra. After the sacrifice the tape of gayatri should be played in the right ear of the brahmin initiate. To become brahmin one must be clean outside and inside. Outside by regularly bathing and inside by always chanting Hare Krishna. The beads for first initiates can be chanted upon by Hrdayananda Maharaj and they should be given these beads and names at the time of initiation.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-7-6 Potomac, Maryland
5th July, 1976
Los Angeles

My dear Ranadhir dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 17, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

This is to certify that you should send the Back-to-Godhead magazine regularly to Sridhar Swami in Nabadvipa as already requested. I am glad to see that you are now conscientiously executing your duty. Always check with me first before sending out any literature to persons who have not been specifically approved by me.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-7-7

New York
8th July, 1976

Atlanta

My dear Balavanta dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 26, 1976, with enclosures and I thank you very much.

Concerning the distinction between the innocent and the atheists, those who give time to listen to us are innocent. Those who naturally oppose us and have no time are atheists, because we are the only ones talking about God. We don't talk anything about politics, etc.

The name for the Tennessee community is "Murarisevak". On the farms we should have mainly grihasthas. Farms are especially meant for the grihasthas. Brahmins and sannyasis are meant for begging food grains from the grihasthas. They depend on the grihasthas and the grihasthas treat them as their children. As the child is not a burden for the parents, so brahmins and sannyasis are not burden for the grihasthas. They simply take food grains to survive but they give transcendental knowledge for the benefit of society. They have no worries for producing and securing food. That is the business of grihasthas, but they devote their time to spreading spiritual knowledge. That is the system.

It is alright that the Charlotte temple be moved into the city a bit closer, but our principle is that people may come or not come, it doesn't matter. We can discuss and chant amongst ourselves.

By coming to America, the Indians have not improved their material condition. It is welcome that they have come to us. Wherever one lives he should continue Krishna Consciousness. The enclosed photo of the Mississippi farm Deities is very nice, super excellent. The Deity must be very nicely worshipped, dressed, and fed, etc. In so doing you will always

be peaceful and enlivened. From the extra ghee, you can contact Boston restaurant. They can perhaps purchase it. Sell ghee and you'll have good income. If possible in the city of New Orleans, open one restaurant. Someone can go to Boston and see how they are organizing things. You can study the history of how cow-slaughter became prominent in the West and then use for preaching.

In Miami there are so many mangos and coconuts. I am enjoying the dobs from Florida. The orange ones especially are very nice. I am taking one each day. From the green mangos you can make pickles. Cut them into pieces with skin intact, and sprinkle with salt and tumeric. Dry them well in the sunshine and put into mustard oil. They will keep for years, and you can enjoy with eating. They are nice and soft and good for digestion. If no vegetable is available, you can eat them with puris, similarly with pickled chilis. When mango pickles and chili pickles are combined, it is very tasteful. The Miami temple sounds to be very nice with bathing place and peacocks, just like Vrindaban. Krishna will supply you everything, don't worry. Just work sincerely.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-7-8

New York
8th July, 1976

Tehran

My dear Nandarani dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of the information you sent in your letter of June 10, 1976 and I have noted the contents with care.

Try to publish Persian books as many as possible. That will be a big success.

Iranians have very much respect especially for the Americans and your dealings with them will be very much appreciated. Also, if the collections are very good there you can send some money to Gargamuni Swami in Mayapur for the project.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

n.b. I am scheduled to visit Tehran for several days in August.

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76-7-9

New York

8th July, 1976

Vrindaban

My dear Nitai das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 19, 1976 and I have noted the contents with care.

Continue with your program in the temple. It is a good program and it sounds that you are doing very nice! You may begin translations of Brhad-Bhagavatamrtam, and Laghu-Bhagavatamrtam as requested.

So you stick to Vrindaban some how or another. Use the security rooms below the Deities and look after it nicely and I will give you silver plates for the Deities on hearing from you assurance that they will be properly cared for. Previously I haven't introduced because of insecurity. Yes, be attached to the Deity and your life will be successful. One thing, how is the Deity collection box checked and accounted for?

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-7-10

New York

8th July, 1976

Baltimore

My dear Yasodalala das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter with enclosed check and I thank you very much.

The only way that we can overcome maya is by seriously and sincerely taking shelter of Krishna. Daivi esa guna mayi mama maya duratyaya, mam eva ye prapadyante mayam etam taranti te. So chant very sincerely and follow the four regulative principles strictly and very soon you will be able to find shelter from the miseries of material attachment.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-7-11

New York

11th July, 1976

Boston

My dear Ambarish dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 27, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

You should not pay anything without my permission. Who has requested you to give them money? What is this nonsense? Now, you don't give a single paise without first asking my permission.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-7-12

New York

11th July, 1976

Vrindaban

My dear Bishambhar,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 6, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

You can spend the Rs. 10,000 necessary to fix up the Taparia house. Utilize the house properly. There is sweet water well there so all the women and children can go there. It is very encouraging that in May the temple and guesthouse income was Rs. 20,000. So kindly help the management as Krishna Balaram is your worshipable Deity. Kindly guide our foreign disciples to manage nicely and increasingly you will be able to please Their Lordships Krishna and Balaram. Although I've established their temple, Their Lordships want me to keep outside the temple for touring. So in my absence you kindly manage nicely. Akshayananda Maharaj and yourself are tested devotees and I fully depend on you. I always think of how you are selflessly working for the temple. Please see that the accounts are kept and that no money is wasted. That's my only request. After all money is collected with great hardship. Not a single paise should be wasted.

Concerning Gurukula Construction; Already you have got some money. Begin and try to collect and the balance we shall arrange. Send me the account number and when money will be necessary the money will be transferred someway or another.

The power of attorney needed for filing court action against Baba Sarveshwar Das is coming by separate air freight to New Delhi. Also, there is no need to immediately put HaiHaya das as signer on the bank account. That we shall see. For the time being have Akshayananda Maharaj sign checks and when needed you can

have them on hand.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-7-13

New York

11th July, 1976

Chandigarh

My dear Caitya Guru das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 5, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

Very good. Every thing that you have stated sounds very nice. You are experienced man so do it very conscientiously. Your sign reads "The Perfection of Yoga," actually that is a fact. Bhaktiyoga is the best. Yoginam api sarvesam, madgatenan-taratmana This Hari-kirtan is the best yoga bhakti-yoga. You just follow our regulative principles and teach others and you will be successful, without any doubt. You are trained up, and you speak the language of the local people, so do everything conscientiously and my blessings are always with you. However, don't create any awkward situation that may be criticized. Caesar's wife must be above criticism. Up to now as I have got respectable situation, I wish that all my disciples will have similar respectable position in society. That will keep my name good. Like father, like son.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-7-14

New York

11th July, 1976

Mayapur

My dear Gargamuni Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your telegram and I have informed Gopal Krishna to supply you with the needed books. However, he has complained that you have a large debt to the BBT and you are not paying it off. So I request you to gradually reimburse the BBT in Bombay.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-7-15

New York

Bombay

11th July, 1976

My dear Gopal Krishna das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 26, 1976 with enclosed photos of the New Delhi Temple. So many people are coming to the New Delhi Temple because of the nice Deity worship. This is very good. Keep the standard of Deity worship very nicely.

Why should we invest money in a guest room for the New Delhi Temple? After all the house is rented and is someone else's property, so why we should invest money in the house? We cannot receive guests in the New Delhi Temple. It is not possible. Only our own workers should remain. Unpaid guests should be discouraged in New Delhi. This should be discussed in the G.B.C. meetings. No investment should be made. In a rented house we should not spend unreasonable amounts for alterations. To be "big" you must have a dham-salla. One room guesthouse does not make Delhi "big." So far as possible,

guests should be avoided in New Delhi and only workers should remain.

What happened to Jagat Purusa in Bombay? He is an experienced man in Bombay so why he should be changed to Delhi? This change of Presidents is to be made in the G.B.C. meeting. In the middle of the year there is no question of change. Tejyas can continue as President. Three times changing president is not good. It should first be conjointly considered by the G.B.C.

Unless one is initiated they cannot cook. They must be regular disciples then they can do Deity worship. So there is no question of the outsiders cooking in the New Delhi temple.

The Rs. 32,000 should be spent for Gurukula in Vrindaban. Now the construction has begun and it must continue. Do not spend that Rs. 5,000 for alterations in the New Delhi Temple. Unless we have got our own land, where is the question of other projects in New Delhi. Let us continue in the rented house and see how things develop. If local people come and join and take initiation, then we can consider developing. Simply lip-sympathy will not do. They must be regular disciple, follow the regulative principles, and they will develop it themselves. Besides that book distribution and preaching is our most important activity. Opening temples is subordinate. We have to see how books are being distributed and how people are joining wholeheartedly. That is actual development.

The Rs. 11-membership is imagination. What is that membership card? And how will you regularly collect such a small sum from the members? It will engage so much money just to collect this. In any case, this is to be discussed with the G.B.C. Don't discuss anything new haphazardly. I have no experience of the idea. So far I know, retail business is not good in comparison to wholesale business. The

Hyderabad Deity is already installed. Simply they are moving Them to their new temple. The installation ceremony (bathing ceremony) can be at noon. Then again there can be the regular Janmastami function at midnight. Concerning my going to Madras, Delhi, etc. there is first priority engagement contemplated with Mr. Bajaj's group in Poona. Giriraj can consult with Mr. Bajaj and get date fixed up then you can make the program. I have no objection however to the pandal in Madras.

So many standing orders are being taken out but they are not being executed. Why? I have written to Gargamuni Maharaj to gradually repay the BBT for the books that they are getting but you must immediately supply them books to supply their orders. They can gradually repay.

Sridhar Maharaj, if he is in Hong Kong, there is great need of introducing our Chinese literature. Chinese people are interested in India, and Vedic literatures. It is understood that they are purchasing other editions of Bhagavatam from India. why not approach the Chinese representative in Bombay for introducing our books. They are establishing good relations with India. In case Sridhar Maharaj cannot stay long in China, that will have to be discussed with Trivikrama Maharaj. But the Chinese Distribution is required.

I received information that Stoka Krishna has left Vrindaban and that they want to put the name of Haihaya on the bank accounts for signing. Kindly confirm, and also in the meantime Akshayananda Swami can sign checks and keep them safely in Vrindaban when Bishambar requires to make payments.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-7-16

Ahmedabad

New York

11th July, 1976

My dear Jasomatinandana das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your new Gujarati magazine with enclosed letter dated June 28, 1976, and I thank you very much.

Your program in Ahmedabad is very encouraging. Do it. Why not take the government land immediately. If you can publish these magazines you will get many supporters and sympathizers. If the order department in Bombay is not despatching the orders on literature to the foreign temples then you can sometimes go to Bombay and organize things. You are one of the trustees. You can organize it or have some professional shipping agent do it. Ahmedabad is such a big city. Aren't there any shipping agents there? Why from Bombay, why not from Ahmedabad?

The distribution results from the Rathayatra are very nice. There is no question of profit. Distribution is the first consideration.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-7-17

Krishna das Maheshvari,
Son of Lalla Pokar das
Sharma Gali,
P.O. Hatras, U.P., India

New York

11th July, 1976

Dear Krishna das, Maheshvari,

Please accept my greetings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter (Hindi postcard) addressed to my Vrindaban Mandir address. You'll be pleased to

learn that along with the Hare Krishna Movement in the foreign countries, we are taking care of cow protection very vigorously. There are already dozens of such centres and farms where we are protecting cows like our New Vrindaban community in West Virginia, Bhaktivedanta Manor in London, altogether over 14 such projects have been started throughout the world to date. We are giving protection to the cows with great profit. We are getting huge amounts of milk from which we are preparing lovely yogurt, dahi, sandesh, rasagully, gulabjamun, etc. We have sufficient quantity of ghee for preparing kachori, samosa, and other very palatable confectionaries. The people of this country are gradually taking this idea very seriously for vegetarian diet and stopping cow killing in a practical way. We have got more than 100 temples all over the world and attached to every temple we are opening farms and in many cities restaurants, and all of them are going on very successfully.

In India the difference is that no enthusiastic young men with education are joining this movement wholeheartedly whereas in the foreign countries hundreds and thousands of qualified respectable men are joining us. I hope that you are a young man and along with other young friends you should also join us wholeheartedly, then we can do the same work in India. It is the duty of the Vaishyas to take to agriculture and cow protection. That is mentioned in the Bhagavad-gita: *Krishi goraksha vanijyam, Vaishyas karma svabhava jam* (18.44). Unfortunately in India, the Vaisyas are not very much interested in agriculture and cow protection. They are more interested in opening factories. So how things can be done if the Vaishyas give us free advice for cow protection and then they themselves are more interested in opening factories, then how can cow protection be properly done? If you see me personally in this connection I

shall talk to you in detail. I am returning to India on August 14, 1976 and you can reply this letter to my Bombay Office which address is below.

c/o Hare Krishna Land,
Juhu Road, Juhu,
Bombay 400-054,
India

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-7-18

New York
11th July, 1976

Hyderabad

My dear Yasodananandan Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 8, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

It is a good idea to use the money which had been collected in Madras to complete the Hyderabad Temple. The immediate necessity must be met first.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-7-19

New York
14th July, 1976

Paris

My dear Bhagavan das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 8, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

Concerning the proposed meeting with the Pope, I have no objection cancelling or delaying the journey to Tehran if

the meeting with the Pope is assured. That is important. But if it is simply a courtesy visit, then what is the use? If he is prepared to discuss seriously how religion is becoming degraded all over the world, then it is worthwhile. Religion is now being taken as a formality. People generally have no real conception of God. Ours is a tangible connection with God. We know who is God and how to serve Him. Everything is fact.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

cc: Attreya Rishi

ACBS/pks

76-7-20

New York
14th July, 1976

Bombay

My dear Gopal Krishna dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letters dated July 4, and July 9, 1976, and I have noted the contents very carefully.

The power of attorney is presently at the Indian Embassy and by Friday (2 days from now), after it is certified by them, my secretary will send it to Delhi as per your instructions. I am enclosing a letter to Governor Reddy and this may be helpful when you go to see him. If the other groups that you mentioned have been tax-exempted, then our Society should at least have the same facility.

Of the two types of paper which you sent me, the white paper (cost: Rs. 4.60 per kg.) is preferable.

Why Nitai should be attending lectures outside of our temple? If he is not satisfied with the standard of lectures in our temple, then he should be permitted to give some lectures himself, but this habit of going outside to here others should be

stopped immediately. I am writing one letter to Nitai and the copy of this is enclosed for your reference.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

enclosures: 3, letter to Gov. Reddy and the letter to Nitai (copy) were sent only to New Delhi.

ACBS/pks

76-7-21

New York
14th July, 1976

Vrindaban

My dear Nitai dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I have received reports that you have been developing the habit of going outside the temple to hear lectures by others outside like Nrsimhaballabha. Also, I have heard now that even some of the Indian devotees are doing likewise.

Strictly nobody should go outside to hear lectures by others. If you are not satisfied by the calibre of the classes at the Krishna Balaram Mandir, then you should give another class, but you cannot go outside for hearing others' lectures. Kindly stop this habit immediately.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-7-22

New York
14th July, 1976

Bombay

Dear Mr. Mukherjee,

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

6th July, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

I am returning to Bombay by August 14th, 1976, when I shall be glad to see you in our Juhu Temple and talk in detail about this scheme.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-7-23

New York
14th July, 1976

My dear Saurabh dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 5, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

The bill which you submit to me should be signed by three persons before we issue payment to ECC. At present you and Giriraj are signing, but I desire that Gopal Krishna also sign. The copy of letter to Bank of America is enclosed, requesting payment of Rs. 5,21,506.60 to the ECC.

The idea to have a wider larger altar for Radha-Krishna is approved however on the plan which you have enclosed it appears that there are pillars separating Lalita and Visakha from Radha-Krishna. There should be no pillars in between the Deity of Visakha Lalita and Radha-Krishna. The scheme should be just like in our Krishna-Balaram Mandir. So from the front there should not be a pillar in between Radha-Krishna and Visakha or Lalita.

Concerning the back road for the land, you should simply acquire the land, but do not begin any construction of the road or gate until I arrive in about one month's time. Simply get the land transferred to us for use and I shall see when I come what

will be done.

Concerning the payments for Vrindavana Gurukula construction, you can submit to me bills just as you are doing in Bombay and the funds can be transferred directly from Bank of America to the Punjab National Bank savings account 6685 (ISKCON construction) in Vrindaban.

Concerning Mr. D. Mukerjee, I am always prepared to do anything for spreading Krishna Consciousness. It may be that with our name he will collect from big men. But, the best thing is to wait until I see Mr. Mukerjee when I go to Bombay. Your proposal sounds nice but in Mr. Mukerjee's letter he does not mention anything about anything except to open an audio-visual laboratory. So we don't want to be used by some film producer who might collect money in our name. In any case, I can see him when I return in one month's time, and I am enclosing a copy of my letter to him for your reference.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-7-24

New York
17th July, 1976

Mayapur

My dear Abhinanda dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 7, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care. There is a great future for making standing orders in India undoubtedly. So now this program must go on very nicely and Krishna will give you all support. In Kurukshetra University, we gave some books to the Vice-chancellor. Please inquire what is their decision concerning taking books and standing order. Thank you very much for the enclosed reviews

from the Indian scholars.

Hoping that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-7-25

New York

17th July, 1976

Bhaktivedanta Book Trust,
Bombay

To whom it may concern,

Enclosed please find one postcard in Bengali from one sanyassi:

B.N. Niskincana Maharaj,

Shri Gaudiya Math,

Moti Nagar Lucknow 226004

He mentions that he gave Rs. 20/- at Mayapur for a Hindi magazine with the promise of receiving some future issues but as yet he has not received any. Please make inquiries and send him more copies of the Hindi magazine. Please take immediate action and inform him without delay.

Thank you,

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-7-26

New York

17th July, 1976

New Vrindaban

My dear Damodara Pandita,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 12, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care. Concerning the recordings of Krishna-dasa Babaji, how can I make any judgment as I have not heard them. However, you should just go on chanting Hare Krishna Mahamantra and the Pancatattva mantra and don't divert your attention. You cannot understand the meaning of the

Indian songs and simply parrot like chanting of these songs has no value.

Concerning making a comparative study and critique of philosophy, unless one is very expert it is difficult for him. First of all, let people understand Krishna. We are doing that. Maybe one or two are interested in philosophy and for so few persons we can't spare so much valuable time. Better to induce everyone to chant Hare Krishna and take prasadam. That will be a mass benevolent activity. In the western countries many Ph.D.'s are out of employment because they do not get any service. We do not want to become great philosophers but rather to understand the philosophy in our own books. If we remain strong in our own literature, we can meet anyone else without any fear.

As soon as the palace is complete, I shall go again. I very much appreciated how everyone is living peacefully and happily at New Vrindaban.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-7-27

New York

17th July, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Dhirstaketu dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 11, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

You can use the nickname Krishna-dasa, or Caitanya-dasa, etc., etc. when needed if you require some more simply name is distributing books. Everyone is Krishna-dasa, or Gurudasa, like that.

Unless absolutely necessary, one should keep head shaven and not allow the hair to grow long. If absolutely necessary,

one can dress like an American gentleman, with short hair, but long hair is prohibited. The reason that one with long hair is not my disciple is because he is against the principle. Unless absolutely necessary one should keep hair short, and if necessary one can dress like an American gentleman with short hair. It is not expected that everyone will join. For that reason we can't compromise. The tendency is there to be hippy. When the acaryas are seen with beard, that is during Caturmasya, July-September. If observed strictly there is not simply a beard. There are so many rules and regulations. One can't eat a variety of foods. Only kitri prepared and poured on the floor, and then licked up. There are so many other rules also. That is not always that they kept beard.

Concerning the Vedic statements, if you do not know, what can I do? You have to know it otherwise why do you speak something about what you do not know. If you have heard from the Bhagavatam or other Vedic literatures, what do you want to know more? Have you seen the different inhabitants on the different planets? We have to hear from the authoritative scriptures and accept it. That's all.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pks

76-7-28

New York

17th July, 1976

New Delhi

My dear Gopal Krishna dasa,

Please accept my blessings. Enclosed please find the power of attorney which you requested over the telephone from Tama Krishna Maharaj. It has been duly notarized and registered (recorded) in the

court (see the attached blue card), and on the reverse side of the blue card it has been verified by the Consulate General of India in New York. The second blank (unused) page is for use in recording this power of attorney in the court in India. I trust that you will have received this safely and that you will immediately inform me by post upon receipt of this letter.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

n.b. Is the opening of the Hyderabad Centre going to take place as scheduled on August 18, 1976? Please inform me immediately of the program.

ACBS/pks

76-7-29

New York

19th July, 1976

Bombay

My dear Anangamanjari,

Please accept my blessing. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 28, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

The best thing will be if you come here to New York and leave your situation there at Bombay. You are a very sincere devotee, that I know, and there are many nice girls here like Silavati who you can associate with. We have just had our Rathayatra here down Fifth Avenue and it was a grand success. It is a very nice field for expanding Krishna Consciousness and you will be very happy here I know. It is not advisable to marry again as this may disturb your former husband who is now engaged in preaching activities. So rather you can come here to New York where your service will be appreciated and there is very nice association with so many nice girls.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
CBS/pks

Yours sincerely,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

My dear Upendra dasa,
Please accept my blessings. I am in

due receipt of your letter dated July 15, 1976, and I have noted the contents with care.

Concerning the domes for the temple, you can inquire from Akshayananda Swami in Vrindaban who did the domes on the Krishna-Balaram Temple. To date I have not received any letter from Vasudeva in reply to my last letter. If perhaps there was some delay, you can send the letter to Paris as I am leaving for London tomorrow and shortly thereafter to Paris.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-7-34

Bhaktivedanta Manor
24th July, 1976

My dear Joan Feilds:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your very nice gifts and the donation towards the book fund. This is the way to advance in Krishna consciousness. One should offer to the spiritual master whatever one can. One should always chant the Hare Kṛṣṇa mantra at least 16 rounds daily and follow the four regulative principles then one's life can become perfect. Always try to remember Kṛṣṇa in all your activities and gradually He will help you to break free of all material attachments of life and along with your sincere desire your path back home back to godhead can be clear. One should always be sincere to please the spiritual master by following his instructions, then life is very easy.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pks

76-7-35

Bhaktivedanta Manor
24th July, 1976

My dear Giriraj das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your letter dated July 17 and have noted the contents with care.

This news of the donation of Mr. Malhotra is very good. Take the land and utilize it. Many good guests will come to such a place and I will also come. Estimate the cost and we shall do it immediately. I will come and see the land upon arriving in Bombay.

You may print in Marathi the Bhagavat Darsana and Lokanatha Swami may edit the translations done by others. We have government paper so you may print with this. I think though, that there is more than one Maharastrian devotee, but anyway there are many sympathisers who would be willing to voluntarily serve by this translation work.

This idea of Mr. Binani's is very good; you should encourage him. You may say that the entire expense of this issue has been met by the Binani Trust. This will encourage the other trusts to also contribute. It is very nice that he wants to help the printing of literatures. The construction of the temple is going on, now let us have new publications. I am sending by separate registered post the Hindi translation of the Nectar of Devotion. You should print it. Our Bombay center is a general cultural institution for the education of scientific knowledge and spiritual life. I am trying to induce responsible men to fully retire from family life and take to Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

Ashok's mother is a good lady as are all of them. Please give my blessings to her.

Regarding this research tax exemption, we have got so many Phd's also, and are starting the Bhaktivedanta Institute for

making research work for the improvement of the economic condition of the world. We are introducing many farms and they are very successful. We want to introduce this in India also.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-7-36

Bhaktivedanta Manor
24th July, 1976

Dear Kapardini dasi:

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your very nice gift. I thank you very much for it and hope that you and your son Gaurahari das are advancing very nicely in your Krsna consciousness. Please always follow the regulative principles and chant your rounds carefully and surely such sincere practice will lead you to success. Pleasing the spiritual master is the active principle in spiritual life and offerings made with love and devotion are always pleasing to the spiritual master. Please continue in this way.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-7-37

Bhaktivedanta Manor
24th July, 1976

My Dear Yasasvini devi dasi:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your very nice offering and I thank you very much for it. Pleasing the spiritual master is the most important principle in spiritual life so go on acting in such a way that the spiritual master may be pleased. Always chant at least 16 rounds daily and follow the four principles with-

out fail. Then you will be strong in your spiritual life. By always following the principles, chanting, and performing regulated worship of the Deity, one can make steady advancement.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-7-38

Bhaktivedanta Manor
25th July, 1976

My dear Pusta Krsna Maharaj;

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 18, 1976 and have noted the contents with care. I am very pleased that you are preaching for preaching is our main line. Harikesa Swami was also doing preaching work and now you are also. Preaching is the most important business. Although my personal service is also important, the preaching work comes first. I want everyone of our men to become first class preachers. So you want to preach that is best. Don't be worried, but go on with your preaching and you will be happy.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-7-39

Bhaktivedanta Manor
26th July, 1976

My dear Jayapataka Maharaj;

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 21, 1976 and have noted the contents with care.

Regarding your meeting me to discuss about the land acquisition matter, I shall inform you later on as to my arrival time in India. For the time being I shall stay at the

farm in France. But as far as going to see the Cheif Minister is concerned, let him decide on the merit of the report. A full report is there in hand, so let him decide as he likes. I have not seen any one of the officers as yet, but anyone who came I saw. If the Cheif Minister comes to Mayapur then that is allright. Otherwise officially whatever he likes he can decide on the merit of the project.

Regarding the approval of the University, we have got both students and teachers and can supply the list to them. But first we must know the conditions which they are asking of us to fulfill. It was very good that they liked the prasadam. Introduce the recitation of Gitar gan in every school. That will be a nice credit.

Abhirama prabhu should kindly inform me what is the situation of the park. I did not receive the bank statement as yet.

The latest report from Tamal Krsna Goswami is that we are selling \$60,000 worth of our books daily. It is because you are helping me that all this has become possible otherwise how can I do anything alone, ekaki amara nahi paya bol, Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu says that I cannot do anything, alone I am helpless. So Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu is Krsna Himself and he wants the help of His devotees and what to speak of me.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-7-40

Paris

29th July, 1976

My dear Cyavana Maharaj:

Please accept my blessings. I have received your letter dated 22 July 1976 and have noted the contents with care.

Regarding your desire to return to Africa, I think that it would be best if the

matter be decided at the next Mayapur meeting. Therefore kindly wait until then.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-7-41

Paris

29th July, 1976

Mr. B. J. Murdock

Manager,

Australia and New Zealand

Banking Group Ltd.

Naviti St.

P.O. Box 56

Lautoka, Fiji

Dear Sir:

In regards the loan of \$80,000.00 solicited by Deoji Punja in the name of ISKCON, or any other loans solicited in the name of ISKCON, as the Founder-Acarya and final authority on all ISKCON matters please be informed that until you receive authorization from me you may kindly wait in these matters of loans until further notice from me.

Thanking you,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

cc: Tamal Krishna Goswami

Guru Kripa Swami, Upendra,

Vasudeva

ACBS/hs

76-7-42

Paris

29th July, 1976

My dear Mantrini devi dasi:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your offering of July 27, 1976 of 108 pounds and I thank you very much for it. Actually you are correct, it is not possible for the disciple to repay the debt to the spiritual master. Therefore the disciple remains eternally indebted to the

spiritual master and continually works in such a way that the spiritual master may become pleased upon him for such sincere services rendered. Always follow the four principles, take prasadam, and above all chant your sixteen rounds a day, and thus you will make steady advancement in devotional service. Continue to preach this movement all over the world and thus you will become happy and you will make others happy also.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-7-43

Paris

29th July, 1976

My dear Vasudeva das;

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of the undated joint letter from you and Upendradas and have noted the contents with care. Regarding the situation in Fiji, it is necessary that we come to a proper understanding as to the status of the land and the organization of ISKCON Fiji itself. The first point is that the governing board of ISKCON may have yourself and your brother as members, but must also have the GBC for the zone, Guru Krpa Swami, the GBC Chairman, Tamal Krsna Goswami, and Upendra das as members. The second point is that after ISKCON has been organized in the above way the land which the temple is being constructed on must be leased to ISKCON Fiji with a 99 year unconditional lease with option to renew which I shall approve.

In case you do not like this arrangement then you may keep the temple as your private property and as my disciple I will give you guidance. But you may not use the ISKCON name to collect funds or to take loans. In this connection until this

matter is resolved no loan may be taken from the bank or elsewhere and all collections in the name of ISKCON, must stop. If you desire to keep the temple as private property then Upendra das may return to Hawaii and ISKCON Fiji may be dissolved. If you want to consider this project as an ISKCON project then you must abide by the orders and direction of the GBC, which you do not like to do. Now whatever you like let me know.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-7-44

Paris

29th July, 1976

My dear Odette:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your poem offering and I want to thank you very much for it. I have appreciated the sentiments expressed within and I hope that you will continue to advance more and more in your Krsna consciousness.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-7-45

Paris

29th July, 1976

My dear Yasodananadana Swami:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 17 July 1976 and have noted the contents. In regards to your point on the brahmanas being dispersed all over the world, Rsa-bhadeva's sons were both brahmanas and ksatriyas and were throughout the world. The sons of Nava Yogendra were the brahmanas and another son's progeny were the

ksatriyas. So continue this preaching work more and more.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-7-46

Paris

30th July, 1976

Bombay

My dear Gopal Kṛṣṇa das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 23, 1976 and have noted the contents. Yes I will go to the Delhi temple when I come. You make all arrangements so that everything shall be nice there. I will also go to Madras if you arrange.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-7-47

Paris

30th July, 1976

Hong Kong

My dear Sridhar and

Trivikram Maharaj's:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 7 July 1976 and have noted the contents with care.

Yes, I immediately accept for initiation Naisen Wang. Her name shall be Nitya lila dasi and I have personally chanted on her beads which are enclosed. She is a very good devotee and she must immediately be initiated. This girl should be trained up and educated to speak in Chinese and recruit Chinese boys and girls. Just try to create a Chinese group of devotees from Taiwan then all other things are done automatically. We require immediately a Chinese group of devotees. Tamal

Kṛṣṇa Goswami is arranging for the money, you can communicate with him. He has also just sent two men there to assist you.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

enc: japa beads

ACBS/hs

76-7-48

Paris

31st July, 1976

Vrindaban

My dear Hansadutta Maharaj;

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 24, 1976 and have noted the contents with care. You should carry on your sankirtana movement; you are fit for that. Wherever you like you can make your Hq.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-7-49

Paris

31st July, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Hṛdayananda Maharaj;

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of the new KṚṢṆA books and your letter dated July 24, 1976 and with great pleasure I thank you for them. Please offer all the devotees my blessings. Their enthusiasm for distributing my books will please me very much. Not only will I be pleased, but my guru maharaja will also be pleased and they will all be blessed. This is very good news, prithivite ache yato nagaradi grama sarvatra pracara hoibe mora nama, this is the way of preaching, to spread the news of Kṛṣṇa in every town and village all over the world.

Thank you very much.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-7-50

Paris

31st July, 1976

Mayapur

My dear Jayapataka Maharaj;

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter undated and have noted the contents carefully. Let Prabhu Swarup transfer the land immediately, we shall do the needful. You are an intelligent boy so you can take it from me that this Haridaspur scheme is for making a link with Bangaladesh, so we have to deal from that point of view. Let him collect the funds and see that it is done properly there. We shall organize a nice organization there. It doesn't matter that he cannot assure the full money. As far as the fresh initiation goes, we shall see later on. I am expecting to receive the land upon arrival.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-7-51

Paris

31st July, 1976

Sriman Parmanand Patel

Asst. Eng. Division Office

Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board

Burhanpur

Post Bulharpur, Dist.-Khandwa (M.P.)

INDIA

Dear Sriman Patel;

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 3.6.76 which was addressed to Los Angeles now redirected to here. Therefore I am late in

replying to your letter.

By reading your letter, it seems that you are very fortunate. Krsna has given you the best opportunity for developing your Krsna consciousness and certainly He wants to help you. Therefore He has advised you to approach me. As it is the desire of Krsna it is my duty to help you in every respect.

At present I am in Europe, France, and very soon I shall return to Bombay; the latest by the 15th August, 1976. My Bombay address is as follows:

Hare Krishna Land

Gandhi Gram Rd.

Juhu, Bombay 54

INDIA

I shall be very much pleased to see you in person in Bombay and certainly Krsna will give us the opportunity to engage you fully in Krsna conscious service. You are naturally a devotee of Krsna. Pray to Him always for help and chant the mahamantra; Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare. Certainly very soon you will get all possible facilities for advancing in Krsna consciousness.

I am sorry I could not reply to you in Hindi because I have no Hindi Secretary here. I hope this will find you in good health. More when we get together.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-7-52

Paris

31st July, 1976

Bhaktivedanta Manor

My dear Rucira dasi:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your gift and note dated.

This process of offering whatever one has in one's possession for the pleasure of

the spiritual master or Kṛṣṇa is recommended in the Bhagavad gītā by the Lord Himself when he says, “yat karosi yad asnasi yat karosi dadasi yat. ” and “tad viddhi pranipatena pariprasnena sevaya. .” This process of offering everything in one’s possession or ability is the recommended means for losing all attachment to material things and all attachment to material sense gratification. When one has become purified by this process of offering everything back to the Supreme he be-

comes simply attached to pleasing the Supreme Lord. This is the perfection of life. It is attained simply by following the four regulative principles, chanting sixteen rounds daily, and regularly offering one’s time and effort in the propagation of this Kṛṣṇa Consciousness Movement.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

AUGUST

76-8-1

Valencay, France
1st August, 1976

Mr. Jootee Boonsoong
2nd floor Sarasin Building
14 Surasak Road
Bangkok, Thailand

Dear Mr. Boonsoong,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your nice gift of silk cloth which has been presented to me by my disciple Yogesvara Das. He has also spoken to me of your interest in the activities of our movement. I thank you very much.

This Krsna Consciousness Movement is based on the *Bhagavad-gita As It Is*. We have attempted to present this great philosophy to the world in a pure way, without material motive, and by the grace of Lord Krsna our effort has come out successful. People everywhere are taking to Krsna Consciousness, following the simple principles, and becoming happy. At least no one has ever seen such high character as in our boys and girls. And thoughtful men like yourself are appreciating.

Again, my thanks for your consideration. Hoping this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/yd

76-8-2

Paris
2nd August, 1976

New Orleans

My dear Nityananda das;

Please accept my blessings. I am in

due receipt of your letter and have noted the contents with care.

On your recommendation I am accepting the following disciples for first and second initiation:

First Initiation:

Michael Hyldahl—Varnśimohana dāsa
Rodolfo Rios—Rasa-Vilāsa dāsa
James Lanclos—Jñāna-nātha dāsa
Willie Butch McCord—Vānīnātha Rāya dāsa

Second Initiation:

Jitamitra das bramacary

Hold a fire sacrifice and present the beads and gayatri mantra tape with brahmin thread at that time. The initiates should follow our four principles of Godly life namely; no eating of meat, fish or eggs; no gambling, no intoxication, and no illicit sex. All devotees must also chant the prescribed 16 rounds on the beads daily, without fail. Enclosed you will find one brahmin thread and gayatri mantra. After the fire sacrifice the tape of the gayatri mantra should be played into the right ear of the initiate. To become a brahmana means to be always clean outside by regular cleanliness and inside by chanting the Hare Krishna maha mantra. The beads for the first initiates should be chanted on by your GBC man and the names given at the time of the sacrifice.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-8-3

Tehran
9th August, 1976

My Dear Catur Murti das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 6th August 1976 and your very nice donation. Your desire to please me is very pleasing and your preaching program in Spain sounds very nice. Please push on this movement in the Spanish and Portuguese languages with great enthusiasm and certainly Kṛṣṇa will bless you for taking so much trouble to preach His glories. A Vaisnava always feels himself incapable to repay his debt to his spiritual master therefore he works very hard in order to try and repay that debt. He knows that without the mercy of the spiritual master one cannot preach this Kṛṣṇa consciousness and therefore he always tries to act in such a way that he may please his guru. Please continue in this way and keep very strictly the regulative principles and chanting the prescribed number of rounds on the beads and you will clear the way for success in your preaching work.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/yd

76-8-4

Tehran
9th August, 1976

Bombay

My Dear Gopal Kṛṣṇa das,

Please accept my blessings. I have received your letter of July 31, which was addressed to Harikeśa Maharaj and I have noted the contents. I shall be returning to Bombay from Teheran on Friday the 13.

I have received the color proofs for the books and have noted that it is not as good as the foreign printing. It is missing the luster, but it is not bad.

Regarding Tejjiyas and Delhi, I have already said that you should arrange whatever is suitable by mutual agreement.

Yes, you may fix up the life member rooms by investing a little money.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

76-8-5

Valencay, France
9th August, 1976

Bombay

Madame Sumati Morarjee,

Please accept my blessings. Since I have not heard from you for a very long time, I was very glad to receive your letter dated 29th July 1976. I came here to our temple to install Kṛṣṇa Balarama murtis, and the function has now been completed. I shall go to Teheran, Iran from here and shall stay there for a few days before returning to India as soon as possible.

I am sorry to learn that you have become a little agitated regarding the publication of an article in our *Back to Godhead* magazine. It is certainly unpleasant, but the officers who publish the magazine do not know *satyam bruyat priyam bruyat*, in this material world only palatable truth should be spoken. Unpalatable truth should be carefully avoided. The cause of Lord Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu's agitation was much the same as your own. As you are irritated by the criticism of Śrī Vallabhacārya, similarly Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu was also agitated when Vallabhacārya criticized Sridhar Svami.

Sridhar Svami is accepted as the original commentator on the *Srimad Bhagavatam*. Perhaps you know that there is an edition of the *Srimad Bhagavatam* by Kṛṣṇa Sankar Sāstrī "abhinavah sukah" Vedantacārya, Sahitya-tīrtha, śrībhagavatā-sudhanidhi, from Ahmedabad. In his book

he has given almost all the important commentaries on the *Bhagavatam*, as follows: 1. Sridhar Svami 2. Sri Vamsidhara 3. Sri Gangasahaya 4. Srimad Viraraghavacarya 5. Srimad Vijayadhvaia Tirtha 6. Srimad Jiva Gosvami 7. Srimad Visvanatha Cakravarti Thakura 8. Srimad Sukadeva 9. Gosvami Sri-giridharalal (Vallabhacarya Sampradaya) 10. Sri Bhagavat-prasadacarya, etc..

Among all commentaries, Sridhar Svami's is given the first position. This parampara has existed for a very long time. It was also accepted during Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's time, but Sri Vallabhacarya violated the system. Instead of acknowledging Sridhar Svami's pre-eminent position, he wanted to take it himself. I am enclosing herewith some photocopies of the important verses from the original book *Caitanya Caritamrta* that specifically deal with the subject matter. These verses are from *Antya lila*, Chapter 7, entitled "Lord Caitanya meets Vallabha Bhatta" I would like to draw your attention to verse 113 on page 55 where Vallabha Bhatta says:

"In my commentary on *Srimad Bhagavatam*," he said, "I have refuted the explanations of Sridhar Svami. I cannot accept his explanations."

Moreover, verse 114 states:

"Whatever Sridhar Svami reads he explains according the circumstances. Therefore he is inconsistent in his explanations and cannot be accepted as an authority."

Vallabha Bhatta's declaration certainly agitated Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Consequently, Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu remarked sarcastically that He considered that anyone who did not accept the svami (or Sridhar Svami) as an authority was a prostitute. *Prabhu hasi kahe*; but he smiled and said this jokingly, because they were friends.

