



Long Live the Eternal Revolution of Consciousness!

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We were taught that revolution occurs when simple people are not able to follow the old ways of life and “the cream of society” can’t rule them in some new way. Then those come who promise to build a bright new future on the ruins of the old system. There are always crazy heads that take guns into their hands and follow their crazy leaders. They are even ready to die for the idea: for the pride of country, nation, and world. People write books about them, make movies about them, and create legends of them.

We are so fortunate that we joined the spiritual revolution of Mahaprabhu by causeless mercy from above. We can honestly recognize that by our Guru’s mercy we have got everything and paid nothing.

Feelings of victory make our steps heavy. It seems to us that Krishna is ours and that He inevitably will give us some space in His small, provincial Vrindavan because we know everything about Him. Even those things which are hidden from many great souls in India, we have because we got pure theism from Srila Prabhupada: the nectar of eternal relationships with the Personality of Godhead, without any tinge of different “isms” and cultures.

Millions of lives are not enough to understand and accept what Srila Sridhar Maharaj gave to the world. It seems that the Absolute has opened all the doors and revealed all the secrets. Srila Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada gave Krishna to the Western world and Srila Sridhar Maharaj revealed to us the confidential nature of Mahaprabhu’s mission: Radha Dasyam, or service to Srimati Radharani, which is beyond everything.

But why does the current of Krishna-prema still not flow in our stone-like hearts? We are searching all around for our siddha-swarupa, eternal spiritual nature, like Russian merchants in the Indian bazaar-ridden Holy Places — Radha





Kunda, Vrindavan and Govardhan. We listened to rasika-guru, bathed in holy waters, but all in vain.

It seemed that everything was false. There was no love, only lust. What to do? That was the question for those who could not live as they did in the past but did not know how to start life in some new way.

As always, help came from above. Srila Sridhar Maharaj and Swami Prabhupada gave us Srila Govinda Maharaj. But what is his preaching? Where is the “hidden treasure”? What is new?

Trinad api sunicena na — the third sloka of Mahaprabhu’s Shikshastakam — to be respectful to everyone, not expecting respect for ourselves. Hmmm? Is it really so important? If it is not then why did Mahaprabhu tell us about it? He left us only eight instructions. The glory of the Holy Name is revealed in the first two slokas, and the third sloka establishes humility: the only condition for chanting the Holy Name.

Non-believers will say, “Alright, but why Srila Govinda Maharaj? Anybody can get it at the Bhakti-Shastra source. Govinda Maharaj did not tell us anything that was not given before him.” But this thinking is the doubt of the mundane mind. It is an illusion and Vaishnava-aparada.

The Lord and holy Vaishnavas were not mistaken in giving Sri Rupa’s line to Srila Govinda Maharaj. The keys for the service of that world are in his hands, although he does not show that. But how can the speaker prove his words? When Sarvabhauma Pandit had doubts about Mahaprabhu’s divinity, not seeing any support for it, Gopinath Acharya said: “ I have got His divine grace by which I could see that He is God.”

So let us try to get Srila Govinda Maharaj’s grace by serving the servants of the servants of his servants.





Dear Srila Guru Maharaja,

On this blessed day the thought comes to mind that Sri Krishna says that His devotee will never perish. Although not in that category that is my feeling today in relation to my connection with You — that Your benevolent blessings are preventing me from perishing.

All my life there have been so many mental problems and obstacles. In the West, that is the main hindrance for me in practicing spiritual life. Getting rid of what is unfavorable to my real life has not and will not be an easy thing.

But today, by your grace, I feel brighter and more positive than ever before. And that is all due to your merciful stamp on my life.

A Soul who lives in the spiritual light can deeply touch and influence the life of a fool who lives in darkness. So when a great stalwart devotee of the Lord like Yourself graced my life the strong feeling came that in the end everything will be alright.

I feel strongly Your blessings in my daily life and my gratitude for them is increasing every day. So my prayer to You is that I can continue to develop as an aspiring devotee to be one day in the service position you want me to be.

