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Your ever well-wisher,

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Los Angeles
18th January, 1969

My Dear Janaki,

Please accept my blessings. I was thinking of you since about a week why you are silent, and all of a sudden I got your letter with a golden ring enclosed. It was so much ecstatic. I thank you very much for your kind presentation which you have given, even sacrificing your husband's interest. I think, though, that your husband, Mukunda, is also pleased with this action. Anyway, immediately upon receipt of this ring I pushed it on my finger, and it is very nice.

Regarding your unstable condition of mind, I beg to request you to always remember that you have all gone to London with a great mission and responsibility. I am so much pleased with you all six boys and girls who are doing so much for my missionary work. My Guru Maharaj, Bhaktisiddhanta Thakur, Lord Chaitanya and at the end Lord Krishna Himself all are surely very much pleased for your noble activities. You have already made the city of London feel something about the Hare Krishna movement. This is a great credit for you all and I appreciate it very

much. Please do your duty combinedly without any disruption of peaceful attitudes amongst yourselves. We are pushing our movement on the background of a peaceful atmosphere in the world, and if we show a little disturbance in our own camp that will not be a very good example. Therefore, everyone should be forebearing, tolerant and cooperative. That is my special request to you all.

So far as I am concerned, I have written to Shyamsundar whether there is any possibility of my going there immediately. If not, then I may go to other places for the time being.

Regarding competition with other so-called yoga groups, certainly we have to win the race because we represent Krishna directly, and others are all mostly impersonalists or less than that. So far as I know, our Krishna Consciousness movement is the only genuine endeavor for self-realization. I have tried to explain the genesis of this movement in my book, *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*, and people will learn it if they will carefully study this book. In this connection, there was a radio interview this week in Los Angeles, and the summary is being sent herewith. If possible, you can try to get it printed in

the Times, as they have already printed an article about ourselves. You can make the heading as follows: *Genesis of the Krishna Consciousness Movement*.

So please consider carefully the above mentioned points, and also keep me informed as to your all round well-being. Hope this meets you in very good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

NB: An Indian gentleman, one B. P. Parikh B.A. D. Education has written to me to say that being inspired by your “devotion to Krishna, and being fascinated by your character, discipline, and devotional surrender to the Lord, he has been drawn to your activities.” For this I am very much proud of you. Please maintain this status and certainly you will be welcome everywhere. Get this enclosed article edited by Mukunda or Shyamsundar and then send it for publication in the Times of London or any other respectable paper in London, giving the heading as indicated.

staying at the Boston temple, namely Joy Fulcher, Arlene Warmbrand and Rita. I hope you are all well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

My Dear Jadurany,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of January 11, 1969 and I have noted the contents. The picture of Vasudeva exchanging the babies is not correct because Nanda Maharaj should not be in this scene. Vasudev silently exchanged babies with the sleeping Yasoda, and neither Yasoda nor Nanda Maharaj knew about this till long after. Yasoda had just given birth to her girl baby, and having fell asleep right after this birth, she did not even know that the child she had given birth to was a girl. So please correct this error somehow. In the meantime I am awaiting the other paintings which are sending to me in Los Angeles. Hope this meets you in very good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-1-31

Los Angeles
18th January, 1969

69-1-32

Los Angeles
18th January, 1969

My Dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of January 11, 1969 and have carefully noted the contents. From this letter I can understand that texts number 6 and 7 are missing in the manuscript of the third canto which you have in Boston. The original manuscript is in New York, and when I go there, maybe in April, I will find this for you. In the meantime, you may skip four pages for these missing texts and continue numbering after skipping four numbers which will be filled in latter. Convey my blessings to the three girls who are newly

My Dear Balai,

Please accept my blessings. It was a great pleasure to receive your letter of January 14, 1969. I hope that by the Grace of Krishna you will have a very nice child next month, and my blessings are always there.

You have wished me to live until all of my publications are finished, and I thank you very much for these good wishes. May it be fulfilled by the good will of all of my disciples. Thanking you again for your kind letter.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-1-33

Los Angeles

18th January, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 14, 1969, and I have carefully noted the contents. In my previous letter to you I inquired about the invoice sent by United Shipping Corp., but I have received no information about this from you. Please inform me in this connection in your next letter. I want to know whether the _____ from them \$250.00?

Regarding Nara Narayan, I never advised him to organize a Samkirtan Party in New York. From the very beginning he was entrusted to cast Radha-Krishna murtis in brass. He tried it in so many ways but it was not practical. So at the present moment he is engaged there in preparing a dias and decorations for the temple. That should be his business. Next, if it is possible, let him cast some plaster of Paris Radha-Krishna murtis of the size you have got in the New York temple. If not, he may go for a few days to New Vrindaban and make schemes and plans for residential quarters and press accommodations, etc. If possible, Advaita may also go with him for a few days. In this connection correspondence may be opened with Hayagriva and Kirtanananda.

Regarding the press, as Advaita wants a little more time, so we should wait still for a few months more until he is confident to take the responsibility. Regarding the place for situating the press, in my opinion New Vrindaban is the best place. But I have no objection if it is started in any other place. But all circumstances and conditions must be taken into consideration before a final decision is made where to start the press. In New Vrinda-

ban it is simply a question of providing a suitable place. I think that if we spend \$1,000.00 for this purpose a very nice accommodation can be constructed there for locating our press. Whereas if we start in some city like New York or Los Angeles, for such accommodation we have to pay not less than \$500 rent per month. So by spending two months rent we can have our own place with facility for further expansion. So these things have to be considered. There is now ample time, at least four months, so we should carefully think over these things.

I have seen the lotus sign with the word Iskcon on it, and I think that it is not acceptable. This is because one does not know where to start reading the letters. If you like to make a lotus flower for this, I have enclosed one picture which I have drawn and which you may consider. But Radha-Krishna must also appear on this letterhead.

Regarding the house in North Carolina, if Patit Uddharan's mother gives us permission to stay in this house for three months without any rent, then we can make an experiment. If this experiment is successful we can continue, otherwise we shall vacate the house. But also we must find a suitable person to go there. If she agrees, we can begin to make arrangements.

Our publication project is to finish *Srimad Bhagawatam*. If we publish one volume for one canto, still it will not be less than 12 volumes. Besides this we have *Nectar of Devotion* and two or three more books. This means all together another fourteen of fifteen volumes at utmost. Of course this will take time, but it is our ambition. If the MacMillan Company is interested, they can immediately publish at least one volume of *Srimad Bhagawatam* to make an experiment. They can either print the second canto in one volume, or the first canto may be edited by Hayagriva

into one volume. So if they like, we can immediately hand over to them these manuscripts.

You are correct in your estimation that Dai Nippon is not to be blamed. It is our blame. In future we shall be careful and take into writing how much time they will take for each volume. When you print from Dai Nippon, the size of the books will be the same as *Teachings of Lord Chaitanya*, but the pages will be from 350 to 400 pages. So you can try to fix up the time. Formerly they agreed to fix up their price at \$5000. So immediately you make an understanding with them that just after receipt of *Teachings of Lord Chaitanya* we will submit a manuscript of some other book. So both MacMillan and Dai Nippon should be utilized in this way, and as soon as we have our own press we shall divert our activities in this direction. I think this arrangement will be nice.

I have seen your circular about the mailing list and it is very nice. I have already asked Tamal Krishna to take the addresses of persons who are purchasing our *Back To Godhead* magazine. This idea is very nice.

Regarding Gargamuni's touring trip, he can take whomever he likes. If he finds somebody disturbing, this person need not be taken. But Gargamuni should not go alone—somebody must accompany him.

Bali Mardan has written to me to suggest that he begin working immediately to raise money for the book fund, but I think that first he may finish his schooling and then immediately begin working to raise money for our books.

Please keep me informed on the above points. I hope this finds you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-1-34

Los Angeles
18th January, 1969

My Dear Sri Balmukundji,

Please accept my greetings. I beg to thank you very much for your kind letter of January 14, 1969. There is a verse in *Srimad Bhagavatam* which says:

Yasya Asti Bhakti Bhagavati Akinchana
Sarvai Gunais Tatra Samasate Surah
Harou Abhoktasya Kuto Mahata Gunah
Hanorathena Asato Dhavata Bhaih

The purport is that if somebody acquires Krishna Consciousness, then all of the good qualities of the demigods develop in his person. On the other hand, what is the value of all kinds of material qualifications for a person who is not in Krishna Consciousness? His only business is to hover on the mental speculative plane, and he is sure to come back down to the platform of the material external energy.

So I am very glad and proud that you have so much appreciated the character, discipline and devotional service to the Lord of my six young disciples who are working there with faith and confidence. You will be pleased to know that all of my disciples are trained from the beginning to build up character, and such character is built up by following the restrictions of no illicit sexual connections, no meat-eating, no intoxication, and no gambling. So this Krishna Consciousness movement is meant for a complete overhauling of the whole social, political, religious, moral, educational, and hygienic principles. Human society without following these principles cannot rise to the spiritual platform.

As an Indian, Hindu, educated gentleman, it is not unknown to you how these principles were active in India even 50 years ago. Gradually things are deteriorating, and the cause of all unhappiness in the modern human society is this lack of

Krishna Consciousness. By the Grace of Krishna there is no scarcity of anything in this world, but there is a scarcity of Krishna Consciousness. Therefore there is a great necessity of spreading this transcendental message all over the world. It is very encouraging to me that you are now in London as a retired gentleman and your cooperation in this movement will be highly effective. I hope that by this time you have already secured my book, *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*, and there are other books also. If you will kindly join our movement it will surely be a great stride.

My students there are awaiting the opportunity when I shall be coming to London. In the meantime, please try to help them in establishing a temple for Radha-Krishna. They are already advanced in this attempt, and try to coordinate the members of all other Hindu centers in this great attempt.

In varnaprastha life, one can live with his wife without any sexual connection, and the most important factor in all orders of life—brahmachary, grihastha, varnaprastha, and sannyas—is to chant the Hare Krishna Mantra. This is the basic principle, and for more detailed information please keep in touch with me, and I shall be glad to serve you to my best capacity. Thank

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Los Angeles
18th January, 1969

My Dear Vaikunthanath,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 11, 1969, and I thank you so much for it. It was very encouraging. On the very moment I received your letter there was another letter from Jayagovinda, and I had

been very much shocked by this letter. But at the same time, when I read your letter it counter-acted this shock. So I thank you again for this letter. Please try to materialize this idea into practical shape, and I know that Krishna will help you for your sincere endeavors.

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

69-1-36

Los Angeles
19th January, 1969

My Dear Anuradha,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of January 14, 1969, and I have carefully noted the contents. I am so glad to learn that you and _____ are well and comfortable in San Francisco. I think that your child is very nice, and Krishna has given him a great opportunity to perfect himself in spiritual life because He has placed him under the care of a mother who is a sincere devotee. Try to help him grow up peacefully in Krishna Consciousness, and Krishna will certainly smile upon you for your efforts. I am well aware that you are a good, sincere soul, so continue in this way and surely your life will be successful.

Regarding the Brijbasi picture that you sent me, the story is that when Maharaj Yuddhisthir was declared king, he was performing the Rasuya Yajna ceremony. In this ceremony Krishna was elected as the President to preside over the meeting. Sisupal was a rival of Krishna, and insulted Krishna with vile words at this ceremony. Arjuna's youngest brother, Sahadeva, became so angry at this that he was ready to attack Sisupal, but he was restrained by both Krishna and Arjuna. This is the explanation of the picture.

The term Devi Dasi may be used for either married or unmarried female devotees. I thank you once more for informing me of your well-being. I hope this meets you in good health.

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

69-1-37

Los Angeles
21st January, 1969

My Dear Mark Buchwald,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your nice letter of January 19, 1969, and I have carefully read the contents. You have stated that you have spent twenty two years of my life in the darkness of ignorance, and actually until any person has come to the standard of Krishna Consciousness he is supposed to be considered as being covered by ignorance. There are different degrees of ignorance however, and to come to the highest perfectional platform of knowledge is to surrender fully to the Lotus Feet of Krishna.

Because you have asked me to assign you to some duty, I think that your first duty is to regularly attend all of our classes. Chant Hare Krishna as long as possible, and try to help in the activities of the temple. Also, we have got so many literatures and books for sale, so if you can help in selling these books and magazines that will be a great help.

You have also consulted me for advice about some of your personal problems, and I think that for these matters you should consult Hansadutta to help you work out some solution. Things will be shaped as Krishna desires. I thank you again for the kind sentiments expressed by you in your letter. If you simply stick with Krishna Consciousness you will very

practically see how your life will increasingly become more and more sublime. I hope this meets you in good health.

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

69-1-38

Los Angeles
21st January, 1969

My Dear Hansadutta,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 18, 1969, and I have carefully noted the contents. Regarding the house, you must know that it is in a residential area, and I don't know if you can get a license for a temple there. In the present temple, there is no temple license but we have freedom to chant and dance as we like. However, if we chant and dance in this new house I am wondering if the neighbors will not object.

Without any license you will have to stop kirtans immediately if this should happen. In my apartment on the same street as the new house I had the experience that one day there was playing of the mridunga and immediately there was objection. So these things must be carefully considered before making a final decision. Also, because there are several new people coming to kirtans there, you must be sure that there is ample room for them to be comfortable. Anyway, before there is a final settlement of this house affair, please hold a meeting amongst yourselves to discuss this matter further. The meeting should include Janardan, Dyal Nitai, Jayapataka, etc. Already you have a very nice temple on Park Avenue so before you make any plans to change this you must make sure that this move is very carefully thought out.

Regarding *Brahma Samhita*, this book shall be included in the examination of the

second year along with *Srimad Bhagawata*. I don't know why you are so concerned with starting with the *Bhakti Rasamrita Sindhu* already. First study carefully the *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*. This is the most important book for you to learn at first. I am pleased to learn that Eve Levine is expert typist, and that she is willing to begin typing the *Vedanta Sutras*. She will require a dictaphone for this work, and I would like to know if there is one available for her. Also, I am very encouraged to learn that Jayapataka has taken the initiative to look for kirtan engagements for your temple. He is a very good boy and you should encourage him to do this important assignment very nicely.

So far as the 24" murtis which Gopal Krishna has agreed to donate, I have information that They will cost about \$250.00 including the cost of shipping up to Montreal. So either Gopal Krishna may write to his father or else he may donate the money to the temple and we shall get the murtis from Vrindaban. Regarding Himavati's visit home, if it becomes necessary, the idea is all right.

Please convey my blessings to the others. I hope this meets you all in good health.

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

69-1-39

21st January, 1969

My Dear Gurudas and Yamuna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge both of your letters dated 14, January 1969 as well as one letter from Gurudas dated 16, January 1969 with enclosed a picture and newspaper cuttings. This picture is undoubtedly very unique because perhaps in the history of the world it is for the first time that West-

ern boys and girls in the dress of pure Vaishnavas are chanting on the street of a very important quarter of the greatest city in the world, London. So by the Grace of Krishna you are all six together doing very nice Krishna Consciousness activities, and I am so much pleased. In your letter I can understand that people from many important cities of Europe and Africa are taking part in our Samkirtan movement, and you have got continuous engagements almost every night. This is very much encouraging.

I am so glad to understand that as soon as your finances are almost depleted, Krishna sees to everything. This is the process of Krishna Consciousness. If we are sincere, Krishna will supply us with all necessities of life. When we serve some mundane master, he gives us sufficient salary, so when we serve the Supreme Master, how it is possible that He will keep us fasting? Actually due to our lack of Krishna Consciousness sometimes we become disturbed with shortage of funds. But we should be confident that our necessities will certainly be fulfilled by the Supreme Lord. The same incident sometimes happens in New York temple. When there is a shortage of funds, sometimes they find money accidentally without knowing the source.

I have received report from Mr. Parikh and others that they are enamored by your behavior, your character, and your devotion. In the newspaper cuttings also they gave such hints. In other words, everyone is appreciating your presentation. Please keep up this standard of behavior. Do not make any artificial discrepancies amongst yourselves because you are acting on a very responsible business. Perhaps you know that there are many political parties in a country, but when the country's total responsibility has to be executed, they become combined. To have some little disagreements amongst yourselves is not

very unnatural because we are all individual beings. But as we are all working on behalf of Krishna we should always forget our personal interests and see to the prime cause.

I have noted with great satisfaction the list of foodstuffs offered on the meeting day, and they were so much appreciated. I have not as yet received any letter from Mr. Fakirchand who is interested in starting a temple. I hope this meets you both in very good health.

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

69-1-40

Los Angeles
21st January, 1969

My Dear Jadurany,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your undated letter, and also I have seen the nice pictures which you have completed for the "Krishna" book. I was very gratified to see your expert touch in these paintings, and also convey my thanks for Joy Fulcher for her very nice efforts.

Regarding Madhavie Lata, it is very difficult to get her to be fixed up into doing constructive work, so I gave her so many paintings to do to get her to utilize her talents in Krishna Consciousness. If you would like her to help you in the paintings for the new book, then it is all right, but you must deal with her very tactfully. Best thing is that I send suggestions for pictures directly to you, and which ever picture she will do, let her do it. In this way, you can give her one or two pictures. In the meantime, you and Joy may finish the rest of the pictures, and if she does not finish her assignment, then again you may do it yourself. Certainly she is talented artist so try to help her be engaged in this way.

Please convey my blessings to the others there. I hope this meets you in good health.

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

69-1-41

21st January, 1969

My dear Kulashekar,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of January 16, 1969, and I am so pleased to know that once again you are staying at the temple in Montreal. In this age no-one is able to remain aloof from the general human society. Therefore one need not go into the forest in a secluded place to try to make spiritual advancement. Much better idea is that one associate with devotees in the Krishna Consciousness Centres; this will bring better spiritual results than living in the forest. Krishna Consciousness is possible when one is in association of devotees. alone it is more difficult. Please therefore try to keep yourself always in contact with the Montreal devotees. There is no need to go away. That is not very good. If you will have any problems or questions you may write to me and I will help you as far as possible.

I hope this will meet you in very good health.

Your ever well-wisher
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-1-42

Los Angeles
22nd January, 1969

My Dear Bilasvighradas,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of January 18, 1969, and I have noted the contents.

You have asked me how one can know that Krishna is the Supreme Personality of

Godhead? How do you know that the president is the supreme person in your state? You know this through the government organizations, the constitution papers, and by traditional knowledge. Similarly, to know Who is the Supreme Personality you have to take evidence from the Vedic authorities, great personalities, and the Spiritual Master. Otherwise, what is the use of accepting a Spiritual Master if you can not take His words? Your Spiritual Master says Krishna is the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Krishna says He is the Supreme Personality of Godhead, all the Vedic literature says that Krishna is the Supreme Personality of Godhead. All great authorities like Narada, Vyasadev, Lord Chaitanya, Siddhanta Saraswati, Bhaktivinode Thakur, Arjuna, and what to speak of the countless others say that Krishna is the Supreme Personality of Godhead. So to understand these authorities you have to follow in their footsteps. You cannot speculate upon Krishna, neither can you ever know Him by such speculations. You can simply use your judgement submissively; that is all, and this cannot be done in a challenging spirit. Lord Jesus Christ also said that the Kingdom of God is only for the humble and meek.

In regard to your next question, self realization means God realization, and God realization means self realization. Just like to see the sun means to see oneself, and to see oneself means to see the sun. Self realization depends completely upon God realization, or else it is not complete. One must know his relationship to the Absolute Truth to fully know his position. The mayavadi school simply discerns spirit from matter, but that is not Ultimate Knowledge. One should know the different manifestations of the spirit also. The highest manifestation of the spirit soul is the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Lord Krishna.

In this age the mind is so much agitated that it cannot be fixed up on the Supreme Objective. Real meditation means to fix up the mind on Krishna or on Krishna's Expansion, Lord Vishnu. The modern so-called meditator has no information of Krishna or Vishnu. They try to meditate on something void or impersonal which is simply troublesome. It is clearly stated in the *Bhagavad Gita* that those attached to the impersonal feature have their path to be very, very troublesome. Not only in this age when everything is troublesome, but it was so in former ages also, so what to speak of this age. Therefore, in this age, to fix up your ears upon the transcendental vibrations of Hare Krishna is the highest form of meditation, and the only one which will prove feasible for you. We may or may not condemn the impersonalists, but they are already condemned by Lord Krishna in the *Bhagavad Gita*.

Actually, there is nothing wrong with you because you have already come to the platform of Krishna Consciousness. Only by the influence of your past habits is it taking perhaps more time for you to adjust things. I hope that by the Grace of Krishna you will stick rigidly to chanting your 16 rounds or more daily. This will solve all of your questions. Try to engage yourself in the service of Krishna and everything will be revealed to you without fail.

Your ever well-wisher

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-1-43

Los Angeles
23rd January, 1969

My Dear Shivananda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated January 14, 1969, and I have noted the contents. I am pleased to note that you enjoy going out into the streets chanting and preaching from *Bhagavad Gita*. This is a very good

attitude and in accordance with the teachings of Lord Chaitanya that the process of Samkirtan should be presented to men all over the world. So as you are able you should continue to go into the streets to chant, and I am sure that the others at your temple will appreciate going with you as they are available. Surely this practice will attract many people there to take some interest in this Krishna Consciousness movement.

Regarding your request for cooking information, it is best if you will consult Yamuna Dasi in London. She is very expert cook, and will be able to answer any questions you have regarding prasadam preparations. I understand that Yamuna has written a recipe book which they are trying to have printed in London soon, so this also will be available to help you in this connection.

Regarding serving your godbrothers, this is a very good practice. The Spiritual Master is never without His followers, so to serve the Spiritual Master also means to be the servant of His disciples. When you want to serve the king, you must also serve his minister, secretary, and everyone who serves him. And to serve his servants may please him more than to serve the king personally. So the Spiritual Master is not alone. He is always with His entourage. We are not impersonalists. We take care of every part of the whole, as much as one should take care of his hat as well as his shoes. Both are equally important for the upkeep of the body. I hope that you will understand this rightly.

It is important that we preach the message of Krishna Consciousness exactly as we have heard it from our Spiritual Master. The same philosophy and spirit must be there exactly. Just like we preach in this country exactly as we have heard from our Spiritual Master, but there are changes due to the time, circumstances, and the trainees. The spirit of the disciplic succes-

sion may not be changed, but there may be adjustments made to suit the special circumstances.

Regarding your last question about the importance of chanting; this chanting process is the only way of attaining full Krishna Consciousness in this age of kali yuga. Lord Chaitanya stressed upon this point, and we may take it from His authority that no other method will prove to be successful in this matter.

So continue to push on our Hamburg center as far as possible. You have gone to Germany, not even knowing how to speak their language, and you are trying to give to them the rarest jewel, Krishna Consciousness. I know that Krishna is very pleased with all of your efforts there, and surely He will give you all facilities to come out successful in your efforts. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
P.S. His Holiness Swami Sadananda, my German god-brother may come to see you. When he comes offer your respect by bowing down as you do unto me. ACB

69-1-44

Los Angeles
23rd January, 1969

My Dear Nara Narayan,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 21, 1969, and I thank you very much for it. I have heard many nice reports from various parties complimenting the expert service you are performing in New York with your carpentry and handyman skills. So I am very pleased to hear that Krishna has blessed you with a very nice talent, and you are now using it rightly in Krishna Consciousness.

Now I have also read in your letter under reply that you are successfully

engaged in Samkirtan Party activities in New York, and this too is encouraging to hear. So I think that you should be encouraged in this connection, but one thing is that your Samkirtan activities may go on as long as you are working under the sanction of Brahmananda, and he finds there to be no difficulties with this additional temple's activity. Samkirtan is very important service, so as far as Brahmananda feels there is no inconvenience upon other important engagements, you may continue in assisting the organizing of the New York temple's Samkirtan Party.

Regarding casting of the Radha-Krishna Deities, I have already instructed you about casting in plaster of Paris. The whole thing is that we wish to have these Deities nicely done and as soon as possible. So I think that this idea of using plaster of Paris will be very easily and quickly executed. The mold may be made from the Deities already in New York, so, as far as I know, this will be the most practical method for seeing this task completed.

Thanking you once more for your letter and important work you are sincerely performing. I hope this finds you in good health.

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

69-1-45

Los Angeles
23rd January, 1969

My Dear Aniruddha,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 22, 1969, and I have carefully noted the contents. I can understand from your letter that there has been some disagreements or misunderstandings in the temple, but I think that you should know that all such disturbances must be solved

peacefully and with consideration of the entire situation. Chidananda is the president there, and I think you understand rightly that everyone must cooperate with him in keeping the temple nicely and without any unnecessary tensions.

Any way, if you are feeling too much inconvenience staying in San Francisco, then you are welcome to come to Los Angeles and stay here with me. But if you can help to smooth over the difficulties there that will be the best thing. You are a sincere and intelligent boy, so if you along with all of the members combine to cooperate with one another in our mission of spreading Krishna Consciousness that will be very nice. I am pleased to note that Girish is progressing nicely under your guidance. Our plan for a school is progressing very well, and already we have many qualified teachers amongst our disciples who are looking forward to beginning this activity there. Next month, Paramananda and his wife, Satyabhama, who is a qualified teacher, will be going to New Vrindaban to stay, and similarly there are many others who will be going there in the near future to start work on this new venture. So the future of our movement will be very bright, and similarly your future will be very bright also, so there is no need for you to be depressed about any previous misunderstandings. Simply you have to remember to chant Hare Krishna always, tell others to do the same, help in all respects to spread the glories of Krishna Consciousness, and certainly Krishna will help you in your efforts to solve any of the difficulties that may be taking place. But if you think that staying with me in Los Angeles will be better for you then you may consider this.

Thanking you once more for your letter. I hope this meets you in good health.

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

69-1-46

Los Angeles
23rd January, 1969

My Dear Chidananda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated January 21, 1969, and I have carefully noted the contents. Since receiving this letter I have learned that you have decided that it is best that you do not leave your position in the San Francisco temple for the press department in New York. I think that this is the correct decision because your presence is very much needed in your temple. I am always glad to know that you are there to help manage the affairs of the San Francisco center so I am glad that you have decided to remain there as president. There are many places in San Francisco who will advertise in our *Back To Godhead*, so as much as possible you may try for this. But one thing is that the brahmacharies who are there must help in supporting the temple so you will have adequate time for this added responsibility upon you. So those who are able to earn money for supporting the temple must assist you in this connection.

I am very happy to learn that you are seriously negotiating to purchase the new house. But one thing is that if for one year there are people having regular meeting in our temple room with all of their smoking and other nonsense, I do not think this will be very good. In the meantime, you may continue to make negotiations, but if this condition cannot be changed I do not think the arrangement will be very satisfactory. I am so pleased to learn that Mulji bhai is so enthusiastic to help us in purchasing the house, and he is anxious to go from door to door to raise the money for helping in this way. Please encourage him because even this one building is not suitable then surely Krishna will supply us with some other house for our temple activities.

So I am fully aware that you are working very sincerely in Krishna Consciousness, and when difficulties arise you must simply remember to continue to depend upon Krishna, and He will supply you with the intelligence to solve any problems. You have already proven yourself as a very nice servitor of Lord Chaitanya and I am always praying to Him that He will allow you to advance more and more in His eternal service.

Please continue to keep me informed about the activities in your temple. I hope this will meet you in very good health.

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

69-1-47

Los Angeles
24th January, 1969

My Dear Upendra,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of 20, January, 1969, and I have noted the contents. You have written that you are unable to find a girl who is available for marriage, and so for the present, you have no choice but to hold off on your marriage plans. Anyway, I always recommend that one should try to remain brahmachary if possible, and if you think that this will be possible for you, you should try for it.

In your letter you have asked many questions, and I will try to answer them for you herewith. Firstly, the Gayatri Mantra is not to be said loudly. *Gayat* means to sing, but singing can be done loudly or very softly. The Gayatri Mantra should be sung in a low whispering voice. Regarding the Brahman Pucha stages, this matter is described in the 13th chapter of *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*. So far as the 10 sense organs, they are eyes, ears, nose, mouth, touch, these are the five sense organs for acquiring knowledge. The five moving organs are the legs, hands,

tongue, genital, and rectum. Five objects of the senses are beauty, taste, smell, sound, and touch. The five gross elements are earth, water, fire, air, and ether. The four subtle elements are mind, ego, intelligence, and consciousness. Above these is the soul, and above the soul is the Supersoul.

In tending the deities, you may wash Balarama first, before washing Krishna. Krishna is always non-different from the deity of Krishna. Regarding your request for the Brihat-Sama mantra, this may be given, but a much better proposal is that you concentrate upon improving the quality of your chanting of Hare Krishna Mantra. This is more important consideration for the present time.

Regarding the wife of the Spiritual Master being considered as mother, this applies when the Spiritual Master is not sannyas and he has a wife.

I hope that the above will clear up all of your questions. Please convey my blessings to the other devotees in the Seattle center.

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

69-1-48

Los Angeles
24th January, 1969

My Dear Himavati,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of January 16, 1969, and I thank you very much for this. The deity clothing that you have sent are all very beautiful, and everything is fitting just rightly. Regarding your thoughts of separating from your husband, I do not think this is a very good plan. You should always live with your husband and help him with his personal comforts, and he will look after your all necessities of life. There is no question of separation. By mutual agreement and advancement of

Krishna Consciousness you can stop sex life, but there is no question of separation. Separation is artificial. As Hansadutta advances in Krishna Consciousness then by his company you will also profit. So the husband and wife are mutually beneficial. This idea of separation was developed also in Govinda Dasi, but I have sent her back to her husband, and she is now following my instructions. There is no question of separation between husband and wife until the time when the husband takes sannyas. At that time the wife cannot remain with the husband. Even in varnaprastha stage, or retired life, the wife remains with the husband, but without any sex relations.

Regarding your keeping private deities, if you will have time it is all right, but the same energy can be utilized in the temple for decorating, dressing, cleaning, cooking. Actually, every day the dress should be changed with new ornaments, clothes, flower garlands. So we can increase even in one place the activities of deity worship. If you are having free time, I can give you a very grand list of activities for deity worship which will keep you occupied for twenty four hours each day.

Regarding your question about the husband becoming the Spiritual Master of the wife, anyone who can give instruction in spiritual life is treated as Spiritual Master. There are two kinds of Spiritual Master, initiator and instructor. So the husband can help the wife as instructor.

So far as the money which is owed to New York temple, I never suggested that you should send deity clothing for payment. But if Montreal owes \$500 to New York then it must be payed, if not at a time, then gradually. That is your mutual account. If you actually owe some money to New York then you must try to pay it. If you are unable to pay, then I shall ask Brahmananda to square up the account, or if need be, I shall pay it from my book

fund for you. So don't worry about it. There should be no misunderstanding on this point. It is departmental management only. The government has so many departments. One department pays another so there is no question of misunderstanding because you are all working for Krishna. In any case, the \$500, if Montreal temple is unable to pay, then I shall ask Brahmananda to square it up, or if need be, I shall pay it.

Regarding your questions about the examinations to be given, the girls will also be able to take these. In Krishna Consciousness there is no distinction between girls and boys. The girls also may become preachers if they are able.

Once again I thank you for the nice deity clothings and for your letter. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-1-49

Los Angeles
24th January, 1969

My Dear Madhusudan,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated January 21, 1969, and I have carefully read the contents. Regarding your plan for marrying with Kanchanbala, I do not think that there is any immediate emergency for finding some one to replace you on the *Back To Godhead* staff. You have mentioned in your letter that Kanchanbala will not be available until at least the month of June for marriage, so there is no necessity for bothering about this for now. By that time or soon after there may be arrangements made where you can continue your work for the press department as well as support a wife. If the press operation can be moved to New Vrindaban then that will

be the best arrangement for you because you could live there without any worries about rent. So for the time being go on with your work as usual and don't bother yourself with this matter.

Regarding your question about why we dress the Deities in very opulent fashion and not as simple cowherds boy and girl, this is an intelligent question and the answer is that according to the regulative principles we cannot worship Radha-Krishna now. Radha-Krishna worship is meant for persons who have already developed spontaneous love of God. In the training period we are only worshipping Laxmi-Narayan. We worship Radha-Krishna because Laxmi-Narayan is there also, but actually we do not worship Radha-Krishna with our present Deity ceremonies; we are worshipping Laxmi-Narayan. Narayan is there when Krishna is there, but actually we do not worship Radha-Krishna in Their Original Form. This is why we should worship Radha-Krishna in Their Laxmi-Narayan feature with all respect and reverence. If we deviate from this standard then we shall be *prakṛita sahaḡia*, or a person who takes things very cheap. We worship Laxmi-Narayan, and because Radha-Krishna includes Laxmi-Narayan, there is no necessity of installing a Laxmi-Narayan Deity. It is just like a king who is engaged in administering justice. Actually that business belongs to the justice department. But what is that justice department? It is all part of the king's energy, and the king also has the power to execute this function.

Regarding the blood and puss from the sky during the battle between Baraha and Hiranyaka, you should know that if Krishna desires blood, puss, fire, or whatever He desires may fall down from the sky.

So far as old copies of *Back To Godhead* which you have enquired about, I do

not know where they all are. Either they are in my room in India or they are lost.

Please convey my blessings to the other devotees of New York. I hope this will meet you in very good health.

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

second question, the other names of Krishna which you have mentioned, such as Gopala and Govinda are as powerful as the name Krishna.

I hope this will meet you in very good health.

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

69-1-50

Los Angeles
25th January, 1969

25th January, 1969

My Dear Mahapurusha,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated January 18, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. I am very pleased to note that the newspaper article which you had helped arrange has resulted in much interest in our movement in Hawaii. It is also very encouraging to note that you are going out into the streets to chant and preach to the people there. This is a very good policy, and as far as possible you should continue to go out and let the local inhabitants of Hawaii become very familiar with the sound of Hare Krishna Mantra. This will insure the success of our center there, and it is also very pleasing to Krishna to see His devotee taking courage in this way. So by no means should you give up this very nice activity.

Regarding your questions, the so-called love which goes on in the material world is simply a perverted form of dasya rasa. Everything in this world is a perverted form of rasa. Just like Yasoda is loving Krishna as her Son. So this is vatsalya rasa, parental love. When Krishna is separate from Yasoda, she cried for whole life and thus became blind. In this world there is not a single instance where a mother has suffered so much in separation from her son. Therefore, it is perverted reflection of the real love. Regarding your

69-1-51

My Dear Mukunda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 22, 1969, and I have noted the contents with great pleasure. You have written to say that Londonders there are all so very anxious to meet me, so I am also very much anxious to meet you and the Londoners. Therefore it is the best thing that the five-story house which you have described in the letter under reply may be immediately occupied.* You can offer the best reasonable rent, and you can take the risk depending upon Krishna. If the Beatles come forward, you can take the risk. I hope that Mr. Parikh, who is a veteran educationist, can help you very much in this connection. I am very much pleased that he is also on the board of managers committee.

Your Samkirtan Movement there is growing in popularity, and therefore you must immediately have a nice place. I think that for this purpose the five-story building is quite suitable. The first floor can be used as a meeting room or kirtan hall. The second floor can be used as temple room. The third floor can be used for prasadam distribution. The fourth and fifth may be used for residence and propaganda office.

Now the legal document of incorporation under the company act has been examined by me, and I think that it is all right. I

have made a little change somewhere, and you can do the needful. So by showing this legal document, you can immediately occupy some magnificent temple house.

Regarding your seeking publication of *Easy Journey to Other Planets*, I am very glad to hear this, and I understand that Kirtanananda Swami has a nicely edited copy of this. I have already asked him to send me this copy, and when I examine it, I will send it immediately to you. In the meantime you can finalize the negotiation.

So I am very pleased with the good news your letter has brought. I hope this will meet all of you in very good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

NB: There is a Mr. Ivan Levine in the Montreal temple who is, I understand an expert trumpeteer. He may be interested in joining you in London with his wife, after their initiation probably, to join you in your musical activities in London. I have advised him to write to you about this.

* If the opening ceremony is made on the 7th of February 1969 the appearance day of my Spiritual Master, then it will be a grand success.

69-1-52

Los Angeles
25th January, 1969

My Dear Kirtanananda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 18, January 1969, and I have carefully noted the contents. I am encouraged to know that you are very enthusiastic about our projects for developing New Vrindaban. So far as the school goes, we have many qualified teachers, and they are all enthusiastic about going there and beginning their teaching work. The only thing is that there is as of yet no place to accommodate these teachers. So as soon as these facilities are

constructed we can at once start at full force in setting up our Krishna Consciousness school program.

You have asked some questions, and I will answer them herewith. The first question is, "When making aratik offerings, is it proper to meditate on the different parts of the Lord's Body?" The answer is that there is no need to meditate in that way. The Lord is actually there with you, and you are seeing all of His parts of the Body, so there is no need to meditate in that way. In regard to the other questions, food should be offered before aratik. In the morning, after aratik, you can offer some food and then perform kirtan.

Regarding your question about the disciplic succession coming down from Arjuna, it is just like I have got my disciples, so in the future these many disciples may have many branches of disciplic succession. So in one line of disciples we may not see another name coming from a different line. But this does not mean that person whose name does not appear was not in the disciplic succession. Narada was the Spiritual Master of Vyasa, and Arjuna was Vyasa's disciple, not as initiated disciple but there was some blood relation between them. So there is connection in this way, and it is not possible to list all such relationships in the short description given in *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*. Another point is that disciplic succession does not mean one has to be directly a disciple of a particular person. The conclusions which we have tried to explain in our *Bhagavad Gita As It Is* is the same as those conclusions of Arjuna. Arjuna accepted Krishna as the Supreme Personality of Godhead, and we also accept the same truth under the disciplic succession of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. Things equal to the same thing are equal to one another. This is an axiomatic truth. So there is no difference of opinion of understanding Krishna between ourselves and Arjuna.

Another example is that a tree has many branches, and you will find one leaf here and another leaf there. But if you take this leaf and the other leaf and you press them both, you will see that the taste is the same. The taste is the conclusion, and from the taste you can understand that both leaves are from the same tree.

Regarding the problem with your father, it is not good to fight with one's father, but if he is not going to give you the money, it may be necessary to take legal steps. Since the money is to be used in Krishna's service, you should try to get it.

I have heard from Shama Dasi that she has infected her finger, and I will be glad to know of the particulars so I may give her advice in this matter. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

NB: I understand from Hayagriva that you have at New Vrindaban an edited manuscript of *Easy Journey To Other Planets*. Send this copy to me immediately because in London, Mukunda is attempting to have this published and I would like to read the edited version and send it on to him. So far as your idea of editing the lectures which you started to edit in Montreal, the idea is very nice. ACB

P.S. You will be pleased to know that I have got now my immigration visa card (___ Blue Card) ACB

69-1-53

Los Angeles
25th January, 1969

My Dear Mr. Levine,

Please accept my blessings. I am so pleased to read your letter of January 21, 1969 and to learn of your sincere eagerness to serve Krishna in the best capacity of your talents. There is a Sanskrit proverb that says that there is not any better knowledge than to become a musician.

Our Krishna Consciousness movement is practically based upon music and dancing. If by your exceptional qualities you can help in this movement, I think you have been sent by Krishna Himself to help me in this connection. I have one nice disciple, Michael Grant (Mukunda das Adhikary) who is a very good composer of Western music. He was earning lots of money in New York as a professional music teacher, but since he has become my disciple he has dedicated his life for propagating this movement along with his wife. I shall be glad if you immediately contact him in London at the following address: 22 Betterton Street, London WC 2, England. I have got a very ambitious program to organize a nice Samkirtan Party both in Oriental and Occidental style, so that we can thus attract all classes of people in the world to Krishna Consciousness. Very nice arrangements are being made in this connection under the leadership of Michael Grant. Please contact him soon. I am also sending him a note about you.

Regarding your initiation, you have to decide yourself whether both you and your wife can follow our four disciplinary principles. I do not know if you are able to abide by these principles immediately. Otherwise there is no objection in the matter of initiating a good soul like you.

Please convey my blessings to your wife. I hope this will meet both of you in very good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-1-54

Los Angeles
25th January, 1969

My Dear Kedar Mataji,

Please accept my greetings and blessings of Sri Sri Kishori Raman. I wrote to Krishna Prasad Bhargava about these

murtis for free donation. As you know that I am trying to establish many temples of Sri Sri Radha-Krishna in the Western world. I think that devotees of Lord Krishna in India should come forward and cooperate with my missionary activities. Krishna Prasadji donated one pari of Sri Murtis for our New York temple, and I wished that many other rich merchants of India who are devotees of Lord Krishna may contribute a pair of 24" high Radha-Krishna murtis for installing in various temples here. You should also come forward to cooperate with this movement. I am already getting murtis 24" high at a rate which is almost 50% less than the price quoted by you. If you therefore wish to cooperate with this great adventure, you shall not please try to make any profit out of it. You simply cooperate with me in supplying murtis at the rate which I am already purchasing. We do not require any clothings because our devotees here are now expert in making nice clothings.

What you have to do is to purchase the deities, pack Them in nice wooden boxes securely, and dispatch to Calcutta to our shipping agents. We have arrangements with Scindia Steam Navigation Co. to carry our temple goods free of charge.

You will be pleased to note that I have established temples in the following important places: London, Hamburg, New York, San Francisco, Hawaii, Montreal, Vancouver, Boston, etc. In each of these temples we will require one pair of deities. Besides that, we have secured about 140 acres of land in West Virginia where the scheme is to construct 7 temples. We wish to develop a township there called New Vrindaban for our growing Krishna Conscious community. Similarly, an attempt is being made in England also for which we are requesting legal documents. So I hope you will cooperate with us, and induce others to cooperate with this movement. The Americans have enough

money to purchase the deities, but I wish that the Krishna devotees of India should come forward and cooperate with this movement by contributing pairs of deities. I shall be glad to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta

69-1-55

25th January, 1969

My Dear Jagannathan Prabhu,

Please accept my humble obeisances. I beg to thank you very much for your sending me the copies of your books _____ and your letter dated January 20, 1969. I have noted the contents very carefully. I have immediately upon receipt handed over the books to my editorial assistants, and I shall duly inform you about their opinion for publishing them in this country. I think it may take at least one month to let you know their decision. I have received news from Vancouver that our godbrother Sadanandaji Swami (formerly brahmachary Earnest Schulze) who is in Germany now has enquired from a friend about my address, and he wants to meet my disciples in our German Hamburg center. I do not know his address, but I am expecting his letter very soon. When I hear from him I shall let you know.

My sister from Calcutta has addressed me one letter that she has heard by some source that I am coming to Mayapur during the great festival. This means that some of our godbrothers and sisters may be expecting me during the ensuing festival there. But till now I have heard no news from Tirtha Maharaj.

Hoping this will meet you in good health. Thanking you once more for your letter and books.

Yours affectionately,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

NB: The set of books may also be sent to

Brahmananda das Brahmachary c/o International Society for Krishna Consciousness, 61 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10003

69-1-56

Los Angeles
26th January, 1969

My Dear Arundhuti,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of dated January 22, 1969, and I am pleased to send herewith your beads duly chanted upon by me. Your spiritual name is Arundhuti which means the great star. It is the name of the wife of Vasistha, a great devotee of Krishna.

I am very pleased to know that you are taking a very sincere interest in perfecting your life in Krishna Consciousness. You are fortunate to have the association of your godsister, Jadurany, and I am sure that she, along with the other devotees in the Boston temple will be able to help you in many ways. Be sure to chant your sixteen rounds daily and read one chapter of *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*, one chapter daily. Follow the four regulative principles strictly, and I am sure that Krishna will see that your life quickly becomes more and more happy in devotional service. The attitude which you expressed is very nice, and please continue to develop this attitude always.

I hope this will meet you in very good health.

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

69-1-57

Los Angeles
26th January, 1969

My Dear Govinda Dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I was very pleased to read your letter of January 19,

1969. I know that you will always be thinking of me as you described in your letter because you are so affectionate to this poor old man. And by your sincere affection you have also made me think of you how you are doing there in Hawaii. I understand from your letter and from Goursundar's letter also that you are now engaged as a nice housewife. It is a great pleasure for me to know this. In London, the six couples who are working very hard there have been very much appreciated by the people of London, and their character, behavior, and devotion are attracting sincere people to our movement. I want similar thousands of couples for my disciples to propagate our movement throughout the world. You can always help me in this matter because you are an intelligent girl and you have many talents. So you can utilize your god-gifted qualities for utilizing in Krishna Consciousness.

So far as my taking botheration in coming to your country, I must take this so-called botheration for Krishna. But what botheration I have taken? You know that the Goswamins were ministers in the government's service and they left their posts for going to Vrindaban and living there just like paupers. They produced such great literature like *Sandarbhās*, by Jiva Goswami, and *Bhakti Rasamrita Sindhu*, by Rupa Goswami. Apparently they took so much botheration but they preferred to accept it because they were compassionate for the suffering humanity. Similarly, Lord Chaitanya is Narayan Himself, and His wife, Vishnupriya, is the Goddess of Fortune. Lord Chaitanya was a very learned scholar, a very beautiful young brahmin, and He had a very affectionate mother, but Lord Chaitanya Himself accepted the botheration voluntarily for the good of the human society and all living entities. We should always follow these footprints—not try to imitate, but to follow the same spirit of

compassion for the conditioned soul and try to help them advance to Krishna Consciousness. Actually in the service of Krishna there is no botheration. Rather we feel more transcendental pleasure. I hope you will more and more appreciate this status as you work combinedly with your very good husband, Goursundar.

Regarding your dictaphone work, I have got two kinds of tapes. Either you can type up my lectures (Purushottam has already sent you one tape), or you can do tapes of *Chaitanya Charitamrita* as you were doing formerly. But I think that Goursundar hasn't got sufficient

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Los Angeles
26th January, 1969

My Dear Goursundar,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 19, 1969, and I have noted the contents with care. Regarding the work you have done on *Chaitanya Charitamrita*, when they are finished being edited and typed please send me the copies so I will give you further work to do with this. I have written in Govinda Dasi's letter about this which you will please read.

Concerning Vamandev's trouble with the draft, I think that if properly utilized, my certificate of acceptance of a person as student of *Bhagavad Gita* and *Srimad Bhagawatam* may be very helpful in avoiding the draft because recently one Lieutenant Colonel, Mr. Davis, from the Selective Service came to see me about our activities, and he is fairly impressed. So I think that if Vamandev presents himself as a serious student of this institution he may not be called. I have a very nicely made certificate which can be sent to Vamandev if he would like to try for this. Regarding Murlidhar, he is now working

here, and he is helping to meet the huge expenditures of the Los Angeles temple. But I shall see if he cannot be spared after a few weeks. Let me see how he is doing here. If he is not very much needed, which I shall know after a few weeks, then I shall ask him to join you in Hawaii.

Please continue to keep me informed of your activities in Hawaii. I hope this will meet you in very good health.

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

69-1-59

Los Angeles
27th January, 1969

My Dear Anuradha Dasi and Tulsi Dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of both your letters dated January 25, 1969 and January 21, 1969 respectively, and I have carefully noted the contents in each. You have both expressed a sincere desire to leave San Francisco immediately and come to Los Angeles where you can share an apartment for both of you and your children. This idea seems to be a good solution to both of your problems, and as soon as you are able you may do it. If neither of you are very peaceful staying in San Francisco then it is not very good for Krishna Consciousness, and I think the conditions will be improved if you come to Los Angeles. So as you are able, I shall look forward to seeing you again with your children in Los Angeles.

I hope this will meet you both in good health.

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

NB: I have placed the peacock feather which was sent by Anuradha upon Lord Jagannath in my altar room, and He is looking very beautiful with it.

69-1-60

Los Angeles
28th January, 1969

My Dear Hansadutta,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated January 22, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. From your letter I can understand that you will no longer be negotiating for purchasing the house, and this is all right because I do not think it is very suitable for a temple.

Regarding your question about Vasudeva, the father of Krishna, you should understand that he is not simply a symbol. The statement made in *Srimad Bhagawata* in this connection is meant for understanding, but unless one is in Vasudeva's position, it is not possible to understand Vasudeva or Krishna. Vasudeva's position means to be situated in pure goodness. In the material world, the three modes of nature which are named ignorance, passion and goodness, are always found mixed up together. In other words, these modes are never found pure, but if there is one mode present, there is sure to be at least a tinge of another mode there also. For this reason, we may sometimes see a third class man showing the quality of goodness, and we may see a first class man showing hints of ignorance. The modes are never found in a pure state in the material world. But in the Vasudeva stage of pure goodness there is no contamination from any material influence of passion or ignorance. Vasudeva is never to be understood as being a symbol. You should clearly understand this.

Please convey my blessings to your good wife, Himavati. I hope this will meet the both of you in very good health.

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

69-1-61

Los Angeles
28th January, 1969

My Dear Malati,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter (undated) and I was very pleased to note the contents. Regarding the Radha-Shyama chanting which you have heard it is not very good. In our temple, strictly Hare Krishna chanting should be given more importance. This is no harm in this mantra you have heard, but it is not very important. There are many such common songs composed by common devotees out of sentiment. But our principle is to stick to the authorities, and always remember that Hare Krishna is the prime authorized mantra.

I am very much encouraged to learn that you are bold enough to challenge any non-devotee as you did with that impersonalist yoga student. That should be the temperament of all our preachers. We should not be aggressive, but we should not tolerate any sort of nonsense. One who says that God is not merciful because He has made one person happy and one distressed is most nonsensical. This very statement affirms that man as a godless rascal. All of these so-called yogis are therefore rascals because they have no actual realization of God. Falsely they think themselves as God, and their association should be avoided as far as possible.

Regarding this Shyama-Mataji Dasi from Vrindaban, does she sing Hare Krishna Mantra or not? If she chants Hare Krishna it is all right, and if she does not chant the Hare Krishna Mantra, you should ask her why she does not do so. I am not familiar with her Spiritual Master, Gourangidas, but if he has taught her to sing this Radha-Shyama song, then he also is not authorized.

Thanking you once more for your letter. Please convey my blessings to your

husband and child, as well as to all of the other devotees there with you. I hope this will meet all of you in very good health.

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

69-1-62

Los Angeles
28th January, 1969

My Dear Krishna Das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of January 22, 1969, and I am very encouraged to learn of your nice activities in Hamburg. I am so pleased to know that Uttama Sloka and yourself are now working in the printer trade, and Shivananda is busily engaged in decorating the temple. Similarly, it is very good that you are holding outside engagements for organizations outside of the temple and you are meeting with interested people. But perhaps the best news of all is that soon we shall have our own press for printing Krishna Consciousness literature in the German language. Our life and soul is kirtan and presenting literature to the public at large, and I can understand that Krishna is dictating to you from within how to carry this out successfully. I think that translation work should be done on such articles that may be included in a German edition of *Back To Godhead*, as well as my *Introduction to Bhagavad Gita As It Is*. I am wondering if there are people there who can speak English with you. Please inform me on this matter.

Regarding Jayagovinda, if he is willing to go there, you can deposit the fare money to the American Express Company in Hamburg, and the American Express Company in Delhi should deliver to Jayagovinda the ticket. But he should not be sent cash money. Make arrangements so that, if upon receipt of the ticket he still does not come, the money shall be returned back only to you in Hamburg. In

this way make the arrangements.