Although this point is very controversial, it is not based on hearsay, as you have

stated, but it is authoritatively documented by the *Caitanya Caritamrta*. As you have written in a friendly spirit, I do not wish to discuss this point further. If you will kindly take a little trouble to read this chapter "Lord Caitanya meets Vallabha Bhatta" you will understand the whole situation. Actually Vallabha Bhatta should not have criticized Sridhar Svami, because even now Sridhar Svami is very respected. Even authorities like Sri Jiva Goswami and Visvanatha Cakravarti Thakura mention in their commentaries, *svami caranat*, as we have learned it from the lotus feet of Sridhar Svami. So when Vallabha Bhatta criticized Sridhar Svami, Caitanya Mahaprabhu criticized Vallabha Bhatta strongly. This is a fact, but this does not mean that Vallabha Bhatta and Caitanya Mahaprabhu were inimical. Vallabha Bhatta honored Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu as a superior. Sometimes Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu would chastise Vallabha Bhatta and sometimes He would favor him, because this was their relationship. Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu would never refuse the occasional invitations of Vallabha Bhatta.

Everything will become clear if you kindly read this chapter with attention. For example, we see that two lawyers in the courtroom may fight vigorously about a law point, but upon returning to the law library, they talk and embrace like friends. So you should always remember that we have no ill feelings towards Vallabha Bhattacarya. We have full respect for him, so there is no harm if these facts are discussed*in the society of devotees. Devotees always humbly offer respect to everyone, but when there is a discussion on a point of *sastra*, they do not observe the usual etiquette, *satyam bruyat priyam bruyat*. They speak only the *satyam*, although it may not necessarily be *priyam*.

I hope you will understand the whole situation. If you still have any doubts, I

shall be glad to hear from you and shall try to satisfy you to the best of my ability. I am presently not in very good health, nonetheless I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-8-6

Bombay

14th August, 1976

Los Angeles

My Dear Drstaketu das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter, with enclosed daksina, dated August 7, 1976. Whatever contribution you have, you may deposit in the Bank of America, Los Angeles Branch, a/c no. 6004-7143 (ISKCON Mayapur-Vrindaban Fund). Please also send me the deposit slip. That would be very nice.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-8-7

Bombay

14th August, 1976

Los Angeles

Residents of New Dvaraka

My Dear Sons and Daughters,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 9, 1976 and the enclosed daksina and pictures of the murties in New Dvaraka which I am having framed and put on my wall here in Bombay.

If you feel at all indebted to me then you should preach vigorously like me. That is the proper way to repay me. Of course, no one can repay the debt to the spiritual master, but the spiritual master is very much pleased by such an attitude by the disciple. In the Bhagavad-gita it is

said: *vyavasayatmika buddhir ekeha kuru-nandana*, "Those who are on this path are resolute in purpose, and their aim is one." Our only business is to be fixed up in devotional service by pleasing the spiritual master. Those who are not fixed up they have various lines of action. (*eka* means 'one' and *bahu* means 'many').

The real ocean of mercy is Kṛṣṇa and it is the duty of the spiritual master to tell his disciple to come to the ocean and be happy. The spiritual master's duty is to lead the disciple to this ocean. I am trying my best and if you try to follow surely you will benefit.

Bhaktivinode Thakura has sung, "Kṛṣṇa sei tomara, Kṛṣṇa dite para, tomara sakati ache. Ami ta' kangala, kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa boli, dhai tava pache pache." "Kṛṣṇa is yours and you have the power to give Him to anyone you wish. I am poor and wretched and running behind you shouting Kṛṣṇa, Kṛṣṇa!"

Kṛṣṇa is unlimited, no one can catch Him, but if someone follows the parampara, He agrees to be captured. Everyone is afraid of Kṛṣṇa, but Kṛṣṇa is afraid of Mother Yaśoda. That is Kṛṣṇa's special mercy.

I hope this meets all of you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

76-8-8

Bombay

14th August, 1976

My Dear Pusta Kṛṣṇa Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 30, 1976 and have noted the contents.

If you relieve me of the burden of management, that will be a very great service to Kṛṣṇa and the movement. See that everything is going on nicely. With great endeavor we have made the framework, now

we have to see that things are going on nicely.

Yes, this preaching work is our mission. It is Caitanya Mahaprabhu's mission, my Guru Maharaj's mission, and my mission. It is through the parampara. As I am trying to discharge my Guru Maharaj's mission, you also try and things will go on nicely.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever-well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

nb—Where is the Bhavan Journal Questions and Answers? Send it immediately.
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76-8-9

Bombay

14th August, 1976

Bhaktivedanta Manor

My Dear Radhe-Syama das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 5th August 1976, and have noted the contents with care.

I thank you very much for your many gifts to me and your concern for my well being. This is the correct attitude for a disciple. The disciple should be prepared to offer everything he has including his body, mind, and words, in the service of the guru. Anyone who is sincerely serving to his greatest capacity becomes dear in the eyes of the Lord. So continue in your efforts to spread Krsna consciousness and to help Jayatirtha prabhu win this case, and always follow the regulative principles of devotional service without fail.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-8-10

Bombay

14th August, 1976

My Dear Ramesvara Maharaj and Radhaballabha das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of the package from Los Angeles containing the Vyasa Puja and the latest BBT newsletter and I have found both to be extremely pleasing.

The report of the book printing is both encouraging and surprising. Everytime I see this I remember the words of my Guru Maharaj when he told me that wherever there was money it should be used to print books, not that we shall have big big temples and then fight in the court. He asked me to do this and I am trying my little bit, that's all. It is all by his blessings for without his blessings this wonderful thing would not have happened. He said personally to me, "If I could sell this Gaudiya Matha building, that would have been better." He predicted that there would be fire within these walls. So I took it, "O, His Divine Grace wants some books." So I accepted it, "Yes, I shall do it." It is all by his blessings. *Mukham karoti vacalam parigam langhayate girim*, by his mercy a dumb man can speak and a lame man can cross a mountain.

Regarding the return of Indrapramada to the press, thank him for coming back. Krsna is so kind that anyone who does some service for Him, Krsna immediately captures him. *Svalpam apy asya dharmasya trayate mahato bhayat*, a little advancement on this path can protect one from the most dangerous type of fear. There are many instances. *Tyaktva svadharman caranambujam harer bhajan na pakvo 'tha patet tato yadi*. "If someone gives up self-gratificatory pursuits and works in Krsna consciousness and then falls down on account of not completing his work, what loss is there on his part? And if one performs his material activities

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76-8-14

Hyderabad
20th August, 1976

Hyderabad

Dear Sampath Kumar,

Please accept my blessings. I am pleased to thank you for your kind help in organizing the Pratistha Yajnas for the opening ceremonies of the Sri Sri Radha-Madana-mohana Temple in Hyderabad.

The Yajnas were conducted very nicely and everything was very clean and neat. Actually in the Kali yuga the real yajna is the sankirtana yajna as it is prescribed in the Srimad Bhagavatam, krsna varnam tvisakrsnam sangopangastra parsadam yajnaiḥ sankirtana prayair yajante hi sumedasaḥ. This is the sacrifice for Kali yuga, hari nama sankirtana.

My request is that you should help us to spread this Krsna conscious brahminical culture over the world.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-8-15

Hyderabad
20th August, 1976

Sydney

My Dear Jayadharma das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 26 July 1976 with enclosed daksine of Rs. 2000/- and have noted the contents. I am pleased to accept on your recommendation the following as my disciples;

Mark Phillips—Mahotsaha dasa

Jane Phillips—Jagat-priya dasi

Greg Jay—Gaura Kesava dasa

You may hold a fire yajna and at that time the names of the initiates as well as their beads chanted on by Guru Kṛpa Maharaja may be given. Make sure that they are well aware of the four rules and regu-

lations and that they are fixed in chanting the prescribed number of 16 rounds daily on the beads. Without these two principles no one can make advancement on the path of regulated bhakti. Teach them the science of the Bhagavad gita and train them to be first class representatives of Kṛṣṇa. It is not very difficult, simply one has to hear from the perfect authority who is in disciplic succession from Kṛṣṇa Himself, and then repeat the same message without any change. If one does this then he is qualified to become guru.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-8-16

Hyderabad
20th August, 1976

Vrindaban

My Dear Kapoorji,

Please accept my blessings. I have just received your letter dated 4th April 1976. I have been away on a tour of Europe and America and upon returning to Bombay I have just gotten your letter. Therefore I have not replied sooner.

I shall be coming to Vrindavan within a short time and we can talk there.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-8-17

Hyderabad
20th August, 1976

Glasgow

My Dear Niranjan das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 3rd August 1976 and have noted the contents with

care. Thank you very much for your concern. I have gotten much better. The opening of the temple in Hyderabad was very successful.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

n.b.—Your idea of putting the dissassociated sloka below the original is not good. Do not do it. The Hari Bhakti Vilas in Hindi is not very important. Neither is the chart of Lord Caitanyas activities, but you can keep it for future reference.

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76-8-18

Hyderabad

20th August, 1976

Trinidad

My Dear Taksya das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 27, 1976 and have noted the contents.

I am pleased to accept on your recommendation Bhakta Walker for first initiation. His name will be Vayuvāhāna dāsa. You may give him his name at a fire yajna and his beads may be chanted on by Hrdayananda Maharaj. Make sure that he is well aware of our four rules and regulations and that they are followed. Also make sure that he chants the prescribed number of rounds. Every initiated disciple must chant 16 rounds a day without fail. If one follows the rules and regulations of devotional life then he may advance very quickly on the path of devotional service.

Kindly take up the mission of spreading the message of the Lord all over the world with greater and greater enthusiasm. Preaching is our life. But in order to preach one must become firmly fixed in the spiritual practices otherwise his words will not act. It is the duty of every initiated disciple to try and please the spiritual

master by rendering service and inquiring submissively. There should also be an offering of daksina whenever one presents himself for initiation.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-8-19

Hyderabad

20th August, 1976

New York

My Dear Trivikram Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I have received your letter dated July 29, 1976 and have noted the contents. Your idea of raising some funds and support in the West and then going back to Taiwan is a very good idea. Do it. This is a very good program. This is a very gentlemanly idea. Unless one has an office and a sitting place, no one really cares about you.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-8-20

Hyderabad

23rd August, 1976

Hyderabad

Dear Kṛṣṇa das Mahanu Bhava,

Please accept my blessings. Thank you very much for your kind offering of books and daksina. May you be blessed by Lord Krishna so that you may become His pure devotee. I do not know Marathi but I appreciated the books very much.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-8-21

Hyderabad
23rd August, 1976

My Dear Guru Krpa Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. During discussions with Jayapataka and Gargamuni Maharaj's regarding the construction of the present new guest house in Mayapur, they informed me that 9,70,000.00 rupees are required to finish the project.

I desire that this project be completed as soon as possible. They inform me that the construction can be completed in five months if funds are provided adequately. Therefore you may transfer the above mentioned amount to ISKCON's Mayapur Development Fund in Calcutta, and advise me of the transfer.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

nb—If you have already done business with their bank in Calcutta, then you can send the funds directly, otherwise, if you do not know the details of their account, then you can transfer the funds to my account at the American Express International Banking Corp. Calcutta, in my name, account no. 5416.

cc: 4 c/o Sydney, Tokyo, Hong Kong, & Hawaii
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76-8-22

Hyderabad
23th August, 1976

Delhi

Sri G.L. Kapoor;

Please find below my testimonial in honor of Sumati Morarjee.

"Madame Sumati Morarjee is a great friend of our Krishna Consciousness Movement. I first met her in connection with the printing of my Srimad Bhagavatam and she was so kind as to immediately

pay me 500 Rupees for it. Later on, in 1965 when I wanted to go to the USA, I appealed to this benevolent lady again to carry me aboard one of her ships to New York, and she immediately arranged for it. I was able to start for the USA on account of her kindness and taking some books with me I safely reached on September 19th, 1965.

When I returned to INDIA in 1970, she gave me a good reception in her office building. Many nice gentlemen also met me at that time. I feel obliged to this benevolent lady in so many ways for her helping this Krishna Consciousness Movement. I wish that Lord Krishna may give her a long life fully engaged in the service of the Lord."

Thanking you,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
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76-8-23

Hyderabad
23rd August, 1976

Vrindaban

My Dear Lokanath Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your letter dated 13 August 1976 and have noticed the contents with care. I am very very pleased to learn that you are preaching so nicely. May Krsna bless you and give you more and more abilities. I shall let you know my program when I reach Delhi. I shall be in Delhi on the evening of the 25th of this month. Then after a week I shall go to Vrindavana. I shall chalk out my program at this time.

Either I go with you or not, the program which you are doing is completely approved by me. Go on steadily with your program. As long as we are following the regulative principles of devotional service I am always with you. So be encouraged to continue this program more and more and expand it so that the preaching may be

heard in every town and village. I am very pleased by your report with the enclosed news clippings. Thank you very much.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

nb.—the initiations may be done when I reach Vrindavana.

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76-8-24

Hyderabad

23rd August, 1976

Sriman Paramanand Patel

c/o Yoga Vidyalaya Ashram

Rajnandjaon M.P.

Dear Sri Paramanand Patel,

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 16 August 1976 and have noted the contents with care. I have already left Bombay and I presently am at my Hyderabad center, leaving for Delhi on the 25th of August. I shall remain there up to September 2nd or 3rd and then we shall go to Vrindavan. The distance from Delhi to Vrindavan is not very much. By car it is two and a half hours and by bus it is four hours.

So if you come timely in Delhi that is all right, otherwise you have to come via Delhi to Vrindavan. So do the needful and in the meantime I hope you are in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-8-25

Hyderabad

23rd August, 1976

Berkeley

My Dear Pusta Krsna Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 6, 1976 and have noted the contents. Please

send that Bhavan's Journal Manuscript to me in either Delhi or Vrindavana. It is approved by me if you want to sell the farm.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-8-26

Hyderabad

23rd August, 1976

Los Angeles

My Dear Ramesvara Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of the BBT Trustees report and have heard your proposal for funding the Mayapur project. Yes your proposal sounds very nice and you may do it. It is very good that this project be a world-wide effort.

Guru Kṛpa Maharaj has taken charge of the collecting for Mayapur now. You can simply send his food relief collection money to Mayapur. When the Bombay project is finished and Mayapur begins, the Mayapur project should be financed in the same way.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-8-27

Hyderabad

23rd August, 1976

Auckland, New Zealand

My Dear Tusta Krsna Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of 10 August 1976 and have noted the contents. Your idea and completion of the kirtana hall etc. is very nice. You can visit our farm projects at New Vrindavana and the New York Farm in Port Royal, Pennsylvania. They do everything very nicely and you

can develop your farm on their model. That you are growing all your own grains is very good. It is my ambition that all devotees may remain self independent by producing vegetables, grains, milk, fruits, flowers, and by weaving their own cloth in handlooms. This simple life is very nice. Simple village life saves time for other engagements like chanting the Hare Krishna Maha Mantra.

Generally people are spoiling their lives for decorating the dead body and giving no attention at all to the spirit soul within. Our business is just the opposite, to give more time to the spiritual life and accept material necessities only as required. This makes life perfect. This is the Vedic way of life. We do not reject or accept anything until it is seen in the light of our Krsna Consciousness Movement. Anything favorable for Krsna consciousness we accept and anything unfavorable we reject, anukulasya sankalpah pratikulyam-vivarjanam.

Giving classes and holding feasts is our preaching. We should hold sankirtana as much as possible and distribute prasadam. Gradually when their heart is softened, then we will talk of philosophy, not in the beginning.

I have read your telegram of Vyasa Puja offering and I thank you very much for your nice feelings. I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-8-28

New Delhi

26th August, 1976

Berkeley

My Dear Bhakta das,

Please accept my blessings. On your recommendation I am accepting the following boys and girls as my duly initiated

disciples.

John—Jnanagati dasa

Spencer—Saktipati dasa

Orlando—Pranavananda dasa

Mark—Nitrasena dasa

Nadine—Nada dasi

Carol—Karuna dasi

All initiates of mine must strictly follow the four principles of no meat, fish or egg, eating; no gambling; no intoxication of any kind; and no illicit sex. They must chant 16 rounds a day minimum with attention, clearly chanting the mantra, and listening very carefully. This is the recommended process for purifying the heart in this sinful age of Kali. Be serious to push on this sankirtana movement of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu, and certainly He will bless you and your life will become perfect, *na ca tasmad manusyesu kascit me priya-krtama*, anyone who preaches this message of the Bhagavad-gita is the most dear servant of the Lord.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-8-29

New Delhi

26th August, 1976

Nairobi

My Dear Brahmananda Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your Janmastami 1976 invitation sheet, but there is no mention of the Vyasa Puja ceremony. Generally in our centers they issue Janmastami invitations along with Vyasa Puja invitations.

I have read your Vyasa Puja offering, so it will be a great pleasure to know whether Vyasa Puja was officially held in Nairobi. I am always anxious to know about Nairobi affairs. If you kindly send a report at least once a month, that will

be appreciated.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-8-30

New Delhi

26th August, 1976

Sri Kuwar Chandra Prakash

Simha M.A.D.L.A.

Brahma Nagar

Sitapura Rd.

Luchnow U.P.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your kind letter dated 29 July 1976 and have noted the contents with care. Thank you very much for it. Just now I am in New Delhi at the above address and am going to Vrindavana by the 2nd or 3rd of September.

It will be a great pleasure for me to see you personally and if possible we may talk about a program how you may be engaged in the service of Krishna Balaram. You are a very qualified person and can render many valuable services to the Lord.

Please excuse me that my secretary could not write in Hindi, therefore the reply is sent in English. Please accept my good wishes and more when we meet.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-8-31

New Delhi

26th August, 1976

Dinesh Chandra Sarkar

5, Bidya Jagar Rd.

P.O. Nabagram

Dist. Hooghly

W. Bengal

My Dear Dinesh Babu,

Please accept my blessings. I am in

due receipt of your letter dated 24th June 1976 and have noted the contents with care. I am now staying at Delhi at the above address. From here I shall go to Vrindavan. I am also not keeping good health.

In New York I caught a cold and it continued for about one month of coughing at night without any sleep. But still I am travelling. I went from New York to London to Paris to Teheran to Bombay to Hyderabad to here.

So I am sorry to learn that you are not well. Pray to Krishna and chant Hare Krishna. The body is a temple of disease, *janma mṛtyu jara vyadhi*. Disease is our inevitable companion. We still have to execute our duty of Krishna consciousness as far as possible and Krishna will help us. We are going to have a very big project at Mayapur. We have to acquire 350 acres of land from the Government and construct a spiritual town at the expense of Rs. 200 Crores. The plans and contemplations are going on in different phases, now when Caitanya Mahāprabhu will be pleased it will be taken up.

After Vrindavan, I may return to Mayapur by the month of December and I hope by that time you will be quite fit to come and meet me. Thank you very much for your enquiry.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-8-32

New Delhi

26th August, 1976

Los Angeles

My Dear Radhaballabha das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 13, 1976 and have noted the contents with care.

You may title this book, *Teachings of Lord Kapila*, but it must be subtitled, "The Son of Devahuti" That will remain, do not try to change it. The Americans may like it or not like it, but we must make the distinction between *devahuti putra kapila*, and the atheistic Kapila. Do not try to change anything without my permission.

I will give you a foreword for this book.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-8-33

New Delhi

26th August, 1976

Lucknow

Dear Sri Tripathi,

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 15 August 1976 and have noted the contents with care. Thank you very much for your enquiry.

I shall be in Vrindavan by the 2nd or 3rd of September. Please come and see me at that time.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-8-34

New Delhi

28th August, 1976

Chandigarh

Dear Mr. Gupta,

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 24 August 1976 and have noted the contents.

You may come and see me after September 3rd in Vrindavana where we can

discuss all these affairs. There is also a nice guest house there.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-8-35

New Delhi

28th August, 1976

Los Angeles

My Dear Jagannath Suta das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 18, 1976 and the separate package containing ten *Back to Godhead* magazines. Thank you very much for them.

Actually I am dependent on your mercy. If you kindly follow my instructions and continue to push on Krsna consciousness, that will make me very happy. You must very strictly observe the regulative principles and chant sixteen rounds a day and Krsna will give you guidance. This is also stated in the *Bhagavad-gita*, *tesam satata yuktanam bhajatam priti-purvakam dadami buddhi-yogam tam yena mam upayanti te*, to those who worship Him with love, Krsna gives the guidance so that they can come back to Him. The more you give service to Krsna, the more you become advanced. *Yasya deve para bhaktir yatha deve tatha gurau tasyaite kathita arthah prakasante mahatmanah*, "Only unto those great souls who simultaneously have implicit faith in both the Lord and the spiritual master are all the imports of the Vedic knowledge automatically revealed." This is the secret of success.

By the way, there has been some disturbance created by the publishing of a few comments on Vallabhacarya in *Back to Godhead* Vol. 10, No. 8, page

column 3, paragraph 2. Kindly avoid comments such as these in future publications.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-8-36

New Delhi

31st August, 1976

Los Angeles

My Dear Karandhar das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your nice letter dated August 13, 1976. So you are already engaged in the service of Kṛṣṇa. Stick to it and that will make you perfect. You are following the regulative principles. This is our spiritual strength and you are most fortunate that you have got a very good wife. Your wife met me in NY and New Vrindavan and she is a very great devotee.

I know that you are competent to manage any department, whichever department you like you can render your service and keep yourself peaceful with your good wife. There is no impediment for grhashtas to become fully Kṛṣṇa conscious. All of Caitanya Mahāprabhu's associates were grhashtas and all of them helped Caitanya Mahāprabhu in His missionary activities. Later on He took sannyasa and specifically He was assisted by Svarupa Damodar, but still He had intimate relations with grhashtas like Advaita Acarya, Nityananda, Gadadhar, and Srivas Thakura.

So, in whichever status of life you may remain, if you stick to the principles, then you are allright. I am going to Vrindavan. If it is convenient you can stay for some time in Vrindavan with your family.

I always think of you as I do think of my other disciples, and surely Kṛṣṇa will help you to become a very strong devotee of the Lord. Please offer my blessings to your

wife and children.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-8-37

New Delhi

31st August, 1976

Mombassa, Kenya

My Dear Nava Yogendra Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your Vyasa Puja and Janmastami cards and I thank you very much for them. Please continue to render very nice service and certainly Kṛṣṇa will be pleased upon you.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-8-38

Paris

31st August, 1976

My dear Vegavan das;

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 1, 1976 and have noted the contents with care.

On your recommendation I am accepting the following disciples for first and second initiation:

First Initiation:

Bhakta Anders—Ātma-nivedana dāsa

Bhakta John—Yogindra dasa

Karen Johnstone—Kama-gayatri devi
dasi

Second Initiation:

Turiya das brahmacharya

Jamadagni das brahmacharya

Radhanatha das brahmacharya

Paragati das brahmacharya

Hold a fire sacrifice and the initiates

should refrain from the four pillars of sinful life: no illicit sex no meat, fish or egg eating (only Krsna prasadam), no gambling, and no intoxication. All devotees must also chant the prescribed 16 rounds daily on the beads. Enclosed you will also find four brahmin threads and gayatri mantra. After the fire sacrifice the tape of the gayatri mantra should be played in the right ear of the brahmin initiate. To become brahmin one must be clean inside and outside; outside by regularly taking

bath, and inside by always chanting the Hare Krsna maha-mantra. The beads for the first initiates may be chanted on by Sriman Jayatirtha das and they should be given these beads and names at the time of the fire sacrifice.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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SEPTEMBER

76-9-1

New Delhi
1st September, 1976

Dr. S. B. Chatterjee
Ex-Professor and Head
Dept. of Geography
N. Bengal U. Calcutta
Calcutta

Dear Dr. Chatterjee,

Please accept my blessings. Things are deteriorating on account of the loss of God consciousness. This simple method of chanting the Hare Krsna Maha Mantra will awaken God consciousness, and people will become very grateful all over the world. We welcome you to Vrindavan after the 3rd of September. We have got accommodations and whatever prasadam we have got we can give.

If you want to see me in Calcutta, you will have to wait until December when I may arrive there. I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/hs

76-9-2

New Delhi
1st September, 1976

Sao Paulo, Brazil

My Dear Jagajivan das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 27, 1976 and have noted the contents with care. I am very pleased that you have taken up this mission of spreading the Krsna consciousness movement all over the world. This is the wish of Sri Caitanya

Mahaprabhu that, *yare dakho tare kaho krsna upadesa*, everyone you see or meet, tell him about krsna; *amara ajnaya guru haya tara ei desa*, and by My command you become a guru and save this land. This was also the mission of my guru maharaj and it is my mission. You will perfect your life if you make it also your mission.

People everywhere are suffering on account of being led by blind leaders who are devoid of all knowledge of the soul. Such foolish men lead other foolish men and all concerned suffer. *Andha yathan-dhair upaniyamana*, when one blind man leads another, the result is that both of them fall into the ditch. Therefore there is a requirement for a section of society to become first class men, free of the influence of the modes of material nature, who can understand the mission of this human form of life and who can teach it to others. I am trying to create these men, but it is hard, for people have become lost of all intelligence due to the coverings of the three modes of material nature. So I am one man alone, yet now there are so many nice boys and girls like you to help me push on this movement in my old age. I thank you very much for your sincere efforts and you have my blessings that you will without a doubt be successful if you stick to the regulative principles and chant at least 16 rounds a day. Surely Krsna will recognize your service, and as soon as you are recognized by Krsna, then your life immediately becomes perfect. So continue your preaching activities all over South America and try and present this Krsna consciousness as it is without any

change or speculation, and distribute as many books as possible, for this will have a very great effect on the lives of all those who are fortunate enough to receive them.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-9-3

New Delhi

2nd September, 1976

Bombay

My Dear Giriraj das,

Please accept my blessings. The other day you came here but I could not talk to you. All of a sudden you left.

For the time being I understand there is a need of an experienced devotee here. Tejiyas is sick and is going to Vrindavan. I think that Jagat Purusa is a suitable man to come here for at least one month and you can arrange to do this immediately.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-9-4

Vrindaban

5th September, 1976

Denver

My Dear Kurusrestha das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 23, 1976 and have noted the contents with care. Your scheme to purchase that building with BBT loan is fully approved by me.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-9-5

Vrindaban

6th September, 1976

Sri Radha Krishnan Dhawan

485 - L Model Town

Yamunanagar

Ambala

Dear Sri Dhawan,

Please accept my blessings. I have received your letter dated August 20, 1976 and have noted the contents.

The Hyderabad temple has been completed on Janamastami August 18, and the temple is called the Sri Sri Radha Madana Mohana Mandir. You can come and see me here in Vrindavana if you like, or perhaps we will come to Chandigarh by the first week in October for programs there.

Thank you very much for your nice letter. I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-9-6

Vrindaban

6th September, 1976

Sri Rathindranath Ganguly

13 E. Dr. N. L. Bhattacharya Rd.

P.O. Serampur

Dist. Hooghly

Dear Sri Ganguly,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 22, 1976 and have noted the contents.

You may come and see me in Vrindavana* at the above address until about the first week in October, otherwise I am expecting to be in Calcutta sometime in December. It is very nice that you have written to me offering your services. This is the mission to all those who have taken their birth as human beings in the land of Bharat-varsa. As stated by Sri Caitanya

Mahaprabhu, *bharat bhumite manusya haila janma yara janma sathaka kare karo para upakara*. Therefore it is very good that you are taking these instructions of the Lord seriously by surrendering yourself under the direction of His bonafide representative.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

*Here you can stay with me at least for a month and we can chalk out a programme.

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76-9-7

Vrindavana

6th September, 1976

Bhuvaneswara

My Dear Gaura Gopala

(Govinda???) Maharaja,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 28, 1976 and have noted the contents with care. Preaching actually done alone, that is the experience we get from the previous acaryas. Caitanya Mahaprabhu was travelling alone and with great difficulty His associates induced Him to accept an assistant.

So far foreign devotees are concerned I can bring immediately 500 devotees from foreign countries but the government will not allow them to stay. If any devotee comes he has to go back again after three months or six months, at 10,000 Rs. expenditure. Still I am struggling and whenever it is possible I am bringing foreign devotees to preach in India and as you say the Indians are cheaters even though not all of them. The majority who come and join us, it has been experienced, they are not sincere. Under the circumstances what can be done, I do not know. Even ex-

perienced devotees—perhaps you know Anand Baba—he was asked also to go as there were so many complaints against him. But one hope is there that you are publishing in the Orissan language and it is being distributed and your writing is approved by me. So if you concentrate on these literature printing matters and try to distribute as far as possible that is our great success. You can construct immediately a nice temple there but you say there is no devotees so how temple management can be executed? This is the problem. So you are conversant in the local language. If you bring some sincere souls to join you by preaching then it will be successful. Just like in Europe and America I went singlehandedly and by preaching work the boys responded and therefore we can see some light of success. Unfortunately in India this spirit is lacking. In India generally the young men are after money and woman, this is natural. They have no sacrificing spirit. That is the difference. I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-9-8

Vrindavana

6th September, 1976

Nairobi

My Dear daughter Rasa lila dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your congratulations letter. Please accept my hearty thanks for your good wishes. Continue your practicing Krsna consciousness by strictly following the four rules and by always chanting at least sixteen rounds daily. These spiritual practices will make us strong and able to defend ourselves from the onslaughts of maya. Krsna is always ready to help us for He is more eager to have us come back to

Him than we are to go. Simply we have to accept His helping hand and then all our worries are over.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-9-9

Vrindavan

6th September, 1976

Los Angeles

My Dear Vidyabadhu devi dasi,

Please accept my blessings. You and your son should come immediately to Vrindavana and stay under the direction of Gurukula. You may engage as a teacher of young children and your son will be a student. You will be supported by a pension that your husband has now received from the US government.

There are three enemies. One of them is the mother with child who marries again. The child should be raised in Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement where both of you will advance in developing love of God.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-9-10

Vrindavan

7th September, 1976

Mayapur

My Dear Jayapataka Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. Here is a Bengali letter from Sri Kamal Kṛṣṇa das. The letter speaks for itself. He wants to live in our Mayapur Center. You can call him, talk to him and if he is useful give

him shelter. He is very much anxious to live in our place.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-9-11

Vrindavan

7th September, 1976

Los Angeles

My Dear Radhaballabha das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letters dated August 25 and 31 and have noted the contents.

Concerning the editing of Jayadvaita Prabhu, whatever he does is approved by me. I have confidence in him. Your changes which I have seen of the sanskrit synonyms is also approved by me. *Tanmayataya* refers to the fact that the trees and the father were absorbed in the same feelings.

Titling of the Ninth Canto as Liberation is good, and the Tenth Canto should be called "The Summum Bonum". As far as the 11th and 12th Cantos are concerned they shall be named when they are presented. The title which you have given to the Eighth Canto was a little hard to understand at first but if it refers to *pralaya*, then it is alright. You must consult with me on such matters. Do not manufacture anything.

All of the sketches which you have sent to me while I am in India are approved. The picture of the Mohini Murti capturing the demons should take place outside on grass, there is no floor or walls. Prahlada Maharaja does not have a beard. Always avoid beards. It is not true that there are no shoes in Kṛṣṇa lila, rather there are shoes except for the Vrindavana pastimes. But the shoes are of another quality, they are beautiful with jewels etc. On the battlefield they must wear shoes. The severed

head of Rahu should look like the head of a demon, not round like a planet.

By controlling sex desire one becomes the most perfect sober person, *kandutivan manasajivam visaheta dhirah*. I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/hs

76-9-12 Vrindavan
8th September, 1976
Osmanabad

My Dear Dixit das,
Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 23 July 1976 and have noted the contents with care.

Thank you very much for offering your services at the new university, but first let us get the opportunity and as soon as we start the establishment it will be a great pleasure.

I hope this meets you in good health.
Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/hs

76-9-13 Vrindavan
8th September, 1976
Mayapur

Dear Sri Kamal Krishna Das,
Please accept my blessings. In reply to your Bengali letter registered posted to Delhi, I have advised the president of the Mayapur center to do the needful. The copy is enclosed and you can see personally.

I hope this meets you in good health.
Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/hs

76-9-14 Vrindavana
8th September, 1976
Los Angeles

My Dear Ramesvara,
Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 29, 1976 and have noted the contents with care. It is very good that all this business has stopped *sato vrtte sadhu sange*. Rebatinandana Swami is a very good preacher and you should encourage him. He can do nicely.

Let the restaurant go on. This is a very nice plan and I have discussed this with Rsabhadev das. He may show you some communications on the subject. The householders who cannot sell books should be encouraged to work honestly on this restaurant project.

It will be very nice if you GBC men can relieve me from the heavy burden of management.

I hope this meets you in good health.
Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/hs

76-9-15 Vrindavan
8th September, 1976
Sri Santosh Kumar Pyne
Daspara Maidan Daspara
Chursurah, Dist. Hooghly
W. Bengal

My Dear Santosh Babu,
Please accept my greetings. After a long time I have received a letter from you with mixed information. I am sorry to learn that one of your sons is in mental disorder, so do your best for treatment and depend on Krsna for the ultimate result. The chequered history of family life is the same for everyone. According to our philosophy we call it *samsara dava nada lida loka* the blazing forest fire of material life.

In the forest fire takes place without any human effort and it burns into ashes all the trees and animals without any relief. The relief comes from the cloud above the head.

Similarly the relief from this material world comes from above as we have got instructions in the Bhagavad-gita. So if you like you can retire from family life—you are old enough—and it may be possible for us to give you some shelter. I am in Vrndavana at present and shall remain here at least for one month. If you so desire you can come here and meet me. With my good wishes for all your family members,

I am yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-9-16

Vrindavan

8th September, 1976

Calcutta

My Dear Surendra Babu,

Please accept my blessings. On my return from Europe and America I have received your Vyasa Puja greetings and I thank you very much for the sentiments you have expressed therein. I am presently in Vrindavana and I am expecting to come to Mayapur as soon as possible, latest in December 1976 where I shall be very glad to meet you.

Thanking you,

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-9-17

Vrindavana

8th September, 1976

Hong Kong

My Dear Trivikram Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 13,

1976 and have noted the contents with care. Unless there is some favorable opinions there is no need of opening a temple there.

Unless one understands what is Krishna they will simply accuse us of having idol worship. They must first understand the science of Kṛṣṇa then they may appreciate the temple. So go and distribute as many books as possible.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-9-18

Vrindavana

8th September, 1976

World Christ COR

David B. Richeter Hughes, Founder

c/o F.A. Kranert

101 Prospect Ave.

Hackensack, New Jersey 07601

Dear David,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 6, September, 1976 and have noted the contents with care. Thank you very much for your kind offer to have me as your Permanent Acarya and Honorary Chairman. I will accept this if your organization and members are agreed to follow the four regulative principles which discriminate animal life from human life, i.e. no eating of meat fish or eggs; no illicit sex life outside of marriage and then only for the begetting of God conscious children; no intoxicants, including coffee, tea, or cigarettes; no gambling, not even bingo. Unless one follows these principles, spiritual life is not possible.

I can give you all guidance and direction for there are millions of Christians in the world today. We are not concerned with how, so much as the fact that one must develop his dormant love for God.

This is alright that you will chant the names of Christ for after all he was the representative of God. People are lost due to not following a bona fide religious system. If you can revive their God consciousness that will be very good service.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-9-19

Vrindaban

9th September, 1976

To the Presidents

all-ISKCON Centers.

Dear President,

This is to introduce Shrimati Lalita Bose, who is our friend and well-wisher. Wherever in our centers she goes, she should be received free of boarding and lodging at least for three days.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/aks

76-9-20

Vrindavana

10th September, 1976

Mayapur

My dear Jayapataka Maharaja,

Please accept my blessings. This is to introduce Sri Radha Pada das Adhikari. He is a family man and an electrician. He wants to join with us wholeheartedly with all family members. Please talk with him personally and do the needful.

Your ever-well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-9-21

Vrindavan

11th September, 1976

Melbourne

My Dear Balaram das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 10th August 1976 and have noted the contents. However the enclosed daksina never arrived for at customs all currencies are confiscated. Therefore do not send cash in the mails again. The beads are duly chanted upon and are enclosed within along with one brahmana thread. The names are, for Bhakta _____—Vrajara dasa, and for Bhakta Ted—Tribhuvanapati dasa. Jyotir Maya das has been accepted by me for second initiation.

Now hold a fire yajna and present the names at that time. The gayatri mantras may be heard by tape through the right ear. All of our initiated devotees must strictly chant 16 rounds a day and avoid the four pillars of sinful life completely. These four regulative principles should be lectured on by some expert speaker, as well as the ten offenses to the holy name. The brahmana must possess the qualities mentioned in the Bhagavad-gita (18.42) and take bath at least twice a day to maintain external cleanliness as well as always chanting the maha mantra for internal cleanliness.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

76-9-22

Vrindavana

11th September, 1976

Vrindaban

My Dear Hansadutta Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 8 September 1976 and have noted the contents. On your recommendation I am accepting

David Davidson as my first initiated disciple. His name shall be Visnudutta das. Also on your recommendation I am accepting Parajana das brahmachari as my second initiated disciple and the thread is found enclosed. He may see me for the mantra and both may have fire sacrifice as you may find convenient.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-9-23

Vrindavana

11th September, 1976

Laguna Beach

My Dear Rebatinandana Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 13 August 1976 and have noted the contents with care. On your recommendation I am accepting Simhesvara das brahmachari as brahmana and his thread is enclosed within. The name of Tyaga dasa may be given to Terry Gardner and the name Sarana devi dasa may be given to Sandra Joaquim.

The newly initiated brahmana may hear the mantra from the tape in the right ear at the time of the fire sacrifice which you may perform and the thread is enclosed within. The names of the first initiates may also be given at that time. Their beads may be chanted upon by Ramesvara Maharaj the GBC for your temple.

Please impress upon the initiates the necessity of chanting 16 rounds daily on the beads and following the four regulative principles. And the brahmanas must become clean outside by taking bath regularly and inside by chanting the maha mantra. Avoid sinful life and spiritual life becomes easier. Without following these

principles there is actually no possibility of spiritual life.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-9-24

Vrindavana

11th September, 1976

Honolulu

My Dear Sukadeva das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 16, 1976 and have noted the contents.

On your recommendation I am accepting the following devotees for initiation:

First Initiation

William Jerald Leonard—Vidyagati dasa
Steven Edward Kulakowski—Svatantra
dasa

Laura Ellan—Krsnalaulya dasi

Second Initiation

Piyuskanti das brahmachari
Sarva Satya das brahmachari

Please hold a fire sacrifice and present the names at that time. The newly initiated brahmanas may hear the mantra by tape in the right ear. The local GBC man may chant on the beads. All initiates must practice chanting 16 rounds daily and strictly follow the four regulative principles which must be stressed with great care so that they are very familiar with them. The brahmana must be clean inside and out by bathing with water and mantra. They must become fixed up in the sastra so that they may overcome the bondage of maya with the sword of knowledge.

As far as the problems mentioned in your letter, especially the comments attributed to you, I may clearly say that I

never said that. But the GBC is there and others also, so these matters should be decided by them. I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/hs

76-9-25 Vrindavana
12th September, 1976
Auckland

My Dear Cittahari das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 23, 1976 and have noted the contents.

On your recommendation I am accepting Usapati das for brahminical initiation and Kedara dasa shall be the spiritual name for Bhakta Kevin. Please hold a fire sacrifice and present the name at that time. Your local GBC man may chant on the beads. The tape of the gayatri mantra may be played and heard through the right ear. To be a brahmana means that one is clean inside and out by chanting the maha mantra and bathing regularly. All our initiates must chant at least 16 rounds a day and follow very strictly the regulative principles. This will give one spiritual strength.

Regarding the \$30,000.00 which you will receive, you may deposit it in the Bank of America, Main Office, Los Angeles California, in the ISKCON Mayapur Vrindavan Fund. If you forward the amount to Ramesvara Maharaj there he will be able to deposit it for you.