All the best to You on this truly blessed occasion when we celebrate the day that You graced the Earth with Your divine appearance.

Srila Gurudeva ki jaya!

Aspiring for Your service and that of the Vaisnavas,

Yours sincerely,

Arjjunananda dasa
Holland





To our Dearest Eternal Guardian and Protector,

Please accept our dandavat pranams unto Your Lotus Feet.

On this very auspicious day of Your Holy Appearance our only prayer is to always have Your *krpa* in order to remain engaged with a favorable mood in the service of Your servants. According to our capacity, we want to serve for Your pleasure and satisfaction, and proceed further in the association of Your devotees till our last breath.

Please forgive us if we have committed anything of offensive nature, knowingly or unknowingly.

Affectionately Yours,
In the service of Your servants,

Vinod Krsna das
Neelaanjana devi dasi
Krsnadas das
Narayani devi dasi
Mauritius

To give praise to my Guru's birth,
A task of which I'm hardly worth.
For so long of fruits in search,
Now shown why we walk this Earth.
For in this short time of my life to find,
One who'll deliver me from strife of mind.
None else within these present days,
Could have led me from my sins away.
Thank you for reaching down to us,
Showing Service with your Divine Touch.



Your servant,

Dina Dayal Das
Soquel, California





All glories to Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga

Dearest Srila Gurudev,

Please accept our humble dandavats at your holy lotus feet.

This is the most wonderful time, when we are given this opportunity to write to you on this special occasion of your appearance day. On this holy day we worship you with all our hearts. On this special day we are feeling our fortune more than ever.

This brilliant day is the Supreme Lord's great manifestation of mercy upon us. This treasured day is the answer to all the prayers of the sincere seekers. This cherished day is the mark in this universe when all the blessings from above descend to Earth. This merciful day is when all the auspiciousness, all the beauty, all the charm, all the poetry take form and become One; and that One is you, Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj. All of this can be seen in your sweetest, most beautiful smiling face.

This shining day is so complete, so full, so perfect. It is even much more because this auspicious day brings all of us the golden opportunity to remember you more. Remembering you, thinking of you is non-different from thinking of the Golden Lord Himself; as the Lord, you are freely and mercifully distributing yourself to the most fallen.

All glories always to you, most magnanimous, generous, beautiful and sweet Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj, our only hope and joy.

Your unqualified aspiring servants,
Kalindi D.D. and Vaidehi D.D.
Soquel, California





All glories to Srila Guru Maharaj

Dear Gurudev,

Please accept my humble dandavat pranams. Actually I have no words to describe all the mercy you have bestowed upon me.

You are the most wonderful and pure flower in my heart. By your divine guidance I can see the correct path that leads me to take refuge at your lotus feet.

On this special day I want to tell you that you are the most important thing for me. Please do not give me up because without your blessings I would not even be able to breath. I feel very fortunate because I have a spiritual master like you, the ocean of mercy. With lots of love and affection I have prepared this offering. Please accept it from this devotee of yours, who, day after day, tries to serve your golden and beautiful lotus feet. Thanks, my Gurudev, for everyday bestowing upon us such a smile.

With love and affection, please accept my obeisances from this insignificant servant.

Please forgive my offences,
Kamala Nayan devi dasi

All glories to Srila Gurudev!

We are all celebrating this auspicious day. With your appearance the sun never sets. We take shelter of your lotus feet. We wish all the best.

Jaya Srila Gurudev!

Yours servants from Italy,

Atula Krishna das
Vijaya Gauranga das
Mohita Krishna das
Lasya mayi devi dasi
Tulasi priya devi dasi
Suvarnalata devi dasi
Lilsara devi dasi
Devaki rupa devi dasi
Mirabai devi dasi
Bhaktin Rosa





My dearest Srila Gurudeva,

On this very blessed day of Your holy appearance in this world, You are together with Your loved ones, Your Godbrothers and Godsisters, Your disciples and Your friends. You are celebrating this wonderful day while I am stuck in freezing Holland (it is some degrees below zero at the moment).