Please convey my blessings to Shivananda and Uttama Sloka. I hope you are all very well.

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

NB: You may have the ticket for Jayagovinda sent to the New Delhi branch of American Express Company at the following address: American Express, Hamilton House, block "A", Connaught Place (tel. 43553). Three hundred and fifty dollars is about 2625 Rupees. I am writing to Jayagovinda today to give him this address also.

69-1-63

Los Angeles
28th January, 1969

My Dear Rayarama,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 24, 1969, and I have noted the contents with care. Just yesterday I also received *Back To Godhead*, no. 22, and it is looking very good. This issue is very nice, and I thank you and all of your hard-working press men for their sincere efforts in this connection. I am confident that this magazine will be improving more and more under your direction.

Regarding your need for more manpower, I have already asked Arabinda to go there, and he will be writing to you soon about this. Regarding the securing of advertisements, this responsibility should be divided among three centers, namely New York, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. Purushottam has already gotten some advertisements for you, and he is teaching Sudama to help him also in Los

Angeles. In San Francisco, both Chid-ananda and Dindayal will be trying for this also. In New York, Gargamuni and Nayana Bhiram should work in this way also. Nayana Bhiram did nicely in securing advertisements for this last issue, so I think he is skillful enough to be very helpful for the next issue also. If advertisements are sold in many different cities, it will add prestige to the magazine, because people will see that we are getting advertisements from all over.

Similarly, the sales of *Back To Godhead* should be divided more evenly amongst our centers. Not that one or two temples do all of the selling and all of the others should simply sleep. Los Angeles can sell 1,500 copies, and similarly, New York and San Francisco should sell at least an equal amount of copies a piece. The other centers should sell the remainder of the copies, and if necessary, you can print more. Also, you should have the centers pay for their copies immediately upon receipt. If they do not have the money, then they must secure it by working, but somehow or other this system must be introduced so that you will not always be in financial difficulties for printing future issues. Also, I would be very much interested to see records of how much you are spending and earning in production and sales and advertisements for *Back To Godhead*.

Thanking you once more for your letter and the very nice new issue. I hope this will meet you in improving health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

NB: I do not understand why there is no word from you about the Prahlaad Maharaj pictures which are to be printed here. Please inform Purushottam what is the difficulty.

69-1-64

Los Angeles
30th January, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. First of all I have to thank you for the desk pen with golden glories to Guru and Gouranga. It is so nice that I am using it with great pleasure, and you have the blessings of my Guru Maharaj and Lord Gouranga.

Regarding the United Shipping Corporation, you had sent me some documents which I actually do not understand. Why did you send them to me? Anyway, I am returning them to you so you may do the needful with them. In the meantime, I have sent one letter to a gentleman of the United Shipping Corporation, and you will see one copy of the letter enclosed. If they deal very nicely, you may assure them we shall send more orders to our different centers, and there will be no difficulty for a letter of credit. But they must deal with us very nicely and straightforwardly so our business connection can continue with no difficulty.

Our propaganda should be focused on spreading kirtan and distributing literature, books and magazines. The process experienced now is that after holding kirtan, they are selling magazines and books successfully. On January 1st, Hayagriva held one meeting in Columbia University with 60-65 students present, and after the meeting, 30 copies of *Bhagavad Gita* were immediately sold. So we should now organize in such a way that there shall be nice kirtan and attempt for selling our publications. My Guru Maharaj indicated that the mridunga and the press are the mediums of our missionary propaganda activities, and we shall follow His path in the same way. We must have large quantities of mridungas for vibrating in different parts of the world and we must distribute our literature also.

I have received one letter from Haya-griva saying that he is prepared to invest money for a press, and he has found out a nice two-story house adjacent to our New Vrindaban colony, and the house is on the roadside. The rent is only \$260 per year. That is about \$22 per month. So in this way we can immediately start our press. I think that our publications should be done ourselves immediately, because neither MacMillan Company nor Dai Nippon can help us rightly. If MacMillan Company publishes our books, they will ask us to make contract for purchasing 5000 copies, which I cannot advise as good plan for us. If we have to exert our energy for selling 5000 books published by MacMillan, why not publish them ourselves on our own press and obtain profit for printing new books? The best thing will be therefore to organize sales of our books as other publishers are doing. The simple and approved method is to appoint at least 1000 stores and booksellers who agree to purchase at least three copies apiece of our books as soon as they are published. This means that if we have 1000 dealers, we can immediately sell 3000 copies, and this will give us sustenance for conducting our publication activities. I do not think it is a very difficult task to appoint such selling agents throughout the country. So yourself and Gargamuni should take charge of this organization, and for press management others shall take charge. In this way, if we can work on our publications, all of our poverty shall immediately be subdued. So think over this matter seriously. Immediately consult with Haya-griva for starting the press. Let us not bother about the Macmillan Company, because they will only try to make conditions that we have to purchase 5000 copies.

Regarding *Bhagavad Gītas* which we have already received from them, I understand that we have to pay one mature bill

on February 10th. So this bill we have to pay to keep our credit, whether the books are sold or not. But we should not place a second order until our present stock of books are finished. If you are in need of hard covered editions, try to order them without taking more soft covered copies which can not immediately sell. We have prepared to take delivery from them of 5000 copies, and this we shall do. But we shall order only as our stock is finished.

Regarding the second shipping from United Shipping Corp., you should have it sent also to New York. Firstly you may see the kholes before ordering the preferred instrument.

I hope this will meet you in very good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. The Press culling sent by you is very nice. Every other organisation has demand for money for their bogus classes but we don't demand any money. *People should know this difference*. I can challenge to all the other organisations that they are all bogus from spiritual point of view. I am admitted as Permanent Resident as "*Ordained Minister of Religion*". I have duly received the card. Now you shall pay me \$500.00 for this because you were going to appoint some lawyer at the cost but I have obtained it simply by spending \$35.00 or utmost \$50.00. So you can pay me the balance. ACB

69-1-65

Los Angeles
30th January, 1969

My Dear Jayapataka,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letters of January 23, 1969, and I have carefully read the contents. For the present I think you cannot leave Montreal for doing work on your draft status. Your service is much too

valuable there. Even if this means that in the future you cannot leave for the United States, what is the harm in this? Everywhere you are it is the same because Krishna is there, and you can perform devotional service anywhere you are. There is no need to be attached to any particular land on account of some mayic relationship. All places belong to Krishna, and wherever we get the chance for serving Him, that land is our God-gifted land. Anyway, you may write to your draft board and explain to them that you are studying to be a minister of Krishna Consciousness but you are at present unable to leave Montreal. When your duties are not so much needed in Montreal you will come to the United States to resume your attempts. Write to them in this way, and let us see what is their response.

Regarding your question about the *Brahma Samhita*, there is no contradiction with the *Bhagavad Gita*. If "direction" is not specifically mentioned in *Bhagavad Gita* it does not mean that *Brahma Samhita* is not authorized. Regarding the singing meter used by Narada Muni, Anyone can utter it. You have asked about the specialness of the month of Kartikeya, and the answer is that is a special inducement for persons who are not in Krishna Consciousness to perform some devotional service. For persons who are doing nothing in Krishna Consciousness, it is an indirect inducement to take to devotional service in earnest seriousness, every moment is Kartikeya. In this connection, there is a good example that sometimes a store gives special concession to attract new customers. But for those who are already customers there is no need of a special sale. They will purchase at any cost if they know the important value of the goods. Similarly, those who are pure devotees do not aspire for any concession, and out of spontaneous love try to engage themselves in devo-

tional service 24 hours each day, 365 days every year, without any stoppage.

So far as reading scriptures out loud, this depends upon the circumstances. If you can understand by reading silently, there is no need to read out loud, because this may make others feel disturbed. The mantra you have asked about which is mentioned in *Brahma Samhita* means the pastimes, Form and Qualities of the Lord with His Associates. Our mantras are never impersonal. When we meditate upon Hare Krishna we remember the Pastimes, For, Qualities, etc., of Lord Krishna.

Regarding the teaching at Sir George Williams University, if you like you may take charge, I have no objections. But if there is someone who may speak better at present, you should give him a chance. In either case, you should please try to introduce into every college and university our *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*. That will surely be a great service. The *Bhagavad Gita* is well read everywhere, and you need only to convince them that this is the best edition.

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69-1-66

Los Angeles
31st January, 1969

My Dear Hayagriva,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 26, 1969, and I have carefully noted the contents. I am very pleased to learn that the entire first canto should be completely edited by March 8th, and I am also glad to hear that your Lord Chaitanya play is at last completed. From what I have gone through of this play I could see that it is very well done, simply it is a little prolonged. Otherwise it is very nice. I hope that when we start our own press we shall get this book printed.

Regarding my coming there, I think you should fix up my date of being there with Alan Ginsberg. Provisionally, you can set up my date of arrival by the middle of April as described by you. I can understand from your letter that your car is now broken and useless. In the future, we should not purchase a second-hand car; it is always troublesome. This is the third time that such car has caused us difficulty. Rupanuga purchased a second-hand car for \$600, and it proved to be useless. Another was given to Hansadutta, and this too proved not very satisfactory. Now the third experience is yours. If it is possible to get it sold and get some money, you can purchase a small truck new, or else whenever we need a truck we can rent it. But don't purchase any more second-hand cars; they are too much troublesome.

Regarding the press, I have already written to Brahmananda about this. We can risk \$260 for renting one year the two-story house you mentioned. So immediately you should make arrangements for this.

As for your nice sentiments about our first meeting on Houston Street, it was all arranged by Krishna. That was practically a favor shown to me by Krishna because I came in your country by superior order. I had been feeling lonely although I had the mission of starting this Krishna Consciousness movement. So Krishna sent you to me, and therefore our meeting was also the desire of Krishna. Therefore, both of us, or for that matter, all of the boys and girls who are working with me, have met by the desire of Krishna. As such, everyone should always feel the responsibility that Krishna wants us to do something for Him, and we must invest all of our energies to fulfill this mission of Krishna Consciousness.

The boys and girls in London are doing very nicely. My Guru Maharaj sent one sannyasi, Swami Bon Maharaj, to preach

Krishna Consciousness in London, sometimes in 1933. Although he tried for three years and at the expense of my Guru Maharaj, he could do not do any appreciable work. So Guru Maharaj, being disgusted, called him back. In comparison to that situation, our 6 young boys and girls are neither very much advanced in their study of Vedanta nor any other Vedic literature, neither are they sannyasi. But still they are doing more tangible work than what Bon Maharaj could do there 35 years ago. This very fact confirms the statement of Lord Chaitanya that a preacher or teacher may be a householder, a sannyasi, a brahmin, a sudra, or anyone, provided he knows the science of Krishna. And to know the science of Krishna means to serve Krishna under the directions of a bona fide Spiritual Master. When we serve Krishna in this way, Krishna is pleased to reveal Himself. So we should follow strictly the Vedic principle that anyone who has unflinching faith in Krishna and the Spiritual Master, to him only the science of Krishna Consciousness becomes revealed. Then when we are fully conversant in revelation of Krishna Consciousness, we can meet any opposing elements and come out victorious.

Now you are grihastha, and there is no need to be despondent, simply we have to become sincere to act fully in Krishna Consciousness. Your wife, Shama Dasi, is a very good girl. She will be always helpful to you in doing as the boys and girls in London are doing in attracting the attention of various types of people from all over the world. They are doing wonderful service, and it makes no difference that they are householders.

Do not be very much anxious whether you are fired from your present service or not. But you should not do something there which will be disturbing to the authorities. However, in all circumstances we must execute the program of Krishna

Consciousness, even at the risk of dissatisfying the so-called employer master.

Please convey my blessings to Shama Dasi. I hope this will meet you both in happy mood and good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. You know Dr. Haridas Chondhery of San Francisco. He writes as follows:—I am delightful to receive your affectionate gift of “The Bhagavad Gita As It Is.” Whenever I find some time, I read a little from it. *The book is without doubt the best presentation so far to the western public of the teachings of Lord Krishna*—the standpoint of the Vaishnava tradition of India . . . etc.”

Actually it is so. Now we have to make some propaganda work to convince the different colleges and universities to read this real form of B.G. to the Western Public.

69-1-67

Los Angeles
31st January, 1969

My Dear Rukmini,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated January 23, 1969, and also I have seen your wonderful portrait of my Guru Maharaj. This picture is a great joy to me, and it is now hanging in my room in the temple where I may always gaze upon it. I thank you so much for your sincere service, and I am very much encouraged that you are already a nice artist, and what to speak of the improvements you will make with further practice.

Regarding your question about the individual soul becoming all-pervasive, the idea is completely nonsensical rascal-dom. Such theory is simply a bluff. Artificially, by means of practical psychology, one can understand very little of another's thinking and feeling. But this is in no way all-pervasive. If any yogi says like that,

especially the modern so-called yogis, it is simply falsehood. In however perfect stage of yoga one may be, he may understand something of another's mental condition, but this is never all-pervasive. This all-pervasive consciousness is possible only in the Supersoul.

Bhakti Devi is the expansion of Srimati Radharani. I hope this letter will meet you in very good health. Thanking you once more for your nice letter.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. While Jadurany is sick you can continue the work slowly. There is no rush you can paint pictures slowly but surely very nice.

69-1-68

Los Angeles
31st January, 1969

My Dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I have received your letter dated January 28, 1969 regarding Jadurany's sick health. She requires complete rest. All of her work should be suspended, and she should be given liquid foods, just like barley water mixed with milk. Purchase pearl barley from the market, and the recipe is 1 cup of barley and four cups of water to be boiled for at least 1/2 hour. That liquid preparation may be mixed with milk and sugar, and she may take. Jadurany must not exert herself in any way. She should take complete rest and chant Hare Krishna. When she next wants to begin work, she must take my permission. For the time being, all work must be suspended.

Regarding your letter dated January 25, 1969, I have already sent to you tapes #2 and #3. As an experiment, I sent tape #3 by ordinary mail at the concession rate for tapes. Please let me know when this

tape #3 has reached you. If it does not arrive too late then we can continue to exchange in the mail at this postage rate of five cents. You do not require to send finished tapes to Dinesh. Please send them directly to me.

I think that work on the pictures shall remain suspended for the time being. Altogether I have received four pictures for the *Krishna* book, and two pictures for the temple, one of My Guru Maharaj and one of Gour Kishore das Babaji.

Regarding the two missing verses of the third canto, I shall get them done conveniently. I hope that by this time Jadurany's health must have improved. Please convey my blessings to the others.

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

69-1-69

Los Angeles
31st January, 1969

My Dear Vamandev,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 22, 1969, and I have noted the contents with care. First of all I am pleased to know that you are feeling comfortable in Hawaii and you are keeping yourself busily engaged. I am glad that you and Murari are working on my Vyasa-sana, and as soon as it is completed, you can call me there, and I shall go. I think that if I am to go to Hawaii, I must go there by March, because in April I have other engagements in Columbia and other places.

I am pleased that you have been speaking to educationists and you are trying to introduce them to Krishna Consciousness. Try to introduce our *Bhagavad Gita As It Is* into every university and college in Hawaii. Along with Goursundar try to convince them that our publication is the best. This will be great service. If need

be, the chief man in various departments of the colleges may be given a copy of *Bhagavad Gita* to go through and decide. In this way, try to introduce it into every college and University religious class and book department.

Please convey my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in very good health.

Your ever well-wisher,
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
Enclosures: 1 carbon copy of letter sent to your draft board.

69-1-70

Los Angeles
January, 1969

(to Hrisikesha)

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letter of January 9, 1969, I suspect that you have interest in taking instruction from some *siksha guru*, but in this connection, because you are my disciple and I think, a sincere soul, it is my duty to refer you to someone who is competent to act as *siksha guru*. This Bon Maharaj, perhaps you do not know, has been rejected by Guru Maharaj. So I cannot recommend him as *siksha guru*. I think that he has no actual spiritual asset. For spiritual advancement of life, we must go to one who is actually practising spiritual life; not to some head of a mundane institution, not to one who has offended his Spiritual Master in so many ways. I do not wish to go into all details here, but I must inform you that this Bon Maharaj may be considered as a black snake, and at the time of His Disappearance, my Guru Maharaj did not even wish to have him in His presence due to the character of this Bon Maharaj. So if you are actually serious to take instructions from a *siksha guru*, I can refer you to one who is most highly competent of all my god-brothers. This is B.R. Sridhar Maharaj, whom I consider to be even *my*

siksha guru, so what to speak of the benefit that you can have from his association. He is living in Nabadwip, and if you like, I can give you letter of introduction as well as I will send him letter to allow you to stay there with him. So if you and Achyutananda are not lost to the poison of Bon Maharaj, and are still serious about advancement of your spiritual life, I will advise you to go to Sridhar Maharaj. Or else I do not know what will save you. So my advice to you both is that you immediately leave the unhealthy and envious association of Bon Maharaj and either proceed to Germany as I have instructed you, or at least go to someone who will be competent to act as *siksha guru*. This is Sridhar Maharaj.

When I was in India, Achyutananda, Ramanuga, and myself, with others, lived with Sridhar Maharaj, so Achyutananda knows him very well. He spared a big house for us and if both of you go there now, it will be very good for your spiritual benefit. Then I will feel that you are safe. Besides that, if you wish to live in India, you can make arrangements for this house so that other of your god-brothers may go there in the future. Just on the other side of

the Ganges there is Mayapur, and you can occasionally or every week go there and learn Bengali and Sanskrit if it is your desire. All facilities are there. Sridhar Maharaj is a very good English scholar and he can talk with you very nicely in English. The room in Vrindaban where you are residing may also be kept so that it may be utilized when necessary. But so far as I am concerned, I am becoming older and older, and my life may be finished at any moment. As I have got my permanent residence in America, it is indication of Krishna that I shall live here to organize this movement to the best possible extent. If I sometimes go out of this country, I will go to Europe only and again come back. So, practically I have decided not to go to India anymore. In case I suddenly meet my death, then I shall make my will how to deal with my body later on.

So don't be carried away by whims. It is my duty to save you. Leave Vrindaban, live peacefully with Sridhar Maharaj, if you do not wish to go to Germany, and thereby you will be spiritually enlightened. Please inform me immediately regarding what you have decided.

FEBRUARY

69-2-1

Los Angeles
1st February, 1969

Manager
Bank of Baroda Ltd.
Indian Exchange
Calcutta-1

Dear Sir:

Re: My Savings Bank Account # 29/12802

Please transfer Rs 500 to the State Bank of India, Strand Road, Calcutta-1, INDIA, account #SB-C/4208, to Ram Krishna Dey, and debit from my above account. In case of need, the following address may be referred to: Mr. Ram Krishna Dey, 14/4B Sri Gopal Mallick Lane, Calcutta-12, INDIA.

Sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-2-2

Los Angeles
1st February, 1969

My Dear Larry Snyder, Mark Perlman and John Curran,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your very nice letter dated January 23, 1969, and I have read the contents with great satisfaction. Your eagerness to spread the Krishna Consciousness movement in that part of the country is certainly dictated by Krishna, Who is situated within your heart. There are innumerable living entities wandering within the universe in different forms of life and conditions in different planetary systems. Out of many, many of such conditioned souls, only one will come into contact with a bona fide Spiritual Master

by the Grace of Krishna. Krishna can understand from within the sincerity of purpose of a particular living entity, and He gives direction to such sincere devotee to the path of realizing Krishna Consciousness. So you have already achieved to this stage of life. Please do not miss the opportunity. Although you are not formally initiated, you have associated with our devotees in the New York temple, and it has acted. The seed is already there in you and it has to be helped to grow and fructify. The best means of watering this seed of Krishna Consciousness is to chant and hear Hare Krishna. Now you have got our book, *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*, and also you have available our regular publication, *Back To Godhead*. In the latest issue there is an article you should read called the *Ishopanishad*. So with these literatures you can immediately start a center wherever it is possible for you. I think that Florida will be a very nice place for this, and I have always had a great desire to open a center there.

So my advise to you is that you make a small center immediately, and, if possible, get some musical instruments from New York. Brahmananda will supply you with a mridunga and a few pairs of cymbals. Simply you have to sit down together as you have seen done in New York. Just begin chanting Hare Krishna in the accompaniment of a beating drum and the playing of cymbals. There is no necessity of any other instrument at present. The chanting is very simple; Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna, Hare Hare, Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama Rama, Hare Hare. So in this way for

15-20 minutes you chant, and then read from our *Bhagavad Gita*. There is explanation there as far as possible to convince everyone what is the importance of Krishna Consciousness. So 15 minutes of chanting and dancing, and 1/2 hour of reading from text of *Bhagavad Gita*, then questions and answers, and at last chanting again of Hare Krishna. In this way you can begin, and there will be no difficulty. Gradually, as you get even more interested in this procedure,

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69-2-3

Los Angeles
1st February, 1969

My Dear Uddhava,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of January 30, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. You have written to say that 8 people will be working under Rayarama and another 8 people will also be there in the printing department, including the baby, Nandini. So even if we are able to get accommodations for all of these people, what is the program for maintenance? These people will require at least \$200.00 per month for food, so tell me immediately if you have got any scheme how to get this money for maintenance.

So far as accommodations are concerned, Hayagriva has given me information that there is a nice two-story house where both the press and the workers can be accommodated. The rent is only \$260.00 per year. I think this house should immediately be occupied so we can gradually begin our work and also construct other structures with the help of Nara Narayan and others. So Hayagriva is prepared to invest money for the press, accommodations are there provisionally. Now if you have any definite program for meeting your maintenance expenditures

we can begin the press work immediately. If the house is there and our workers are ready, then what is the difficulty of starting the press immediately? If this house turns out to be not suitable we will have to construct another, but in either case the problem is still there of maintenance. Everything must be practically thought out, and please tell me what yourself and Advaita are planning with this.

Thanking you once more for your letter, I hope to hear from you again very soon. Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,
A.C. Bhaktivedana Swami

69-2-4

Los Angeles
1st February, 1969

My Dear Nara Narayan,

Please accept my blessings. I am very much encouraged by your proposal as stated in your letter of January 25, 1969 of constructing housing in New Vrindaban for an estimate of about \$1,000. This money will be secured somehow or other and invested in New Vrindaban for constructing the proposed cottages. These cottages needn't be very high class finished. We simply want protection; that's all. They may be very roughly finished. Please send me your plans which you have mentioned, and we shall begin this housing scheme in April. We agree to invest the money in this project, and the persons you wanted will join you when you actually begin the work.

In the meantime, if you think brass deities can be done in New York, please let me know what will be the cost per pair. If not 24" high, they should be of the same size we have got in New York. When you were here you told me the cost will be about \$40. If you can manufacture for

even \$50 per pair, you should manufacture immediately five or six pairs, and I will provide you with the money. But first be sure what will be the actual price and whether you will be able to do it. After finishing with this murti business, you can immediately begin the construction work in New Vrindaban.

So far as kirtan party is concerned, you have well suggested to conduct the party under the good guidance of Rishi Kumar. He is a very expert devotee, and the kirtan party can be well managed under his guidance, and under the cooperation of Brahmananda.

You should always read also, besides attending class, whenever you have time, the *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*. Then I can surely recommend to the draft board that you are a very serious student of *Bhagavad Gita* under my supervision.

I hope this will meet you in good spirits and good health.

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

69-2-5

Los Angeles
1st February, 1969

My Dear Gopal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of January 26, 1969, and I have carefully noted the contents. I am very pleased to understand that you are going to contribute \$250.00 for murtis. I think that you can pay at the rate of \$100.00 twice and \$50.00 once. That will save much time, but if it is inconvenient, you can pay at the rate of \$50.00 per month. As soon as I get \$100.00 I shall immediately order the deities with this advance.

I am so glad to learn that you are chanting very regularly and trying to follow the four principles of restriction as far as possible. I have got an account with the Cana-

dian Imperial Bank of Commerce in Montreal, and, if you like, you may deposit the money there in my account. I can send you the name of the branch and my account number if you like. I think this will save time in your remitting your contribution.

Thanking you for your letter and for your sincere good will toward our mission of Krishna Consciousness. I hope this will meet you in very good health.

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

69-2-6

Los Angeles
1st February, 1969

My Dear Ekayani,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter (undated), and I thank you very much for it. I am pleased to note that you and your nice sister, Indira Dasi, are making and tending to Lord Jagannath deities. You should place these deities on sale in Gargamuni's store for selling. In this way, you will make some money for doing your painting work. You should practice developing your good painting skills very thoroughly, and if you are ready, I can send to you many *Bhagawata* pictures to do. Jadurany is now sick for some time, and I have asked her to cease all of her activities. There are some paintings lying in Boston, perhaps unfinished, and, if time permits, you can go there with your sister to see them. If Jadurany likes, you can finish-up these pictures for the *Krishna* book. Picture painting is one of our important departments, so please try to become very expert. You should be at least as expert as Jadurany, and that will be a great pleasure for me. Rukmini is also becoming very much expert in her artistic works.

Regarding your question about the Goswamis, all of them are eternal associates

of Lord Chaitanya. I do not know where you have read differently. Sri Rupa-mangari is one of the eight Gopies, but which one you will learn later on. Study the *Bhagavad Gita* more carefully. There will be an examination and everyone will have to appear to take this examination next January, 1969.

Please convey my blessings to all of your nice godbrothers and godsisters in New York temple. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-2-7

Los Angeles
1st February, 1969

My Dear Upendra,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of January 27, 1969, and I have carefully noted the contents. I am pleased by your wish to remain as brahmachary, and if you stick to your decision you will be able to go back to Godhead, back to Home, in this very life without waiting for another birth. Please try in every way to stick to this principle, and simply engage yourself in Krishna's service. That will protect you from any attack of maya. Maya can take Krishna's place in our heart as soon as there is a slackness on our part. Otherwise, if Krishna's seated always, maya has no opportunity to occupy the seat. Try to follow this method and you will surely be successful.

Regarding your worries about natural disasters in Los Angeles, thank you for your cares for me. But Krishna is always giving protection and there is no cause of concern. There was a slight storm at night for two or three days, but that was not very much of a disturbance for me. I am glad to note that you are making improvements in

the temple's paraphernalia. That should be your primary engagement. Please also take good care of this boy Charles. He is new, and you must help him so that he will not be poisoned by the influence of maya.

If you will have some time it will be nice if you can come to Los Angeles for a few days. I shall also be very glad to see you. Also you will get ideas from how the Los Angeles devotees are working for their temple.

As much as possible you should try to introduce to the colleges our *Bhagavad Gita*. In every college there is a religion department, and most of them have interest in the *Bhagavad Gita*. So you can show to the chief man of this department that this is a real presentation of Vaishnava philosophy. I have received a statement from Dr. Haridas Chaudhuri of the California Institute of Asian Studies that ours is the best presentation of the teachings of Lord Krishna to the Western public. So if they are actually serious to receive instructions from Krishna in the *Bhagavad Gita*, they absolutely must read this publication of *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*. If they want some nonsense upon the plea of reading *Bhagavad Gita* then there is nothing we can do to help them. Everyone is free to act according to his inclination.

Regarding your question, maya comes from Krishna. Everything comes from Krishna, but when something is found in Krishna it is just as good as anything can be. Just like Krishna has the stealing propensity. As such He is called the Butter Thief, and he is worshipped as the Butter Thief. He is worshipped by His devotees all over the world with love and affection, while the same propensities in us would result in our being handed over to the police. That is the difference between Krishna and ourselves. He being Absolute, everything in Him is also Absolute. In the relative prospective it is very difficult to understand what is the Absolute.

From the material point of view, one cannot understand that one plus one equals one, and one minus one equals one. It requires a little time to understand this axiomatic truth. But in time such truths will become revealed to you without any mental speculation.

Please convey my blessings to the others who are so nicely helping you in Seattle. I hope this will meet you all in good health.

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

69-2-8 Los Angeles
3rd February, 1969
Paris

ATTENTION TAMAL KRISHNA
YOUR LETTER 26TH JULY COME
LOSANGELES IMMEDIATELY
AC BHAKTIVEDANTA SWAMI

69-2-9 Los Angeles
4th February, 1969

My Dear Aniruddha,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated January 29, 1969, and I am pleased to learn that everything is going nicely with full cooperation of all of your godbrothers. Our center of activities is Krishna, and if we are actually Krishna Conscious there will always be full cooperation between ourselves for the satisfaction of Krishna.

These two boys, Girish and Birbhadra are sent by Krishna to our care, and we must be very much attentive for building their character in Krishna Consciousness. Here, the boy, Birbhadra, is taken care of personally by Vishujana, and, by Krishna's Grace, you have to take care of Girish. In New Vrindaban, nothing can immediately be done because there is no suffi-

cient accommodataions, but I am in correspondence with Hayagriva for renting one two-story big house near New Vrindaban for starting the press. I think we will be able to secure the house by next April when I will also go there, and our project of starting a school, press, etc., will be seriously taken at that time.

You are right when you say that setting a good example for the boys is the best precept. There is a saying that an example is better than a precept. Our exemplary character depends on strictly following the four principles, and this will conquer the whole world. Our boys and girls in London, by there exemplary character have drawn the attention of many respectable persons and even some public papers. Our movement is not only for some theoretical teaching, but it is for developing practical character and definite understanding. I will be glad to know what is your future program. Do you think you will be continuing as brahmachary, or in the future will you wish to become householder? The idea is that when we open our educational institute, we will require some dedicated monks, just like Christian Fathers, who have no connection with women. In that case, we can start a theological school also, along with a boys primary school. Our theological school will regularly teach our published books, such as *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*, *Srimad Bhagavatam*, *Teachings of Lord Chaitanya*, *Nectar of Devotion*, *Brahma Samhita*, and *Krishna*.

We wish to hold examinations and award titles such as Bhaktishastri, Bhaktibaibhava, and Bhaktivedanta. The whole program will continue for seven years, and the students who will be fully engaged in this study of a seven year course will be classified in the 4-D section of the draft board. Such students will not be called for military activities. In this connection, an experiment is going on with Kartikeya,

and if it is successful then we can give protection to many such students provided they take things seriously.

Apart from the draft board chasing, actually we require many enlightened students who can go to any part of the world and establish there a center. Anyone who is a little bit conversant with the above books can go anywhere, chant Hare Krisna, distribute *Back To Godhead*, and hold classes on the above books. I have received one letter from Gurudas today that they have got permission to chant Hare Krishna in all the streets and parks of London. The world needs this consciousness of Krishna, and we have to manufacture many preachers for this purpose. I wish that you can also take the responsibility of teaching staff when we actually open our theological school in New Vrindaban.

Thanking you again for your letter. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-2-10

Los Angeles
5th February, 1969

London

My Dear Gurudas,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of January 29, 1969, and I am so glad to learn that you have permission to have kirtan all the time on the streets and parks. You have written that you are missing me, and similarly, I am sitting here anxious to meet you as soon as possible. In previous letters of Shyamsundar it was understood that the Beatles were going to help us positively, but the delay method appears to be diplomatic to avoid the pledge. I do not know what is the position, but I think that without depending on any one, we may take the risk of renting a nice house for our temple immediately. If you think that my

presence will accelerate matters, I am prepared to go immediately. In Yamuna's letter I understood that many people are interested in our temple work, and they are prepared to contribute items such as deities. All such things being favorable, why you are not taking a temple at your own risk? Besides that, you wrote to say that I will not go there for one year, but I have no such idea. I do not know who has spread such rumor. I have already postponed my journey to Hawaii in the month of April. In April I will go to Columbus, Ohio, so these two months of February and March I am completely free. If you so desire, I can start immediately and see the situation which is preventing the renting of a nice house. You write to say also that everyone is awaiting my arrival, and they ask "When is Swami ji coming?" So far as I am concerned, I can go immediately because I have no serious engagements here now.

I thank you very much for your assurance that I will find London a most flourishing center for our world Samkirtan movement. That is my ideal of life, to form a nice group of devotees to perform Samkirtan and to distribute our books in wider circles. Here, Tamal Krishna's group has proved a very nice Samkirtan Party, and we can combine with your group which is also a very nice Samkirtan Party. Then we could immediately take the responsibility of a round the world trip, and I am sure it will be successful. You can let me know by return mail if my services in London are immediately required. I am prepared to go.

The picture of Kartamashi which you have sent is very nice. Kartamashi is becoming very popular in every center. That is a good sign. Thanking you once more for your letter, and I am awaiting your early reply.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

Dear Yamuna,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you for your letter of January 22, 1969, and I have duly noted the contents. The reply to your points you will find along with your husbands letter. I am very much anxious to go to London, but I do not know why you are delaying to call me. The legal documents being submitted, there is no impediment to rent a nice house. So you should take this risk, and everything will come out all right. How is Mr. Parikh doing? I hope this will meet you in the best of health.

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

My Dear Colin Jury,

I thank you for your letter which was sent along with Yamuna's. I am pleased to hear that you are anxious to meet me, and I will be pleased to meet you when I go there. But first there must be a nice house secured. Our society is now legalized in London, so there should be no difficulty in securing a house immediately. Please help the devotees there to do this. I am simply awaiting their letter to start for London. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

My Dear Mukunda,

Please accept my blessings. At your earliest convenience, please submit to me a list of the names of the devotees who are filling the following offices: President, Secretary, and Treasurer in your center.

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

69-2-11

Los Angeles
5th February, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your kind letter dated February 1, 1969, and, in the meantime, my letters to you dated January 30, 1969 and February 1, 1969 respectively might have crossed. Most of the answers of your letter under reply will be found in these two letters. Please let me know if you have received them by now. If not, I will send you the carbon copies. So far as your letters are concerned, each and every one of them will be particularly answered, so there is no question of passing over your enquiries. Feelings of love are reciprocal, especially on the spiritual platform. I know what is your feelings about me, and in the same way I am always dependent on your kind affection.

Regarding printing at Dai Nippon, we have got to print so many books for which manuscripts are ready. So, pending the decision of starting our own press or having MacMillan print the *Srimad Bhagwatam*, immediately we may begin printing of our books from Dai Nippon. If they agree to print 5,000 copies of 400 pages at their agreed rate of \$5,000 that is good. So far the sample of print, the binding, and the size of the book is concerned, that is now all settled. The only thing is they must give us a definite date of delivery of printed books, and they must agree to the formerly stipulated price. If there is no question of delay we can immediately hand over the manuscript either of the second canto of *Srimad Bhagawatam* or *Nectar of Devotion*. If MacMillan Company is interested in *Srimad Bhagawatam*, then negotiate the transaction, and by the 15th of March we can deliver them the complete revised version of the 1st canto. So far as I understand, they will print the first canto to see the result. In case they agree

to continue printing of *Srimad Bhagawata-tam*, then we shall stop printing at Dai Nippon, and MacMillan will be handed over the charge for all other cantos. If their experiment on the 1st canto does not become successful, then let us go on printing all other cantos as usual. This is my decision, and you can arrange accordingly.

So far as *Back To Godhead* is concerned, Purushottam has appointed one selling agent in Los Angeles who has agreed to take 400 copies per month. There are at least 300 big cities in your country, and if we can appoint one selling agent only in each city, consuming an average of 100 copies only, the total quantity comes to 30,000 copies. This is not an Utopian idea. It is completely practical. Simply we have to arrange and organize. To distribute 100 copies in a big city like Los Angeles, New York, or San Fransisco is not at all difficult. Simply it requires the talent of organization. So expecting on this calculation that in the near future we shall be able to distribute at least 30,000 copies of *Back To Godhead*, you can immediately take quotation from Dai Nippon for regular 20,000 copies minimum per month. If their quotation is suitable, we will immediately take the risk and print 20,000 copies per month.

Regarding advertisements in *Back To Godhead*, I am not at all in favor of it. I was obliged to suggest you take advertisements because the magazine was not coming regularly due to lack of funds, but practically I see the magazine is not improving by accepting these advertisements. So in the future, say after the next issue, we shall stop taking advertisements because it is not satisfactory. If we print, however, 20,000 copies, we can accept one page of advertisements, fixing up our rate at not less than \$100 per page. And this advertisement also must be to our scrutinization. We cannot accept adver-

tisement from anyone and every one, rather it will be our motto to avoid advertisements. So far as I know, in India, the *Kalyan Klapataru* paper edited by Hanuman Prasad Poddar, does not accept any advertisements. Nor do they review any nonsense book published by others, and they have got respectable position. Similarly we have to create a respectable position for our *Back To Godhead*. Actually, it is the only single paper of its nature, describing the science of God in full detail, published in the western world. Our Vaishnava religion is so vast that we can supply millions of pictures and hundreds and thousands of literary contributions in this paper. In Christian religion they have got pictures like the Crucifixion and a few similar others. In the Buddhist religion they have got the picture of the Lord Buddha. In Mohammedan religion they have got picture of Mecca Madina, and I do not know what is the picture in the Jewish religion. But so far as our Krishna Consciousness is concerned, we can supply millions of pictures of Krishna, Vishnu, and Their multi-Incarnations, as well as Their transcendental Pastimes. So we have to creat a unique position for this paper, at least in the western world. Anyway, that will depend upon our future capacity, but for the time present we can immediately take quotation from Dai Nippon what they will charge us for 20,000 copies every month. Now I have given my definite opinion about printing my books at Dai Nippon and printing *Back To Godhead*, so you can do the needful.

Regarding my teaching in different universities, you will be pleased to know that recently I got one letter from Cultural Integration Fellowship President, Dr. Haridas Chaudhuri. He has appreciated my book, and he remarks as follows: "The book is without doubt the best presentation so far to the western public of the teachings of Lord Krishna from the

standpoint of Vaishnava tradition and devotional Hindu mysticism. So actually this is the correct position of our Krishna Consciousness movement. There are religious classes held in almost every university of your country, and they are eager also to study different kinds of religions. So far as *Bhagavad Gita* is concerned, there is no doubt about it that I am the only authority in your country in this matter. No body can speak on the *Bhagavad Gita* so authoritatively as I can do. That is a fact. So if the university wants to take advantage of this opportunity, even in this old age I can go from one university to another, and I am sure they can learn from me only the true teachings of the *Bhagavad Gita*; from me and from my students who are already trained up in this connection. So, if something can be done in this connection, it will help our missionary propaganda, and the students shall get new light from our book, *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*.

So, I am so much obliged to you that you are trying to get my books published somehow or other. I can simply pray to Krishna for your long life and valuable service to Krishna. Thanking you once more for your letter.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. I understand that you are anxious to get me in New York. So if you like I can go immediately as I have no serious engagement now in the western part of your country.

69-2-12

Los Angeles
5th February, 1969

My Dear Gargamuni,

Please accept my blessings. After a long time, I beg to thank you for your letter dated 31, January, 1969 from the Spiritual Sky store. You have given a very

nice name. At least you are giving ideas to the people in general that there is a Spiritual Sky, and they will get information sufficiently about Spiritual Sky, the planets thereof, the inhabitants of these planets, etc., through the medium of your store, the Spiritual Sky.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your check for \$110 being the sales proceeds for *Srimad Bhagawatam*. I am so englandened to hear from you that the books are selling very nicely. Regarding the eight Gopies and my Spiritual Master, I think you did not follow what I said, but that does not mean that you should be disappointed. We are all students, and we are apt to commit mistakes; but that does not mean that we should be disappointed. Lord Chaitanya also presented Himself before Prakasananda Saraswati as a foolish student of His Spiritual Master, although He was the Supreme Personality of Godhead Himself. Anyway, the actual fact is that the eight Gopies are as good as Krishna and Radharani. Therefore, no Vaishnava will claim to be one of the eight Gopies because that will tinge one with Mayavadi philosophy. If some body says "I am Krishna." or "I am Radha." or "I am one of the eight Gopies." that is against Krishna philosophy. My Guru Maharaj claimed to be one of the sub-devotee assistants of the eight Gopies. Lord Chaitanya also claimed Himself as servant of the servant of the servant of Krishna. So even though you might not have understood, you can correct it now and dont be disappointed.

Your humble repentance is just like a Vaishnava student, so I thank you very much for this humbleness. Lord Chaitanya taught us to be humbler than the grass on the street and more tolerant than the tree. So these symptoms are Vaishnava symptoms. There is no question of rejection or dejection. I am always at your service, and you can question whenever

there is any doubt, and I will try to answer them as far as possible.

Regarding the printing of my different letters, if you have sufficient time you can work on this project, but I think you have got greater project before you; sales organization of our books and publications. Unless we have got very good organization for selling our books, printing our books any place will be impractical. So I think you will try seriously how to appoint selling agents all over the country. Nay; all over the world. I will be glad also to hear from you about how you are going to organize this selling propaganda. As for printing of the books, I have already answered this in the letter to Brahmananda, and you can see it.

Hope this will find you in good health and cheerfulness. I am awaiting your early reply.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. I am always expecting big checks from you for my books. Do you think that you require some money for improving your business? ACB

69-2-13

Los Angeles
6th February, 1969

Dear Dr. Chaudhuri,

Please accept my greetings and blessings of Lord Krishna, and offer the same to Srimati Bina Chaudhuri and your sons and daughters. I am so glad to have received your letter dated January 27, 1969, and I have appreciated your comment about my book that it is "without doubt the best presentation so far to the western public of the teachings of Lord Krishna". Actually that was my purpose to write another commentary on the *Bhagavad Gita*. I think I have explained this matter in my

introduction.

You have written to say "Vaishnava tradition in India", and that is the real cultural standing of Vedic civilization. In the Rigveda you will find the mantra, *tad vishnu paraman padam sada pasyanti suraya*. In the *Vishnu Purana* also it is said, *vishnu bhakti bhovet deva*. So Vedic civilization means the civilization of the *devas*, or the demigods, and the whole purpose is to understand Krishna. As it is said in the *Bhagavad Gita*, *vedaishcho sarvaih aham auva vedyam*, the whole purpose of the Veda is to understand Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Therefore, if we wish to present the real traditional cultural ideas of India to the western public, we have to present to them the teachings of Lord Krishna as they are. That is my mission, and I am pleased to inform you that I am getting good response in America especially and also in London and Germany.

For the last five months, our kirtan movement is going on in London. Our office is situated there at 22 Betterton Street, WC 2 London, England. The people are appreciating our movement very much there. You will be surprised to know that I have sent there for preaching work 6 boys and girls, married couples, and they are neither elderly nor very much conversant with Vedic philosophy. But still, by their character, behavior, and devotion, they are attracting many people in London, including the High Commissioner of India and others. One gentleman, Mr. Parikh, is a Doctor in Education and was formerly the principle of a college in Kenya. He is actively working with our students there, and very soon they should have a Radha-Krishna temple there in gorgeous style.

Some time before in your letters you expressed a desire that we should jointly present Indian cultural ideas in this country. I think you will remember this

proposal, and I replied that if we want to present the real Indian cultural traditions, then we must present the Vaishnava philosophy as it is. Poet Tagore became very popular in the western countries by presenting his *Gita Anjali* which is full of Vaishnava sentiments. We have immense literatures, especially in the Goudiya Sampradaya of the Vaishnava sect which is enriched by the contribution of the Goswamins. These should all be presented to the western world. Similarly, Vedanta commentary by the Vaishnava acharyas like Ramanuga, Madhya, Baladev, Sridhar Swami, etc. can all be presented successfully. You are a learned philosopher, and your Cultural Integration Fellowship Institute advocates universal religion and cultural harmony. I think if you will turn your attention to the Vaishnava literature you will find all of these ideas in complete fulfillment.

Your invitation for me to go to San Francisco is very much welcome. You have been requesting me for practically one year to give some discourses on this Vaishnava philosophy in your institution, but for want of time I could not comply with your request. I will let you know immediately when I know I will be going next to San Francisco. Of course, now I am in Los Angeles, and I have no serious business at present. But your mid-term quarter is already occupied by Dr. Framroze A. Bode, the Zoroastrian High Priest from Bombay.

In the meantime, I wish I wish that you may stock a few copies of our books in your bookstall and just have a test how the members of your institution will like this Vaishnava philosophy. Generally, people are not very much inclined to accept Vaishnava philosophy because for the common man it is not very easy to understand. In the *Bhagavad Gita* we find the statement that out of many thousands of people, one may be interested in the val-

ues of human life, and out of many persons who have understood the values of life, only one may be found who can understand Krishna. It is further stated that Krishna can be understood only through devotional mysticism. *Bhaktiya mam abhijanati yavan yaschami tattvata*. On hearing from you I will ask my San Francisco temple to deliver you some copies of *Bhagavad Gita As It Is* if you so desire.

Thanking you once more for your kind letter. I hope this will meet you in very good health.

Yours affectionately,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-2-14

Los Angeles
7th February, 1969

Manager

First National City Bank of New York
Grand Street and Bowery
New York, New York

Re: ACCOUNT # SAVINGS 0420-1620-131

Dear Sir:

With reference to the above account, I beg to point out that on January 6, 1969, after depositing \$1,306.86, the balance in my favor was \$8,363.88. So after depositing another \$199 on February 3, 1969, you have shown a balance of \$7,156.27. I do not know why there is this difference. Kindly let me know by return of mail. Also, please note down my above change of address. Thanking you in anticipation of your early reply.

Yours truly,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

Copy forwarded to Brahmananda for necessary action. ACB

69-2-15

Los Angeles
7th February, 1969

My Dear Nara Narayan,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you very much for your letter pointing out some of the discrepancies of many of the devotees in New York. You are correct regarding the items which you have stated, such as sleeping in front of the deities, eating in front of the deities, taking of unoffered foodstuffs, drinking water from the bathroom, and non-chanting of rounds. But the thing is discipline can not be observed unless there is obedience. As you are obedient to me, you should be similarly obedient to my representative. Your statement about Brahmananda that he is a wonderful devotee is 100% agreed by me. He is in charge of the New York center, and, therefore, if proper obedience is not given to him it will be impossible for him to manage the affairs of the temple. Under the circumstances, the discrepancies you have observed in the temple may be referred to him, and he is quite reasonable, and will handle the matter with the respective devotees. Please don't you take any direct actions because it will cause disruption. You are a very talented boy, and I have every confidence in you, so I hope you will do this and oblige.

I have seen the plans for New Vrindaban, and I can understand that you have a great talent in house planning also. This will be fully utilized in the matter of our developing our New Vrindaban scheme when I go there. In the meantime, please let me know if you can get some pairs of Radha-Krishna deities in some brass foundry there. This is the immediate important work for you. You have asked in your letter to Purushottam if you should observe the lists of 44 offenses and 44 regulations for deity worship, and the answer is no; there is no need of this for the present.

I will be glad to hear from you by early return mail. I hope this will meet you in very good health.

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

69-2-16

Los Angeles
7th February, 1969

My Dear Murari,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated January 30, 1969, and I am always very pleased when I hear from you. You have mentioned in your letter that you have been making plans to build a shrine, and when you are able to, please send these plans to me so I may see what you have in mind. I am also pleased to note that Vamandev and yourself are seriously taking steps to begin the project of making thrones for the deities in all of our temples. In New York, Nara Narayan is going to try again to have brass deities made from the mold made from the deities in New York. Similarly, there is the possibility of obtaining deities from India in the near future. So in either of these cases, we can expect many new pairs of deities before very long, and such thrones as you are planning to work on will be an essential addition to all of our temples.

So far as you going to New Vrindaban, I think that for the time being you should concentrate your efforts in organizing these projects you have begun in Hawaii. For the time being concentrate in Hawaii, and when you are needed in New Vrindaban, you will be called to go there.

I have just learned today that Bhurijana, a devotee in Buffalo is making arrangements to open a center in North Carolina where one other devotee's mother is letting us use her house for two months at least with no charge so we may

see the possibilities of starting a center there. Similarly, there is some possibility of beginning a center in Berkeley, and Dindayal is looking into this possibility. So Krishna is giving us all facility to serve Him, and I am so pleased with the nice cooperation that my students are giving me in spreading this most important philosophy around the entire world.

Please convey my blessings to your excellent wife, Lilavati, and also to your little daughter, Subadra. I hope this will meet all of you in the best of health.

Your everwell-wisher,
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-2-17

Los Angeles
7th February, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your two letters, one of February 2, and one of February 3, 1969. Enclosed is one letter to Nara Narayan which will serve as answer to the letter of February 2nd. I am also enclosing a letter I have sent today to the First National City Bank of New York, and you will please note the contents. Regarding your questions about Dai Nippon, United Shipping, etc. these have already been replied to in my letter to you of February 5, 1969, and I hope you have received this letter by now.

I hope that you have by now found out the address of the boys in Florida whose letter I have sent to you to be forwarded on to them. Also, as you have already been informed by telephone, Dai Nippon should send by the 20th of February, 1969, two demo copies of the *Teachings of Lord Chaitanya* title jacket to the following address: Y. Jagannatham, 81 Navrang, 8th Floor, Peddar Road, Bombay-26, INDIA.*

I hope this will meet you in very good health.

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

NB: The title cover of *Teachings of Lord Chaitanya* which you have sent to me is very nice. I hope that you have already taken care of the one typographical error on the inside flap, but otherwise, it is completely satisfactory.

*On hearing from you about this I shall write him letter.

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Los Angeles
7th February, 1969

My Dear Mahapurusha,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 2, 1969, and I am pleased to note the contents. I thank you very much for your appreciation of *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*. I think you may have already heard that in January of 1970 we will be holding an examination among all of our students on this book, and those who will pass shall be awarded with the title of Bhaktishastri. With these examinations I wish to encourage all my disciples to very carefully learn this philosophy of Krishna Consciousness because there is so many preachers who will be required to bring this message to all of the corners of the earth. Chaitanya Mahaprabhu has predicted that this movement of Krishna Consciousness will one day be spread into every village and town, and everywhere there will be found chanting of Hare Krishna. So you are an intelligent boy, and please continue to study our books carefully, finish all of your chanting of rounds, and help out in your temple as much as possible. These items will give you all preparation to render very valuable service to Lord Chaitanya's mission.

I am pleased to note that you and Gour-sundar have been trying to arrange for regular classes in the University there for a course in Krishna Consciousness. If you can convince the student body there of the importance of our movement it will be great help to our propaganda work, so please try for this.

Please convey my blessings to the others there. I hope this will meet you in good health and cheerful mood.

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

69-2-19

Los Angeles
7th February, 1969

My Dear Bhurijana,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated February 3, 1969, and I am so pleased and encouraged to note the contents. Your idea of going to North Carolina is excellent because there are so many students there, and you are college graduate, so I think that you are just the devotee to do the job nicely. The only thing is that I do not think it is necessary for you to go there alone, so immediately you may contact Tosan Krishna in Santa Fe temple, and he is also willing to go there to be your assistant. If the two of you find the place suitable, then for some time myself and Purushottam will go there to make the center fortified. So you may write immediately to Tosan Krishna in this connection, and the both of you may start on this important new endeavor.

Regarding the seed which you have sent, yes, they are genuine *tulsi* seeds. I understand from your letter that Kanu-priya has not yet received his initiation beads for chanting upon, but they were sent over two weeks ago. I am enclosing a carbon of the letter which I had sent along with his beads, and if he has still not re-

ceived them, please request him to send another pair of beads, and I will send these back to him duly chanted upon.