I hope this meets you in good health.
Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/hs

76-9-26 Vrindavana
12th September, 1976
Frankfurt

My Dear Dvarakesha and Prabhujaka,

Please accept my blessings. I have noted your letter of August 23, 1976 addressed to Harikesa Swami and have noted the contents with pleasure. Please continue your program of preaching in Eastern Europe for this program is very pleasing to me. You should be supplied all funds for this program by the local GBC men there in Europe. This program is very important.

People are suffering greatly presently due to having lost all proper vision. They are completely without knowledge as to what is the real purpose of life. They have forgotten what is the real purpose of life. It is up to you to reestablish their lost relationship with Krsna by being sincere to preach the message of Krsna purely by yourself following the instructions of the Lord and his bona-fide representative, the spiritual master. If you follow nicely our Krsna conscious program and preach to these unfortunate people, surely Krsna will recognize your very nice service as He states in *Bhagavad-gita*, *na ca tasmad manusyesu kascin me priya krtamma*, whoever preaches this message of *Bhagavad-gita* is considered by Me to be the most dear. So continue on this way, you have my full approval and support.

I hope this meets you in good health.
Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/hs

76-9-27 Vrindavana
12th September, 1976
Stockholm

My Dear Gurudas Swami,
Please accept my blessings. I am in

due receipt of your letter dated August 24, 1976 and have noted the contents with pleasure. As far as your danda goes if it is too troublesome to carry there is no need for it. Lord Caitanya's danda was broken by Nityananda Prabhu and He never carried it again. But if you want you can make another although for preaching purposes it may be dropped.

I am very very pleased with your preaching in Poland and you should continue this program with full enthusiasm. Your coming to Vrindavana is not so important and it may wait. Please expand this program more and more for there is a very good and favorable field there. Try and start a center there, it seems possible. Continue this program of kirtana and prasadam for this will conquer their hearts as they have never experienced anything like it before. I know you are a sincere preacher and they will appreciate your good vaisnava qualities. Please send me reports of your future successes. Thank you very much.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-9-28

Vrindavana

12th September, 1976

Mayapur

My Dear Satadhanya Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 6 September 1976 and have noted the contents. Please continue this program of preaching and distributing *Gita-gan* as far as possible for this is our real business.

As far as your visa goes, if you have an entry visa, it can be extended. What is the nature of your visa? I shall telegram you if something can be done here. It is very nice that this publicity has attracted so

many people to see our mandir. This is wanted. But are you selling books from the temple? I may be there in Mayapur by the beginning of December.

As you depend on me I similarly depend on you, *parasparatam*. The brahmanas and ksatriyas should cooperate, that is the Vedic civilization. The hands and legs should cooperate with the brain in order for the whole society to work properly.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-9-29

Vrindavana

12th September, 1976

Calcutta

My Dear Vikas,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 8 September 1976. I am very very sorry to learn that your father has expired. Your father was my class friend and neighborhood friend. During the time of your grandfather your whole family was living at Varanasi Ghose St. Our residence was on the same street and because we went to the same college, Scottish Church College, and we were in the same class, we were very intimately connected since 1916, more than 50 years.

Naturally I am very very sorry to learn the death news of your father, my beloved friend. So offer your mother my condolences for the breavement, but there is nothing to be very sorry for. According to *Bhagavad-gita* your father has not died, he has changed his body, *na hanyate hanyamane sarire*.

Certainly I shall pray to Krishna for his better situation in the next life. Offer my blessings to your children and wife and I hope that this meets you in good health. I

will most probably be in Calcutta in December next and I shall be glad to see you at that time.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-9-30

Vrindavana

12th September, 1976

Los Angeles

My Dear Dr. Wolf,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August, 1976 and have noted the contents. Yes, this attitude will help you. Always pray to Krsna humbly and He will surely help you, *tesam satata yuktanam bhajatam priti purvakam dadami buddhi yogam tam yena mam upayanti te*, to those who worship Me with love, I give them the intelligence by which they can come to Me.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-9-31

Vrindavana

15th September, 1976

NOTE TO ALL GBC MEMBERS:

Please let it be known that Nitai has become a venomous serpent. Be careful of him.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-9-32

Vrindavan

18th September, 1976

My Dear Dixit das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your kind letter dated 14th

Sept. 1976 and have noted the contents with care. I am very much pleased to understand that although you are now living away from Vrindavana, your mind is here. That is a very good sign. This is the symptom of loving affection for Krishna.

I have constructed this temple and all my other temples so that at least some educated retired men shall live here without any material desires, but at the present moment people are so educated that even up to the point of death they cannot give up the enjoyable items, namely money and women. Caitanya Mahaprabhu therefore recommends *niskincanasya bhagavat bhajano 'numukhasva*.

So if anyone is very serious to go to the other side of this material ocean for him to be completely freed from material attachment is absolutely necessary. Unfortunately people are reluctant to give up material association: that is the difficulty.

So wherever we may remain we can chant the Hare Krishna Maha Mantra without any offense and that will help us in the future how to become detached from *visaya* and *yosit*, or sense gratification and women.

So far our Gurukula is concerned, we require some practical assistant who can teach the boys how to be controlled in the mind and senses, how to rise early in the morning, chant the Hare Krishna Maha-Mantra, go to the Yamuna for bathing, then study some Vedic literatures like the Bhagavad-gita and the Srimad-Bhagavatam, remain always for the benefit of the guru, and work for him as a menial servant. These things are recommended for the brahmachary. You will find the statement in the Srimad-Bhagavatam, Canto Seven, Chapter Twelve as follows, *brahmachary gurukule vasandanto gururohitam*. I want my gurukula should be in that way, we don't want big big scholars, for doing research work; what research work they will do? Everything is in perfect order in

the Vedic scriptures summarised so beautifully in the Srimad-Bhagavatam and the Bhagavad-gita is the primal study.

So we want to introduce this system of education for the boys who are at the kaumara age. That is recommended by Prahlada Maharaja, *kaumara acaret prajno dharman bhagavatan iha*. So this is the practical application in life of the education mentioned in the Srimad-Bhagavatam. I am also practically finding that if any of our students artificially try to become scholars by associating with unwanted persons they become victimized, for a little learning is dangerous, especially for the Westerners. I am practically seeing that as soon as they begin to learn a little sanskrit immediately they feel that they have become more than their guru and then the policy is kill guru and be killed himself.

So we shall have to teach character and spiritual understanding to the young children. To study other things as a high grade scholar is secondary for us. The first thing is to build up character and be experienced in the understanding of the conclusions of the Srimad Bhagavatam, *hari namenukirtanam, iti nirmitam*—it is decided, there is no more need of research work.

So think over these matters. You are experienced and if you take up the charge of our gurukula, it will be a great relief for me, but the principles are described above—we do not want anything more or less. The principles are vividly described in the Srimad-Bhagavatam and we have to follow and accept. I am glad to hear that you are coming here during Diwali holidays and you are always welcome. I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

76-9-33

Vrindavana
18th September, 1976

Bhubanesvara

My Dear Gaura Govinda Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 11, 1976 and have noted the contents with care.

In answer to your question as to why the Indian population is so slack in spiritual life: during the British rule there was a secret policy by the British to cut down the Vedic civilization in India. There was a confidential policy by the British government to kill India's original culture and everything Indian was condemned. From the very beginning they took this position. In our childhood and boyhood we had to read some book by a Mr. Ghose called, "England's Work in India" The purport was that we are uncivilized and the British had come to make us civilized. Later on the policy became successful because in our childhood days any anglicised gentleman was considered to be advanced in civilization.

In Calcutta the Chowringee quarters were known as the English quarters and the neighborhood places were maintained very nicely. The Indian quarters were known as native quarters therefore even in our own city there was such a division as English quarters and native quarters. Anyway this policy became successful when our leaders took them as fact. Mahatma Gandhi wanted to refute this white prestigious position but he also failed because he did not understand spiritual culture or God consciousness. During the Moslem time, although sometimes fanatically, there were some cases of breaking the temple, but there was no such policy to kill the Indian culture. On account of this during the Moslem period even during the time of Aurangzeb there were Indian

Princes and political leaders like Sivaji and Jaya Singh.

So it is a long process how Indians, especially educated Indians, have become victimized by the slowly deteriorating position of Indian culture, but there is no use tracing out the history but generally we have lost our own culture and our leaders are not very serious to revive our own culture to the point. But still the mass of people, not being very much advanced in education, stick to the Indian culture. For example, lakhs of people still visit Jagannatha Puri during the Rathayatra Festival, lakhs still visit the Kumbha mela, and lakhs still visit the holy places of India, but there is no encouragement by the leaders. It is only a continuation of the original culture.

So there is no hopelessness; if we revive Krishna consciousness in a systematic way, within a very short time we can revive our original Indian culture on the basis of the teachings of Lord Krishna and the *Bhagavad-gita*. So we have to work very hard for this purpose and if you follow the path of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, it will be very easily done.

Arrange for printing the books. We shall supply paper that we have now got from the government. But without the paper you can take estimates from the printers to find the cheapest. I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

n.b.—I have three questions; I may come there by the middle of October, what is the climate like?; I have heard that there is a famous fountain there whose waters are very digestive for people who are sick and it is a good tonic, is this true, do you know of this?; Did you register the lands, complete the forms?

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76-9-34

Vrindavana

18th September, 1976

The Manager
Lloyds Bank
Southampton Row
London, England
Re: account number 8006334
in the name of A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

Dear Sir,

Please withdraw the sum of forty five hundred English Pounds Sterling (4,500 Pounds) from the above mentioned account and transfer it to the account of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (Hare Krishna Society) in your branch, and advise me that you have done so.

Thanking you,

yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-9-35

Vrindavana

18th September, 1976

Los Angeles

My Dear Ramesvara Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 9, 1976 and have noted the contents with care. I am very pleased with your report and your contact with this author and producer. Now you may take it as my direct order that you *must* finish the Theistic Exhibit *before* the Mayapur festival, otherwise what is the use of all this endeavor?

Yadubara should be encouraged as he has given good service. Both his wife and himself are both serving nicely. I approve their work and they should be encouraged in all respects. In future we shall get more and more valuable services from them.

These management affairs sometimes disturb me. Kindly manage nicely. I want

that the properties should not be jeopardized. So the idea of the declarations from the presidents is absolutely required. Nobody can do anything without my signature; that should be enforced.

In general, if any translator of my books requires the original manuscripts for his work, he should be supplied them by you. If you can succeed in spreading this movement to every town and village throughout the world that will be your great credit. Kindly do this and Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu will be pleased and my Guru Maharaj will be pleased and I, as their humble servant, will also be pleased. That is our main goal in life, our *svārtha gatim*.

Enclosed please find one check for \$1,000.00 from ISKCON BBT Library and College Sales Dept. Kindly deposit this in the ISKCON Mayapur-Vrindavana Trust Fund in Bank of America, LA, and advise me. I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/hs

76-9-36 Vrindavana
18th September, 1976

Dr. B. N. Shukla
2, Drivatsa, Bhavati Nagar
1 Morris Rd
Aligar (U.P.)

Dear Dr. Shukla,

Please accept my greetings. I am very glad to receive your letter dated September 9, 1976 and have noted the contents. I am glad to hear that you are coming to see me. Sriman Surendra Nath was to come here on the 15th, but he has not yet come. Anyway if he is coming I shall be glad to see you along with him.

I am here in Vrindavana at least until 8th October, if not longer, and I hope to

see you in the meantime. I hope this meets you in good health and I await your arrival.

Thanking you,
Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/hs

76-9-37 Vrindavana
18th September, 1976
Auckland

My Dear Tusta Kṛṣṇa Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 11, 1976 and have noted the contents with care. I fully approve of your temple design, it is very nice.

I thank you very much for your very nice presentation of the issue of birth. You have assimilated the process of birth very nicely through the books. This has pleased me very much and I wish that all my students can become as adept at presenting the information in the books like this. You can make this a grand subject for agitation in that country and your preaching on this point alone will make you very famous. Therefore you should speak everywhere on this subject matter from the Bhagavatam and gita and you will be glorified. As the disciple is glorified so also the spiritual master becomes glorified more. Use this issue to advance your propaganda and become a leader in the society.

I hope this meets you in good health.
Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

n.b.—the Nṛsinghadeva Deity should have Hiranyakasipu and Prahlada and should be simple, not very complex.
ACBS/hs

76-9-38

Vrindavana
20th September, 1976

Sao Paulo, Brazil

My Dear Acyuta das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 7, 1976 and the enclosed Magazine article. The article looks very nice and the pictures are very positively descriptive. Continue your nice preaching work there with great enthusiasm.

On your recommendation I am accepting the following disciples for first and second initiation.

First Initiation

Bhakta Ivan—Indrasena dāsa
 Bhaktin Dora—Dharma-patni dāsī
 Bhakta Manuel—Madhupati dasa
 Bhakta Mozart—Mādhava-priya dāsa
 Bhakta Ramacandra—Rangapuri dāsa
 Bhakta Luchie—Lilaśuka dāsa
 Bhakta Paulo—Ananta-padmanabha dasa

Second Initiation

Paravyoma das brahmachary
 Durasada dasa brahmachary
 Mahayogisvara devi dasi
 Madhusvara devi dasi

Please hold a fire sacrifice and the first initiated disciples may receive their names at that time while the brahmana initiates may hear the mantra through the right ear and receive the threads. Hrdyananda Maharaj may chant on the beads and give them to the devotees. All initiates must chant minimum 16 rounds on the beads daily and very strictly follow the four regulative principles to insure success on the path of spiritual progress of life. A brahmana must be clean by bathing and chanting daily. I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
 ACBS/hs

76-9-39

Vrindavana
20th September, 1976

Buenos Aires

My Dear Panca Dravida Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 3, September, 1976 and have noted the contents with care. On your recommendation I am accepting the following as my duly initiated disciples.

First Initiation

Bhakta Gustavo—Guneśvara dāsa
 Bhakta Damian—Deva-śrestha dāsa
 Bhakta Marceline—Mathura-mandala dāsa
 Bhakta Javier—Japānanda dāsa
 Bhakta Kique—Kāśī Mīśra dāsa
 Bhakta Osvaldo—Agnipati dāsa
 Bhakta Juan—Śacīsuta dāsa

Second Initiation

Caitanya Svarupa das brahmachary
 Nitya Tripta das brahmachary

Hold a fire sacrifice and Hrdyananda Maharaj may chant on the beads. Give the bead, threads, and names at this time and the gayatri mantra may be heard by tape through the right ear. All initiated disciples must chant at least 16 rounds of Hare Krishna Maha-mantra daily on the beads and the brahmanas must remain clean outside by regularly bathing and clean inside by chanting the maha-mantra.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-9-40

Vrindavana
22nd September, 1976

Toronto

My Dear Ayodhyapati das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your undated letter and I thank you for it. Your siddhanta is correct

to the sastra and in this way go on reading books and have the correct perception and Kṛṣṇa will help you. *siddhanta baliya citte na kara alasa iha ha-ite kṛṣṇa lage sudṛḍha manasa*. A sincere student should not neglect the discussion of such conclusions, considering them controversial, for such discussions strengthen the mind. Thus one's mind becomes attached to Sri Kṛṣṇa.

You should be always alert in understanding the sastric conclusions that will help you, otherwise we can be misled by bogus philosophies. I am very pleased that you are studying the books. This will make you happy and successful.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-9-41

Vrindavana

22nd September, 1976

Calcutta

Dear Rajkumar,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 16 September and have noted the contents. You may please come and see me here in Vrindavana. I will be here until October 8th.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-9-42

Vrindavana

22nd September, 1976

Mayapur

My Dear Jayapataka Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. We should not criticize the Rama Kṛṣṇa Mission by name, or directly, for they have become somehow or other popular and people are

against us for it. So carefully avoid this type of preaching.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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N.B. All the letters from public to me may send to me immediately.

76-9-43

Vrindavan

22nd September, 1976

Seattle

My Dear Mahatma Prabhu,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter undated with the enclosed sankirtana report. I thank you very much for the good news. The enthusiasm of the devotees is a very good sign. The more they become entused and anxious to preach the more they become Kṛṣṇa conscious. *ya idam paramam guhyam mad-bhaktasv abhidhasyati, na ca tasman manusyesu kascin me priya-kṛttamah*. One who explains the supreme secret to the devotees is the most dear to Kṛṣṇa and never will there be one more dear. So always keep them enthused in this book distribution. This pleases me very much.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-9-44

Vrindaban

23rd September, 1976

Bombay

My dear Giriraj,

Please accept my blessings. The statement on Bhavan's Journal has been sent to them. Also a copy of my letter to Smt. Morarjee has been sent to you by Harikesa

Swami. Please acknowledge receipt. Hari-kesa is not working as my secretary now; he has been sent for preaching work.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-9-45

Vrindaban

23rd September, 1976

Delaplane, Virginia

My dear Rupanuga,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 13th September, 1976 and have noted the contents. Regarding the editorial policy of BTG, if the editorial board is not expert enough they should be changed. Dr. O.B.L. Kapoor also had put a similar complaint. Yes, scientific articles must be published when sent by our men. I cannot see every article, but some of you should examine why nice articles are rejected. See if the board can be changed. If experienced editors are not there it will be unpopular magazine. These things are to be seen to immediately by the GBC. The board should be judged immediately and be changed if required.

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

76-9-46

Vrindaban

24th September, 1976

Bhaktivedanta Manor

My dear Gurudas,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 1st inst. and have noted the contents. Hari-kesa has gone there to Poland to preach as you are doing, so take him with you. I have given him \$1,000.00 for immediate expenditure and he has to return this as soon as possible. So he has gone yesterday morning,

perhaps by this time he has reached. He likes to work jointly with Sucandra, but if Sucandra is not free then he may join with you.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-9-47

Vrindaban

24th September, 1976

Ahmedabad

My dear Jashomatinandana,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your letter dated 19th inst. and copy of Gujarati magazine. It appears to be nice. So you have got a new house very suitable for our purpose; it is very nice. So try to purchase some land as soon as possible.

Regarding against propoganda, it is going on practically everywhere, especially Bengal. So we have to work very sincerely and Krishna will give us protection. The only hope, we can understand that demons are disturbed. That is quite natural. When Krishna was born, from the day of His birth, the demons wanted to kill him in so many ways but practically it was found that demons were killed by Krishna and He established His mission *yada yada hi dharmasya glanir bhavati bharatat abhyutthanam adharmasya tadatmanam sramyamam*. So if we work sincerely, the Krishna Consciousness Movement is non-different from Krishna. As Krishna killed all the demons, we should also be able to kill all demons if we remain faithful in the discharge of our mission.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-9-48

Vrindaban

24th September 1976

Bhaktivedanta Manor

My dear Jayatirtha,

Please accept my blessings. Harikesa was doing nice preaching work and recently he has received one letter from Sucandra. Both of them can work there very nicely. So, as you know, I am interested very much for preaching work. I have sent him yesterday to Poland etc. I have given him one month's expenditure, also including his fare. I have paid him \$950.00. He's enthusiastic to preach in that part of the world in co-operation with Sucandra. Try to encourage him in preaching work. So far this \$950.00 it is given to him as loan and is to be returned as soon as possible.

Before this I have advised Lloyd's Bank to transfer 4,500 pounds (four thousand, five hundred pounds) to ISKCON a/c (International Society for Krishna Consciousness) of the same branch, from my account number 8006334. This I have advised in a letter dated 18th inst. Please see to it and do the needful.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-9-49

Vrindaban

24th September, 1976

Delhi

My dear Lokanath,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 21st inst. I am also happy to hear your very nice activities. I wish I could have joined you. I like your program very much. If you continue this program you will be benefitted, people will be benefitted, and everyone will be happy.

If possible you can collect something for our Gurukula and Temple also, and if some high-class men want to offer their children to Gurukula we can accept.

Hoping this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-9-50

Vrindaban

24th September, 1976

Port Louis, Mauritius

My dear Prabhanu,

Please accept my blessings. With reference to your letter to Harikesa Swami dated 15th inst., Sriman Srineketan das Brahmachari may take second initiation at the next Mayapur festival.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-9-51

Vrindaban

24th September, 1976

Honolulu

My dear Sukadeva,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 7th inst. and have noted the contents. Guru Kripa Swami is coming there, and whatever he may advise may be done, regarding the deities.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/as

76-9-52 Vrindaban
25th September, 1976
New York

My dear Bhaktijan,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 14th inst. Why not make preaching with black people in America your lifetime preaching goal? Yes, limit to this. You preach—that is sannyasa. What is the use of changing dress? Do, actually. Regarding my leaving, I'll not leave the planet until you order.

Hoping this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/as

76-9-53 Vrindaban
25th September, 1976
Calcutta

My dear Shri Gosh,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your letter dated 22nd inst. and have noted the contents. You are welcome to come and visit us here. By 8th October '76 I will be going out of station, so you may come before then.

Hoping this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/as

76-9-54 Vrindaban
25th September, 1976

to ISKCON HARE KRISHNA LAND
JUHU BEACH, BOMBAY 54

WHERE IS GOPAL KRISHNA

A.C. BHAKTIVEDANT SWAMI

76-9-55 Vrindaban
25th September, 1976

Shri S. R. Kejriwal

Kejriwal House, *Dorbhanga*

My dear Shri Kejriwal,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 17th inst. and have noted the contents. Regarding your invitation, yes, if you can arrange for our reception, we can go.

Hoping this meets you in good health,

Your well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/as

76-9-56 Vrindaban
26th September, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Karandhar,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 18th inst. and have noted the contents. Regarding the skyscraper scheme, yes, that I have already sanctioned since the idea was given to me by you.

If you make 2500 mridungas per year, that is very good, then distribute to the whole of American people.

Hoping this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/as

76-9-57 Vrindaban
26th September, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Radhaballabha,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your letter dated 17th inst. and

copies of 8th Canto, vol 1 Srimad-Bhagavatam. Thank you very much.

Hoping this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/as

76-9-58

Vrindaban

26th September, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Ramesvara,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 17th inst. including two transfer receipts for \$70,000 from BBT to B/A Bombay a/c and \$1900 rent to M/V a/c LA.

Regarding the Fiji situation, your solution to amend the constitution is nice. Let Vasudeva become president. Your idea to sell BTGs, collect donations, hold kirtan and distribute prasada profusely, yes, do that. I was given the impression that this temple was to be controlled by the Punja family and our devotees would not have any hand. This was the impression given. We want that a very nice relationship be kept with Vasudeva. It was wanted that he follows our instructions including following the GBC, so that everything can go on nicely. Let one brother be president and one treasurer, and give one good man who can act as secretary. I have not lost confidence in Vasudeva. Now the matter is clear—I'm very much pleased with him so let him remain president and that will please him more, and his brother treasurer with one secretary. If the temple remains permanently in ISKCON Fiji's name and cannot be sold, that is very nice; it is not for selling, it is for improving more and more.

Local men must understand our philosophy, then it will be very successful. We cannot import men from outside. We sincerely want that local men either from

Vasudeva's family or any other family which will take on the work. We have to work on that line. Just like some of my Godbrothers wanted to take men from India to London but the attempt was a failure—but when I trained up local men then it was successful. I have no objection if the whole Vasudeva Punja family be trained up and take charge of the temple. Local men should not simply become a visitor but they should be trained up to take charge of the temple. That is what I want. As soon as one is a devotee there is no personal ambition—life is dedicated for Krishna.

If my books can be translated and published there, I have no objection. Since Tamal and yourself are there for some time everything will be alright. Vasudeva must be president. Guru Kripa is feeling inconvenience regarding Australia because of the long distance. His interest is mainly Japan. You or another man may take care of Australia.

Hoping this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/as

76-9-59

Vrindaban

27th September, 1976

Calcutta

Dear Dr. Chatterjee,

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 6th inst. and have noted the contents. I have no objection to your proposal and I can finance this proposal also. But I am afraid there will be hardly any students—that is the difficulty. I have seen in foreign countries that practically no students join high philosophical and scientific classes. People nowadays are only interested in money-earning philosophy. Nobody goes

to the philosophical classes in universities. A similar institute was imagined by my Godbrother Bon Maharaj in Vrindaban, but it has not become very successful. There are many difficulties in the line, but I like the idea; therefore if some practical solution can be made we can discuss personally, but I appreciate your idea. The only difficulty I'm feeling is whether we can get sufficient students. Some of my disciples who are Ph.D.'s in science, they are also attempting our institution in Boston U.S.A., but I'm still doubtful how far they'll be successful on account of scarcity of students. It is said in the Kali-yuga everyman is on the standard of *sudra*, and the curriculum suggested by you is meant for the *brahmana*—that is the difficulty.

We are attempting one Gurukula in Vrindaban and we have already begun building, to train children from the very beginning of life as is advised by Prahlad Maharaj:

*kaumara acaret prajno dharman bhagavatan iha
durlabham manusam janma tad apy
adhruvam arthadam*

(Bhag. 7.6.1)

But there is also difficulty of getting students because the parents and the guardians are not interested. Before going to America I approached many respectable friends for giving me at least one boy from each family to be trained up in this line of self-realization, but I was not successful. The parents had no interest—the same difficulty of *sudra* mentality. Anyway, we are attempting again this Gurukula program, so why not begin from this small endeavor and gradually develop to the ideal university. On the whole if you can arrange such university there will be no financial difficulty. So I think if you kindly begin from this Gurukula attempt and then develop to the International University, that will be very practical.

Of course we have to have independent private university because the government is not interested according to Vedic ideology. Bon Maharaj tried for the last forty years to make a vaishnava university recognised by the government, but he failed.

I am here up to 8th October, but I don't think it will be possible for us to meet. When I go to Calcutta I will let you know the exact date.

Hoping this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/as

76-9-60

Vrindaban

27th September, 1976

Allahabad

My dear Doctor Ghosh,

Please accept my greetings. I thank you for your letter from Canada dated 1st September, 1976. I hope you have seen all our temples in Canada, especially Toronto where we have got the biggest temple in Canada. Very soon we shall have another big temple in Ottawa. I am hoping to stay in India for some months, and hope to meet you in this time.

I hope this meets you in good health. With my regards to Mrs. Ghosh.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/as

76-9-61

Vrindaban

27th September, 1976

New Delhi

My dear Gopal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 26th inst. and have noted the contents. Hansadutta is not GBC, you are GBC. No, don't return

U.S. Immediately come here and talk with me. Don't do like rascal.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/as

76-9-62

Vrindaban

27th September, 1976

Nairobi

My dear Sharma,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter undated and have noted the contents. So, why did you leave Mayapur if you are so expert in chanting? Read my books and do some menial service, but why you have left Mayapur? You are restless, so what can be done. You were chanting in Mayapur. Wherever you may live, you have to abide by the order of the authority. Because you are restless you are not fit for chanting absolutely.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/as

76-9-63

Vrindaban

28th September, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Gopiparanadhana das,

Please accept my blessings. With reference to your letter to Harikesa dated 21st inst., regarding the purport, 2nd paragraph to Bhagavatam 2.2.38, it is clear. Do not try to change anything.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/as

76-9-64

Vrindaban

28th September, 1976

New Delhi

My dear Harikesa,

Please accept my blessings. I am very much perturbed to hear you are suffering from malaria in Delhi. So don't be worried, you'll very soon recover, but I think it is a hindrance for you going to Europe. I therefore request you not to proceed to Europe immediately, but stay and recoup your health, and then we shall think over your going abroad. In the meantime deposit the money in my account at State Bank of India, Connaught Place. Tejjiyas knows the bank and he will do the needful.

Hoping for your speedy recovery.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/as

76-9-65

Vrindaban

28th September, 1976

Mayapur

My dear Jayapataka,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 23rd inst. and have noted the contents. Regarding the Haridaspur land, first give the site plan and boundary statement and then we shall make plan with Saurabh. Yes, Gaur-Nitai Deities can be installed firstly as we generally do, also Lord Jagannath and then Radha-Krishna, in three compartments. Formerly the construction was estimated at Rs. 50,000/- out of which Rs. 10,000/- is already with Prabhu Swarup, Rs. 10,000/- we shall see for and Rs. 30,000/- shall be raised. If further investment is required that we shall see to it, but presently Rs. 50,000/- is maximum. Thakur Haridas's murti can be installed.

Regarding our proposal for West Bengal:

West Bengal people may come and join us without any distinction of caste and creed. The occupation will be according to one's capacity. They will be employed in cottage industry backed by spiritual advancement of life, to understand the mission of human life or relationship with God and act accordingly. The idea is that we are prepared to give all facility for maintenance of the body without sinful activities like illicit sex, meat-eating, intoxication and gambling. Everyone should live peacefully in healthy condition of life with the purpose of advancing in spiritual consciousness. In this concept we can accept anyone from any part of the world, what to speak of West Bengal, and give them shelter, food, occupation and enlightenment. I had no contact with Chief Secretary.

Regarding handloom, can they not produce fine cloth? Fine cloth will be received in any part of the world. Regarding food distribution, they may come to take at our Temple. With travelling sankirtan we can distribute wherever we go, but not to the emergency spot, like that.

Who is managing Bengal Bhagavat Darshan? Raghunath Kundu (Radhe Shyamsundar) has come here, and he is now first initiated. He can be used for this preaching work, he's willing. I understand the visitors in our Temple have increased on account of the propaganda. Have we increased distribution of Gitar Gan or not? Yes, whenever strong and probable false statements are made against ISKCON are made, we can take defamation case against them. I have given one statement in English, * Bengali and Hindi which I will send you, this may be published through the English and Bengali Press Trust of India (PTI). Sravanananda has a film on the last New York Rathayatra, so show this in every town, city, and village and present my statement in Bengali. Radhe Shyamsundar is coming there to help, and I will

send some newspaper clippings. Go on with our regular work and chanting. You can also show our book distribution figures from Sankirtan newsletters.

You are open to enquire anything from me. There must be my consultation in everything. Who is main acharya after departure of Tirtha Maharaj?

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

*enclosed herewith

ACBS/as

76-9-66

Vrindaban

28th September, 1976

New Delhi

Dear Shastriji,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your kind letter dated 26 inst. I am so enthused by understanding your desire. Yes, we require qualified men like you for spreading the Krishna Consciousness Movement all over the world. I shall request you to come here immediately with this letter of identification and see me without delay. We have got good accommodation for you. I am here up to 8th October. The best thing will be that you come and see me on receipt of this letter.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/as

76-9-67

Vrindaban

29th September, 1976

Stockholm

My dear Dvarakesa,

Please accept my blessings. With reference to your letter to Harikesa dated 22nd inst., yes, kirtan and prasada will

appeal to even the uneducated. We have means to preach to both the educated and uneducated, the sinful and the pious—*dhirādhira-jana-priyau*. Regarding the concerts, make *mṛdunga* concert. You will get good mridungas from L.A.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/as

76-9-68

Vrindaban

29th September, 1976

Mayapur

My dear Pancaratna,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 26th inst. and have noted the contents. I have not received the Benali Bhagavat Darshan yet. We want first class printing—offset method is cheaper and good. You may use Srila Bhaktivinode Thakur's translation of the Siksastakam. Also, Bhakti-Katha is alright for the title of compilation of my articles from the Gaudiya Math magazine. Sri Isopanisad is being translated by one of my friends here, and as soon as it is ready we can send you a copy. Regarding help, you may negotiate for Jaisacinandana to come from Los Angeles center.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/as

76-9-69

Vrindaban

30th September, 1976

Bhaktivedanta Manor

My dear Vicitravirya,

Please accept my blessings. With reference to your letter to Harikesa dated 14th inst., on your recommendation I am accepting the following disciples for first initiation.

Radha Krishna Pillay—Rama-Sarana Dasa

Gordon McMillan—Gaura-Nitai Dasa

Brian Daulby—Bhajananda Dasa

Eamon Morton—Atmatma Dasa

Benedict Bygott-Webb—Bhagavad-bhakta Dasa

Gabriel Zajac—Giri-Govardhana Dasa

Tony Smullen—Tulasi-priya Dasa

Janet Pillay—Janaki Devi Dasi

Laureanne Mcmillan—Lal Gopala Devi Dasi

Hold a fire sacrifice and the disciples may receive their names at that time. Jayatirtha may chant on the beads and give them to the devotees. All initiates must chant minimum 16 rounds on the beads daily and very strictly follow the four regulative principles to insure progress in Krishna Consciousness.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/as

OCTOBER

76-10-1

Vrindaban
1st October, 1976

Ahmedabad

Dear Dr. Dave,

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your kind letter dated 28th September, 1976 and noted the contents with care. I am very much pleased that such a highly qualified person as you desire to join our movement. We require many such persons as you to make our movement successful.

yad yad acarati sresthas
tad tad evetaro janah
sa yat pramanam kurute
lokas tad anuvartate

“Whatever action is performed by a great man, common men follow in his footsteps. And whatever standards he sets by exemplary acts, all the world pursues.” (Bhagavad-gita, 3.21)

It is the Vedic system that after 50 years of life one has to take to Vanaprastha, then take to Sannyasa.

It will be a great pleasure to meet you again, and if possible please join us as soon as possible.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/as

76-10-2

Vrindaban
1st October, 1976

Delhi

My dear Guptaji,

Please accept my blessings. I am in

due receipt of your letter undated and have noted the contents. Please come immediately and please bring one nice English to Bengali dictionary, prepared either by Subal Mitra or Ashutosh Deva. The price may be taken from the Temple to purchase it.

I shall be in Vrindaban up till the 8th, and then after going to Aligarh and Chandigarh I shall return about 17th-18th inst.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/as

76-10-3

Vrindaban
3rd October, 1976

Boston

My dear Madhava,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 22nd Sept. 1976 and have noted the contents. Regarding details of the universe, be satisfied by reading only Bhagavatam. What is the use of reading other books—you are not going there. Some portion of the earth is flat. When you stand in any place you see flat, so for us to some extent it appears flat, but it is round.

Simply keep faith that whatever we describe, that is a fact. After all, we are an insignificant creature in the universe, so whether you take the modern scientists or Sukadeva Goswami, it is inconceivable. It is best to keep faith in Sukadeva Goswami, because actually our only business is to go back to home, back to Godhead. So whether Sukadeva Goswami

or the modern scientists are right or wrong, it is nothing interesting to us. We want to go back to home, back to God-head—*yanti mad-yajino 'pi mam*.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. Bharata-varsa in 5th Canto refers to the whole earth.

ACBS/as

76-10-4

Vrindaban
4th October, 1976

My dear Balavanta,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letters and financial report dated 26th August and 18th Sept. 1976, and have noted the contents. The airport distribution at New Orleans is very good. Regarding the Lord Jagannath deities, if they cannot be worshipped, they should be thrown in the sea. I acknowledge receipt of check copy No. 1195 on Bank of New Orleans for \$1,000.00, and you may send money as you have done to M.V. Fund, L.A.

Dietary worship should not be expanded anymore if it is difficult to manage, but Nitai-Gaura can be worshipped. If devotees do not stay in the center that means your preaching is not very strong. Regarding offering spinach, just it should be very clean—everything should be done very cleanly. Regarding the name of your farm, *Murari* is a name of Krishna, so *Murari Sevak* means servant of Krishna.

The public should be convinced of this point: that there is life after death, and then prepare for the next life. Otherwise what is the difference between men and animals? If a man has to go outside his home, he has to make so many preparations, but an animal will not—that is the difference between a man and an animal.

Our ultimate aim is to take part in poli-

tics, because Krishna took part in politics, we have to follow—but if people do not become Krishna conscious it won't be possible. Actually if we can take up the government, our movement will be very easily spread and beneficial to the people. We can make happy, peaceful men, God conscious—this is our aim. The main thing is to distribute books more and more. That remark by the man in Houston is to your credit, that this movement is becoming an epidemic. Actually, everywhere envious people are against this movement, especially communists, because this movement is a threat to them. The main thing is to distribute books—the communist idea is spread practically all over the world on account of distributing huge amounts of literature, but they have no substance. Introduce Rathayatra very nicely and distribute books. Yes, you are welcome to join me. I wanted that besides my permanent secretary that one of the GBC's may accompany me regularly.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

76-10-5

Vrindaban
4th October, 1976

Germany

My dear Harikeksa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Sept. 30th, 1976 and have noted the contents. I sent you especially for preaching in that quarter therefore I gave you money, otherwise in U.S.A. what is need of money. You have experience in that area, therefore I gave money. So I request you not to go to U.S.A. even if it is a little difficult to preach in that quarter. I have written to Gurudas and Sucandra to join you—combine together and preach. In U.S.A. there are many preachers, but here no

preachers. Otherwise, if you must preach in English then you may preach in England.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/as

76-10-6

Vrindaban

4th October, 1976

New York

My dear Kachoriaji,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 28th August, 1976 and have noted the contents carefully. Thank you very much for your kind sympathy. Thank you also for the check (\$25.00 No. 88 dated 8th Sept. '76).

I suggest you approach Tamal Krishna Goswami at our New York branch. (340 W. 55th St., N.Y. 10019, N.Y.) You may go and join them there, they have a dramatic group, and if your ideas can be developed, I have no objection, that will be very nice.

I hope this meets you well.

Your well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/as

76-10-7

Vrindaban

4th October, 1976

New York

My dear Tamal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 21st Sept. 1976 and have noted the contents. I have received and approved Ramesvara's report from Fiji. I am awaiting your report on Africa. You see what is the situation in Africa, it appears to be a little mess. Yes, that's a fact, New York is the most impor-

tant city in the world, and our Temple is situated in the most important center. Jayatirtha may act as GBC for South Africa as you have proposed.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/as

76-10-8

Vrindaban

5th October, 1976

Nairobi

My dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 23rd Sept., 1976 and have noted the contents. I have just informed Tamal Krishna also, that Africans should not be allowed to live in the temple unless they are danger-proof. Of course you must preach but if you allow them to live you must be little careful—better not to allow. Chant and distribute prasada and let them come, take prasada and become practiced for Krishna consciousness. In suitable cases they can be 1st initiated but no 2nd for the time being.

Regarding land, yes, contact Amburish immediately and remind him that he wanted to invest some money. If he does that, that will be very nice, and I will give my sanction if he wants. You can purchase—that place is nice where Damji lives. (Amburish can be contacted through the Boston temple.) Mortgage is not to be done as the interest will be too high.

For members nowadays we are not giving books free. First when becoming the member they receive five large books, but after that they must pay for future books. If by distributing books you can collect some money for purchasing land, do it.

I was very much anxious for you,

therefore Tamal went there. Now I am relieved that you are doing well. This year you must come to Mayapur.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/as

76-10-9

Vrindaban

5th October, 1976

New York

My dear Tamal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter from Nairobi dated 3rd inst. and have noted the contents. Africans should not be allowed to live in the temple there unless they are dangerproof. Of course you must preach, but if you allow them to live, you must be little careful—better not to allow. Chanting and prasada distribution is very nice. Let them come, take prasada and become practiced for Krishna consciousness. In suitable cases they can be given 1st initiation, but no 2nd for the time being.*

Yes, the GBCs should move and visit other zones, and I quite approve that the GBC chairman can do this.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

*Note: this has been informed to Brahmananda

ACBS/as

76-10-10

Vrindaban

6th October, 1976

Calcutta

Dear Dr. Chatterjee,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 1st inst. and have noted the contents. Your sugges-

tion is very good—if the verses from Srimad-Bhagavatam and Bhagavad-gita are presented in classical art it will be something wonderful—the whole world will appreciate. We already have a dramatic party in New York, and their performances are very much appreciated. Indian classical songs are appreciated here and in foreign countries also. This program of presenting the Bhagavatam in classical song is a good idea.

vedaih sangapada-kramopanisadair
gayanti yam samagah (Bhag. 12.13.1)

Regarding your other suggestions, Ayurvedic medicine is a good idea, provided we can get an expert manufacturer. And agriculture we can also take up—we already have land, many farms. Too much modern machinery is not suitable for our country.

I shall inform you of our arrival in Calcutta, and trust we shall meet for further discussion there.