But even so I just need to close my eyes and I can picture all the festivities going on and Your everlasting smile, which can even warm the coldest of hearts. Everything must be beautifully decorated and everyone dressed up in their finest, running around like little bumblebees. Because You have got the honey Guru Maharaj; no you *are* the honey!

Whenever in Your presence, when I truly open myself up to You, I can sense You are truly the embodiment of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's teachings. Being humble and tolerant and always giving praise to others, seeing the good in others instead of the dark sounds so simple, but yet for a fallen soul such as myself, it is very hard.

How such a mentality of focusing on the negative can backfire became very clear to me by Your grace last year. Your perfect example is always there, I know, but I just seem to fail to really grasp the essence of that due to ego and the thick vale of *tamas* surrounding me.

Therefore, knowing that You are there to protect me and seeing Your example of ever-continuing Seva activities to Your Guru Maharaj is my only hope in life. To see how You are maintaining that which has been passed down to You and how You are expanding that is just amazing and beyond words.

It is amazing to see all the devotees all over the world, all the branches, expanding and developing into giant blossoming trees, where anyone can come and take shelter and serve and praise the Lord. That is all to Your credit Guru Maharaj. You just know how to touch everyone, and You give us the faith and confidence that there is something good in all of us. You show that it is our duty to develop that in ourselves and recognize and cherish the same in others.

I can only pray to one day become the person You would like me to be. I pray that I can please You somehow or other. Who and what You are I do not know. I only know that Your mercy is all that I am made of. Have a wonderful day!

Aspiring to become the servant of Your servant,

Parama Bhakti dasi
Holland





*All glories to Srila Govinda Maharaja
All glories to Sri Vyasa Puja*

Oh Gurudeva,

How great is the darkness of my ignorance. I have forgotten your divine nectar, but by your transcendental inspiration now I am able to remember and write you a Vyasa Puja offering.

What kind of disciple am I if I can't write a Vyasa Puja offering? But the life of a real disciple must be not just one poem, but all his life must be an offering to the lotus feet of our Guru Maharaja.

I hope by your grace I'll be able to surrender the whole of my life to you. By your grace you can lift me up because I am the most fallen soul and the real recipient for your mercy. Although I am lacking intelligence, I try to honor all the living entities in a proper way so I can chant the holy name without offence. Please give me your association, even though I have no good qualities. I am running behind you, crying loudly, and weeping for you to give me your sacred association. Without your mercy I am not able to maintain my life. I am waiting for your transcendental vision to be bestowed upon me.

I remain your eternal servant,
Kanta Krishna das

All Glories to Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga

My Most Dear Gurudev,

Please accept my humble dandavat pranams at Your Holy Lotus Feet. Buon Compleanno!!!

Your smile is the sweetest, and Your Divine Face shines brighter than millions of sunrises and millions of moons. In front of You my heart feels full of joy and happiness, and my only desire is to have a drop of real sincerity so I'll be able to serve You.

All Glories to You on this Glorious day!

Humbly,
Your aspiring servant,
Shantimoyi devi dasi
Italy





om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjana-salakaya
caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah

vancha-kalpatarubhyas' ca krpa-sindhubhya eve ca
patitanam pavanebhyo vaisnavebhyo namo namah

Srila Govinda Maharaj, please accept my dandavat pranams. I just want to say you are my divine guidance. You are the benediction tree giving us the divine message for the devotees.

Srila Govinda Maharaj, you are our divine inspiration, revealing the golden reflections. You are the divine servitor who is giving us the Gaudiya Darshan. Your dignity of the divine servitor is giving us the jewels of nectar. The bhagavat darshan is revelation not speculation.

In the search for the original source you want to do something good for us.