Thank you again for your most encouraging letter, and I shall be awaiting further news from you in this matter.

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

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Los Angeles

7th February, 1969

His Holiness Tridandi Swami
Sri Srimad B.V. Tirtha Goswami Maharaj
Sri Chaitanya Research Institute
70-B, Rash Behari Avenue
Calcutta-26
INDIA

The Holy Advent Day of Srila
Prabhupada Bhakti Siddhanta
Saraswati Thakur
ALL GLORIES TO SRI GURU
AND GOURANGA!!

My Dear Sripad Tirtha Maharaj,

Please accept my humble dandabats. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your rubber-stamped circular letter of January 29, 1969 regarding the Golden Jubilee Festival of Sri Chaitanya Math. Previous to this I heard about it from Sripad Sraman Maharaj and Sripad Y. Jagannatham, and expecting your invitation, I expressed my desire that during the ceremony a special home for the EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN BRAHMACHARIES MAY BE ESTABLISHED AT MAYAPUR. Srila Bhaktivinode Thakur and Srila Prabhupada desired that such American and European devotees may live at Mayapur for studies of Sri Chaitanya philosophy, and now the time is ripe when many American, European, and Japanese students working as my disciples are ready to go there for this purpose. In 1967, when I went to India, five American disciples

were with me. One of them, Kirtanananda (Keith Ham, B. A.), was given sannyas by me at Vrindaban. He was sent back to the USA to organize my New Vrindaban scheme in West Virginia, and he is working there along with another of my disciples, Professor Howard Wheeler M.A., in cooperation with Dr. George Henderson M.A., Ph.D., and others. The remaining four disciples were entrusted to live at the Institute of Swami Bon Maharaj, but on account of his canvassing them for becoming his disciples they left him, although one of them, Hrishikesh, is still living c/o Bon Maharaj as his re-initiated disciple (?) Two other of my disciples are still at Vrindaban in my place at Radha Damodar Temple, and Bon Maharaj is still after them to devaite their faith upon me.

I have therefore requested Sripad Sraman Maharaj (because you have stopped correspondence with me and I don't know why) to give some place for my disciples at Mayapur. If I get some place at Mayapur, the disciples who are already in India and those who are willing to go there can live peacefully without being disturbed by Bon Maharaj. But on my proposing this scheme, Sraman Maharaj, in his letter of 24 January, 1969 writes as follows: "On hearing the news of Golden Jubilee of Chaitanya Math, many people are coming daily to see the place. We can imagine even now how much big crowd will assemble when the actual fair will take place. Although we are constructing many temporary sheds under the circumstances, I do not think we will be able to give accommodations to your American and European students. Even after the ceremony I do not think it will be advisable to call for the American and European students here in Mayapur. Even though we make special arrangements for them, that will not be for many days. Even though you make payment for your stu-

dents, the other students will feel inferiority complex. You know very well our standard of living, and therefore it will not be possible for us to accommodate your European and American students here in Mayapur. The best suggestion which I can give you is that you better rent one house in Vrindaban and accommodate them there for their education in Sanskrit and Bengali. Srila Prabhupad is so kind upon you that he is causing you to act in such wonderful way, and by seeing your activities I am feeling very much proud of you."

This is most discouraging and against the will of Srila Bhaktivinode Thakur and Srila Prabhupada Bhakti Siddhanta Saraswati Thakur. I therefore request you to give me a plot of land within the precincts of Sri Chaitanya Math to construct a suitable building for my European and American students who are loitering in Vrindaban chased by Bon Maharaj, and who may go in numbers to visit the site of the Birth place of Lord Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. I can take the responsibility of constructing such building at Sri Chaitanya Math and bear all expenses for the boarding and lodging of such students who will go there. Sraman Maharaj says that Sri Chaitanya Math is not in a position to meet their standard of living. But that does not matter. If you simply give me a plot of land, I shall arrange everything at my responsibility.

Another thing is that I have read the pamphlet on the Golden Jubilee festival in which you have described very nicely about Swami Bon Maharaj in the matter of his preaching work in Europe more than 35 years ago, but you have not mentioned anything about my humble service right now going on in the Western world. There are hundreds of letters of appreciation, including some from you also, but you have not mentioned even a single line about me in the pamphlet. Why?? Personally I don't want any such advertisement, but why this

mentality of suppressing the fact? Will you kindly let me know why you have suppressed so many facts? You have also not mentioned in the matter of Bon Maharaj's preaching work why he was called back from this work in Europe, and why the Late Goswami Maharaj was sent in his place. If his preaching was successful then why was he called back? Don't you know the history?

Anyway, if you have not mentioned anything about me for want of your proper knowledge about my preaching work in Europe and America, you may kindly now do it and place it before the Patrons of the celebration. I am working single-handed without being supported by my countymen or the government of my country. You know very well that Sir Padampat Singhania was ready to spend any amount for constructing a Radha-Krishna temple in New York, and you promised to get it sanctioned by the government through Dr. RadhaKrishnan who was at that time President. But you could not do anything. The same Dr. Radha Krishnan is now Patron in this celebration. Sri Biswanath Das knows me very well. Sri Hanuman Prasad Poddar knows very well about my preaching work in this part of the world. Will you induce them to cooperate in my humble attempt? There are many friends in India who will be prepared to construct each a temple here, if the government sanctions exchange. But I don't think the government will sanction changing its policy, even though the retired Presidents or Governors might request this. If it is possible though, please try to do it now, and you will see that we have a center in each and every town and village of the world, as it was predicted by Lord Chaitanya. You may please bring the following facts to the notice of the Patrons of the celebration when the session begins. I have already established the following centers:

1. *New York* INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY
FOR KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS
61 Second Avenue
New York, NY
President: Brahmananda das
Brahmachary (Bruce Scharf)

2. *London* ISKCON
22 Betterton Street
London WC 2
ENGLAND
President: Mukunda das Adhikary
(Michael Grant)

3. *Hamburg* Internationale Gesellschaft
für Krishna Bewusstsein
2 Hamburg 19
Eppendorfer Weg 11
WEST GERMANY
4. President: Shivananda das Brahmachary
(Samuel Greer)

5. *Hawaii* ISKCON
4 Leilani Bldg. 1649 Kapialani Blvd.
Honolulu, Hawaii
President: Goursundar das Adhikary
(G. McElroy)

6. *Montreal* ISKCON
3720 Park Avenue
Montreal 18, Quebec
President: Hansadutta das Adhikary
(Hans Kary)

7. *San Francisco* ISKCON
518 Frederick Street
San Francisco, Calif.
President: Chidananda das Brahmachary
(Clay Harold)

8. *New Vrindaban*
RD 3
Moundsville, West Virginia
President: Kirtananda Swami
(Keith Ham)

9. *Vancouver* ISKCON
271 East Georgia Street
Vancouver 4, B.C. Canada
President: Ananda das Brahmachary
(Eric Cassidy)
10. *Seattle* ISKCON
5516 Roosevelt Way N.E.
Seattle, Washington
President: Upendra das Brahmachary
(Wayne Gunderson)
11. *Santa Fe* ISKCON
4113 West Water Street
Santa Fe, New Mexico
President: Harer Nama das Brahmachary
(Harlon Jacobson)
12. *North Carolina* ISKCON
107 Laurel Avenue
Carrboro, N. Carolina
President: Bhurijan das Brahmachary
(Wayne Connel)
13. *Boston* ISKCON
95 Glenville Avenue
Boston, Mass. (Allston)
President: Satsvarupa das Adhikary
(Stephan Guarina)
14. *Los Angeles* ISKCON
1975 S. La Cienega Blvd.
Los Angeles, Calif.
President: Dayananda das Adhikary
(Michael Wright)
15. *Ohio* ISKCON
1305 No. High Street
Columbus, Ohio
President: Hayagriva das Adhikary
(Howard Wheeler)

Five thousand (5,000) copies of *Back To Godhead* Magazine are being published monthly now, and since the demand is increasing, we are arranging to print twenty thousand (20,000) copies starting

from next April. You are regularly receiving these copies both in Calcutta and Madras, and I have also instructed to send copies to Sri Chaitanya Math for Sraman Maharaj. My books are being published by MacMillan Company, and the first publication is *Bhagawat Gita As It Is*. I am sending a copy of this book for your personal reading by separate mail. Please let me know of your opinion. Dr. Haridas Chaudhuri, the President of the Asiatic Studies Institute in San Francisco has opined as follows: "The book is without doubt the best presentation so far to the western public of the teachings of Lord Krishna from the standpoint of the Vaishnava tradition in India—the standpoint of devotional Hindu Mysticism."

Besides the above book, my following books are also selling all over America and Europe: *Srimad Bhagawatam* (6 volumes), *Teachings of Lord Chaitanya*, *Transcendental Meditation Explained*, *Easy Journey to Other Planets*, *Ishopanishad*, *Brahma Samhita*, and *Nectar of Devotion*. I shall send you a copy of *Teachings of Lord Chaitanya* as soon as I get copies from Japan in March, 1969. Also, Sripad Sadananda Swami (Earnest Shulze) has sent his congratulations to me through one of his disciples thinking of my successful preaching in America, Canada, and Europe.

Please, therefore, encourage me by your cooperation. Don't try to suppress me without mentioning anything about our efforts in your pamphlet. This will not satisfy Srila Prabhupada. Please, therefore, try to present the abovementioned facts before the Patrons in the session meeting, and induce them to cooperate with this movement in the Western World.

I am now Permanent Resident or Immigrant in the USA, so there is no need of my Visa, Passport, or P Form trouble for me. I can come and go from India without any formalities. If you simply cooperate

with me, I can render some service to the fulfillment of the transcendental desire of Srila Prabhupada and Bhaktivinode Thakur.

The summary is that you may kindly give me a plot of land in the Sri Chaitanya Math for the proposed building. If you want to lay down the foundation stone for this building during the Jubilee celebration, I am prepared to send you the required money for this special purpose. Or else, on your approval of this scheme, I may at once go to India along with some of my American and European disciples to do the needful. As a bona fide disciple of Srila Bhakti Siddhanta Saraswati Goswami Maharaj, and because I am trying my best to fulfill His holy desire in the matter of preaching work in this part of the world, I have got the right to ask from you a plot of land for this purpose. Now it is up to you to cooperate with me.

I shall be very glad to receive your reply to this letter. On receipt of your favorable reply, I may start immediately for India to take part in the matter of the foundation stone of the building during the Jubilee celebration.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Affectionately yours,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

cc: Y. Jagannatham, etc.

terial entanglement then there would be no need to follow the path of Krishna Consciousness. Krishna has given His instruction in the *Bhagavad Gita* that one should simply surrender unto Him, and immediately He takes charge of solving all of the problems of life. So if you decide to surrender unto Krishna, and if you are sincere of purpose, there is no problem of your life. Material entanglement is not a new thing for you. Everyone who is in this material world has got material problems. Who hasn't got the problem of birth? Who hasn't got the problem of death? Who hasn't got the problem of old age? And who hasn't got the problem of disease? No body can escape these problems, so everyone in this material world is entangled. The difference is only of varieties of types of entanglement.

I am very glad that you are desiring to be willing servitor of Krishna, and Krishna will surely accept you, provided you always remain serious in this determination. Therefore, I will advise you to keep company with my disciples in London. They are all very sincere boys and girls, and as much as is possible for you, you should help them with their activities. You also should continue to help them with Samkirtan Party in London. I am looking forward to going there as soon as there is a temple obtained. I think that because you are an English boy, you can help them very much in this connection. As soon as we get a nice place there, and they call me, I will be pleased to go and meet you and all of the sincere souls who are anxious to be engaged in this great Krishna Consciousness movement.

Please rest assured that in this movement there is no question of imperfectness. This is a solid, genuine movement for the total spiritual rejuvenation of the human society. I am requesting in this letter through you that every honest and sincere boy or girl must immediately join

69-2-21

8th February, 1969

Dear Mr. Jim Doody,

Please accept my blessings. I am very glad to read your letter of February 3, 1969, and I am also glad to learn of your very sincere desire to serve Krishna. Surely He will save you. Material entanglement is no problem; if Krishna was not so powerful that He can easily undo our ma-

with us in this movement. If one is actually serious to understand the problems of life, he will surely find the right answers in this movement. Please read carefully our book, *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*, and you will find yourself getting enlightenment to the fullest extent. There is no doubt of this.

Please inform Gurudas that in Los Angeles temple, Vishnujana, Tamal Krishna, Shelavati, and her son, Birbhadrha played a puppet show yesterday on the occasion of my Spiritual Master's Advent Day. The subject of demonstration was the story of Prahlad. It was so very nice and perfect that everyone enjoyed to the fullest extent, and everyone joined in chanting Hare Krishna. I hope that some time in the future they will be able to demonstrate many such spiritual themes for puppet shows, and people will be greatly benefited.

Please convey my blessings to the others there. I was so glad to talk with them the other day on the telephone. I enjoyed hearing their voices, and I was happy that they were also very much pleased to hear me. I will be glad to hear if Mr. George Harrison attended the love feast ceremony yesterday as I was informed he would. Please continue to try and understand the essence of this Krishna Consciousness movement, and try to convince others also of its importance.

Your ever well-wisher,

69-2-22

Los Angeles
8th February, 1969

My Dear Jagannatham Prabhu,

Please accept my humble dandabats. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your kind letter dated 1 February 1969. I have received one pamphlet of the Golden Jubi-

lee, organized by Sripad Tirtha Maharaj, and a covering letter dated 29, January 1969. This letter was not even signed by Tirtha Maharaj, but appears to be a general circular letter with his rubber stamp only, without any signature. Besides that, there is not a single line inviting me to attend the ceremony either officially or personally. Aside from this, I have not received any invitation from him, and I do not know if the other Tridandi Sannyasis and disciples of Prabhupad have been specially invited or not. The copy of his letter along with the copy of my letter is enclosed herewith for your purusal. I have also sent to him one copy of my *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*.

You have written to say that Tirtha Maharaj will give me all facilities to present before the audience during the Golden Jubilee function a picture of my "marvelous work that is being done in the USA and East European countries," but I do not think he has any intention to give me such facility because he has in his pamphlet presented one picture of Bon Maharaj's preaching work which is defunct for the last 40 years, but he has purposefully not mentioned even a single line about the preaching work now going on in Europe, Canada, and America under my direction. You will read a copy of my reply which will speak for itself.

Regarding your books, the editorial assistants and myself do agree there is no difference of our Sampradaya Siddhanta. Now we have only to see how these books will be sellable in this country. The best thing will be if you can kindly send more copies of each book, and we can try to sell them in our different centers. If there is good response, we can think of republishing them. Certainly to send the books by air mail is prohibitive, but you can send them by surface mail in different batches to our different centers of which a list of addresses is found in the copy of the letter

addressed to Tirtha Maharaj. The next alternative is to pack up all of the books and send them to Calcutta to our shipping agents, namely; United Shipping Corporation, 14/2 Old China Bazar Street (Room #18), Calcutta-1, INDIA. Upon hearing from you I will advise them to take care of the packages to New York by sea-way. We shall try to sell the books in our different centers, and the sales proceeds will be kept separately. If the books are to be published, from here the sales proceeds will be utilized for this purpose. Or else, the proceeds shall be sent to you after a deduction of 40% discount as we get from others. We are selling books of many of our godbrothers, just like Bon Maharaj, Nitaidas Brahmachary, Prof. Sannyal, Bhakti Pradip Tirtha, Raga Chaitanya Prabhu, etc. I think this arrangement will be practical. If you will give us your permission then we can immediately arrange to publish some of the best portions as articles in *Back To Godhead* with your good name therein.

My next book, *Teachings of Lord Chaitanya*, shall be out by the end of March 1969. I have advised the printer to send you two dozen title covers to your Bombay address, and I wish that these covers may be kindly distributed by you to respectable guests who may participate in the Jubilee celebration.

You will read the letter addressed to Tirtha Maharaj, and you will meet him also by the 25th instant. If he agrees to give me a plot of land as requested in my letter than it will be a practical gesture of our full cooperation. If you can kindly help in this matter it will be a great service to Srila Prabhupada.

I thank you very much for your kind blessing, and I beg to remain

Yours ever affectionately,
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-2-23

Los Angeles
8th February, 1969

My Dear Hrishikesa,

Please accept my blessings. I was very much pleased to receive your letter of 3 February, 1969, and I have carefully noted all of the contents. Regarding the insurance money, if you are able to use it immediately, without waiting for two years, it will be a great boon. The best use of this money is for the constructing of so many living quarters in New Vrindaban. There are so many schemes pending in New Vrindaban, such as press, school, etc., and as soon as there is adequate accommodation facilities, we can at once begin work very fruitfully. So if you can immediately engage this \$2600 in these plans it will be very much helpful. I have received one letter from Nara Narayan, and he has already drawn up the plans for the various buildings which are required to be constructed in New Vrindaban. Now as soon as the proper manpower and finances can be arranged, we can immediately start on this important task.

So far as your occasional agitation from the maya, the answer is very simple that one must either strictly control his senses, or else he must get himself married. If one is strong enough in Krishna Consciousness, then there is no reason to become grihastha, but if one is still disturbed by sex-desire, then marriage is the only other possibility. But if one is still brahmachary, then he must be sure to follow all of the rules and regulations very strictly. There is no place in spiritual life for cheating in this matter. Chaitanya Mahaprabhu has never criticized a householder for having sex life for the purpose of bearing children. But when it came to Junior Hari das, who was posing as sannyas but was still engaging in lustful thoughts, Lord Chaitanya would not tolerate, and Junior Haridas was banished

from the association of the Lord. So this is very important that we remain very firm in our vow of brahmachary, or if this is very difficult, then house-holder life is the next satisfactory solution.

Regarding your idea of a Krishna Conscious book of many of our prayers, this is a nice idea, and very soon Dinesh will have many prayers which he has been tape recording written out in English transliterations. I am advising him to send these to you when it is available.

I have seen the plan for the cottage which was sent along with your letter. It is very nice, but so far as I can understand, it will only accommodate for one person. If you like, this house may be constructed, but I think the immediate necessity is to construct buildings to accommodate the many people who may soon come to New Vrindaban to work there.

So I thank you again for your nice letter. Please convey my blessings to the others there with you. I hope this will meet you in very good health and cheerful mood.

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

69-2-24

Los Angeles
9th February, 1969

My Dear Rayarama,

Please accept my blessings. I am very much anxious to know how is your present condition of health. Please let me know if you are improving or if there is some disturbance still. We should always remember that our body is not for sense gratification; it is for Krishna's service only. And to render very good sound service to Krishna we should not neglect the upkeep of the body. We learn from an instance of Sanatan Goswami. He was sometimes very much sick on account of exema, and he was therefore sometimes

bleeding. But whenever Lord Chaitanya met Sanatan Goswami, He used to embrace him in spite of Sanatan's request for Him not to touch him. Because of this. Sanatan Goswami later on decided to commit suicide so Lord Chaitanya would not embrace him in his bloody condition. This plan was understood by Lord Chaitanya, and He called Sanatan Goswami and said to him, "you have decided to end this body, but don't you know that this body belongs to Krishna? You have already dedicated your body to Krishna so how can you decide to end it?" So you must not neglect the upkeep of your body. This is the lesson we get from Lord Chaitanya and Sanatan Goswami. Try to take care of your health in the best possible way.

Regarding *Back To Godhead*, the advertisements which you are now getting, especially the hippie advertisements, are not very good. Therefore, I am thinking of avoiding these advertisements. But so far as I understand, if we stop the advertisements immediately, the publication would be stopped altogether. So I do not wish to take such drastic way. I will be glad to know if you will submit to me an account of what is the actual expenditures and income for our *Back To Godhead* publication. Then we shall try to find out the money by some other means and then stop the advertisements. Eventually we wish to publish only purely Krishna Consciousness articles up to 48 pages per month. So please inform me of the actual expenditures, income, and also exactly how many hands are engaged in putting together an issue. Please list the names of your helpers and what is their specific duty.

So far as I understand, the number of regular subscribers is not very satisfactory. *Back To Godhead* is being distributed by individual canvassing only. So if that is the position, then there is no need to publish something which is not pure Krishna Consciousness. Purely Krishna

Consciousness means as you have published the article *Ishopanishad*, and similarly we can publish all the *Upanishads*, the *Vedanta Sutra*, and many similar articles. The articles like Dr. Spock, the Beach Boys, or nonsense book reviews should be completely avoided. I know in India, the Kalyan Kalpatu paper and similar other papers do not take any advertisement, neither do they review any book unless it is published by them. So I think we should follow this policy. I shall be glad to hear from you in this connection at your earliest convenience. But for the time being, things may go on as it is regarding advertisements, so long as you avoid the hippy advertisements as far as possible.

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

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-2-25

Los Angeles
9th February, 1969

My Dear Mukunda and Colin Jury,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your joint letters dated February 3, 1969. Pending your searching out a suitable temple-house, immediately rent a suitable apartment for me from the 1st of March, 1969, and on hearing from you, I shall start for London by the end of this month. When I go there I am sure I shall find out a suitable temple-house. Please let me know your decision on this matter so that I may prepare for my London-Yatra.

Offer my blessings to all of my beloved sons and daughters who are so kind and affectionate to me. Awaiting your early reply with interest.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-2-26

Los Angeles
9th February, 1969

My Dear Hansadutta,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of January 30, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. I am pleased to note that you are seeing into obtaining a dictaphone for helping me in preparing so many Krishna Consciousness literatures. The maker of my present dictaphone is Grundig, and it is an Embassy de Jur, Sterorette. This model was purchased by Hayagriva in New York for \$190 by cash payment, but it can be had by installment payment at a higher price. So you may do the needful in this matter.

Regarding the Pancha Tattva picture, it is simply a pose of Lord Chaitanya and some of His associates receiving service from Their devotees and chanting Hare Krishna. Pancha Tattva is described as Krishna in five expansions, namely Krishna Himself in the role of a devotee; His Incarnation in the role of a devotee; His energy in the role of a devotee; His expansion in the role of a devotee; and His two energies (internal and marginal) in the role of devotees. So the external energy is not there. Therefore the whole manifestation is transcendental. There are three energies, namely internal, external, and marginal. Although all of the energies are connected with Krishna, the external energy is differentiated. Just like darkness is another part of light, and therefore darkness can not stand before the light, but it stands somewhere by the side of the light. Without light, there is no existence of darkness, but darkness cannot be found in the light. Similarly, there is no darkness or activities of the external energy in the Pastimes of Lord Chaitanya.

So far as Achyutananda and Jayagovinda are concerned, I am not displeased with any of my disciples. A father

can not be displeased with his sons, but sometimes the sons create disturbances, and the father has to tolerate. Constitutionally, the father is always affectionate and pleased with the sons. But it is up to the sons to obey the father and keep the relationship natural. The little disturbances created by Achyutananda and Jayagovinda were temporary. Now again they have come to their real consciousness.

Regarding your question about Subadra and Durga, they are not at all the same. Durga's other name is Badra, not Subadra, and Durga's activities are within the material world. Subadra does not work as Durga. Subadra is internal energy, and Durga is external energy. As energy, they have a relationship as much as we are energies of Krishna, but the energies are working in different capacities. Although originally the energy is one, by their expansion, the accents of the energies are different, and as we are not impersonalists, this variegatedness of actions are essential for the Supreme Personality of Godhead, as much as the government is one but there are multi-departments for management of the government. The education department and the criminal department are all departments of the government. The government is connected with all parts and departments, but the education activities are different from the criminal activities. This is the philosophy of inconceivably simultaneously one and different manifestations of the Absolute Truth.

I have received one nice letter from Ivan Levine, and I would like to know your opinion whether or not he should take initiation without his wife doing the same. I have no objection to initiate him alone, but will he be able to thereby follow the rules and regulations? If you recommend it, I shall initiate him. Of course, the best thing will be to initiate husband and wife together. If the wife is interested,

why does she not agree to be initiated with her husband? What is the difficulty. On hearing from you in this matter, I will do the needful. Also, I understand that Mrs. Levine has not been feeling well due to her pregnancy. Please convey my request to her that she rest as much as possible and not too much exert her energies in any way. Upon hearing from you, I will inform Mr. Levine as to what is to be done.

I shall be very happy to know what is happening to the second issue of our French edition of *Back To Godhead*. I was very pleased with the first issue, and I hope the new issue will be ready very soon. Please inform me what is the problem in this important matter.

Kindly convey my blessings to the other devotees in your temple. I am awaiting your replies to the above questions. I hope this will meet you in very good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

My Dear Himavati,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you so much for your letter of January 30, 1969. I am glad to know that you are anxious to begin tending the Deities in grand style and fashion. Before I instruct you further in this matter, please send me a detailed list of what worshipping methods you are now performing. Let me know how you are conducting temple worship now from morning till night. I hope this will meet you in good health and cheerful mood.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-2-27

Los Angeles
10th February, 1969

My Dear Govinda Dasi,

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

January 30, 1969, and I am so glad to learn that you are working as a full-time secretary in a good business firm. Please try to continue this work as far as possible. I think that by Krishna's mercy you must be feeling happy. Now you are getting some income which is essential for householder life, and you are living with your husband, so I am very much satisfied that you are in happy mood. Now I am sure that you will be able to contribute \$5,000 to my book fund. I understand that you have some difficulty with your dictaphone, and as soon as you fix it, I will continue to send you some tapes.

Regarding Kartikeya, I am sorry to inform you that all of a sudden he has been captivated by maya, and since yesterday, he has left my company. The day before yesterday afternoon, he was absent for more than three hours and when he came back, he explained that he was out walking in the street. Later on, it was found that he went to see a Christian priest who had impressed upon his mind that one can drink wine after offering it to Lord Christ on the first Friday of every month. I had been informed by Kartikeya that before his coming to our Krishna Consciousness camp he was drinking too much. So now he wanted to give me evidence that drinking was good when it is offered to Lord Christ. I tried to convince him that drinking is not at all good. The very fact that one should drink on the first Friday of each month means it is rigidly restricted; one can drink only once every month, but in the case of bread, it is said that one should pray daily for bread from the Lord. In this way there was some remonstrance, but he was silently hearing from me while being not at all satisfied. I understood from Purushottam that the whole night he was not satisfied. The next morning, that was yesterday, Tamal was talking with me and I asked him to keep Kartikeya for some time in his Kirtan Party. But Karti-

keya got immediately upset, and just within 15 minutes, he took away his bags and baggages and phoned his sister and went to her place. This morning, Sudama phoned him that if you do not like to live in the temple, you can come back and live with Swamiji. But he has not come back. Therefore, for the time being, it is to be understood that he is victimized by the stroke of maya. I do not know what is awaiting his future lot, but I am sure that his service to Krishna and to his Spiritual Master will not go in vain. But individual independence and maya are so strong that they can stop progress at any moment. So long as he was here, he was taking care of me very nicely, and I am very much obliged to him. I simply said that he may live for some time with the Samkirtan Party, and he became upset. So I do not know what to do.

Regarding your German acquaintance, I understand that he may be a very intelligent man and believes in science. But even the most advanced scientist depends on the statements of authorities. Science begins on some definite data, just like Sir Isaac Newton discovered the law of gravitation, and so much scientific advancement depends on such authoritative statements. So even scientific knowledge has to stand on the evidence of authority. He admits that we are all spirit soul inside the body entrapped, and he believes this body is composed of various chemicals about which we know a great deal. But unfortunately, with all this chemical combinations combined together, we can not produce a body like this; this is also a scientific fact. Just like rasulla is a milk product everyone knows. But how to make a rasulla from milk requires expert further knowledge. Therefore, simply to know that this body is made of chemicals is not sufficient knowledge. When one can reproduce a similar body with the known chemicals, then he is to be

considered as the expert scientist. The spirit soul is impossible to find out by materialistic scientific means, but if one will hear from the right authority, he may understand. The gentleman is disappointed that probably no one will ever know about spirit, but this is not true. We know what is spirit, how does it work, how does it transmigrate from one body to another or from one planet to another. We know these very scientifically, and we are firmly convinced about it. We can refute any dogmatic arguments against this conviction, and how do we do that? Simply because we start our understanding from the data of authoritative sources like Krishna or His representative. In the *Bhagavad Gita*, Lord Krishna speaks about spirit soul from the very beginning. Unless one understands what is this spirit soul, his further advancement of the Supreme Spirit God has no value. So this gentleman is puzzled in his understanding about wherefrom we have come, what we are, and where we are going. But we are certain about it. So if he wants to know all these things, there is bona fide source for understanding these problems, providing he agrees to give a submissive aural reception to the respective authorities as much as he believes in the authoritative statements of Sir Isaac Newton. So either to accept the statements of Sir Isaac Newton or the statements of Lord Krishna, the beginning is a kind of faith. Unfortunately, these so-called scientific men can usually pin their faith on Sir Isaac Newton but not to the statements of Krishna or his representatives. So try to explain to him in this way.

Thanking you again for your nice letter. I hope this will meet you in very good health.

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

69-2-28

Los Angeles
11th February, 1969

My Dear Angelo Cummings,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your recent letter (undated), and I was pleased to learn that you are able and willing to help us in our construction plans in New Vrindaban. The construction of the houses is already under way because Nara Narayan has already submitted to me some plans along with an estimate of the needed finances.* Hayagriva is ready to invest the required money, so your cooperation and help will further make easier our attempt. Please therefore cooperate in consultation with Hayagriva who is the chief man in this matter. I shall also be in New York as well as New Vrindaban in the month of April. So if I am present there, I think that your help will be of great value. Actually we want such houses as you have submitted plans for. Nara Narayan is in New York already, so you may consult with him and help him in this attempt by mutual cooperation.

Thanking you once again for your letter. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

*I am forwarding your letter & plans to Hayagriva for necessary action

69-2-29

Los Angeles
11th February, 1969

My Dear Chidananda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of February 5, 1969, and I have carefully noted the contents. It is understood that you and Mulgiba have been collecting for the new temple, but I do not know who is keeping account of this money. How much is there at present in this fund? Where is this fund

being kept? Please inform me on these matters.

Regarding your efforts for securing advertisements for *Back To Godhead*, the best thing would be if we could stop these advertisements, but the difficulty is that without advertisements it would be very difficult to continue this magazine. So, under the circumstances, if you and other devotees can secure at least \$100 per month for *Back To Godhead*, then it will not be necessary for you in San Francisco to obtain money by getting advertisements. Please consider on this point and let me know your ideas. So far as the Asian Student Foundation, I do not think you should give them free of charge 150 copies of *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*.

I hope that by now you are fully recovered in health, and I shall await your letter with interest. Please convey my blessings to the others in your temple.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivednata Swami

69-2-30

Los Angeles
12th February, 1969

My Dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated February 7, 1969, and I have noted the contents. Regarding Jadurany's diet, let her take fruits, vegetables, milk, chapaties, and also when she is hungry she may take a little rice and some thin mug dahl. Please keep me informed of her progress.

Regarding your idea of having an installation ceremony for the Deities, it is very good suggestion, and you may also have the sacrificial fire. The Deities should be bathed with milk, and while bathing, They must have covering of thin cotton cloth, and the whole Body and the clothing should be wet by pouring the milk. You can see the picture of this in the

new *Back To Godhead*, and perhaps you saw the ceremony when it was held in New York. The Deities should be decorated with sufficient flowers and nice gorgeous dresses and ornaments. Before hand, you should polish the Bodies with a mixture of tamarine pulp and fullers earth. Apply the pulp on the Bodies, then rub it and then polish nicely with tissue paper. This will gave a very good shine. Then bath the Deities with milk, and dress very nicely with ornaments, and place Them on the throne with flowers, candles, etc. The throne, if possible, should be coated with silver sheets, and the canopy should be red velvet with gold embroidered work. Before the Deities, on the staircase, there may be some silver polished cups, pitchers, etc. I think the Deities have already helmets and peacock feathers and hair to be dressed with. If not, make arrangements for this also. I do not know how big is the throne, but if it is very big, then within the throne there may be a raised seat to accommodate the Deities. On the whole, everything should be very gorgeous; then it will be successful.

Actually, although Radha-Krishna is worshipped in Vrindaban which is like a simple village, but we worship Laxmi-Narayan, and the worship is accepted by the Radha-Krishna Deity. Actually, in our present status, we can not worship Radha-Krishna. But as all the Vishnu Murtis are situated in Krishna, therefore, our Radha-Krishna worship is transferred to Vishnu, Lord Narayan. Vishnu worship is the regulative devotional principles, and Radha-Krishna worship is spontaneous service of eternal feelings. Therefore, as Laxmi-Narayan is the Deity of great opulences, similarly our Radha-Krishna Murtis also should be worshipped with great pomp and dignity. Krishna will give you the proper intelligence to do this very nicely. So far as prayers, you may sing Hare Krishna, Govinda Jai Jai, and Govindum

Adi Purusham.

It is not mentioned how many hands the different Brahmas from the different universes have. Maybe four hands. Yes, they ride on swans.

I am sending herewith the tape, so you do the work on your dictaphone and send me regularly the typed copies. Don't stop them it makes me stop also. Unless I get back the typed copies it doesn't encourage me. So you send me the typed _____ and I shall send you the tapes regularly _____ 3rd Canto. I know that I have made up to the _____ tape is continuation, _____ where are the papers. So give me an _____ where are the papers.

I am concerned about Jadurany's health condition _____ fever? If she has feverish condition, she should _____ down and do no work.

Hope you are well, and please keep me informed of your _____, as well as about Jadurany's health condition.

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

69-2-31

Los Angeles
12th February, 1969

My Dear Charles McCollough,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 9, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. Regarding your question about closing the temple for a few hours during the day, the best thing is if this can be avoided, but since you are all working in the afternoon then what else can be done? Close 12 to 5 p.m.

You have asked me the meaning of the word 'non-manifest' as it appears in the *Bhagavad Gita*, and the answer is that it means 'impersonal,' or that which is not

personal. Just like the sun has its personal and impersonal feature. The sun can be located as the sun disc, yet it also has its impersonal, all-pervading aspect, or the sunshine. So the sun is manifest, and the sunshine is non-manifest. Manifest means where there is variety and non-manifest means where there is only one. When you go to a planet within the sunshine there are many varieties found, but in the sunshine itself there is simply one—the sunlight.

Regarding your question about time, time is eternal, but in the spiritual world, there is no influence of time. In the material world there is the influence of past, present and future, and this past, present and future is a relative truth. This is because the past of one man is not the past of another; past, present and future are relative to the person, and there are different grades of persons. For example, Brahma's day is calculated as thousands of our years. In one day of Brahma there are millions of our pasts, presents, and futures. So this is all relativity, whereas in the spiritual world, there is no such relativity. Therefore, time has no such influence in the spiritual world. I hope this will clear up your questions.

I understand that you will not be able to come to Los Angeles, but when it is possible, I will be very happy to meet with you.

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

69-2-32

Los Angeles
12th February, 1969

My Dear Hayagriva,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated February 7, 1969, and I have noted the contents. I am so glad to learn that Mr. Ginsberg is taking some serious interest in our Hare Krishna Movement. When he actually

comes into Krishna Consciousness, which I expect will be in the very near future, at that time our movement will get a great impetus.

I understand that in New Vrindaban you have got electricity, and I shall be glad to know what is the condition of the atmosphere there. The other day, I saw in the paper that there was very strong snowstorms in New York and the airport service had stopped there completely. Is there any snow-storm in New Vrindaban also? If not, I can go whenever you call me there because here I have no serious business just now. In London, they have not yet been able to find out a suitable temple house, but their propoganda work is going on very nicely. They are attending almost every night somewhere in kirtan engagements, and five or six English boys have joined them already. So I was thinking of opening the London temple on the Birth day of Lord Chaitanya which falls on March 4, 1969. I have already written to them about this, but if it doesn't take place, then why not make foundation stone ceremony on that date in New Vrindaban? If the climate is not too much obstructive, then we can hold a ceremony on that day on account of Lord Chaitanya's Advent and lay down the foundation stone of our New Vrindaban construction work.

In the meantime, I am enclosing here-with some plans and a letter from Angelo Cummings who is in New York temple. He is also ready to help in the construction work. After examining the plans, you can return them to the boy in New York and open correspondence with him. If Nara Narayan and he conjointly work, then very quickly the construction will be finished. Please inform me what was the report of the press boys. Anyway, press or no press, we must have some houses there because many students are very much eager to go to New Vrindaban.

Please convey my blessings to your

good wife, Shama Dasi. I hope this will meet you in very good health.

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

69-2-33

Los Angeles
13th February, 1969

My Dear Aniruddha,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of February 11, 1969, and I was pleased to note the contents therein. I am glad that everyone at your temple is working hard and in full cooperation for keeping the temple nicely and spreading our movement as far as possible. This should be our motto. We have so many things to do for improving our Krishna Consciousness movement, and I am so glad to learn that there is a newspaper report wherein it is said that "Krishna Chants Startle London." Please send me at least one copy of the paper immediately. I want to read it. It sounds very much encouraging.

I have sent back the beads for Girish by separate mail, after duly chanting upon them. I am very glad to learn that he is completing daily his rounds at any cost. It is an example even for the elderly students. Please encourage this nice boy. He is given under your protection so take care of him very nicely. Just produce one nice Krishna Conscious youth. It will be a great service to Krishna and recognition of your nice service.

It is very nice that you are wishing to remain as a brahmachary. In London they are ideal householders. So actually it doesn't matter if one is householder of brahmachary. Sincerity of purpose is the only qualification for Krishna Consciousness. Sri Narottama das Thakur says that he hankers after the company of any person, never mind whether he is in the renowned order of life or in householder

life, just as long as he is merged into the ocean of Krishna Consciousness. That is the one qualification.

I hope this will meet you in very good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-2-34

13th February, 1969

My Dear Krishna Das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 6 February, 1969, and I thank you very much for it. It is not surprising that it is taking a little time to begin your actual printing work. In the beginning of everything there is always some difficulty, but when you are accustomed to the process, there will be no difficulty. If no better grammarian is available, the translations of Uttams Sloka may be published. But I think that as many friends are coming to the temple, especially some Bengali Indians, they can help you in doing this translation work. When a person is willing to help with our mission, he is also a devotee, so there is no question of him being non-devotee. But they must translate as it is, they must not deviate. Anyway, our motto should be to somehow or other express the objectives of Krishna Consciousness to the German-speaking people. There is a verse in *Srimad Bhagawatam* that a book or poetry in which the Holy Name of Krishna is depicted, such language is revolutionary in the matter of purifying the material atmosphere. Even though such literature is presented in broken language or grammatical inconsistency or rhetorical irregularity, still, those who are saintly persons adore such literature. They hear such literature, and chant it and adore it, simply because the Supreme Lord is being glorified in this literature. In

other words, we are not meant for presenting any literary masterpieces, but we have to inform people that there is a fire of maya which is burning the very vitality of all living entities, and they should guard against the indefatigable onslaught of material existence. That should be our motto. So even if you do not get any assistance from friends, get it translated by Uttama Sloka, and publish. You can at least publish a 5-10 page edition of German *Back To Godhead*. That is my request.

In the Western World, people are simply interested more in politics because the problems here is materialistic. In the material way of life, people are embarrassed with the thoughts of how I shall sleep, how I shall eat, how I shall mate, and how I shall defend. That is the way of material life. In the spiritualistic life one knows that God has provided food for everyone, so we shall live on whatever things are contributed by the Grace of God. God has provided immense land on this globe, so so we have enough place to lie down. Mating is possible even in the bird's and beast's life, so that is not a problem, and defending is always incomplete. Nobody can defend himself with utmost precautionary methods unless one is protected by the Lord. Therefore, in all circumstances a devotee is cent per cent dependent on the mercy and protection of the Lord, as much as a child is cent per cent dependent on the mercy of the mother. Of course it is very difficult for the western people to understand this philosophy of being cent per cent dependent on the mercy of God. Therefore, the easiest method for us is to popularize the Samkirtan movement everywhere, and that will pave the path of spiritual understanding. You will be glad to know that in London they are doing very nicely, and a report was published in some San Fransisco paper with the heading, KRISHNA CHANT STARTLES LONDON. So you

shall also try to startle Germany with the Krishna chant. That should be our main program, and publishing of *Back To Godhead* is a bigger chanting process. With mridunga you can chant within the boundary of your temple, but by publishing *Back To Godhead* you can chant throughout the German speaking land. So both mridunga and *Back To Godhead* is our life and soul.

Your efforts to repeat the philosophy as it is will be successful by two things; the mercy of Krishna and the mercy of the Spiritual Master. These will keep us always fit in speaking the right thing. If the climate is suitable now in Germany, or as soon as it is so, I can immediately go to Germany. What is the temperature there now? How far are you from Switzerland? I am very much anxious to go to Europe to visit London, Germany and other places as soon as there is an opportunity. The only problem is it should not be too cold for me, an old man. So you let me know the maximum temperature at the present moment, or if in the month of March the climate will be all right. I can tolerate very nicely temperatures of 50-60 degrees.

Regarding *Bhagavad Gita*'s if you have not yet received them, just take the rate of air-cargo carrying from Germany to New York. If it is not prohibitive, then you can ask immediately Brahmananda to send by air-cargo. I think the present delay is on account of a dock strike in New York.

Regarding Jayagovinda, the concessional rate of \$200 suggested by you to Jayagovinda is very nice. What is there if he comes from New Delhi to Moscow, it takes only 6 hours. So if he starts by plane some night, he can reach Moscow in the morning, and if he then leaves for Germany, by train he will arrive Hamburg the next morning. So to save \$185 is a good proposal rather than to wait 3 months to send him the full amount. Instead of waiting 3 months, he can travel for three days,

so there is no difficulty with this plan. Regarding the Raghupati Raghava Raja Ram song, we are not concerned with this song because it had a political motive; it is not pure devotional service. Ghandhi was a great statesman in the garb of a saintly person, so that the Indian population would blindly follow him. But his motive was political and we are therefore not very interested with it. However, you can sing the first two lines, (*Raghupati Raghava Raja Ram, Patita Pavana Sita Ram*). I hope this will meet you in very good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-2-35

Los Angeles

13th February, 1969

Hamburg

My Dear Shivananda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated February 4, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. I am so glad to learn that you are again accepting work to improve the condition of the temple. This is very nice. Practically, it was you who took the initiative for starting the London and German centers. In London, the boys and girls are doing very nicely, and similarly, you are already three, and Jayagovinda is coming soon. So you also try your best to startle Germany with the chanting of Hare Krishna.

Regarding the draft, I think if you place yourself as my student for becoming a future Ordained Minister of Religion, there will be no draft problem. We are printing so many books, already we have got four or five, so if the government is convinced that you are studying these theistic literatures under my guidance, because I am admitted as Ordained Minister of Religion, then you can be classified in

the 4-D section, qualifying you to be a student of religious ministership, and there will be no problem from the draft board. So in the future, when your services are called for in New Vrindavan I think I will be able to give you all protection. But for the time being you have got great responsibility to organize the Hamburg center as far as possible. I think you should make the board of management for your center as follows: President; Shivananda das Brahmachary, Treasurer and Secretary; Krishna das Brahmachary, Editor of German *BTG*; Uttama Sloka, Superintendent of press; JayaGovinda das Brahmachary.

Regarding your questions about various names of God, we have nothing to do with Jehova, Allah, Jesus, etc. If somebody else wants to chant in this way it is all right, but nobody is chanting Jesus etc. If they like, let them do that but as far as we are concerned, we should be satisfied with the Hare Krishna Mantra and nothing more. We have registered our association particularly under the name of Krishna. God has millions of names undoubtedly, but we are especially concerned with the name of Krishna because we are in the disciplic succession of Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu Who chanted this Holy Name, Krishna. Everyone should be particular to his particular disciplic succession or sampradaya's regulative principles. This is required, as much as there are many different political parties, although every one is meant to serve the country.

So far as you not completing your chanting, I think this should not be a regular practice. If by chance you miss to finish in one day, that is a different thing. But as far as possible we must try to complete the prescribed number of beads. You should try to chant at least 2 or 3 hours every day. We have got 24 hours at our disposal, so for chanting we can find 2 or 3 hours without any difficulty. Simply we

have to adjust things in the right way.

Regarding utilizing intelligence in devotional service, intelligence should be confirmed by the Spiritual Master. Therefore we accept the Spiritual Master for guidance. You should not depend on your own intelligence. Just like a child requires a parent to tell him the correct thing to do, similarly, a strict disciple should always use his intelligence in conformity with the instructions of the Spiritual Master.

Regarding your dealings with impersonalists, any one who teaches of the impersonal nature should be avoided. If we hear them, it will hamper our progress. That will be the result—no progress. Therefore, rigidly we will try to avoid the impersonal teachings. Generally, it only produces bad effects.

As for your question about the ecstasy of chanting and working for Krishna, the ecstasy which is automatically manifest is very welcome, but we should not try to come to the ecstatic status by any artificial practice. You should give more stress on the importance of chanting. Working for Krishna is not different from chanting, but such work should be done under the direction of the Spiritual Master.

Please convey my blessings to Uttama Sloka. I hope this will meet you all in very good health and cheerful mood.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-2-36

Los Angeles
14th February, 1969

My Dear Jayapataka,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of February 7, 1969, and I have carefully noted the contents. I have also seen the leaflets done by this boy, Mark, and they are very nicely done. Regarding your question about the 10 senses, such questions should be taken

up at your Istogosti meetings. I have already answered most of the questions you have asked in this connection in a previous letter, so you may refer to it.

About the shell which you are presently keeping in the temple, because it is not a conchshell, it should be considered as impure, and therefore it may not be placed upon the altar. Regarding the meter sung by Narada Muni, it is not necessary for us to practice this. For your final question, you are correct in your idea that leaflets which are destined to be thrown upon the ground should not contain pictures of Krishna, Jagannath, etc. Such leaflets may only be hung up for people to see.

I thank you very much for your offer to print any pages I may need upon your press there, but I think that the first business should be to immediately print another issue of *Back To Godhead*, French edition. The first issue was very nice, but I hope this will be printed regularly so that it may be a great help to us in spreading this Krishna Consciousness movement to the French speaking peoples of the world. Please inform me immediately as to what is the problem of printing this second issue of *Back To Godhead*, French edition.

Thanking you again for your letter. I hope this will meet you in very good health.

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

69-2-37

Los Angeles
14th February, 1969

My Dear Prahladananda Das,

Please accept my blessings and the blessings of my Guru Maharaj also. I am very pleased to accept you as my disciple, and your spiritual name is Prahladananda. This means one who is as cheerful as Maharaj Prahlad in all kinds of critical tests.

With these chanting beads, this Hare Krishna Mantra is coming down by disciplic succession, so you receive it, and chant at least 16 rounds daily, and follow the prohibitive regulations. Take assistance from your godbrothers there, and engage yourself purely in the business of Krishna Consciousness.

You are right when you say that we are trapped souls in a state of forgetfulness of Krishna, and Krishna is giving you the chance now to re-establish your relationship with Him by this chanting process. So take full advantage of it and be happy. I am so glad to learn that you are already lecturing in the University of Buffalo, and I have received good reports about this.

I hope this will meet you in very good health.

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

69-2-38

Los Angeles
14th February, 1969

My Dear Rupanuga,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 12, 1969, and I am so glad to note the report of your very nice activities. The fact that 72 regular students are attending your class plus visitors means it is a great success. May Krishna bless you more and more for your sincere service. I am sure that your little son, Eric, will come out a great preacher of this Krishna Consciousness movement because he is trained by an expert father and mother, and this will not go in vain. If you can contribute this one son to Krishna for preaching His Glories, you will be doing the greatest service to your family, to your country, and to the people in general.

Regarding your desire to take me there for some time, it is long overdue, and if the climate is suitable, I can go now even,

if you think it is necessary. For installation of the Deities, it is better to do this when I go there. Besides that, the Deity is too small for temple installation. But anyway, Krishna and Radha have come to you, and we should welcome Them and let working on the altar go on. I am glad to learn that Bhurijana is preparing to leave for North Carolina tomorrow. It is a very good attempt. I want to open hundreds of centers for preaching this Krishna Consciousness, and one who helps me in this endeavor is certainly very dear to Krishna and all of the acharyas. You have nicely written "All Glories to Lord Chaitanyas Merciful Sankirtan Invasion of Europe", and you will be pleased to know that there is a newspaper article in a San Francisco paper which has the heading "Krishna Chant Startles London". So I hope that this Krishna chanting will startle the whole Western Hemisphere.

Please offer my blessings to everyone at your temple. Hoping this will meet you in the very best of health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-2-39

Los Angeles
14th February, 1969

My Dear Kirtanananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 9 February, 1969, and I have carefully noted the contents. Regarding prasadam offered to the Deities, you will take from the cooked foodstuffs in a plate just sufficient for one man's eating, and this prasadam should be offered to the Deity, not the whole quantity. The rest of the foodstuffs may remain in the oven to keep it hot until the devotees accept and honor it. The plate offered to the Deities must be kept 15-20 minutes so that the major portion of the foodstuffs will be remaining warm in

the oven, and the devotees will therefore not be dissatisfied. I think this practice will solve the question.

Regarding your insurance policy, I do not wish to engage you in litigation; that is not a sannyasis business. In India, since I left, people have grabbed my money up to many thousands of rupees. That Hitsaran took away 2000 rs, the landlord has taken away more than 2000 rs, but what can I do? If I go to litigation I will have to put myself in so many anxieties. It is better to forget. If peacefully you can draw the money from your father that is all right. I do not know what kinds of devious means you want to use in this connection, but any means, if it does not put you into difficulties, will be acceptable.

Regarding Shama Dasi's health, it is to be understood that so long we have got this material body there must be some trouble. Actually, medicine is not the remedial measures for our bodily troubles unless we are helped by Krishna. Therefore, whenever there is bodily trouble we may adopt the prescribed methods of medical science and depend upon Krishna for His Mercy. The best remedy, not only for Shama Dasi but for everyone, is to consult some approved physician. But ultimately we have to depend on the Mercy of Krishna, so we should chant regularly, pray to Krishna to give us a chance to serve Him, and, if required, we may adopt the approved method of treatment.

I am glad to learn that things are very nicely going on in New Vrindaban, and I learned from Hayagriva that electricity is already there. I have received one letter from Mukunda that some publisher is interested in *Easy Journey To Other Planets*. So immediately send one edited copy which you should have there to me and also send another copy to Mukunda at the following address as soon as possible: 22 Betterton Street, London WC 2, ENGLAND.

Uddhava das has not yet written me about possibilities of the building suggested by you, but if it is available at \$1000, it must be purchased. Has Uddhava and the others seen this building also? Regarding your Istogosti question, chanting the Hare Krishna Mantra can be done loudly or slowly, and in all conditions. There is no restriction. Lord Chaitanya has said that there is no hard and fast rules for chanting this Maha Mantra.

For your toothache trouble, you can brush your teeth with the following mixture; common salt, 1 part, and pure mustard oil, quite sufficient to make it a suitable paste. With this paste brush your teeth, especially the painful part, very nicely. Gargle in hot water, and keep always some cloves in your mouth. I think that will cure your troubles. It doesn't require to extract any teeth.