I hope this meets you in good health,

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/as

76-10-11

Vrindaban

7th October, 1976

Bhubhanesvara

My dear Gaura Govinda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 1st inst. and have noted the contents. Nityananda Kanungo, the father of Bijayananda, can give you information about that land. He is a very famous man, and he lives in Cuttack. Otherwise Bhavananda may be able to give some assistance.

You may send me copies of your new publications.

I hope this meets you well,

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/as

76-10-12

Vrindaban

7th October, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Hridayananda,

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

Thank you very much for your very good printing and preaching work. May Lord Chaitanya bless you.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/as

76-10-13

Chandigarh

14th October, 1976

Bombay

Dear Srīman Bajaji,

I thank you very much for your letter dated October 4, 1976, I have noted the contents carefully. I accept your invitation. I will advise Giriraj, my secreatry in Bombay to see you in this connection. I wish to take with me my sankirtan party whether you would like to accomodate them. If not then only my personal secretaries, all together five, will go with me, so you have to arrange accommodation for them.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Giriraj to do the needful.

I hope this letter meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/as

76-10-14

Chandigarh

14th October, 1976

My Dear Giriraj Prabhu,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your letter dated 8/10/76 and have noted the contents carefully.

Yes, you can do as you have suggested, reply in the monthly news letter to the members, followed by the reply I sent to Smt. Morarjee.

Your preaching in the colleges is nice, try to make some Indian devotees.

I am enclosing two letters to the Bank of America for renewing the fixed deposits, see that it is done and inform me what has been done about the receipt I left for renewal when I was there last. Also one letter to Ramkrishna Bajaj, do the needful.

I hope this letter meets you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hds

76-10-15

Chandigarh

14th October, 1976

My Dear Dr. W.H. Wolf-Rottkay,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your letter dated September 27th and October 3, 1976, I have noted the contents carefully.

Regarding the scientists, we have entrusted our own three scientsts namely Swarup Damodar, Sadaputa, and Madhva and we leave the matter to them, we do not say anything ourselves, but are leaving it to them. But there are many common men who do not believe that they have gone to the moon planet. So as common men we can simply say, how can dust and rocks reflect so much of light as to illuminate the night, like the sun at day. It is simply bogus to say that the moon is full of dust and rocks. Such a beautiful soothing planet is

full of dust and rock with no living beings there is simply unbelievable. You are a learned scholar, do you think it is believable that dust and rocks can illuminate the whole universe at night. It is so soothing and beautiful. I shall be very glad to receive further enlightenment in this connection from your good self.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hds

76-10-16

Chandigarh

14th October, 1976

My Dear Yasomatinandan Prabhu,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your letter dated 8/10/76 and have noted the contents carefully. You say the farm is only five miles from the city, so we will build our temple on that land. The farmers should be trained up to become devotees of Krishna. The same Idea I have already given for Hyderabad farm. Invite the local farmers to participate in Kirtan and prasadam distribution, engage them to work the land. They may keep whatever they require for their maintainance and the excess production may be traded or sold. But we are not going to develop a competitive farming enterprise for making money. The basic principle is to become independent of artificial city life, working in factories producing nut and bolts. Gandhi had this Idea, the one defect was that there was no Krishna in the center. So the same idea of village organization, but keeping Krishna in the center should be introduced on our farm projects.

Do not install Gour Nitai dieties until sufficient men are there to take proper care of them.

Regarding men; everywhere there is

shortage, we cannot continue to import men continually.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hds

76-10-17

Chandigarh

15th October, 1976

S. B. Bartara

M. A. L. L. B.

Geeta Margh, Shrinagar

Hapur. (U.P.)

Dear S.B. Bartarya,

I am in receipt of your letter dated October 6, 1976 and have noted the contents carefully. I shall be returning to Vrindaban on the 20th October and shall be glad to see you any day thereafter at 4:30 PM. Please bring this letter with you and show it to my secretary on my arrival.

I hope this letter meets you well.

Respectfully yours,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hds

76-10-18

Chandigarh

15th October, 1976

My Dear Chittahari Prabhu,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 28th September 1976.

It is your money so you can do with it whatever you like. If you feel the money is needed there, then use it accordingly, I have no objection.

Jita Garisa Das Brahmacharie is duly accepted by me as a second initiated disciple. Hold a fire ceremony and let him hear the tape of the Gayatri mantra chanted by me through the right ear. See to it that he is

properly trained up in brahminical habits, cleanliness, truthfulness, tolerance, self control, etc.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hds

76-10-19 Chandigarh
15th October, 1976

Dr. R. A. Dave,
Gokula 6,
Prabhu Park Co.
Near Rajnagar Society
Ahmedabad 380 007

Dear Dr. R.M. Dave,

Please accept my blessings. Thank you for your letter dated 6th October 1976.

I am returning to Vrindaban on 20th October and shall be there untill end of November. I will be glad to meet you there anytime convenient for you. It will be a great pleasure to mee you, you are always welcome.

I hope this letter meets you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hds

76-10-20 Chandigarh
15th October, 1976

My Dear Kirtanananda Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated October 1, 1976 and have noted the contents carefully.

A film showing illegal techniques of distributing my books (Money shuffle) was never authorised by me. If it is actually a fact what you say, then stop it immediately. In all our dealings we should be above suspicion. They say first impressions are lasting. If someone feels cheated

by our men because they are using dubious methods of distribution and collecting money our purity may be doubted and reputation spoiled. So please do not allow such film showing to take place until I have seen the film personally.

Thank you for the enclosed check. I am glad to note that your book distribution is going on nicely.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. Jabier Rodriguez has been accepted by me as a duly initiated disciple, his name is Jai Chaitanya. Enclosed please find one Brahmin thread for the second initiate, and a mantra sheet, other may make copy.

76-10-21 Chandigarh
15th October, 1976

My Dear Mrs. Tania Perera,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your letter dated nil. I have noted the contents carefully. Yes! I remember you and the gold chain you gave me I gave to the dicites in Melbourne.

Regarding your situation, the only alternative is to move into the temple and take complete shelter of the devotees and Krishna. Prahlad Maharaj was only 5 years old and because of his becoming a devotee of the Lord his father tried to kill him in so many ways. So that your husband is against Krishna is nothing astonishing, it is quite normal. So if you like you can leave him, and move into the temple of your choice.

I hope this letter meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hds

76-10-22

Chandigarh
15th October, 1976

My Dear Radhaballabha Prabhu,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your letter dated October 5th 1976.

Geetar-gan (Bengali) may be added in the front piece as you have suggested, spelling as above with Bengali in brackets.

There is no need to print Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, His Life and Precepts, it is already there in other books.

Adi-Lila may be printed in 4 volumes as suggested by you.

Let me finish 9th canto then I shall decide, most probably I shall start 11th canto, but as yet I have not decided.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/hds

76-10-23

Chandigarh
15th October, 1976

My Dear Sacimata Prabhu,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your letter dated 3rd October 1976 and I have noted the contents carefully.

There is nothing mystical about getting Gour Nitai deities for worshipping. The Lord is all powerful and omnipresent, he knows the heart of the devotee and reciprocates with the devotee accordingly. So now the Lord has come to your home and agreed to be worshipped by you, therefore everything should be clean and neat. Nice prasadam should be offered regularly and distributed to guests. Kirtan may be performed morning and evening and some discussion from Bhagavad Gita as it is, or other books from our publications.

Your activities in Germany are all right, try to help the sankirtan and preach to your own circle of friends. I think at this time there is no need for you to come to India. If there is need I shall let you know. You are all little older and India will be difficult for you, for the time being please remain situated as you are. Chant Hare Krishna and help spread this movement in the best way open to you.

Hansadutta Maharaj has told me about you, and he is presently acting as my secretary.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/hds

76-10-24

Chanigarh
16th October, 1976

My Dear Jagat guru Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your letter dated September 28, 1976, I have noted the contents carefully.

I understand from Hansadutta Maharaj that you have gone to Dubai borrowing \$400.00 dollars from him. So if you want to change your programme again, at least send this money back to him.

In the last year you have changed your engagement so many times, it is not good, better to stick to something and complete it than constantly changing. If you can carry out your original plan of collecting from Indian in different parts of the world and sending to India that would be good. Why not stick with Nitai Gour TWSKP and make this successful?

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/

76-10-25

Chandigarh
16th October, 1976

Chandigarh

My Dear Jairamdas Kuthiala,

Please accept my greetings. I was very glad to see you. I'm sorry that I could not speak to you in detail because other visitors were waiting. I am very much pleased that you are interested in my scheme at Jyotisar, I think that I shall require your help when this plan is in action. If you have time you can come to Vrindaban to discuss some important matters.

So far I know His Holiness Ram Tirtha was a sannyasi, but you have written in your letter that he was a source of love to Japanese girls. I was very much surprised on this point. Kindly let me know what was the point in this connection of Swami Ram Tirtha. It was surprising, as far as I know a sannyasi is completely aloof from womanly connetion. I shall be very glad to be enlightened in this connection about Swami Ram Tirtha.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hds

76-10-26

Chandigarh
16th October, 1976

Chandigarh

My Dear Dr. Mohan Singh,

It was a great pleasure to meet you this evening. You are a devotee of Krishna and a learned scholar. Meditation is meant for yogis, it is said in the Vedic literature, Dhyanaavasthita-tad-gatena manasa pasyanti yam yoginah (SB. 12/13/1) a yogi is one who always meditates on the Lotus Feet of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. One who meditates on Krishna is the topmost yogi of all. We have explained

this fact in our book "Topmost Yoga." I request you to read this book and meditate on Krishna, then you and your followers will be first class yogis performing the best meditation. Yoginam api sarvesam mad-gatenantaratmana.

I thank you once again for coming here. If possible you may come to Vrindaban. I invite you to stay with me for some time so we can discuss more on this subject matter. I am returning to Vrindaban by 20th October.

I hope this letter meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hds

76-10-27

Vrindaban
22nd October, 1976

My dear Kuladri,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated October 7, 1976 along with a check for \$1,111. Thank you very much.

Yes, I was there in Buffalo, it is nice. Nitai Gaura is there. It is a very good opportunity. Take advantage and do it nicely. Surely Nitai Gaura will give you strength.

Upon your recommendation I will accept the following devotees as my initiated disciples. Please be sure that they know and follow the four regulative principles and that they always chant at least 16 rounds daily trying to avoid the 10 offenses. Hold a fire ceremony and have Kirtanananda Maharaja chant on their beads. Their new names are as follows:

Charles Vogler—Cakrapani dasa

Bernald Ely—Vallabha Caitanya dasa

Mary Tepas—Manasvini dasi

Theresa Pericola—Tilakini dasi

Brenda Moffit—Bhaktinistha dasi

Pat Lawrence—Prema-manjari dasi

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/jda

76-10-28 Vrindaban
22nd October, 1976

My dear Mahamsa Swami,
Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 13/10/76.
I am awaiting your visit. We shall discuss further regarding the land you have described when you come.

Hoping this meets you in good health.
Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/jda

76-10-29 Vrindaban
22nd October, 1976

My dear Rameswar,
Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated October 11, 1976.

Yes, my blessings are there that you may always have the strength to act according to my orders. Yes, I am feeling a little better. You are welcome to come in January. Thank you for your wanting to help relieve me from the management burdens.

It is my satisfaction that everything is going nicely in Los Angeles. I want to see that those programs that we have begun will go on expanding and improving more and more.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/jda

76-10-30

Vrindaban
22nd October, 1976

My dear Srutakirti,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated October 10, 1976.

Since Tamal Krsna, Gurukrpa, Ambarisa, and yourself are all in agreement to develop the restaurant in Hawaii rather than in Boston, I have no objection.

Hoping this meets you in good health.
Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/jda

76-10-31 Vrindaban
22nd October, 1976

My dear Sudama,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated October 7, 1976.

Yes, there was some rumor, but I did not believe it. I am confident now that you'll stick to our Krsna consciousness and do the needful. May Lord Krsna bless you.

I never said that your troupe should come to Bombay for the opening. That is not very necessary.

I appreciate very much your dedication to preaching in Japan.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/jda

76-10-32 Vrindaban
23rd October, 1976

My dear Bala Krsna,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated October 6, 1976.

Your report of book distribution is very encouraging. Please go on increasing more and more. Yes, you should become the topmost temple for distributing my books. This is a very good proposal. That is the only way to please me. Distribute my books profusely. That is real preaching.

The girl who has got health problems must learn to be tolerant. As long as the material body will be there, there will only be pain. Pleasure is a misconception.

Upon your recommendation I will accept as my duly initiated disciples the following devotees. Make sure that they strictly follow the regulative principles and always chant a minimum of 16 rounds, avoiding the 10 offenses. Hold a fire sacrifice and have Ramesvara Maharaj chant on their beads. I also enclose one sacred thread and gayatri mantra sheets for the devotees you have recommended. They should also participate in the fire ceremony. Their new names are as follows:

Ken Reilly—Krsnacandra dasa
Curt Halberstadt—Kunja-bihari dasa
Bryan Baxter—Varah-rupa dasa
Craig Escalante—Kurma-rupa dasa
Debbie Escalante—Dasarathi dasi
Sheila Halvie—Syama-priya dasi

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/jda

76-10-33

Vrindaban
23rd October, 1976

My dear Gurudas,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 12/10/76.

I never said that you should go undercover for preaching in Eastern Europe. Everything should be done openly and

very carefully. Krsna will protect your efforts.

Up to date the Vrindaban guest house is a failure. Nobody's coming. You are always welcome in Vrindaban, but I think you can come for the Mayapur festival. Right now, Hari-kesh and Sucandra are very eager to preach. So, you should find out where they are and make arrangements to assist them.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/jda

76-10-34

Vrindaban
23rd October, 1976

My dear Jayapataka,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated October 19, 1976.

Regarding this co-operative point, who will manage all the expenditure? We will spend so much money, why should it be managed by a co-operative. The co-operative society proposal is absurd. The poor members cannot pay adequately, neither are they interested. It is not tenable from all angles of vision. In the beginning the report was given to the DM. Now again DM, DM. Why again DM, he was first given proposal?

It is up to Mr. Chowdary now. The chief minister has handed the matter to him for decision. He said to wait 2-3 months for a decision. So let us simply wait.

Regarding the concessional paper, we are already getting government paper. If you want we can get as much as you require. It is already sanctioned. However many tons you require just tell Gopal Krsna and he'll do the needful.

Your description of how you are managing is nice. This is management. The British government was conducting the management of 600 million people with just 200 Britishers. We cannot expect all foreigners to come and manage Mayapur affairs. The best management is to turn the local men into devotees. Make the management perfect in this way. Things should be developed in such a way, based on devotional service, that there may not be any racial feelings. This is Kali-yuga. Very easily racial feelings are awakened on the material platform, but on the spiritual platform there is no such thing. Yes, what you are describing is the banking system. Every day, until the trial balance is calculated, no employee can leave the bank. That was the old system in Indian business.

One elderly gentleman, who claims to be my Godbrother, named Jayaranarayan das Babaji, from Burdwan district, will be coming there. You may give him a place.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/jda

76-10-35

Vrindaban
23rd October, 1976

My dear Rajni dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 5/10/76.

Yogesvara is supposed to come there very soon to check on the situation and then report back to me. You may please keep in correspondence with him.

Hoping this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/jda

76-10-36

Vrindaban
24th October, 1976

My dear Bhurijana,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Oct. 11, 1976 and also the letter from your good wife. Thank you for the traveler's checks in the amount of \$100.

I am pleased to know that you are working hard in the service of Kṛṣṇa and feeling settled in your engagement. Please take this movement very seriously.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/jda

76-10-37

Vrindaban
24th October, 1976

My dear Gururaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Sept. 21, 1976. Thank you very much for the donation you have sent, it is very nice.

Please continue to associate with the devotees at our Montreal temple. If you are serious and willing to follow the four regulative principles and chant sixteen rounds daily, you are welcome to live in our Montreal temple. Make an end to this material existence once and for all. There is nothing but suffering in this material world and we are offering the chance for eternal, blissful life. Kindly take advantage of this opportunity.

Hoping this finds you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/jda

76-10-38

Vrindaban
24th October, 1976

My dear Makanlal,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 10/7/76.

My blessings are always with you as you have requested. You are a very good devotee and servant of Krsna. So far your questions are concerned. Nityananda is the principle of the Guru. So, the Gurudev is the incarnation of Nityananda. Anyone strictly following the instruction of the Guru is following Nityananda. The price one has to pay if he wants to become Krsna conscious is that he must dedicate himself to following the order of the spiritual master, *mahat seva*. If the Spiritual Master is pleased with disciple then the blessings of Guru will be there. That is the best way to become Krsna conscious, and Krsna is non-different from Nityananda. You may pray to Lord Nityananda to help you become dedicated in the service of your Guru. Krsna consciousness cannot be achieved artificially. You should approach Nityananda Prabhu through your Spiritual Master.

I am pleased to accept the devotees you have recommended for initiation. Please be very sure that they all know and follow the regulative principles and chant minimum 16 rounds daily. Hold a fire sacrifice and have Rupanuga chant on their beads. Their new names are: Willard—Vaisnava dasa, John—Jivapati dasa, Adam—Akruranatha dasa, Nancy—Nitya-manjari dasi.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

76-10-39

Vrindaban
24th October, 1976

My dear Narahari,

Please accept my blessings. I am in

due receipt of your letter dated October 11, 1976.

I'm happy to hear how nicely things are going at our Miami temple. Upon your recommendation I accept the devotees you have requested initiation for. Robin Teter's initiated name is Rama Gopaladasa. I am enclosing 2 gayatri mantra sheets and one sacred thread duly chanted on by me. Now, hold a fire ceremony. The first initiates beads may be chanted on by Balavanta. Play the tape of me chanting gayatri mantra into the right ear of the second initiates. Be sure that these devotees and all of my initiated disciples there are strictly following the four regulative principles and chanting a minimum of 16 rounds every day, avoiding the 10 offenses. Also, be sure that the second initiates know the brahminical principles given in Bhagavad Gita, 18,42.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/jda

76-10-40

Vrindaban
24th October, 1976

My dear Radha-sarana,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter to my secretary dated October 2, 1976.

According to your recommendation I am accepting for second initiation Amala-harinama das Brahmachari and Viraja dasi. Now hold a fire ceremony for attendance of devotees only. You must be sure that these devotees are very strictly following the regulative principles and chanting a minimum of sixteen rounds daily. They must be fully engaged in devotional service, 24 hours per day. Please find enclosed two gayatri mantra sheets

and one sacred thread. After the fire sacrifice, play the tape of me reciting the gayatri mantra into the right ear of these initiates and show them how to count on their fingers.

Hoping this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/jda

76-10-41

Vrindaban
24th October, 1976

My dear Sivani,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated October 11, 1976.

I am forwarding your letter to Jayapataka Maharaj in Mayapur. He will contact you whether it is alright for you to come there to work for Kṛṣṇa as you have requested. Please take this Kṛṣṇa consciousness very seriously and make your life perfect.

Hoping this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/jda

76-10-42

Vrindaban
25th October, 1976

My dear Advaitacarya,

Please accept my blessings. I have received your letter undated.

You are taking care of the cows. That is cow puja. Don't bother with anything else. Keep yourself in Kṛṣṇa consciousness by strictly observing the regulative principles and chanting sixteen rounds. Always keep engaged in Kṛṣṇa's service.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/jda

76-10-43

Vrindaban
25th October, 1976

My dear Barbara Eady,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your letter undated.

I am very glad to hear that you are very serious about Kṛṣṇa Consciousness and are chanting 16 rounds, following the regulative principles and trying to distribute my books in New Zealand. I will be pleased to accept you as my initiated disciple, but I must have some recommendation. If you will have Tusta Kṛṣṇa write to me recommending you then I will gladly do so.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/jda

76-10-44

Vrindaban
25th October, 1976

To whom it may concern:

It is a great pleasure for me that Dr. S.R. Chakravarti has sung some important verses from Srimad Bhagavatam, now made into a record album. I have heard these songs and am confident that anyone who will listen to these nice songs will be inclined to read my complete translation of the Srimad Bhagavatam, now available in English (60 volumes), which has been published by the Bhaktivedanta Book Trust in Los Angeles, U.S.A.

Faithfully,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/jda

76-10-45

Chandigarh
25th October, 1976

My Dear Chittrakara Prabhu,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 22nd September, 1976, I have noted the contents carefully.

Hansadutta Maharaj has also given me an account of your activities in Kabul. It doesn't matter that you have been asked to leave the important thing is that you are trying to spread the message of the lord all over the world. In the Bhagavad-gita the Lord says very clearly, that anyone who tries to broadcast his message is considered most dear and there is no one dearer to the lord than such a sincere preacher.

If you can collect money there as you have suggested and send it for Nitai Gour TWSKP activities in India that will be good. There is no restriction for preachers, they may travel everywhere all over the world. Nitai-Gour means world wide preaching, because Lord Chaitanya appeared to spread this movement to every town and village of the world, and by the grace of good souls like yourself the desire of Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu is being fulfilled in the modern age.

So collect and send, Hansadutta Maharaj is doing nicely and can utilize any amount we are planning a big Kumba Mehla

You have my blessings all the time, continue to preach with enthusiasm, keep Hansadutta Maharaj informed about your activities. I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/hs

76-10-46

Vrindaban
25th October, 1976

My dear Harivilas,

Please accept my blessings. I am in re-

ceipt of your letter dated 19/10/76.

Let this couple first of all legally marry. After that we bless them by observing a fire ceremony. It is not necessary to burden me with these matters. Please consult with the local GBC.

Hoping this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/jda

76-10-47

Vrindaban
25th October, 1976

My dear Krsna Vilasini dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated October 13, 1976.

As long as the body will be there, there will only be pain. Pleasure is only a misconception. Do not be sorry if you are in an "unfortunate" situation. It can also be fortunate if you take advantage by becoming serious to become Krsna consciousness. Follow the regulative principles, chant 16 rounds and as far as possible render service and study my books. Success is sure.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/jda

76-10-48

Vrindaban
25th October, 1976

My dear Swarup Das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your letter dated 20/10/76.

As soon as everything is complete in the matter of registration of the "deed of gift" and the land is in the name of ISKCON, we shall begin immediately. Please communicate to Jayapataka Swami

in this connection and he will inform me of the situation.

Hoping this finds you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/jda

76-10-49

Vrindaban

25th October, 1976

My dear Tribahangananda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your letter dated 3/10/76.

Thank you very much for your report of the temple activities there. Please offer my thanks to Mr. Pankhania for his kind assistance to our movement.

Hoping this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

N.B. please be sure that everyone there is following strictly the four regulative principles and chanting a minimum 16 rounds daily.

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76-10-50

Vrindaban

25th October, 1976

My dear Vidya dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 27, 1976.

If it is not possible for Tulasi to survive the winters when planted in the ground, then a suitable house should be provided for her. Even in the Canadian temples which are in a much colder climate are keeping Tulasi nicely. Why should there be so much difficulty in Los Angeles, which has such a nice climate. Just do everything very carefully. Tulasi flourishes where there is love and devotion.

In answer to your questions; 1) Tulasi is one devotee who appears wherever there is devotion to Kṛṣṇa. 2) Tulasi's body is spiritual. 3) Yes, jewelry is alright. 4) If possible. 5) Tulasi leaves should be offered to the Deity. 6) If possible. 7) Yes. 8) Yes. 9) You may cut the dead branches, but what is the necessity. 10) I never said that. 11) No. 12) Yes. 13) Use the wood for beads as far as possible, the balance may be placed within the earth. 14) I said no chemical sprays. 15) Undisturbed means what? 16) Use common sense and if you have none then consult with others. 17) No. 18) Don't try to introduce something new. The most important thing is the love and devotion.

Hoping this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/jda

76-10-51

Vrindaban

26th October, 1976

My dear Brahamananda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 12/10/76.

Chayavana has mispent, that is clear. Therefore, indirectly we are responsible because we could not control him. Slack management Arrange things so that in the future these things may not occur.

Whether we require our own house in Mombasa? Why spend energy in that way when there is no money? Preaching is first and foremost. If by preaching people will contribute, then we can get, otherwise, what is the need?

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/jda

76-10-52

Vrindaban
26th October, 1976

My dear Gurukrpa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your letter dated 15/10/76.

The behavior of Sukadeva is very bad. It is good that he has resigned. The fact is that unless the management is strictly supervised, these things will happen. Sudama and Manasvi did the same thing. Be careful so that these things may not happen again in the future. The president cannot take any loans without authorization. This is a declaration. These things must not be allowed. Whatever he has taken must be returned and he must pay back the money that he has kept. How can he claim proprietorship, everything is the property of the Guru. You must inform them whenever he has gone that he must return whatever he has taken.

Now you please stay there until you have properly trained up a competent manager and then you must carefully supervise so that this may not happen again. Hawaii is a good field so do it carefully. You have done the right thing to inform me of the situation. Thank you for rectifying the situation.

I am pleased to accept the devotees you have recommended for initiation. Hold a fire ceremony. Instruct the devotees in the necessary way. You may chant on the beads. Play the tape of me chanting the gayatri mantra, etc. Do the needful. The new initiate's name is Naga-natana dasa.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

76-10-53

Vrindaban
26th October, 1976

My dear Ramesvara,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your letter dated 17/10/76.

Upon your recommendation I am pleased to accept the following devotees for first initiation and also those whom you have recommended for second initiation. Hold a fire ceremony. Instruct the new initiates to strictly follow the regulative principles and chant minimum 16 rounds daily avoiding the 10 offenses. Allow the second initiates to hear the tape of me chanting the gayatri mantra. You may chant on the beads.

Allen Z.—Amala-bhakta dasa

Steve M.—Stambha dasa

Mike D.—Mukunda-mala dasa

Steve F.—Satyasena dasa

James C.—Jaya Saci-natha dasa

Steve R.—Svarocisa dasa

Jack G.—Jagadisananda dasa

Philip M.—Puspadanta dasa

Carl D.—Kavi Datta dasa

Mike M.—Mahadeva dasa

Gary D.—Gaura-pada dasa

Cathy G.—Citradevi dasi

Cheryl N.—Subhra dasi

Terry B.—Tulasi-carana dasi

Tracy A.—Tusita dasi

Michele G.—Mayura dasi

Hoping this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/jda

76-10-54

Vrindaban
27th October, 1976

My dear Bahudak,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your request for initiations.

Upon your recommendation I will accept the following devotees for first initiation, as well as the ones you have recommended for second initiation. Hold a fire ceremony and instruct the devotees to follow the regulative principles and to chant a minimum of 16 rounds every day. Play the tape of me chanting gayatri into

the right ear of the second initiates. Their beads may be chanted on by Ramesvara Maharaj. The names of the new initiates are:

Mark L.—Madhu Pandita dasa

Marilyn—Madhava-priya dasi

John B.—Janapati dasa

James H.—Jaya Hari dasa

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/jda

76-10-55

Vrindaban

27th October, 1976

Friendship, New York

My dear Yudhisthir,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your letter dated October 13, 1976, along with photographs of your farm. It appears very nice.

As far as the farm being authorized, you discuss with Kuladri and Kirtanananda Maharaj. Whatever they say I agree. Kuladri is an experienced man so you may organize things there taking his advice. Please just work sincerely and Krsna will bless you.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/jda

76-10-56

Vrindaban

28th October, 1976

Chandigarh

My dear Caitiyaguru dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 26/10/76.

Yes, Krsna will bless you with good success. Do it rigidly. Krsna will give you

strength undoubtedly. I started this movement alone in a foreign country and Krsna gave me all success. Krsna will certainly help you if you simply remain sincere and try to present Krsna consciousness as it is. I know the atmosphere in Chandigarh is very receptive.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/jda

76-10-57

Vrindaban

28th October 1976

Frankfurt

My dear Harikesa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 19/10/76.

Thank you for making payment on my loan to you at 12% interest. I'm very glad. It's alright that you have sent it to Los Angeles.

I am very pleased to learn of our success in Yugoslavia. When there is a little hope of success in these countries, it encourages me 100 times more than in other places. If they take up this Krishna Consciousness, they'll take it very seriously. This is the perfection of Communist ideology. Everything belongs to God. No private proprietorship. They have gone on the radio, that means they have purified the whole atmosphere. That is the way to introduce, the transcendental sound vibration will act. Utilize this approach. Gradually try to convince them that this movement is the perfection of Communism. Go on singing Krsna kirtana. That is our program. Chaitanya Mahaprabhu used to go out chanting. He never spoke philosophy in public, only among higher circles. The chanting is very effective. Along with tampusora and mrdanga played very rhythmically let them chant. Perform

this musical demonstration and sell books as far as possible, and feasting. Then everything will be successful. It is good that they do not like these bogus yogis and they like Hare Krsna mantra. Give them the chance to chant the Hare Krsna maha mantra somehow or other, then very soon good results will be visible.

I am not very much in favor of Gurudas coming here. Let him know that his former wife, Yamuna, is here, therefore he should not come. Why is he so adamant to come here. He can come later during the Mayapur festival. Why doesn't he join with you until Mayapur at least?

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/jda

76-10-58

Vrindaban

28th October, 1976

St. Louis

My dear Makanlal,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your letter dated 13/10/76, along with a check for \$25.

Yes, you must rectify this mistake. All society stationary must bear my name as founder-acarya. Please do it immediately.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/jda

76-10-59

Vrindaban

28th October, 1976

New York

My dear Tripurari,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your letter dated 14/10/76 along with a copy of National Geographic magazine.*

Please go on with your program, preaching and distributing my books, encouraging others to remain pure by following our simple program of chanting, reading, Deity worship, etc. Krsna will certainly help you. Keep yourself always engaged in the service of Gaura-Nitai and that will keep you liberated from material contamination.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

*It is overmaterialistic.

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76-10-60

Vrindaban

29th October, 1976

Berkeley

My dear Pusta Krsna,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your letter dated 10/10/76.

I know that you are intelligent and can act very nicely to help spread Krsna consciousness. If you feel Maya attracting, then live an honest life as a householder and contribute to our movement. As a family man you can join Svarup Damodar to help with the Bhaktivedanta Institute. Caitanya Mahaprabhu says it doesn't matter whether one is a sannyasi, grhastha, brahmana, or sudra. You have intelligence. Study more and more. If you think that you should be married, then do that and assist Bhaktivedanta Institute by giving service. My request is, don't become an ordinary foolish man. Keep Krsna consciousness in any condition of life. That is success.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/jda

76-10-61

Vrindaban
29th October, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Ramesvara,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your letter dated 19/10/76.

It is a fact that we are different from all bogus groups. Now we should present our movement very nicely so that people will be able to understand. We are trying to raise the animal-like humans to real human status.

Yes, this book distribution movie should be excluded. Why has this been taken. Even if there is some bad dealing in the family, it should not be exposed.

What about that book *Dialectical Spiritualism* edited by Hayagriva? Also, the rejection by the BTG staff has somehow or other alienated Dr. Kapoor. You must carefully oversee which articles are being accepted for BTG.

I approve your efforts to sue this Ted Patrick and his publisher. It must be done.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/jda

76-10-62

Vrindaban
30th October, 1976

My dear Srutadeva,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your letter dated October 14, 1976.

The Deities in London are named Radha London Isvara. Kṛṣṇa is the proprietor everywhere but especially London. Yes you have my permission to sing as you have requested.

One has to be qualified to preach. It is a gradual process that one becomes sense controlled and a personal example.

Preaching is not an easy thing. In the beginning one should worship the Deity and follow the basic practices. When one becomes advanced he can preach. The kanistha adhikari is not condemned. It is a comparative study. The kanistha adhikari can also achieve perfection. If one does not preach, it does not mean that he is fallen, condemned. It is not artificial, one gradually becomes perfect by association.

It is correct that the brahmajyoti is comprised of spiritual souls and that ultimately nothing is impersonal. Dead matter means forgetfulness of Kṛṣṇa.

If you want to stay in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness you will have to develop firm faith in Guru and Sastra. Therefore, you must study my books very scrutinizingly, follow the four regulative principles very strictly and chant 16 rounds daily avoiding the ten offenses. Don't take this movement as something cheap.

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76-10-63

Vrindaban
30th October, 1976

New York

My dear Tamal Kṛṣṇa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your letter dated 22/10/76, along with pictures, newspaper clippings, etc.

Regarding the point about whether our movement is bonafide, you can use the following arguments. Bhagavad Gita has got so many editions. Our books are older than the Bible. In India there are millions of Kṛṣṇa temples. Let the judges and juries read our books and take the opinion of learned scholars and professors. Regarding the second point about the parents jurisdiction over their children here are some suggestions. Do the parents like that their children become hippies? Why don't they stop it? Do the parents like their

children to become involved in prostitution and intoxication? Why don't they stop this? When the government takes the children for the draft neither the parents nor the children like it. This question should be raised.

There are so many men over 30. Are they brainwashed? It may be a minority in your country, but in other places it is the majority. The diamond seller caters to a minority. Why are they allowed to sell. Always when there is something valuable only a minority will be able to purchase. Our books are not commercial, they are religion and philosophy.

They are now feeling the weight of this movement. Formerly they thought these people come and go, but now they see we are staying. Now we have set fire. It will go on, it cannot be stopped. You can bring big, big fire brigades but the fire will act. The brainwash books are already there. Even if they stop externally, internally it will go on. Our first class campaign is book distribution. Go house to house. The real fighting is now. Krsna will give you all protection. So, chant Hare Krsna and fight. One movie expert has opined there are so many ideas in our movement. Try to get our ideas into movies.

Get some Indian professor's opinions. Get a list of standing orders from Indian Universities. Take this opportunity for being well advertised. They are afraid. So

many young men are being affected. They have rightly said that it is an epidemic. Let all the Indians say that this is bonafide. Have profuse testimony. Collect testimony in London and Toronto. Ask Subhavigilasa to collect opinions that this is bonafide Indian culture. This same attack came in Germany. By propaganda you cannot suppress the truth. You cannot suppress fire by propaganda. Now we have to become strong to defend. The fighting has become accute, but if you stick to the regulative principles, Krsna will give all strength. Whatever is done is by Krsna's mercy. They are afraid that a different culture is conquering over their culture. *param drstva nivartate*. That is natural. If someone finds something better he'll give up the old, how can he stop? It is a fight, do not be afraid.

I am not very enthusiastic about the *Harmonist* idea, but if you have to sell *Back To Godhead* for minimum \$1.00 then do it, what can be done? Regarding Subhavigilasa as Canadian GBC, if the presidents are satisfied with things the way they are and do not want Subhavigilasa that is alright. It was just a suggestion of Hansadutta.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

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

NOVEMBER

76-11-1

Vrindaban
1st November, 1976

Calcutta

My dear M. M. De,

From my side there is no instruction for stopping payment. There is a good job for you in Bombay. Free quarter and boarding and salary up to one thousand per month. If you like you can come to see me immediately.

Yours faithfully,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-11-2

Vrindaban
1st November, 1976

Bhaktivedanta Manor

My dear Jayatirtha,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 25/10/76.

So, if we can stay at Bury Place that is Krsna's arrangement. Let Mr. Patel purchase the new property. In that case there is no need of sending the pass book. The transfer order may be torn up.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/jda

76-11-3

Bombay

Vrindaban
1st November, 1976

My dear Ramkrishna Bajaj,

I have received your letter dated October 21, 1976. In that connection, whatever Giriraj will accept, arrange and I'll do.

One thing has developed now in the Western countries. They are feeling the weight of our movement. Therefore, an attempt is being made to suppress or stop the movement in Europe and America. In America the parents of my disciples are combining together.

On account of the Hare Krsna Movement people in the Western countries are being attracted. There is now counter-propaganda by the enemies. They are now organizing opposition. Will Gita Prasthan help this Hare Krsna Movement to face the cultural fighting between East and West?

The idea is, that the rapid advancement of the Hare Krsna Movement has threatened the foundation of Western Civilization. One American politician has remarked in this connection, that the Hare Krsna Movement is spreading like an epidemic. If we do not take steps to stop it, it may one day capture the government. This is a good certification for our success, but the time has come now when we have to meet strong opposition. After all this Hare Krsna Movement is Indian culture. If the leaders of Indian culture will take it seriously, then certainly India's glories will be magnified.

In the foreign countries India is much advertised as a poverty stricken country.

But, if India can give Her spiritual culture, Kṛṣṇa consciousness, she will be glorified everywhere. This should be the aim of Gita Pratisthan.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-11-4

Vrindaban

2nd November, 1976

Los Angeles

Hrdayananda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your letter dated nil accompanied by two copies of the first edition of the Portuguese Bhagavad Gita. It is very nice.

You are doing very nicely. This enthusiasm is required. It is the basic principle in making advancement in Kṛṣṇa's service. You have written to say you want to start printing Caitanya Caritamṛta. I think it is too difficult. It is better for the time being to simply continue with the Bhagavatam. Caitanya Caritamṛta is the post-graduate study.

You have written that chanting, dancing and book distribution are going on nicely. Prasadam distribution should also be introduced. This will make the program even more effective. I am glad to know that Pancha Dravida is doing so nicely. He is a very good assistant.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-11-5

Vrindaban

2nd November, 1976

Brooklyn

My dear Morris Lapidus,

Please accept my blessings. I am in re-

ceipt of your letter dated October 22, 1976.

I am sorry to see that you have so many quarrels with my disciples. They are working very hard on my behalf trying to serve Kṛṣṇa. Why not try to cooperate with them, instead of trying to get them to cooperate with you. I understand you are older, but then please just try to be tolerant and help in whatever way you can. Kṛṣṇa will see your sincere desire, and if He wants you will be recognized and if not, there is nothing you can do to force it.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

76-11-6

Vrindaban

2nd November, 1976

Cairo

My dear Prithu Putra,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 23/10/76.

I am very happy to see you are trying to spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness in Egypt. You should present Kṛṣṇa consciousness not as a religion, but a science of God realization. Try to convince them that it is not just a kind of faith. It is a chance to understand God. In every religion there is a glimpse of the idea of God. This Movement is explaining what God is. The educated persons should be convinced about this fact. Every sane man should be interested to know God and then love Him.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-11-7 Vrindaban
2nd November, 1976
Honolulu

My dear Shasta,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 25/10/76.

Regarding Sukadeva, it has been found that he has got a substantial amount of money in private bank accounts. Perhaps you do not know this. He has caused a great difficulty in the management of our Honolulu temple. Of course Gurukrupa has got to handle the situation nicely, but what can I do from here.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-11-8 Vrindaban
3rd November, 1976
Katmandu

My dear Hrsikesananda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 23/10/76.

I shall send Aksayananda as soon as possible. Let him survey the situation there. As soon as possible I shall also come.

Worship Saligram Sila nicely, husband and wife. Do not forget to follow strictly the four regulative principles and chant sixteen rounds minimum daily.

My thanks are due to H.H. Sri Kali Baba Maharaja and His Majesty for trying to help our movement there. I am eager to open a nice center in Nepal.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-11-9 Vrindaban
3rd November, 1976
West Germany

My dear Sacimata,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your letter dated 26/10/76.

You may send the money (1.000 DM) that you have offered to my account here in the name of A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami. The name of the bank is Punjab National Bank, Krishna Balarama Branch, account #1. Thank you very much.

Hoping this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-11-10 Vrindaban
3rd November, 1976
Lautoka, Fiji

My dear Vasudev,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your letter dated 30/10/76.

I have replied to Ramesvara as follows:

Regarding the Fiji situation, your solution to amend the constitution is nice. Let Vasudev become president. Your idea to sell BTGs, collect donations, hold kirtans and distribute prasada profusely, yes, do that. I was given the impression that this temple was to be controlled by the Punja family and our devotees would not have any hand. This was the impression given. We want that a very nice relationship be kept with Vasudeva. It was wanted that he follows our instructions including following the GBC, so that everything can go on nicely. Let one brother be president and one treasurer, and give one good man who can act as secretary. I have not lost confidence in Vasudeva. Now the matter is clear; I'm very much pleased with him so let him remain president and that will

please him more, and his brother, treasurer, with one secretary. If the temple remains permanently in Iskcon Fiji's name and cannot be sold, that is very nice; it is not for selling, it is for improving more and more.