You are the hidden treasure, and you are not revealing yourself to everyone. My diksa Guru, His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami, was given the title of Prabhupada by his disciples. I consider you as my Prabhupada now; those with the eyes to see the hidden treasure of your Divine Grace will understand. You deserve the honor and respect that goes with the title Prabhupada.

If I have been disrespectful, please forgive me.

Ratnanabha das
London



Dear Srila Gurudev,

It would be the fulfilment of my greatest desire to be in your presence during the celebration of your Appearance Day. I keep your words that you spoke when you accepted me as your disciple in my heart. Some day, perhaps I will be able to appreciate my great good fortune as one of your followers.

As your devotees come together to celebrate this holy day, I send my prayers for you to be with us for many Appearance Days to come, to increase the auspiciousness in this world.

Your humble servant,
Nilacala Chandra das





All glories to Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga

**gurvabhista-supurakam guru-ganair asisa-sambhusitam
cintyacintya-samasta-veda-nipunam sri-rupa-panthanugam
govindabhidham ujivalam vara-tanum bhakty anvitam sundaram
vande visva-gurun ca divya-bhagavat-premno hi bija-pradam**

To my dearest beloved Gurudev,

Please accept my humble dandavat pranams at your Holy Lotus Feet. I wish you an extraordinary 74th anniversary. Your appearance on this Earth has been the most wonderful, beautiful, happiest thing possible to overcome us.

I am so thankful that I have gotten a drop of your mercy to be able to be in the presence of you and your devotees here in Nabadwip on this Vyasa Puja festival. I'm very much aware of my incapability to glorify and serve your holy and divine exaltedness.



Have a very happy Vyasa Puja day, Srila Gurudev.
Dandavat pranams with all my love and affection,

Your lowly daughter,
Rasa Mayi Pandita
Holland

All Glories to Srila Govinda Maharaja

Please accept my dandavats. I feel so nervous and unworthy to praise you, for I am so fallen and ignorant. You have filled my life with so much joy and fulfillment; I feel incapable of trying to speak my heart. I thank you for giving me the ability to somewhat fathom love, by seeing your devotion to your Gurudev. I am so happy living in the temple surrounded constantly by your wonderful disciples; they are helping me to develop some faith. I hope I can please you in some way. Your mercy for me has been unlimited. I am forever indebted to you. Happy Birthday.

Your servant forever,
Vaidehi Dasi
Soquel, California





My Dearest Guru,

Please accept my most humble and loving obeisances at Your great lotus feet! **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** I hope You have a wonderful birthday surrounded by the millions of devotees that love You! We are celebrating this holy day here in Tijuana, Mexico as well.

You may not remember me well; I am Jagannath Swami's daughter from San Diego, California. I have not been lucky enough to have the pleasure of visiting You in India and getting the darshan of Your lotus feet. Hopefully someday soon, within the next year, all the entangling responsibilities and ties I have here will allow me to get away for at least a couple of weeks. I dream of the marvellous day I will be able to fly with my father to see You and spend some time near You.

I always think of You and remember the day You were in our house in Chula Vista. I remember the big successful conference in Tijuana with Your presence. That was the most exciting day of my life; Your sweet and merciful words moved me, and that was when I realized this is the right path to the Lord, Sri Krishna. I realize You may not be able to fly anymore for some time due to Your health, but if You did it'd be like another miracle in this country full of Maya.

I just want to say I'm very thankful to Krishna because He gave us the BEST SPIRITUAL GUIDE EVER! You set so many good examples for everyone, and You are so merciful and good. After meeting You it's impossible for anyone to go back to leading a life in vain. Once someone hears Your words, which are the sweetest nectar to our ears, no one can ever ignore them and continue living a miserable life. You have made a great impact on those so many lives. If it weren't for Your dear being, many souls would still be lost.

Thank You for listening to my humble words. I feel so ignorant speaking to You. I don't know what to say. Happy Birthday and I wish You many more to come!

With much love,
Your humble servant,

Govinda Mohini dasi
San Diego, California