About my going to New Vrindaban, I have already written to Hayagriva about this, and you can let me know your decision as soon as possible. I hope this will meet you in very good health.

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

69-2-40

Los Angeles
14th February, 1969

My Dear Jahnava Dasi

Please accept my blessings, and the blessings of my Guru Maharaj. I am very pleased to now accept you as my disciple, and your spiritual name is Jahnava Dasi. Janava Devi was the consort energy of Lord Nityananda. This process of Krishna Consciousness is offered to every one, but only one out of many thousands of people will accept it. Therefore you should be very serious about perfecting your life in Krishna Consciousness, and thereby becoming qualified to enter into the King-

dom of God, Goloka Vrindaban. So please receive these beads, duly chanted upon by me, and chant at least 16 rounds daily and follow all of the regulative principles. Take assistance from your god-brothers and godsisters there, and engage yourself purely in the business of Krishna Consciousness. This will bring all success to you. You can be certain of this.

I hope this will meet you in very good health.

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

69-2-41

Los Angeles
15th February, 1969

My Dear Rayarama,

Please accept my blessings. I have received your very long letter dated February 9, 1969. I have to read it very carefully and reply you in due course, but I wish to inform you that the advertisements are not very congenial to our prestige, especially the hippy kind of advertisements. So we have to think over how we can avoid the advertisements and publish at the same time. The hippy advertisements referred to by Purushottam was written to you on my consent. When I look through the back issues, the comic pictures of Vaman-dev, of the hunter, of the bride-groom party, such things are very instructive. I think instead of engaging our pages in the matter of book reviews with which we do not agree, we should utilize these pages for such comic pictures. On the whole, I wish to present *Back To Godhead* purely in the line of Krishna Consciousness throughout and criticism of too much materialism, as you have written many articles already. That is very nice.

Anyway, the whole thing is depending upon you because I can not possibly divert my attention. But if I receive some contribution from each center for publishing

Back To Godhead regularly, that will be a nice program so that we may not have to depend on advertisements or sales. Each center should take responsibility of contributing some money towards the publication of *Back To Godhead*, instead of depending upon each center for selling *Back To Godhead*. For example, if a center contributes \$100, we send them copies at cost price to the amount and it doesn't matter whether they sell it or not. It doesn't matter if they sell it or not. But we must have the monthly contribution. The copies which are not sold may be distributed free to schools, libraries, influential gentlemen, etc. This will greatly further our propaganda, and I am thinking in these terms

I have received one letter from Subal regarding his circular letter to different centers, and the reply is enclosed herewith. I can induce Los Angeles to pay \$750, and we can deliver them 5,000 copies of *Back To Godhead*. Similarly, if San Francisco contributes \$750 we can deliver them 5,000 copies. So far as Los Angeles and San Francisco are concerned, I can ask the boys to work and pay \$750 positively every month. Similarly, if New York is agreed to work and pay \$750, then the whole question is solved, and we can print 20,000 copies immediately from Dai Nippon. I do not know if it is practical, but to my mind, if New York, San Francisco and Los Angeles agree to pay \$750 each month, there is no problem.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-2-42

Los Angeles
16th February, 1969

My Dear Vamandev,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your special delivery letter

dated February 14, 1969, and I have carefully noted the contents. The best thing I can advise you is that you should insistently try to classify yourself under 4-D section which is your actual position. In case they do not accept it, then you will have to go to court. Similar cases are pending in the matter of Dindayal as well as Kartikeya. Actually, our students are divinity students; there is no doubt about it, and there is a law that divinity students can not be called by the draft, so why should you not take advantage of it?

According to the *Bhagavad Gita* of which you are a serious student, a person who belongs to the military class must fight. Arjuna belonged to the military class, and he was persistently engaged by Lord Krishna to fight. So we don't refuse the principles of fighting for the sake of country or for the good causes, but we recognize that fighting is not the business of students engaged in training of God consciousness. The modern civilization is one-sided, and we do not approve of this program. Civilization without God consciousness scientifically is animal society. Our students are preaching this philosophy under authorized version of *Bhagavad Gita*, so they must be classified under the 4-D section. We must fight for this cause.

In the meantime you should study *Bhagavad Gita* very seriously, and try to assimilate the following points of our philosophy. God is one. He is the Father of all living entities. There are innumerable living entities residing in different planets, the majority of which are spiritual planets, and some of them are material planets. Those who are in material planets, they are conditioned by the laws of material nature, and, due to their forgetfulness of relationship with God, there is always struggle for existence. Therefore there is war and other miserable conditions of material life. We are

trying to educate people how they can be transferred to the spiritual world, so this is an essential movement, and we require many preachers to present this case all over the world. So our students may not be unnecessarily called for fighting, which is not at all suitable occupation for them. So ultimately, if you are required to fight this case let us see how Krishna will help us.

Please convey my thanks to Goursundar for the nice lecture he gave at the University of Hawaii. He is doing very nicely.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-2-43

Los Angeles
17th February, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letters dated February 9, and February 10, 1969, as well as today I have received the article which was written by Howard Smith. Regarding the books, *True Conception of Religion* and *Bhakti Rasamrita Sindhu*, for *True Conception* you may send 40 cents per copy to S. Brahmachari, and you may send \$2.55 per copy to Swami Bon. As we are printing *Nectar of Devotion*, this is the summary study of *Bhakti Rasamrita Sindhu*, there is no need of further ordering this book from India.

Regarding *Back To Godhead*, if Dai Nippon will come down to \$1,500 for 20,000 copies, or even if they charge a little more, we should immediately accept, setting the magazine at first at 32 pages, one only color cover picture as an in issue number 22, and three black and white pictures within, and no advertisements. It should all be reading matter of Krishna Consciousness articles. I am negotiating

with the principle centers for consuming 5,000 copies at least and paying \$750 contribution no matter if the copies are sold or not. The price should be 50 cents, and the paper's quality may be as it is now. In that way set up negotiations so that from number 25, we may be able to print from Dai Nippon, and they have to deliver 10,000 copies to Los Angeles or San Francisco, 5,000 to New York and 5,000 to London. These four centers may distribute the issues to the smaller centers as they are able.

I have seen the article in the Village Voice, and it is nice. If you are expecting good rush in New Vrindaban, then arrange for proper development of it. But pending all development there, we must get our books and magazines printed from Dai Nippon. Have you negotiated with Dai Nippon about further books? If they agree, we can immediately arrange to print 2 or 3 books by some arrangement. Please immediately send me dried mango. It is my daily food, and it keeps me fit. So you should regularly send the same quantity every month as you sent last time. That is your personal contribution to me.

So you and Gargamuni take charge of distributing the books, and you study other methods of how to do this. If distribution of my books is fixed up then my life is fixed up in your country for the remaining days of my present body. Please therefore do it seriously. I am pleased that you are willing to take charge of the printing of my books. Krishna has desired like that, so you try to execute this implicit order of Krishna. Actually, by your grace, these two publications are already in the light, so your service in this connection is approved by Krishna and naturally by me also. So you try in this line. I am sure you will be successful, assisted by your good brother, Gargamuni. It is good that you are contacting distributors. You should offer them the best terms.

Please send to me the address of Satyabrata (Stanley Noskowitz). I would like to send to him one copy of *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*. Regarding your need for a typist. Try to find out somebody to help you for now. If need be, when I go to New York in April I shall arrange for someone to type for you. Regarding the departments not contributing to the temple, this is not very satisfactory situation. The method of contributing should be those who are not married should contribute all their income to the temple. Those who are married should contribute 50%. That should be the principle of contribution of the members and followers of the Krishna Consciousness movement. So if there are problems in this matter, discuss it in the board meetings. If such things are not settled there, then what is the meaning of this board of trustees? The local management of affairs must be decided by the board, and that decision should be final.

Regarding MacMillan's bill, whatever you have collected immediately send to them. For the bill which I have, I will send it sometimes this week. I have received checks from Boston for \$25 and from Buffalo for \$69. So I will send these too, but why are the centers sending this money to me? Please advise them all to send them directly to you so there needn't be this botheration from this end.

Please convey my blessings to the other devotees at the New York temple. I hope this will meet you in good health and cheerful mood.

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

69-2-44

Los Angeles
17th February, 1969

My Dear Mukunda,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you for your letter dated February 10,

1969, and I am very glad to learn that your Samkirtan Party is taking shape, and you hope to inaugurate the on the streets program in a few weeks. Now you should also start program for selling our *Back To Godhead's* along with the Samkirtan as Tamal Krishna is doing here. Along with Samkirtan Party, they are selling daily not less than 100 copies. Sometimes the sale is 120-30 copies. Besides that, Purushottam is distributing *Back To Godhead* to some distributor in Los Angeles. My next program is to distribute at least 20,000 copies of *Back To Godhead* from four centers, namely New York, London, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. So each of these centers will contribute \$750 and they will get 5,000 copies free delivery to destination. That means they will get the copies at 15¢ each, and the price fixed up will be 50¢. So even by wholesale distribution the centers will get at least 30¢ per copy, and that means a 15¢ profit. If all the 5,000 copies are not sold, then we shall distribute the remaining copies to schools, colleges, libraries, institutions, etc. free of charges. This propaganda has to begin *immediately*. Please let me know your opinion. Los Angeles has already agreed, and I am very much encouraged. I hope you will also agree and encourage me. So on receipt of your confirmation, I shall immediately arrange for printing 20,000 copies beginning from the latest April, 1969.

Regarding publication of *Easy Journey To Other Planets*, I can *immediately* give you a lengthy introduction essay addressed to the sympathetic non-devotee, or for that matter, even for the unsympathetic non-devotee. I shall add two or three essays like 'Krishna Consciousness, the Genuine Yoga System', and 'An Introduction to Krishna'. In so many ways I can fill up the required necessary pages. Just today I have received from Hayagriva one nicely edited copy of *Easy Journey*. It is

about 50 type-written pages, double-spaced. If Mr. Maschler is serious, then let me know, and I will send this manuscript along with essays to fill up the required number of extra pages. Similarly, Purushottam has learned of some big publishers in New York who may be interested in publishing some yoga cook-books, so if you will *immediately* send him a description of the cook book you have there, he will contact these publishers to see if they are interested.

It is very nice that you have already filled application to be company, and the office bearers mentioned there is all right. So I shall be glad to know when you open a bank account. You can register three signatures, and out of the three, two have to sign. You wrote to say that you can show Mr. Maschler our essays in *Back To Godhead*, so you can *immediately* show him *Ishopanishad* which is published in issue #22. I am encouraged that Mr. Maschler has become friend of our movement, and if we get a sympathetic English publisher, we can publish so many small booklets through him. I am also pleased that Mr. Parikh is taking active interest, and I am simply anxious when you will have nice premises for our temple. Please let me know what is the result of the Camden Borough Council negotiations. Regarding the picture you have sent, I am so pleased to see it, because our little Saraswati is also taking part in our transcendental movement. That is the practical proof how great is this movement. In any other movement, one has to learn something, one has to be trained to do something, but here is a movement where there is no necessity of any previous qualifications. That is the proof this movement is based on the spiritual platform. The *Bhagwat* says that system of religion is the first class wherein love of Godhead is aroused spontaneously without any material impediment. So our movement gives practi-

cal proof that there is no impediment of body or mind. That is the proof it is enacted from the spiritual platform wherein there is no distinction of material higher or lower gradation. So we have to push our philosophy very nicely. This means we shall simply become sincere to Krishna and the teachings of the disciplic succession. Then everything will be all right. There is no doubt about it. So please keep yourself in your present standard, and I am sure you will come out successfully. I have learnt that in San Francisco there was an article published with the title, 'Krishna Chant Startles London.' You may ask Aniruddha to send you a copy of this.

Please offer my blessings to the other boys and girls there. I am awaiting your early reply.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. I have just received one letter from Gurudas but have received no copy of the Police order.

69-2-45

Los Angeles
17th February, 1969

My Dear Tosan Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 10, 1969, and I have noted the contents with appreciation. If you have received any letter from Bhurijana in North Carolina, then you can immediately go there. It is on experimental basis for now. If you are successful, it is Krishna's Grace, and I hope that certainly you shall be successful. There are so many students there, and perhaps there is no other organization of this nature. So you shall go there simply to perform kirtan, read from *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*, and try to sell at least one copy to each student of our *Back To Godhead*. That will make

our propaganda successful.

Regarding your headaches, your bowels are not clear. This is the cause of the problem. So you should take more milk and fruits, and eat less wheats and rice. If sandalwood oil is available, you try to massage on your shaved head. Let me know how this trouble is improving. A brahmachary should not have any complaint of bodily disease.

I hope this will meet you in very good health.

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

69-2-46

Los Angeles
17th February, 1969

My Dear Gargamuni,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 9, 1969, and I thank you very much for it. Regarding your reprinting of my letters, if you will not detract from your other important engagements you may do it. I have written to Brahmananda about distributing our books, and should assist him in this important matter. I have considered your thoughts on the matter of our printing press, and for the time, the matter is still pending. Also, I think I have already answered your points in Brahmananda's letter regarding the contributions of the other departments of the New York temple.

I am pleased to note that your store, the Spiritual Sky, is doing successfully. Krishna has given you nice talent for doing business, and I am glad to see that you are using it well. There is no need for you to contribute to my book fund immediately if you are unable. Do it as it becomes convenient for you. Your suggestion that we print transliterations in our future books is very nice, and I think we shall follow this principle in the future.

I hope this will meet you in very good health. Please convey my blessings to your godbrothers and godsisters at your temple.

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

NB: Enclosed is the letter head sample which was sent to me by Rayarama. I think it is nice, and it should be printed in the same colors as the last letter head. Please hand it over to Rayarama so he may do the needful.

69-2-47

Los Angeles
17th February, 1969

Sri Prabhas Chandra Mittra
United Shipping Corporation
14/2, Old China Bazar Street (Block No. 18)
Calcutta-1, INDIA

Dear Prabhas Babu,

I thank you very much for your letter (F-54/103) dated February 6, 1969. Regarding the letter of credit, I beg to inform you that I have got good accounts in some of the very respectable banks in America in which there are branches in Calcutta. I am sending herewith one letter of declaration from the Bank of America as well as from the First National City Bank of America for your kind perusal. So, for experimental sake, if you immediately dispatch the following goods and ship them to Los Angeles, your bills with bill of lading will be presented to the Bank of America and will at once be honored. For the time being you can ship the goods by any suitable steamer company to Los Angeles.

In the meantime, I am trying to negotiate with Srumati Morarjee. So if you agree, immediately send me the following goods, send me the invoice and upon presentation to the Bank of America (Pico and La Cienega Branch, 85-01 W. Pico

Boulevard, Los Angeles, Calif.), they will pay the amount of your bill. If you agree to this then immediately send the following goods:

1. 1 first class harmonium with good bellow which sustains without much labor
2. 2 first class mridungas
3. 5 pairs of big Nabadwip kartals
4. 1 first class panchapradip
5. 1 jahanjh (gong)
6. 1 round ghari (good sound)
7. 3 water conch shells
8. 2 blowing conch shells
9. 1 Bengali New Year (1375) panjika

In addition to these items, you may be receiving a letter from Vrindaban about a pair of murtis which are to be sent as a free gift to us.

Thanking you in anticipation of your reply.

Yours truly,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-2-48

Los Angeles
17th February, 1969

My Dear Harer Nama,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated February 13, 1969, and I have carefully noted the contents. I am so glad to hear that you are having nice response now and soon you hope to hold some feasts. If by the summer you feel that the center has urgent necessity of some other brahmacharies, then we shall arrange for this. At present I think that Tosan may go to North Carolina immediately and help Bhurijana with the center there. In the meantime, you try to keep the temple maintained somehow or other, so when the summer arrives some helper may go to give you assistance.

Please let me know if Kamalāsana arrives there in Sante Fe. He has left the temple here all of a sudden, and no one knows where he is. I am very much anxious for him, so please let me know if you have any word from him.

Thanking you again for your letter. I hope that this will be meeting you in good health and cheerful mood.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. In case of urgent work somebody may go to help you from here. ACB.

69-2-49

Los Angeles
18th February, 1969

[To Uddhava dasa]

[TEXT MISSING]

Regarding your wish to be married with a Kṛṣṇa conscious family, that is nice. You will have your nice, fixed-up wife, and you will be happy working hard for Kṛṣṇa together. I never discourage marriage, providing it is for Kṛṣṇa's service and not for simply sex life. It is always meant for a higher purpose. In God's creation there is male and female even in the spiritual world and there is purpose for such creation. This purpose is so that male and female may join together, not for sex-life, but to glorify the Lord. From Srimad-Bhagavatam we learn that in Vaikuntha the women are much more beautiful in their figure, smiling, dressing, etc., but the men and women there are so much attracted by the chanting of Hare Kṛṣṇa that they do not get any sex impulse even by intimate mingling. Here also we sometimes get very good example, because when our nice boys and girls are dancing together in chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa at least for that time they forget all

about the sex impulse. This is perfection of life, to be so much attracted to Krsna that all insignificant pleasures are utterly forgotten.

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

69-2-50

19th February, 1969

United Shipping Corporation
14/2 Old China Bazar Street
Calcutta-1
INDIA

Dear Prabhas Babu,

Please accept my greetings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your kind letter (#F-54/117) dated February 15, 1969. I have duly replied your previous letter dated February 6, 1969, and I placed with you an experimental order. Many such orders will follow this from London and Germany when I get there in the month of April next. So you will have no difficulty for your payment. We are dealing with you since I have come to this country in 1965 and many times I have sent you money in advance, so you can rest assured about your monetary position, and you can go on executing our order as advised in my letter dated February 17, 1969.

Regarding the packages you have received from Vrindaban, #1 item pack may be sent to Los Angeles, and #3 item package may be sent here also if there is inconvenience to dispatch it to Hawaii. You can book them by any steam line which is quicker. Similarly, you can dispatch the package for Hamburg by any quicker steam line until further advised.

The forwarding charges of the four items, no. 1 and 3 may be realized from me and the forwarding charges for no. 2 may be realized from our German center. I am advising them to this effect. In the future also many Sri Murtis may be dis-

patched from Vrindaban and you will have to take care of them. They are all free gifts.

I think this covers all of your enquiries, and I hope you will do the needful at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-2-51

Los Angeles
20th February, 1969

My Dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter—undated—I'm very glad to learn about the instalation ceremony. I'm also glad to learn that Boston center is improving and people are taking interest more and more. More important feature is that by Krishna's grace you are given the facility of lecturing in various Universities.

Next Spring by the first week for certain I shall be in New York and from New York I shall be glad to visit Boston, say for 15 days and you can give me a tentative program of lecturing in different Universities at that time. It is very engladdening to hear that you have now secured an eight weeks seminar in Yoga at Emerson College. I'm also glad to learn about Jadurany's health and by Krishna's grace she's improving. I do not give my permission just immediately for regular work but she can come to the temple in the morning and chant her beads silently. So far envy is concerned it can be used only upon the non-devotees. In the transcendental world a devotee is never envious of another devotee on account of his excellence but on the contrary if a devotee finds some excellence in other devotees he eulogizes the devotee admitting his own subordinate position. Although in the spiritual world there is no such concept of subordination still devotees on account of being very

humble and meek think that way.

In the material world the same thing is expressed in a perverted form. But in the Spiritual world to accept one's inferior position does not mean envious mentality upon the other. Unhappiness experienced by devotee on account of feeling himself inferior is not unusual rather such mentality is impetuous to further development of devotional service.

I'm in due receipt also of the Krishna manuscript for the tape no. 3 & 4 and I've also received back the tapes concerned.

You can keep the curtains of the deity room open during Kirtan.

Lord Chaitanya's advent day is no the 4th of March 1969. On that day you should keep fasting up to the Moon rise in the evening, and the whole day may be utilized in performances in Kirtan and reading of Lord Chaitanya's teachings. In the evening after ceremony of Kirtan is observed, light refreshments like fruit and milk, boiled potatoes may be taken and the next day general feasting and distribution of Prasadam to public may be observed.

I hope this will meet you in very good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-2-52

Los Angeles
20th February, 1969

My Dear Hayagriva,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 16th 1969. And I've also received the letter from Uddhava. I heard about the house indicated by you from Kirtanananda Maharaj, so if it is approved by you all as a suitable place then purchase.

In answer to your questions concerning sex life: sex life restriction does not mean that husband and wife live separately. The idea of marriage is to increase spiritual consciousness, as far as possible. And by advancement of Krishna Consciousness that restriction becomes automatically practical. Sex life for begetting Krishna Conscious children is as good as Krishna Consciousness. This is confirmed in Bhagavad Gita so one has to use his own discretion in this matter and Krishna will help such discriminatory method. It is not that in every state you have to concern me but you have to concern Krishna Who is situated within. On the whole, sex life, like that of ordinary materialistic men, is not recommended for a Krishna Conscious person. My Guru Maharaj although he was Brahmachary, sometimes he used to say that if I could beget Krishna Conscious children I am prepared to indulge in sex life a hundred times. The summary is sex life should be utilized only for begetting Krishna Conscious children—that's all.

Regarding your new engagement in Wheeling, it is a very nice offer and you must accept it. The yoga center class may be conducted by Pradyumna and assisted by someone else. What is the position of the Yoga society class now? Are the students purchasing our Back to Godhead magazines and the Bhagavad Gita?

Another problem is that Rayarama has become sick so will it be possible for you to take care of Back to Godhead as one of the editors? As joint editor as you were formerly.

I hope this will meet you in very good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami,

P.S. Regarding B.T.G. you will _____
about _____ every month.

69-2-53

Los Angeles
20th February, 1969

My Dear Mukunda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated February 13, 1969, and I have decided not to go to London immediately. Rather I am going to Hawaii soon as you can peacefully arrange for the temple, and there is no hurry. But immediately my request to you is that in London you try to sell at least 2 to 3 thousand *Back To Godhead*. From practical experience I see that in Los Angeles on the average they are selling minimum of 50 copies daily, or in other words sometimes they are selling 100, sometimes 150, sometimes 85, sometimes 40, etc. So in this way, on the average they are selling not less than 1500 copies per month. Now the price is going to be fixed at 50¢, so I have asked Tamal to contribute to me \$750 against delivery of 5000 copies of *Back To Godhead*. By selling only 1500 copies at 50¢, they cover the whole \$750. The balance 3500 copies left for distribution either may be used for profit or they may be distributed freely. In neither case are we losers. But this program must be executed. I think you have got now licence for kirtan on the street so you can now follow the same principle. In other words, I am just claiming this contribution as your pet child. My father was very much affectionate, and in my childhood, whatever I wanted from my father he would at once give me. One time he purchased for me one rifle, and so after taking it I demanded that he must give me another. My father denied "You already have one. Why do you ask me for another?" So my argument was that I must have two rifles, one for each hand. Due to my obstinacy my father finally agreed. Later on when I was young and lost my father, I was very sorry to have lost such affectionate father, but by Krishna's Grace, I have now many

American fathers and mothers. So I am appealing to all of my American fathers and mothers to help me by this contribution. Please let me know if you will do this. I am waiting your early reply.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

My Dear little mothers, Yamuna, Malati, Janaki,

Please accept my blessings. I lost my mother when I was only 14 years old. So didn't get much of my mother's affection in my childhood. But in my old age, Krishna has given me so many young mothers to take care of me. Another mother Govinda Dasi is there in Hawaii. She is always asking me to go there. So I will go there within this month. But my one appeal is to my fathers and mothers

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69-2-54

Los Angeles
20th February, 1969

My Dear Kirtanananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 18, 1969. I thank you very much for your inviting me to New Vrindaban, but, considering the local climate as presented by you I think I shall postpone it until the end of April. I am enclosing here reply to the letter of Hayagriva and Shama devi.

I hope this will meet you in very good health.

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

P.S. Is it possible to get your insurance money for clearing debts? Then why not show some debt & get the money.

I am thinking of going to Hawaii by the end of this month!

69-2-55

Los Angeles
20th February, 1969

My Dear Rayarama,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 16, 1969. The letter-head is very impressive with the picture of Lord Chaitanya dancing, and just below His Lotus Feet is the word, *Back To Godhead*. According to Narottamadas Thakur, one has to worship the Lotus Feet of Nityananda, and by His Grace one is able to worship Lord Chaitanya Who transfers us back to Godhead. So the picture and the arrangement is very nice. The most concerning part of your letter is about your health. You write to say that by 3 o'clock in the evening you get a slight fever, and your head begins to ache, and you feel tired and wish to take rest. This is not a very good sign. The immediate program is that you will have to be relieved from these symptoms. So the first thing is that you should take complete rest. So far as New York is concerned, I don't think different engagement there will allow you to take rest. I would have advised you to go to New Vrindaban immediately but it is cold there like in New York. Under the circumstances, if you like to come here and take rest you are welcome. But wherever you like you may take rest and not be strained at all. That is my opinion, and I shall be glad to know what you are going to do in this connection.

Regarding your fraternal quarrel, these departmental management sometimes creates such trouble. When I was in New York in the beginning of our activities there was no departmental management. The account was very clearly kept by Gargamuni, corroborated by regular vouchers. That is the true system of keeping accounts. Now whatever is done is done. I am glad to know that Subal is making good show of business and responsi-

bility, and he is supposed to keep quite accurate accounts of book keeping. So you can advise him to follow the system of vouchers. That is the perfect system of account.

Regarding printing 20,000 copies of *Back To Godhead*, I have appealed to 4 centers, namely New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and London to contribute \$750 monthly. I have got confirmation from Los Angeles, so I shall be glad to hear from New York also whether this center is going to hand over to me \$750 per month. I have no objection if this \$750 is collected in the way of advertisements from New York, but charges will be increased because we are going to print 20,000 copies henceforward. So we shall charge \$100 per page and we shall not accept any advertisements from the hippies. So who is going to pay me this \$750? If I get \$750 from the 4 centers, then I shall take charge of distribution; because Brahmananda has already taken responsibility for distributing the books. I simply want this contribution continually at least for 6 months against delivery of 5,000 copies of *Back To Godhead*. If I am able to print 20,000 copies continually for 6 months, perhaps I will no longer require the contribution from the different centers. Therefore, please ask Subal or any one else in New York center who is going to collect this \$750 and pay me.

So far as your fraternal quarrel is concerned, I may recite in this connection one story: An old father required massaging so all the children wanted to serve the father. The father divided the right and left portion of his body to be served by the children. Later along with the service, there was some quarrel between the children, and they were competing by hitting the parts of the father which was assigned to the opposing party. So the father said that you are hitting my different parts due to your opposition to one another, but I am

therefore dying. Similarly, either this department or that department, if you quarrel amongst yourselves it will be detrimental to my missionary ambition. Please therefore stop this unnecessary strain. If there is any misunderstanding, it will be solved when I am present there in April. In the meantime, please live peacefully, and things may go on as it is going on.

My letterhead is already sent back to you. I hope that by now you have sent to Janardan the *Bhagavad Gita* manuscript. At last I may inform you that if you are thinking of transferring your department to San Francisco, I have no objection, but before you do so please come here to Los Angeles first. Then you may either remain here or proceed to New Vrindaban, San Francisco, Seattle, or Sante Fe as you think is best for you to take rest there. Also, regarding another editor to work as co-editor, I wish to invite Hayagriva to again become joint editor.

I shall be glad to hear from you at your earliest convenience on the above matters.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-2-56

Los Angeles
21st February, 1969

My Dear Arundhuti,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you so much for your letter dated February 13, 1969, and I have noted the contents with much pleasure. Your tears at kirtan are a good sign, and it shows that Krishna is pleased upon you. So remain in this status and chant nicely. You will see you will be more and more graced by His Lordship.

Your desire to serve me is very praiseworthy. But because I am the humble servant of Krishna I cannot accept any service on my account. So what I say you follow so you may advance in Krishna

Consciousness. That is your service and I accept it on behalf of Krishna. This is a very good attitude, and your wish to serve me actually means to serve Krishna.

Now there is ample activities for you as the Radha-Krishna Murtis are installed in Boston temple. So under the direction of Satsvarupa try to help out in these activities as far as possible.

Please convey my blessings to your godbrothers and godsisters with you. I hope that this will meet all of you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-2-57

Los Angeles
21st February, 1969

My Dear Shama Dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated February 10, and February 16, 1969, and I thank you so much for them. Regarding the ailments with your finger, I am describing here a treatment for it. Take tumeric powder and add the same quantity of limestone. Then mix with water and boil it to a paste. Then apply that paste while it is hot. I understand that Hayagriva had some back ache so for him you take one part of a crushed to a powder red-pepper and add to it five parts of rubbing alcohol. Keep this for twenty four hours, then strain and add one part camphor. When it is mixed, just apply it on the painful part of the back three times daily.

Regarding your next two questions, you may not put the initiation beads on the cow. Nor is it necessary for grihastas to recite the Gayatri Mantra aloud. It should be silent or whispered. I think that the symbol which you have seen by the left arm of Lord Jaganath must be either a flower or a disc.

The translation of the Om Agnana prayer is "I offer my respectful obeisances unto my Spiritual Master who has opened my eyes from the darkness of ignorance with the torchlight of knowledge."

Please convey my blessings to Hrishi-kesa and Ranidhir. I hope this will meet you all in very good health and cheerful mood.

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

69-2-58

Los Angeles
21st February, 1969

My Dear Hansadutta,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 14, 1969, and I have carefully noted the contents. Regarding your joining the Samkirtan Party, please wait for the time being and I shall call you at the right time. I have this in my mind. When I go to London and by Krishna's Grace we fix up for going around the world, or even if not that, if the London devotees need to strengthen their Samkirtan Party with more attractions, then your services will be required there. But in the meantime you must keep in mind to train somebody there so that in your absence he can take charge.

So far as the bowing down in Diety worship, before opening the door you should bow down. Then turn on the light and bow down again. There is no restriction on bowing down. As many times as you can is all right. Of course, your clothes and under garments should always be as clean as possible. Guests and devotees need not be wearing woolen robes to be dancing around the deities. Regarding your question about guests being present at aratik, you should have as many guests there as is possible for you to get to come.

Please convey my blessings to all of the devotees at your temple. I hope this will meet you and your good wife, Himavati, in good health.

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

P.S. What about French BTG? I have asked Janardan to translate into French my B.G. Has he received the copy from Rayrama? Please ask him to write to me.
ACB

69-2-59

Los Angeles
22nd February, 1969

My Dear Mrs. Cline,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your kind letter dated February 18, 1969, and I am so glad to go through it. Certainly you are blessed by Krishna, otherwise you could not write such nice things although your connection with our movement is very recent. When you write to say "what was once 'our' home, we recognize now as Krishna's," it appears that from the past you were already advanced in Krishna Consciousness. Somehow or other the path became obstructed, and now again you have come to your consciousness. Please therefore do not miss this opportunity and continue your present state of consciousness in association with Pradyumna. For the time being, Pradyumna is alone there, and your cooperation with him will give him strength, and I shall be very much obliged to you.

Next time when I go to Columbus, surely I shall initiate you and your good husband. I understand that your husband is a student of psychology, and Krishna Consciousness is the summit of psychological studies. From the *Srimad Bhagwatam* we understand that Krishna is the Original Consciousness and the center of all psychological movement, namely thinking,

feeling and willing. We are all parts and parcels of the Supreme Thinking, Feeling and Willing, but our present thinking, feeling and willing being contaminated by the cloud of ignorance, we are thinking, feeling and willing in a perverted way. The whole Krishna Consciousness movement is an attempt to divert the same thinking, feeling and willing to their original unalloyed position. You are an educated couple, and your cooperation with this movement can help tremendously to propagate this most necessary and urgent message for the human society.

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

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-2-60

Los Angeles
22nd February, 1969

My Dear Rayarama,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated February 19, 1969 and I am so glad to learn that the New York temple will be able to meet the \$750 monthly payments I requested. So far as Dai Nippons quotation at \$2,100 for 20,000 copies with a sixty day period before delivery, please send me the original letter if you have received anything. But I had understood that Brahmananda was negotiating to lessen the amount to \$1,500. From your letter I see you did not understand that I meant the typesetting and layout work to be done by Dai Nippon within the quotation. But now I understand that they are going to charge more for this work. If we have to pay them more for the typesetting and layout, then there is no question of stopping our own men from doing this work. So it was clearly misunderstanding.

Now our policy should be as follows:

1. the layout should be done by us, 2.

there should be no advertisements, 3. under different headings we shall publish articles from *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*, *Srimad Bhagwatam*, *Brahma Samhita*, *Nectar of Devotion*, Vedanta Philosophy, *Upanishads*, etc. as well as comic pictures when possible. Besides that, if some of our students write as they have assimilated the philosophy, that also should be welcome. You say that Rohini Kumor is an artist, so he can do comic work. There are other girls there such as Indira who can also do this. So we shall fill up the pages simply with Vedic ideas. Now the policy should be straight that this *Back to Godhead* is completely different from all other magazines. As there are different magazines for different subject matters, this magazine will be simply devoted for Vaishnava philosophy, or Krishna Consciousness movement. That should be our policy. So immediately you can arrange for two months layout. How are you going to select the articles? I would like to know. We should lay out the subject matter as nicely as possible to our intelligence and capacity, and without any ambition that it must attract customers. They may attract or not attract, it doesn't matter. We are selling *Back To Godhead* through the personal approach, through the Samkirtan Party, so I expect each center to sell 50 copies daily on the average as we have practical experience here. In this way, if four centers sell on an average 200 copies daily, then we come to the point of selling 6,000 copies directly which will cover the expense of printing and other charges. The balance 14,000 copies can be sold by the temples simply on profit. If they are not sold, then we distribute free to different societies, libraries, public institutions, respectable gentlemen, schools, etc. In this way we shall make propaganda. The idea is like that of a bible society in India which distributes millions of dollars in the shape of biblic literature

without any consideration of return. Similarly, we have to sacrifice each \$750 on this principle. If there is return, that is all right, but still we have to do it on a missionary spirit. That is my idea. So try to think on this program and do the needful.

I have received the booklet known as *Paramahansa Saraswati Goswami* issued by the Gaudiya Mission of London. I can understand that this brochure was written by my godbrother, Professor Sannyal, but the essay is not very practical. It contains some ideal discussions only, and I know that this Professor Sannyal is personally deviated from all of these ideas. So I don't think it is very much valuable for publishing in *Back To Godhead*.

So I hope the above has answered all of your questions. Please keep me informed how things are progressing, and also about your health.

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

69-2-61

Los Angeles
23rd February, 1969

My Dear Sons, Chidananda, Dindayal,
Aniruddha and Makhanlal,

Please accept my blessings. I have duly received all of your elaborate letters, and there are so many points to reply, it will take time to reply you properly. In the meantime, my request to you is that you take very seriously our program of *Back to Godhead*, and, as you have promised to contribute your quota of \$750 per month against delivery of 5,000 copies of *Back To Godhead*, I am so much obliged to you all.

Now, who will work and who will not work that is consideration between yourselves. It is local affairs, and how can I ad-

vice you that one is to do something and another is to do something. Neither you should depend upon me for such local administrative business. All of you are sincere devotees pledged to the missionary activities, so you should sit together and decide what to do and what not to do.

But I am begging from you \$750 per month against 5,000 copies of *Back To Godhead*. Out of this 5,000 copies, if you simply sell 1,500 copies you immediately realize your \$750. The balance of 3,500 copies will be in your hands. If you can sell them at any price, not less than 30¢ per copy to stores, then whatever amount you realize will be clear profit for the Temple. If still there is some balance copies, then these copies we can distribute free by post to heads of the society, schools, colleges, libraries, and so many other institutions. So we have to make a list of them, and take concession rates from the post office. In this way we can make vigorous propaganda with *Back to Godhead*. Besides that, if you can introduce Samkirtan and classes and *Back to Godhead* in Berkeley, that will be another great advantage.

So I am reading your letters carefully and I shall answer them duly. In the meantime, you consider my appeal and do the needful jointly. For Aniruddha my instruction is that immediately there is no program in New Vrindaban because unless there is suitable houses for residence, we can not begin any work there. So I have instructed Hayagriva to make houses first. Then we can consider programs for going there. Now there is other important matters such as *Back To Godhead* which we should try for.

I hope this will meet you all in good health.

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

69-2-62

Los Angeles
25th February, 1969

My Dear Bhurijana,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 22, 1969, and I was so much englanded to note the contents. I am so pleased with your sincere efforts to succeed in this Chapel Hill center program. I think that by now Tosan Krishna has already joined you there and I am sending him a set of beads by separate post.

You will be pleased to know that one devotee, Kartikeya, has already received his 4-D ministerial status from the draft, and I am enclosing herewith carbon copy of the letter I have sent to your draft board. So we shall save you from the draft. If you stick to the study of our books and continue as a preacher, there will be no difficulty for you to get 4-D classification.

Regarding Lord Chaitanya's Birth Date, it is March 4, and you may celebrate it as elaborately as is possible for you. Immediately you should contact Brahma-ananda in New York, and ask him to send you a few chapters of *Teachings of Lord Chaitanya* which you will return afterwards. So on this day you may read from these chapters. To celebrate you should have a picture of Lord Chaitanya on the altar and decorate Him with flowers very nicely. Chanting and lecturing may go on. In these lectures you should explain very carefully Lord Chaitanya's teachings that we are eternal servitors of Krishna, and it is not that we are ourselves the Supreme Lord.

So I am very pleased with your sincere efforts to make a success of the Chapel Hill center, and please keep me informed of your progress. I hope this will meet you in good health and cheerful mood.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-2-63

Los Angeles
25th February, 1969

My Dear Indira,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated February 14, 1969, along with the very nice pictures you have sent to me. I thank you very much for this and I am always very pleased with your sincere efforts to serve Krishna.

For the *Krishna* book we will require paintings, so we will not need any etching and woodcut. So you can send me some samples of your paintings and then I'll give you some suggestions. But anyway, you continue to improve your very good artistic talents and it will soon come to the perfectional stage. Regarding your question about artist materials, you may use any materials which will be useful in producing nice paintings.

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

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-2-64

Los Angeles
25th February, 1969

My Dear Kanchanbala,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you so much for your letter dated February 10, 1969, and I have noted the contents with pleasure. I am pleased to note that you are painting nicely, so go on improving your abilities because we will require so many paintings for our temples. You may paint pictures of Guru Maharaj, me, Bhaktivinoda Thakur, Gour Kishore, Pancha Tatwa, Samkirtan, etc. We have immense work to be done so you become expert painter. That will englanden me, and it will be a great benefit to all society.

Thanking you once more for your letter. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-2-65

Los Angeles
25th February, 1969

My Dear Nara Narayan,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated February 14, 1969, and I am just now having the opportunity of replying to your enquiries. So far as the Deities are concerned, this has been discussed many times, so just do it nicely using your best judgment to make Them like the Deities which are there in N. Y. with you as far as possible. Your idea of placing conchshell in the eyes is nice and you may do it. You have the perfect example of the Deities in New York, so if you can similarly make some Deities for our other centers it will be very nice accomplishment.

Also, you have asked about construction plans in New Vrindaban, and these questions may be referred to and discussed with Hayagriva and Kirtananda.

I hope this will meet you in very good health.

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

69-2-66

Los Angeles
26th February, 1969

My Dear Pradyumna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 19, 1969, and I am pleased that you are doing very nicely in your center. The pictures which you have sent are also very nice. I am going to New York by the first of April or by the end of March.

From there I shall go to your side, Columbus and New Vrindaban.

By no means should you stop kirtan and chanting. Of course I know that you cannot stop kirtan or chanting but it must be done regularly because that is our strength. We are always in the whirlpool of maya, and only this chanting of Mantra can save us from all pitfalls.

Regarding your need for records, Mr. Kallman has cheated us in so many ways, so I am therefore thinking of making a new record of Hare Krishna vibration. But if you now have a tape recording machine then you can have the kirtan record in tapes. The cost of such tapes can be found out from Dinesh in Los Angeles.

Now we have to sell *Back To Godheads* in large quantities. We are arranging to print 20,000 copies so you should seriously consider how to step up this program in Columbus. I am very pleased that Mr. Cline is helping you in looking for a suitable temple there. Please keep me informed of your progress in this matter.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-2-67

Los Angeles
27th February, 1969

Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 25, 1969, and I thank you very much for it. You have written to say that you are my disobedient son, but I think I am your disturbing father. I am putting more and more burden upon you but you are so tolerant that you have no hesitation to accept my demands even although sometimes they are unreasonable. So

practically you are acting as my father. In my childhood I was very naughty boy, and I used to catch my father in so many ways demanding unreasonable things, and my father used to satisfy me. So although I lost my father in 1930, about 40 years ago, by Krishna's Grace I have got so many American young fathers. But the same nature continues, and I am demanding from my fathers the same thing which may be a little burdensome. But I am sure Krishna will be very much pleased if you will kindly tolerate some unreasonable demands from me.

I thank you very much for your giving me your pledge that you will give me \$750 per month for 5,000 copies of *Back To Godhead*. Similar assurance I have got from the other centers. So by calculation I shall be able to collect \$3,000 per month of which \$2,000 or less, as you may arrange, will be paid for the price of printing, and the balance will be spent for free distribution of copies to institutions, schools, colleges, universities, libraries, and respectable individual persons. I understand that for posting magazines in large scale the rate is 3¢ or 4¢, so I have advised Subal to take definite information in this connection for posting *Back To Godhead* in large scale. I quite agree with your proposal that for small centers like Montreal, Buffalo, etc. as stated by you the New York center will be the distributor; this is nice.

Regarding your kirtan success in Pennsylvania at Dickenson College and Franklyn and Marshall, it is so much pleasing to me. This is the way of our preaching work. Please try to infuse this Krishna Consciousness idea amongst the student community and it will be a great success. On the whole, we shall now make it a point to spread this Samkirtan movement and distribute our publications.

I am anxious to know if you have re-

ceived the newly dispatched kholes from India because it was due to arrive before February 4th. Is this dock strike still going on? In London there is a good demand for *Back To Godhead*, and if the dock strike is still going on, you can send them by air cargo shipment. Similarly, Gour-sundar and Krishna das are also in need of books. Kindly see that the supplies are made regularly. When you send news of successful kirtan performances as I it from London also, and so also I experience personally in Los Angeles, I am overwhelmed with spiritual joy. We don't mind for selling our literature in small quantity, but there must be some sale.

Regarding our record, it was manufactured by Mr. Kallman, and he has not paid me a single farthing as royalties. He has cheated me in so many ways, so if there is no legal impediment we must immediately re-print the record through Dinesh. I have already advised him in this connection.

Regarding your endeavor to arrange my teaching in colleges, it is very, very welcome. I was just seeking this opportunity to teaching boys and girls in the schools, colleges and universities. So if such opportunities are available you must capture them without any fail. I have already sent you one check being the value of the books as well as the money I have received from Boston and Buffalo, namely \$69 and \$25. So if it is not the price of the books then you can take it out and deposit it in my account in the First National City Bank.

Regarding my apartment, if you are feeling botheration then you can vacate. Do not take unnecessary botherations. Try to become free from all this material anxiety. Of course, sometimes we have to accept anxiety for Krishna, but we should do everything comfortably. So you will kindly send me at least two letters in a week because I am always anxious to hear

from you. May Krishna's blessings be bestowed upon you for your long life and service.

Thanking you once more. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-2-68

Los Angeles
27th February, 1969

My Dear Uddhava,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated February 25, 1969, and I thank you so much for it. Regarding the pictures in *Back To Godhead* which you are learning to photograph, they will be of all kinds. When possible we will have nice paintings published, and other times there will be photographs of our devotees and their activities.

Krishna will surely give you all facilities and encouragement if you work for Him very sincerely because everything belongs to Krishna. It does not take Him even a second to offer anything we desire provided such thing is engaged in the service of the Lord. So you simply desire to serve Krishna best and there will be no scarcity of anything. Know it certain from me. I think that you may inform Nara Narayan that he can go immediately to New Vrindaban for construction work if he has no business in New York.

I can see from your photographs that you are preparing such big Iskcon Bullets. It is very attractive, and unfortunately I cannot share them with you. But I am very satisfied that you are enjoying such thing as the prasadam of Jagannath Swami.

I thank you very much for your simple philosophy of following the instructions of your Spiritual Master. That is the sublime philosophy of Krishna Consciousness understanding; implicit faith in

Krishna and Spiritual Master. This will make your steady progress towards the Ultimate Goal of back to Home, back to Godhead.

Thanking you again for your nice letter. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-2-69

Los Angeles
28th February, 1969

My Dear Janaki,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your long letter dated February 20, 1969 after a long interval, and I have noted the contents very carefully. You are so anxious to see me in London and I am also very anxious to see you all. I have not received any letter from Yamuna since a long time. I tried to go to London as I was very much anxious to see you all, but your good husband will not allow me to go there unless you are all fully equipped to see me. That is all right, and I am pleased to note that you six boys and girls are doing more than my expectation. Krishna will certainly be pleased to give you more strength to preach this glorious movement of Krishna Consciousness. So please keep yourselves steadily in the manner you are now keeping yourselves. The more you are working sincerely and steadily the more you will get strength from Krishna.

Regarding your questions, as Brahma realized that he was the maidservant of Krishna, similarly, everyone of us has to realize that Krishna is the only single Purusha. Purusha synonymously means male, but actually, in the spiritual dictionary, male means 'enjoyer' and female means 'enjoyed.' So in this sense, Krishna

is the only male and all others being energies of Krishna, they are prakriti, or female. Please do not try to understand this male and female in the material sense. In other words, our perfection of life will be actually realizing that we are all females. In the material world we have got simply different dresses. Here in the material world, everyone is in the temperament of male, even the so-called females are also in the temperament. This is very prominent in the Western part of the world, and you know it very well how the females here think on the level of equality with males. This aptitude is material.

Regarding your other questions, yes, the desire tree can also supply dresses for Lord Jagannath. Certainly my Spiritual Master watches me. So far as your question about the disciplic succession, in all Vedic literatures it is mentioned about the disciplic succession. You have read in *Sri-mad Bhagavatam*, first canto, first chapter where it is said that Brahma was inspired from within the heart by the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Similarly, in the *Katho Upanishad* it is said that "in order to learn the transcendental science, one has to approach the Spiritual Master." This spiritual master means one who has heard correctly from his Spiritual Master. In this way, ultimately it goes to Krishna, the Supreme Spiritual Master. There is no possibility of understanding the Vedic knowledge without this decending process. The modern world is puffed up with personal research knowledge, but the person who is engaging in this research work does not know that he is imperfect on account of his aptitude for becoming illusioned, for committing mistakes, for his cheating propensity and for his possessing imperfect senses. Therefore there is no possibility of receiving perfect knowledge without approaching a self-realized Spiritual Master coming down in disciplic succession. The mental speculator, no matter

how advanced he may be, cannot deliver us the right knowledge.

I thank you very much for your good wishes for our opening 108 centers. Krishna will bless you and please try to help me. In England we will have to start at least 10 centers, and I understand from the activities of Mr. Parikh that it will not be a very difficult task.

Please convey my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health and cheerful mood.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-2-70

Los Angeles
28th February, 1969

My Dear Mukunda,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated February 23, 1969, and I have noted the contents with much pleasure. I am enclosing herewith the copy of *Easy Journey To Other Planets**. Also enclosed is some pages of *Ishopanishad*, so you can show them to Mr. Maschler and complete the business for their publication. I was so glad to learn from your letter that you will be able to sell *Back To Godhead* to the extent of 5,000 copies at least, and please arrange for this.

About Samkirtan movement, in New York, Brahmananda has also begun Samkirtan in different colleges, and I quote herewith a few lines from his letter; "You will be pleased to know that we had a very successful kirtan engagement at two colleges in Pennsylvania, Dickenson College and Franklin and Marshall. At Dickinson the students were so enthusiastic that practically all of them (50 at least) were all dancing, what to speak of everyone singing and clapping. Even the professor, a dried stick scholar, danced in ecstasy." So in the future we will stick to

the principle of Samkirtan movement and distributing our *Back To Godhead* specifically and the other literature generally. I am pleased to note that you are printing up 10,000 copies of the *Prospectus* of our society. Also your proposal of getting 1,000 subscribers to *Back To Godhead* from London alone is very encouraging and please do it. You should send your activities report every month in short for publication in *Back To Godhead*.

Please convey my thanks to Mr. Parikh because he has taken our movement very sincerely, and Krishna will be very much pleased upon him. Actually it is the duty of all retired men and women to devote themselves in the service of Krishna. That is the basic principle of Vedic civilization.

Thanking you once more. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

NB; As I am going to Hawaii for the month of March, you may address my mail to Iskcon, 4 Leilani Building, 1649 Kapialani Blvd., Honolulu, Hawaii.

*sent by separate post

69-2-71

Los Angeles
29th February, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 26, 1969, and I have carefully noted the contents. Regarding the distribution of *Teachings of Lord Chaitanya*, the principle will be that 60% will go to the book fund, and the rest will go to you as the distributor. So you may offer to the temples whatever is suitable. But you will be the sole distributor and the book fund will get 60%.

Regarding the *Back To Godhead* scheme, the idea is that you pay \$750 and receive 5,000 copies. Now you distribute

this as you like. If you sell for 50¢ per copy, then it comes to \$2,500, but I do not think it will be possible to sell them all at 50¢ retail price. So you appoint stores to sell copies, and you will get 30¢ per copy for these without fail. You are purchasing for 15¢ so even selling wholesale you make profit of 15¢. If you sell 3,500 copies at wholesale price, then the intake is \$1,050. If you are not able to sell all of the copies, then still you should have an income profit of at least \$500, selling at wholesale price. If you make more profit you should do so, and I have no objection. But whatever you sell after the 1,500 copies sold retail is profit for your temple. What ever balance has not been sold will be distributed free, and you should apply for concession rates at the Post Office. In Los Angeles, we have already applied, and the postal charge will be about 3¢ or 4¢ per issue. So as far as I am concerned, I shall collect about \$3,000 monthly. Out of this, \$2,000 is to be paid to Dai Nippon, and I will keep \$1000. Out of this amount, the postal charges will take about \$300-400, and the balance \$600 I shall spend for developing of the press department. So from *Back To Godhead* I don't want anything for my book fund. I simply want my books to be nicely distributed.

As for someone to help you distribute books on the West Coast, I understand that Jayananda has volunteered for this assignment, and you can decide who you will like. So far as the list of distributors you have sent to Purushottam, they have been contacted, and they are waiting to see the first printed copies before any decision is discussed. But Purushottam will travel with me. That is certain. For the time being, I am going to Hawaii, and there is no sufficient place for him there. Therefore I am going alone. If there is a separate apartment available, then I shall call him there also. Otherwise, I shall come back within one month to Los

Angeles, and then I shall go to New York, so you can make arrangements accordingly. This is my present program.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

NB: You may send future mail to Hawaii center.

P.S. I shall be glad to hear from you if my idea of distribution is appropriate. I am going to Hawaii on Monday at 10:45 A.M. Kindly send the dry mangoes as usual to Hawaii temple address.