Local men must understand our philosophy, then it will be very successful. We cannot import men from outside. We sincerely want that local men, either from Vasudeva's family or any family which will take on the work. We have to work on that line. Just like some of my God-brothers wanted to take men from India to London but the attempt was a failure; but when I trained up local men then it was successful. I have no objection if Vasudeva's whole family is trained up to take charge of the temple. Local men should not simply become a visitor but they should be trained up to take charge of the temple. That is what I want. As soon as one is a devotee of Kṛṣṇa, there is no personal ambition. Life is dedicated for Him.

Whatever Ramesvara and yourself will do, that is alright. Now you order huge quantity of Hindi and Gujarati books from our BBT office in Bombay. Distribute as much literature as possible, English, Hindi, and Gujarati. That is real preaching. Thank you very much.

Hoping this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-11-11

Vrindavan

6th November, 1976

My dear Giriraj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your letter dated 5/11/76.

Yes, if there is no difficulty to finalize the fixed deposit later we can wait until I come to Bombay.

Regarding the Gita Pratisthan confer-

ence, will they pay for my going or not? Talk to Bajaj personally about it, his secretary is useless. When he returns speak to him. If they do not pay we will not take a sankirtan party. But, if we can transport in our own bus, then we can do.

It is good that our friends are coming forward to help in Bombay. Let them present a statement that it is a genuine movement. All Indians are interested in spreading this movement. Kṛṣṇa is accepted as the Supreme Lord by all Indians. His birthday ceremony, Janmastami, is observed by all Indians. In Bombay there is an embassy branch. Our Bombay friends should go there to express their protest.

Encourage Dr. Jhawer, I know he is very enthusiastic. Mohata can give lots of help. One thing, is the sanction there for our Gurukula construction?

That newspaper article is very nice.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

76-11-12

Vrindavan

6th November, 1976

New Vrindaban

My dear Kirtanananda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of the October issue of *Bṛij-basi Spirit*.

It is very nice. I have read with great pleasure the article about the construction of my palace. When is it going to be finished? When it is finished I will be anxious to come there to stay.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/jda

76-11-13

Vrindavan

7th November, 1976

Paris

My dear Bhagavandas,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 28/10/76.

I have received the books you have sent. They are very nicely done. Thank you. But, I did not receive the BTG yet.

Yes, let Haya haya go to Spain and work very carefully. When it is established I shall go there. It is very good news that we are opening a center in Greece. I have been to Zurich. It is a very clean city. Develop it nicely. Many important persons who were very interested in our movement came to see me when I was in Geneva. All the news of these centers is very encouraging. May Krsna bless you that you always remain fully engaged in His service. Also, it is nice that you are holding two feasts each week in Rome. On my next tour I must go there.

When people are enlightened they take this movement seriously. We are given to understand that formerly in Europe only the French people were enlightened. Therefore it is to be expected that many people in Paris will join us. Regarding Rathayatra, you can change the date according to a suitable time. You may hold it in Paris whenever it is the best time. It will attract many persons. Please do it.

Have there been rains at New Mayapur? There should at least be rains in our area. Yes, increase the flowers. You have got sufficient space. Produce flowers, fruits, vegetables and grains in ample quantities. We should be fully self-sufficient. I like New Mayapur very much.

Yes, if Harikesa can go to Thailand that is alright. He can manage nicely.

Upon your recommendation I am pleased to accept the following devotees for initiation (first) as well as those you have recommended for second initiation.

Hold a fire ceremony and instruct the new initiates to follow rigidly the regulative principles and chant minimum 16 rounds daily avoiding the ten offenses. You may chant on their beads. Play the tape of me chanting gayatri mantra into the right ear of the second initiates. The new names are:

Bhakta Phillipe—Prana-dhana Dasa
 Bhakta Christian—Caitanya-Nitai Dasa
 Bhakta Houle—Harivamsa Dasa
 Bhakta Pierro—Purusottama Dasa
 Bhakta Gianne—Gandharva Dasa
 Bhaktin Monique—Manavi Dasi

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter to Ramesvara. Consult with him in the matter and do the needful.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

N.B. Everyone has praised the *Krsna* Book.

enclosures: 13 sacred threads, gayatri mantri sheet, cc of letter to Ramesvara
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76-11-14

Vrindaban

7th November, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Ramesvara,

Please accept my blessings. Please find enclosed two letters which have just reached me here in Vrindaban after being forwarded several times, and my reply to them.

I think this matter is serious. Previously I sent one newsletter asking that this boy be returned to his father or at least that his father be notified of his whereabouts. My directions were not followed and now this is becoming a very burdensome situation unnecessarily. Why should we sacrifice the reputation of our Movement for

one boy? If Kṛṣṇa wants, how can his father force the boy not to become Kṛṣṇa's devotee? We should do everything legally. Just show in the court that the boy wants to remain with his mother and that the mother wants to keep the boy very nicely. You can say that his father may force the boy to eat meat, etc. and in this way convince them not to take the boy away from his mother.

I understand that due to this incident we are now voted out of our Evanston temple by the city council, and that in San Diego we have been stopped from purchasing one building. Now, this Mr. Yanoff is creating a very bad impression of our movement. What is our gain? These things should be done legally not whimsically. If the father is victorious in the courts then what can we do? Our business is not to kidnap. People must come voluntarily. It is always voluntary. Kṛṣṇa is offering the chance to go back home, Back to Godhead, but He leaves the choice up to the living entity.

The example of Prahlaḍa Mahārāja is there. Despite all efforts on the part of his atheistic father to change him, he remained a staunch devotee of the Lord. It is undoubtedly unfortunate circumstances, but why should we jeopardize the reputation of our Movement? You have been handling the affair. Please now rectify the situation. Do everything legally. Do not cause unnecessary troublesome situations. Our main business is to distribute my books and people will come gradually. Everything should be done for that purpose. People will criticize and oppose us, there is no doubt, so why should we create more trouble unnecessarily.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedānta Swāmī

N.B. They have also given us trouble in getting visas for the Gurukula boys to

come to India on account of complaints to the U.S. embassy by Mr. Yanoff.

cc: Bhagavan das

c/o Paris temple

76-11-15

Vrindavan

8th November, 1976

Bhubaneswar

My dear Gaura Govinda Svāmī,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 3/11/76.

Try to get the certified copy. Otherwise, what can be done? Do not be discouraged. Go on serving sincerely. Your success is your sincere desire to serve Kṛṣṇa.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedānta Swāmī

ACBS/jda

76-11-16

Vrindavan

8th November, 1976

Potomac, Maryland

My dear Rupanuga,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated October 28, 1976.

Yes, we should take advantage of this opportunity to preach. I see it that somehow or other they are chanting Kṛṣṇa. Either they criticize or chant. The article you have sent from the college newspaper can help our counter-propaganda. Rāmesvara should be informed.

This incident with the president of our Washington temple is not good. He can't even maintain one wife. Just see how lusty he is. Now he'll dare to take another. Anyway he cannot live in the temple. If he wants two wives it must be done outside. He should maintain his family by working

and give 50% to the temple. He may not live off temple funds. Temple president is generally meant for sannyasi, but a grhasta may be if he is restrained. It is not good if he remains as president.

Our place there is very nice, now develop it. It is nice if you can begin Bhaktivedanta Institute there.

You have mentioned that they are looking at a new building in St. Louis, a church, that's nice. It is very good that there are now 55 devotees at our Montreal temple. It is a big temple, a good place.

Regarding our men becoming lawyers, yes do it. For a graduate it is not difficult. You can also take a degree. However, five years is too long for our men to work as a clerk. That is not good.

Hoping this will meet you in good health. Your son has arrived here. I am happy to see him.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/jda

76-11-17

Vrindaban
9th November, 1976

Mayapur

My dear B.S. Bodhayan Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 2/11/76 for which I thank you very much. The Bengali letter delivered with my letter has been delivered to Kamal Narayan. My thanks are also to Santo Maharaj.

I'm very much obliged to you that you write to say, "It is clear to me that you are great powerful Acharya in the vaisnav world at present." Sometimes Sridhar Maharaj also says like that. So, actually if you are feeling like that let us work conjointly. There is great prospect for preaching Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's message all over the world and in India also. At least in India we can preach very vigorously if

we combine together. It is already tested in many cases. Whenever we held some festival in big, big cities like Calcutta, Bombay, Hyderabad, Madras, Delhi, etc. thousands of men gather and they request regularly to continue the program. Recently we held a similar program in Candigarh and the devotees of Sri Caitanya Gaudiya Math also participated. They invited me in the local center of Sri Caitanya Gaudiya Math and many thousands of people came to hear me. So there is great prospect if we work conjointly at least in India. So you can consult Sridhar Maharaj also. He's also of that opinion s you have opined and if in this old age we can do something combinedly it will be a great triumph. I thank you very much once more.

Yours affectionately,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
N.B. I am expecting to go to Mayapur in January
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76-11-18

Vrindavan
9th November, 1976

My dear S.N. Sharma,

I am in receipt of your letter dated 6/11/76 and have noted the contents carefully.

Yes, if you want to give us this land we shall be willing immediately to invest in developing a project there. We have long been interested in developing something in Delhi, but we were waiting for the opportunity. What Krishna preaches is meant for the weaker section. If they feel weak and abide by my direction, it is not my direction, it is Krishna's, they can be raised to the standard of the most exalted persons, even if they are all fools and rascals. The teaching is very simple, 'man mana bhava mad bhakto mad yajyi man namaskuru/'. Even a child can do it. Even

the weakest child can do it if he is trained up. Let all the weaker section come to me. I shall train how to become first class men by chanting Hare Krishna Maha mantra and be fit for Krishna consciousness. That will solve all their problems. It is doing practically all over the world. I don't think there is any other institution throughout the whole world which can take charge of a weaker section and raise them to the standard of most exalted persons.

We have no business with Tagore's Gitanjali. We are simply interested in spreading Krishna's Gita. When the greatest author, Krishna, is there, there is no need of bringing smaller author. When there is brightest sunshine, there is no need of bringing small lamp. When there is brightest moonshine, there is no need of bringing glowworm. This is our principle. If you want to write something, read our *Bhagavad Gita As It Is* carefully and write something simple to benefit the common people. In Gitanjali there is a little hint to surrender to the Supreme.

Faithfully yours,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

76-11-19

Vrindavan

10th November, 1976

Mayapur

My dear Bhavananda Maharaja,

Please accept my blessings. I have received one telegram from Gargamuni reading as follows; Ras purnima over five thousand books sold four lakhs visit temple Bhavananda signs twenty thousand autographs awaiting your arrival 15th or after please reply.

This means that by the grace of Krishna, not only our Mayapur Candroda Mandir has become very popular all over Bengal, side by side you have also become the attractive feature in Bengal. So, it is Krsna blessing you. Take this oppor-

tunity for preaching in Bengal. Especially please go from village to village with a party of 5, 6 men and preach the message of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu with great enthusiasm. Along with preaching simultaneously Gitar Gana will be distributed.

So far my going to Mayapur, I am expecting to go to Hyderabad, therefore I shall fix up my date later on. In the meantime both Gargamuni and yourself preach vigorously.

Hoping this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

cc: Gargamuni Swami in Calcutta
ACBS/jda

76-11-20

Vrindavan

11th November, 1976

Potomac, Maryland

Dear Brisakapi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your letter dated November 1, 1976.

This matter must be decided by the GBC. Let them consult together and decide. Whatever they decide is approved by me.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/jda

76-11-21

Vrindavan

11th November, 1976

Calcutta

My dear Gaura Govinda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 26/10/76.

I have already informed you that I received only one document, which I have

received from Gargamuni Swami. I received no sale deed. You may take one certified copy and use that.

I cannot read the Oriyan books, but I thank you very much. Please go on increasing. You can ask for paper from Gopal Krsna. Ask him where he is printing, what his cost is, the size of the paper, etc.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/jda

76-11-22

Vrindavan

11th November, 1976

Bangkok

My dear Rajni,

I am in receipt of your letter dated 5/11/76. Please accept my blessings.

Please be sure that anyone who comes to live with us there follows strictly the four regulative principles and chants a minimum of 16 rounds daily. Try to distribute my books as much as possible, as this is the best method of giving a chance to the conditioned souls to understand Krsna consciousness.

Hoping this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/jda

76-11-23

Vrindavan

11th November, 1976

Potomac, Maryland

My dear Rupanuga,

Please accept my blessings.

Upon your recommendation I will accept the devotees whose names appear below for first initiation and also the one you have recommended for second initiation. Please hold a fire sacrifice and instruct the

new initiates to follow the four regulative principles and chanting sixteen rounds daily avoiding the ten offenses. You may chant on their beads. Play the tape of me chanting Gayatri mantra in the right ear of the second initiate and teach him how to count on his fingers.

Bhakta Andy—Ananta dasa

Bhakta Randy—Raghunatha Bhatta dasa

Bhaktin Gayle—Gopamatrka Dasi (from Baltimore)

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/jda.

76-11-24

Vrindavan

11th November, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Kirtiraj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 2/11/76.

Now you have got good contact in Poland. You must immediately supply the books for the University library. It is a very good order. Yes, encourage them to visit other libraries. It is my earnest desire to have my books translated and published in Russian and Polish. Yes, the translations must be checked. Work with Jayatirtha in that connection. I think *Easy Journey to Other Planets* will be very much appreciated because it is the scientific basis of our Krishna Consciousness Movement. I approve your plan to relocate to Bhaktivedanta Manor within the next year.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/jda

76-11-25

Vrindavan

12th November, 1976

Haridaspur

My dear Prabhuswarup,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 8/11/76.

Yes we shall begin work immediately. Where is that Rs. 10,000 which you have already collected. With that 10,000 plus 10,000 from us you can begin work immediately to construct a boundary wall. I am going to Mayapur by the fifteenth instant. From Mayapur I may go to Haridaspur and begin work immediately. Our architect has been ordered to make a design plan. The boundary wall you can begin immediately.

Please chant regularly the Hare Krishna Maha-mantra and observe the regulative principles. Then you'll get spiritual strength.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/jda

76-11-26

Vrindavan

13th November, 1976

Calcutta

My dear Gargamuni,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your telegram reading as follows; "Due to your displeasure with Vrindaban management. ."

Before this I received one letter from you addressed to Jagadisa. The reply to that letter is sent with Debu. There I have requested you to come here with the car. I've sent one letter to Bhavananda also, in which I requested him to preach in the interior of Bengal. Now he is in the lime-light, so his attention should not be diverted.

Regarding management in Vrindaban, it is improving in My presence. I hope it will go on nicely. The only problem is the guest house. There are practically no guests. Out of 44 rooms we cannot engage even one daily. So, here is the real problem. We have invested in this guest house about 25 lakhs. So, without utilization of these rooms, we are losing about 20,000 per month. This is the real problem. Other problems are minor, they can be rectified. So, amongst yourselves discuss this guest house problem, and when you come, please bring the solution scheme. Then I will be able to talk with you how things can be improved.

The proposal of closing Calcutta center is very inauspicious. Any center we open cannot be closed at any cost, what to speak of the Calcutta center. You have asked for 2 lakhs loan. That can be also arranged, but why Calcutta center bank account is broken. I'm too much perturbed on this point. I was just planning to go to Mayapur when Jagadisa received your letter, therefore I postponed my journey to Mayapur until I come here and I shall discuss with you. My health is also not very sound, still I wanted to go to Mayapur. But, I think the Calcutta problem would give me more trouble even if I am in Mayapur. Thus, I postponed. So, when you come here we shall discuss the matter in detail.

Hoping this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

76-11-27

Vrindavan

13th November, 1976

Taipei, Taiwan

My dear Trivikram,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Oct. 25, 1976.

I'm very glad to hear about the good response you are getting in Taiwan. Krsna is blessing you. You have taken a bold step. Krsna will help you. My blessings are with you. Do your best, surely you'll be successful. Print books and distribute. For now there is no need of opening temples.

If you can go to the mainland that will be the greatest mercy of Krsna. Once we can set the fire of Krsna consciousness in the country, there will be spontaneous combustion.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-11-28

Vrindavan

14th November, 1976

New York

My dear Adi Kesava,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your letter dated 3/8/76 which has just now reached me.

Upon your recommendation I am pleased to accept the boy you have recommended for initiation. His new name is Giridhari dasa. Please make sure he knows to strictly follow the four regulative principles and chant a minimum of sixteen rounds daily avoiding the ten offenses. Hold a fire sacrifice. Tamal Krsna may chant on his beads.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-11-29

Vrindavan

15th November, 1976

Hyderabad

My dear Mahamsa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 2/11/76.

I am ready. When you call I shall come. So far Kadal kanal is concerned, I shall decide when I am in Hyderabad.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-11-30

Vrindavan

15th November, 1976

Sri Purushottam Math

Puri

My dear Shyam Sundarji,

Please accept my humble obeisances. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 30/10/76 and have noted the contents.

You have given me the credit of being the best disciple of Prabhupada. That is very kind of you, but I am just trying to serve him. Whatever success there is is due to his mercy. In my last meeting with him in Radha Kund he advised me to print some books if I get money. I took it very seriously and by His grace we have now published my translations of *Bhagavad Gita*, *Srimad Bhagavatam*, *Caitanya Caritamrita*, *Bhakti-rasamrita-sindhu*, *Upadesamrita*, etc. to the extent of 84 books. You'll be surprised to know that these books and my magazine *Back To Godhead* are selling daily 5-6 lakhs of rupees in the foreign countries. Out of such proceeds I am bringing foreign exchange of not less than 10 lakhs per month for construction work in Bombay, Mayapur, Vrindavan, etc. So, this is all due to the blessings of Srila Prabhupada. I have no

credit in this connection. These American boys are helping me in this endeavor, therefore, until they are admitted to the Jagannath Puri temple I'm not inclined to go there.

My disciples are trying for this purpose. The government officials are in favor. Maybe it will be soon.

So far the magazine is concerned, in India it is very difficult to send attractive magazines by post. The peons take it away. I have seen this myself and others have also seen. Therefore, we are publishing one local magazine from Hyderabad. A copy is sent herewith. If you like I can advise the managers in Hyderabad to send you a regular complimentary copy.

By the middle or end of November I may be going to Hyderabad. There we have got 600 acres of land to develop a farm project. We have got one very nice temple in Hyderabad City. As we are doing in Mayapur and many other places, I want to develop self-sufficient centers with cloth and food production by the devotees locally and save time as much as possible to devote themselves to chant Hare Krishna.

I thank you very much for your kindly remembering me. Sometimes I wish to take Jagannath prasada, because nowadays I have no appetite here. I went to Jagannath Puri in 1958 during some special function. I was taking Lord Jagannath prasada very sumptuously. I am praying to Lord Jagannath to take me there again at His will and honor His remnants of food.

Hoping this will find you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

76-11-31

Vrindavan

16th November, 1976

Calcutta

My Dear M.M. De,

Please accept my blessings. I am in

due receipt of your letter dated 12/11/76.

Thanks for your determination. Why not act as liason, agent, and representative of Kṛṣṇa following in the footsteps of your father? Your father didn't despise the service of Kṛṣṇa; because service of Kṛṣṇa is eternal engagement of the living entity. Practically, your father's books sell all over the world to the extent of Rs. 5 to 6 lacs per day. If he would have taken the royalty to the minimum of 15% his daily income would have been Rs. 75,000/= per day. But he does not take a single pice and is engaged as representative of Kṛṣṇa day and night. Why not follow this tradition of your noble heritage?

Hoping this will find you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. At Bhubaneswar (Orissa) I want to construct a *Jagannatha temple* exactly like that in Puri. If you like you can do the full charge to do this job. I shall spend as much money as it is required to do it nicely. ACBS

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76-11-32

Vrindavan

16th November, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Gunagrahi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your request for initiations.

Now hold a fire sacrifice for these devotees. Make sure they know the four regulative principles and follow them strictly. They must also chant at least 16 rounds per day avoiding the ten offenses. Ramesvara Maharaj may chant on the beads of the first initiates. Play the tape of Me chanting the Gayatri mantra into the right ear of the second initiates. Teach them how to chant on the finger divisions.

The names of the new initiates are as follows:

Enrique Ross—Yogananda dasa
Felipe Musquiz—Padmalocan dasa
Peter Tapp—Purusa dasa
Richard Warfield—Raktaka dasa
Heather O'Neil—Harsarani dasi

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

note: the second initiates names are: Ramanya dasa, Parashakti dasi

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76-11-33

Vrindavan

17th November, 1976

Bhubaneswar

My dear Gaura Govinda,

Please accept my blessings.

What is the climate like there in Bhubaneswar now? I want to come there. I want to begin work immediately on constructing a temple exactly like Jagannath's temple in Puri. You can immediately begin to get estimates from contractors. It will be a very important temple.

Hoping this finds you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

N.B. What is the progress with the land registration?

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76-11-34

Vrindavan

17th November, 1976

Dehradun, India

My dear S.N. Sharma,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 14/11/76.

I am here at least for another fortnight, so if you can come immediately it will be very kind of you. We have good accomo-

dation and good prasadam for you. You can just bring your clothing and personal needs. It will be a great pleasure for me to talk to you on the various topics you are interested in. It will be best if you can come immediately upon receipt of this letter.

Hoping this finds you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/jda

76-11-35

Vrindavan

18th November, 1976

Frankfurt

My dear Gurudas,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 14/11/76.

I am very happy to hear that you are going to Poland. Baradraj also speaks Polish. He may come there sometimes if it can be arranged. Sri Garbha's wife doesn't have to go to Mayapur, she may go to the farm in France, it is very nice there. Or she may go to any of our farms. The preaching in Poland is the first consideration. Vrindaban is being managed somehow or other. Akshayananda has one man who is collecting very well (Rs. 15,000-20,000 per month) Vrindaban is becoming self-dependent. If you can preach vigorously in Poland it will be a great asset. You may come to Vrindaban if you like, but preaching in Poland is my greater interest. So, now Vrindaban is somehow being managed. Now the most important work is that side in the Communist countries. If you can do something there, it is more than if you come here. Our business is to glorify Krsna as the Lord of Vrindavana and to popularize Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu's Hare Krsna Movement. I was a resident in Vrindavana, but at the age of 70 I tried to preach Krsna

consciousness a little bit and now this Institution has come out. So, I think it is more profitable to preach about the Master of Vrindavana, Kṛṣṇa, outside of Vrindavana. A devotee of Kṛṣṇa can create Vrindavana everywhere by preaching the glories of Kṛṣṇa.

There are many sahijyas who imitate Rupa Goswami not to go out of Vrindavana, but Caitanya Mahāprabhu remained always outside Vrindavana for preaching purposes, although He is the master of Vrindavana personally. I have no objection to your coming to Vrindavan, but as you have accepted the sannyas order, it is more important to preach about Vrindavana rather than to come to Vrindavana. I am getting older and older and it is getting difficult for me, therefore I am requesting all my younger disciples to preach all over the world. Otherwise, you are always welcome in Vrindavana. I have no objection.

I am a little hopeful that if we preach in the communist countries, they will like it. According to our Vaisnava philosophy even a snake or lizard is in the house shall not go without eating, what to speak of other living entities. The communists have an idea for feeding human society, but our idea is expanding. We want to see even a snake not fasting.

If somebody wants to go to Bangkok it will be very good. The address there is: ISKCON CENTER, 17 Amorn Soi 2 Sukumvit 49, Bangkok, Thailand. In charge there now is Rajni dasi.

Alex, who was just here, told me he has given you the money for my house as well as some for purchasing a bus. The house construction money can be sent to American Express International Banking Corporation in Calcutta. The account number is S/B a/c no. 5416. It is in the name Sri A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami (ISKCON). Please send one copy of the deposit notice to me.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/jda

76-11-36

Vrindavan

18th November, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated November 6, which has just now reached me.

Your report on the library party is very encouraging, especially regarding the use of *Bhagavad Gita* as a text for College courses.

So far the professors helping us, take affidavits from them. If necessary we may ask them to go to court, but as far as possible avoid this if it is unnecessary.

Regarding your coming to be the secretary in February. You arrange amongst yourselves. All of you are welcome.

Thank you for sending the \$500 from Detroit. Yes, it was due.

Regarding the difficulty at Chicago airport, my advice is to depend on Kṛṣṇa.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

76-11-37

Vrindaban

19th November, 1976

Toronto

My dear Visvakarma,

Please accept my blessings. I have received your recommendations for initiation through Jagadisa.

Yes, I will accept these devotees as you have recommended; Jita Kandarpa das and Subuddhi dasi for second initiation

and Bhakta Clem for first initiation. His new name is Kartikeya dasa. Hold a fire sacrifice. Instruct Kartikeya to always follow very strictly the four regulative principles and chant a minimum of 16 rounds daily avoiding the ten offenses. The second initiates should hear the tape of me chanting Gayatri in their right ear. Instruct them how to chant on their finger divisions. Kirtanananda may chant on the beads of the new initiate.

No, you may not serve decaffeinated coffee in the restaurant.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/jda

76-11-38 Vrindaban
23rd November, 1976
New York

My dear Adi Kesava and Dhrstadyumna,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated November 9, 1976.

Upon your recommendation I will be pleased to accept Drsya Krsna, Han-sarupa, and Subhuddi Raya for second initiation. Now hold a fire sacrifice for devotees only. Let the initiates hear the tape of me chanting Gayatri in the right ear. Teach them how to chant on the finger divisions.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/jda

76-11-39 Vrindaban
20th November, 1976
Los Angeles

My dear Jitadusana,

Please accept my blessings. I am in re-

ceipt of your letter dated Nov. 10, 1976.

Devotional service does not depend on material assessment. It is said in Srimad Bhagavatam, "ahaituki apratihata" Devotional service must be without any material ambition and there is no material impediment which can check advancement in devotional service. Srila Gaur Kisor das Babaji was unable to sign his name, and yet he became the spiritual master of Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Goswami Maharaja, the most erudite learned scholar of His time. We should begin our devotional service in whichever position we are. It isn't that we have to learn something extra for advancing in devotional service. "sa vai pumsam paro dharmo yato bhaktir adhoksaja/ ahaituky apratihata yayatma suprasidati/ vasudeve bhagavati bhakti-yogah prayojitah/ janayat asu variagyam jnanam ca yad ahaitukam" S.B. I, 2, 6 & 7. If one is materially well equipped it is welcome but devotional service does not depend on material qualifications.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/jda

76-11-40 Vrindavan
23rd November, 1976
Atlanta

My dear Balavanta,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letters dated November 5 and 9.

I am very glad to hear how the book distribution is increasing more and more. This is our greatest weapon. The more the books are distributed, the more the ignorance of the Age of Kali will be smashed. The world is feeling the weight of this Hare Krishna Movement, especially in

your country. We have to increase this book distribution work more and more to firmly establish this Movement, which is the only hope for the suffering living entities.

The plans for the new temple in Mississippi are very nice.

Upon your recommendation I am pleased to accept the following devotees for initiation. Now hold a fire sacrifice. The first initiates must promise to follow the four regulative principles and chant a minimum of 16 rounds daily, avoiding the ten offenses. You may chant on their beads. The second initiates should hear the tape of me chanting Gayatri mantra in their right ears. Teach them how to count on their finger divisions.

1st: B. Warren Oeshawn—Dvaraka dasa; Bhakta Bill Chilack—Vr̥ndavana dasa.

2nd: Munjakesa dasa; Madanamohini dasi; Vedaguhya dasa; Hamsagati dasa; Kokila dasa; Svaha dasi; Bhusaya dasa; Brahmanya dasa.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/jda

76-11-41

Vr̥ndavan

23rd November, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Ranadhir,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letters accompanied by the fall quarterly newsletter and the BBT calendar. Thank you very much. They are very nice.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/jda

76-11-42

Vr̥ndaban

24th November, 1976

Bombay

My dear Giriraj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 22/11/76.

Yes, I accept your invitation to attend your Hare Krishna festival. I can come for either date, so you can arrange according to the convenience of the Mayor.

That's very nice that we are now getting rear access to our land. That means that more visitors will come.

About our tenants; most of them are employed. So, there is good chance of their vacating when they are transferred. You should be very vigilant to see that they do not transfer occupancy to someone else and cause unnecessary harassment. Similarly, when someone purchases an apartment he is liable to vacate. So whenever possible we should take possession of the apartment so we may utilize them for our purposes.

I am enclosing copies of the bank notifications for the construction work for the coming month.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/jda

76-11-43

Vr̥ndaban

24th November, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Radhavallabha,

Please accept my blessings. I am on due receipt of your letter dated November 15, 1976 regarding the Dialectical Spiritualism book. However, you have called it Spiritual Dialecticism. It should be Dialectical Spiritualism.

Hoping this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/jda

76-11-44

Vrindaban

24th November, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Ramesvara,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated November 3, 1976.

It is good that you are engaging so many people to speak on behalf of Krishna. I did not receive, however, the list of quotes from parents of the Los Angeles devotees that you say was enclosed.

We can print the books written by Dr. Judah, Dr. Gerson, etc., only if they will agree not to charge royalties. If they want royalties, then we shall not print.

Yes, these attempts to stop our Movement will completely fail. It is Krishna's plan for us to become more prominent. In Bengald the press tried to defame our Bhavananda Maharaj, but now he has become a great hero. He signed 20,000 autographs on one holiday. Go on increasing the book distribution more and more. That is the key to our success.

Thank you very much for the pictures of Rukmini Dvarakdhisha. They are very nice.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. Today I have received the December issue of Back to Godhead. The interview with the London reporter is very important. This should be presented in the courts. It is 95% of the evidence we require to prove that Krishna Consciousness is genuine. This is not a sentimental faith

or religion, it is a great science. Everyone is changing bodies. Regardless of his so-called faith, the Christians as well as the Hindus are changing bodies. This is science. There is a Bengali story. A deaf man used to call his wife. She would reply, "I'm coming!" But, he couldn't hear her. He would think, "The women's deaf." Actually he was deaf but he accused her of being deaf. Similarly these people are brainwashed and they are accusing us of being brainwashed. This we have to prove. We have the real science. This should be preached and proven in the courts. Use this article as evidence and with a good lawyer prove that Krishna Consciousness is the real science and that all others are brainwashed.

ACBS/jda

76-11-45

Vrindaban

25th November, 1976

Bombay

My dear Giriraj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 23/11/76.

You can reply to Govindalalji Maharaj as follows:

What we have discussed is printed in Caitanya Caritamrta. How can we rectify? We can't rectify what is written in Caitanya Caritamrta. We have no bad feeling or disrespect for Vallabhacarya. We consider ourselves the most obedient servants of Vallabhacarya. The exchange between Lord Caitanya and Vallabhacarya was on friendly terms. This was raised in connection with supporting the position of the acaryas. The real point is that Sridhar Swami is still being criticized by you in the following words, ". and has shown specifically the nature of the error committed by the previous Commentators including Sridhar Swami Sridhar

Swami . was never regarded as a Master . So, this criticism of Sridhar Swami was as much intolerable for Caitanya Mahaprabhu as His criticism upon Vallabhacarya is intolerable for you. Such kind friendly criticism you'll always find among learned scholars, but that does not mean any ill feeling with one another. So, as you can criticize Sridhar Swami in the above words, what is the wrong if in the same spirit the supporters of Sridhar Swami criticize you. There is an English proverb spoken by Lord Jesus Christ, "Judge not others lest ye be judged." So, the conclusion is, as we learn from Caitanya Caritamṛta, that in the beginning Sri Vallabhacarya criticised Sridhar Swami and then Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu criticized Vallabhacarya. So what can we do now after 500 years? Recently some criticism has appeared in the Illustrated Weekly also. So, such things will go on in this world, but that does not mean we have got any disrespect for any Vaisnav acarya.

Hoping this meets you in good health.
Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

76-11-46 Vrindaban
26th November, 1976
Frankfurt

My dear Harikesa Swami,
Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 24/11/76.
Yes, I approve of your helping to rectify the situation in Germany.
Hoping this will meet you in good health.
Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
N.B. I have received the \$480 sent with Gurudas. Thank you very much. I think this clears your loan.
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76-11-47 Vrindaban
26th November, 1976
Mayapur

My dear Jayapataka Swami,
Please accept my blessings. I am advising you by this letter to advance Rs. 10,000 to Prabhuswarup in Haridaspur. He is to add another Rs. 5,000. With the Rs. 15,000 you may open a bank account there. You, Bhavananda and Prabhuswarup may be the signers. Any 2 or 3 may sign on the cheques. Send site plan to Saurabh.
Hoping this finds you in good health.
Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

76-11-48 Vrindaban
26th November, 1976
Haridaspur

My dear Prabhuswarup,
Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 23/11/76.
I am advising Jayapataka to advance Rs. 10,000 to be added to your balance of Rs. 5,000. The Rs. 15,000 may be deposited in the bank in ISKCON's name. Jayapataka, Bhavananda and yourself can be the signers. Any two may sign on the cheques.
Where is the site plan? Give me the length and breadth of the site. I can give it to Saurab. He'll make a nice building plan.
Hoping this will meet you in good health.
Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/jda

76-11-49 Vrindaban
27th November, 1976
Vrindaban

My dear Balaram,
Please accept my blessings.
Upon your recommendation I am pleased

to accept the following devotees as my initiated disciples. Now hold a fire sacrifice and instruct the first initiates to always follow the four regulative principles and chant minimum of 16 rounds daily avoiding the ten offenses. Let the second initiate hear the tape of me chanting Gayatri in the right ear. Show him how to count on the finger divisions. Their beads and thread have been duly sanctified by me.

Bhakta Andre—Atmarama dasa

Edward R. Byrne—Brhaspati dasa

Heather Abbot—Hari dasi

second initiation—Visvahetu dasa

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-11-50

Vrindaban

28th November, 1976

New York

My dear Sridhar,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 16/11/76.

I am very satisfied by the report of your activities. I fully approve your plan to come to India for Kumba Mela and to work mainly in India after that, visiting America every six months to see that everything is going on properly with the life membership program.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

76-11-51

Vrindaban

28th November, 1976

Ahmedabad

My dear Yasomatinandana,

Please accept my blessings. I am in

due receipt of your letter dated 11/30/76 (somehow mistakenly dated).

I am very encouraged by your book distribution report as also your enthusiasm to publish my books in Gujarati. One thing, what is the reason no local men are joining? This is wanted. Then the center there will become strong.

You say we must have a goshalla trust, that is our real purpose. *krsti-goraksya-vanijyam vaisya karma svabhava-jam*, B.G. XVIII, 44. Where there is agriculture there must be cows. That is our mission: Cow protection and agriculture and if there is excess, trade. This is a no-profit scheme. For the agriculture we want to produce our own food and we want to keep cows for our own milk. The whole idea is that we are Isckon, a community to be independent from outside help. This farm project is especially for the devotees to grow their own food. Cotton also, to make their own clothes. And keeping cows for milk and fatty products.

Our mission is to protect our devotees from unnecessary heavy work to save time for advancing in Krsna consciousness. This is our mission. So there is no question of profit, but if easily there are surplus products, then we can think of trading. Otherwise we have no such intention. We want a temple, a goshalla and agriculture. A community project as in Europe and America. We are making similar attempts in India in several places. Immediately I'm going to Hyderabad to organize the farm project there. We have 600 acres. We have the permission from the government. There is no question of ceiling.

You may call the goshalla: ISKCON Goshalla and Farm Project Trust. The trustees shall be; myself as chairman, Pranal Bhogilal, yourself, Gopal Krsna, Mahamsa, Hansadutta, Kartikeya Mahadevia, Aksayananda, and the life member you have mentioned in your letter (You haven't

mentioned his name, but you say that he is an actor and has a farm of his own).

Hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-11-52

Vrindaban

30th November, 1976

Honolulu

My dear Guru kṛpā,

Please accept my blessings.

This letter is to inform you that I am sending Bali Mardana to Australia to act as GBC for Australia and New Zealand until the Mayapur festival next year. Now you may concentrate on Hawaii and Japan.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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DECEMBER

76-12-1

Hyderabad
2nd December, 1976

Nairobi

My dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated November 15, 1976.

I'm very glad to hear that Mr. Karsan and others are prepared to collect the entire amount for the house in Mombasa. I am enclosing a letter of encouragement for Mr. Karsan.

I like your idea for side by side arrangements to preach to the Africans and the Asians. Do it nicely, Krishna will give you all intelligence. I like the pictures you have _____ chanting. One may remain perpetually illiterate, but if one practices the devotional service activities, he will become a devotee. That's all, train them up to become devotees. How to play mridunga, how to play karatals, take prasadam, attend arati, etc. They'll never understand the books. They are less than sudras, candalas. Just train as Vaisnavas, then all education is there.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
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76-12-2

Hyderabad
2nd December, 1976

Dear Mr. Karsan,

Please accept my blessings.

I have heard from Brahmananda

Swami that you are organizing the purchase of the house in Mombasa that we want as Krishna's temple. All the blessings of Krishna are with you. na ca tasman manusesu kaccin me priya-krttamah/bhavita na ca me tasmad anyah priyataro bhuvi B.G. XVIII, 69. Anyone who preaches Bhagavad Gita is very dear to Krsna. So, you are helping this preaching. Certainly you'll be dear to Krsna. It is an open secret, anyone who helps spread Krsna consciousness becomes very dear to Krsna. Others are simply wasting time in the valuable human form of life.

Simply help to the best of your capacity. Krsna will be pleased to recognize you. Krsna is the root of everything. If He is pleased, everyone will be pleased. If you pour water on the root, the water will be distributed all over the tree. This is the best service to humanity.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/jda

76-12-3

Hyderabad
2nd December, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Krsna Kanti,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated November 23, 1976 along with the record album.

The music is nice for the non-devotee class of men. However, the picture on the album cover is not nice. Why this crazy picture? This will not help our cause.

They will not be able to understand. They will think it is change of body, not of heart. We have got so many nice pictures of Kṛṣṇa.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-12-4

Hyderabad

2nd December, 1976

Los Angeles

My dear Ramesvara,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated November 26, 1976.

If they are giving us trouble to distribute at the airports, then go to the courts. What can be done? We already have favorable decisions from some courts. We are doing something good for the whole world. Present the scholars' opinions. They have the power, we are powerless. What can be done? Depend on Krishna.

You write to say that we are getting good response from the latest issue of BTG. These testimonials should be presented in the court. Dharmadhyakṣa's article is very nice. Such articles should be published. Take the psychologists opinion in writing. If somehow or other people chant, they'll be our men. So, somehow induce them to chant.

Regarding these deprogrammers, we must defeat their false accusations in the courts. We do not force anyone. They may stay or go, the freedom is there. Out of their own accord they don't want association with meat eaters, drunkards, and debauches. Just as there is warning from the government that if you steal you'll be punished. We are convincing people not to commit sinful activities or associate with sinful persons. Are these bad tactics? We

are making men of good character. It is folly to be wise where ignorance is bliss. Even 10 year old boys are smoking, so much degraded. We are trying to convince people to become first class men rather than fifth class men. We have to fight.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-12-5

Hyderabad

2nd December, 1976

New Orleans

My dear Vrikodara,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated November 8, 1976.

Upon your recommendation I will accept the devotees you have recommended as my duly inflated disciples. Now hold a fire sacrifice. Instruct them on the offenses to be avoided while chanting the Holy Names. They must promise to always chant a minimum of 16 rounds and strictly follow the four regulative principles. Balavanta may chant on their beads. Their new names are; Victor—Vedanta Kṛt dasa, Albert—Ananda dasa, Paul—Paramatma dasa.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-12-6

Hyderabad

4th December, 1976

Mayapur

My dear Jayapataka,

Please accept my blessings. I am in

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The boat party must continue preaching. It is very nicely responded to. The educated men you have mentioned, who have joined us must be kept very satisfied. These men are required. You say that everyone is working without any caste or race consideration. That is required. That

is the basic standard of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.

Regarding Sri Jaya Narayan das Baji, don't allow him any more. He has gone out without telling, that's alright.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedānta Swami

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76-12-9

Hyderabad

7th December, 1976

Mayapur

My dear Pancaratna,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 2nd November, 1976.

Yes, try to make Bhagwat Darshan a regular monthly journal. We have got enough material. Simply it has to be translated to Bengali. Either from old Back to Godheads or from our books.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedānta Swami

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76-12-10

Hyderabad

8th December, 1976

West Bengal

Dear Dr. Suresh Chandra,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your Bengali letter dated Nov. 26, 1976. I have noted the contents carefully.

It appears that you are an unmarried brahmachary. So, if you continue this status of life for the matter of executing devotional service, that will be a great advantage. Many great personalities remain brahmachary throughout their whole

lives and get freedom from material bondage very easily. Of course marriage is not prohibited in devotional service, but if one can remain brahmachary, in unmarried life, it is a great facility.

I'm very much pleased for your proposal to devote your life for Kṛṣṇa's service. You are a qualified man. Anyone can become a pure devotee by engaging himself in the business of glorifying the Supreme Lord (Sankirtan movement). So long we have got this material body the problems of birth, death, old age, and disease will continue. Therefore, to help the devotees when they're in bodily ailments is also a great great service. If you so desire you can join our Movement. We have got very good centers, especially in Mayapur, Bombay, Sri Vrindaban, Hyderabad, etc. If you decide to join, we can give you all facilities for rendering this service. At present I am staying at Hyderabad center and very soon I shall go to Bombay by the end of the month. Our Bombay address is as follows: Hare Krishna Land, Juhu Road, Juhu, Bombay 400 054. I shall be glad to hear from you. Thanking you once more for your offering service to Lord Kṛṣṇa.

Hoping this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedānta Swami

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76-12-11

Hyderabad

10th December, 1976

Dear Jayatirtha and Bhagavan prabhū,

Please accept my blessings. I am very satisfied with the work Harikesa Swami is doing there in Germany and Eastern Europe, therefore in order to encourage him and give him facility to rectify the situation in Germany, I have appointed him as acting GBC/BBT until the Mayapur meeting. You GBC men should please help him

in his efforts to win the case there as this case will decide the future of our movement there in Europe.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/jda

76-12-12

Hyderabad

10th December, 1976

Bhaktivedanta Manor

My dear Vicitravirya,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 8th December, 1976.

Upon your recommendation I am pleased to accept the devotees; Tirthakara das, Mahavidya das, Jagatam dasi, Jagannathisvare dasi, for second initiation. Now, hold a fire yajna for devotees only. Let the new brahmanas hear the tape of me chanting Gayatri in their right ears, and teach them to chant on their finger divisions.

It is a very nice report of book distribution. Your proposal to make 20 devotees per month is also very nice.

Yes, the accounts must be kept very clearly. Then everyone will be pleased with us. Not a single farthing should be wasted. That will be our credit.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-12-13

Hyderabad

11th December, 1976

Portland

My dear Dina Bandhu,

Please accept my blessings. I am in

due receipt of your letter dated Nov. 25, 1976.

Upon your recommendation I am pleased to accept the devotees you have recommended for initiation. For first initiation their new names are; Sam R.—Syamsundara dasa and Jim N.—Jyotindra dasa. The second initiates are; Ramyaka dasa, Kaviraja dasa, Girijarata dasa, Abhaya dasi, and Srimati dasi. Now hold a fire sacrifice instructing the first initiates to always chant a minimum of sixteen rounds, and to strictly follow the regulative principles. Their beads may be chanted on by Ramesvara or Hrdyananda. Teach the second initiates how to chant on their finger divisions and let them hear the tape of me chanting Gayatri mantra in their right ears.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-12-14

Hyderabad

11th December, 1976

My dear Gaura Govinda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 30/11/76.

Yes, as soon as we get electricity, the sooner it will be fit for my coming there. For my translation work I require electricity. I am going to Wardha on the 17th. Find out the travel arrangements from Wardha to Bhubaneswar. Whether there is a direct railway line? Or are there airplane flights from Nagpur to Bhubaneswar?

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

N.B. I have just now received your letter dated 8/12/76. You may come to meet me

in Hyderabad before the 17th or come to
Bombay by the 22nd December 1976.
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76-12-15 Hyderabad
11th December, 1976
Haridaspur

My dear Prabhushwarup Das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 4/12/76.

Regarding the construction of the boundary wall you may consult with Jayapataka Swami and Bhavananda Goswami. They'll do the needful, I have already advised them. Please work very closely with them in all matters.

Hoping this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

very soon I shall go to Bombay and send you the new plan.

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76-12-16 Hyderabad
11th December, 1976
Calcutta

My dear Purnaprajna,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 7/12/76.

Who says you are a bhajanandi. Don't be a bhajanandi. As soon as you become a bhajanandi you'll be spoiled. You'll be spoiled as Nitai has spoiled himself. You have an intense desire to preach, so do that.

So far as your engagement is concerned, you are already engaged as pujari, so do that and whenever you get time preach Bhagavad Gita.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-12-17 Hyderabad
12th December, 1976
Vrindaban

My dear Akshayananda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 8th December, 1976.

You have sent me the balances recorded in the passbook, but I want the balance according to the bank. Please do this immediately. Find out from the bank manager what the balance of these two accounts are and send the information to me immediately. Also, what is the progress with the municipal affairs? Please send me a full report.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-12-18 Hyderabad
12th December, 1976
Bombay

My dear Giriraj,

Please accept my blessings.

Sriman Sri Krishna Badruka, son of Hariprasad Badruka, who is staying in our temple there, may stay for one month more. By the end of January he will leave his room. So, there is no cause for agitation.

Regarding going to Wardha, we could not get reservations till now. We shall try again tomorrow. If reservations are not available we shall have to fly to Bombay and then go to Wardha from Bombay, as it will be suitable.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-12-19 Hyderabad
12th December, 1976
Delhi

My dear Rajiv,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated nil.

Regarding your working on the translation of the second canto of Srimad Bhagavatam, we shall see later on, for now just try to finish what you have begun.

I am going from Hyderabad on the 17th to Wardha for Gita Pratisthan conference. From there I will go to Bombay by the 22nd. After Bombay it is not yet fixed up, but most likely I will go to the Kumba Mela in Allahabad in January.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-12-20 Hyderabad
12th December, 1976
Seattle

My dear Sukadev,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated November 26, 1976.

So, Gurukrpa says one thing and you say something else. What can I say? Now you should consult with Ramesvara and Hrdayananda Maharajas about your engagement. Work under their direction. That will be alright.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-12-21 Hyderabad
14th December, 1976
Bombay

My dear Gurudas,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 6/12/76.

Jagadisha informs me that Sri Garbha came to him saying that he preferred to go to Mayapur, but that due to pressure from you he had agreed to go to Poland. So, for the time being let him go to Mayapur. We require many men there also. When he has to leave India he can then go to Poland. Are you going to Vrindaban?

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-12-22 Hyderabad
14th December, 1976
Honolulu

My dear Gurukrpa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 29 Nov. 1976.

Your proposal to purchase a new temple in Sydney is good. I remember the bay side, it is the best side. It's a very nice bay. It will certainly increase the preaching to have a center there.

I'm pleased to know the restaurant is again doing nicely. If palatable dishes are available people will certainly come. Sruta Kirti is a good boy. You can trust him. Cooperation must be there. It is a nice idea to sell prasadam at the beaches from a vehicle.

Now with Bhagavad-gita translated in Japanese our standing will be there. Let us sell Bhagavad-gita only in plain dress, we don't require saffron dress. Try to sell to the professors and at the school colleges

as we are doing in other countries. Book distribution is our best preaching work. But, all our men must follow the regulative principles. That must not be neglected.

Please keep the money you have in the bank. I'm thinking of one temple in Bhubaneswar. It will be required later on. India is poor. Hawaii already has a building. A temple is required, but not very urgent. As it is convenient we can do it. Because our devotees are not allowed to enter Jagannath's temple at Puri I'm thinking to build a duplicate temple at Bhubaneswar.

You are welcome to come to India. When you come we'll begin the Bhubaneswar temple by the 15th of January. They are also arranging a Kumba Mela camp in January. You'll enjoy that also.

We have got the land already in Bhubaneswar. I'm waiting for the plan and estimate. So keep the \$160,000 for this purpose. Further developments I shall let you know. The Bhubaneswar address is as follows: Iskcon Center/ Nayapalli/ Bhubaneswar-12/ Orissa.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

76-12-23

Hyderabad

14th December, 1976

Kanpur

My dear Lokanath,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 10/12/76.

The preaching work you are doing is very good. Continue this program enthusiastically and increase your number of company. You have to create devotees by your preaching work and train them according to your needs. Kṛṣṇa has given you and your companions a very nice responsibility. If you like you can go all over

India and make it more and more in that way. Try to distribute Hindi and other vernacular literature.

Do not depend on outside help. Also, for financial support depend on Kṛṣṇa. That is preaching success. People's appreciation will be practical when they help you financially also. Also, book distribution. We are maintaining our huge establishment by selling books. That is wanted. In foreign countries they are distributing huge quantities of books. Money is needed, that you have to collect. You can't expect money from outside. That is not successful preaching.

Regarding starting a center in Kanpur, that is a very good proposal. Yesterday one gentleman came from Kanpur to see me. His name and address are as follows: Mr. G. Pant/ 111A/87 Ashoknagar/ Kanpur 208012. He's a great devotee, he can help you. But, the center should be for this purpose, that you go to the villages for preaching and come back. But, if you become packed up in the center, that is not wanted. The center should be opened for financial help for the preaching program. Just like our Akshyananda Maharaj is sending out men to the surrounding villages and towns preaching and holding programs. This should be the purpose, otherwise you may simply go on as you are now and simply depend on Kṛṣṇa.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-12-24

Hyderabad

14th December, 1976

Ahmedabad

My dear Yasomatinandana,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 7/12/76.

The publishing you are doing is very good. That is very enthusiastic propaganda work.

I'm going to Bombay by the end of the third week of December. If possible, try to see me there.

Regarding the artist you have written about, if he can paint improved paintings, we shall publish. Yes, you can bring him to Bombay when you come.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-12-25

Hyderabad
17th December, 1976

Bhaktivedanta Manor

My dear Jayatirtha,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated December 1st, 1976 from South Africa.

That the devotees refuse to follow those who do not keep strictly to the regulative principles is very nice. These practices are our spiritual strength.

I'm glad to hear that you are feeling spiritually strong. Krsna will give you all intelligence and protection. You are a sincere servant.

I will be glad to go to the Rathayatra festival in Durban next year if they will allow me into the country. They are very strict.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-12-26

Hyderabad
17th December, 1976

Stockholm

My dear Vegavan,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 76/12/03.

Regarding the question you have asked, you can give a very straight answer. Bhagavad-gita says, "dehantara praptih" The soul transmigrates, but there is no regular process. In the beginning of creation, when all the world was water, all living entities were aquatics. Then gradually from aquatics the soul passes into plant bodies, then insect bodies, then bird bodies, then animal bodies, then human beings. In the human form the soul can decide whether to go back to home, back to Godhead or return to birth and death, accepting material bodies according to his karma. Therefore, it is advised to take advantage of the human form of body to go back home, back to Godhead. Our movement is for this purpose, to offer all human beings a chance to go back home, back to Godhead.

That is very good news that they are going to use our *Bhagavad-gita as it is* in the high schools. That you are getting new devotees who are not from Sweden doesn't matter. Anyone coming is welcome.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/jda

76-12-27

Bombay
20th December, 1976

Calcutta

My dear M.N. De,

Please accept my blessings.

Regarding Bhubaneswar temple, whatever you have said is alright, but we have

received estimate much less than that of yours. It is almost 50% less than what you have said. Besides that we are not prepared to spend so much for this project. So, for the time drop this matter. But, I am going to Bhubaneswar by the first week of January 1977. So, as proposed, you can accept the other responsibility as proposed by Govinda. He is not pestering, but he is your real well-wisher to give you a good chance. If you desire you can see me at Bombay between 21st to 31st December 1976 and do the needful.

With all my good wishes, I beg to remain,

Yours affectionately,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-12-28

Bombay
20th December, 1976

My dear Jayatirtha,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated nil.

Yes, then we can purchase. Why should we remain in doubt about 7 Bury Place. The place is nice, but the building is not so nice (7 Bury Place that is). The building on Soho is nice, I've seen it. Your idea to in the future build a major temple is very good. Then we can either sell the building on Soho or we can keep it for a restaurant if it is profitable. We can make the whole building a restaurant or a hotel. The Indians would like a completely vegetarian hotel.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/jda

76-12-29

Bombay
20th December, 1976
Potomac, Maryland

My dear Rupanuga,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated November 29, 1976.

Kirtanananda's offer to Brisakapi is good. If one is fully engaged in preaching, his mind will be subdued. That is the only way. *yadavadhi mama cetah kṛṣṇa-pāda* vinde.

Your description of the steps being taken to rally support is nice. It is wanted, both from the parents and the Indian residents. If you can take the lawyer training as you have described that's nice. The cover for *Sa-vijñānam* is very good. Yes, *Mānālal* is very sincere, so try to work with him.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/jda

76-12-30

Bombay
20th December, 1976
New York

My dear Tamal Kṛṣṇa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated December 9, 1976.

Your book distribution report is very encouraging. If I see our leaders are enthusiastic, that gives me more enthusiasm. Your suggestion to get new buses is good. I always recommended that. I don't like old vehicles. I think one hundred buses are not sufficient for America. You propose to induce the American people to surrender to Lord Caitanya by expansion of book distribution, that is wanted. When you come to that, that is success. Then

you can take charge of the government. And, as soon as in America the Krsna conscious boys are in power the whole world will be changed. The idea is to bring under control all atheist class of men. There are two ways of bringing the opposition under control. One is by logic and philosophy, the other is by force. That was done by Bharat Maharaj when he was king of this planet.

Why the wife should be disturbed if she is living not in the association of her husband. When Caitanya Mahaprabhu went to East Bengal for preaching, his first wife was alone. Wife's duty is not to disturb the husband. That is Vedic principle. The marriage relationship is not for sex. Of course, that is the way in this age. So, such wife may marry for the second time, what can be done? Vedic marriage is not for sex.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

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

ACBS/jda

76-12-31 Bombay
21st December, 1976
Berkeley

My dear Ramajuna das:

Please accept my blessings.

I have received your letter dated December 7, 1976 and have noted the contents. The newsletters which you have sent are very nice. Thank you very much.

I hope this letter will find you in good health.

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

ACBS/gdb

76-12-32

Bombay
22nd December, 1976

New York

My dear Sudama,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated December 4, 1976.

Yes, you need to come to the festival this year. Your health must be taken care of first. Regarding the others, it is alright that they may or not come as convenient.

Sita should address Lord Ramacandra as "My Lord." The matter of drawing the line is not very important. There is a summary of the Ramayana in the 9th canto. That will help you. You can show the fight between Rama and Ravana. The monkeys were throwing big, big mountains and trees blocking the passages in Lanka.

Hoping this will find you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/jda

76-12-33

Bombay
23rd December, 1976

My dear Alanath,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated nil along with two copies of the second volume of the Portugese Srimad Bhagavatam. It is very nice.

You write to say that the reception is very good in Brazil. So now organize very nicely. Distribute literature to the fullest extent. Thank you for inviting me to come. I shall maintain this ambition. At the first opportunity I shall go. For now I will depend 99% on you to push on there.

Upon your recommendation I am pleased to accept the devotees you have recommended for initiation. Now hold a

fire yajna. Instruct the first initiates to always chant a minimum of sixteen rounds daily and to follow strictly the four regulative principles. Hridayananda Maharaj may chant on their beads. Their names are as follow: Kiko—Kirticandra dasa; Mozart—Murari Gupta dasa; Francisco—Vasistha Muni dasa; Paulo—Paramahansa dasa; Leandro—Lilananda dasa; Tercio—Trilocana dasa; Claudio—Karana karana dasa; Eneas—Isvara dasa; Regina—Rasavihari dasi; Christina—Krsnanandini dasi; Marta—Matsya dasi; Ivonette—Indumati dasi; Dora—Dev dasi; Maria—Murti dasi. For the second initiates, namely Ugraha dasa, Sadhyasrestha dasa, Ananda Murti dasi and Yogini dasi, you should play for them into the right ear the tape of me chanting Gayatri. Teach them how to count on the finger divisions.

Regarding the installation of Lord Ramacandra, it is a very good idea. For obtaining these Deities you can take the help of Saurab. During the festival you are invited to come to Bombay to see the Deities here.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

76-12-34

Bombay

23rd December, 1976

Melbourne

My dear Amogha,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your very long letter dated 2 December, 1976.

I have no objection to your working there in Australia. If you are happy there and can execute devotional service with enthusiasm that is nice.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/jda

76-12-35

Bombay

23rd December, 1976

Mayapur

My dear Jayasacinandana,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Nov. 30, 1976 accompanied by your translation of Srila Bhaktivinoda's songs. Thank you very much. You have done nicely.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/jda

76-12-36

Bombay

23rd December, 1976

Kanpur

My dear Lokanath,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated nil.

Regarding having more Hindi books to distribute, that you'll have by the end of the month. Ask Gopal Krishna when they'll be ready, they can be sent to Kanpur. Prasad distribution and chanting and book distribution is sufficient for your program. There is no special method other than this simple program. You must train up the men. I hope you will be able to do that. Keep your behavior right to the point, set a very good example and others will follow.

Yes, I want you to concentrate on preaching. You must see whether Gopal Krishna can give any men as you have suggested. It will be nice if you can organize Kanpur preaching. The men there are _____ and rich also. In this connection you can take advise from Akshayananda. He has got sufficient experience. The more you get popular you can increase the propaganda paraphernalia. There is enough money in Kanpur. There you can raise any amount.

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

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/jda

76-12-37 Bombay
23rd December, 1976
Los Angeles

My dear Saurab,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 12/12/76.

I have no objection to your going to visit your family and then to Los Angeles to discuss the doll exhibitions for the planetarium.

Yes, make this guesthouse the most beautiful building in Bombay. You have got the credit for Vrindaban, now take the credit for Bombay. Your service will be commemorated as long as the buildings remain. Krsna will shower all blessings for your long life and spiritual advancement. Perhaps when you come back you can take the still more wonderful Mayapur project. One thing, making the hallways Kotastone is not good. It has no aristocratic value. Why not tiles? Of course, as you decide. This is my suggestion. I think Kotastone pavement is no better than cement pavement.

Yes, the management must be very first class. If required we can keep some paid men. Amateur management is not always efficient. I approve of your ideas for management. We shall get it passed by resolution meeting. I like the ideas.

Keep in contact with Mr. Kitumera. His help may be required. Yes, you may keep thinking about the Mayapur planetarium.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/jda

76-12-38 Bombay
23rd December, 1976
Taipei, Taiwan

My dear Trivikram,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Dec. 9, 1976.

Your description of how you are distributing Bhagavad Gita is very nice. Follow that principle. There is no need of sannyas dress. Organize this system all over Southeast Asia and distribute as many books as possible. I think that in Taiwan the Chinese people are very friendly to the Americans.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/jda

76-12-39 Bombay
24th December, 1976
Los Angeles

My dear Chitsukhananda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Dec. 16, 1976.

I approve your plan to combine together with Keshava to lead a party of Spanish speaking devotees with nam-sankirtan to every town and village in Spain.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/jda

76-12-40 Bombay
24th December, 1976
Bhubaneswar

My dear Gaura Govinda,

Please accept my blessings.

I am prepared to come to Bhubaneswar immediately to begin construction on the following conditions. The growth of the temple should be based on book distribution. I am prepared to print books. You can then sell them and 50% of the collections must then be returned to the BBT to pay for the books. The balance can be used for construction. Whatever you can raise by this method, I am prepared to give an equal amount toward the construction. In other words, the amount required for construction will come 50% from your side and 50% from me. In the beginning I can advance something if necessary so that we may begin immediately. I will print books for you to distribute. You distribute, and whatever you collect, 50% must go to the BBT to pay for the books.* The balance may be used toward the construction. Whatever you can raise in this way for construction, I will give an equal amount. And, in the beginning I may give some advance. Is that clear? So, let me know whether you like this proposal. If you agree, I am prepared to come there immediately to begin work.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

*Some Orria scholar may be engaged to translate our books under your check to expedite printing work.

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76-12-41

Bombay

24th December, 1976

Honolulu

My dear Upendra,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 7 December, 1976.

If you want to stay with Satsvarupa, I have no objection, but what about your

wife and children? They cannot travel. If without wife and children you can travel that will be alright.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-12-42

Bombay

24th December, 1976

New Orleans

My dear Vrikodara,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your telegram as follows, "Dearest Srila Prabhupada please accept my fallen obeisances I am requesting permission for second initiation for following boys Rasavilasa das brahmachari Jananatha das brahmachari they have both been chanting 16 rds daily without fail for 10 months and have taken their service very seriously your fallen servant Vrikodara das adhikary"

Upon your recommendation I will accept these boys for second initiation. Now, hold a fire ceremony for devotees only. Let them hear the tape of me chanting Gayatri mantra in their right ears. Teach them how to chant on their finger divisions.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-12-43

Bombay

25th December, 1976

Mombasa

My dear Jnana das and Lilavati,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 10/12/76

along with all the letters from the children. My blessings to Dinesh, Nitin, Kamlesh, Rekha, Minaxi, Raksha, Shila, Hitesh, Malti, Mradula, Sumir, Deepak, Sangeeta, Vijay, Ketan, Raj Kumar, Renu, Shilpa, Niraj, Samir, Rakesh, Sanjay, Dipak, Hiten and Prupdarshan.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/jda

76-12-44 Bombay
25th December, 1976

My dear Dr. Wolf,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 1st of December, '76.

I'm glad to hear that you are coming to India in the near future. Yes, Krsna wants you, don't try to avoid Him. You are a sincere devotee.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/jda

76-12-45 Bombay
27th December, 1976

My dear Ramesvara,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your telegram as follows: Christmas week book distribution in Los Angeles despite closed airport better than ever by your grace 112000 BTGS 8000 Gitas sold stop on invitation of governor Brown of California 50 devotees visited State mental institutions to help improve conditions and morale by giving religious message publicity very good Hare Krishna. Thank you very much. This is very good.

Fight and depend on Krsna, that will bring you victory.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/jda

76-12-46 Bombay
28th December, 1976
Denver

My dear Kurusrestha,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated December 12, 1976 and have noted the contents carefully.

I have seen the pictures of the Deity installation you have sent. It appears to be very nicely done. Stick to the principles. All the brahmana devotees appear to be very nice. Do this and be happy. In your country hundreds of temples like this must be opened. Town to town, village to village. I am very pleased. Another temple opened, another book published, that is the success of this Movement. Without book distribution the temple worship standard will also diminish. Therefore both of them should go side by side. I can see in the pictures so many outsiders offering respect with awe and veneration. This Deity worship is very important. As soon as you get sufficient initiated brahmanas try to open another center.

It is good that you have stopped all business ventures. Now, stick to it. Book distribution is sufficient. You should not divert for any other business.

Regarding Bhakta Wayne, yes let him work as you have described. That is real preaching. That will be very good preaching if he meets professors of his standard and they are convinced of our philosophy. That will be a great success.

I am very much pleased, thank you very much. Kṛṣṇa will bless you.

Upon your recommendation I am pleased to accept as my duly initiated disciples the devotees whose names are as follows: Larry—Lalitananda dasa, Otis—Sridama dasa, Nancy—Nidra devī das, Jody—Jagajjanani dasi, Lisa—Lila devī dasi, Pam—Pandurani dasi.

Now hold a fire sacrifice. Ramesvara Maharaj may chant on their beads (or Satsvarupa Maharaj in his absence). Instruct the new initiates to chant a minimum of 16 rounds daily and to follow the four regulative principles very strictly.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-12-47

Bombay

29th December, 1976

Hyderabad

My dear Mahamsa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 23/12/76 and have noted the contents carefully.

Kindly make this farm project successful so that the majority of my time I can spend there. I like this place. You should work with full energy and endeavor to make this program successful. There will be no scarcity of financial help. Chant Hare Kṛṣṇa and there will be good rainfall.

Your suggestion for paying back the loan is approved. You deposit in my account and whenever you require money I shall request the bank to transfer again. In this way keep regular accounts. Please find enclosed the original and duplicate copies of a letter of advice to the Punjab National Bank to transfer Rs. 46,500 into

the Trust account. You may do the needful.

I am glad to hear that the sankirtan party is collecting nicely. That is very hopeful.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

N. B. What is the road like from Madras to Kodai Kanal. Is it a pakka road? Or is it not very good? Is it a winding and twisting road, going up into the mountains?

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76-12-48

Bombay

29th December, 1976

Calgary, Canada

My dear Shaktimati,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your Hindi letter dated 18/11/76.

You can open a center along with all the members of your family. Just make sure to follow all the regulative principles. Wherever you stay just chant the Holy Name.

At present I'm in Bombay. In a couple of days I am going to Bhubaneswar, then probably to Kumbha Mela and then to Mayapur.

So, open a center now and when I get an opportunity I will come.

Hoping this will find you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

76-12-49

Bombay

29th December, 1976

Don Mills, Canada

My dear Subhaviṣa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in

due receipt of your letter dated Dec. 9, 1976 and have noted the contents.

Thank you for helping in this way by taking signatures in support of our movement from the Indian people in Toronto. Yes, I will be happy to visit your home again next time I come to Toronto. In the meantime, please give whatever assistance you can to help manage the temple affairs there.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

76-12-50

Bombay
29th December, 1976

Seattle

My dear Sukadev,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated November 30, 1976.

So far your question as to whether it is more important to organize the women's book distribution or to work on College preaching, the book distribution is more important.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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76-12-51

Bombay
30th December, 1976

New Delhi

My dear Damodara Pandita,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 26/12/76 and have noted the contents carefully.

You have written that there is one man in Katmandu who wants to become our devotee. So, take this man's cooperation and start a center. Then even if you are deported, if this couple's attempt is successful, things will go on. If you find him sincere, then we can immediately offer him initiation and he may start the center. Our men may come and go. The program should be the same. Invite persons to love feast, chant Hare Krsna, distribute prasadam. This couple may be in charge of the center. Start with local men, 2, 3, 4, then it will be successful. Take books as much as you like and with the local man's help immediately open a center and try to stay there as long as possible. In your absence the local man may manage. Train him in that way.

Thank you for your nice poem. Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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JANUARY

77-1-1

Bombay
1st January, 1977

Los Angeles

My dear Satsvarup,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your zonal report dated December 13, 1976 and have noted the contents carefully.

The parents meeting in Detroit was very nice. It is a very good idea to organize a "Parents for Krishna" club. Try to do that. Regarding Chicago, why isn't the boy returned yet? He should be returned right away.

I will be going to the Kumbha Mela around the 10th or 12th of this month. I will stay as long as possible up to three weeks. then we'll be going to Mayapur until the festival.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

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

N.B. Upon your recommendation I am pleased to accept the devotees you have recommended for initiation. Their names are as follows: Manu P.—Mahaprabhu dasa, Pujush D.—Purusottama dasa, Keith C.—Kulasekhar dasa, Gary C.—Gariyan dasa, Jim S.—Jaya dasa, Linda C.—Laxmipriya dasi, Robbie K.—Ramapriya dasi, Ann C.—Annapurna dasi. Now hold a fire ceremony and do the needful.

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77-1-2

Gainesville

Bombay
3rd January, 1977

My dear Amarendra,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 12-8-76.

Yes, civil disobedience will be the only method in this circumstance. But there are so many judgments in our favor. We should bring the matter in the court. We have the opinions of so many scholars. Bring the matter in the court. But if it is a state policy to cut down this Movement, then civil disobedience. What can be done?

As far as your wife is concerned, the only solution is that she become Krsna conscious. She should live in association with devotees, and strictly follow the regulative practices of Krsna consciousness. If you feel competent to give her the spiritual strength she needs then let her return to Gainesville, otherwise she can go to another temple. Let her read Bhagavad Gita every day.

Upon your recommendation I am pleased to accept the devotees you have recommended for second initiation; Manusrestha dasa, Vaninatha Vasu dasa, Akincana Krsna dasa, Sranti dasi, Garuda Pandita dasa, Brhanti dasi. Now hold a fire sacrifice for devotees only. Play the tape of me chanting Gayatri mantra into the right ears of the devotees and teach them how to count on their finger divisions.

Regarding your question as to when the soul leaves the body, it is when the heart stops beating. Even if the brain has

stopped functioning, if the heart is beating that means the soul is present.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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77-1-3

Bombay

3rd January, 1977

Atlanta

My dear Balavanta,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your report dated Dec. 3, 1976 and have noted the contents.

That the Miami newspapers are appreciating our temple ground is very good.

Why artificial insemination? We should avoid that. The physiology is, if the semina is more, then comes bull. So, take more land and engage them in agriculture, plowing by the bulls instead of tractor. Bulls can be engaged in plowing and transporting. Nice bullock carts village to village for preaching. Make the farm the center and go ten miles this side, ten miles that side, ten miles this side, etc., with four bullock carts. Sell books and preach and live peacefully on the farm. People used to engage the bull for this purpose. So there was no problem which way to utilize them. First of all this artificial way should be stopped, and the bulls should be engaged in plowing and transporting, and smashing the grains. To avoid machinery, petrol, machine oil, by nature's way.

Your description of the Tennessee farm is very nice.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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77-1-4

Bombay

3rd January, 1977

Chandigarh

My dear Tikamdas Batra,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated December 27, 1976, and have noted the contents.

In answer to your questions, sastra says that only for progeny there should be sex, otherwise no sex, "dharmaviruddho butesu kamo'smi." No "indriyārtha," for sense gratification there should be no sex. But, this sterilization is for sense gratification. That is most sinful. The Indian government is becoming demonic because those who elect the government are becoming demonic.

You can prepare for M.A. examination and live with us. Why not come and live with us? You are a single man. You are in Bombay. What is the difference? Then you can help us as far as possible and at the same time continue your studies.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/jda

77-1-5

Bombay

3rd January, 1977

Denver

My dear Bhakta Wayne,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated December 18, 1976. I have noted the contents.

Temple life means following strictly the regulative principles and chanting a minimum of 16 rounds, or more if possible. The temple must always be kept neat and clean. If the family is not favorable then let them remain separate and you remain in the temple. And, even if you live with your family, where is the difficulty?

The same principles must be followed.

As far as music is concerned, we have got our standard of music, the Hare Krishna Maha Mantra. We do not require to introduce anything new.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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77-1-6

Bombay

3rd January, 1977

Sri Raj Kumar Gupta
Chandigarh

Dear Sri Guptaji:

Please accept my greetings and sincere thanks for your kindly helping our movement in so many ways. The whole world is being misled by the blind leaders; they are keeping the people in darkness. Our present position is that we have got this human form of life after a great evolutionary process and this is the opportunity to understand God Krishna, and revive our original consciousness without which we are sure to go back to the cycle of birth and death.

Krishna Consciousness movement is trying to save the people in general, religionists and philosophers, to save them from the downfall. Opening our center means to educate people in this great science. Krishna Consciousness is not a isism or simply blind following. It is based on authority; scientific and logical. I am so glad that you are trying to help us in opening this educational center in Chandigarh. Thank you very much for your help.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

77-1-7

Bombay

3rd January, 1977

Honolulu

My dear Madhudvisa,

Please accept my blessings.

Srimati Govinda dasi is here and I have heard everything from her about yourself. Therefore, immediately after hearing from her I have sent you the following telegram: My dear son Madudvisa please immediately come and live with me letter follows. So, when you come here we shall talk in detail and according to the conditions we shall arrange everything. There is no worry. I am still prepared to accept you as my original disciple and if there is anything wrong, I am prepared to try and correct it so that your life may not be spoiled. Please therefore come here immediately and live with me.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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77-1-8

Bombay

4th January, 1977

My dear Balavanta,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Dec. 27, 1976 and have noted the contents.

It appears that now it is the government policy to curb our activities. The zoning problem is another harassment. The general policy is to stop our Movement. That has begun, in so many ways; by the parents, by the municipality, by the government, by zoning; somehow or other to check this Movement. We are enemies to their standard of civilization. That is the problem. We are enemies, certainly. We

frankly say, "This civilization is soul-killing. We have to save them, para upakara." Actually that is also fact, they are misleading people that the skin is everything. That is not the fact. The soul is everything. That they do not understand. They say, "What is this nonsense." They have no idea of religion. For them it is just a decoration.

When the property is secured, then you can install the Deities. Otherwise, don't take the risk. I have no objection to your taking a loan for your farm project as you have proposed.

Try to concentrate on these farm projects. Let the villagers come and hear, and distribute prasadam. In this way draw their sympathy and gradually they'll become our associates. Then they can come to live with us and work with us. In this way let them be induced. In the evenings you can hold kirtan and invite them to come and distribute prasadam. We are doing this now on our farm near Hyderabad. Gradually they may be invited to come and live and work with us. We will give them food, clothing and shelter and they can live simply and save time for developing their Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Do this and then our Movement is successful. Our only motive is how to interest people in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. That's all. There is no economic problem. We can produce our own food and clothes, gradually, and save time for spiritual life.

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77-1-9

Potomac, Maryland

My dear Ekesvara,

Please accept my blessings. I am in

Bombay

4th January, 1977

due receipt of your letter dated nil and have noted the contents.

So, revive rigidly the devotional practices and be repentant. Then Kṛṣṇa may be pleased to excuse you. You must be repentant.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/jda

77-1-10

Vrindaban

Bombay

5th January, 1977

My dear Akshayananda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 1/1/77 and have noted the contents.

Now the corner land of the parikrama road may be applied for acquisition. We shall use it for agricultural purposes. Sometime back they approached us for acquiring that land. Now you can seriously do this. First of all check whether it would be possible to build a drainage line to that land. If we can arrange for that it will be very good. It will solve our drainage problem, we won't have to pay tax to the municipality, and it will make that land very cultivatable. That drainage water is very good for fertilization. Please check into this possibility. Do it discreetly, so the acquisition may not be checked if it is possible. If it is not possible then you may go ahead with the sewer line.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/jda

77-1-11

Bombay
5th January, 1977

Karantaka

My dear Embar Sampath Kumarchar,

I am in due receipt of your letter dated 2/1/77 and have noted the contents.

Whether you will be able to teach our boys Sanskrit in the standard way? That is the first question. Have you ever worked as a Sanskrit teacher anywhere? To teach these young boys requires special technique. Whether you know it? We have reports from the U.S.A. about you just to the contrary. Kindly reply this point.

We don't pay any salary to anyone. You can bring your aged parents to Vrindaban. They shall also be provided and you can take personally care of them.

What for do you want to go to Atlanta? I have received a letter from Atlanta. They haven't mentioned that your presence is required there. So, why do you want to go there and waste money? If you have got money keep it with you. Don't spoil it unnecessarily. Concentrate on bhajan along with your father and mother. That is my advice.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/jda

77-1-12

Bombay
5th January, 1977

Montreal

My dear Nandikesvara,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated nil requesting initiations.

Upon your recommendation I am pleased to accept these devotees: for first initiation: John—Jamahara-dasa, Don—Danapti-dasa, Andre—Aprakrta-

dasa, Cindy—Sindura-dasi, Sylvie—Siddhi-dasi, Clemence—Klesaghni-bhakti-dasi, and for second initiation: Jaya Govinda dasa, Sadapusta dasa, Paranagara dasa. Instruct the devotees to always chant a minimum of sixteen rounds and to follow the four regulative principles very strictly. One of the GBC or sannyasis may chant on the beads. Hold a fire sacrifice. Teach the second initiates how to count on their finger divisions and let them hear the tape of me chanting Gayatri mantra.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
N.B. Gururaj's name is Guru-prasad dasa
ACBS/jda

77-1-13

Bombay
5th January, 1977

Mombasa

My dear Parvati,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 25 December 1976 and have noted the contents.

So, Brahmananda should be changed. Yes, I have received other reports. The GBC will change the situation. Someone of the GBC will come there and Brahmananda will be transferred to somewhere else. Perhaps he can go to Europe.

If Brahmananda also falls then of course there will be trouble there. What can be done?

As far as your own position is concerned, that can be definitely decided during the Mayapur festival. In the meantime you can remain in Kenya.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/jda

77-1-14

Bombay

5th January, 1977

Stockholm

My dear Vegavan,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 76/12/27 along with two copies of the Russian *Easy Journey to Other Planets*. Thank you very much.

This is very, very good. I'm very pleased. It is another epoch making event. I'm sending one copy to the Russian embassy here and asking for their comment and opinion. The inclusion of my conversation with Professor Kotovsky is welcome.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/jda

77-1-15

Bombay

6th January, 1977

Bhubaneswar

My dear Gaura Govinda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 2/1/77 and have noted the contents carefully.

We shall arrange for one man to oversee the construction. That will be supplied. You have got all blessings of Kṛṣṇa. You are so nice faithful servant of Kṛṣṇa, surely you will be successful.

Come to the Kumbha Mela where I am going on the 11th instant and we shall talk in detail. Then with you I shall return to Bhubaneswar and start immediately the work. You can stay with us for four or five days at Kumbha Mela, then we shall go with you. Arrange for that. You can book one first class compartment for four of us from Allahabad to Bhubaneswar for the 17th or 18th.

Before coming to Allahabad you can go to see one professor. His name is Dr. Banshidhar Mohanty. He is in the department of Oriya at Utkal University in Bhubaneswar. He has got one manuscript of *Srimad Bhagavatam* that he wants to show me. You can see him and see also this manuscript. You can inform him of my coming there and ask him to come to see me at that time. When you come to Allahabad you can inform me about the manuscript.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/jda

77-1-16

Bombay

6th January, 1977

Delhi

My dear Rajiv,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 3/1/77 and have noted the contents.

Yes you may translate Bhagavad-gita. You're so enthusiastic. Kṛṣṇa will give you strength. The more you serve the more you'll get strength.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/jda

77-1-17

Bombay

8th January, 1977

Vrindaban

My dear Bhagavatji and Gunarnava,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 4.1.77 and have noted the contents.

In your letter dated 24/12/76 you have

stated, "to enable the work to carry on steadily as per schedule we will require Rs.2 lakhs per month beginning 1st January 1977, as opposed to the Rs.1 lakh you have been sending us over these last months." So I have arranged for this for the months of January, February and March as indicated in Jagadisha's letter. For January you will receive one lakh from the Bank of America in Bombay as usual and one lakh from the Mayapur-Vrindaban a/c no. 668 at the Punjab National Bank in Vrindaban as indicated by the bank advice I sent to you dated December 27, 1976. For February and March you will receive two lakhs from the Bank of America Bombay instead of the usual one. Therefore so far I can see I have fulfilled your request, so what is the problem? If you require more after March, we shall see at that time.

Yes, from now on I shall send the money to a/c no. 1, current a/c in the name ISKCON construction a/c as has been requested by the bank manager.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

77-1-18

Allahbad

12th January, 1977

Bombay

Dear Visvadarini dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 9.1.77 and have noted the contents. Our strength is in following the regulative principles and chanting 16 rounds japa. Then Krsna will give you protection. We don't believe in material protection, like so-called family, friends, etc. Dehapatya-kalatradisu, atmasainyassv asatsv api, tesam pramatto nidhanam, pasyann api na pasyati. "Persons devoid of atma-tattva do not inquire

into the problems of life, being too attached to the fallible soldiers like the body, children, wife, etc. Although sufficiently experienced, still they do not see their inevitable destruction." (SB 2.1.4) We do strongly believe in Krsna's protection. Real, spiritual protection is firm faith in Krishna. So go on with your real life as Krsna's devotee.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:rd

77-1-19

Allahbad

13th January, 1977

New York

My Dear Sudama Swami,

Please accept my blessings. I have received your letter dated Jan. 3rd and have noted the contents. It is nice that you are enthusiastically engaged in New York. I have no objection to your worshipping my murti for Guru Puja. But for placing in the temple there must be a pair of murtis, (my Guru Maharaj must be there) as in Krsna-Balaram Mandir, and they must be permanently installed. This may be done in accord with the temple authorities. Or else you may worship one murti of myself privately in your room.