MARCH

69-3-1

Los Angeles
2nd March, 1969

My Dear Janardan,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter, undated. It is a very long letter and, as you have written it in two months, perhaps I'll also require similar time to reply to this letter. On Monday I am going to Hawaii at least for a month, and there I shall try to read your letter very peacefully, and maybe I'll be able to reply in great detail.

In the meantime, I may inform you that your newspaper cutting, "Non-Christian Unity Ruled Out," is not very surprising. Religious bigotry is one of the strong material symptoms, therefore, in the beginning of *Srimad Bhagavatam* it is said *dharma projhita*. This means that the idea of religiosity, economic development, sense-gratification, and endeavors for merging into the impersonal absolute are the different activities for the materialist person. Leaving aside the too grossly materialistic persons, who are without any moral principles or social conventions, if we take the right type of civilized man, then we find that he is engaged in some type of religious principle. It doesn't matter if he is Christian, Moslem or Jew, the symptom of a civilized man is that he must have the recognition of religious principles; that is required for civilized man. But generally men take to religious principles for economic development. Just like in the Christian religiosity the prayers for solving the economic problem or bread problem. Similarly, in the Vedic rituals also different methods of sacrifices are

recommended for pleasing the demigods so that they will supply quantity of rain and there will be enough grain for eating. In this way, religious principles are generally practiced by men for some economic development.

In this modern age, people being scientifically advanced, they seek economic development without any reference to worship of God or following any religious principle. So such people are gradually forgetting their eternal relationship with God because they think that without God they can inquire sufficient progress in economic development which is required for sense gratification. Some of them, when they are frustrated, try thinking of voidness or merging into the impersonal absolute truth. So voidness or impersonal idea of the absolute truth is just an opposite of material variegatedness. So this idea can also be accepted as the material concept of transcendence. So things are going on like this, not only now, but it is the nature of the material world.

Therefore, the *Srimad Bhagavatam* has used the suitable word, *dharma projhita*. That means to kick out the so-called religious principles, economic development, sense gratification, and liberation. According to *Bhagawat*, these are all cheating processes, because by following such processes, the living entity can never be happy. Such principles in different forms according to different circumstances of candidate, place, and time, they are simply cheating formulas. So our Krishna Consciousness movement does not belong to any such cheating process. They are cheating processes in the sense

that the basic principle is for economic development, and if it is simply for solving the problem of bread, it is not true religion as described by *Srimad Bhagawata*. Even if the living entity is born with a silver spoon in his mouth he will not be happy so such plans for economic development are simply cheating processes. Therefore, the great rishis in the forest Naimisharanya inquired of the great sage, Suta Goswami, "How can the living entities actually be happy?" *Srimad Bhagawata* answers this question that the top-most super-excellent religious principle is that which following, the protagonist becomes a devotee of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, without any motive and without being checked by any material impediments. That will make a person completely satisfied, and that is our process. We are educated people how they can develop their dormant love of the Supreme Lord without being impaired by any material condition.

We should train our disciples as well as ourselves in such a spirit that even if the whole world is against us, which is impossible to happen, the Samkirtan Movement must be pushed on without any reference to archeological evidence or any such scientific advancement of knowledge. Besides that, the argument that archeological evidence will lead many people to accept the philosophy of Lord Chaitanya has no evidence. For example, the Christian religion principle is now established in archeological evidence, but still it is not that the whole people of the world are attracted by Christian religion. Even a great scientist, Professor Albert Einstein, was Jewish by religion, but because the Christian religion gives evidential proof of archeological discovery, still he did not become a Christian. No religion or no principle is accepted by the whole world; that is a fact. I can give you a statement of Albert Einstein in which he says "The

most beautiful and most profound emotion we can experience is in the sensation of the mystical. It is a shower of all true science. He to whom this emotion is a stranger, he who can no longer stand rapt in awe, is as good as dead. That deeply emotional conviction of the presence of a superior reasoning power which is revealed in the comprehensible universe forms my idea of God."

I think that our Hare Krishna Movement is just following the same concept of God by awakening the dormant transcendental emotion of the human being without any consideration of religious faith. In our camp all of my disciples are coming from different faiths, mostly Christians or Jews, and why are they accepting this Samkirtan Movement, unless there is the awakening of mystical emotion described by a great scientist like Albert Einstein.

If somebody does not accept Chaitanya Mahaprabhu for want of archeological evidence, it will not hamper our movement. There is sufficient archeological evidence in this connection, and it can be supplied from various sources which are in India. There is even archeological evidence of Vyasadeva which was recently propounded by one Dr. Chakravarty. I personally saw this in a monthly magazine of Calcutta of the name *Mother* in which I was giving my articles. If you like, you can inquire from them or such institutes as Chaitanya Research Institute, started by my godbrother, Tirtha Mahraj. That is not a very difficult task.

Actually we have nothing to do with compromising with Christians or Buddhists. Our principles should be to preach Krishna Consciousness as it is spoken in the *Bhagavad Gita* and *Srimad Bhagawata*. As we are now collecting some fortunate students in our movement, similarly, it will be possible to collect more students in the future. But it is a fact that the unfortunate persons who stick to the four

material misbehaviors, just like illicit sex life, etc. cannot accept these principles of Krishna Consciousness. But still there is chance for them simply by giving aural reception to this transcendental sound of Hare Krishna Mantra. If we turn our attention to fit with the Christian people, or any other religious sect, I think it will not be very much fruitful because nobody will change his faith even though he is given scientific or archeological evidences. And that will also not help anybody. We have already discussed this point in many articles and change in religious faith does not make one advanced in spiritual understanding. The spiritual understanding as taught by Lord Chaitanya is that all living entities are eternally servants of God. We have to propagate this philosophy, and for this we have to make propaganda. Every religion believes in God, and we want that everyone should actively come to this understanding of accepting one's eternal servitorship to God.

There are many things to criticize in the matter of any faith, and if we divert our attention to such activities we shall simply create more opposite elements and waste our time. Better if we try to push on this Krishna Consciousness Movement and use our energy, education, scientific knowledge, etc. to simply convince the present generation that everyone is servant of God. Then our mission will be successful. Actually at the present moment, never mind if one is Christian, Jew, or Moslem, most people are Godless and don't care for God. They simply take an official stand, but actually, from the depth of their heart they have no idea what is God. So we have to invoke the dormant understanding of God-consciousness; that is the principle of Krishna Consciousness Movement.

If a Christian believes in God let him love God prominently rather than loving matter. If we wish to criticize Christian

faith we can do so, and we can prove that hardly there are any sincere Christians. In the ten commandments we see Lord Jesus Christ advised "Thou shalt not kill," but this killing process is still prominent among Christians as well as any other religious group. So much so that it is simply horrible. Recently, the head of the Christian people, the Pope, declined to sanction the killing process in the embryo, namely contraceptive methods. We can see that so many Christians revolted. Apart from this killing process within the embryo, there is also killing process in the slaughterhouse and in so many ways. I do not know how a Christian can violate this important commandment of the Bible, "Thou shalt not kill." So in this way, if we want to criticize we can, but it will simply increase our enemies. Better let us try to invoke the dormant transcendental emotion by chanting and dancing.

You try to understand this philosophy more seriously, and as you are able try to write articles on this subject matter without being inclined to compromise with any other religious faith. I shall write you again from Hawaii. In the meantime you can let me know if you have got the manuscript from Rayarama, and reply to this letter to the Hawaii address: ISKCON, 4 Leilani Building, 1649 Kapialani Boulevard, Honolulu, Hawaii. Enclosed is a page of poems by Bhaktivinode Thakur to be translated into French and printed in your magazine. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-3-2

5th March, 1969

My Dear Krishna das,

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

March 27, 1969, and I have carefully noted the contents. In the first portion of the letter you have expressed your desire how to surrender. This surrendering process is unconditional. Surrendering does not mean that one should only surrender in favorable circumstances. That is not surrender. Surrender means in any condition the surrendering process must continue. In the latter portion of your letter it appears that you have been disturbed on some trivial matters, and you wish to leave the place and go to London. That is not at all good. You must work conjointly. That is my desire, and if you fight amongst yourselves for some individual interests, that is not surrender. What ever the other two boys may do, that I shall see, but unless you my request is that you must remain in Hamburg until I order you to leave the place.

I understand that you have sent passage money to Jayagovinda. Let him come first. He is a very sensible boy, and I hope on his arrival there will be no dissension. Last night one German boy was initiated by me, and he will be entrusted for rendering all my books in German language. There will be no difficulty to publish the German edition of *Back To Godhead* therefore, in your newly purchased press. You should take the indication given by Lord Kṛṣṇa: The press is already there, the press worker, Jayagovinda, is coming, and the German scholar has joined our institution. Don't you see the indication by Kṛṣṇa that we must make propaganda in the German language in that part of the world? So you have to adjust things be the indication of Lord Kṛṣṇa. Don't do anything whimsically. The direction comes through the Spiritual Master, and any one who abides by the order of the Spiritual Master to give shape to the wish of the Lord, he is per-

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69-3-3

Hawaii
6th March, 1969

My Dear Purushottam,

Please accept my blessings. I am glad to inform you that we have reached Hawaii in due time on Monday afternoon and immediately we met the devotees who came to receive us and I have come directly to Govinda dasi's residence. This place is very nice. It is just on the seashore and from the room on the second floor we can always see the seaview, so it is both scenic and healthy atmosphere. But it is a very distant place from our temple. It takes almost two hours to come and go by car. Therefore I am giving you the following address for mailing of my letters and redirecting our mails.

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
P.O. Box 506
Kaawa, Oahu
HAWAII 96730

We performed Lord Chaitanya's Birthday ceremony, not very gorgeously, but amongst ourselves, and Govinda dasi cooked very nice Ikadasi foodstuffs. The next day I expected some big ceremony but it couldn't be performed. We are looking out for a better place where the Brahmacharies and the temple can be united. At the present moment, it is very scattered and actually the temple management is impossible to be in order. So, for the time being you can redirect all my mails to my above post box address in this village.

Please offer my blessings to all and I shall be glad to hear from you how the things are going there. Awaiting your early reply,

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

69-3-4

Hawaii
6th March, 1969

My Dear Rayarama,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Feb. 27, 1969, and I am so glad to read it. Keep your health in good condition and work very hard for Krishna. That is our motto of life. I am so glad to learn that you felt too much inconvenience in the company of the karmis in your last tour to Los Angeles. There is a verse in Bkhakti Ramrita Sindhu in which it is stated, the more you advance in Krishna Consciousness, the more you become disgusted with the material modes of life. When the American boys are disgusted with cigarettes smoker, or listening to rock music and meaningless chattering, it means there is Krishna's Grace. May Krishna bless you more and more, as you advance in Krishna Consciousness.

You wanted one assistant editor, and I can understand that you may feel inconvenience with Hayagriva, but would you like to have as your assistant editor, Gour-sundar? So he can help you in editing work even from such distant place. But the difficulty is that he is working here to maintain the establishment. I have advised Govinda dasi to think of this and he may write you.

Regarding Bhagavad Gita manuscript: If you have got two copies then you can send one to Janardan. Otherwise you have to send him a copy only, and keeping one copy with you. Because in future I am thinking of publishing a revised and enlarged edition of Bhagavad Gita As It Is. You know that we have to cut short the book because the MacMillan Company wanted within 400 pages. So you know that the majority of the verses in the back portion of the book were not given purports. Therefore in our next publication

we shall give purport for all the verses.* So you should keep one copy with you before you send the manuscript to Janardan.

That Rohini Kumar is assisting you in artistic abilities is very gratifying. So you are preparing for the Japanese issues. In fact, from the number when we begin our Japanese issue we shall stop advertisement altogether . . . either hippies or dhippies.

You select your articles according to your best choice but I shall recommend to publish the article of Hayagriva, "Hare Krishna Movement Exploded." I have received suggestion from Dindayal—he is getting good response from Berkely and he is expecting that the whole quota of 5000 may be completely sold. In Hawaii, however, they have no Back To Godheads, and receipt of them is very much delayed and sporadic. So if the shipping is closed they can be sent by air cargo. So we have to organize the transport means also. I think there is some special postal rate for 50 lb. lot. So with the assistance of Subal please do the needful and make Back To Godhead a successful Krishna Consciousness magazine.

My program is to stay here up to the end of March, but in San Francisco they also want me for a few days there. So before going to New York I may go to San Francisco from here. Of course, you think you cannot leave your office just now, but this place is very nice. I think if you could manage to come here a few days then you can directly exchange letters with Govinda dasi.

Please care for your health nicely, and convey my blessings to all the devotees there in New York.

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

*As well as word to word meanings

69-3-5

Hawaii
8th March, 1969

My Dear Ishan das and Bibhavati dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your kind letter of February 22, 1969, along with your beads, which I have duly chanted. Your name is now Ishan das Adikary and your wife's name is Bibhavati dasi. Please follow the four principles of initiated disciples which are as follows: No eating of animal foods such as meat, fish and eggs; no gambling; no illicit sex life; and no intoxication of any kind. Chant 16 rounds minimum daily, attend classes in the temple, and read Bhagavad Gita, and Srimad Bhagavatam regularly. Whenever there is any question, ask me, and try to preach Krishna Consciousness movement to your best capacity. I am very glad to learn that Mukunda has invited you to go to London and if there is possibility you should go immediately, both of you, and join with them. The six boys and girls, husband and wife, are preaching Krishna Consciousness movement in London so nicely, that in the London Times there was a news heading like: Krishna Chant Startles London. These boys and girls are also initiated for the last two years only—they are not very great scholars in theological studies, but still by the Grace of Krishna they have created some impression in a city like London simply by their sincere effort. My Spiritual Master used to send preachers who were all in the renounced order of life (sanyasins), but I am doing a completely different process—namely, preparing some young couples of husband and wife to take up this job. This is approved by Lord Chaitanya. He said that it does not matter whether the preacher is in the renounced order of life, or a family man, or a Brahmin or a sudra—nothing is hampering in the process of preaching Krishna Consciousness. The only qualifi-

cation required is that one should know the genesis of Krishna Consciousness and then he is just the fit person to preach this great philosophy.

I understand both you and your wife are very intelligent boy and girl and I hope if you sincerely wish to serve Krishna He will give you all intelligence how you can nicely serve Him.

I am here at Hawaii at the care of Gour-sundar and his wife Govinda dasi; they are also doing very nicely. Similarly, another couple of disciples, Satsvarupa and Jadurany in Boston are also doing very nicely. Similarly, in Buffalo Rupanuga and his wife and their small child are doing very nicely. Similarly, in New Vrindaban Hayagriva and his wife Shama dasi are doing very nicely. So it is a part of my missionary work; I want to see that the Western boys and girls who are very much loose with their sex life should get themselves married and take to Krishna Consciousness seriously and they will be happy both materially and spiritually. So if you go to London to join Mukunda and his company you will be very much pleased to see how husband and wife combined together can so nicely preach this Krishna Consciousness movement. Please take up this philosophy very seriously and you will be happy in this life and next life. If you are going to London please let me know when you are going.

Your poetry is very nice, and I am sending the copy to our editor of Back To Godhead for publishing it conveniently.

Herewith please find your chanted beads and be happy by the Grace of Krishna. Please convey my blessings to all there, and I hope you are all well.

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

ACB/gd

69-3-6

Hawaii
8th March, 1969

Dear Sriman Raj Dewan,

I am so pleased to receive your letter dated Feb. 20th, 1969, Swami B. D. Madhav of Sri Chaitanya Gaudiya Math has kindly requested you to contact me so I am so much thankful to both of you. He is my God-brother. The books mentioned by you can exactly be had from Goudiya Math, Kali Prasad Chakravarty Lane, Bagh Bazar, Calcutta-3, India. Some of the books mentioned by you are sometimes imported by my New York center, and the manager in charge is Sriman Brahmananda Brahmachary, ISKCON Temple, 61 Second Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10003.

There are other books also, namely, *Srimad Bhagavatam* in 3 volumes, *Bhagavad Gita As It Is* published by MacMillan company, and *Teachings of Lord Chaitanya*, etc. written by me.

I am forwarding your letter to Sriman Brahmananda and you can also contact him in this connection.

Thanking you once more,
Yours in the service of the Lord,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-3-7

Hawaii
8th March, 1969

My Dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings, and offer the same to my beloved daughter, Srimati Jadurany. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Feb. 2, 1969, as well as of Feb. 5, 1969. I plan to go to New York by the first week of April, so you can arrange your scheduled meetings on the 24th by which time I shall be ready to go to Boston.

This climate of Hawaii is most healthy, with sunshine and fresh sea breeze, so I think if it is possible for Jadurany to come

to this climate she may improve her health nicely. Consult together on this proposal, and you can correspond with Goursundar and Govinda dasi here in this regard.

Regarding your question: I do not remember if Rayarama ever chanted very loudly in my room, neither he ever lived in my room, nor I had ever asked him not to chant loudly. I do not know how these news are spread. There is no such requirement that Japa should be silently and chanting should be done differently. Loudly or silently, everything is all right. There is no such restriction. Only thing is that we should chant very attentively, hearing the vibration very distinctly.

I have received the typed copy of tape number 6, and I am sending tomorrow tape number 7.*

I hope you are well and that Jadurany's health is somewhat better; she must rest nicely. Please convey my blessings and best wishes to all the devotees there.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
*enclosed herewith

69-3-8

Hawaii
8th March, 1969

My Dear Tamal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I have received one letter from United Shipping Corporation, and the copy of the proforma invoice is as follow:

- 1 pce. First Class Harmonium
@ \$22.00 = \$22.00
- 2 pcs. First Class Mridangas
@ \$6.75 = \$13.50
- 5 prs. Big Nabadwip Karatals
@ \$2.12 = \$10.60
- 1 pce. "Panchapradip" for Arati
@ \$2.00 = \$2.00
- 1 pce. Jahanjh
@ \$3.35 = \$3.35

1 pce. Round 'Ghari'
 @\$9.95 = \$9.95
 3 pces. Water conch shells
 @\$1.50 = \$4.50
 2 pcs. Blowing conch shells
 @\$2.00 = \$4.00
 1 pce. Bengali New Year (1376) Panjika
 @\$.50 = \$.50
 Subtotal = \$70.40
 Packing, Forwarding & Insurance
 charges = \$27.55
 Total = \$97.95
 C & I Calcutta
 (U.S. Dollars Ninety seven and cents
 ninety five only.)

I have advised the bank to retire the bill immediately on presentation. The copy of the letter of instructions to the bank is also enclosed herewith. Please therefore immediately deposit \$100 in my account number 03081-61625, with the Bank of America; Pico-La Cienega Branch; 8501 West Pico Boulevard; Los Angeles, Cal.

Hope you are all well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-3-9

Hawaii
 9th March, 1969

My Dear Shivananda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your three letters post dated March 5, 1969, and I thank you very much for them. I have noted your points, and one thing is that the instruction given by one gentleman Mr. Somanatha to go to India as agriculturalists is absurd. Don't be carried away by all this nonsense advice. So far Indian authority is concerned for preaching work, I am prepared to go to your center for preaching at any time you call me. Your statement that you will try to organize the Hamburg center very nicely and have a smooth running energetic temple when I go there is also very encourag-

ing. Please stick to this principle without any diversion. Take it from me that I am always praying to Lord Krishna for your success in Krishna Consciousness movement. You're very sincere devotee and if you simply stick to the principles, success is sure for your life. Krishna's Mercy is always bestowed upon one who is sincerely serving Him. You should not give attention to any outsider's advice because they are completely unfit to give you advice. Your situation is different. We do not care for any agriculturist or economist. Our only shelter is Krishna. Stick to this principle and success is sure for you.

I shall be glad to hear what about the press matter and printing Back To Godhead in German Language.

Chanting 16 rounds without fail, performing Kirtan at least twice daily, morning and evening, discussion on Bhagavat Gita, and Srimad Bhagavatam in the class, and work diligently and cooperatively amongst yourselves is my fervent request. Kindly follow this and be happy.

Please convey my blessings to Krishna das and Uttama Sloka. I have received letter from Jaya Govinda that he is anxious to come back to Germany. I have also advised Krishna das to arrange for his passage, but I have not heard anything from them. Please let me know at your earliest convenience. Hope you are well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-3-10

Hawaii
 10th March, 1969

My Dear Madhusudan,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter of March 5th, and you can take it from me that I give you clear sanction to get yourself married to Kanchanbala dasi, at the earliest possible date. From her side, her mother has

agreed, and from your side, I have agreed. So Kanchanbala is an ideal girl, Krishna Conscious, and I want that some ideal families of Krishna Consciousness should be established in your country, so that people can see that our movement is not one sided or dry. So we do not want dry renouncers. Krishna Himself married so many wives as a Kshatriya. Chaitanya Mahaprabhu although He was to take Sanyas at the age of 24 years, still He married twice within 20 years. Lord Nityananda Prabhu also married. Adwaita Prabhu and Srivas Prabhu, they were also householders. So to become married is no impediment for advancement in Krishna Consciousness. One should be vigilant only that he is not diverting from Krishna Consciousness. One has to follow the foot prints of the great Acharyas then everything is all right. I was also a married man—my family is still existing. So you should always remember that marriage is not impediment. The greatest enemy is forgetfulness of Krishna. There are many Impersonalists and voidists—they renounced this material world very early in their life; just like Shankar Acharya. He took sanyas at the age of 8 years. Lord Buddha left home just in the beginning of his youth. But we are not concerned with them. So I hope by this time, by serving this Krishna Consciousness movement for the last two years you must have gotten some taste of the nectarine. Now you must be fixed up and execute your specified duty as ordered by me, and then I am sure there will be no difficulty. But you should always remember that wife is not a machine for sense gratification. Wife is your half body for nourishing your Krishna Consciousness status. So you are getting a wife who is already trained up in Krishna Consciousness and if you live carefully and faithfully there will be no difficulty. That is the verdict of all Acharyas. I think this will

simplify your agitated mind.

Hope you are well, and also Kanchanbala, and happily executing Krishna Consciousness.

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

69-3-11

Hawaii
10th March, 1969

My Dear Purusottam,

Please accept my blessings. I hope you have already received the the tape No. 36. Today I am sending the tape No. 37. You need not send me the typed copies. You can keep them with you.

Dindayal wants me in San Francisco for a few days. So I have agreed. You can talk with him by phone & ask him to send me the passage money. As soon as I get it I shall start for San Francisco because here there is no serious engagements. Of course the climate is nice & I am keeping nice here. Kartikeya is ill for indigestion. Hope you are well. Please offer my blessings to all there. The condition of the centre is not very satisfactory. So I am trying to rectify it.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta

P.S. Please send me a few copies of the photostat "Krishna Chant Startles London".

69-3-12

Hawaii
10th March, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 5, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. The letter heading is very nicely set up but the color black is not so attractive. It should have been two colors as you suggested, namely violet and

black. I am pleased that you are going to have two color set up next printing. I thank you very much for your nice sentiments so expressed in this letter; that I am not unreasonable—rather you have taken the responsibility on your part. Actually we are all conditioned souls so our demand from Krishna to accept us is unreasonable. From my personal point of view, I think that I am so sinful that I cannot even approach Krishna to show me any favor. But I have only one hope—my Spiritual Master—He is very kind. So somehow or other He is dragging me towards Krishna. That is the only hope. Sri Chaitanya Charitamrita says therefore: *Guru Krishnae*. By the mercy of the Spiritual Master, and by the mercy of Krishna, one gets into Krishna Consciousness. Narada Muni is our original Spiritual Master and he has dragged so many fallen souls towards Krishna, and we are also hoping to be dragged by Him through the disciplic succession. Otherwise, if we study our own qualifications, there is none—rather I have got so many disqualifications.

Regarding United Shipping Corporation, I think our former accounts for \$250 due from them is by this time squared up by supply of goods, etc. I have separately ordered one small consignment for Los Angeles, and let me see how they supply. Next order will follow from Hawaii. The shipping arrangement to the Western coast should be more carefully done.

Regarding Teachings of Lord Chaitanya, distribution, it is a fact that you are the sole distributor. But now that you have already instructed Dia Nippon to dispatch two separate consignments, I think that if you now change the decision, it will again be perturbing for them and things may be delayed. Better not to give them any adverse instruction at this late hour. But you can send your bill to Purushottam in Los Angeles for the L.A. consignment. The bill should be paid to you. That will save

you botheration from distributing again from New York. In other words, as soon as the bill is submitted by you, it means that it has been dispatched from your stock.

Regarding distribution of Back To Godhead in India by the Universal Book Distributors: I have read the letter sent by them and I do not think it is very practical. I am returning herewith the letter as desired by you for keeping in your file, and you can reply them on the following points:

1. That you submit us every month a list of 1000 libraries. We shall dispatch free copies from here directly, and we shall print your name as the sole distributor in India, provided:

2. When you receive orders or inquiries from such parties, you immediately order from us at least 500 copies lot and we shall deliver you C.I.F. less 40% on the face value. The present face value is \$.50 per copy. Payment: cash on delivery. On receipt of your confirmation, we shall send you the appointment letter and the business will begin.

3. You shall send us regularly 1000 new addresses every month, and we shall post copies to them from this end.

In this way, you can write to them.

Another thing, the Library of Congress has got one agency in India, and they have recognized my Srimad Bhagavatam, you know it. And they have open order for 18 copies of each volume as soon as published. Why not bring this fact to the Librarian of Congress, and introduce my other books, including Bhagavad Gita, TLC, etc.? And there are so many public libraries, and university libraries also, who may receive them. So, business has to be organized and I hope you will do the needful.

Regarding Back To Godhead circulation: I shall be glad to know what is the decision of the National Distributor.

Whether you have received any reply from the Japanese printer about BTG.

I wish to go to New York by the first week of April, because after finishing in N. Y., I shall have to go to Boston. And when I come back from Boston by the middle of May, then we go to New Vrindaban, and if possible we make arrangements for starting the press. In the meantime, the press men, and managers and every one should be ready. If the press can manage to print 20 to 25,000 of BTG, and 5000 copies each of my books, I think that will be sufficient engagement for the newly started press.

Please convey my blessings to everyone there, and I hope you are all well and happy.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. I may go to San Francisco from Hawaii and from there I shall go to New York, otherwise, you will have to arrange for my ticket from Hawaii to N. Y., a very long distance.

I have received one enquiry from _____ letter and copy of my reply and endorsed herewith. Please do the needful.
ACB

I have received the Mangoe pulp dry for which thank you. Please send it at regular interval because I eat it daily with my lunch.

69-3-13

Hawaii
11th March, 1969

My Dear Upendra,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter of March 5, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. Yes, a new man may commit blunders in the beginning, but that does not mean we may be too impatient with him. After all, training means the man does not know, so you should train him nicely. A

Vaishnava is expected to be humbler than the blade of grass, so when you train some new man you should not get agitated with him. After all, we are preachers, and we do not expect our audience or candidates completely respondent to our call. If everyone is trained then what is the use of our preaching. I receive daily so many odd letters, still we have to reply them properly. So you are in charge of the Seattle branch. You should try to develop and manage this temple as your life interest. Don't be flickering, thinking of going here and there. Whatever charge given from Krishna through the medium of Spiritual Master you should be carrying out very faithfully. I have come to your country in this old age with this interest. We should not mind where we are kept or where we have to discharge our duties. But we should accept and do them nicely.

I wish that the Seattle temple be maintained as the most important thing, and there is no second man besides you to take charge of it. Actually the center was opened by you and Gargamuni. Gargamuni is now engaged in different work, so you do not divert your attention. Please try to occupy the church contemplated and try to improve it like L.A. temple. If you try your best Krishna will give you all facilities.

I am glad to hear you are going to teach the university course. This is very good, do not worry about the watchdog Mr. Miller, this trouble will continue always but still we have to do our duties. One thing, Mr. Miller takes objection to Hinduism. He is Christian and he thinks that we are preaching Hinduism. You should clear up this thing that we do not preach any particular 'ism.' We are simply teaching how to develop our dormant love of Godhead. So what religion is there that does not approve love of Godhead? One may say that all improve our love of Godhead according to our own way, but from

practical point of view, in no religious principle the love of Godhead is seen to be enhanced. They make God as order-supplier for their material needs. Or some of them are taught to love God because He is considered to be order-supplier. But our principle is not to make God our order-supplier—we want to execute the order of God.

69-3-14

Hawaii
11th March, 1969

My Dear Hansadutta,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of Feb. 28, 1969, and I am very much surprised that other nonsense magazines are being published by Dayal Nitai, and Janardan says it is in my knowledge! I am very much surprised to hear this. Enclosed I am forwarding one letter to Dayal Nitai, and how it is that without your knowledge these things are being done? Certainly it must be disturbing to you—it is disturbing to me also!

Please do work on the French BTG, and you must immediately ask Dayal Nitai to stop that printing business. I was doubtful about him because he was still inclined to that yoga process, and my doubts are now coming to be true. He does not understand our philosophy very nicely.

I have come here last Monday, the 3rd March. The place is very nice, with both sunshine and seaview and fresh air. But the boy Kartikeya has fallen sick and it is apprehended that he is developing appendicitis trouble.

I shall soon return to the mainland and I plan to go to New York the first week of April. Please inform me further of this printing situation on receipt of this letter, and what is being done to remedy the situation. Hope you are well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-3-15

Hawaii
11th March, 1969

My Dear Jaya Pataka,

Please accept my blessings. I am very glad to receive your letter dated February 28, and noted the contents with great pleasure. The transcendental experience which you had during kirtan performance at the Loyala University is very nice. Relishing the transcendental sweetness of Krishna Kirtan is only possible when one is actually advanced, towards perfection. Srila Rupa Goswami used to say, wishing if he had possessed millions of ears, and billions of tongues then he could chant the Hare Krishna mantra a little bit relishably. In the conditioned stage, we chant Hare Krishna mantra officially without any attachment and try to finish the rounds as soon as possible. Sometimes we also forget to chant the prescribed number of rounds. But Haridas Thakur even at the last stage of his life, he was chanting 300,000 beads although Lord Chaitanya personally asked him to not labor so hard. But Haridas Thakur said that he would continue the practice till the end of his life. So that is the position of transcendental taste. Please therefore chant very sincerely with your present aptitude of mind and Krishna will bless you more and more in understanding this secret of transcendental vibration. Of course, sometimes the public may misunderstand such tears of bliss, so we may better have to check it from the vision of ordinary persons.

So far the strange colors, etc., better when you see all these things that you chant and hear; that will help you to understand what they are. (Also, it may be some effects of your past drugs habit.)

So far as painting on the body the Names of the Lord, this is all right. But there is no need of doing that in this country. Simply hearing is sufficient.

Please ask Janardan what is the difficulty in editing BTG in French language. Of course, I received his letters that he was so much busy in so many ways, but still, this is also one of his responsibilities. In the absense of BTG printing, the machine is being used for some other purposes. Of course, when I was in Montreal, I think I gave permission to print some outside work, to get some money, but that does not mean that we should stop our own work, and print something in our press which is against our principles. Please try to convey this news to both Janardan and Dayal Nitai and they may please give attention.

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69-3-16

Hawaii
13th March, 1969

My Dear Yamuna,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your very nice letter, and I am both happy and unhappy on reading it. I am happy to hear from you, but I am unhappy because I hear that for the last three months you are not keeping your good health. I do not know why you should reduce in your health, but after all, this body is external—we should not be very much distrubed with it. It is advised in the Bhagavad Gita that this bodily happiness and unhappiness are temporary, like seasonal changes, so as we are not very much disturbed even in severe cold or scorching heat, we have to execute our daily duties, we may not be very much disturbed with our bodily pains. But because we are long associated with this material body, sometimes we are afflicted, but by higher knowledge we have to tolerate the pains, wisely thinking that these bodily pains are not mine. But I am very much happy for your nice spiritual sentiments. In London

there may be a temple or not, it does not matter; you are doing very nicely, more than having a temple. If Krishna gives us a better temple that is all right, otherwise, your engagement in Kirtan is very very nice. So continue this program in cooperation with your other God-brothers and sisters, and Krishna will make you very happy. You six together are doing so nicely that I am very much proud of you. Be blessed by Lord Sri Chaitanya and go on like this.

I am giving you herewith the transliteration of the song, Sri Krishna Chaitanya Prabhu, along with the meaning. If you have got the record, please practice it with the tune and it will be very nice. I think you have sent the Prasadam formula for Purushottam but he is not with me just now, he is in L.A. I am in Hawaii, so I am sending the formula to him with my next letter.

Another news is that Mother Shama dasi came to L.A. with some of her Guzarti devotees. She appeared to be nice Vaishnavi. And she wants to work in cooperation with me. I have told her that I have no objection but how we shall cooperate, that is to be formulated when we meet next. In the meantime, she has said that she has collected some money from the Indian community in London, perhaps 10,000 pounds, and she is anxious to start a temple there. So you can think over this matter, how we can cooperate with her. You just sit down together all of you. Of course, it is a remote program, but if she purchases a temple, and if we jointly conduct the affairs of the temple, that is not objectionable, but we must strictly follow our principles. Anyway, when she actually purchases a house for the temple and if she invites me I shall go to London and do the needful all together.

In the meantime I am just sending you information. She offered her respect unto me just like her Spiritual Master, several

times she touched my feet, and her devotees contributed \$20. And she contributed \$5. She has got Sri Sri Radha Krishna Murti with her always, and she chants Hare Krishna, so if there is any possibility of cooperating then we shall welcome it. She and her Guzarti devotees have invited me to go to Africa so I told her that if I go to London then I may go to Africa from there. I have in my mind to form a very strong Samkirtan Party in London. Namely, the members who are already there, joined by the L.A. party and some others—some from Montreal, some from New York, to make a strong party of not less than 25 boys and girls. We wish to make a world tour with this Samkirtan Party—that is my ambition. I do not know what is Krishna's desire, but if it is successful, I am sure to push our movement very nicely this will be the way.

Please offer my blessings to all, and be happy.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. Inform Mukunda that I have received his letter with enclosure of Mr. Parikh's letter.

69-3-17

14th March, 1969

[LETTER TO ALL TEMPLES]

“CALIFORNIA HEADQUARTERS
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Sacramento, California 95814

International Society for Krishna

Consciousness

c/o A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

450 1/2 N. Hayworth Avenue

Los Angeles, Calif. 90048

Attention: Swami A. C. Bhaktivedanta
Swami

Dear Swami Bhaktivedanta:

This office is charged with the responsibility of making an administrative determination concerning the status of the International Society of Krishna Consciousness as a religion within the meaning of the Military Selective Service Act of 1967. This question is and will be of importance to your organization and to many of its members. We therefore request that you advise us specifically concerning tenants and principles of your religion and specifying the body of scripture or teachings upon which your organization relies as authority.

If your sect is successful in establishing a “religion” qualification, then it will be necessary for us to determine what constitutes a “minister” and a “ministerial student” within your religion. Since we already have one application for that classification, we would appreciate receiving from you information concerning the following:

1. The names and locations of all seminaries of the church.

2. The names and addresses of all heads of your religious schools.

3. Copies of your offered curriculums.

4. A statement as to the requirements for particular diplomas certifications, or titles, indicating courses to be mastered and the time involved for each diploma, certification and title.

5. A statement as to the rules of conduct and personal standards required by your religion of its ministerial students.

6. If your church has affiliation with any other organized religious body this information should be given.

7. If your church or school has been recognized by any public or institutional accreditation, by whom, and where.

8. Please let us know what your requirements are for a ministerial student in your school in the two following categories: (a) full time and (b) part time.

9. Please state the date your ministerial school began operating, as such, the number of students presently enrolled in each of the categories specified in question 8 above, and the number of students in each particular year or level of advancement.

10. If your ministerial school is co-educational, we would like to know the present number of students of each sex.

11. Please send a roster of your school faculty and indicate the degrees and academic or religious accomplishments possessed by each instructor.

We trust you will understand the nature of this inquiry and will appreciate that such information is essential if we are to accord to your members, that have dealings with this agency, their just rights under the law.

FOR THE STATE DIRECTOR
MALCOLM F. MILLER Lt. Colonel,
USAF (ret.)
"Manpower Officer"

This is my idea of the general plan for the questionnaire: You can work it out more elaborately as may be required.

Q. 1. The names of all seminaries and their locations, as follows:

Q. 2. Heads of religious schools (presidents of temples) and addresses.

Q. 3. Curriculums: Study of Bhagavad Gita As It Is; Srimad Bhagavatam; (3 vol.); Nectar of Devotion; Teachings of Lord Chaitanya; Vendata Sutra. (In this way, arrange the curriculum program around these our books, and the professors, those who have been with us ample time, such as Brahmananda, Hayagriva, Kirtananda, and have also academic qualifications). This is the complete course requiring to study 7 years. When the first exam is given the student making passing grade is given the title of Bhaktishastri, second exam, Bhaktivaibhava, 3rd exam, Bhaktivedanta.

Q. 4. (answered above)

Q. 5. Personal conduct: Our four principles of restriction, no illicit sex, no gambling, no intoxication, no meat eating.

Q. 6. Yes, Goudiya Vaishnava Society in India. 60 missions. Hqtrs. P.O. Mayapur, Dist. Nadia; West Bengal, India.

Q. 7. ?

Q. 8. Requirements are as follows: They should attend class in the mornings from 7 to 8 a.m., then during lunch hold kirtan, then from 12 to 4 samkirtan party, evening arati, and MWF evening classes.

Q. 9. July 1966;/? Registration of the society in New York under the religious act of the state and the copy was submitted to your officer who came to inquire in Los Angeles, and here is the copy of the letter wherein it is admitted that the certificate of incorporation is seen by Mr. R. E. Davis, LTC, AGC, Assistant Area Coordinator.

Q. 10. Yes co-ed. List to be submitted. (list all members of all temples to be sent by all temples, as you request.)

Q. 11. Faculty and degrees and academic or religious accomplishments: (list all names of members who have such, as Brahmananda, Hayagriva, Satyabama, Kirtananda, Lilavati, etc. who have academic background qualifications).

Our religious principle is as old as 5000 years and the whole thing is explained in our recent publication of Bhagavad Gita As It Is, published by MacMillan, of New York and London. If required, a copy of this book may be secured and the whole idea may be grasped. And this is a missionary society for enlightening the people about God-consciousness, which we are preaching as Krishna Consciousness. Our main principles are as follows:

God is the Supreme Lord. The living entities are qualitatively one with God, or in other words, living entities and God

are one in quality, but by quantity, God is great. As such the living entities are eternal servitors and subordinate of God maintained by the Supreme Lord. This relationship is eternal, therefore time is also eternal. There are two kinds of natures, the spiritual nature and the material nature. Material nature is temporary and spiritual nature is permanent; Material nature is simply temporary manifestation within the jurisdiction of spiritual nature. The living entities somehow or other being entrapped by material nature are meeting all kinds of material conditions. His birth death, old age, and diseases are due to his contact with this material nature. The living entity is evolving different kinds of material body numbering 8,400,000 different forms. The human form is a great opportunity for the living entity to understand God, the living entity, time, nature, and different activities. The material activities are temporary, therefore if the living entities are trained to transform his activities from material to spiritual he regains his original spiritual nature. And after such achievements he is promoted to the spiritual world, which is far beyond this visible material sky. All these understandings are based on authentic Vedic knowledge. The Krishna Consciousness movement is for enlightenment of all human beings without any sectarian understanding of faith. Our principle is that the human being has to awaken his dormant love of God. Any religion or faith which teaches this development of dormant love of God is considered as first class religion. There are various types of religious faiths in the world but they are imparted according to the students, or followers, time, place, circumstances, etc. The principle religions of the world are Hinduism, Christianity, Mohammedanism, and Buddhism. Every religion as a matter of principle accepts authority, God being the supreme au-

thority, and His representative also as authority. So we have no quarrel with any type of religion but we simply teach that awaken your dormant love of God which is technically called God consciousness or Krishna Consciousness. We think the whole world or the entire human society is dwindling their faith in God so much so that some of them are declaring God is dead, and some of them are in frustration, manufacturing different kinds of isms, under different names. This state of affairs in the world is not very satisfactory at least for the advanced and civilized human society. IT is essential therefore that scientific God consciousness which we are preaching under the name of Krishna Consciousness, should be broadcast very widely. I came to this country with this mission, because I know that America, although richest nation in the world, still there are so many frustrated youngsters both boys and girls. I started this movement in 1966, single handedly, but by the Grace of God, I have now hundreds of intelligent young student disciples, who have taken up this movement seriously. They are executing the rules and regulations as described in statement 5. And they are feeling happy. Many of them have taken to household life and they are living very peacefully with wife and children, and some of the married couples have gone to England and they have been preaching Krishna Consciousness movement very creditably. So this movement is very precious missionary activities for the present society. I request the government should very scrutinizingly and wisely study this movement without being biased to some stereotyped ideas. It will be good for this country, and for the whole world at large if this movement is seriously taken up and broadcast all over the world by the American people, joined by the English as well. I think my idea and plan is coming to be true very soon because I

have many intelligent and sympathetic disciples, both from America and England.

69-3-18

Hawaii
14th March, 1969

My Dear Prahladananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March the 5th, along with your check for \$30.00 for my book fund. I thank you very much for your this contribution of love. I am just trying to disseminate this message of my Spiritual Master and if there's any credit for this service, everything goes to Him. This message of Krishna Consciousness is coming down from Krishna Himself, and we are all servants of the Supreme Lord working under the consecutive disciplic succession. Please try to understand our philosophy through various books that I have already published and sometimes after you will have to carry out this order of disciplic succession. I am very glad to inform you that I am keeping well here in the atmosphere at Hawaii. The atmosphere here at Hawaii is quite suitable for my health. I am staying on the sea beach side, and the place is also very congenial.

I hope this meets you in good health, and happily executing Krishna Consciousness.

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

69-3-19

Hawaii
14th March, 1969

My Dear Rupanuga,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated the third of March, 1969, and I think I shall be able to go to your center from

Boston. There is an important engagement in Boston on the 24th April, and perhaps next on the 29th and I think after finishing these I can go to your place. So you can fix up your program in consultation with Satsvarupa. The idea of inviting everyone to Samkirtan in a larger meeting hall is very good. Instead of attending small groups of meeting, we can arrange to assemble them at one place—that will be less laborious and more convenient for us.

Prahladananda has sent me a check for \$30 towards my book fund and I am very much thankful to him. I am enclosing the reply of his letter herewith.

Regarding your questions: The spark soul has certainly form which means hands, feet, etc. This we learn from Bhagavad Gita. The body is described there as *Vāsamsi*, which means dress. So unless one has got originally hands and legs, how the dress, coat and pants and shirt, takes such form? Therefore the spirit soul has original form. When he is in the material energy the dress is evolved materially and when he is in the spiritual energy, the dress is evolved spiritually. This is also not very difficult to understand, as our students before coming to my contact, he was supposed to be materially dressed, attached to sense gratification, and after devoting himself in Krishna Consciousness, he is gradually developing a spiritual dress. That means attached to satisfying the senses of the Supreme.

Your second question, how the impersonalists mistake the difference between the soul and the Supersoul—The mistake is due to their obstinacy. The impersonalists masquerade as Vedantists, but actually they are defying Vedanta. In the Vedanta it is clearly said, the Original Source of all being; in the Upanishads it is clearly said that the Supreme is the Supreme being of all living beings. So all the Vedas affirm it vehemently that the Super

Soul and the soul are two different identities, although qualitatively one. But the impersonalists they accept Vedas as authority, but they go against the verdict of the Vedas. Lord Chaitanya has depicted this impersonalist class of men as more dangerous than the Buddhists. The Buddhists plainly declare that they do not accept the authority of the Vedas, but the impersonalists masquerade themselves as followers of Vedas, but actually they are hidden Buddhists. The idea is, if a person is actually fast asleep, it is easier to awake him but if a person pretends to be sleeping but actually is awake, then it is very difficult to wake him up. So from all Shastric point of view, the living entity and the Supreme Lord, or the Supreme Living Entity are always simultaneously different and one. One in quality, and different in quantity. This simple thing is understandable by any common man, but these impersonalists, they will simply invent jugglery of words to mislead innocent people. Therefore Lord Chaitanya has warned not to associate with these impersonalist mayavadis because they will spoil one's life by diverting one from devotional service.

It is very difficult to bring to reason the obstinate impersonalists. For example, Prahlad Maharaj, such a great authority, could not convert his father to devotional service, who preferred death, and still did not agree to accept that God is different from him. So better to avoid the impersonalists as far as possible.

Regarding your third question—“Why are there apparent time-gaps in the line of disciplic succession as listed in the *Bhagavad Gita*? Is Arjuna an instructor Spiritual Master and not an initiator Spiritual Master and therefore not listed?” The time gap mentioned by you is inevitable, because the disciplic succession sometimes becomes disconnected, as we find from the *Bhagavad Gita*. This is the influ-

ence of material energy, and to link it up again, it takes some time. That some time may appear to our calculation a big gap, but in relation with the eternal time, it is not even as instant. So this big gap or small gap of time is relative. Just like our 24 hours and Brahma's 24 hours, there is much difference. Our 24 hours is not even a fraction of his second.

Your fourth question, about the “life force” mentioned in Chap. 4 of the *Bhagavad Gita*; I do not find that page. Please send me the page number in your next letter and I will explain.

Your fifth question, “Is this understanding of verse 18, chap. 4, correct; that the sage sees material activities as zero (inaction in action) and sees the devotee seated chanting as eternally active (action in inaction)?” Yes, action in inaction—action means to do something of which the result is enjoyed by the doer; that is action. But when things are done for Krishna, the result is enjoyed by Krishna. When we put ourselves in the position of enjoying good or bad reaction, then we suffer or enjoy. But action in Krishna Consciousness has nothing to do with such material suffering or enjoying. Therefore action in Krishna Consciousness is inaction, whereas a person doing nothing materially may appear to be inaction to others, but actually he is doing something for Krishna. In other words, the materialist thinks of the devotees as inactive. Similarly, the devotees think of the karmis as inactive—simply spoiling time, building sandcastles.

Your sixth, “Is it that the Supersoul controls every movement in this world through the agency of Maya and the inferior energy according to the desires of the dreamer-jiva?” Yes.

Your seventh question, “How is it that there is so much material “advancement” in the USA even though there is no formal demi-god worship? Is a man after

economic development automatically worshipping Lord Shiva whether he is making Yajna or not?" Actually there is no material advancement in the USA. Material advancement means there is amply opportunity for eating, sleeping, mating, and defending. Superficially, it appears that in the USA there is sufficient provision of eating, sleeping, mating and defending, but actually nobody is safe even in his good apartment. I have got practical experience in New York. Several times my typewriter and tape recorders were stolen and the police could not take any action. There are many persons in the Bowery street, they have no shelter to live. So if a certain fraction of the people are supposed to be very materially happy at the cost of others, that is not material advancement. Had it been so, then why there are so many persons confused and frustrated? So actually there is no material advancement here. Here, I am seeing practically that Goursundar, such a nice intelligent and qualified boy, he has to work hard 12 hours simply for his subsistence. I think there are many instances like that, so this is not material advancement. You can call it capitalist advancement, and the reaction for such advancement is communism. Such movement is simply suppressed in your country, but actually the reaction is this. So the Western type of civilization, industrialism and capitalism, is no material advancement. It is material exploitation. When one gets the bare necessities of life, namely peaceful home, sumptuous eating, necessary sex life, and feeling of security, then it is called material advancement. In the absence of such four preliminary necessities of life, it is not at all material advancement—just try to understand. According to Vedic civilization, a man is supposed to be rich when he has got sufficient grains and cows. Here we have neither sufficient grains or cows, but

you have got sufficient quantity of papers only—falsely thinking that it is money. When there is some catastrophe, this bunch of papers will neither supply milk or grain. They will be seen only and the man will starve.

Your eighth, "How can I explain how the light and heat from the single sun in this universe is able to reach so far? Is it a question of the receptivity of different planets?" We can see one sun only. So it is simply speculation whether there is one or more suns. But we get from authority of Shashtra that there is one sun, in each universe, and the stars and moon reflects the light of this sun. There is one sun in the daytime, and it illuminates so nicely that all darkness is gone. But at night, you may argue, if these stars are so many suns, then why the darkness is still there??"

Your ninth, "You once said that in case of a strong rush of sex desire to think of the Gopies, the Dearmost to Lord Krishna. Is there another help in case of anger or harshness?" Yes, think of Krishna, how He was angry on Hiranyaksasipu and nobody could pacify Him, even Brahma with beautiful hymns. In anger also we can think of Krishna.

I hope this meets you all in good health, and I shall be looking forward to seeing Mr. Eric very soon, how nicely he is chanting and dancing. Your appreciation of the Bhagavad Gita As It Is is very much encouraging to me, and I thank you. Hope you are all happy,

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-3-20

Hawaii

15th March, 1969

My Dear Tamal Krishna and Vishnujana,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your long letter dated February 10, 1969, along with Purushottam's

letter of the same date, and I shall reply conveniently. In the meantime, I am enclosing herewith the certificates and letters duly signed by me, and as you need them urgently I am dispatching them first.

Regarding the mangos: Govinda dasi misled me—the mangos are not yet ripened. There are many mango trees, but the fruit will not be ripened until late May or June. So for now there is no abundant supply of nice mangos. So I shall soon be returning to the mainland for my engagements in New York, in Boston, and elsewhere.

Hope this meets you all in good health.
Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-3-21

Hawaii

15th March, 1969

Hamburg

My Dear Krishna das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of March 2, 1969, along with the German handbill, which appears to be very nicely presented. I could not read anything save and except the known lines of Hare Krishna, and A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami. So the press work is started and I am sure as soon as Jaya Govinda arrives in Germany the press work will go on in full swing. Jaya Govinda is very much anxious for the press work at your end because he writes like this: "I think of the printing press lying idle (as far as I know) in Germany, and as printing and the graphic arts field is what I have the greatest amount of experience and training in, that seems to be the place for me to go." This means he is very anxious to come to Germany and I am glad to learn from your letter also that you are trying to get him in Germany by the end of this week. This means perhaps you have already arranged for his come back

to Germany. If not, please do it immediately because it will be a great help to our German center, and I am sure you will be able to start BTG in our press there in the German language immediately on his arrival.

Regarding other points, that there are many people living in German villages and when you distribute BTG in German, if you go from village to village then at that time you will make my mission successful. You are very sincere worker and I am sure Krishna will give you the required strength for this preaching work.