Hoping this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:rd

77-1-20

Allahbad

13th January, 1977

West Germany

Dear Uthal dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Dec. 31st

and have noted the contents. I do not think this ship will be successful. Getting and managing a farm is a good proposal. I am encouraging farm projects everywhere. That is a very important, solid program. So do this enthusiastically and Kṛṣṇa will be pleased.

Hoping this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:rds

77-1-21

Calcutta

16th January, 1977

Melbourne

My dear Balarama dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your two letters dated December 23rd and January 7th respectively, and have noted the contents. Enclosed please find a letter as you requested announcing my appointing Bali Mardan as GBC. Upon your recommendation, I am happy to accept Nakula dasa Adhikary for second initiation. Now hold a fire yajna, and play the tape into the right ear of me chanting Gayatri. Enclosed please find one sacred thread.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:rds

77-1-22

Calcutta

16th January, 1977

Melbourne

My dear Bali Mardan dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 6th along with photographs and have noted the contents. Yes take this house at any cost. It is very nice from the photographs,

just suitable for our purposes. You should purchase it at once. If required, you can have a loan from BBT for the renovation.

Yes, Kṛṣṇa will give you strength, as you engage yourself in His service, Tesam satat-yuktanam, bhajatam priti-purvakam, dadami buddhi-yogam tam, yena man upayanti te. "To those who are constantly devoted and worship Me with love, I give the understanding by which they can come to Me". (Bg. 10.10)

Hoping this will meet you in good health,

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

N. B. I have sent you a telegram reading as follows

ACBS:rds

77-1-23

Calcutta

16th January, 1977

Los Angeles

My Dear Hridayananda Gosvami,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letters dated December 25th and January 9th respectively, and have noted the contents. Yes, I am very pleased with your book distribution because nobody was able to defeat Radha-Damodara Tskp previously. Radha-Damodara is Himself pleased upon you. Sometimes the Lord wants to be defeated by His devotee. Nobody can defeat the Lord, but still He desires like that sometimes. That is His mercy. Pancadravida Swami is very intelligent in every way. He is a very competent, nice devotee. I am very much pleased, so go on increasing the distribution more and more.

Upon your recommendation I am pleased to accept the devotees you have recommended for initiation. The name for Jose is Harinamananda dasa. You may chant on his beads. For the second initiate, Radha-Vinode dasa, hold a fire yajna.

Instruct the first initiate to always chant a minimum of sixteen rounds daily and follow strictly the four regulative principles. For the second initiate, play for him the tape of me chanting Gayatri into the right ear.

Hoping this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:rds

77-1-24

Calcutta

16th January, 1977

Frankfurt

Dear Prapujaka dasa and

Avinasa Candra dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your report dated Dec. 28th. Yes go on with your preaching work, Krsna will bless you. A little attempt is required, then all other things will come from Krsna. This is my practical experience I made a little attempt and Krsna has sent so many representatives like you to help me. Regarding that Sanskrit student who bought six books, yes, our word meanings will induce any Sanskrit scholar to purchase.

Hoping this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:rds

77-1-25

Calcutta

16th January, 1977

New York

Dear Nayanabhiram dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated January 4th. Yes, you are welcome to come to India if you like, to work in Bombay.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:rds

77-1-26

Calcutta

16th January, 1977

The Secretary

Attorney General's Department

Canberra, A.C.T. 2600

Australia

Dear Sir,

This is to inform you that I, the undersigned, am the Founder-Acharya of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness, and the world leader for all of its branches. I have appointed 18 direct representatives to manage different sectors of the world, and they are known as Governing Body Commissioners.

I have appointed Bali Mardan dasa Adhikary (William Berke) as the Governing Body Commissioner for Australia. Mr. Berke is my direct agent in Australia and my official representative, and he has executive authority there in all matters.

Signed:

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

Founder-Acharya

ACBS:rds

77-1-27

Calcutta

18th January, 1977

To All Iskcon Temple Presidents,

Please accept my blessings. Now you must arrange in each temple there must be sufficient stock of prasadam for distribution. You can keep first class cooks, two or three, and they should be always engaged. Whenever any guest comes, he must get prasad. This arrangement must be made, that the cooks prepare ten-

twenty servings at a time, of puris and subjī, and you can add halva and pakoras, and the visitors must be supplied immediately. Whenever a gentleman comes, he must be served. As the twenty servings are being distributed, immediately the cooks prepare another twenty servings and store it. At the end of the day, if no one comes, our own men will take, so there is no loss. You cannot say, "it is finished", "it is not cooked yet", "there is no supply for cooking" etc. This must be enforced rigidly. The temple is managed by Srimate Radharani, Laxmiji; so why should there be want? Our philosophy is, if anyone comes, let him take prasāda, chant Hare Kṛṣṇa and be happy. Everything is being supplied by Kṛṣṇa, Kṛṣṇa is not poor, so why we should deny them? This should be done at any cost. There is no difficulty, it simply requires nice management. At the end of the day you may sell or give away. If we believe that Kṛṣṇa is providing and maintaining everyone, then why should we be misers? This means losing faith in Kṛṣṇa, and thinking that we are the doers and suppliers. We are confident Kṛṣṇa will supply! Let the whole world come, we can feed them. So please do this nicely, begin at once.

Hoping this meets you all in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:rds

77-1-28

Bhubaneswar
19th January, 1977

Dear Brisakapi dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your letter of Jan. 2nd and have noted the contents. It is good news that you have started a center in Bloomington. Go on chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa and immediately Kṛṣṇa will help you. Sex indulgence

is not good; it is grossly material and we have to surpass it. But when one has staunch faith in Kṛṣṇa, he'll be able to transcend the urge. Now you will be able to chastize your sex dictation. You are determined, so Kṛṣṇa will help you.

This prasādam distribution is very important. Do it nicely. Our main programs are distributing prasādam and sankīrtana.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:rds

77-1-29

Bhubaneswar
19th January, 1977

Ashland, Kentucky

Dear Kunja Behari das,

Please accept my blessings. I have received your letter dated Janaury 4th and have noted the contents. My instruction is that whatever food they serve, you should not eat meat, only bread, some butter, milk, vegetables and fruit if available. And always chant Hare Kṛṣṇa. Then, it doesn't matter whether you are in heaven or hell. Yes, it will be a great service, even in prison, if you can preach there. You should inform the authorities for protection if other prisoners attack you. We have no business there except chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa.

Hoping this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:rds

77-1-30

Bhubaneswar
20th January, 1977

Vrindaban

Dear Akshayananda Swami,

Please accept my blessings. I am in

due receipt of your letters dated December 27th and January 12th respectively, and have noted the contents. Since we are bound to go ahead with the sewer-line, what can be done, so do it. There is no need to send me the plans for the Dharmashalla, simply go ahead and begin. I am staying here at least until Feb. 2nd for laying the cornerstone of our new temple, then sometime afterwards, I will be going to Mayapur.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:rds

77-1-31

Bhubaneswar
20th January, 1977

Nairobi

My dear Yasasvini dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 10th and noted the contents. Thank you very much. Now my request to you is that you go on faithfully chanting daily 16 rounds at least and follow all our principles, and Krsna will help you advance in Krsna consciousness.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:rds

77-1-32

Bhubaneswar
19th January, 1977

Dear Mrs. Perlmutter,

Please accept my blessings. I have received your letter dated January 7th, and have noted the contents with pleasure. Yes, our Society is depending on love and respect; we are bound by love. You have

thought exactly like an affectionate mother. Every mother should think like you for the benefit of her son. Our endeavor is to save human society from the danger of animalism. In our scripture it is said that one should not become a father or a mother unless one is able to give protection to one's children from the imminent danger of death. People do not know, especially in the western countries, that anyone, if he likes, can be saved from the cycle of birth and death. It is said in the *Bhagavad-gita* as follows:

janma karma ca me divyam

evam yo vetti tattvatah

tyaktva deham punar janma

naiti mam eti so'rjuna

"One who knows the transcendental nature of My (Krsna, God) appearance and activities, does not, upon leaving the body, take his birth again in this material world, but attains My eternal abode, O Arjuna." (Gita, Ch. 4, Text 9)

So you have given this chance to your beloved son to be saved from the repetition of birth and death, and your good example must be followed by all mothers in America. Thank you very much for your kind appreciation. Your son is doing very well here in India. I am very much pleased upon him.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:rds

77-1-33

Bhubaneswar
23rd January, 1977

My Dear Vasudeva,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 13th January and have noted the contents. Yes, Krsna will give you strength because you are so sincere. I simply want to see that

you, your wife and your whole family become perfect Vaisnavas, Kṛṣṇa's devotees. Remain in your position and try to understand the philosophy—that will make you perfect. Jnane prayasam udapasya namanta eva, jivanti sanmukharitam bhavadiya-vartam, sthane sthitah srutigatam tanuvan-manobhir, ye prayaso jita jito-py asi tais tri-lokyam. "Ramananda Raya said (to Lord Caitanya), "Lord Brahma said (to Kṛṣṇa), 'My dear Lord, those devotees who have thrown away the impersonal conception of the Absolute Truth and have therefore abandoned discussing empiric philosophical truths should hear from self-realized devotees about Your holy name, form, pastimes and qualities. They should completely follow the principles of devotional service and remain free from illicit sex, gambling, intoxication, and animal slaughter. Surrendering themselves fully with body, words and mind, they can live in any āśrama or social status. Indeed, You are conquered by such persons, although You are always unconquerable.'" (Caitanya-caritamṛta, Madhya-līla Ch. 8 Text 67)

The purport is, don't become over intelligent. Just hear from the self-realized soul. If you sincerely, seriously hear from the realized soul, then one day, although nobody can conquer Him; you will be able to conquer Kṛṣṇa.

It is very good news that the temple will be ready in late March. I have now instructed Ramesvara Swami and Bali Mardana dasa Adhikary, who I have sent to Australia to help manage there, to make all the final arrangements for the Deities, pujaris, etc. Ramesvara will contact you very soon about these details. So far my going for the opening of the temple, and installing the Deities, if my health is physically fit, then I can come in late April or early May, and if the temple can be opened then. So please go on and do everything nicely and I will try to see you then.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

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

77-1-34

Bhubaneswara
24th January, 1977

Prasadam Distributing International
4350 Von Karman—Penthouse
New port Beach, California U.S.A.

Dear Alex, Bob, Drdhavrata, Gupta,
Rsbdeva and Stan,

Please accept my blessings. I have received your invitation to the opening of Prasadam Distributing International Inc., and I found it nicely presented. Kṛṣṇa will give you intelligence how to engage in honest, brilliant, glorious work on His behalf. There is no need to engage in anything dishonest. Kṛṣṇa has given enough money, now earn by honest means.

I have also heard that you are making plans for a very large order of my books from the BBT to be sold on a door to door basis on the style of the encyclopedia sales. If you can do this it will revolutionize our book distribution and afford greater spreading of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness than any book distribution thus far. I want that every respectable person has a full set of Bhagavatam and Caitanya Caritamṛta in his home. I have given some suggestions how this book distribution in the homes can be done to one of my secretaries, Satsvarupa das Goswami and you can consult further with him as well as with Ramesvara and Tamal Kṛṣṇa Maharajs. Hoping this finds you all in good health.

Your ever well-wisher
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

77-1-35

Bhubaneswar
26th January, 1977

Bhaktivedanta Manor

Dear Danavir,

Please accept my blessings. I have received your letter of January 11th along with enclosures regarding the Bhakta Programme and it is very nice.

It is good to hold more classes with the bhaktas, but they should all be on the basis of our books. You should not go beyond the jurisdiction of our teaching. The idea of theater, based on Bhagavatam topics is also a very good way to introduce the philosophy to the people in general. Go on preaching with vigorous enthusiasm and increase your program for bringing new men to live in Krsna Consciousness.

You yourself must be ideal in following the rules and regulations, rising early, and restricting eating and sleeping. The less a person is concerned with material enjoyment such as eating, sex and sleeping, the more he is spiritually advanced. If the "devotee" himself lives like a hog or dog how can he preach?

We are planning to construct a temple here in Puri and I was instructing the GBC that we can invite anyone to come and stay with us for three days and we shall supply room and board. In that time, however, he should rise early and attend our programs. After three days if he likes he can stay with us permanently, become shaven headed, engage as we request him, and we shall take care of all his necessities.

Yes, your plan to have all temple presidents report the scores on new men recruited is approved by me. You can keep count which temple is recruiting the most men, just as they keep count of the book distribution. Hope this finds you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/sdg

77-1-36

Bhubaneswar
28th January, 1977

Bombay

Dear Gopal Krsna,

Please accept my blessings. I have received your report of January 25, 1977 and studied the contents.

I was especially pleased by the information that "The Hindi books are selling like hotcakes in Vrindavan." This is very good news.

I approve of the arrangement for the writing on the "Bhaktivedanta Swami Gate" Your dealing with the municipality men and hosting them at the temple shows you have done these things very nicely.

I have already sanctioned the expenditures for Gurukula, estimated at Rs. 18,00,000 which will include the Vrindaban gates and drainage.

As for foreign publications I also want books in the Oriya language.

Regarding the English edition of Sri-mad Bhagavatam, I find the color reproductions are very good. You should also ask Tusta Krsna to order in New Zealand. The advertising for the English edition should be distributed to all government heads, state and Central. The Russian orders are very impressive. Yes, they can be given the books gratis; we do not want to exchange for Russian books.

On the whole, the report from Vrindaban and BBT is pleasing; just go on enthusiastically and Krsna will give you all intelligence how to manage affairs expertly. Hoping this finds you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/sdg

77-1-37

Bhubaneswar
29th January, 1977

Brooklyn

Dear Charles Gold,

Please accept my greetings. I have only now received your letter of December 7th, and have heard the contents. It is a very good idea, that through modern science you try to convince people of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.

Kṛṣṇa Consciousness is based on perfect information received from Kṛṣṇa in Vedic literatures like Bhagavad-gītā and Śrīmad Bhagavatam. Our method is not the so-called research conducted by imperfect beings by their imperfect senses and mental speculation. It is difficult to understand why this inductive process is being credited as the highest form of knowledge, since the material scientists who follow this method are not able to do anything towards solving the basic problems of humanity. Although they spend billions of dollars of the public's money for ventures like going to the moon and collecting dust there, they cannot solve the basic miserable conditions of birth, death, old age and disease. Neither do they give us definite information of the cause of the universal manifestation, nor—despite their wild claims—can they produce even the smallest form of life. As stated in the *Bhagavad-gītā*, everything in the universe is actually under the control of the Supreme Being, the Cause of all Causes, and He is Śrī Kṛṣṇa, the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Hearing from the perfect source of the Supreme Being, one can get answers to solve the miseries of life, which begins with self-realization, knowledge of the self as the soul, beyond the body. Knowledge of the cause and origin of life are also given perfectly. I request you to first make a thorough study of these Vedic books as I have translated, and

make inquiries of the devotees in the New York temple. Gradually all these things will be known to you.

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

77-1-38

Bhubaneswar
29th January, 1977

Mayapur

Dear Jayapataka Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. Our plan is to arrive in Calcutta on the morning of February 4th; after a day or two, we will come to Mayapur.

In the meantime, what is the position of the Panihati scheme? I want you to negotiate with the municipality so that we can take over management of Raghava Pandit's house. Our first project will be to take pictures of this house, and then tear it down for exact reconstruction. Therefore, complete the negotiations so we can proceed. More when we meet.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/sdg

77-1-39

Bhubaneswar
31st January, 1977

Bombay

Dear Giriraj,

Please accept my blessings. I have received your letter of January 28, and read the contents.

Yes, train the others in responsibilities in Bombay, and go on as you are doing.

In five days at Kumbhamehla we were able to distribute 30,000 pieces of literature. Therefore we can expect to receive 1 lac collections per month from all the centers.

It is good news hearing good preachers like Jagat Guru and Sridhar Swami Maha-

rajas, and Madhavananda are arriving to Bombay to push on the membership, other preaching and collecting.

As for your plan to invite university students to spend the weekend, it is very good; do it.

Hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

N.B. I have received a letter from the Bombay secretary, Aditya dasi, requesting me to sign a number of legal forms for the bank. Neither you or Gopal Krsna have even signed or initialed an approval, so how can I sign these forms? If you actually want me to sign them please write me your approval with regular signature.

ACBS/sdg

77-1-40

Bhubaneswar

31st January, 1977

Bombay

Dear Jagat Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I have re-

ceived your letter of January 26, 1977, and studied the contents.

I like your plan to take a travelling party for concentrating on book distribution in India. Our recent success in distributing 30,000 books in Kumbha Mehla indicates that there is a big scope for this distribution in India. Please work in cooperation with the GBCs and other leading devotees in India, and nevermind if your efforts take some time before they produce solid results. The main thing is enthusiasm and determination. If you are actually sincere Krsna will reward all your desires to render Him pure devotional service. You are a very nice sannyasi, and expert in this kind of preaching, so I have faith that you will be able to do effective work to spread this movement for everyone's benefit.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/sdg

FEBRUARY

77-2-1

Bhubaneswar
1st February, 1977

Frankfurt

Dear Harikesa Swami,

Please accept my blessings. I have received your letter of January 23rd, and examined the contents.

As for the German court case, it now appears to be suspended. So keep prepared and let us depend on Krsna.

The tendency you report of the householders living at the expense of others in our Society, is not good. One way to earn money is by selling books, they can be given a salary or commission. But if you say that they do not want to do that, yes, they should do some honest work. As an overall problem, this can be discussed by the entire GBC at Mayapur.

I am immediately engaddened when I hear of your plans to produce new German books; this is first class.

If you are getting people to chant and take prasadam in Eastern European countries, that is our great success. If you so desire, you can send manuscripts of Hungarian and other books and we can get them printed in India cheaper. In this matter you can write to Gopal Krsna prabhu. Our movement is an epidemic. It will devour the whole of Europe and America. As for the newspapers giving bad reports, they simply take some opportunity for selling their newspaper; it has no lasting value. These countries are faced with difficulty but it is nature's law. They will be without food, water and they will be heavily taxed. There will be revolution. How long can they keep the people terror-

ized? It will burst. I can't imagine how people are living in such a rotten state. There is nothing like pleasure; all is morose. Only we are benedicting the fallen souls all over the world, so go on with your enthusiastic preaching and try to do good to others with Krsna Consciousness. Hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

77-2-2

Calcutta
5th February, 1977

Vrindaban

Dear Gurudas Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I have received your letter of January 28, and studied the contents.

Your suggestion that the devotees visiting Vrindaban engage in preaching and chanting and not in gossiping is very good. I have instructed that this be taken to the GBC and implanted. We have sacrificed our life for Krsna's service, where is there scope for sleeping and gossiping? You can see in my example, not a single moment is wasted. This idleness is the business of the karmis. They can be seen sitting in the park gossiping, "my son in law said this," "this man has cheated me." But it has no place in devotional service, so your suggestion is well made.

Your suggestion for groups teaching practical subjects like book distribution, deity worship, is also good. These things are wanted.

The installing of telex communications for our main temples is not required.

Then they will gossip more through the telex.

So if you apply yourself in helping to prepare and implement these suggestions for the Vrindaban portion of our festival, that will be very good. Hoping this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/sdg

77-2-3

Mayapur

10th February, 1977

Caracas

Dear Bir Krsna,

Please accept my blessings. I have received your report of January 23, 1977, and examined the contents.

Your dedication to translating and distributing my books in Caracas is very pleasing to me. This will be the most effective method for carrying out Lord Chaitanya's prediction that the chanting of Hare Krsna will be taken up in every town and village of the world.

The purpose of this Krsna Consciousness movement is stated by Caitanya Mahaprabhu in the Caitanya Caritamṛta:

Bharata-bhumite haila manusya-janma yara

janma sarthaka kari kara para-upakara
"One who has taken his birth as a human being in the land of India should make his life successful and work for the benefit of all other people." It is for doing good to others. So you should understand that as I have taken up this mission with full faith in my guru maharaj, as you also preach earnestly in the countries of South America, you will do the highest good for others and for yourself as well.

Your statement that Guyana is a communistic county but still we are successful in getting people to chant Hare Krsna, is significant. The communist movement is

artificial, but the chanting of Hare Krsna is the real and natural situation. Go on co-operating with Hridayananda Maharaj and gradually spread the book distribution to every home in South America. I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/sdg

77-2-4

18th February, 1977

To Gurudas,

I have received your letter dated Feb. 12, and examined the contents. Please accept my blessings. Locks on the door, ask Gourachand to help. I have just arranged to send him rs. 50 per month for his lifetime and he will co-operate with us.

If you like to stay in my rooms at Radha Damodar then you may stay there. I allow it. Preaching also means reading and writing, or else what will you preach. If I do go to Manipur I still plan to go to Vrindavan afterward. My schedule is being planned as leaving for Manipur on the 8th March and staying utmost a week say until the 15th. So as the festival program in Vrindavan runs through the 22nd March, I will still be there during the festival.

N.B. You say you are on good terms with Madan Mohan Goswami. Under the circumstances take the whole house on rent from him. Although he is appealing to the court it will not stand. Better while the litigation goes on let him take money from us and let out the whole house to us. That will be his own gain. Whatever the court decides for the time being he can rent from us for the whole house. If you can induce him it is gain for him. Rent should be at the same rent as present.

Your ever well wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

77-2-5

Mayapur

26th February, 1977

Vrindaban

My Dear Akshayananda Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated 15th February, 1977. So far my coming to Vrindaban, if I don't go to Manipur then I shall certainly come.

I hope this finds you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

77-2-6

Mayapur

26th February, 1977

Los Angeles

My dear Jayananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 21st, 1977, and I thank you for the check as well as the nice sentiments you have expressed. In the beginning you also gave me \$5,000 and now again you have sent.

This body is today or tomorrow finished. We should not be very much bothered about the body. Trees also live for thousands of years but that does not mean a successful life. A successful life is one of Krishna consciousness. By the grace of Krishna from the very beginning you are a devotee and that is the real profit of your life.

I thank you for your check, but I would

prefer that you may require the money for your treatment. So if you like I can return it. But I hear that you have some income. I pray to Krishna for your more advanced Krishna conscious life.

About a sadhu it is said, 'jiva va mara va', a sadhu may live or die, it doesn't matter. While living he is engaged in Krishna Conscious business and when dying he goes back home back to Godhead.

Hoping this finds you improving in your health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

77-2-7

Mayapur

27th February, 1977

Australia

My dear Amogha,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 20th February, 1977. Thank you for the cheque of \$20.

Regarding your situation, it is nothing new for Westerners. This is a family matter. It is better to consult Bali Mardan how to manage your personal affairs. He is a grihasta, so you can speak with him. You are an intelligent boy, so do not misuse your intelligence.

Hoping this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

MARCH

77-3-1

Mayapur
12th March, 1977

Escondido, California

My dear Rajarsi,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 21st, 1977.

Personal service to the spiritual master means to follow his instructions. My request is the same for everyone: that they follow strictly the regulative principles and chant at least sixteen rounds daily. And as much time as they are able should be devoted for preaching according to our books. So you and your wife should try to follow this instruction.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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77-3-2

Mayapur
16th March, 1977

My dear Nityananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated February 21st, 1977, and I have noted the contents. The New Talavan Review and the brochure are both very nicely done and I thank you for them.

So far as Gurukula is concerned, literary education is for the Brahminical class, not for all. Others should learn by seeing, like the ksatriyas, vaishas, and sudras.

Just like driving a bullock cart; it doesn't require education. Modern so-called education is simply a waste of time producing hippies. Shameless! Why compulsory education? To make hippies—compulsory education to degrade. So it is very fortunate that there is no compulsory education required by the state of Mississippi.

Whatever is available easily we can use. There is no objection to using electricity. But we should not be dependent upon it. Produce oil from castor seeds and stock the oil sufficiently. It can be used in so many ways—for burning, grease, cooking, and as a perigative to cure all diseases. And oxen can be used for driving carts and go preaching village to village. What is the question of killing them? Here in India our Lokanath Maharaj has successfully organized such a program and it is a great success. He has travelled all over India and everywhere they distribute books, prasadam and perform kirtan, village to village. Each night they stop at a different village. We can introduce many millions of such carts all over the world.

If you are getting enough milk from the cows simply by pasturing them, then that is all right. But if you require more then you may have to feed them special grains. We want to do whatever is easy and save time for Krishna consciousness.

As far as you are able to adjust to a natural way of life, do it immediately. Our principle is that we are against nothing and for nothing. Only for Krishna. We want whatever is favourable for Krishna.

I am returning one Diety photo to you. This dressing style is not authorized. But the other photos are very nice. Please go

on very enthusiastically developing your farming community. I hope this meets you in the best of health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/tkg

77-3-3

Mayapur

16th March, 1977

Toronto

My dear Subhvilas,

Please accept my blessings and offer the same to your good wife Ashalata, and to your very nice children, Minakshi and Indresh. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 3rd, 1977, with enclosed photos.

The farm you describe sounds nice and if you can supply grains, butter, etc. to Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa as you suggest, it is very good. From the photos it seems that it gets very cold there. Whether the weather will hinder the farming as happened at the Vancouver farm? There they were forced to sell the farm. The farm may be called "Subha Farm". I have already given general guidelines for our other farms.

Whatever is available easily we can use. There is no objection to using electricity. But we should not be dependent upon it. Produce oil from castor seeds and stock the oil sufficiently. It can be used in so many ways—for burning, grease, cooking, and as a perigative to cure all diseases. And oxen can be used for driving carts and go preaching village to village. What is the question of killing them? Here in India our Lokanath Maharaj has successfully organized such a program and it is a great success. He has travelled all over India and everywhere they distribute books, prasadam and perform kirtan. Each night they stop at a different village. We can in-

troduce many millions of such carts all over the world.

As far as possible try to adjust to a natural way of life free from dependence on machines. But our principle should be that we are against nothing and for nothing. Only for Krishna. We want whatever is favorable for Krishna. From the farms we should get sufficient foodstuffs and these can be sent to be used at our restaurants. Along with the restaurants there can be 'Bhaktivedanta Reading Room' where all my books can be kept and people can come and sit comfortably and read. The people will like these restaurants and reading rooms. They will take them as non-sectarian.

Why should anyone work at a place where meat is served? Are there no other jobs? There is never any good reason for this. There is no unusual circumstance for eating where meat is served. Such places should be avoided altogether.

So far my coming to North America this year, that I cannot say yet.

I hope this meets you and all your family well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

My dear Minakshi,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your nice letter dated March 3, 1977. From your letter I can understand that you and your brother Indresh are both great devotees. You are very fortunate to have devotee parents and from your very childhood take to Krishna consciousness. I also had the good fortune to have a devotee father and mother and when I was young they gave me Radha Krishna to worship and I was also performing Rathayatra festival with my young friends. I am always thinking of you and your brother, what nice devotees you are. Please continue with your service to Srimate Tulsi devi and to Radha and

Krishna and your life will be sublime.

I hope this finds you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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77-3-4

Mayapur

18th March, 1977

Vrindaban

My dear Gurudas Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter undated and delivered by hand.

The Krishna conscious Katha contest and the workshops appear to be very nice. This is our only business—to endeavor to serve Krishna at every moment. The whole world is busy for sense gratification, it is anthill civilization. So much endeavor for what? We also work hard because we know the goal of life—to please Krishna. So if by these workshops service to Krishna has been increased in everyone, then they are very nice. Why there was no weaving and spinning workshop?

On the map of Vrindavana it is still called Chattikara Road. Also still on the letterhead. If the municipality has decided to rename the road in my name, why it is not yet changed?

In my room at Radha Damodar Temple you should keep one photo of me and offer to it Prasadam of Sri Radha Damodar.

I hope this meets you in the best of health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

77-3-5

Mayapur

19th March, 1977

Los Angeles

My dear Kirtiraj,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated 8th March, 1977. It is very encouraging.

I am very grateful to the boy and girl who are distributing our books in Poland. Gradually, it will be alright if they are initiated. In their case some special concession may be made to encourage them, even they cannot follow so strictly. Let them continue still a little longer before initiation.

The program of preaching aboard the Russian ships is very nice. You are very intelligent. As to which way to preach aboard the ship, do you think best.

The best thing will be if you and your family stay in Poland over a long period of time so that you can train the interested persons. At the same time others may come and go visiting for book distribution. You should try to get residency and if you can get property there that is very nice. That is our main business, that by our association we should try to train people up in our philosophy and principles. Yes, I approve your idea to have a sankirtan party in America to support the Polish preaching. You have got good intelligence so utilize it properly and Krishna will help you.

The idea to send Bhagavad-gita to influence people and world leaders as complimentary copy is good, and the cover letter as you suggest is also O. K. The BBT may pay for it.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

77-3-6

Mayapur
20th March, 1977**LOAN AGREEMENT**

I, A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami, Founder-Acharya of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness, have decided to give a loan not to exceed Rs. 8,00,000/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs only) for the purpose of completing the construction of the Bhaktivedanta Swami Gurukula Ashram. The Management of ISKCON Vrindaban whose signatures appear below, agree on their part to repay this loan in full plus 10% interest not later than June 30th, 1978.

Dated 20th March, 1977

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami,
ISKCON Vrindaban Managers:
Akshayananda Swami
Yasodanandana Swami
Sri Bishambhar Dayal
Gunarnava das Adhikary
Jagadisha das Adhikary

77-3-7

Bombay
25th March, 1977

Vrindaban

My Dear Akshayananda Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated 18th March, 1977.

It is alright that the road is called "Bhaktivedanta Swami Marg", there is no harm. But in your letter you have mentioned that in the letterhead it will be called "Bhaktivedanta Marg" Why you are leaving out the name "Swami"? Please do not commit this nonsense mistake.

Regarding the fixed deposit, the main point is that Punjab National Bank, must renew it from the date of maturity, March 15th, 1977.

Now I have given a loan of Rs.

1,50,000/- towards the completion of the Gurukula. This is given as a loan, not donation, so you must all make arrangements, so that I may be repaid in full.

In regard to the Rs. 51/- to be given to Gourachand Goswami, I have already informed the bank to do this, so there is no question that any of you pay to him, otherwise he will be paid twice.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/tkg

77-3-8

Bombay
25th March, 1977

Vrindaban

My dear Gurudas,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 18th March, 1977.

There is no need to pay Gourachand. I have already advised the bank, and they will pay him directly. You need not. As you have described the placing of my photograph and offering to it Prasadam, that is good. In consultation with Akshayananda Maharaj, just find out some responsible men to stay there. Everything should be kept neat and clean as if I am staying there. It is very good if someone daily sells books from there.

Thank you, yes, I am feeling a little stronger now. On the 28th instant I shall be moving into my new quarters and then we have to organize Bombay as our world headquarters from every point of view, culturally, scientifically, philosophically, etc.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/tkg

77-3-9

Bombay

26th March, 1977

Houston

My dear Laxmi Narayan,

Please accept my blessings. I have read your letter dated 19th March, 1977.

As you are recommending these devotees for initiation, I am accepting them. Their initiated names are:

John—Jayajagannath dasa

Lisa—Lalita Krsna dasi

No you must hold a fire sacrifice and they should vow to abide by the four regulative principles and chanting minimum sixteen rounds daily. Dugdhapana dasa may also be given his second initiation and you may find his sacred thread duly chanted on enclosed. After the ceremony he should hear the gayatri tape in the right ear. By your good example teach him how to be brahminical.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

77-3-10

Bombay

28th March, 1977

Sebastapol, California

My dear Chandravali,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 7th, 1977.

Regarding keeping the cows, unless there is sufficient grazing land and cultivation, it is very difficult. But there has been some discussion about having a farm in California. You may write to Ramesvar Maharaj and Satsvarupa Maharaj in this regard. In any case the cows must be protected and cared for. If the farm is gotten then they can be shifted there, otherwise continue to care for them as best you can.

I hope this finds you and your children well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

77-3-11

Bombay

30th March, 1977

Wiesbaden, Germany

My dear Nicholas,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated 11 March, 1977.

Your proposal for arranging a Gita on tapes in different languages for distributing all over the world is very good. You may contact my representative, His Holiness Harikesa Swami, at:

6241 Schloss Rettershof
über Königstein

Taunus, West Germany
and arrange everything with him.

I hope this finds you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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77-3-12

Bombay

30th March, 1977

Swami Sree Radhey Baba

Siddha Baba-Ka-Asthan

Kachchi Sarak-Mathura, U.P.

My dear Sree Radhey Baba,

Please accept my greetings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated 24 March, 1977.

I was expecting to come to Vrindavan to be with my disciples during the Gour Purnima time but I was suddenly forced to change my plans due to illness. Now, by the grace of Krishna, I am gradually recovering. Sooner or later we have to give up this body, but a Vaishnava may live or die for in either case he is always serving

his Lord Krishna. So whatever Krishna's desire is, we are quite agreeable to it. As you are eager to see me, I am also eager to see you, but as to when I shall be returning to Vrindavan I cannot say. You can take information from time to time from my disciples as to when I shall be expected to be there, and when I come we shall be able to spend time together.

Hoping this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

77-3-13

Bombay

31st March, 1977

Bhaktivedanta Manor

My dear Lilavati,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated December 3, 1976, along with the enclosed manuscript. Your letter has taken a very long time to reach me.

Our literature is not sentimental stories. It is meant to be understood by the intelligent class of men. Children and those with child-like mentalities will do better to chant 'Hare Krishna' and take prasadam. We cannot water down the philosophy to make it more palatable. Our books must remain as they are. Do not waste your time anymore with such attempts. We are not going to publish it.

Whatever books we have got, let them try to understand, and if they cannot then let them chant 'Hare Krishna' and take prasadam.

Hoping this finds you and your husband well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

77-3-14

Bombay

31st March, 1977

New York

My dear Edward,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 31-1-76 which has only now reached me here in Bombay.

It is difficult to send things through the mail, so better if you go to our New York temple for getting prasadam. Krishna is absolute so prasadam offered in our temple in New York is as good and the same as the prasadam from here. I am glad that you are enjoying chanting 'Hare Krishna' and reading my books. You and your wife should continue with this process and try to attend our temple as often as possible and gradually you will come to Krishna consciousness.

Hoping this finds you both well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

APRIL

77-4-1

Bombay
2nd April, 1977

Gainesville

My dear Amarendra,

Please accept my blessings.

You may be knowing that we have formed one party of scientists under the leadership of Sriman Swarup Damodar prabhu. Also we have formed the Bhaktivedanta Institute for organizing scientific presentations of Krishna Consciousness. This party is our most important preaching arm with which we will be able to destroy the bogus speculation and cheating which goes under the banner of scientific advancement. Therefore I have got great hope for Swarup Damodar and his colleagues. I want them to travel vigorously throughout the world to lecture in all universities and other institutions. There is no lack of financial resources and we shall spare nothing to see to this party's success.

Swarup Damodar has approached me that he likes to have you join him for making arrangements and engagements for his lectures. I know that you are intelligent and very energetic so kindly try to arrange things in consultation with your GBC so that you may be spared for this most important work. You may contact Swarup Damodar who is returning to America for more details.

Hoping this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

77-4-2

Bombay
2nd April, 1977

Los Angeles

My dear Rameswar,

Please accept my blessings.

Now we are forming scientists party and we shall try with their help to establish Krishna consciousness as the genuine scientific movement of the world exposing the so-called scientists as nothing but speculators. Swarup Damodar has received very good response here in India from the scientific community and there is good hope that many others will join him. He is returning to America for preparing some publications and when these are completed I have asked him to tour vigorously throughout the world lecturing with his other colleagues at all major institutions and universities. He has drawn up a budget of immediate needs, a copy of which is enclosed and I immediately sanction this amount. Whatever expenditure he requires supply him immediately from the BBT. I am prepared to give \$10,000 or more monthly if required to finance this most important preaching programme. So whatever money Swarup Damodar needs must be supplied monthly and he will send you accounts.

You can save this money by minimizing the expenditures in the luxury departments of Sanskrit and artists. We do not want these departments for the time being. One or two men must suffice for Sanskrit work. There is no need of new paintings. Whatever paintings we have, that is enough. There is no need of constantly making new variations on the

same themes. So for the art department no more expenditure. If they want to continue painting let them come and live here in Bombay or in any of our other temples in India. We have got sufficient facilities now for accommodation and in this way we can save so much money.

Swarup Damodar has requested that Dravida das may come and help him with editing work. The scientists are publishing some booklets to be completed by their return here on Janmastami. If possible please arrange for Dravida das to join them.

Hoping this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

77-4-3

Bombay

3rd April, 1977

Mrs. Rose Forkash

Sp., 166, 3940 Via Real

Carpenteria, California 93013, U.S.A.

Dear Mrs. Forkash:

Please accept my greetings. I beg to thank you for the nice "Parents for Krishna" newsletter dated March, 1977. It is very nicely done. This newsletter should be sent to all the parents of our devotees. Just recently the mother of one of our senior devotees, Mrs. L. H. Gibline, whose son is Jayapataka Swami, Director of our Mayapur Project, visited Mayapur West Bengal as well as our other Indian centres. She was very much impressed with the deep philosophy and roots which our movement has within the culture of India. You can communicate with her at the following address:

Mrs. L. H. Giblin

6171 No. Sheridan Road,

Chicago, Illinois 60660 USA

I am sure she would be very pleased to be an active assistant. If the parents of our

devotees study the philosophy of Krishna consciousness there is no doubt they will benefit equally as their children are now doing.

I hope this meets you well.

Yours faithfully,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

77-4-4

Bombay

6th April, 1977

Vrindaban

My dear Akshayananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated 1-4-77 and I have noted the contents.

I have received the advises from both the Punjab National Bank and Syndicate Bank.

As you have requested for the time being Vishambarji may stay for helping with the Gurukula construction. I know he is very much expert.

Hoping this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

77-4-5

Bombay

6th April, 1977

My dear Guru Kripa,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated 30 March, 1977.

Yes, yesterday Bank of America has received your transfer of \$100,000. May you live long and serve Kṛṣṇa.

As you have suggested I am instructing Baradraj to immediately make a new set of Pancha Tattva Deities for our Hawaii temple.

Now that our Bombay temple is nearing completion you must begin to con-

struct a nice temple at the birthplace of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu at Mayapurdham. I think in Japan there are some of the best architectural construction firms in the world. If it is possible kindly find out the best architect in Japan. Describe generally our Mayapur temple project and for more details have him write to Surabhir Swami, c/o Hare Krishna Land, Bombay.

Hoping this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

77-4-6

Bombay

6th April, 1977

Vrindaban

My dear Jagadisha,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated April 2, 1977

Yes, Dr. Omkar Sharma is the proper man. Regarding Dr. Brojendra Nandan Goswami he is a little flickering and can not be given such heavy responsibility. If he wants to serve there can be no conditions. He has to live under our conditions.

Our students should be taught English and Sanskrit so in the future they can read our books. That will make them MA, PHD. That much I want. Other things are external. And their behavior and character must also be most upstanding. Now you are all senior intelligent men so yourself, Yasodanandana Maharaj and Akshayananda Maharaj cooperatively do everything.

So far a letter authorizing the collecting program which you propose, Tamal Krishna Maharaj has already written as GBC so it is not necessary for me to write.

Adopt whatever means are necessary for raising funds for the loan repayment and permanent maintenance of the Gurukula.

Hoping this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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77-4-7

Bombay

6th April, 1977

My dear Radhaballabha,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated March 29, 1977.