I am sorry to learn that you are also attacked with the flu fever as most of the boys in this country are also attacked this past winter. So this attack of Maya's agent is not very uncommon. When Krishna Himself was present He was being attacked by Maya's agent almost everyday during His childhood. When He was just born, within three months, he was attacked by Putana. When He was a little grown then He was attacked by Saktaswa, then by Trinavarta, then Hagha, Makasu, then Kaliya, then Godavarsu, and so on. So the Maya's agents does not let go even Krishna, then what to speak of Krishna's devotees. They will act in their own way, but as Krishna miraculously saved Himself from the hands of all these demons, similarly, He will always save His devotees. He has declared in the Gita, "My Dear Son of Kunti, just declare it to the whole world that my devotees will never be vanquished. Therefore your only business is how to become pure devotee of Lord Krishna. Then everything is all right. Please remember this truth always, and do your duty for strongly pushing on this Krishna Consciousness movement in Germany, in cooperation with Shivananda, Uttama Sloka, and Jaya Govinda, who I think might have already joined you. So far my going there, it is not very important thing—I may go or not go, my

beloved spiritual sons are there, and they are acting very nicely. That is my great satisfaction. I am glad to learn that the local Indian community is also cooperating with you. Actually my ambition is to form a strong Samkirtan party and travel all over Europe, and then in Africa, Asia, India, and Japan, etc. This is my thought. Please try to give it effect. I am glad to learn that the temple is looking very nice. And as soon as you get at least \$100 extra, I shall ask you immediately to get some temple goods from India; when you are ready with the money, I shall let you know farther on this matter.

I have received from London pictures, and it appears things are going there also very nice. No letter from you is useless for me—they are all important. And you can write as long a letter as you can. I shall read them carefully with attention in spite of my various duties always. Regarding the tape lecture which you requested, I have got the copy in L.A. most probably, so I shall have to send it to you when I get back to the mainland.

All the devotees are very much thankful here for your good wishes, and they also are hoping all is going well there for you, and are feeling your separation as well.

I hope you are all feeling happy and well in Krishna Consciousness.

Your ever-well wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-3-22

Hawaii
16th March, 1969

My Dear Adwaita,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter of March 6, 1969, and I am so glad to know that you are feeling the Lord's mercy being given your engagement of printing Krishna Consciousness propaganda literature. I

think we shall have to open the press immediately because the business transaction with DiaNippon is not very prospective. If we have our own press we become completely independent in the matter of printing. The difficulty of printing in your country has increased on account of higher wages of the workers. But as we are now training our own men, I think we shall be able to print our books and magazines in lesser cost than in Japan. Now the practical experience is that for printing one book, TLC, this DiaNippon has delayed so much. So I do not find any good prospect of printing our books in the DiaNippon. So if you are confident our press can now be successfully run; if you are confident that now you can conduct our press, just to print our books and magazines with the help of your other God-brothers, just try to think over the matter very seriously. And when we meet together next in April, we shall finally decide about this. If we have got our own press then we shall print at least four books yearly, and 50,000 magazines every month. Then you will have ample opportunity for printing Krishna Consciousness literature. So we have now fully equipped staff, editorial, printers, binders, and managers, and Krishna will be financier. So I think there is no more scarcity of anything and let us begin the job as soon as possible. You just consult amongst your God-brothers and I shall be glad to know how much money you can spare for the purchase of a nice press and other equipments. So I think there is possibility of asking Hayagriva for acquiring the balance money. I am also very glad that you have approved New Vrindaban as the right site for our activities, and printing work, and that will be very nice thing. We have got our project of constructing seven temples in New Vrindaban. And unless we get money from any other source, we have to earn this money by our

press activities. So your responsibility is going to be very heavy. You have to give us nice printed books, and magazines, literature, and the sales organization will be done by Brahmananda, as he is contemplating to separate the department into ISKCON books for promoting the sale of our publications. This is very nice idea. So let us conjointly serve Krishna with our life, money, intelligence, and words, and this is the recommendation of Srimad Bhagavatam for fulfilling the mission of human life. I hope you are both in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

69-3-23

Hawaii
16th March, 1969

My Dear Gopal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 7, 1969, and thank you very much for it. I am sorry I could not acknowledge receipt of your money, but it was deposited in the bank less \$3.00, and some cents—about \$4.00. So, next time when you send me your contribution you can send it in American dollars. Otherwise, they deduct some exchange difference. You can send me always your long letters—it is very pleasing to me. And I am so glad that you want to chant 16 rounds of Hare Krishna Mantra every day. And you can chant immediately, but you should also, at the same time, follow strictly the four principles of restraint and avoid the 10 kinds of offenses in the matter of chanting, it will be quickly effective. I'm very glad to learn that you have vowed to follow these four principles, as far as you can in your lifetime. And because you are so sincerely trying to push yourself in the matter of Krishna Consciousness, Krishna is giving you some intelligence also and you are thinking in so many nice

ways in the matter of serving the Lord. I am so glad to learn it. You are returning to India by August of 1970—do you think that you will not come back again in Canada? If so then I shall give you some work which you can nicely perform in India, informing them about the Krishna Consciousness movement in the Western countries. To tell you frankly, one of the objects of my missionary activities is to bring to notice of the educated Indian public that devotional service originated from the Indian side in its pure form, propounded by educated public and the leaders of Indian people specifically are deliberately violating all the principles of India's original spiritual culture, in the name of secular state. When India was divided into Hindustan and Pakistan, there was good opportunity for the Hindu Indians to follow strictly the principles of Bhagavad Gita, and the state religion should have been declared Krishna Consciousness. Mahatma Gandhi was a great advocate of Bhagavad Gita, and when he was alive I requested him to preach but I did not receive any favorable reply from him, because he was too much politically contaminated. So anyway, taking consideration of India's present governmental policy, in the matter of educated public opinion, I do not think that in India there is any immediate possibility of spreading Krishna Consciousness very seriously. Under the circumstances, if you go to India, you have to make some propaganda against this attitude of the government and the public. Your desire for opening many temples is very laudable, but unless you prepare some temple worshippers then the temples will remain vacant. So in this age, it is more important to create devotees than to construct temples. My Guru Maharaj advised me to give more stress on literary work such as publishing books and magazines in Krishna Consciousness, and temple opening is a secondary

consideration. I am just trying to open some temples in the Western countries because there is none. So far India is concerned, still there are millions of temples, but gradually the number of temple worshippers is diminishing. Perhaps you know that recently within 50 years, our capital New Delhi has developed tremendously, but the constructor of the New Delhi city has not erected even a single temple. So this is the tendency. Neither it is recommended in the scriptures to give more stress on temple building. The best thing is in this age to propagate this Samkirtan movement. So I shall be very glad to utilize your energy in this Krishna Consciousness movement as you are willing volunteer.

May Krishna bless you with more Krishna Consciousness activities, and you will feel a glorious life by Krishna's Grace. I wish that all your good desires may be fulfilled without delay.

Thanking you once more,

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-3-24

Hawaii

16th March, 1969

My Dear Jadurany,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of March 10, 1969. And I am glad to learn that you are feeling somewhat healthier. Now you have requested to begin working, but I think you shall just suspend your activities at least for one month more. By that time I shall be in Boston, and I shall examine you personally then I shall do the needful. In the meantime, you can sit down silently, and increase your number of chanting. That is your work for the time being. And now as you have Deity in the temple you can rise very early in the morning for Mongol arotik. I hope you are following

all the Deity worship rulings. That is necessary.

I am happy to hear that you are all appreciating the new record album "Govinda", and I have good hopes of it selling nicely to so many American and European people.

I hope you are feeling stronger day by day, and please convey my blessings to all your God-brothers and God-sisters there with you.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-3-25

Hawaii

18th March, 1969

My Dear Nanda Kishore,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your very nice poetry; I am reading it again and again and I shall most probably arrange to publish it in BTG. The devotees here also have very much appreciated it, and I may encourage to do more writing of poetry and even articles for our BTG magazine. I hope you are all well and happy there, and please convey my blessings to all your God-brothers and sisters there.

Your ever-well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-3-26

Hawaii

18th March 1969

My Dear Hayagriva,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your nice long letter of March 12, 1969, and have noted the contents carefully. I hope by Krishna's Grace all will work out nicely with your job arrangements. I am glad to learn that your yoga society is going on nicely. Regarding Pradyumna: I shall write to him in this connection, and when I come there in

May, I shall see the situation and make the suitable arrangements as necessary.

Regarding Srimad Bhagavatam: No it is not possible to delete so much of the books. We will print it ourselves. We do not find any special facility being published by MacMillan, so we shall publish on our own press. That is the best idea. And Brahmananda is organizing a special department for book selling.

So far I understand, Naranarayan will arrive and I shall send also Vamandev. Most probably Vamandev and Murari will go there so you will have ample hands to construct buildings. In the meantime, when I go there we shall do things according to plan and with the help of these boys who are our carpenters. My ambition is that we shall have all editorial staff, all artisans, and conduct our press there to print at least four books yearly and 50,000 copies of BTG.

So far Shama dasi is concerned, she is very good girl, and I am very much pleased to hear that she is typing so nicely the Srimad Bhagavatam. You are good couple, work combinedly in this way. I am disturbed to hear she is feeling some chest pain and fainting, but I do not know what is the matter . . . it is all right if she wants to rest, and can go to her Grandfather's house not far away.

So far the living arrangement is concerned, the Grihasthas should be given chance to live together as husband and wife. If not, then all the girls can stay in a place and all the boys can stay in a place, if there is not sufficient space.

So far the Brahmacharies, you cannot check the association with householders. But their living should be separate. Kirtananda Maharaj may be the supreme authority for the New Vrindaban center, but the management should be entrusted to the Brahmacharies and next the Grihasthas. He should not directly interfere with the management—he can simply give di-

rection and the Brahmacharies and Grihasthas can carry out the management.

During Kirtan time, all members should assemble together. Only at night they should live separately. And Kirtananda Maharaj should live and associate with Brahmacharies. Best thing is that he should be completely aloof from everyone, and assisted by one Brahmachary. But he should be the man in charge to give direction. So far as the two of you working in conjunction, you and Kirtananda Maharaj, whatever is practical can be adopted in this connection.

I shall most probably reach there by the 10th of May, and if not called by London, then I may live there all summer to construct New Vrindaban, and the press affairs.

I hope you are all well, and please convey my blessings to Shama dasi, and all the students there, and I shall be happy to see you in May.

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

69-3-27

Hawaii
18th March, 1969

My dear Hrishikesh,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for you very nice note enclosed with Hayagriva's letter. I am so glad to learn that you are reading my Bhagavad Gita As It Is with great interest, and I hope if you kindly read my books carefully that all your spiritual desires will be fulfilled. And you are in the right place for doing this, in New Vrindaban, and I shall be happy to meet with you again when I arrive there in May.

Thanking you once more for your nice letter, and hope you are well.

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

69-3-28

Hawaii
18th March, 1969

My Dear Himavati,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated February 21, 1969, along with the Deity dress. It has come to me late on account of changing places so quickly and the statement given by you in the matter of worshipping the Deity is super excellent. Please continue this system and Krishna will bestow upon you all blessings. If one attains perfection in Deity worship, that is called Archan Siddhi. Archan Siddhi means simply by Deity worship one goes back to Godhead, immediately after this life. So this Archan Siddhi program is given in the Narada Pancharatra especially for the householders. Householders cannot undergo strict disciplinary activities of austerities, therefore for every householder the path of Archan Siddhi is very much recommended. According to Vedic system, all householders are ordered to keep Deity at home and follow strictly the worshipment process. That makes the home pure, body pure, mind pure, and quickly promotes one to the pure platform of spiritual life. The temple is also specially meant for the householders. In India, in every town, in every village, in every neighborhood, still there are Vishnu temples for the convenience of the surrounding householders. So I am pleased that you are ideal householder. And you are doing very nicely combined together husband and wife. Please do it as you are doing and gradually Krishna will give you all facility.

Regarding Vedanta Sutra tapes, please ask Hansadutta to send me the copies of transcription so that I can make another tape. If I read the copy then it gives me impetus to write further.

I am enclosing herewith one copy of letter from one German gentleman. I

could not read it. So will you send me the English translation of this letter. And if possible you can write to him that this letter has been received very late by Swamiji Maharaj, so you acknowledge receipt of the letter immediately. In the meantime, on receipt of the translation, I shall reply.

Hope you are well,

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-3-29

Hawaii
18th March 1969

My Dear Tamal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 14, 1969 and I am so glad to learn that everyone in L.A. is working very hard. And Krishna Consciousness is so nice that you are aspiring for still more work. That is the sign of spiritual life. In the material world we want to minimize our activities and take rest more but in the spiritual world, there is no rest and there is no limit of activities. Krishna is unlimited, His service is unlimited, and the energy of His servants is unlimited. Although we are in the midst of ignorance, still if we keep ourselves alert there is no place of ignorance. I am glad that you have deposited \$100 in the Bank of America for your consignment of goods. A similar consignment is being followed by Honolulu, and it is good that you are saving money for paying me \$750.00 for 5000 BTG's coming out sometime in the month of June. Yes, the money if it is paid by the first of June it is all right. As you always desire to help me in my missionary ambition, so also I am praying always to Krishna that the boys and girls who have stretched their helping hand in this country in this connection may always be in good health and continue to assist me in my missionary activities. I am so glad to

learn that you are prepared to work even harder, as a forward soldier, to fight the Maya. May Krishna give you more and more strength.

Hope your are well,
Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-3-30

Hawaii
19th March, 1969

My Dear Madhavi Lata dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your telegram dated March 13, 1969, and am glad to hear from you. You have sent a very nice proposal, and if you can organize a Brahmacharini department, and manage it, the idea is very nice. But I am afraid you are not fixed up enough to carry on so much responsibility.

Best thing will be if you can engage your time and energy fully in chanting and in painting nice pictures. You are very talented girl, and you can paint very super excellent pictures, I have seen it. Now the thing is that we are opening new branches all over the world, and we require so many pictures in our temples so that people may come and see and be attracted by the Beauty of Krishna. That is needed. The people today are fascinated by so much of the glimmering so called beauty of the external energy, and there is necessity of seeing beautiful pictures of Krishna and His devotees and His Pastimes, in order to attract them to the spiritual process. So this is a great service, and there is urgent need for such paintings. Our Jadurany has done so many nice pictures, and they are distributed amongst our temples, but still there is shortage of supply. and she is now sick, and unable to work very swiftly due to her health condition. So I request you to

simply sit down wherever you are, and paint nice pictures for being distributed to all centers. This will help you, and it will help others as well.

I shall be happy to hear from you at your convenience, and I hope you are feeling well,
Your ever-well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-3-31

Hawaii
19th March, 1969

My Dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I am replying your letter of March 14, 1969. My present program stands as follows: I am starting on the 31st March to S.F. and then on the 7th of (approx.) April I am starting for New York. And from N.Y. around about the 23rd of April I am going to Boston. So your fixed program on the 24th, and the 29th of April, and 3rd and 4th of May may be fixed up immediately.

So you can arrange for the meeting at the Entertainment club The Ark, and make it as big as possible, as you say that the place can hold up to 1800 people and they saw me in San Francisco, and are eager to see me and have a talk there. On the 6th of May, I think I shall have to be present in Buffalo. And around about the 10th of May, I shall have to be present in New Vrindaban or Columbus, Ohio.

Regarding Jadurany: I think she can come here alone and stay with Govinda dasi for around two months. The present place will be changed probably by the middle of May, and things will have to all get set up accordingly. So you can arrange things directly in correspondence with Govinda dasi, and she will be happy to receive her when all is ready. So far as yourself, you have to remain separate from

your wife for maybe two months, because you cannot leave Boston.

Regarding the tape, you have sent me tape no. 6, so the no. 7 is there, and no. 8 is also there. I am glad to note your arguments with the Yoga meeting people. Actually this so-called yoga system and meditation that is so much popular in your country is bogus. But if we speak the naked truth to the people, sometimes they may get angry. Because unpalatable truth is not tolerated. If we call a black man black, he will be angry because it is unpalatable. So we have to present our case very carefully. The best way of presentation will be like this: (1) Yoga system is recommended in the Bhagavad Gita, (2) It is approved system, (3) But it is not suitable for ordinary man, especially in this age of Kali, (4) The so-called yoga system practiced by the people of this age is not bonafide. They cannot follow all the rules and regulations of yoga practice, (5) Therefore it is conclusive that so called yoga followers are simply cheated and they are wasting their time. I have already explained these points in the Samkya yoga chapter of the Bhagavad Gita As It Is, so you read them carefully and present it, point by point, in suitable occasions.

I have already replied Jadurany's letter. Regarding her offenses, I do not remember when she committed offenses, and even though she might have done so, I excuse her 100 times, without any hesitation. So she has nothing to bother about it. I have given her instruction not to work in her last letter, and we shall discuss it further when I shall arrive there. When she shall come to this place Hawaii she will have ample opportunity for Krishna Kirtan on the beach, and the fresh ocean air and warm nourishing sunshine will be good for her.

I hope this meets you in good health, and please continue caring for Jadurany nicely and we shall see the position when I

shall arrive there very soon.

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

N. B. For Dr. _____ letter you may ask immediately Purushotam at L.A. The letter is _____ . ACB

69-3-32

Hawaii
19th March, 1969

My Dear Tosan Krishna and Bhurijana,

Please accept my blessings. I am very happy to be in receipt of your nice letter of March 6, 1969, and thank you very much for it. Yes, you are two ideal ones for preaching there, and I can understand that things are going very nicely. This is very much encouraging to me. Hold Kirtans and serve Prasadam, and gradually people will come, more and more. That is the program. And you are both sincere students, and very intelligent boys, and Krishna will supply you all facility for your preaching work if you try sincerely.

Please keep me informed how things are progressing as I shall be very much anxious to hear from you. And I hope you are both feeling well and happy,

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

N. B. I am sending today the letter to your draft board, and I am enclosing the copy of it herewith, for your reference, and I hope this will serve the purpose nicely.

69-3-33

Hawaii
19th March, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated March 15, 1969, with enclosures. Regarding

L. A. consignment:* It has nothing to do with your business. I have already advised them to send their bill separately and the payment also will be made separately. It has nothing to do with your transaction. You just complete your transaction with them about balance money due from them. This is the idea.

The application which you have sent for filling up appears to be little puzzling for me. So far I understand from the statement, I shall have to stay there in N. Y. but I do not know whether I shall be able to stay for such long time as 7 or 15 weeks.

Therefore, I think the best thing will be if you take up this class—that will be nice—because you are residing there.

Regarding MacMillan Company, if they have not replied your letter, then forget. We shall publish our own books. You organize the sales promotion. Neither I want to shorten the Srimad Bhagavatam. We should not count on them—let us try for our own publications.

I have received the dust cover of Teachings of Lord Chaitanya, but I think the paper is not as polished, as shiny, as the first one was.

Hoping you are well,

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

*through the United Shipping Corporation.

If Dia Nippon is not very definite about printing my books neither it is possible for being published by Macmillian Co., then the next alternative is to start our own Press. And you organize the sales.

Enclosed one letter for _____. Please hand it over to her. By the end of the month I shall go to S.F. & by the 7th of next month I shall go to N. Y.

69-3-34

Hawaii

20th March, 1969

Local Board No. 40
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RE: THOMAS GRITTON ALLIN III
4-40-50-437
(TOSAN KRISHNA DAS
BRAHMACHARY)

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THOMAS GRITTON ALLIN III (TOSAN KRISHNA DAS BRAHMACHARY) is my bonafide initiated student. He is being trained under me to become an ordained Minister of Religion in the KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS (God Consciousness) SOCIETY, and he is studying regularly the following books: (1) *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*, (2) *Srimad Bhagavatam*, (3) *The Teachings of Lord Chaitanya*, and other allied literatures. He is also preaching this perfect religious process amongst university students.

MY INITIATED STUDENTS ARE STRICTLY FORBIDDEN TO INDULGE in the following principles of degradation: (1) All forms of intoxication, including coffee, tea, cigarettes, drugs, alcohol, etc. (2) The eating of animal foods, such as meat, fish, and eggs. Rather, their diet consists of Prasadam, especially offered foodstuffs (vegetarian), (3) Unmarried sex indulgence, (4) Gambling, or idle sports of any sort. Their lives are dedicated to serving God, and as such, they have no time to squander on unbeneficial activities or non-Godly activities.

SOME OF MY STUDENTS HAVE BEEN CLASSIFIED IN THE 4D CLASS or Ministerial Order prior to this

by the Selective Service System.

ACB

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
CHIEF MINISTER OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR
KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS

69-3-35

Hawaii

20th March, 1969

My Dear Rayrama,

Please accept my blessings. Your letter dated March 11, 1969 is in hand, and I have noted the contents. regarding Hawaii: Certainly it is very nice place, the climate is milder and there is much fresh air from the ocean and sunshine, and the sceneric position is also beautiful. I would have immediately developed a colony for press operation, but unfortunately there is no facility for conducting a press here at present. But so far I can think, your editorial staff must be situated where we have got our own press. I do not know whether it is Krishna's desire that we should start our press immediately—but the circumstances give me to understand that we must start our press immediately. Because the negotiations with Dia Nippon are very much prolonging. I am thinking very seriously if we can print the 20,000 or more copies of BTG in our own press, as well as at least 4 books (the size of my Srimad Bhagavatam) in a year. That should be our future program, backed by our Samkirtan parties moving all over the world. So for this proposal we have got our land already in New Vrindaban; so I do not know whether it is feasible but I wish to concentrate there in New Vrindaban the major portion of our activities. These Hawaiian islands are very beautiful but at present there is no facilities for working out our scheme—whereas we have land in New Vrindaban. I am encouraging Goursun-

dar and Govinda dasi to try to develop in this side another place, as New Nabadwip. So just immediately there is no possibility of operating our press in the islands, but in future we shall see. But if there is too much difficulty to work out the Nabadwip plan then I may call back Goursundar and Govinda dasi to New Vrindaban, for working as part of the BTG staff. In California there is also good place for working for operating press, but we have not got our own place there either. I have heard it from Dindayal that it may be possible to get a house in San Francisco Bay Area, expected to be donated by a devotee lady. So I am going there and see how that is possible. So far your staff arrangement is concerned I think you have got nice staff to assist you, and Hayagriva has also written you to consult how you can work jointly. I think for Krishna's sake we shall try to work together even at the risk of little personal inconvenience. Our foremost concern is Krishna. If Krishna's service is well done, then we should try to forget our personal inconveniences. I know you are already advanced in this type of Krishna Consciousness, and Krishna will give you intelligence more and more, but you stick to this principle as you have taken your life's vow to improve BTG. That is my request. That will make you victorious in achieving Krishna's blessings. So I am coming very soon to New York by the end of the first week of April, and we shall chalk out our program. In the meantime try to recoup your health, depending on Krishna, because after all, He is the ultimate Master of all situations. It is not the doctor, or the medicine, or the place, but it is ultimately Krishna Who is the Master to do every thing. With this viewpoint we shall go forward. It will also be better if Goursundar and Govinda dasi are within the staff of BTG activities, but to adjust these things, we require Krishna's help.

Your index idea for Bhagavad Gita is

very nice. If we continue to get our printed matters from Dia Nippon then certainly it will be very much convenient if the whole staff comes here to Hawaii, as it is nearer, but if we have to change the printing work to our own press, then we have to reconsider the whole idea. So let us depend on Krishna and hope for the best arrangement by Him.

I hope this meets you in better health, and please convey my blessings to all the boys and girls there in N. Y.

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

P.S. Enlist the following name in the list of complimentary B. T. G. in India

Tridandi Swami B.R. Padmanabha
Maharaj

P.O. Bouria DR: Howrah. West
Bengal, India.

Also jointly carry on the Sankirtan Party and forget all other part spirit.

On the other side you will find a poetry composed by me in 1935 on the occasion of my Spiritual Masters birthday. This poetry was found in the India House Library at London by Gurudas. I was searching after it and my master has rewarded me of this after so long a time (34 years). Please publish it in B. T. G.

ACBS

69-3-36

Hawaii
21st March, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda, Hayagriva,
Tamal Krishna, Woomapati, Dayananda,

Please accept my blessings. Enclosed you will find the copy of a letter received by me from the draft board. Please read over it and decide what is to be done. You can consult together on this matter and get whatever information is required by them.

And let me know in your next letter about the matter.

Hope this meets you in good health,
Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

CC: New York, Los Angeles, New Vrindaban

P.S. I think I will have to reply to the Draft board by next week.

69-3-37

Hawaii
21st March, 1969

My Dear Tamal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. Your letter dated March 18th by special delivery is in hand and it is so gratifying that you have already saved \$600 for the improvement of the temple. So I am very much pleased. Go on working like this and Krishna will give you ample money—there is no scarcity. Regarding the change of altar, you can do it later on, but your making up the feast room you can take care of immediately, because I understand that 70 or 80 people are coming to eat Love Feast. So if you decorate that room nicely, necessary equipment being there, it will attract more people. Regarding changing altar, I think you should postpone it for the time being unless you get Radha Krishna Deity from India. Immediately there is no need of change of altar—when the Deity is arrived I shall give you suggestion how to do it. In the meantime, a throne may be prepared just on the sample drawing by Murlidhar. My thanks are due to Murlidhar for designing the throne which I have received. Here both Goursundar and Govinda dasi have very much appreciated the design, and they also convey their thanks to him. Your decision to fix up the feast room first is approved by me.

I think on the receipt of this letter you will be able to finish it by the 30th of

March. Yes, perform Lord Ramachandra's Birthday as gorgeously as possible. Some of the particular functions just like Lord Krishna's Birthday, Lord Chaitanya's Birthday, Lord Ramachandra's Birthday, and Lord Nrisinghadev's Appearance Day, all should be observed very nicely.

I am also very glad to learn that one Brahmachary has joined you. Please keep him nicely, because Maya's strength is very strong. I have received letter from Birbhadra and I am so glad that he writes so nicely. The certificate of his initiation is enclosed herewith.

Hope you are well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-3-38

Hawaii
21st March, 1969

My Dear Mr. Windisch,

Please accept my blessings. I am very much pleased to receive your letter dated March 18. Your writing in the second paragraph is so much encouraging for me and your appreciation of devotees like Upen-dra and Ananda is super excellent. Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu taught us this lesson—one who appreciates a sincere devotee is eligible to approach the Supreme Personality of Godhead. I am so glad to learn that you are prepared to come to L.A. but in the meantime I have come here to Hawaii. I am returning to San Francisco by the 31st of March, and if you kindly see me on or before the 6th of April, 1969, there in S.F., with Barbara if possible, it will be very good opportunity to talk in detail about your future service. Your suggestion to return to Germany and engage yourself in the translating and publishing work of the books and magazines in German language is very much

welcome; because you are a sincere soul and trying to serve Krishna sincerely, He is giving you good intelligence from within.

Hope to see you again and we shall talk more when we meet. Hope you are well,

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-3-39

Hawaii
22nd March, 1969

My Dear Dinesh,

Please accept my blessings. I am sorry that I could not acknowledge receipt of your albums which I duly received, although I could not play them for want of machine. But I have received Mukunda's opinion about it. He says that it is super excellent to say the least. They are going to have it played by the BBC in London. Similarly, Govinda dasi is going to play it here in such important station. We are going there this morning for about an hour of music and discussion on the station here. So I hope you will be successful in your adventure.

Regarding Shyama s kirtan; it is also nice. But it does not behoove that I shall sing with her. Let us see how much she is advanced in Krishna Consciousness. And then we shall think of full cooperation.

Hope you are well, and convey my blessings to Krishna devi and your daughter.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. I have also received on letter from Krishna devi and your picture of Birbhadra. It is very nicely posed. ___ great-grandchild of Srimad _____ Das Balaji. Thanks.

When Purushottam will go to S.F., you will send me the tape-recorder with him.

69-3-40

Hawaii
23rd March, 1969

My Dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter. I am very much pleased to note the list of engagements you have submitted, and I can see you have been working very hard to secure so many opportunities for spreading K. C. Yes, within those days stated in your letter of March 20th you can add more engagements as you like. I have no objection. I have not yet received word from Rupanuga, in this connection, but you can plan on your program as it is set up. In N. Y. we have got engagement and they are paying \$100 for a meeting, so you try to settle fees not less than \$50 per lecture. So you can engage the whole duration of my stay there, and I shall deliver every day one lecture.

Regarding Jadurany's coming here, Govinda and Goursundar will consult with you, and when things are duly set up, she may come here for some time. They will write you in this connection.

I hope you are well, and that Jadurany is resting nicely; I am hoping she will soon be recovered and be able to again feel in good health, so let us see.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

My dear Dwananda,

Please accept my blessings. Regarding your letter asking me permission for taking prasadam comprising, fruits, nuts, milk product and green leaf vegetables,—if the _____ to your health for rendering service to Krishna with more energy, then you must take such Prasad instead of cooked food. If required you can take raw cereals soaked in water over night that is also good. The thing is you must accept such

food as will keep you fit. Not more nor less that is the injunction of Lord Krishna in the B.G. Hope you are well.

Yours etc.

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-3-41

Hawaii
23rd March, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of March 19, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. Yes, you can accept the class on the 8th instant in the City College. I am going to S.F. on the 31st, so on receipt of your passage money, I shall start on the 7th April, reaching N.Y. sometimes in the evening. And I shall be glad to meet the people from the New College while I am there, as well as Seton Hall College. I would like \$100 per lecture.

So far BTG advertisement is concerned, we can accept advertisement in this way—that only two lines shall be mentioned of the name and address of the advertiser, as follows: This space donated by such and such. That means we can add their name and address only, and the nature of their business. The charges for this sort of advertisement should be inside \$100 and when on the cover page, \$200. In other words, if they are prepared to pay \$200 per month, then we can publish one Krishna picture with these lines only (two lines), that this space is donated by such and such. Henceforward, we shall very much be cautious to accept bonafide advertisement, if we do accept it at all.

Regarding Brijbasi printing our books: I do not think they can compete with the Japanese people, at least in the matter of make-up. Because I know there is only one or two presses in India who can actually do very nice work, and I do not expect any first class work at least for books, in

the Brijbasi press. Besides that, from our past dealings with them it is our experience that they took too long to supply our pictures, more than a year. This means the management is not very efficient. I think therefore the proposal is not practical. If the Japanese people do not agree to print on our terms then the next step is to start our own press without any controversy.

Yes, we must set up our society as a school as best we can—I have already sent you letter. Please formulate the whole curriculum because we have to immediately submit to the Draft department and if this is accepted that will be great gain for our society. 'Bhaktishastrī' is awarded after extensive study of Bhagavad Gita, Easy Journey, and Nectar of Devotion. 'Bhaktibaibhava' is awarded after study of Vedanta Sutra and Srimad Bhagavatam on a preliminary basis; and 'Bhaktivedanta' the highest title, is awarded after extensive study of Chaitanya Charitamrita. (TLC)

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69-3-42

Hawaii

23rd March, 1969

My Dear Dayal Nitai,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your very nice letter of March 19th, and I can understand how you are feeling. Yes, you must fix up in your mind to spread this message to the French population with our BTG and other books, that is my request. I thank you for sending me the second copy of BTG French edition. So now my only request to you, and especially both to you and Janardan, that you kindly regularly publish one issue every month of this French BTG. That will make you very much happy and will make me always very much happy. And Krishna will bestow all blessings to you in this endeavor. In this connection, if you think that by

printing the yogi literature you will get some monetary help, then I give you permission that you can print it. But my standing request is this: Amongst yourselves there should not be any disagreement. Whatever you do, you do it by joint consultation. Because our center of activities is Krishna, for Krishna's sake we can sacrifice our life, wealth, words, intelligence, everything. Of course, as individuals, we have sometimes disagreements, but that should be adjusted keeping our central attention to Krishna. So what is done is done; hence forward, you do everything jointly and we shall put out at least one issue of BTG French edition every month—even it may consist of one printed page only, still it must be published once monthly. That is my desire. It is better undoubtedly to have a full magazine as our English edition BTG, but if you have no time, or you are doing this or that, then do not neglect it completely—it is better to publish and distribute a one page BTG issue than no issue at all each month. Now this work is specially entrusted to you and Janardan; so please execute it.

I hope this meets you in good health, and convey all blessings to your God-brothers and God-sisters there.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-3-43

Hawaii

23rd March, 1969

My Dear Hansadutta,

Please accept my blessings. I am duly in receipt of your letter of March 18, 1969, and I thank you very much for it. Yes, I have written Dayal Nitai in connection with the yoga magazine, and you can keep me informed on this matter. Please try to run on smoothly as is possible.

Yes, it is very good if you can chant 64

rounds; this is very nice if you can do it. But first of all we should not be disturbed by any circumstances. If you do become disturbed then this means you are still deficient in reaching the point. In Bhagavad Gita it is said that when Krishna is within our view, at that time one is not disturbed even in the midst of gravest clamity. Anyway, even if we are disturbed, then the only resort is to chant and concentrate one's mind in Krishna. There is no other alternative. Chanting and dancing make one relieved of all material burdens.

I am going to N. Y. on the 7th of April, so as you propose it will be a pleasure to see you there with your good wife. I hope this meets you both in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. If possible Janardan may also see me at N. Y.

My Dear Himavati,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your nice letter of March 17, 1969, and I thank you very much for it. Your feelings of appreciation are too much kind, and I can see you are making good advancement with your humble attitude of service to the Lord and His devotees. This is very nice. Yes that is the way—Krishna wants to be approached through His devotee. Just like the prayers we sing—*yasya prasadat Bhagavat prasada*.

Keep Narottam das very nicely. He is a very good boy, sometimes he is attracted by *maya* but this is not very unusual thing. So kindly try to protect this boy as much as possible, and when you come to N. Y. he may also come so that I may see him again.

Yes I received the package of clothing, and they are too much beautiful, but still must be a little longer. The first set which you made for Them was the perfect fit. So I am sending them to you, so that you can

measure from this first set of clothes and make more in the same size. I think this will solve the fitting problem.

Regarding your question about Lord Shiva and Thakur Haridas, and their different response to sex agitation: This does not mean that Lord Shiva has become degraded from the devotional platform. A devotee even if he is sometimes found that he is attracted by sex life, that does not mean he is degraded. That is by chance. Because Lord Shiva is Grihastha, so by his past habits if he appeared to have been attracted by sex life, that does not mean he has been degraded from his position. You should never think of any devotee like that. There are many other stories also, but such apparent falling is without any influence to very very advanced devotees. A neophyte should always be careful. One should not discuss about such great devotees' apparent fall-down. Just like one should not discuss about the sun who evaporates urine from the earth; it is possible for the sun to do it, and still remain the sun, but for ordinary man if he lives in a filthy place he will be infected. So Lord Shiva or Lord Brahma, they are highly elevated devotees, and we should not try to criticize about their behavior even though it appears against the rules. These things are very nicely explained in *Srimad Bhagavatam* in course of discussin between Maharaj Parikshit and Sukadev Goswami, in the 10th canto. Your next question: In regard to Kardama Muni, how can a pure devotee become passionate for any amount of agitation? That is not passion. One should not be impotent also. One should have full potency, to beget children, but such sex life should be under his full control. Passion is a different thing. Passion makes one blind. And a devotee is full controller; that is the difference. The example is given of the tortoise; as soon as he likes he discloses his senses, and when he likes he pulls them within. That is the

position of a pure devotee. He can wind up the senses, whenever he likes and he can exhibit the senses whenever he likes. On the whole, the senses are under his control. He is not under the control of the senses as are the ordinary persons. That is the meaning of Goswamin. A Goswamin does not mean he is to become impotent; and can have no children; but he can use it when he likes. They are never the victim of passion.

Sense gratification means unlawful sex life. Sex life is not sense gratification . . . unlawful sex life is sense gratification. If there is no need of sex life and one uses sex life anyway, that is sense gratification. But when there is need of sex life, that is not sense gratification. Never think that the devotee is impotent and is obliged to become free from sex life. If required they can take to sex life 1000 times. Otherwise, if there is no need for it, they have no use for it. Kardama Muni married a wife. Why he shall not give her children? The wife begged that she must have some children. So he must satisfy the wife and give her some children, that is the duty of husband. But he left his wife as soon as the son was grown up. Not that he used to live with the wife for all the days.

So far Lord Brahma and his attraction for his daughter;; this illustration should be taken by conditioned souls, that even a person like Brahma is sometimes victimized, how much careful we should be. Not that even Brahma was enticed, so we shall become enticed more and more. This is an example set for us by great devotees.

To become agitated is not very unusual thing, but to control it, that is the real thing.

I hope this meets you in very good health, and I shall be anxiously awaiting our meeting together with your husband and yourself in New York.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-3-44

Hawaii

24th March, 1969

My Dear Shama dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your nice letter, and I thank you very much for your kind sentiments. You are very nice girl, and just suitable for working together with Hayagriva on the Srimad Bhagavatam. This very much encourages me. I want such Grihastha couples in this movement to set examples for others to follow.

I am happy to hear you are very much liking living at New Vrindaban, and that you are anxiously awaiting receipt of your first cow. I am also very much concerned about your health; I have written Hayagriva in this connection. But I do not know what could be the cause of this illness. Please let me know what are the reports given by the doctor. But it is good that you are keeping even greater amount of faith in Krishna, and are chanting 35 rounds daily. Keep up this good attitude and surely you will be saved from all dangers.

I hope you are by this time feeling stronger and I shall be awaiting your letter how you are doing,

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. I shall see you at New Vrindaban by 10th May, 1968

69-3-45

Hawaii

24th March, 1969

My Dear Kirtananda,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter of March 17, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. (along with the letter of March 4th). Yes, I have duly received Hayagriva's letter and I have replied him also, that I shall

be coming to New Vrindaban, or Columbus, on or by the 10th of May. I am happy to hear you have a new boy, John Saltzgiver, and you keep him nicely and gradually introduce to him our K.C. philosophy.

So far the cucumber pickles: As far as possible we should not offer to the Deity things which are prepared by non-devotees. We can accept from them raw fruits, grains or similar raw things. So far cooking and preparing, that should be strictly limited to the initiated devotees. And aside from this, vinegar is not god; it is tamasic, in the darkness, nasty food. So I think we shall not accept this pickles.

I understand that you are proposing for delivering children. That is not a Sanyasin's business. You should not bother about it. A Sanyasin should not much bother about family affairs. Best thing is that they shall go to a bonafide physician for delivering the children, otherwise there may be complications which only a physician may have experience in handling.

No, I think it is not proper for Srimati Radharani to have a white night dress. Best to have a nice color for Her.

I hope all is well there, and I am very much encouraged by all the nice letters I am receiving from New Vrindaban, that the inhabitants there are very happy and living in Krishna Conscious surroundings. This is very ideal example for all.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-3-46

Hawaii
24th March, 1969

My Dear Prabhavati dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your nice letter of March 22nd, and also your beads, which I have

duly chanted. Your letter is very nice and I am very much encouraged to hear of more young American boys and girls who are searching after God. This is natural of course, and one who sticks to Krishna Consciousness purification process, will gradually understand what is God, and our relationship with the Supreme Personality. This is the perfection of human life. Unfortunately, the people of the so-called modern advanced civilization do not know this; they are groping in the darkness of material life, and simply leading others into this darkness. Therefore there are so many frustrated young boys and girls who are searching out god in some way or other, and if they are very fortunate, then they will come to this platform of Krishna Consciousness.

So I am very much pleased to learn that you are chanting and reading Bhagavad Gita, and also helping with the temple activities of cooking and cleaning. This is very good. Please continue in this way, and gradually you will become more and more advanced in this spiritual consciousness, and become happy. If you can paint nice pictures of Krishna and His devotees, then that is also a nice engagement for you. Help Harer Nama in running the temple smoothly, and always remain engaged in Krishna Consciousness.

I hope this meets you in good health, and happily chanting and dancing in Kirtan,

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

N.B. You may try using oil on the dry skin before taking your bath each day, and this may help the situation. Mustard oil, olive oil, or some sort of oil will suffice.

69-3-47

Hawaii
24th March, 1969

My Dear Upendra,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letters of March 20 and 21, 1969. I have noted the contents carefully. You should change your habits. You have lost now a good soul, and either he comes back or if you know his address then if he does not like to live with you, he may come at once and live with me personally. And you should try to check such passion. I think Jivananda and Harsharani also left for this reason. So the Seattle branch is in your charge, so as head of the temple you should be so nicely dealing with your assistants. Never mind now whatever is done is done, but in the future you should be very careful and do your duty with full faith in Krishna. Surely Bilasvighraha will come back, so when he comes back you can send him to me wherever I may be.

Regarding your Draft Board questions: We are trying at the moment to get our society recognized by them as a bona-fide religious institution, and if this is successful, rest assured that there will be no trouble for you. Kartikeya has been classified in 4D ministerial status, because the officer who came to inquire about him was satisfied, but his instance is not generally recognized. We have to submit our bonafides and as soon as we get recognized then everyone of our boys will be saved.

In the meantime, you do your duty of management of Seattle branch faithfully, and I hope this will meet you in good health. And please let me know when Bilasvighraha returns; I shall be glad to hear.

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

69-3-48

Hawaii
24th March, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I have already written to Purushottam about TLC consignment and probably you might have received letter from him by now. Regarding Dia Nippon negotiation, I never told you to stop such negotiation and I do not know why you should be disturbed by seeing my letter to Advaita. If Dia Nippon negotiation is successful you can make contract as you think best. My suggestion to Advaita was that in case of Dia Nippon negotiation not being successful, then we shall give attention for starting our own press. On the whole, if Dia Nippon agrees to our printing work, I have already written to you that is very nice, but in case they do not agree then we must consider our own press, as that is the only alternative.

Regarding TLC consignment: It is understood that the stock sent to L.A. is a portion of your N.Y. stock—suppose the stock is all with you—simply forget that the stock has travelled to L.A.—now how would you want to handle it and distribute it? So think in this way. However you would handle it in N.Y., just simply do it in the same way—only for convenience sake, the stock is lying in L.A. You simply instruct L.A. how to handle and distribute it, and they will do. Have them take the books to a customer, and send you the bill, and the customer will pay you directly in N.Y. So you arrange the charges, and keep the accounts with you. So far the responsibility of the shipment is concerned, Jayananda and Tamal Krishna will take full responsibility jointly. I shall write to them in this connection, or send them a copy of this letter.

I hope you are well; I am receiving many letters daily, therefore there was some delay in your letter reply last week. I shall meet with you on the 7th* of next

month and we shall be able to discuss things at length, so do not be disturbed in the meantime. I hope all is going nicely there, and convey my blessings to all your God-brothers and God-sisters.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

*Please consult with Dindayal and fix my programme by mutual agreement.

69-3-49

Hawaii
24th March, 1969

My Dear Aniruddha,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of March 19, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. Yes, I shall be arriving there in S.F. on the 31st of this month and I shall be happy to see you all there at that time. I have noted carefully the situation with Girish, and we shall best discuss the whole matter when I shall arrive there next week and make program. I am happy to learn that Dindayal and Makhanlal are doing well at Berkeley also.

Mahapurusha Brahmachary is prepared to go with me on the 31st instant, if you can send his passage fare of \$75, and he will do the cooking and upkeep of my apartment while I am in San Francisco. So you can find his enclosed note to you in this connection.

I shall be happy to greet you on Monday next, and we shall discuss all things further; in the meantime, I hope you are feeling well and happy there,

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-3-50

Hawaii
24th March, 1969

My Dear Satyabhama,

Please accept my blessings. I am in

due receipt of your very nice letter of March 16, and I thank you very much for it. I am happy to hear that you and your good husband are living peacefully at New Vrindaban and executing Krishna Consciousness. This is very nice, and is a good example for others. In the Western countries there is practically no real family life, and we have to show good example of Krishna Consciousness family life, and others will be attracted to follow your examples. This is my idea.

I understand you are now expecting a nice child for raising in Krishna Consciousness. In this connection, you should avoid any spicy foods so long the child is within the womb. So far this soy sauce, I have no personal experience with it. I understand soy beans are nice, but I do not know about this soy sauce. So far natural childbirth is concerned natural delivery is possible if we keep ourselves naturally. And so far I know that a pregnant woman should not eat any pungent food stuffs, she should not move in cars, and she should not sit idly. She should move and do some physical work. These are the general rules and regulations I have seen in India, and they have natural delivery. But so far your country is concerned, and especially the situation of the women here, that is a different thing. I cannot say definitely what is to be done. And under the circumstances, the best thing is to consult a doctor as they usually do. And after all, Krishna is the ultimate master, so if we keep the natural habits and depend on Krishna, then everything will be done nicely without any difficulty.

So best thing is for you to consult a doctor and do the necessary.

Yes, the idea of beginning children's books for our school at new Vrindaban is very nice. When I shall come there in mid-May then I shall give you instructions how to do it nicely.

Yes I received your very nice set of

clothes for my Deity, and I thank you very much for them.

I hope you are feeling happy and in good health executing Krishna Consciousness.

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

69-3-51 Hawaii
26th March, 1969

Manager
Equitable Savings and Loan Association
Fairfax-Beverly Branch
Los Angeles, California

RE: MY SAVINGS ACCOUNT NO.
L2410

Kindly note my change of address as c/o ISKCON, 518 Frederick Street, San Francisco, California 94117.

I beg to inform you also that my disciple and representative, Sriman Dayananda das Adhikary (Mr. Michael Wright), is a permanent resident of Los Angeles, so in case of need he will open my safety deposit box NO. 361. So in case he opens the safety box when needed, please let me know what is the necessary formalities to be done, so that I can authorize it.

Thanking you in anticipation for an early reply,

Yours truly,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACB;bm

cc: Mr. Michael Wright

69-3-52 Hawaii
26th March, 1969

My Dear Dayananda,

Please accept my blessings. I am very much thankful for your nice appreciative

letter of my activities in this country and my Krishna bless you for all the fine sentiments that you have by the grace of the Lord. Practically there is no credit for me, if there is any credit it goes to my Spiritual Master, Bhakti Siddhanta Saraswati Goswami Prabhupada, Who is helping me by sending so many good souls like you in this movement. Whatever is being done, it is due to His Divine Grace only. So my business is just to carry out His order. That is the way of disciple succession; and as you have all come to help me, if you also follow the same principles then our combined effort to serve Lord Krishna will be surely successful. So far L.A. temple is concerned, both you and your good wife Nandarani, desired to see the temple affairs improve, which I understood from your past letters. And you took the risk of 400 or 500 dollars by renting the store front in Hollywood Blvd. It was certainly very nice, and you were paying \$350, but because you very sincerely desired to have a very very nice place, Krishna arranged in a different way. In the beginning we thought that we are losing a nice place, when the landlord wanted to kick out us, but now I can understand Krishna's desire was to give us a still better place, and so we have now got it. So it is not the place alone which is responsible for beautifying the temple; it is the devotees who are actually beautifying the temple. And as president you are in charge of the whole branch, so kindly try to maintain the present atmosphere, and try to improve it more and more, that is my request.

I am going to S.F. on the 31st of March, and Dindayal has already sent the necessary passage money to go there. Another thing, that consignment of 2500 TLC is coming very shortly to L.A., so when the consignment comes, you have to keep them in the temple in a secure place so that copies may not be stolen. When I

was in L.A. it was reported that 10 books of Bhagavad Gita were stolen. So this is not very good. So I hope you will take proper care. In this connection, the copies of the letter which I have sent Brahma-ananda is enclosed within. Also I am enclosing herewith one copy of the letter addressed to the manager of Equitable Savings, Fairfax branch, so please see them conveniently and inquire what is to be done in this connection. Then on hearing from them what are the formalities, I shall send you the key of my safety deposit box which you will keep very carefully, and when need be you may open and take some papers as I may advise you. Please convey my blessings to all the devotees and I hope this will meet you in good health with your wife and child.

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

69-3-53

Hawaii
27th March, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. As there are so many engagements in L.A. and in S.F. now I fix up my program as follows: The meeting in City College instead of on the 8th, Tuesday, push it to the 10th, Thursday, and up to the 15th or 16th of April you can make other engagements if possible. On the 18th Rupanuga wants me there in Buffalo. He wants to stay me there until the 23rd, then I shall go to Boston. Then if necessary I may come back to New York from New Vrindaban, or we shall talk when we meet. In the meantime I have received one letter from Subal, in which it is stated that on receipt of the final press proof of BTG from DiaNippon we shall have to arrange for a letter of credit. But this arrangement is not very palatable to me, because in the last transaction, TLC, we arranged for the credit

note at the cost of about \$200. In this way they charged \$25, for transferring the money to Japan, and they might have charged again such \$25, I do not know. And on \$6000, with 5% interest for 4 months, it comes to \$100. So in total we have lost nearly \$200. So this letter of credit is not possible. But one thing can be done, that on receipt of the press proof, you can pay your share, nearly \$750, and the balance that is \$1350 will be paid on delivery of shipping documents. That I shall arrange.

I shall be looking forward to seeing you all on the 9th of April, and hope you are all well and happy.

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

69-3-54

Hawaii
27th March, 1969

My Dear Hayagriva,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of March 21, 1969, and have noted the contents carefully. Yes, you can begin negotiations and as soon as I shall go there, we shall see and if possible we shall purchase the property.

Regarding my going to London: If you accompany me, that will be a very nice thing. I want your company always for editing my writings very nicely, but because you have to work for maintaining New Vrindaban, so let us see what Krishna desires in the future. If the press is started in Vrindaban then certainly I shall have to stay there the major part of the time, at least for the summer season. In the near future I shall have to stick to the press work and publication work.

Regarding the publication work, and editorial matters: I shall definitely settle it

up as soon as I go to New York.

Hope you are feeling well, and I hope Shama dasi's health is improving by this time.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-3-55

Hawaii

27th March, 1969

My Dear Jaya Govinda,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you for your letter of March 17, 1969, and I have received the bank receipt for the money deposited there. I have received one letter from Atma Ram and Sons that they have already dispatched the books to Calcutta and handed over the R.R. receipt to you. but you have not mentioned anything about this. I hope you have the matter handled nicely.

I am in Hawaii for the last one month, then on the 31st of March I shall go to San Francisco, then to L.A., and then to N.Y. and then to Buffalo, then Boston, and then New Vrindaban. This is my present program up to the end of May. And in June I may be called by London. And if you are by that time in Germany it is possible that I shall go to see you there. Another prospect is that one Mr. Windisch and another woman Mrs. Barbara, they have become very much interested in Krishna Consciousness movement, and they have seen me while I was in Montreal. Now they are in Vancouver, and most probably they will be interested to translate my books and magazines in German language. So already there are three boys in Hamburg and when you join, four, and if the German gentleman and woman go, then you will be six altogether. So a good party for preaching Samkirtan movement. Here in almost all our centers the Samkirtan movement has proved very successful. Everywhere, especially in London, L.A.,

and N.Y., especially in these places the Samkirtan movement has very much become successful. Every day when they take the party in the street, market, or parks, they collect sufficiently and sell BTG quite a number. In Germany I think also the Samkirtan prospect is there.

I do not know before starting whether you intend to see Achyutananda in Vrindaban. He says that very nice pair of Deities will cost 1000 Rs. per pair, 24" high. Formerly, it was settled at 700 Rs. so if you go to Vrindaban, you can settle up the price of the Deity, 24" high, and very nicely cut, as Achyutananda has described, at may be up to 800 Rs. Then we shall order many Deities. And at last I wish to request you once again, if you can do something to realize the 2000 Rs. from Hitsaran by seeing Dalmia and if it is not possible, then I shall have to satisfy myself without any action, because I do not think I shall go to India to realize this money. If Parvat Maharaj can help you in this, it will be very kind of him.

69-3-56

Hawaii

28th March, 1969

My Dear Jadurany,

Please accept my blessings. Govinda dasi has already written you letter to come here as soon as possible. I hope you come before I leave this place on the 31st March 1969. This tape may be returned to L.A. address.

ACB

69-3-57

Hawaii

29th March, 1969

My Dear Hrishikesa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of March 21, and have noted the contents carefully. No, I

think the letter you sent formerly must have been lost, or missing in the mail. So I have sent your draft letter duly, and the copy of which is enclosed here with.

I thank you very much for your kind appreciation of "Govinda" my new record album. I am very much happy to hear your kind appreciation, and it is very much encouraging to me.

So I hope you are all well there, and very happily executing Krishna Consciousness. I will be very anxiously awaiting to see you all in mid-May, and then we shall talk at length on so many Krishna Katha topics,

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

69-3-58

Hawaii
30th, March, 1969

My Dear Advaita,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your kind letter of March 25, 1969. And I have noted the contents all carefully. So far BTG, for the time being, it will be printed in Japan, so we do not require an extra hand for that purpose. At first we shall print just our books, and then if successful, we shall take to printing to the extent of 5000 copies of BTG per month. So take estimate for printing and binding machines for books only, maybe one or two a year, and save money as much as possible as it will be required to purchase the machines.

We shall talk further on all these matters when I arrive there in N. Y., and until then, I hope you are both well,

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

69-3-59

Hawaii
30th March, 1969

My Dear Gopal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter of March 21, along with a check for \$75, Canadian, and I thank you very much for this contribution for the Deity. And also I am very much obliged to you that you are going to send me another lot of \$250 for my book fund. Yes, my Guru Maharaj advised me to give more stress on publication work so most probably I shall try to concentrate my energy in this department very shortly. Perhaps you know that we are going to print BTG every month 20,000 copies, and maybe very soon we shall increase to 50,000 copies. If you kindly help me in distributing these books and literature, it will be a very great help for my missionary activities. You are working as sales organizer so you can think up this sales organization side by side, and if possible try to help. My next scheme is to develop the New Vrindaban scheme, and I require there millions of dollars. Immediately I have got about \$25,000 worth of books or more. If you think of how to organize sales, then we can promote more and more books, and with the profit thereof, we can spend in so many departments. The people of the Western country, they are fond of reading books and by propaganda work we have to change their taste and divert them from reading all worldly literatures, to transcendental literature. Please think of this carefully and let me know if you can help. You write to say that these days the educated class of people have rejected devotional service—and it is their misfortune. This means they are not being educated; rather they are being degraded. According to the verdict of Srimad Bhagavatam, if one is not devotee, then he has no good qualifications, and if one is simply devotee, it is to be supposed

that he has got all the good qualities. For the present you do not try to have a small temple in your house, because I know that you are not strictly vegetarian. I do not know whether now you are also strictly vegetarian, but unless you become so, don't try to have a small temple in your house as proposed by you. The four principles which we ask our students to follow, namely, restraining illicit sex life, etc., must be the basic principles of spiritual life. I am glad that you are preparing for your exam, and after that, please try to move the Indian papers, how Krishna consciousness movement is improving and flourishing here in USA, while the Indian boys and girls have rejected it. Illustrated Weekly of India had sometimes back published our article (maybe Dec. 21, 1967), so if you remind them, and send them more articles and photos, they will surely be glad to print them on receipt of them.

From here I am going to San Francisco, then L.A., and then to New York by the 10th of April, and I shall be glad to hear from you at your convenience, and I thank you once more for your contribution and kind letter. Hope this finds you well,

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S Please contact Bal Samant by correspondence. His address is with Jaypataka Brahmachary. Also let me his address in India.

ACB

69-3-60

Hawaii
30th March, 1969

My Dear Satyabhama,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Feb. 22, along with the Deities dress, and it was received by me just yesterday. I think due to

my change of address it was delayed. Anyway, everyone here has very much appreciated the beautiful dresses you have sent for the Deity and today we are changing the dress by putting on your dress on the transcendental Body of the Deity.

I think I have replied your former letter also, which I hope you have received by this time, and I am so glad to learn that you are feeling very happy in New Vrindaban. The basic principle of our life in Vrindaban will be cow keeping. If we can keep cows sufficiently and grow our necessary foodstuffs, then we shall show a new way of life to your countrymen . . . completely spiritual life in healthy atmosphere in divine consciousness. And you will have ample opportunity to educate children and write books for them because there is sufficient matter for publishing such books from the Puranas, Mahabharat, Srimad Bhagavatam, and many other allied literatures. There are thousands of ideal historical events, which if we can put with suitable pictures, it will be a great idea and people will like to have such literature. I have got many ideas for developing the new Vrindaban scheme and if Krishna gives me opportunity I may be able to show something very wonderful in your country. Unfortunately I have no money neither the richer section of your countrymen have taken any serious view of our movement. Otherwise there is more than sufficient money and if one or two men of your country gives a little attention, with this we can develop many New Vrindabans. We are not very much expensive; simply if we get the necessary money, we can play wonderful. Our only hope is books and literature. So we have to start press, and for that purpose, and publish varieties of books and literature for getting some financial help as well as propagating our mission. So as soon as I come to your place I shall give you all nice ideas you have asked for in

your letter under reply. And I thank you very much for giving me all these ideas for our future activities. Please convey my blessings to all your God-brothers and God-sisters there, and especially our Shama dasi, I hope she is doing well.

So far keeping Deity in your separate house, I think there is no need for this. Because if you keep Him there, you have to take proper care, with arotiks and attention, and thus divert attention from the Deity in the temple, and from chanting and so many other forms of service, like your writing and sewing, etc. So I think it best if everyone centers his attention on the Deity in the temple, and in that way the temple worship will pull on nicely. Of course, if the temple is unapproachable, or too far, or something like that, that is different thing, but if the temple is easily accessible then this is the best program—for all to go there and attend arotik and kirtan etc.

No, I do not think you should give Jagannath to small children because they will not take proper care and make offenses. In this country their parents do not give them proper example of worshipping the Deity with all respects. Just like in my childhood, I was seeing my father bowing down and offering respects to the Deity and I did the same on seeing him. But this is not done here, so it is better to take some care in giving Jagannath out.

I hope you are all well,
Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-3-61

Hawaii
30th March, 1969

My Dear Shama dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I have received your note along with Satyabhama's letter. I thank you for your very nice sentiments. I hope by this time you must have

improved your health and very soon you will be able to work fully along with your good husband. I think by the will of Krishna you two good souls, Hayagriva and yourself, are combined now to fulfill my mission of publishing the whole of Sri-mad Bhagavatam. Krishna is sufficiently powerful and able to give facilities to His devotees provided a devotee works very sincerely to please Him. We shall always keep this motto in our view, and it is very nice to hear that you are feeling separation from most beautiful Shyamsundara, but you are satisfied by chanting His Holy Name. Shyamsundara is not different from His Name. Krishna's Name, qualities, form, fame, abode and paraphernalia, all are identical with Krishna. So if we take advantage of associating with any one of them that makes us fixed up in our eternal relationship with Shyamsundara.

I hope you are feeling well,
Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-3-62

Hawaii

My Dear Jaya Govinda,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter of March 7, 1969. At the present time, I am living at Hawaii, therefore your letter was redirected from L.A. temple to here, so I received it late. I am very sorry that I did not reply your last letter but I thank you very much that you are sending me letters every week. Your very strong desire to return to Germany is already approved by me, and Krishna das is very much eager to receive you there. In his letter of March 2nd, he writes to say "we may send Jaya Govinda his ticket via AE immediately; hopefully he will arrive here by the week's end." Therefore I hope you might have already received the ticket for returning to Germany. But before your leaving Delhi,

either for Bombay or for Europe, please book the unsold goods taken delivery from Atma Rama and Sons and send to our shipping agent in Calcutta, so they may ship them to N.Y. Your sympathetic expression about my magnitude of work with which I am pressed here is undoubtedly very much encouraging to me, and certainly I am pressed with heavy work. I am receiving letters about 12 daily, from different centers with different problems and then at the same time I am just trying to write my books, Srimad Bhagavatam, Nectar of Devotion, and Krishna, and lately Vedanta Sutra. So certainly this is heavy task but by the Grace of Krishna, it does not depress me. I feel encouraged to act so busily day and night. But the body sometimes does not allow me to do so. So I have to sleep about 4 to 5 hours. But in comparison to our predecessors, the Goswamins, this engagement is insignificant. These Goswamins used to work almost 24 hours. They used to sleep not more than 2 hours, and they produced immense literature. Of course, it is not possible to be in their level of activities, but as far as possible, we should everyone of us try to work as hard as possible for Krishna's satisfaction. This material body can be adjusted with practice. If we adjust

these bodily activities towards Krishna's side, then the labor is fruitful, but if we adjust towards maya's side, then the labor is useless. A litter labor done for Krishna is never lost. But the greatest labor done for Maya is simply waste of time. So I think by the Grace of Krishna you are feeling nice now. Please try to work hard for Krishna, and your life will be glorious. By Krishna's Grace and by His desire, you are destined to go to Germany to take up the work of BTG in German. The three boys now working there are very sincere workers. You are also very sincere boy and I am sure when you go there you will find a very nice atmosphere of ISKCON workers. I am so glad to learn that you are feeling considerably the missing separation of ISKCON devotees. I am very much hopeful that Krishna Kirtan will be nicely introduced in the Western world by the Grace of Krishna, and by the efforts of our ISKCON DEVOTEES. I am very sorry too that in India you could not fill up the gap of such separation, and I know why you couldn't. So let India may do whatever they like. By the Grace of Krishna you are now initiated to take up this movement;

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APRIL

69-4-1

San Francisco
1st April, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated March 26, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. Regarding the letter to the draft board, I would like that you boys may decide among yourselves what is to be done. When you have decided amongst yourselves, send it to me and I shall sign. I understand that Tamal Krishna has contacted a lawyer in Los Angeles, so you may contact Tamal Krishna to see what he has learned.

Regarding my coming to New York next week, you may immediately send tickets from Los Angeles to New York for April 9, 1969. Murari will be coming to work as my attendant but as he already has a ticket, you need send tickets only for myself and for Purushottam.

I hope this will meet you all in good health, and I shall be happy to see you once again when I arrive on the 9th.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

NB: If Purushottam's ticket is to be student fare, then please send him one student card and identification.

69-4-2

San Francisco
2nd April, 1969

My Dear Goursundar, Govinda Dasi, Vamandev, Balabhadra, Sudama, and Kartikeya,

Please accept my blessings to all of

you. I beg to inform you that I have safely arrived as scheduled in San Francisco, and I am thinking fondly of you all. Chidananda has received one telephone call from Satsvarupa requesting advice as to what should be Jadurany's program, and I have advised that if the doctor wishes Jadurany to go to Hawaii immediately then she should do this. Otherwise she will wait in Boston till after I go there on April 22nd about. So when this matter is decided you will be notified about her arrival there.

I hope this will meet you in good health and cheerful mood. Please keep me informed to your well-being and the progress of your center.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. I am reaching L.A. on 6th and N.Y. on 9th.

69-4-3

San Francisco
2nd April, 1969

My Dear Rayarama,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated March 25, 1969, along with the two magazines. These are very excellent both in appearance and in reading matter. This should be the standard of our *Back To Godhead*. As in the next issue there will be no advertisements, we shall be able to give substantial reading matter like that of Bhaktivinode Thakur, "Teachings of the Golden Avatar." We have got many such informations from the Vedic literature. The mayavadis

reject the *Puranas*, but actually the *Puranas* are supplementary to the four Vedas, the *Upanishads* and *Vedanta*. This is confirmed by Srila Bhaktivinode Thakur. *Srimad Bhagawatam* also is considered amongst the *Puranas*, but because the subject matter within is purely transcendental, it is called the *Maha Purana*. So from the *Puranas* we can give many, many instructive articles with nice pictures. Similarly, we can give many valuable articles, even from political or social points of view (although they are not our business), so much so, that the people of the world will have completely novel spiritual ideas. As people in your country are very much receptive to new ideas, I think we can place *Back To Godhead* very nicely with sensible layout.

The present issue is excellently done. It is rich in all respects. Your article, "Nine Points," is very instructive. I do not know whether people will take our advice, but we must go on presenting these ideas to the human society. If you are not going to print any more issues in the interval period between this issue and the Japan issue, then I think you can reprint another minimum 10,000 copies for continuing the sales propaganda.

I am glad to learn that you are trying to work out things with Hayagriva. I have advised him that he may come also as co-editor. In your previous letter you wanted that the final words in the management of *Back To Godhead* will rest on one person, either on you or on Hayagriva. I think that for management it is better to have two heads than one. But even there will be two heads, I still wish that you shall continue as the managing editor as you are doing now. Naturally, the final decisions will rest upon you. And if there is actually any controversy, I think there will not be, then I am always at your service. In a recent letter from Hayagriva, I understand that he is feeling little disappointment because

there was no invitation from your side. I think now you shall invite him and work jointly as you were doing before. I am still sanguine that my decision in the beginning about you and Hayagriva working as editors for *Back To Godhead* was very appropriate. I wish to see that both of you, being so intelligent and sincere devotees, shall work together, and then Krishna will help us to propagate this Samkirtan Movement magazine so nicely.

I am going to Los Angeles on the sixth morning, and I am thinking of starting for New York on the ninth morning. The tickets may be sent directly to the Los Angeles temple address.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

Enclosed find one nice article published in Hawaii while I was coming here. I think you can utilize it for your B.T.G.

ACB

69-4-4

San Francisco
3rd April, 1969

Dear Krishna das,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 27, 1969, and I have carefully noted the contents. In the first portion of the letter you have expressed your desire how to learn surrender. This surrendering process is unconditional. Surrendering does not mean that one should surrender only in favorable circumstances. That is not surrender. Surrender means in any condition the surrendering process must continue. In the latter portion of your letter it appears that you have been

disturbed on some trivial matters, and you wish to leave the place and go to London. That is not at all good. You must work conjointly. That is my desire, and if you fight amongst yourselves for some individual interests, that is not surrender. Whatever the other two boys may do, that I shall see, but unto you my request is that you must remain in Hamburg until I order you to leave the place.

I understand that you have sent passage money to Jayagovinda. Let him come first. He is a very sensible boy, and I hope on his arrival there will be no dissension. Last night, one German boy was initiated by me, and he will be entrusted for rendering all my books in German language. There will be now difficulty to publish the German edition of *Back To Godhead* therefore, in your newly purchased press. You should take the indication given by Lord Krishna: The press is already there, the press worker, Jayagovinda, is coming, and the German scholar has joined our institution. Don't you see the indication by Krishna that we must make propaganda in the German language in that part of the world? So you have to adjust things by the indication of Lord Krishna. Don't do anything whimsically. The direction comes through the Spiritual Master, and any one who abides by the order of the Spiritual Master to give shape to the wish of the Lord, he is perfectly surrendered soul. So don't be childish, stay there. Let Jayagovinda come and begin printing the *BTG*. Go altogether in Samkirtan Party and try to sell *BTG*'s. In other centers they are doing very nicely with this. Sometimes they are selling more than 100 copies of *BTG* and collecting \$130.00 or \$150.00. The Los Angeles temple has become unique in this connection. They have decorated the temple room so nicely that in the Love Feast and any other ceremony, hundreds of people are coming. Why don't you follow this example and try

to exert your energies to make your temple more important than Los Angeles? In the spiritual world there is also competition, but the center is always Krishna. In the material world there is competition, but the center is sense gratification. That is the difference. So competition, disagreement, or even dissension, if they are there, and the center is Krishna, such disagreement is not material. Even in Krishna Loka, there is rival parties of Srimati Radharani whose name is Chandrabali, and there is competition between the two parties how to serve Krishna the best.

So you are all good souls, please do not be agitated in trivial things. Do your duty nicely, develop the center as nicely as possible. If you think that your personality has been minimized, you can tolerate it. That is very nice. Lord Chaitanya has taught us to be more tolerant than the tree in the matter of chanting Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna, Hare Hare. You can show this letter to Sriman Shivananda and Sriman Uttama Sloka, and my request to you all is not to be childish, but to be serious for propagating Krishna Consciousness.

Regarding your other points, I am pleased that you are trying for legalization of our society. This has been already done both in London and the United States. As for your eye trouble, you need not take to an operation for your sickness. Doctors are not the Ultimate Healer. This is Krishna's position. In your Western countries, the doctors are very much fond of surgical operations. When there is no other alternative, of course we have to take shelter of such demonic treatment, but as far as possible try to avoid that, and depend on Krishna.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-4-5

San Francisco
3rd April, 1969

My Dear Bhurijana,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your very nice and encouraging letter dated March 30, 1969. I am pleased to learn of the success which you and Tosan Krishna are having in your new center. It is all very encouraging to me. I think that your proposal to have me come to North Carolina is very nice, and if it can be arranged, I will surely do this. I shall be in Columbus by the 10th of May, and if you think that my going to your place will be nice, then you can arrange to receive me from Columbus to your place. So if it is possible, please let me know your tentative program. The program may be fixed some time after the 15th of May, and your tentative program may be informed to me at the New York address.

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

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

69-4-6

San Francisco
3rd April, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 29, 1969, with enclosures. I am glad that you have received the consignment from Calcutta, and when I go to New York, I shall see what is the quality of the khole. Then if it is nice, we shall have to order many kholes like that.

Your statement that my visit in New York for only eight days' causes you sadness causes me sadness also. When Rupanuga wanted me in Buffalo, I did not directly confirm it, but I asked him to consult with you. So after his consultation, you have agreed to his proposal and

should not be sad at all. But I know the cause of your sadness, that you want me for a longer time there in New York, and similarly, I also want to stay there for a long time because I like New York more than all other cities. This is because my first attempt was begun there, so I have got some affection for your great city. I think if possible you should also accompany me to Buffalo, and if possible, Rayarama may also come with me so that we can stay together at least up to April 22. If you like you can also come with me to Boston. This would be a very nice idea but I do not think your occupations will allow you to come with me and stay for a long time. But the proposal for me to come back to New York from Columbus is nice. I think I shall arrange like that. So there is no cause of becoming sad. Our meeting and separation in the material world is like the flowing tide of the river. During the flowing tide of the river, so many different floating articles meet together, and with the flowing, they again become separated by the movement of the waves. That is the way of the material life. But our separation, although it resembles exactly in the material way, it is completely different. In the spiritual world, separation is more relishable than meeting. In other words, in spiritual life, there is no separation. Separation is eternal, and meeting is also eternal. The separation is simply another feature of meeting.

I think from Columbus I will have to go to New Vrindaban, and after staying a few days there, I shall come back to New York. If there is call from London, I shall go there from New York. About Trinity College lectures, I think I can stay in Hartford for the days I have to lecture there, and the fees may be charged \$100 per lecture as the New York City College has offered. I do not know if they will agree to this, but I think we should not make the fees very cheap. You arranged my lecture

in the City College on the 8th or 10th of April, and I also requested you in my previous letter that the lecture may be arranged on the 10th, but you have not mentioned anything about this in your letter under reply. In my last letter from Hawaii I also informed you that I shall be able to stay in New York from September till the end of December if there is nice engagement. So you can arrange for the meetings as many as possible from September to December. In the meantime, you may make arrangements for from the 10th until the 15th of April, as you like.

I hope you are well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-4-7

San Francisco
3rd April, 1969

My Dear Ananda,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated March 30, 1969, and I have noted the contents very carefully. Krishna is very much pleased on you because you are alone conducting the Vancouver temple. Don't worry, you will get some men to assist you very soon, and I am searching after someone. In the meantime Mr. Windisch and his wife, Barbara, will return to Vancouver after the initiation ceremony. As you have said, they are very much helpful, and they will continue to help you with your venture.

Have you any correspondence with Annapurna since last August or September? I have not heard from her since then. After returning to her father's house she wrote me one letter, but since then I do not know about her whereabouts. If you can, please let me know her address. My program for next summer is not yet fixed up, but I am booked for various lectures till the middle of May. After that I shall fix up

my program for June. If I go to Montreal, then this time I will go to Vancouver also. Mr. Windisch has spoken very highly of you and your decision to not keep unwanted boarders at the temple is nice. Don't feel yourself to be alone because Krishna is always with you. Krishna is always with every living entity as Supersoul, and to His devotee especially He talks and gives instructions how to attain the perfectional stage of meeting Him. So don't feel alone. Always chant whenever possible, read our books, and there will be no great difficulty.

I shall be returning to New York by the 9th of April, and I shall then send you a new set of beads chanted upon by me. I know you are a sincere, silent worker, and if it is not too much inconvenient for you, you can send me at least one letter in a fortnight. That will encourage me and I can then give you necessary instructions how to develop.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-4-8

San Francisco
5th April, 1969

My Dear Shyamsundar,

Please accept my blessings. I have received one letter from your devoted wife, Malati, dated April 2, 1969, and there is a new return address written on the envelope. I wish that you inform me as to the position of this new address. I also understand from Malati's letter that you have been feeling some disturbance. Perhaps this is because there is difficulty there in finding a temple that you feel that you are not doing nicely, but this is not a fact. Your efforts there are especially nice and pleasing to me. Actually, Samkirtan Party is our main business, and even you do not

find a temple there for some time it is not cause for any disturbance. Continue to propagate Krishna Consciousness through Samkirtan Party, and surely you will come out fully successful. I understand that Mataji Shama Devi is back there in London, so she will also help in your efforts. I hope you will contact me soon by post to inform me of the position of the new address and how you are. I hope you are well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

NB: Enclosed is one letter for Mataji Shama Devi.

69-4-9

New York
10th April, 1969

My Dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 5, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. I shall reach Boston Iskcon on the 23rd of April, and you can make arrangements accordingly. I have read your transcriptions of the *Krishna* tapes, and you are doing it very nicely. I am very much pleased with your efforts.

Regarding Jadurany's question, hearing the vibration of Hare Krishna automatically reminds one of Krishna's Pastimes. So both of them arise simultaneously in the mind when one is sincerely chanting. So you cannot make any distinction between listening to the sound and thinking of the Pastimes. But the process is to hear, and then Krishna's Pastimes, Form, Qualities, etc. will automatically come to mind: That is very nice.

I hope this will meet you in good health and cheerful mood. I will be looking forward to seeing you once again.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-4-10

New York
10th April, 1969

My Dear Pradyumna,

Please accept my blessings. I am very glad to receive your letter dated April 4, 1969, and I eulogize your attempt for improving the Columbus center. Do it very nicely, and when I go there I shall see that you have done so much for Krishna Consciousness. I shall also give you one very nice brahmachary from Los Angeles, Jaya Gopal. He is trained in Samkirtan Party and in cooking, so you can leave him for taking care of the temple affairs when you go to work. Besides that, if you have learned Sanskrit, I can give you one brahmachary, 12 years old, named Birbhadra, whom I want you should teach Sanskrit from the very beginning. We want a few students who know Sanskrit and Bengali, or at least Sanskrit. Most probably the boy will go with me there, and if you think you can take charge, he can also remain there.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-4-11

12th April, 1969

My Dear Brother Dr. Shyam Sundar Prabhu,

Please accept my humble dandabats. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your very affectionate letter dated 18th March, 1969. From Los Angeles I went to my Hawaii center, then to San Francisco, and now I am in the New York center. I understand that Jagantar has published about our London activities. In London there are six boys and girls, all my initiated married couples, and though they are young, they are doing very nice work in

London. One of them wrote a letter to Srimate Vinode Vani for cooperation, but she replied that she cannot do anything without permission from BaghBazar H.O. But I do not know if they wrote any letter to Bagh Bazar.

So far I am concerned, I am always for cooperation, and I don't criticize anybody. I am very busy with my own work. Rather I welcome everyone's cooperation. If you think there is possibility of cooperation you can open negotiation directly with Sripada Oudolomi Maharaj. If we cooperate, we can do tremendous service for Lord Chaitanya in the matter of propagating the mission of Lord Chaitanya very nicely. I am prepared to cooperate in every way, but I wonder if the other side is prepared for this also. I shall be happy to hear from you soon.

Hope this meets you in good health.

Yours affectionately,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-4-12

New York
13th April, 1969

My Dear Sivananda Prabhu,

Please accept my greetings. I am very glad to receive your Benali letter, and I hope; you will excuse me that I am replying you in English, because it saves much of my time. I have already advised the editor of *Back To Godhead* to send you copies of the paper regularly. The subscription fee is \$5.00 per 12 issues, and you can send the exchange to the following address: ISKCON PRESS, 504 East 6th Avenue, New York, NY 10003. Please include your distinct name and address, so you will get the paper regularly.

You have inquired about my books, and the facts are that before I came here from India, I published three volumes of *Srimad Bhagawatam*, each of about 400 pages. Since I have come here, many

manuscripts are prepared for printing, and I have published *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*, published by MacMillan and *Teachings of Lord Chaitanya*, published by International Society for Krishna Consciousness. We are selling our books nicely here, and if you can organize a means of selling our magazine and books in India, it will be a great help to our activities. One of my disciples, Achyutananda Brahmachary is already there in India, and if you think seriously to help me in this movement, he will also join you. The difficulty is that the books and magazines are costly in the estimation of the Indian exchange. The standard exchange is 7.5 Rs per dollar, so you consider and let me know if you can help us.

You have mentioned about the disagreement amongst our god-brothers, and it is a fact. But so far as I am concerned, I am trying to execute my humble bit, and if somebody disagrees in these activities, what can I do? But so far I get their letters, they fully appreciate the work going on here, and I do not know who is the gentleman against these activities.

I will be happy to hear from you again soon. Hope this will find you in good health.

Yours affectionately,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-4-13

New York
13th April, 1969

My Dear Pradyumna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 9, 1969, and I have noted the contents with pleasure. I am instructing Tamal Krishna in Los Angeles to allow Jaya Gopal come to join you immediately, so I think this will be of great help to your work there. I was in San Francisco and there were three meetings there in the

University campuses, and each and every one of these meetings were very successful. About 200 students in each meeting were dancing and enjoying with us. So gradually we have to organize the students to our movement, and your work so far has my approval in this connection.

Regarding your questions, generally tulsi beads are required for initiation, but if it is not available, ordinary beads can be used. Sometimes the shopkeepers give ordinary beads and say it is tulsi, so it is very difficult to get tulsi beads without personal attendance. So far as your getting a Kartamashi Murti, you may take information from Govinda Dasi in Hawaii. Radha-Krishna Murtis may be purchased from Vrindaban. The cost is about \$200.00, but they are very nice, 24 inches high. I shall speak with Nara Narayan to inform him that he should also go there to help you with constructing the items you have mentioned.

Hope this finds you in good health and cheerful mood.

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

69-4-14 New York
16th April, 1969

My Dear Yamuna,

Please accept my blessings. I am replying to your nice letter dated April 10th, 1969. The description of your dream is very fascinating. It appears that you are constantly thinking of me and Lord Nrisingha has given you the chance to see Him because of your constant devotion. It is very encouraging. I understand that all of you are not living together. Just today I received one letter from Shyamsundar and his return address is again a new address on Balham Park Road. In his letter he says that he is leaving for Leicester (80 miles from London) for preparing an altar

for Mataji's new temple. So if you are living at Mataji's, then does it mean that you are 80 miles off from London? I do not think so, but please clarify the situation. I am receiving letters from different sources, and I do not know where to reply home.

Regarding your questions about Deity worship, please refer these to Himavati in Montreal or else Harsharani in Los Angeles. Yes, on the certificates you may correct it as *Srimatee*. I hope this will meet you in very nice health and cheerful mood.

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

69-4-15 New York
16th April, 1969

My Dear Prabhavati,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter sent along with your prayer beads. I am enclosing a copy of the list of offenses that should be avoided by a Vaishnava. Please try to observe avoiding these offenses as far as possible. Even if you may have committed some offense in the past, that is all right. Just try to follow the rules and regulations, and whatever offense you may have committed will be excused by Lord Krishna. But in the future you should be very careful to keep yourself free from such offenses.

I hope this will find you well and in cheerful mood.

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

69-4-16 New York
16th April, 1969

My Dear Shyamsundar,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your encouraging

letter dated April 14, 1969, and I am very glad to learn that Mr. George Harrison has given a letter of guarantorship to the Camden Council. One other thing is that Mr. Harrison is purchasing 172 acres of land near London, and it is expected that he will construct a temple of Radha-Krishna there. This is also very encouraging news. If you think that he is serious about it, then I shall send you a nice plan for a Radha-Krishna temple, a facsimile of Govindaji's temple in Vrindaban. It is very expensive, with stone work, and if Mr. George Harrison at all constructs a Radha-Krishna temple, it should be unique in this part of the world. He has got the money, and he can do it. So when he is serious about it, I shall give a nice plan for the temple.

Enclosed is one draft scheme circular letter so please read it and do the needful. I hope this will find you well and in cheerful mood.

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

69-4-17

Buffalo
19th April, 1969

My Dear Sudama and Kartikeya,

Please accept my blessings to the both of you. I was very much anxious to receive your letters, so now I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of them. I can understand that things are improving all around, and that is very satisfactory. So depend upon Krishna, work very sincerely, and everything will be complete without any doubt. On the kirtan nights you should all assemble together in the temple and if this is not possible then you can chant in your apartment. I am pleased that you are working for our activities in Japan, and in three months you should be able to gather at least \$1,500.00 together. Don't spend money needlessly. Try to save as much as

possible, because you have very important work to do for the service of Lord Chaitanya.

Regarding Kartikeya's question about worshipping Lord Jagannath, He should always be worshipped with awe and reverence. Krishna's picture as a Naughty Child should not be treated by us as a naughty child. We should always worship Krishna as the Supreme Lord.

I hope this will meet you both in good health.

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

69-4-18

Buffalo
19th April, 1969

My Dear Tamal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 12, 1969, and I have noted the contents with pleasure. I am glad to learn that two new boys, Robb and Kelly, have moved into your temple. Also, it is good news that you now have a weekly course in the University there. Regarding the draft lawyer, I have enclosed the circular which I am sending out to the temples.

I thank you for the nice sentiments you have expressed in your letter, and I hope this will meet you in good health. Please convey my blessings also to the other devotees there.

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

NB: I have received the twigs which you have sent to the Buffalo temple, and please continue to send them regularly while I am on the East Coast.

I have also received the checks both for me and Brahmananda. Please consult Mr Greene and let me know how shall I reply the letter.

69-4-19

Buffalo
19th April, 1969

My Dear Upendra,

Please accept my blessings. While I was in New York, I got your colored pictures, and each and every one of them is so nice and captivating that I have kept them for future paintings by our artists. I thank you very much for these pictures, and I hope your center is making nice progress by Samkirtan Movement. I shall be staying here in Buffalo for one week, and then I shall go on to Boston.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-4-20

Buffalo
19th April, 1969

My Dear Bhurijana,

Please accept my blessings. Replying to your letter dated April 14, 1969, I have already confirmed your meeting on the 15th and 16th of May, 1969, and I hope you have duly received the telegram which I have sent. Yesterday I have come to Buffalo, and Rupanuga has organized a very nice meeting of students. There were more than 200 students who were all participating in the chanting and dancing. So this Samkirtan Movement should be planned very diligently, and it should be pushed on. Then our propaganda will surely come out successful. Everywhere we are seeing good results from Samkirtan, so let us do our best for the service of the Lord.

I hope this will meet you in good

health, and please offer my blessings to Tosan Krishna also.

Your ever well-wisher,
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
P.S. Please inform Pradyumna in Columbus about the meeting in your place.

69-4-21

Buffalo
21st April, 1969

My Dear Govinda Dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your nice letter dated April 1, 1969, and I have noted the contents with pleasure. Your humble sentiments are very nicely expressed and I thank you for them. I have already written to Jivananda and Harsharani, and they are inclined to go to New Vrindaban but I have advised them to go to Hawaii after spending a short period in San Francisco training up the devotees there in Deity worship and Samkirtan Party. So you may correspond with them to make more definite arrangements. From Sudama's letter I can understand that some people are coming to your kirtans, so try your best to develop your center and Krishna will surely help you. We have not brought your *Srimad Bhagawatam* here, but when I get opportunity, I will send you one volume one.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-4-22

Buffalo
22nd April, 1969

My Dear Dinesh,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated April 20, 1969, and the tape of our Samkirtan recording and prayer. Everyone who has

heard it here is very satisfied with the result, and I thank you very much for your efforts in this connection. I am enclosing herewith one letter from Brahmananda, and you can understand from this how much this recording is being appreciated.

Hope you are well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-4-23

Buffalo
22nd April, 1969

My Dear Tamal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated April 18, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. Your idea to go to San Francisco for a short time is nice. Yes, the San Francisco temple has deteriorated from its original position, so please try to reinstate it. Jivananda and Harsharani may also go there to help. You may also help to plan for the Rathayatra Festival, because this tradition must be continued. Regarding Girish, until I go to New Vrindaban, Girish may stay there. Otherwise he may be admitted in some school. We should not take any risk of legal implication in this matter.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

NB: I am enclosing one letter for Jaya Gopal which you may hand over to him.

69-4-24

Allston, Mass.
25th April, 1969

My Dear Advaita,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated April 23, 1969, and I think your deliberation is right. I am advising Brahmananda to

submit the manuscripts to Messrs. Dai Nippon under suitable arrangement, and whatever you can all get together for contributing to this purpose may immediately be handed over to Brahmananda for deposit in my book fund account. Your letter is very much encouraging, and it is worth exhibiting to all grihasta disciples, and not only to disciples, but to people in general who are simply interested in the matter of sense gratification. Our members of Krishna Consciousness society should be ideal human beings, and if they try to follow the principles, surely they will be the ideal men in the world.

In Buffalo, we had three meetings, and it was found that the students, both boys and girls, especially the girls, they were very much receptive and encouraging. Please organize the Samkkrtan Party very nicely, and try to preach amongst the student community, and I am hopeful that the result will be very great. Brahmananda has taken charge of the sales department, and I hope when he is successful, you will try to open your own press for better production of our publications.

Thanking you once more for your letter. I hope this meets you in good health.

69-4-25

Allston, Mass.
25th April, 1969

My Dear Bibhavati,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated April 23, 1969 sent along with the Pancha Tattwa painting, and I am so glad to learn that you are also a good painter. Your first attempt has been almost successful, so I request you to continue to practice so that excellent paintings may be drawn by you. We require so many pictures for our temples which are already present and which will be opened in the future. Immediately upon receipt of your picture, I had it hung right above my

Deity room. Wherever I go I convert one closet into my Deity room, so I shall always be seeing your picture there.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-4-26

Allston, Mass.
25th April, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. Advaita and his press contemporaries have agreed to pay me 10,000 per year for the printing of my books. So you can print at least two books, 5,000 copies each by that money. I hope you have by now settled something with Dai Nippon, and if they have agreed, you can hand over the Second Canto, *Sri-mad Bhagwatam* immediately. There is one copy of *Chaitanya Charitamrita* (No. 18) which is received from Calcutta with Bengali titles. This may immediately be sent to Goursundar by mail. You will find it on the shelf in my room. It is understood that Mac Millan Company was to pay some hundreds of dollars to Goursundar for his design, so I do not know whether they have already paid or not. Anyway, you can immediately send him the above-mentioned book, and the price may be paid from his pay from Mac Millan. I am awaiting your letter describing your progress with Dai Nippon.

Hope this meets you in good health.
Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-4-27

Allston, Mass.
25th April, 1969

My Dear Dinesh,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated April 22,

1969, and I have carefully noted the contents. I have already acknowledged receipt of your nicely taped kirtan recording. I think that the mridunga sound should be a little more increase, and the tambora sound should be decreased. When the chorus is chanting in response to the leader, the mridunga is not very distinctly heard. Therefore, it should be increased. As for when this record will be pressed, I think this should be done as soon as possible, because everyone is already wanting this record. If you cannot get it pressed immediately, then I have asked Brahmananda to arrange for the pressing. I have heard that Dai Nippon Company can give such pressing at a competitive price. The jacket design you have described sounds nice, so you may develop it in this way.

I hope this will find you in good health.
Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-4-28

Allston, Mass.
25th April, 1969

My Dear Lilavati,

Please accept my blessings to yourself as well as to your good husband and nice daughter, Subhadra. I beg to thank you for your letter dated April 18, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. Regarding your question about the relationship between the living entities and Krishna, the answer is that qualitatively we are one with Krishna: There is no qualitative difference, although the living entity has a different function than Krishna. Prakriti means nature. Just like fire; its nature is heat, and the heat is not a different quality although the function is different. In one sense, fire and heat are non-different. Therefore, Lord Chaitanya's philosophy of inconceivably simultaneously one and different is the perfect philosophy of our

relationship with the Absolute Truth. Everything is manifestation of the prakriti of the Lord, exactly like the heat and light of the fire. Heat and light are not different from the fire, but at the same time, heat and light are not the fire. In this way we have to understand the Purusha and prakriti. The Lord is the Purusha, or Enjoyer, and prakriti is the enjoyed.

Regarding your question about our relationship with Srimati Radharani, She is the internal energy, we are marginal energy. Marginal means sometimes internal, sometimes external. When we are under the internal energy, that is our normal life, and when we are under the external energy, that is our abnormal life. Therefore, we are called marginal energy; we can be either this way or that way. But being qualitatively one with the Purusha, our tendency is to remain in the internal energy. Being in the external energy is our artificial attempt.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-4-29

Allston, Mass.
25th April, 1969

My Dear Govinda Dasi and Goursundar,
Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letters dated April 17, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. I am very much anxious that Govinda Dasi has fallen sick. Similarly, I am also from yesterday feeling little uncomfortable on account of backache. I think the constant change of climate in Buffalo has affected my rheumatic tendencies, so today I am not feeling very well. In Buffalo we had very nice meetings, and the students, both boys and girls, were very

receptive. I am so glad to learn that your center also is improving. Day by day continue to work seriously and faithfully, and it will surely grow to be a very nice center. I have talked with Jadurany yesterday, and she asked my opinion of her going to Hawaii. I advised her to go as soon as possible, and she has proposed to go there when I leave Boston. She is not very seriously ill, but she feels little ill, and with change of climate I think she will improve without any doubt.

I am very glad to learn that Kartamashi is now very nicely dressed. Govinda Dasi is surely a good artist, so I am sure Kartamashi is very attractive. Please offer my obeisances to Him. I am very glad to learn from both of your letters that Jill is now staying there. She is very nice girl and intelligent. So the addition of Balabhadra and Jill to our movement is very much appreciated. Please help them to be Krishna Conscious, and it will be great service to Krishna, and you will enhance your Krishna Conscious beauties by such activities. So far as Goursundar's request for *Chaitanya Charitamrita*, I have already advised Brahmananda to send it to you immediately.

I hope this will meet the both of you in very nice health.

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

69-4-30

Allston, Mass.
26th April, 1969

My Dear Vrindabanesbvari,

Please accept my blessings. I am so pleased to receive your letter dated April 18, 1969 here in Boston. I am glad to learn that little Muradvaja is now become recovered from the fever he experienced in Los Angeles, and I am also glad to learn that Mandali Bhadra has already begun the translation work. It is Krishna's desire

that we should meet together and cooperate for the cause of Krishna Consciousness movement which is so badly needed throughout the world. You and your husband are quite competent to take up this responsibility and your little child, Muradvaja, is a great hope for our future activities. He is fortunate boy to have such nice father and mother, and if you can raise him properly for this purpose, you shall all be benefitted from the spiritual standpoint. I am glad that Ananda is executing the Krishna Consciousness movement there in Vancouver very intelligently with determination and sincerity. Please offer him my blessings, as well as to your husband and child.

I think if you can start for Germany in the beginning of July, that will be very nice help. The boys who are working there are sometimes in disagreement, so if you go and take charge of the center, it will be a great service. One boy, Jayagovinda Brahmachary, is returning back from India, and combined together, the affairs of the Hamburg center will be arranged very nicely. By the Grace of Radharani you are already inclined to Krishna Consciousness; now you have got regular engagement to continue this consciousness to perfection. I understand that Krishna has helped you with some source of income. All the money we require is simply to meet our necessities, and we do not require any more for the purpose of sense gratification. But for our necessities we can always know that Krishna will help us with all facilities. Some way or other if Mandali Bhadra gets the facility of fully working on his translation work, it will be a very nice thing.

You have enquired about how we leave our body and enter into the Spiritual Sky. This information is very nicely explained in the Second Canto of *Srimad Bhagwatam*, First Chapter. The idea is that this universe is just like a coconut fruit, and

exactly like the coconut fruit there is covering of several layers. Each layer is said to be ten times more than the other. So when a living entity is eligible and fully prepared to enter into the Spiritual Sky, he merges his different bodily elements which are called earth, fire, water, air, and ether. In those covering layers these bodily elements return, and the living entity goes back to the Spiritual Sky. Pure devotees do not desire to enter into any one of the higher planetary systems of this universe. Sometimes mystic yogis are interested to see the higher planetary systems, and before entering into the Spiritual Sky, they take advantage of seeing the higher planetary systems. But a pure devotee is so much eager to enter back into the Spiritual Sky, especially devotees of Krishna, so they do not try even to enter into the Vaikuntha Lokas. Everything depends on the intense desire of the living entity, and Krishna gives all facilities for fulfilling such desires. So far as we are concerned, we should always be very much eager to directly contact Krishna, following the Footprints of Lord Chaitanya. And as you are Vrindaban-*esbvari*, you should always pray to Srimati Radharani to engage yourself in Her Service. That will be the fulfillment of your life.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-4-31

Allston, Mass.
26th April, 1969

My Dear Tamal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 19, 1969, along with a pamphlet regarding your UCLA meeting. The pamphlet is very nicely done, and you have

diagnosed the disease very well, increasing the material temperature to 107 degrees and calling death immediately. I think by the Grace of Krishna you are getting good inspiration from within as Krishna is giving you good wisdom. Your explanation for getting a new place bigger than the present one is approved by me in all respects. I think Krishna's plan is working and as you have already informed Mr. Leo Brown to find out a big place for us, Krishna will help us very soon. The Los Angeles plan as described by you is so nice. The climate of Los Angeles is very much suitable for me, and if by Krishna's Grace we can have a nice headquarters for the Western side as planned by you, I shall be glad to place myself at your disposal. I am now seeking to sit down simply for training preachers and diverting my attention for completing the translation work of *Srimad Bhagwatam*, but I do not know where Krishna will like me to do this work. But your nice plan makes me hopeful that Los Angeles may be the suitable place. We have certainly to develop the New Vrindaban plan, but side by side the Los Angeles plan should also be executed. I do not know how Krishna will help us, but your idea is very excellent.

From yesterday, since I have come to Boston, I am feeling little backache. There is no unbearable pain, but when I stand up or walk, it is a little difficult. I think it will be cured within two or three days. So without investing further money in our present temple, because it has now become uncertain, we shall carefully save some money for investing in some new place. As our devotees are now coming by cars, we can go to a distant place undoubtedly. I have seen that there is one church just near the Bank of America on La Cienega Boulevard. I do not know to which sect this church belongs, but that church is very suitable for your described purpose. There are many churches every-

where like that, and if some of the proprietors are convinced, we can utilize such churches for this Krishna Consciousness movement for the general welfare of the mass of people. Why not approach the proprietors of such churches? I know it is very difficult, but there is no harm if we approach. Certainly when we have our new place, we must elaborately arrange for the artist department in charge of Srimati Devahuti, the mother of Indumati. She is a very nice lady, and please offer her my thanks for joining this movement. I hope she will take care of the boys and girls as their mother. So all of our ideas can be fulfilled very nicely if we actually get a nice place. Search it out and surely Krishna will help you.

I hope this will find you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. The draft board letter must be replied now. It cannot be delayed anymore. ACB

69-4-32

Allston, Mass.

27th April, 1969

London

My Dear Gurudas,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 20, 1969, sent along with some pictures. All the pictures you sent are very important. You are doing very laudable service by collecting some old reminiscences, and I shall do the needful in due course; there is no immediate emergency. Your idea of writing a book named *Swamiji* was formerly informed to me. Unfortunately, because I am travelling in so many places—from Los Angeles to Hawaii, then to San Francisco, then again Los Angeles, then New York, then Buffalo, and now I am in Boston. From here I shall go to Columbus, then to North Carolina, then to New Vrindaban, and then I

may go to London if required. At that time I shall give you solid information for both the *Krishna* book and the *Swamiji* book. But for the time being all of you should concentrate your energies to occupy the house mortuary by all means. It is understood that Mr. George Harrison has given a letter of guarantee for payment of rent, but if they want further guarantee, I can ask Bank of America or any other bank to give the necessary guarantee of payment. Somehow or other you must satisfy them and occupy the house. That is the immediate program, and as soon as this is done, I shall go there to adjust things in right order. If some way or other you miss to occupy the house, then you can arrange for me some place with someone who can receive me as guest at least for one month. That also will help me in organizing things there. And what about Mataji? When she was here she assured me so many things hopeful that she wants to work conjointly. I understand that Shyam-sundar has gone to Mataji to build an altar. This means that she has already started the temple. She wanted me also to go to London, and I told her that as soon as opening of temple is assured, I shall go to London, leaving aside all other engagements here. But since she has departed she has not written me anything, although I have written her one letter forwarded through Malati, acknowledging receipt of her book, *Mataji Charitavali*.

I am little disturbed hearing from Yamuna that you are in financial difficulty there. If you can sell our *Back To Godheads* and our books, how there can be financial difficulty? From the month of June you will have 5,000 *BTG*'s, and you can make 35 cents profit on *BTG*. So roughly calculated, even if you distribute *BTG* wholesale, you make minimum profit of 20 cents per copy. Thus, you can easily make \$1,000 profit simply by selling *BTG*, and what to speak of the books?

Besides that, if you have got kirtan engagements, why should there be any difficulty of finance. The only problem is you have no place to live together. That you must make immediate solution. If you have no place to live together immediately, ask Mataji to give you a place. If she does not, then secure the mortuary at any cost. If they require a bank guarantee we shall arrange for this.

Another thing, the proposal of Mr. Gupta to give you 150 Rs is simply ludicrous, and for us it is insulting. Do you think that an American boy like you can live in India on \$20? This talk means they are not very serious or important men, so you should be careful to mix with them. There is no use asking any help from these embassy men. I know they will never help our Hare Krishna movement. The government is pledged to the policy of secularism, so as soon as there is any scent of religious fervor, they at once become opposing element.

Please inform Yamuna that I have received her nice certificates, and her letter is also replied in this letter to her husband. I hope this will meet you both in good health.

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

69-4-33

Allston, Mass.
28th April, 1969

My Dear Mukunda,

Please accept my blessings. I am very much perturbed in mind that you are living scattered with the others. The letter which I have written to Gurudas is sent herewith in a carbon copy. As you will find in that letter, I am prepared to give a letter of guarantee of the Bank of America to the authorities of the mortuary building up to the extent of \$15,000. So you must occupy that house at any rate. If George

Harrison's letter of guarantee is not sufficient, then I am also prepared to guarantee for \$15,000. Let them know that we are not paupers. If need be, you can show the authorities my latest bank balance in Bank of America. Enclosed is the latest note, dated 21, April 1969. This can be increased to \$15,000 without any difficulty. So complete the transaction, and the house may be occupied immediately.

Please convey my blessings to the others also. Hope this meets you in good health.

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

P.S. You can also let them know that I am permanent resident of the U.S.A. immigrant as Ordained Minister of Religion with fifteen branches all over the states.

Also you can ask Brahmananda to send "T.L.C." which is now received and it is far superior quality book than anyone is get-up all binding. ACB

69-4-34

Allston, Mass.
28th April, 1969

My Dear Pradyumna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 23, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. I am arranging for the certificates to be sent to both Hayagriva and yourself, and you should receive them before long. My travelling schedule for the next few weeks will be as follows: I shall arrive in Columbus on flight 485, United Airlines, at 10:47 on May 9, 1969. Then on the 15th of May I shall be going to North Carolina, and then on the 18th of May I shall proceed to New Vrindaban.

I am pleased to learn of your nice Krishna Conscious activities in Colum-

bus, and I shall be happy to see you there soon. Hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-4-35

Allston, Mass.
29th April 1969

First National City Bank
Grand Street Branch
Grand Street and Bowery
New York, 13, NY
Att: Manager

Dear Sir:

Re: MY ACCOUNT #0420160131

Kindly transfer from my above mentioned account \$3,500 to the Bank of America (Pico-La Cienega Branch, Los Angeles—Branch #308) for credit of my savings account there #3082-80075, and send me the advice of charge at the above address. Enclosed please find my change of address notice. Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours Truly,
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami.

69-4-36

Allston, Mass.
29th April 1969

My Dear Upendra,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 21 April, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. Do not be worried that there is only yourself and Gajendra as full time members. You will get more doubtlessly. Don't be agitated. Go on working sincerely and Krishna will surely help you. Both Gajendra and yourself are very sincere souls, and I give you both all blessings. So please continue to try to develop nicely. If you have got a nice place

and a Samkirtan Party, then success is assured. That is already experimented in Los Angeles, You have already seen it, and try to organize a Samkirtan Party in that way in Seattle also. Seattle is a very nice place, and everywhere the students are taking part in our movement more enthusiastically. While I was in Buffalo I was very much pleased with the student community there, and similarly I saw good response in San Francisco. I have already invitation from Columbus and North Carolina, so our future hope is this student community. The child is the father of the man, and if the fathers of the children in this country are not taking part with us, the future fathers are surely sympathetic. That is a great hope for us.

Regarding *Back To Godhead*, when we get copies from Japan, I have program to distribute several thousand copies freely. In the meantime, get the concessional rate from the Post Office. They have got such rates in Los Angeles and New York, it is about 2 and a half or 3¢ per copy. so you may select some nice, important names; government men, leading industrialists, businessmen, and when you get the concessional rates you should distribute at least 100 copies from your center freely. The postage and copies will be supplied to you.

I hope this will meet you in very good health.

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

69-4-37

Allston, Mass.
29th April, 1969

My Dear Hayagriva,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 25, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. I have already sent Pradyumna the schedule of my touring in this

part of the country. I did not know that there was so many important engagements in Columbus because formerly I was informed only that on the 12th there was an important meeting. So as I am going on the 9th, I shall be staying there for six days, till the 14th. On the 15th I will be going to North Carolina. So if you think that in Columbus there are many other engagements, then I may come back again to Columbus and stay there for as long as you like, and then I shall go on to New Vrindaban. Best thing will be if you talk with Bhurijana in North Carolina and arrange things mutually. I don't think he will be able to change the present arrangements because he has sent me one press cutting in which it is advised that I shall speak there on the 16th. Therefore, the best thing may be to come back. So you may not make any program for me on the 15th, 16th and 17th. Then on the 18th we can make more programs at Columbus.

I am enclosing one letter to be handed over to the girl, Cynthia Daily, who is there in Columbus with you. I hope this will meet you in very good health.