The photographs you have sent are all excellent. I have ordered them to be mounted and hung in various places in the temple. Thank you very much.

Just now I am not completely fit but as soon as I become fit I shall write an introduction to the Kapila Book.

Yes, try to reduce the expenditures more and more. It is only with great difficulty upon all our book distributors that BBT gets its funds. So those who are responsible should be very frugal to see that not one penny is unnecessarily spent.

Thank you all for praying to Lord Nsringadeva for my good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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77-4-8

Bombay

8th April, 1977

Swami Sree Radhey Baba

Siddha Baba-Ka-Asthan

Kachchi Sarak, Mathura U.P.

My dear Radhey Baba,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated 4th April, 1977 along with the enclosed essay entitled "Back."

The essay is very good and I thank you for it. You have very nicely understood and described the meaning of "Back to

Godhead" I am sending your article to the editor of our Back to Godhead Magazine in Los Angeles, Shri Satsvarupa Goswami, for publication.

Hoping this meets you well.

Yours faithfully,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

77-4-9

Bombay

12th April, 1977

New Talavan, Mississippi

My dear Nityananda:

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated 29 March, 1977.

Oh yes, it is quite correct to try for complete exemption for your land. Why we should be taxed? Our work is all welfare work meant for the good of the general public. Such properties are always given tax exemption as you have pointed out to the newspapermen. The presentation of our position in the article is nicely given.

Yes, if our householders cannot distribute books, then let them live in the farm communities. They can produce thread for cloth, spinning, and other such activities. But they must do something, not sit idly, for an idle brain is the devil's workshop.

As you have recommended them, I am accepting for first initiation Kiki Laureen Cogan and David Hughes. Their initiated names are Krsna Kripa dasi and Dasanu dasa. Now you must hold a fire ceremony and they must vow to follow the four regulative principles and chant 16 rounds daily. I also accept Kamarikanta devi dasi and Jagatkarta dasa for second initiation. Jagatkarta's brahmin thread is duly enclosed. After the fire ceremony they may both be allowed to hear the Gayatri mantra from the tape in the right ear. By your

good example teach them how to be brahmanas.

Hoping this finds you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

77-4-10

Bombay

16th April, 1977

Lautoka, Fiji

My dear Vasudeva:

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated 5th and 6th April, 1977, and I have noted the contents respectively.

Enclosed please find a 'message' which you can use when you print your souvenir issue commemorating the opening of the temple. Also enclosed is an article entitled "Who is Harijan?" written by Tamal Krishna Goswami which can be included in the issue. I shall try to send you a special article by separate post in the absence of which you can print any of my shorter essays like "On Chanting the Hare Krishna Mantra" which you can take from by book or our Back To Godhead magazines.

Regarding Bali Mardan, he is now here in Bombay and will be in charge of our international guesthouse. I have suggested that Ramesvara Swami be the GBC for Fiji, and I think Tamal Krishna has already written you about this.

Your suggestion that I come to Fiji for recovering my health is very good. We are now thinking of going to Kashmir. When my programme is definitely fixed up then I will let you know further. I know that your new house is very nice with a good view and that you and your family will take very good care of me. Let us see our programme here then I shall let you know. My health is very slowly improving. I am simply trusting in Krishna.

I hope this meets you and all your family members very well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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77-4-11

Bombay

17th April, 1977

Los Angeles

My dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated March 25, 1977 along with the copy of "Readings in Vedic Literature."

Yes, that is our aim, to destroy the position of the mundane scholars. Mundane scholars are called adhyksik, which means simply sense perceivers, no realization. Everyone has appreciated the substance of your book. This shows you are expert. Although you have quoted so many rascals, you have not become polluted nor has your book. Therefore I have sent you to Los Angeles for being the editor of Back To Godhead. Stick to your principles and be Krsna conscious. We have to prove to the world that anyone who is not Krsna conscious is a duskrtina and mudha. It is very good news that the book will be taken by many colleges and high schools as a textbook.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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77-4-12

Bombay

Los Angeles

13th April, 1977

My dear Nalini Kanta,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated April 12th, 1977. Thank you very much for the donation of 50 dollars.

Unless the books are written by a PHD we do not want it. We are not going to be able to print the books you have suggested. There is no need for such books. Instead of writing simply read my books. That will be better for you. Whatever free time you have engage in reading my books. Otherwise, an idle mind is a devil's workshop.

Hoping this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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77-4-13

Bombay

18th April, 1977

Los Angeles

My dear Ranadhir,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated April 8th, 1977 along with the enclosed review from "Choice" The review is very remarkable considering the importance of the journal, and I thank you very much for securing it. You have written: "We are all eager for the day when your books are recognized as the greatest masterpieces of all. We are all eager for the day when your books are the most demanded works in the library. We are sure that day is not far away." Yes, Krsna will fulfill your desire. Actually it is so. But because they are fools and rascals it will take some time. Regarding the error which the critic has noted about the location of Tirupati, I did not say so. It should be corrected.

Do not worry. I have not stopped my business. I am writing at night even though I am not quite fit. Thank you all for your prayers.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. Thank you for sending me a copy of

the anthology by Professor Robert S. Ellwod, Jr. They have quoted very nicely from our Krsna Book.

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77-4-14

Bombay
20th April, 1977

My dear Atreya Rsi,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated March 25th, 1977.

Power hungry politicians are creating havoc everywhere. These rascals create so many difficult situations. The public is very nice but the politicians keep them in ignorance. I have studied the whole world. Human nature is the same everywhere. The mass of people are very good but these rogues create by their personal aggrandizement so many difficulties.

Your report of your visit to Paksitan is very very encouraging. Why not develop this center and take the help of these men? The temple is already there and the men are willing to help. Simply we have to explain our philosophy to the learned circles. Generally our program should be to hold kirtan and give very nice sumptuous prasadam, and if the opportunity arises we can speak some philosophy. If you invite everyone, and the Hindus and Muslims come and take prasadam, that will unify the whole country.

Your entire program as you have outlined it is one hundred percent approved by me. I have got all faith that you can intelligently guide and develop this center very nicely. I also like the idea of Amoghala going there. Just now Gopal Krishna has gone to Delhi and Vrndavan but when he returns I shall speak to him about Amoghala going to Karachi.

Thank you very much for opening up

this encouraging field of preaching. I shall be very glad to receive a report how everything is going in Tehran.

Hoping this meets you and all of the devotees there in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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77-4-15

Bombay
27th April, 1977

Columbia

My dear Radha Krsna dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated April 16th, 1977

As you have recommended them, I accept all six devotees for second initiation. This is the success of our movement—that our devotees are becoming brahmanas. To be a brahmana means to be clean, internally by always chanting Hare Krsna mantra, and externally by bathing regularly. You have to teach others to be brahmanas by your own personal example. Please find enclosed six sacred threads duly chanted by me. Now you must perform the fire sacrifice and after the sacrifice the new brahmanas may be allowed to hear the Gayatri mantra from the tape in the right ear. Now all of you combined together and very vigorously spread Krsna consciousness throughout South America.

Hoping this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

Enclosures: Six sacred threads for Akilapatit dasa, Agnipuja dasa, Lilanatha dasa, Mrgesa dasa, Rayaram dasa, and Hari-gada dasa, and six gayatri mantra sheets.

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77-4-16

Bombay
28th April, 1977

Frankfurt

My dear Harikesa Maharaja,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated April 16th, 1977

Do not be worried. I have written one letter to Radha Ballabha telling the Press to immediately print all pending German books lying with them in Los Angeles. I have got all my blessings upon you so organize everything very nicely and see that we come out successful in this trial.

Hoping this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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77-4-17

Bombay
28th April, 1977

New Vrindaban

My dear Kaladri,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your telegram requesting permission for the fire ceremony for the new initiates and second initiations.

I have already sent you a telegram reading as follows:

"Initiated names Phil—Pippalada Dasa, Mark—Mahaprabhu Kṛpa Dasa, Susan—Syama Dasi, Rita—Pitambar Dasi, Brahmanas all approved sacred thread of Aravinda sent with letter."

Signed Bhaktivedanta Swami"

As you have recommended all of these new devotees so I accept them as my duly initiated disciples. Their spiritual names are as follows:

Phil Newberry—Pippalada Dasa

Mark Knox—Mahaprabhu Kṛpa Dasa

Susan Marietta—Syama Dasi

Rita—Pitambar Dasi

By now you must have held the fire ceremony for their initiation.

I have also accepted the brahmanas who you have recommended: Sukalina Devi Dasi, Vedapriya Devi Dasi, and Aravinda Dasa. Enclosed please find a sacred thread duly chanted on for Aravinda Dasa. After putting on the sacred thread he may be allowed to hear from the tape the Gayatri Mantra in the right ear. Since there is no sacred thread for the women, they may have already heard the mantra. In any case there are enclosed three mantra sheets, one for each of them. Now teach them to be good brahmanas by keeping clean internally by always chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa and externally by always bathing.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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77-4-18

Bombay
28th April, 1977

My dear Radha Ballabha,

Please accept my blessings.

As you probably know, our society is facing a very serious courtcase in Germany. It is understood that if we have difficulty in this courtcase, we may not get further chance to print our German books. Whatever German books you have lying with you ready for printing should be immediately printed. This work should be given priority as our society's well-being there depends upon it.

Hoping this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/tkg

77-4-19

Bombay

29th April, 1977

Nairobi

My dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 21st April, 1977.

The letter which you have sent from the student, Charles, is wonderful. I have asked that it be published in our English Back To Godhead as well as in all of the Indian language Back to Godheads here in India. Charles' letter shows that he is very intelligent and has begun to understand our philosophy. It is very encouraging. Take care of all of these good souls that Kṛṣṇa is sending you. By your own exemplary behavior, train them all as ideal Vaisnavas. This will greatly please me, and if it is possible for me to come to Kenya, I shall be very glad to meet all of them. The photographs which you have sent are also very good and we are going

to display them here for all visitors to see. The program which you are now conducting should be expanded more and more. By prasadam distribution and kīrtan everyone will become attracted to Kṛṣṇa consciousness. I am also enclosing a letter to Jayanta which I hope will encourage him.

There is no harm if the land in Mauritius is jointly in the name of ISKCON and the Gita society.

Why do these life members not come on time to see the Deity? Yes, in special cases you can open the curtain for a moment. But they should be instructed next time to come at the correct time to properly respect the Deity. The best thing will be if you immediately send a printed schedule to all of the life members showing what are the times of darshan.

Hoping this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/tkg

MAY

77-5-1

Bombay
1st May, 1977

Melbourne

My Dear Hari Sauri,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated 20th April, 1977.

I am very much obliged to you for giving such a full report. May Kṛṣṇa bless you and give you more and more intelligence how to manage everything very nicely in Australia and New Zealand.

As you have recommended them I accept Michael Pepper and Jackie as my duly initiated disciples. Their new spiritual names are;

Michael Pepper—Sikhipiccha-dhara Dasa

Jackie—Venu-dhara Dasi

Now hold a fire sacrifice and the new initiates should vow to always chant minimum 16 rounds daily and faithfully follow the four regulative principles. I also accept for second initiation Jayasila Dasa, Vashrestha Das, Atitaguna Dasi, and Bhadra Dasi. The sacred threads duly chanted on for Jayasila Das and Vasusrestha Das are enclosed herewith, as are the Gayatri mantra sheets for all of them. After the fire sacrifice they may be allowed to hear the Gayatri mantra from the tape in the right ear. Teach them to be good brahmanas, always remaining internally pure by chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa, and externally by regular bathing.

Yes, the name "New Govardhana" will be very appropriate for your farm. Regarding the idea of getting 36" nim wood Gaura Nitai from Calcutta, that is very good. Or if somebody can carve

them locally, that will also be very nice. Regarding the gentleman whom you have met who speaks so many languages, let him translate in any one of these languages any of our books and that will be a great service.

You will be glad to know that I am feeling a little recovered now and every evening I am again able to do my translation work. Now my only disease is that I have no appetite.

Hoping this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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77-5-2

Bombay
3rd May, 1977

Vrindavan

My dear Akshoyananda Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings,

Just now I have sent you a telegram reading as follows:

"CANNOT ATTEND BY MEDICAL ORDER PROGRAM MAY GO ON BY VRINDAVAN PARTY LETTER FOLLOWS ALSO SENDING MY ZONAL SECRETARY

BHAKTIVEDANTA SWAMI"

My health being not very good, the doctors have advised against making the long train journey as well as the vigorous preaching involved. Under the circumstances I was forced to cancel my going. However you may go as planned along with a few other devotees and hold the pandal program. Kindly let me know what was the response from the villagers during

the program. Mr. Dwivedi is very eager for our cooperation, and if there is good response, then I think we can develop a very nice program there. So please give me your report in detail after the function is completed.

Hoping this meet you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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77-5-3

Bombay

3rd May, 1977

Tokyo

My dear Guru Kṛpa Maharaja,

Please accept my blessings.

Yesterday, Gopal Kṛṣṇa spoke with Ramesvara Maharaj, and it is understood that you are waiting for a letter from me before sending the second amount of \$100,000. It is also understood that no money will be coming this month from the BBT. Therefore you can arrange to immediately send the \$100,000 to the Bank of America, Express Towers, Niariman Point, Bombay, India to the advice and credit of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness Mayapur-Vṛndavan Fund, Account no. 16026. Please advise me when this transfer has been made.

Hoping this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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77-5-4

Bombay

5th May, 1977

My dear Jayananda,

Please accept my blessings.

I am feeling very intensely your separation. In 1967 you joined me in San Fran-

cisco. You were driving my car and chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa. You were the first man to give me some contribution (\$5000) for printing my Bhagavad-gītā. After that, you have rendered very favorable service to Kṛṣṇa in different ways. I so hope at the time of your death you were remembering Kṛṣṇa and as such, you have been promoted to the eternal association of Kṛṣṇa. If not, if you had any tinge of material desire, you have gone to the celestial kingdom to live with the demigods for many thousands of years and enjoy the most opulent life of material existence. From there you can promote yourself to the spiritual world. But even if one fails to promote himself to the spiritual world, at that time he comes down again on the surface of this globe and takes birth in a big family like a yogis' or a brahmanas' or an aristocratic family, where there is again chance of reviving Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. But as you were hearing Kṛṣṇa-kīrtana, I am sure that you were directly promoted to Kṛṣṇa-loka.

“janma karma ca me divyam
evam yo vetti tattvataḥ
tyaktva deham punar janma
naiti man eti so' rjuna”

Kṛṣṇa has done a great favor to you, not to continue your diseased body, and has given you a suitable place for your service. Thank you very much.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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77-5-5

Bombay

6th May, 1977

Frankfurt

My dear Harikesa Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your zonal report for the month of April, dated April 27th, 1977.

Regarding the Arabic translation, whether it is good or bad, something should be printed. As you have suggested, let it be printed in India. Our good friend Mr. Brij Ratan Mohatta volunteered to help pay the printing costs of Arabic publication. So in this regard you can send the manuscripts to Gopal Krishna, and he will arrange everything. Regarding the translations into Russian and other East European languages, you are the expert in the field, so however you decide to get the work done is alright. I will simply be very glad to receive any publications from these languages. If you think that by getting a telex hookup in Bombay our international work would be benefitted, I have no objection.

I am very pleased to know that our activities are going nicely in Scandinavia. I know that Vegavan is a very intelligent good boy. The place as you have described it that they are thinking to get sounds very nice. I know how dedicated all of the distributors of my books are in Germany where it is not easy to work. Please find enclosed one letter to the sankirtana men.

If you can overflow all India with ghee as you propose, that will be a great service. But what you describe sounds like a dream. As far as what to do with the ghee, it may be better that we take it directly. If we take it there will be no question of any black marketing. Rather we can take all of the ghee and advertise that everyone wanting free ghee apply through ISKCON. Does that sound alright?

Now Krsna has given you suitable responsibility, and you are trying your best. That much I want. Hoping this meets you well.

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

ACBS/tkg

77-5-6

Bombay

My dear Giriraj,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letters, both dated 8th May, 1977.

As Mr. Mohatta has recommended, I have enclosed a letter to Bank of America advising them to make payment to E.C.C. for the amount of Rs. 2 Lacs. This letter as well as the other letter advising a transfer of Rs. 6 1/2 Lacs to State Bank of Hyderabad account, should only be presented to Bank of America after they advise you that they have received Guru Kripa Swami's \$100,000.00, and not before. But Mr. Mohatta should be shown all the bills so that he can check them. I am not at all in favour of paying them any more money until the final bill is presented.

Has I.O.B. began construction of their premises yet? Thank you for organizing the all day Sunday Kirtan program. This should be developed very nicely, stressing kirtan and prasadam.

Yes, my health is improving a very little. The house that we have been given is the best in Risikesh. It is very nice and the climate is much better than Bombay's. Many persons are coming in the afternoons for darshan. I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/tkg

77-5-7

New Delhi
11th May, 1977

My dear Ramesvara,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 1st, 1977 along with all of the photographs and drawings.

[TEXT COVERED]

Jayananda's death is glorious. It is very good that he had stated, what is the use of such a useless body, better to give it up. He has left his body very wonderfully, and he has been transferred to Vaikuntha. I have already sent a condolence letter for publication in Back To Godhead. Everyone should follow the example of Jayananda. I am very proud that I had such a nice disciple. If possible Jayananda's picture should be hung in the ratha of Lord Jagannatha, and in all of our temples a day may be set aside for holding a festival in his honor, just as we do on the disappearance day of the other great Vaisnavas.

[TEXT COVERED]

I am staying here in Risikesh in the best house. It is situated just on the Ganges and the climate is very first-class. Many persons are coming in the afternoon for darshan, and in every case they are going away very much impressed that our movement is not some concoction.

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77-5-8

Hrishikesh

13th May, 1977

New Talavan, Mississippi

My dear Dasanudasa,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated April 21st, 1977. Thank you very much for sending the Guru Daksina.

The two essays which you have sent are very nicely written. It appears that you have good talent for writing, so kindly continue to develop in this way and write more and more of your realizations based upon our books. There is no need to concoct anything new. You simply have to study carefully our books and then in your own words try to express what you have read. This will automatically make you a

very successful preacher.

There is no need to learn Bengali. I do not encourage learning any new skills. Whatever material abilities one has when he comes to Kṛṣṇa consciousness, let him learn to engage these in Kṛṣṇa's service: that is sufficient. There is no need of learning new skills now. That will simply be a waste of time.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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77-5-9

Vṛndavana,

18th May, 1977

Tokyo

My dear Guru Kṛpa Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings.

I am so much grateful to you and to all of your men how much you are sacrificing for spreading the movement of Sri Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu. I have heard with great pleasure how in only one month's time you have distributed 50,000 Bhagavad-gītā As It Is in the Japanese language. Param vijayate sri kṛṣṇa sankīrtanam! I think there has never been a case in history when so many religious books were distributed in such a short time. Now that our books have been taken by the people it is only a question of time until our movement is well accepted in Japan. Go on distributing these books more and more and Caitanya Mahāprabhu will bless all of you. It is simply wonderful how with only 12 men you were able to distribute so many books and at the same time send such sizeable contribution for our Indian projects. Thank you all very much.

For some reason temples are not sending in as much money as was expected to the BBT. Ramesvara says that he cannot afford to send any money for completing Bombay at this time. Therefore I am

hoping it may be possible for you to continue to send \$100,000 monthly for finishing the Bombay project, until such a time when the BBT can arrange instead to send the money. When the BBT can once again transfer funds regularly then I shall tell you what to do with further collections.

I was staying in Risikesh hoping to improve my health but instead I have become a little weaker. Now I have come back to my home, Vrndavana. If anything should go wrong, at least I will be here in Vrndavana. Vrndavana is for residence, Bombay is office for organization, and Mayapur is for worship of the Supreme Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu.

I shall be very happy to hear of how your activities are going in Japan and Hawaii. Hoping this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

77-5-10

Vrndavana
18th May, 1977

My dear Hari Sauri,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your telegram. It is not possible to reply you by telegram

because there is necessity of sending beads, and sacred thread which can only be sent through a regular letter.

As you have recommended him, I accept Clayton as my duly initiated disciple. His spiritual name is Karsna-Dasa. You should hold a fire sacrifice and he must vow to chant minimum 16 rounds daily and follow the four regulative principles faithfully. His beads already chanted on are being sent by separate post, so the fire ceremony should be held after receipt of the beads. I also accept Anupam Das and Bimala Dasi for second initiation. Anupam's sacred thread duly chanted on is enclosed herewith. After the fire ceremony they may be allowed to hear the Gayatri mantra in the right ear. They should be instructed to always remain clean, internally by chanting Hare Krsna and externally by regularly bathing.

For ten days I was staying in Risikesh in a very nice house on the side of the Ganges River. But my health was not good and so I have come to Vrndavana where I will stay indefinitely.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

AUGUST

77-8-1

Vrndavana

2nd August, 1977

The Embassy of the United States

of America,

Dept. of Immigration and Visa,

New Delhi

Re: Extension of the validity of my Alien

Registration Receipt, Card No. A-
17978480.

Dear Sir,

I left the United States of America in

July of 1976. As I am planning to go to the United States shortly, and as over one year has passed since I was last there, I am requesting your good office to extend the validity of my Registration Card for another year.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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SEPTEMBER

77-9-1

Bhaktivedanta Manor
6th September, 1977

Lautoka, Fiji

My Dear Vasudeva,

Please accept my blessings. Today I have received a report from Ramesvara Maharaj describing the Grand Opening ceremony of the Sri Krsna-Kaliya Temple at Fiji. I am so much pleased that this occasion has been celebrated so successfully. I pray that Kaliya-Krsna bless you with all intelligence and strength for pushing this great movement of Krsna consciousness forward to all the people of your country. You have worked so sincerely and now Krsna has personally appeared.

In his letter Ramesvara has written, "Our plan is to continue expanding book distribution and try to get literally thousands of Hindus to begin chanting japa. In short, my report is that Fiji could easily become the first country in the world to have a Krsna conscious government, and Vasudeva is the perfect devotee to help accomplish this task." May Ramesvara Maharaja's words come true. By your example teach all of the citizens to become ideal Vaisnavas, faithfully following the regulative principles and chanting regu-

larly the Hare Krsna mantra. Worship the Deity very gorgeously with full attention to regularity and cleanliness. Distribute ample quantities of sumptuous prasadam to everyone who visits Kaliya-Krsna. This program will make us successful. And in the morning and evening hold regular Bhagavatam and Bhagavad-gita discourses, but do not allow any rascal professional receivers to discourse in our temple. Only initiated disciples should be allowed to speak on the subject matter of Krsna consciousness.

Now I have come to the West in a broken condition of health. In such condition no one would think of touring. An ordinary man would prepare for death. But I am not afraid of death, so why not let me see once again all of my beloved disciples and the Temples all over the world. When I go to Hawaii this winter I shall be very much eager to come to Fiji and to see you at that time. Until then go on very enthusiastically and try to make all of the citizens Krsna conscious.

Hoping this meets you and all of your family members in the best of health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/tkg

ADDENDUM

add-1

24th August, 1967

My dear Mukunda,

Please accept my blessings. I have your note regarding the initiation of Mr. Prasad. I'm sending per separate post (airmail) the beads and bag. I have received \$1 in this regard; but I think I asked to send \$5. \$1 does not cover the cost of post etc. His name will be Birchandra Dasa.

I am glad to learn that your S.F. center is progressing well; this is all due to the sincere effort of the boys and girls. Your progress is confirmed also by the letter of Hayagriva, who says that the center is better than N.Y. So it is very delightful to me.

So far my health is concerned, I am improving a bit daily, and most probably it will be possible for me to return by the end of Oct. next. It may be that Kirtanananda will return sooner, as he is taking sannyas this Janmasthmi Day. Any of our students who wish to learn more about the Goswami literatures will have the greatest facilities for living here at Vrindaban, free of boarding, lodging, and tuition. This has been offered by my god-brother Swami Bon Maharaj, at his Institute of Oriental Philosophy. I've got his official letter in this regard, and I shall be glad if some of the students volunteer to come to India and learn the Vaishnav philosophy at a recognized institution.

I've seen your postcard to Vinod Kumar. If he can get immigration visa, why not try the same immigration visa for me on the strength of my certificates which you have already got. I've not heard any

think from Janiki. Hope she is well. While coming here she requested that next time I shall return direct to S.F. Krishna willing, it may be so, because I am thinking of returning via Tokyo and Hawaii. The best thing immediately will be to open a branch either at L.A. or San Diego, because it is practically seen that warm climate keeps me a little better. Whatever progress I am making, I think it is due to that. I am very glad you are doing your best to open a branch at L.A.

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June 11, 1968

[End of letter to Mukunda],

The copy of the letter of the police chief was already received by me from Jayananda. It is very good.

I shall later on explain to you the story of Maharaj Amburish. The summary of the story is that Durbasa was a great successful yogi and Maharaj Amburish was a pure devotee. Due to Durbasa being a Brahmin and a yogi, he was very much puffed up and he did not like that Maharaj Amburish was honored as a pure devotee of the Lord. So he picked up a false quarrel with him, but unfortunately, he was too much humiliated in the eyes of the public in spite of presentation of his wonderful mystic powers. The lesson from this story is that devotees of the Lord are never puffed up, and all others, whatever they may be, they are all puffed with material facilities. But if, unfortunately, there is some tension between a devotee and a yogi, or any others, the devotee always

comes out victorious by the Grace of Krishna.

Hope you are both well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/

add-3 Los Angeles
15th November, 1968
London

My Dear Mukunda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your two letters dated Nov. 8, one addressed to Jayananda, and I am pleased to note the contents. So far Mr. George Harrison is concerned, he promised to call Dayananda, but he has not done so. Therefore I think it is not probable to meet him. It doesn't matter, let us grow slowly but surely. Let us try our best to spread this Krishna Consciousness movement with sincerity. And Krishna will give us all facilities. After all, it is Krishna's business. We are simply servants. Our sincere desire is to serve Him and this is our bonafide position. Krishna says that we should give up all engagements and be seriously in Krishna Consciousness and surrender unto Him. We believe in this philosophy and we try to follow the principles and we instruct others also to follow the same path. That is our bonafide position. We are representative of Krishna because we present Krishna's order as it is. And therefore we are bonafide representative. If somebody inquires whether we are as good as Krishna, the reply is that it does not matter. We may not be as good as Krishna, and that is also not possible anyway. Krishna is great and we are minute particles. So how we can become as good as Krishna. This is false theory of the Mayavad philosophers. But we sincerely serve Krishna, we are sincere servants of His Lordship, and we

present things as presented by Krishna, and that is the test of our bonafide position and our bonafide presentation. So don't be worried, do your best and success or failure does not matter. Krishna is absolute, so there is no such thing as success or failure in Krishna Consciousness, or in other words, there is no question of failure in Krishna Consciousness, whatever we do it is success. Whatever one may do in the material world, if he is even Rockefeller, it is all failure, defeat, because it will not exist beyond this body. He does not know that next life I may be dog or cat. But whatever service we can do for Krishna, even if somebody is not able to execute fully Krishna Consciousness, whatever amount of service he does it never goes in vain. It will eternally remain. And it will act. Even somebody does small amount of service, and not even very willingly, still, he is assured to get human body in next birth, and chance to execute some service further. So there is no question of failure in Krishna Consciousness. It is only success. Krishna says, My devotee is never vanquished. So we must try sincerely, that's all.

I hope this meets you in good health, along with Janaki, and Malati and Shyam-sundar, and Miss Saraswati. Please continue to keep me informed.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS

add-4 Los Angeles
29th July, 1969
Boston

My dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. While I was in San Francisco I received your letter dated July 25, 1969. The most important point is whether you shall give up your present job, which is bringing at least

\$125 per week. You cannot give up your job on Murari's request. You have to think yourself. You are more sober than Murari. Simply for whipping into shape some new young boys I do not find any substantial reason to give up your job. You can give instructin to Murari so that he be- ing experienced among the group cn conduct the job in your absence. You say that in the severe cold there will be no possi- bility of going out. If others can work at that time, why should you give up your work at this time? My only point is that if you can manage all th affairs through the assistance of Murari and others, you may not give up your job. But if y our presence improves the situation, I have no objectin for your quitting your present job. Noth- ing should be done impelled by any senti- ment. Everything should be judged from the practical point of view. My decisive advice is that if you can manage without giving up your present job, that is very nice.

I am so glad to learn that you have opened a separate savings account for your daily collections. I have received the transcription of tape #16. You are dong very nicely and improving your editorial capability. Krishna Consciousness is so nice, the more we execute it, the more we become advanced. Yes, I have not as yet received Giriraj's contribution to my book fund, and a you have said, the money can be deposited to my account.

The Krishna paintings Jadurany is do- ing now may be very nicely done very col- orfully, and kept in your custody. She may pick up the ideas for pictures from the transcriptions of the tapes. In this way, when the book and pictures are ready we shall arrange for publication. As soon as 500 pages are ready by your typewriting we shall print the first part immediately. So both of you and your wife have got very good opportunity for serving Krishna. Make both of your lives sublime, and

teach others also how to live by your ex- emplary life. I have received one long let- ter from Lilavati, and I shall reply as soon as possible.

The last point is that I am not very much in favor of your giving up this ser- vice, but if you think it is proper, that it will beneficial for propagating our Samkirtan Movement, then you can do it. The idea in the *Nectar of Devotion* is ex- plained that we should accept everything which is favorable in propagating our Krishna Consciousness. If something is unfavorable, then we shall give it up im- mediately. That should be our motto of life.

I Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/

P.S. The Rathayatra festival was very suc- cessful in S.F. I am awaiting report of your festival in Boston.

ACBS

The London advertisement is enclosed herewith.

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25th November, 1969

[End of letter to Brahmananda]

from Madhusudan about Maha Samkirtan in Washington, and I was very much en- couraged. Tamal and the London Yatra party have gone to Germany. They have got good engagements there. Your beads have been duly chanted upon and are be- ing sent by separate mail. The dictaphone which you have got from Subal is perhaps my dictaphone. It was sent through Haya- griva to be delivered to you in order to lessen our luggage here. But he delivered

it to Subal, and perhaps Subal has delivered it to you. So you may use it for now.

Regarding another composing machine, I have already instructed Satsvarupa to do the needful, and I have received a letter from Arundhuti that she was sick for a few weeks. So things should be done easily and perfectly, not being overburdened to anyone. In the *Bhagavad Gita* it is said that reasonable acceptance of necessities of life and easy prosecution of duties is favorable for execution of yoga process. Our Krishna Consciousness is the easiest and most sublime yoga process, and if we simply follow the rules and regulations described by our previous acharyas, then success is sure. There must be enthusiasm, patience, confidence, following the regulative principles, association of devotees, and rejection of unfair dealings. These are the six principles for advancing in Krishna Consciousness.

Regarding *True Conception of Religion*, do not send any more money for them. Whatever you have already sent, that is all right. I have received complaint from Achyutananda that the parties from whom he took money for *BTG* in exchange of mridungas, they are not receiving there issues. So how the posting is going on there I do not know, but see that this is taken care of immediately. This is very important. I want to engage Achyutananda to get some subscribers in India in exchange for mridungas, but if they do not receive *BTG* regularly, certainly it will be difficult for him. So you see what is the cause why they are not receiving. Formerly, Purushottam has already sent you the list, so check to see that they are registered.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/

add-6

Nairobi

14th October, 1971

Paris

My Dear Vasudev,

Please accept my blessings. I have heard a serious complaint against you that you are in intimate relation with Aradhana's wife Santanu. I am not only surprised but I cannot believe that a nice boy like you should be thus accused. Anyway young boys and girls sometimes commit mistakes due to age but we should remember that we are considered to be the most responsible persons in the society. Rejection of illicit sex life is our first motto. So I request you to stop immediately all this nonsense and remain fixed up in your good character. I have got very much appreciation of your abilities and I hope you will do the needful so that there may not be any more accusation against your good character. Any god-brother's wife or any unmarried girl in our society should be always treated as mother and sister. Any married woman should be treated as mother.

So we require many pictures of the acharyas so please engage yourself in painting more seriously than to divert your attention in any other matter. Please reply this letter to my Bombay address and let me know what you have done.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/adb

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Bombay

16th November, 1971

Boston

My Dear Daughter Jadurani,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your two letters dated Octo-

ber 31st and November 11th, 1970.

I am very glad that you and all the others are finding that your Kṛṣṇa Consciousness is increased by following our new schedule of regular activities in the Temple. I am getting such happy reports from all our centers and actually that is the way of advancing in spiritual life. Without being jolly, one cannot make any tangible progress in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness and without strictly following the regulative principles and chanting the prescribed number of rounds on the beads, nobody can become free from the unhappiness of this material world. So it is imperative that all our students be exemplary in their execution of devotional service and naturally Kṛṣṇa will bless you all more and more.

I was thinking that the paintings should be produced at the rate of one per day. That was my thought. But if it is not practical, there is no cause for lamenting. Simply go on with your painting as far as possible. Please do not neglect to engage yourself in the prescribed duties for maintaining your spiritual strength. Without keeping spiritual strength there is no question of any accomplishment like painting or anything else. So Kṛṣṇa Consciousness is first in all circumstances. Everything should be regulated in devotional service. Just like eating. Eating is necessary to remain fit, but too much eating means disease and too little eating means starving. One must adjust things properly, that is the program of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.

I think that is you feel too much inconvenience just now by remaining in Boston with Satsvarupa, then you may go to some other center for some time with the art department and carry on your work there. Sometimes such separation for a time is beneficial for husband and wife both, but there is never any question of divorce.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/ds

P.S. Please offer my special blessings to all the members of your Art Department for their cooperation for illustrating our works so nicely with their hard labors. Please thank Srimati Devahuti Dasi especially for her fine work painting. She has also sent me one very encouraging tape of Pradyumna's Isopanisad class practice introduced by herself for which I am very thankful. I have requested the tape to be played here for the devotees and they are now holding a similar class for studying Isopanisad mantras being enthused by this tape. Also I have not heard from Devahuti since a long time, I hope she is again engaged in her painting work, she is a skilled devotional artist. Brahmananda was just here and he told me that she was writing to me, so I am expecting a letter from her very shortly.

A.C.B.S.

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Dallas

Calcutta

31st January, 1973

My dear Amarendra das,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 9, 1973, and I have noted the contents with great care. Whatever you can do to turn the minds of the people towards Kṛṣṇa Consciousness, that is very much appreciated by me. You are intelligent boy. In consultation with your Godbrothers you can decide how to effectively run the campaign. I want to turn over now the management to my disciples as I am desiring to devote my time now simply for translating the books like *Srimad-Bhagavatam*. So if you study my books very carefully, then I am sure you will find out the means for applying this Kṛṣṇa

Consciousness philosophy in all spheres of life. There is no limitation. Simply it requires a little common sense practicality. The main point is that Kṛṣṇa is the center of all activities, whatever is going on. Whatever the activity may be, if Kṛṣṇa is the center, that is all right. The details simply require a little common sense. So you are there in Dallas, and you have all the details of the situation. So now, with the help of your Godbrothers there, you decide exactly how to execute the thing. After all, the result is given by Kṛṣṇa. So the main point is simply to execute everything with complete sincerity and enthusiasm, without deviating from the principles that I have given you in my books. So I have seen the news clippings and they are very nice. Now you go on making more and more propaganda for informing people of this philosophy of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. If we push this propaganda very strongly and at the same time remain completely pure by following all of the regulative principles very strictly, by chanting sixteen rounds, reading the books, attending mangala aratrika, etc., then everything will be all right.

Hope this finds you in the best of health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/bmdg

add-9 Vrindaban
17th August, 1974
Denver

My Dear Kurusrestha das:

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 1, 1974 addressed to Rome, which has just reached me due to my travelling. I am very glad to learn of your success in

Samkirtan travelling party. I think you have got good organizing talent for Samkirtan. Increase the classroom programs more and more. This is very important. Regarding the construction program Jayatirtha informs me that this has been stopped.

Regarding the initiations I have accepted the following as my disciples on your recommendation. I am pleased to see that you are taking this matter of initiation seriously. Jack Brassfield—Vanecara; Donald Brandt—Dugdhapana; Jeffery Mennies—Setubandha; Christen Brett—Khandita devi.

I am also enclosing the sanctified sacred threads for Pancanand das, Vi-racandra das, and a mantra sheet for Bhaktapriya devi. So hold a fire sacrifice and impress upon the students that they are taking vows before Rādhā Kṛṣṇa, the spiritual master, and the Vaiṣṇavas. They must always chant 16 rounds and follow the regulative principles.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/bs

add-10 Bombay
2nd December, 1974

Brooklyn

My Dear Jayadwaita das:

Please accept my blessings. I have seen on the new books printed that on the spine of the jacket the words "Bhaktivedanta Book Trust" have been omitted. Formally they were there on all the books. It is understood from Ramesvar that you removed these words. Why did you do this? Who authorized it? Did Bali Mardan authorize it? These things must be there. Please see to it.

I hope this meets you in good health.
Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

add-11 Mauritius

My Dear Bhagavandas:

Please accept my blessings. Here in Mauritius there is a very good potency for introducing Krishna consciousness on a wide scale. The government is not opposed to our movement. Yesterday we had one meeting and all big government officers, ministers, ambassadors came to hear me speak. And they appreciated.

Most important the local boys, Indians, are coming, and now they want to do something. They are convinced that this is a good movement. They are organizing a program of getting boys from the villages for me to instruct them. So I am prepared to personally take up this program and remain here. The boys are educated and intelligent and speak English and especially French.

What is required immediately is some French speaking devotees to come here for preaching. You kindly arrange for this. Sober, intelligent men are required who can preach. Now we have so many French literatures, so there is a great opportunity. Not only here but in other islands. And these local Indian boys can in future be sent to India to preach to their people. So on the whole there is great potential here. Enclosed are some cuttings from the newspapers here.

I hope this meets you in good health.
Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

add-12 Los Angeles
16th June, 1976

My Dear Prajapati,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge your letter of June 6, 1972 and I have noted the contents. It is very nice to hear that all the Activities are going on with full enthusiasm there in Boston. Upon your recommendation, enclosed please find one letter for initiates as well as 4 copies of gayatri mantra and 3 sacred threads duly chanted by me. Four beads also duly chanted by me have been sent by separate post. Hold a fire yajna and give gayatri mantra to Brhatrath, Chediraj, Somadas, and Sarmistha dasi. Rupanuga has got a tape of me reciting gayatri mantra, so you can get this from him. One thing is that the tape should be heard through ear phones into the right ear. So the fire yajna can be held for all 8 devotees.

Regarding your questions, we should not take any stock of rumors which may come, that is not our process to act upon rumors. We hear from the authorized sources, and then our hearing is perfect. So you are the leader of big temple, you should know these things and avoid them, and instruct the other students there to stick to whatever is mentioned in our books and try to understand that subject matter from every angle of vision, without trying to adulterate by adding anything rumor. Our preaching must be based upon the subject matter from books and nothing outside of them. The actual fact is that worshipping Deity and chanting the glories of the Lord are both within the nine processes of devotional service recommended by Rupa Goswami. Besides chanting and hearing and remembering there are six other recommended activities in devotional service. So if we are able to practice even only one of these activities perfectly, the result will be the same. Or we may

execute more than one, we may execute several or even all nine activities in devotional service, but even if we execute one perfectly we shall be completely successful in devotional service. So there is no question that one activity is more important than another or that Deity worship is more important than Sankirtan, but one individual may be able to perform one activity more satisfactorily than another, so to him that activity will be more important. But in general we cannot say that any of the nine processes is more important than the others, except that if hearing,

chanting and remembering are there, that is the most vital consideration for the general class of men in this age. Service to the Deities, as you are asking me, begins whenever you remember Them and offer all your services by remembering at the same time. All activities, words, everything should be offered as service to the Deities, and this offering with remembering will gradually increase as you practice it.

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