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

69-4-38

Allston, Mass.
30th April, 1969

My Dear Gopal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated April 23, 1969 and was very pleased to note the contents. You are very anxious to have engagement in Krishna's service, so my immediate best service for you is to help organize the sales promotion of my books. I have already got five books; three volumes of *Srimad Bhagwatam*, one volume *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*, and one volume *Teachings of Lord Chaitanya*. This year most probably we will have another

three books; namely *Nectar of Devotion*, and two further volumes of *Srimad Bhagwatam*. So the future hope for expansion is selling of books and magazines. So if you can make some organizational idea, you will please send it to me and I shall consider it.

I am very glad that you are thinking of marrying. Why don't you marry one Krishna Conscious girl? I think instead of going to India, you should find out some Krishna Conscious girl, either from America or Canada. We have got so many nice girls in Krishna Consciousness, and she will help you in your further advancement. You are already accustomed to the climate in this part of the world, and you have got a nice job. Therefore, I would recommend you to get married here. Lord Ramachandra once said that wife can be found in every country. DESHE DESHE KALATRATRANI. DESHE DESHE means in every country, and KALATRATRANI means wives. So all the kshatriyas married in different countries. Of course you are not expected to have many wives in different countries, but if you have one wife in one country that does not hamper. But I recommend you to marry one Krishna Conscious girl from our group. Then you will be happy.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-4-39

Allston, Mass.
30th April, 1969

My Dear Harer Nama,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 21, 1969, and I have gone over the contents very carefully. I am pleased to learn that your mother is willing to pay for your schooling expenses, and I think that

you may take this opportunity of completing your education. I have enclosed one letter to Prabhavati, and you should see this letter also. Regarding your request to sing prayers in English, this is nice suggestion, and you may do it. So far as the songs that you have written, you may send me a copy of them and I shall see them. In Montreal also they are writing songs in the popular Western style of music and it is coming very nicely.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-4-40

Allston, Mass.
30th April, 1969

My Dear Ishandas,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 25, 1969, and I have noted the contents with pleasure. I am pleased that you are taking serious interest in helping us spread this sublime movement of Lord Chaitanya to the Western World, which has such urgent need of this knowledge. Regarding your idea of going to London before they obtain a temple, I do not think this will be the best thing because already they are scattered there, living separately, and they are inconvenienced. I have asked them to occupy a building and assured them of guarantee of payment. If the building is occupied, then by June I shall also go there, and then you will be welcome there. But without having a temple there I do not think it will be very much beneficial. Now you are helping the Montreal temple, and that is nice.

I am glad to learn of your policy of occupants in your building. If that house can develop into a students home, preaching our philosophy to the residents, it will be a

great service. Make it a point that at a certain period of time there should be lecture about Krishna Consciousness and some kirtan. This time should be fixed up for all residents. So if they take part in kirtan and have opportunity to hear our philosophy, certainly they will take it up. Side by side, if our prasadam program is also introduced, that will also be great impetus.

Regarding Bibhavati's plan of natural childbirth, this is very good. Since your wife is pregnant, let her be engaged with some little work, That will help her natural childbirth. I have read your sugges-

tions for improving *Back To Godhead* and they are very good. You are acquainted with Rayarama, so please write your suggestions to him. But I like these ideas you have suggested.

Please convey my blessings to your good wife, Bibhavati, and I hope this will meet the both of you in very good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

NB: Your suggestion of sending me a report of your daily activities is very nice, and you may do it.

MAY

69-5-1

Allston, Mass.
1st May, 1969

My Dear Dayananda,

Please accept my blessings. Just yesterday morning I was thinking of you that I did not hear from Dayananda for so many days, and immediately I got your nice letter dated April 25, 1969. You are such a nice soul that you are always thinking of Krishna and becoming more and more purified in Krishna Consciousness. As stated in the *Srimad Bhagwatam*, First Canto, Second Chapter, Twenty-Seventh Verse, Krishna is sitting in everyone's heart and He is purifying one who is Krishna Conscious. The symptoms of advancement in Krishna Consciousness is gradually feeling detached to materialistic way of life. Although you are young man, you have got your nice young wife and child, and by Krishna's Grace, everything is all right so far as your family is concerned, still you are feeling detached. That is very nice. But when your wife and child all are cooperating in your Krishna Consciousness, there is no hampering in your progress. So keep yourself always in Krishna Consciousness with your family members, raise your children to that standard, and employ your energy for serving Krishna. Then, even though you are in family life, you are as good as sannyasi.

You have not mentioned when you are returning to Los Angeles. The idea of New Dwarka in Los Angeles is developing there, and Tamal Krishna has already informed Mr. Leo Brown, the real estate man, to find out a bigger place than the present one. So when you return you try to

complete it. I thank you very much for your nice surrendering attitude by placing yourself at my disposal. Of course, I am using you already in the service of the Lord, and personally I cannot utilize your service. So whatever I demand from you, it is for Krishna's sake. Personally I am humble servant of Krishna as you are also, but I am deputed to accept your service just to transfer it to Krishna as via media. I shall try to do this service to you and Krishna throughout my life, and I am so proud to have such assistants as you are to help me in my mission to push on the Krishna Consciousness Movement. I do not know why I am attached to your country, but I strongly believe that if the American boys and girls would accept this philosophy, it would render the greatest service to the rest of the world. In Los Angeles, the situation is improving, and when you reach there it will be further accelerated.

One boy whom I have initiated last night, named Chandanacharya, is enthusiastic to go to Florida for opening a center there. For the time being he has come from Montreal along with Hansadutta. He proposes to begin a temple in Palm Beach. He is a very enthusiastic musician and appears to be very nice boy.

Regarding your questions, the swami order is certainly introduced by Shankaracharya, because almost all sannyasis of impersonal philosophy take this name, Swami. But the Swami title offered to me is equivalent to Goswami. Swami and Goswami are actually the same, synonymous. Swami means the master, and master means the master of the senses.

Goswami directly explains master of senses. Go means senses. So this name, Goswami, is not the Shankaracharya's order. So far as your second question, Thakur Bhaktivinode was not official Spiritual Master of Gour Kishore das Babaji Maharaj. Gour Kishore das Babaji Maharaj was already renounced order, Paramhansa, but Thakur Bhaktivinode, while He was even playing the part of a householder, was treated by Gour Kishore das Babaji Maharaj as Preceptor, on account of His highly elevated spiritual understanding, and thus He was always treating Him as His Spiritual Master. The Spiritual Master is divided into two parts; namely, siksha guru and diksha guru. So officially Bhaktivinode Thakur was like siksha guru of Gour Kishore das Babaji Maharaj.

I shall be glad to receive your letters at least once in a week. I hope this will find you in good health.

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

69-5-2

Allston, Mass.
2nd May, 1969

My Dear Rayarama,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated April 28, 1969, and I was very glad to note the contents. Regarding the IBM Composer, I think Krishna desires to have this machine because printing of our books in Japan is gradually fading due to the Japanese people's changing their words. I understand from Brahmananda that negotiations were going on between \$5,000 and \$6,000, and now they want to increase the price to \$8,000. I do not therefore wish to deal with them. We must find out some other source for printing our books. But one thing, if we can present our composed pages, why not print them in New York?

Behind my apartment, 26 Second Avenue, there is one press, Glen Press. Sometimes they printed our Prospectus. So why don't you take quotation from them about printing our books in 8 page sheets or as they can suitably print on their machine. You can immediately go and see the press, and take price, saying that we shall give the composed pages and select the paper also and provide it. What will be their charges for printing four pages or eight pages on one side? That means eight pages a form or sixteen pages a form. Then we can get it printed there and do our own folding and binding. So immediately take quotation for this, either from Glen Press or any other press. Then the problem of printing will be solved. If we can get the printing done in New York it is the best. In the meantime, you negotiate for the IBM Composer suitable for all of our purposes, books and magazines, and I shall ask Brahmananda to pay \$600.00 when the negotiation is complete.

Regarding the boy, Birbhadra, I am glad to learn that you are taking proper care. The boy is very intelligent, but you should not only be kind upon him, that is understood because we should always be kind, but at the same time you should be very strict on disciplinary method. I have seen your notes of the meeting held in Buffalo, and surely they will be useful. I am pleased that you are working on *Nectar of Devotion*, and pleased try to have it ready as planned.

I hope this will meet you in good health.
Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-5-3

Allston, Mass.
3rd May, 1969

My Dear Hayagriva and Pradyumna,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for sending me the poster

with pictures of Mr. Ginsberg and myself. It is very nicely done. Now on that I shall lead the kirtan. I shall first of all chant, and our devotees should respond as usual. And with the devotees Mr. Ginsberg will also be amongst our devotees, and the public will be requested to follow this response. In this way there shall be kirtan performance for at least half an hour. For our men I want four mridungas and twelve kartals or cymbals. If Kirtanananda can play the harmonium melodiously along with the chanting, it will be nice. If somebody can play the tamboura, that will be still more nice. But they should be rhythmically played. So I do not know how many devotees are there or how many mridungas are there, but we will require four mridungas. If this is deficient now in men or mridungas, then you should arrange for that by calling New York men and Buffalo men. Recently I have made one record in Los Angeles, so in trying to train our men in that rhythm is not difficult. Just arrange for sixteen men; four mridungas, harmonium, tamboura, and the rest playing kartals. If we can perform kirtan following the recently made recording, it will be marvelous. The summary is that you should make the above preparations for when the advertised meeting is held.

I will be reaching there in Columbus on United Airlines at 10:47, so in the evening if there is an engagement, we can accept. I will not be tired. On the 9th, 10th, 11th, if you want you can make some programs. On the 12th it is already scheduled, and similarly, on the 13th and 14th you may make arrangements. On the morning of the 15th I shall be going to North Carolina.

On the engagement with Mr. Ginsberg, after the first kirtan with me leading, then Mr. Ginsberg may speak something about the Samkirtan Movement. You can also speak about it, and then I shall give the concluding speech, or

if someone else wishes to speak you can arrange for this. After the speaking there will be kirtan in the same way. But if you so desire, Mr. Ginsberg can lead this last program and all the others shall respond. I think this will be nice program.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-5-4

Allston, Mass.
4th May, 1969

My Dear Shivananda,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you for your letter dated "Friday," and I have noted the contents carefully. Regarding your idea of supporting the temple by Samkirtan collections, it is nice. In Los Angeles, New York, and other centers they are chanting on the streets every day and they are getting good remunerations, better than any job. New York once collected \$500.00 in one weekend, and Los Angeles sometimes collects \$250.00 in one day. Uddhava and Vaikunthanath are collecting at least \$20-\$40.00 daily, so if it is possible to collect it is very good. Simply we have to work and people will give contribution for this good cause. It is better to get money by collections than to work.

Regarding your desire to improve your singing voice, by singing you will become an expert singer. Anything you practice regularly you become expert in. There is every chance of my going to London in June, and certainly if I go there I must also go to your place also. Very soon two German souls who were recently initiated, Mandali Bhadra and Brindabaneshvari, will be starting for Hamburg to give you all sorts of translations of *Back To Godhead* and other literatures.

I am very much anxious to know about

Jayagovinda. I have not heard anything from him since about a month. Please let me know immediately whether he has reached Hamburg by this time. Regarding your need for a warm beverage to drink while you are working, milk is the best. Take hot milk with little sugar, stir it very nicely, and drink it when it is warm sufficiently, tolerable by you, and with bubbles on the surface. That is the best hot beverage available in the world. You can also prepare some halewah. That is also very nice for a cold country. Add to it some raisins, almonds, etc.

I hope this will meet you in good health. Please convey my blessings to the others there with you.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-5-5

Allston, Mass.

5th May, 1969

My Dear Shivananda Prabhu,

Please accept my greetings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 23 April, 1969, addressed to the New York temple and redirected here. I am so much obliged to you for picking up the "Jugantar" publication of your activities in London. I understand that you are sending an annual subscription fee for *Back To Godhead*, but it is \$5.00 per year. It is Rs 7.5 exchange for one dollar, so I do not know how you have calculated. Achyutananda's address is c/o Chaitanya Saraswat Math, Kolerganj, P.O. Nabadwip, Dist., Nadia, West Bengal. Regarding your questions about my books, we are presently selling six volumes; namely *Srimad Bhagwatam* (three volumes), *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*, *Teachings of Lord Chaitanya*, and *Easy Journey To Other Planets*.

I am very much thankful for your promise to help me in my missionary activities, and I shall be glad to know about

your press, whether you can print first class books in art paper and linotype composition. If so, we can give you so much work. We have got many books to be printed yet. If it is cheaper than in Japan, we can immediately give you some business. From Calcutta we may purchase many articles for being dispatched to our various centers. I do not know whether you can help us in that respect. We are importing many mridungas and other musical instruments, Nabadwip kartals also, so please tell me if you can help us in this respect. You can make some profit in this also.

I will be happy to be hearing again from you soon. I hope this meets you in good health.

Yours affectionately,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-5-6

Allston, Mass.

5th May, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letters dated April 28th, 29th and 30th, 1969, along with the credit note of the Bank, #2880. Regarding the United States Customs, we had been importing books from India, and I do not know what is wrong there if we import books from Japan. So far as publication is concerned, our Society has got branches all over the world. It is written in the book "published by the International Society for Krishna Consciousness, branches throughout the world, Headquarters USA". So if we have got branches in Japan and get our books printed there, what is wrong there? I think this complaint has no meaning.

Regarding Dai Nippon's change of

policy, I know the Japanese people are very cunning in the matter of business. They can produce things very cheaply and attract customers, but when the customer is in his grip, he does not behave very well. Under the circumstances, I do not know whether it will be nice to select another Japanese printer. The best thing will be if we get them printed in New York as I suggested to Rayarama and also Uddhava. Uddhava and Vaikuntha are very much hopeful for collecting for the book fund, and they have promised that at least \$20.00 can be collected daily. Regarding the musical instruments, I do not think there need be any discount on them. So far as sending the book to Goursundar, you can send him one copy of *Chaitanya Charitamrita*, and explain to him that out of his \$100.00 there is no balance, so he can send the price of that book.

Now immediately you have to send some papers to Shyamsundar in London as follows: the picture of Vaikuntha Loka on one side, and an advertisement of *Srimad Bhagwatam* on the other side. Send a few copies of this cover as well as the picture of the Prime Minister meeting me with the *Bhagwatam*, the recent dust cover of *Teachings of Lord Chaitanya* and *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*. Shyamsundar requires to prove our bonafideness, and from here I am sending the copies of our certificate. He is expecting something big, so let us hope for his success, although up till now we have been satisfied simply by promises. His address is as follows: 11 Walham Park Road, London S.W. 12, England. As I have mentioned to Uddhava, Murari may stay in New York to help Gargamuni at least till I go to New Vrindaban.

Please convey my blessings to all others there. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

69-5-7

Allston, Mass.
6th May, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 2, 1969 on your new letter-heading, "Iskcon Books." Regarding the MacMillan Company's printing *Srimad Bhagwatam*, we may note herewith that the MacMillan's publication of the *Bhagavad Gita As It Is* and our publication of *Teachings of Lord Chaitanya* is the difference between heaven and hell. If Macmillan Company can invest their good money for publishing our *Bhagwatam*, they must take the standard as we have presented. The first canto cannot be reduced less than 200 pages. In the *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*, we have cut short the pages under the instruction of the Macmillan Company, without explaining many important verses. We are presenting a new philosophy to the world against all foolish impersonalist, atheistic, agnostic and all other imperfect philosophies. Therefore we must have sufficient chance for explaining the purports of *Srimad Bhagwatam*. So if Macmillan agrees to these conditions, then we can entrust the publication of the *Bhagwatam* in their hands. Such a big company, world famous publishers, and we are giving them the topmost transcendental knowledge in the world. Why they should become miserly in the set-up and quality of the book?

Regarding *Teachings of Lord Chaitanya*, I am very glad to know that you are hopeful for great success. The stores demand of 40% for at least 4 copies is all right. There are about 1,000 stores in New York at least. So if they take 3 copies each, we immediately distribute 3,000 copies. Similarly in other big cities we can distribute at least 1,000 in each city. There are at least 25 important cities in your

country, so in each city, if we distribute at least 1,000 copies, there is potency of distributing 25,000 copies in your country only, and what to speak of other countries, like England or any other part of the world where English is spoken. So it requires only organization; and now that we have a special "Iskcon Books" department simply for the promotion and publication of our literatures, and you also have the help of Nayana Bhiram and Bali Mardan, so the future looks very hopeful. Now you should definitely organize to distribute amongst the stores in the same conditions you have mentioned. Then our publication department will be a grand success. I would always prefer to distribute our books ourselves and publish them ourselves in our own press. That is my ambition, so you try to fulfill this desire of mine. Achyutananda's address is as follows: c/o Chaitanya Saraswata Math, Kollergeranj, P.O. Dist. Nadia, W. Bengal. Please negotiate with him that he may take charge of supplying and purchasing our goods from India. If he takes charge of purchasing our goods from India and sends directly, then we shall be able to save at least 50% of the cost they are charging at United Shipping Corporation. I have already written to him for mridungas which are manufactured in Nabadwip, first quality, at the rate of \$4.00 each. Similarly, first quality kholes can be purchased from there, utmost at the rate of ___ each. Similarly, many other goods, including murtis, etc. he can purchase and book them regularly to our different centers. I have got news from Jayagovinda that he has already arrived in Hamburg, and it is a great relief for me. Now Achyutananda is adamant to remain in India, so let him do something for our society. So far as starting a center in India, I am now thinking that that is not needed. I am getting inspiration that I need not bother myself in opening a center in India,

since I tried for it and have lost so much money in the attempt. You know first of all I sent \$100 to Achyutananda for Kanpur center; that is lost. I sent another \$100 to the Sevaiti of Radha-Damodar; that is also lost. I sent for publication to Hitsaran \$300, but out of that \$100 is lost. Then Nippan Banerjea plundered Achyutananda by two typewriters. So in every way I see that I am losing there in spite of having our own men, like Achyutananda, Jayagovinda, and others there. So I take it as warning from my Spiritual Master not to attempt in India, but rather to concentrate my energy in this part of the world. So let Achyutananda help us in the matter of purchasing and supplying goods from India. From Hamburg, Jayagovinda has written to give hope that very soon he will publish *Back To Godhead* in German language, so I am very much encouraged for his assurance.

My backache is almost cured by this time. I don't feel any inconvenience. I am walking as usual, and sometimes I am galloping the hills, defeating the young boys and girls. So don't be worried. I thank you very much for your kindly taking care of me always, especially when I was in Buffalo. The other day there was a question in class, one Indian boy asked me whether I am happy. So I answered him that in India I left my five children, but here, although I came alone, Krishna has given me hundreds of nice children. So I told him to just compare the practical happiness. So I am not at all inconvenienced under the care of my children here.

The Samkirtan Party must always work regularly; that is our life and soul. You have given nice opportunity to Subaldas. He is very sober and honest devotee. You are going every afternoon for one hour and that is very nice. Four or five men in the temple for kirtans is sufficient. The temple is an ideal institution, and people should come to learn, because if

they can make every house like our temples, then their lives will surely be successful. Regarding your proposal for contacting a subsidiary publisher, we are prepared to pay the fee or the cost of the production if they can produce our books of the same quality as *Teachings of Lord Chaitanya*, and at the same price. We

[TEXT MISSING]

69-5-8

Allston, Mass.
6th May, 1969

My Dear Rebatinandan,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 1, 1969, and I have signed the letter to the draft board as you have requested. If it will be of help to you, I shall also send you one certificate stating that you are my disciple. I thank you very much for the nice sentiments you have expressed, and surely this nice attitude will be a great asset for your further advancement in perfecting your life in Krishna Consciousness.

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

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-5-9

Allston, Mass.
6th May, 1969

My Dear Shyamsundar,

Please accept my blessings. Your letter dated May 1, 1969, delivered by special express mail is very much thought-provoking. Actually, if we get that church in negotiation, it will be a great achievement. Mr. George Harrison is sometimes coming forward to help us and sometimes he is not straightforward. But because he is chanting Hare Krishna and he has some faith in Krishna, a little respect for me, I

am sure he will come forward to help our movement.

The Rathayatra may be fixed up from the 20th July to the 27th July, seven days continually. In the meantime, if you get the church in contemplation, it will be very, very nice. I am sending the papers which may help in this connection. Enclosed is a short history of my previous life in continuation with the present life, and copies of certificates from different institutions which have developed since the departure of my Spiritual Master. We are all students of His Divine Grace Sri Srimad Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Goswami Maharaj Prabhupada. I am recognized as Ordained Minister of Religion in the United States of America, and in that status I am given permission of permanent resident, immigrant. So if these copies of certificates will help you to secure a church, then our London Yatra will be a grand success.

I am sending herewith also a rough plan of the proposed temple to be constructed by George Harrison. The plan is for inside temple structure and courtyard. This is only one side of the temple. Three other sides may be surrounded by living quarters.

Please convey my blessings to your good wife, Malati, and your nice child. I hope this will meet you all in good health and cheerful mood.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-5-10

Allston, Mass.
6th May, 1969

My Dear Tamal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your very nice letter dated May 2, 1969, and the attitude which you are now maintaining for rendering service to Krishna will certainly

induce Him to bestow you with all His blessings more and more. I am sending herewith one program for the 18th of May which may be called Noukabihar. The song in this connection is also given and you may properly utilize it along with the translation. The next program on the 25th I shall send you in my next letter, and that is known as Rairaya. I understand you want every Sunday some program, and I shall try to help you as far as possible. Your statement that the program there could be to establish a large center for training preachers is very, very encouraging. I want my disciples to preach now. Here in Boston, sometimes I allow the students to speak, and it appears very hopeful.

As you are increasing your Samkirtan Movement to cover a great distance of 150 mile-radius it is still more encouraging. I am sure that because you are in serious and sincere attitude of service to Krishna, He is giving you all good counsel to propagate these transcendental activities. I am also so glad to know that the recent plan of observing various kinds of festivals is drawing wonderful results. I wish I would have been present there to see things so nicely going on. Your idea that when I am in Los Angeles I shall simply lecture on Sundays, and on the weekdays the boys will lecture so I shall be free to go on with my translating work is very stimulating. I am also glad to learn that you are going to San Francisco to adjust things there. By the 12th instant, when you are there you should help arrange for the Rathayatra Festival. This is to take place some time after the 15th of July, and you can fix up the days from the 20th of July to the 27th of July.

There is every possibility of me observing the Rathayatra Festival in London, because I received one letter from Shyamsundar, and they are seriously attempting for this occasion, and they are

thinking of inviting me during that period. Shyamsundar wants to give me a grand reception, and he is trying his best for this level. But if I am not invited there, then surely I shall return to Los Angeles by the middle of June or earlier. The college courses and university courses should be very carefully taken because there is very, very great hope from those quarters. In Buffalo I have seen Rupanuga has done wonderfully, and some of the students are already attracted to this Krishna Consciousness Movement. Similarly, Pradyumna is also doing in Columbus, and I shall see personally when I go there on the 9th of May.

So we have to train preachers, and they will go to the students in public institutions to educate them in Krishna Consciousness. So if our men simply study our books and magazines, and assimilate them nicely and clarify as soon as there is some doubt, then surely we shall drive out all these so-called yogis and propagandists who are simply cheating the innocent people to solve their pecuniary problems. Regarding the Radha-Krishna Murtis, they may be kept for the time being, and when I go there I shall take care of them. Regarding my backache, the 10% balance appears to be out of my body, but after all, the material body can be infected at any time, so we should not bother very much about it. We must simply go on with our activities in Krishna Consciousness.

Please convey my blessings to the others there with you. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

NB: When you go to San Francisco on the 12th you may bring the 10" Deities with you. When Jivananda goes to Hawaii he should bring these 10" Deities with him. The 12" Deities will be for Los Angeles.

NB: I have just received one letter from Upendra, and he is thinking of obtaining a

nice church in Seattle. As he may be needing \$500 very soon for down payment, your Los Angeles temple may help by loan of whatever money he will require in this connection. ACB

P.S. The new big place which you are searching may be sufficiently big so that we can start our Press also. ACB

69-5-11

Columbus, Ohio
8th May, 1969

My Dear Jayagovinda,

Please accept my blessings. I am so much glad to learn that you have arrived in Hamburg. Your letter of 26 April, 1969 gives me a great relief. I was very, very much anxious while you were in India. For the time being, I have given up the idea of opening a center in India because by so attempting, I have simply lost money in so many ways. Now you have come to our own place and you will enjoy the company of the guru and sincere devotees who have dedicated their life for pushing on the Krishna Consciousness Movement, and I am sure you will feel happy in their company. Please try to publish *Back To Godhead* as soon as possible, and very soon Mandali Bhadra and his wife, Brindabaneshvari will join you. All of you combined together will be happy propagating our literatures, magazines, books in German language with concentrated attention. Krishna das, Shivananda, yourself and the new devotees will be a happy combination, so please do your best.

Regarding your future status in Germany, Krishna will save you; don't bother yourself about it. For the time being, engage yourself in His service, and I think it is the desire of Krishna that you live in

Germany and be engaged in His service. I understand from Krishna Das's letter that there is great possibility of pushing our movement in Germany, so it is a great advantage for you to be there. I understand that you had some difficulty in reaching Hamburg, travelling for two weeks, but do not mind this trouble, because you underwent it for Krishna's sake. I was on the sea for one month and ten days continually, and that was a horrible account. Perhaps you have read it in my diary which you collected in Vrindaban. So let us forget our past difficulties and in Krishna Consciousness, if anyone faces difficulties, it is considered as blessings, because without tapasya, or voluntarily accepting some inconveniences, nobody can realize the Transcendence. So when we are put into difficulties while discharging Krishna Conscious duties, it is to be understood that Krishna puts us in a field of austerities and penances which help us making progress towards realization of our goal of life.

Here in the USA, especially in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and New York, they are taking out Samkirtan Party in the streets and getting very good results. The student community in the above cities are gradually realizing our activities as very good. Yesterday evening we had very good meeting in Harvard University, and many students and professors attended. There were nice discussions and they are convinced that our activities are genuine and for the real welfare of the human society. And actually it is so. We are not adulterating the transcendental message with any mundane rubbish. If we stick to the principles of Lord Krishna, Lord Chaitanya and the Goswamis, then surely they will appreciate. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-5-12

Columbus, Ohio
8th May, 1969

My Dear Upendra,

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

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

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

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-5-13

Columbus, Ohio
8th May, 1969

My Dear Krishna Das,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 28 April, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. You say that there is great

prospect for moving our Krishna Conscious propaganda and activities in Germany. We are already experiencing in several cities in the USA that by performing Samkirtan on the streets, they are collecting \$40-\$50 minimum daily. Sometimes they are going to \$150, so now you are three, so one mridunga and two kartals will be nice beginning for your German Samkirtan Party. I think if you go and chant in the park, you can sufficiently collect for meeting your expenditures, and the balance money you can engage for producing *Back To Godhead* and other German literature. Actually, if you can pull on with the center without having to work outside, it is the best. If it is not possible, then the question of working outside arises. But if you can profitably start a jewelry shop and earn something, that is also very nice and will help give us income.

You will be glad to learn that your sister, Saradia, was married last night with Vaikunthanath, and they appear to be very nice, happy couple. When I was in Montreal, your sister proposed personally that she wanted to marry Vaikunthanath one year ago. So according to her desire she is now married.

Regarding your question about keeping daily income and expenditure records, I am enclosing a brief lesson in how to do this. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

There are two things in accounting; one thing is I am receiving some amount, and the other thing is I am paying some amount. The paying or receiving will come under certain account. Whatever I receive is put under debtor column. Debtor means receiver, and the particular begins with the word "to." Whatever I am paying is entered into the creditor column.

Creditor means payer. In this way, after the whole day's transactions, you make a total of the debter column and creditor column, and if there is any balance, it is adjusted by the words "balance carried forward." This balance is entered in the creditor column. So we have to see that the amount in the debter column and the amount in the creditor column is equal. This is called a correct account. Next day you begin with "To Balance B.F." That means whatever balance you had the day before you put in the debter column with particulars To Balance B.F.. Then begin your transactions as in the previous day. This is the system of keeping an account in general. For the time being, keep your account in that way, and later on, as you inquire, I will let you know more about how to keep books.

69-5-14

Allston, Mass.
8th May, 1969

My Dear Gargamuni,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 6, 1969, and I have carefully noted the contents. I have advised Uddhava to inform you of what is decided regarding your business, and you may invite Kartikeya to come there to help you, as I have advised Uddhava to inform you. But your business must cooperate with the other departments, so that all departments can go on smoothly. Otherwise it is not a very good situation.

I hope this will meet you in very good health.

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

P.S. I am going tomorrow to Columbus.

69-5-15

Columbus, Ohio
8th May, 1969

My Dear Mukunda,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated April 29, 1969, and I have carefully noted the contents. I think that you may delete the two clauses if you think it will be helpful in having our society recognized in London. I understand that there is new hope now for getting a nice temple there, so I will await the results with interest. I think that there is no necessity for Ishandas and his wife to go there now, because it will not be very good if they have to live apart from the others.

Please convey my blessings to your very good wife, Janaki, and, I hope this will meet the both of you in very good health.

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

P.S. Tomorrow morning I am going to Columbus (Ohio)

69-5-16

Columbus, Ohio
8th May, 1969

My Dear Shivananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 26, 1969, and I have carefully noted the contents. You have mentioned that you may be interested in marriage, and if you think that you should marry, there is no question of living as an artificial brahmachary. Regarding your wish to open a center in the United States, first of all you have to establish the center firmly in Germany by leading the Samkirtan Party. Now Jayagovinda is there, he is a very nice and competent boy, and soon the German couple are coming, so when you are all assembled and the *Back To Godhead* is coming regularly, then you can attempt

another center. Practically it is your credit that you went to Germany and first began our movement there. So now it is your duty to help establish it more strongly. Most probably, if I go to London, I shall go to your place also. So then I shall decide if you can go to Chicago or any other place in the USA. In the USA we have so many centers, and now we want to open at least three or four centers in Germany and at least half a dozen centers in England.

I hope this will meet you in very good health.

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

69-5-17

Columbus, Ohio
8th May, 1969

My Dear Sudama,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your two letters, sent Special Delivery, dated May 5th and May 6th, 1969. I was very much anxious for Kartikeya after receiving the first letter, so now that he is somewhat improved, try to protect him. He is a very nice boy, but sometimes he gets crazy. You should treat him as your younger brother and with kindness. In the meantime, if he wants to go to the New York center, then he can go there, and Brahmananda can take care of him. Or if he wants to go to New Vrindaban, I will be going there soon, and he will be glad to remain with me as usual. But try to keep him from getting upset. I do not know why he becomes at intervals like that. I can only pray that Krishna will save him from this upsetting business.

The proposal that you shall have a cart moving in the Japanese Fair with Deities, kirtan and selling books is very, very nice proposal. If you can get sanction for it, it will be a very nice thing. I thank you very

much for your constant and sincere efforts, and surely Krishna will bless you more and more for this. I have received one letter, sent along with beads of the girl, Jill, and I will send them back to her, initiated upon by me, very soon.

Please convey my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-5-18

Columbus, Ohio
12th May, 1969

My Dear Goursundar,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 6, 1969, and I have noted the contents. I think you should send United Shipping Corporation the price in advance of the setar, and for the balance they can make their invoice. The balance may be deposited in the Hawaii bank, and ask the United Shipping Corporation to send the documents to the Hawaii bank; and the invoice may be made in your name because you have got account there. So you may accept the proforma invoice and send them back the copy. You advise them to collect through the Hawaii bank, (branch #—wherever you have got your account), and advise the United Shipping Corporation where your documents should be sent for collection. So please sign one proforma invoice and send it with the branch number where they are to collect the money from.

Please convey my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

NB: I have chanted upon the beads sent by

Jill (Jayasri), and I will be sending them back to her very soon.

P.S. Please let me know if Jadurany has gone there and let me know how Govinda Dasi is. ACB

69-5-19

Columbus, Ohio
12th May, 1969

My Dear Balabhadra,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated May 6th, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. I can understand that you are working very nicely and sincerely for helping our movement in Hawaii, and this is very encouraging to me. Please continue with this attitude and surely Krishna will provide you from within the intelligence of how you can serve him in the best way. Regarding your question about maintaining your body nicely, I think that if you follow our regulations of diet, sufficient sleeping, and keep to the prescribed rules of cleanliness, two baths per day,* then you will be able to keep yourself in proper health. Of course disease will always be there at some time while there is this material body, but this we must tolerate and not be very much agitated by. Actually, the Vaishnava who knows that he is not this body, he does not therefore neglect his body, but he takes very nice care so that he may utilize his body in the service of Krishna. Just like a man may know that he is not his car, so he does not therefore neglect his car, but he will take care of it so it will be able to render service to him. So we must take sufficient care to provide our bodies with its demands, but when disease or other necessary inconveniences arrive, we do not become disturbed be-

cause such troubles are simply temporary manifestations.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
*at least one

69-5-20

Columbus, Ohio
13th May, 1969

My Dear Dayananda,

Please accept my blessings. I am very glad to have received your letter post-dated May 8th, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. There is a Bengali proverb that it is not wise to pick up quarrel with a crocodile while living in the jurisdiction of the water. Therefore we may agree to the desire of Mr. Spellman to keep peace with him so that in the future if required we may increase the term of lease. But as we are increasing in volume ourselves, it is better to find out a suitable place. We require nice compound around our temple. This will facilitate our work. So as soon as you find a suitable place through Mr. Leo Brown or any other Realtor, I shall return to Los Angeles. For the time being, I shall stay in New Vrindaban, and if I am not called for a London visit, surely I will return to Los Angeles as soon as possible, the latest by the end of June. One thing is though, I am wondering if in July it is very hot in Los Angeles. Please inform me on this point. I am enclosing the papers you sent to me, and you can hand them over to Mr. Spellman without any further delay.

Please convey my blessings to your good wife, Nandarani, and your nice little daughter. I hope this will find you all in good health.

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

69-5-21 Columbus, Ohio
13th May, 1969

My Dear Gopal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letters dated May 6th, 1969 and May 9th, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. I think that since you are willing to observe the four principal rules of spiritual life, you may be initiated by me as soon as you like. The other rules you should try to follow as far as possible, but according to circumstances they may be adjusted if necessary. But the four rules must be maintained. Regarding your idea of marrying one Krishna Conscious girl and then going to India, that will depend upon the desire of your wife. I cannot interfere with that. But generally the wife is meant to follow wherever the husband goes. Most likely your wife would agree with you—she will not disagree to go. Rather, some girls will be very much encouraged to go to India with her husband. So you may consider on these points and inform me what you have decided.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-5-22 Columbus, Ohio
13th May, 1969

My Dear Tamal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated May 9th, 1969, and I have carefully noted the contents. I am pleased to note that you are doing nicely for giving the student community to hear about our Krishna Consciousness Movement. Yesterday, at the Ohio State University we had a tremendous meeting, and nearly two thousand students were dancing, clapping and chanting along with us. So it is clear that the student com-

munity has a nice potential for accepting this philosophy. I will not be going to North Carolina as I had planned, but I am sending Kirtananda Swami in my place because they have extended my program here in Columbus. So now I have to create more sannyasis to lecture on our philosophy, and I shall pick these sannyasis from the brahmacharies who are firm in their decision not to marry.

Your next festival will be as follows: RAIRAYA—On this day the Gopies played by making Radharani a Queen, and She is seated on a gorgeous throne, and Krishna is made as Her doorman of the palace, so He is standing by the throne-room with a sword. So this is one Pastime arranged by the Gopies, and there is nice feasting, dancing and singing on account of the coronation of Srimati Radharani.

You have asked about my travelling schedule, and I shall see if London will invite me, and if not, then I will return to Los Angeles at the utmost by the end of June.

Please convey my blessings to all of the other devotees there with you in Los Angeles temple. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

NB: Enclosed is one letter received from Chidananda, which you may read and do the needful.

P.S. The Los Angeles consignment from Calcutta is dispatched on 10th May 1969. Take delivery of the documents from Bank of America by the 10th of June 1969 or enquire. ACB

69-5-23 Columbus, Ohio
13th May, 1969

My Dear Jayasri Dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter of May 5th, 1969, sent along with your beads, and I

we simply present them with the opportunity of chanting with us, and then we lecture on *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*, then surely many intelligent people will become attracted. So Samkirtan Party in the streets and Samkirtan Party in school engagements should be our chief business. This will assure success in our propaganda activities.

Please convey my blessings to Mandali Bhadra and to his good wife, Vrindabaneshvari, as well as to his nice little boy. I hope this will meet you all in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

NB: Enclosed is a few nice poems by Srila Bhaktivinode Thakur which you may hand over to Mandali Bhadra for translation into German and to be submitted for publication in German *Back To Godhead*.

69-5-26

Columbus, Ohio
14th May, 1969

My Dear Indira,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your nice letter dated April 5, 1969, and I have carefully noted the contents. The sincere sentiments you have expressed are very nice, and surely Krishna will be pleased to bless you because of your nice attitude for serving Him. I think that because you are unable to tend the Deities in the temple, that you and your sister, Ekayani, may serve the small Radha-Krishna Deities which you will be receiving soon. Try to follow all the rules and regulations of Deity worship as are followed in the temple.

Please convey my blessings to Ekayani and all the others at the New York temple. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-5-27

Columbus, Ohio
15th May, 1969

My Dear Dinesh,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 11, 1969, and I have carefully noted the contents. Regarding your idea of pressing a 10" record, if you can sell these in ordinary stores, that's all right, but don't depend simply on temple sales. Depending on temple sales is not businesslike. You must plan your work in a businessman's way, so you cannot depend upon our centers for all sales. In the temple there are devotees, there are not businessmen, so you cannot depend on them for doing business; neither can you expect advise about business dealings from me. I have given you a department to manage nicely, and if there is some profit, you may give some for my book fund, but I cannot be consulted for advise in how you should manage the particulars of your business.

Please convey my blessings to your good wife, Krishna Devi, and to your daughter, Vishnuaratik. I hope this will meet you all in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-5-28

Columbus, Ohio
15th May, 1969

My Dear Gargamuni, Please accept my blessings.

I thank you very much for your letter of May 11, 1969, sent along with the check for \$250.00. You have written to say that you are still having problems in obtaining manpower for your business, and the only solution I can think of is that you engage outsiders to do this work. If you think you have a scarcity of money, then I can return the check to you, and you can utilize it. As I have mentioned in my letter to

Brahmananda, I do not know how I can solve all of these departmental problems if they are all referred to me. It would be better if the department heads could work out such things amongst themselves. Today Kirtanananda Swami has left for North Carolina to take my place in lecturing there at two college engagements. This is very satisfying to me, and I wish that many of my disciples may become expert preachers so they may assist more and more in the great preaching work that we have to do for the benefit of mankind.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. Successful business means it will improve in volume. Suppose you require 50 assistants then where we have got so much men. At that time we have to employ outsiders. Suppose we increase our sales of books very nice then we have take help of outsiders for binding. We cannot expect that all our men may become book binders. Our Krishna Consciousness programme must be executed. ACB

69-5-29

Columbus, Ohio
15th May, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 9, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. The first thing is that you must feel well. In whatever condition you should feel well, because if you fall sick, everything will be topsy-turvy. And what you require to be in good health, you know better than anyone else. That is your first business, and your second business is to organize sales in the stores, because the organization of sales in stores will determine our future publications. If we cannot organize these sales, there is no use of

printing books and stocking them in our store room. It would be better to hand it over to the Macmillan Company. If they will print our books to the standard of *Teachings of Lord Chaitanya*, we do not mind if they raise the price. That is their business.

If all problems come to me, even personal problems, then it becomes a heavy task for me. I received your letter, full of problems; Gargamuni's, full of problems; Rayarama's, full of problems, and similarly Iskcon Media's, full of problems. If everyone's problems are sent by me, then who will solve my problems? I have divided these departments to solve problems, but if in the end they are all sent to me and I have to tackle, then just imagine what is my position. The best thing would be to stop all activities and simply chant Hare Krishna. Regarding the Doubleday book stores, we do not like to give on consignment, but if some very big stores will take our literature only in that way, then we must make concession.

I hope that by this time your health has improved.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. When you come to New Vrindaban, we shall talk in detail about our future preaching programme. That is our first business. Specially you and Rayrama who are advanced disciples must now do the preaching work. We are now increasing centers & they must be maintained now properly. But our publication department must be considered as the most important department for preaching work. ACB

69-5-30

Columbus, Ohio
15th May, 1969

My Dear Gurudas,

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

May 6, 1969, but in the letter-heading there is no mention of London, so outsiders may misunderstand where is Clapham. Regarding my going to London, I have now finished my engagements on this side, and I can go to London at any time you may call. But still I understand there is no temple building settled up. Anyway, I am encouraged that somebody is trying for a church in cooperation with Mr. George Harrison. Formerly, Shyamsundar also informed me of this fact as well as of the arrangements for the Rathayatra Festival. I shall be glad to know in your next letter how far you have made progress in this connection.

Now as promised by your group, you have to pay \$750.00 for 5,000 copies of *Back To Godhead* which will reach you sometime in the month of June. Please arrange for it and send the money to New York, to Brahmananda, for clearing the bill. Regarding Mataji, she must have some trouble because she has done something which is nescience. How could she marry a young girl to Krishna? Is Krishna so play thing that He can be handled in such a way? This means she has no knowledge of Krishna. She is simply a sentimental devotee. When a sentimental devotee takes the part of becoming representative of Krishna, there is simply havoc. Srila Rupa Goswami therefore said in his *Bhakti-Rasamrita-Sindhu* that devotion to Krishna without reference to authoritative scriptures is simply a disturbance. How Krishna could be married with a young girl?

I very much appreciate your securing the letters from the Hindu centers in London in support of our activities. I am also pleased to note that the *BTG's* are selling nicely. Try to sell them more and more, along with sales of our other books, *TLC* and *BG*.

Kindly offer my blessings to the other devotees with you in London. I hope this

will meet you all in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. Next week I am going to New Vrindaban.

69-5-31

Columbus, Ohio
15th May, 1969

My Dear Rayarama,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 10th, 1969, and I have gone over the contents carefully. Regarding the IBM Composer, please have the IBM Company send me one letter stating that \$660.00 should be transferred to their account, such and such account number, on the completion of the negotiations. Then I shall advise my bank to transfer the money to the IBM's account upon completion of your talks with them. Regarding your proposed program of editing, the *Bhagwat First Canto* is already edited, so when making final typing, you shall simply see it for proof-reading. I do not think that you need take too much burden because you may fall ill with too much work. Now you are editing *Back To Godhead*, and when we get the Composer there will be so much proof-reading for you. So I think this will be sufficient work for you.

Regarding Birbhadra, when I go to New Vrindaban soon I shall see if the situation is all right for him to go there. For the present, he need not go out, and you should simply teach him history, geography and mathematics. His history lessons will take care of his reading and spelling instruction. So far as your question about how to think of Radha-Krishna, your present process of visualizing the Deities is nice. You have written for me to press the temples, namely London and San Fransisco, to send their \$750 for the printing of *Back To Godhead*, but this

project should be referred to Brahm-ananda because he is in charge of dealing with Dai Nippon Company in this connection.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-5-32 Columbus, Ohio
17th May, 1969

My Dear Rayarama,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 14, 1969, and I have received a similar letter from Brahmananda also that you are finding some difficulty in keeping pace regularly with the routine work. My advice to you under the circumstances is that at least for one hour you must all go to have Samkirtan outside on the streets or in the park. That is your life and soul, first business. The next business is completing the chanting of 16 rounds every day. The next business is your editing, and if you find extra time, then you can attend the temple ceremonies. Otherwise you can stop these activities, but outdoor kirtan, your editing work and chanting of 16 rounds must be done. Outdoor kirtan must be done, even at the cost of suspending all editorial work. That is your first and foremost business. Temple worship is not so important. If need be, the whole temple can be locked, but the outdoor kirtan cannot be stopped.

Regarding Birbhadra, Kirtanananda is not here now, he is in North Carolina, but when he returns I shall talk with him about taking our boys to New Vrindaban. Otherwise, they will be returned to their mother in Los Angeles. Regarding the two books you mentioned, they are all right.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

P.S. When you come to New Vrindaban, please bring my tape-recorder (in white box) lying in my closet.

69-5-33 Columbus, Ohio
17th May, 1969

My Dear Krishnadas,

Please accept my blessings. I am very much encouraged to receive your letter of May 12, 1969, along with the German articles published in two different papers with pictures. It is very, very encouraging that you are holding kirtans in public places and some way or other people are becoming interested. These outdoor kirtans should be rigidly followed at least one hour daily. That will make our movement popular there. We have good experience here in every city, especially Los Angeles, New York, Boston, and here in Columbus. This is making our movement very popular more and more, so in any circumstances, you all go together outdoors for kirtan at least for one hour daily.

I am very pleased also to note that the *Peace Formula* will be printed very soon, and I am expecting it to come at any moment. I will be going to New Vrindaban in about a week, so you may send it there. The address is as follows: New Vrindaban, RD 3, Moundsville, West Virginia. You have written to say that the climate in Germany is very nice in July and August, so when Mandali Bhadra and Vrindabaneshvari arrive there, you call me and I shall go there whether I am in London or the USA. So far as getting engagements, don't expect any help from Sadananda because I understand he is practically ruined by his health. So don't trouble him, and let him take full rest.

Please convey my blessings to Shivananda and Jayagovinda. I hope this will meet you all in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. My dear Jayagovinda will you let me know the list of goods that you have sent to Calcutta for dispatch by the United Shipping Corporation. ACB

69-5-34

Columbus, Ohio

17th May, 1969

My Dear Rishikumar,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 14, 1969, and I have carefully noted the contents. I can understand that you are very interested in Samkirtan Party, so you may be in charge of this activity in the New York temple. Because Murari has gone to Boston, I think Brahmananda will feel very much if you also leave, so stay in New York to help in the organizing of New York Samkirtan Party. If you have some time, then help Gargamuni. Otherwise, if you do not like to do it, I do not press you in this matter.

Please convey my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-5-35

Columbus, Ohio

17th May, 1969

My Dear Rupanuga,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 13, 1969, and I have carefully noted the contents. I think that if there is a chance for opening a center in Toronto, then Jagadisha and Kanupriya may go

there as soon as possible. You have written that you would like Murari to go there, but he has already left for Boston, so if by mutual agreement you decide with Satsvarupa for him to go there, that is all right. Anyway, I have spoken to Satisuta today, and he has agreed to go there to help you in Buffalo within a fortnight.

Please convey my blessings to your good wife, Ernestine, and your very nice boy, Mr. Eric. I hope this will meet all of you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-5-36

Columbus, Ohio

20th May, 1969

My Dear Sudama,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 19, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. I understand that Kartikeya has left for San Francisco, and there is no grudge. I hope in the association of the devotees there, he will feel jolly, and his moroseness will be cleared off. So far as you are concerned, I do not think living alone in Honolulu will be very good. If there is possibility of your living in the temple along with the other devotees, then live there. Otherwise you may also return, either in Los Angeles or San Francisco. You can work anywhere because you have got abilities, and from anywhere you can start for Tokyo. So for going to Tokyo it is not very much necessary that you have to remain in Honolulu alone. I do not advise any of my disciples to live alone; that is not good. If Vamandev would have lived with you, that would also have been better. So live in the temple, or with Vamandev, or else go to Los Angeles or San Francisco. When the time is mature, Krishna

will help you to go to Tokyo with some other devotees. We shall see later on.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-5-37

New Vrindaban
21st May, 1969

My Dear Shivananda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 13 and noted the contents very carefully and your ideas are just in accordance with the idea of a preacher. Your proposition to establish a center and then hand it over to the people who come later on and then start another center is the desire of Lord Chaitanya. So kindly do this. You have now somehow or other brought into some status the Hamburg center and as soon as it is going on nicely, you can start another center in any country of the Central Europe. As far as your decision to remain a brahmachary, it is very good, and if you follow the rules and regulations and chant regularly and pray to Lord Balarama and Chaitanya, surely He will give you the necessary strength. And if you can continue as brahmachary then to avoid so much botherations of worldly life. The great sage Narada is a brahmachary and with His Tamboura He is travelling all over the universes without any restriction and chanting Hare Krishna mantra and creating new devotees of the Lord. In the Bhagavad Gita it is said that one who does this service namely go on preaching the glories of the Lord and creating all devotees of the Lord that person is the most confidential and favorite of the Lord. I am so pleased to learn that Uttama is helping to bring in persons in our temple. Now Jaya Govinda is there and Mandali Bhadra and his wife are coming very soon in Ger-

many and so you are already four and when Mandali Bhadra comes you become six. Why six? Seven. Because he has got a little boy. So your center Hamburg will very soon become as large a center as Los Angeles. So far incorporating our center is concerned, I think you should do it immediately. And if you want, you can take a copy of incorporation either from New York or from London and simply present a copy of our incorporation and get it registered. Police permission you must have because this outdoor Samkirtan is our life and soul and we are getting good response from other centers. And surely in your center also the same response will be available.

Regarding your question of Param-atma: you are fortunate enough for your sincere service, Krishna as Paramatma Who is sitting within your heart is now dictating. Krishna is so kind that He wants to help us as Spiritual Master in two ways. He helps us from within as Chaitta Guru and He expands Himself externally as Siksha Guru (as instructor) and Diksha Guru (initiator). So the principle is that whatever you are instructed by the Chaitta Guru internally may be confirmed by the instructor or initiator externally. Then your progress will be complete. Hope this will find you in good health. Thanking you once more.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-5-38

New Vrindaban
22nd May, 1969

My Dear Jayagovinda.

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 14 May, 1969 and I am very much pleased to note the contents. You are a sincere soul, and that is the only means to get out of our ignorance and poor planning. If we simply

become sincere to our Spiritual Master and Krishna, then everything will automatically come to help us to proceed further and further in our Krishna Consciousness. I think that when Mandali Bhadra comes there, there will be no more difficulty in the translation work. As far as possible though, you all should try to learn a little German. One should learn the local native language if one desires to live there. For the present, even though some people may think that our translation work is terrible, there is nothing to lament. After all, German language is a foreign language for us, and our main business is to present our thoughts to the German people. If in a foreign country a man is met with some catastrophe such as fire, he has to take help from the neighbors even though he has no language to express himself. Some way or other he has to inform his neighbors there is a fire in his house so that they can help him. So if the foreigner cannot express himself in very good language, he is not at fault. So there is a blazing fire of maya, and we have to inform the people, even if we must use broken language. That is no fault. But by Krishna's Grace this problem will soon be solved. Don't worry.

Regarding my diary, you are right when you say that you would not see my personal belongings, that is a nice attitude, but still I have nothing to close from the eyes of my disciples. I think that my diary is now lying somewhere in New York, but that is not a very important thing. Regarding Achyutananda, he is now in Nabadwip in care of Sridhar Maharaj. I have written one letter to him, requesting him to supply at least ten first class mridungas purchased from Nabadwip and sent to our different centers. I am seeing our Sankirtan is being accepted more and more in the Western World, and there is very good future for its spreading by the help of my very sincere disciples.

So we shall require a large number of mridungas and kartals primarily. Please ask Achyutananda to serve our society at least in this capacity because he is in India. Regarding United Shipping Corporation, I understand that there was some death of a senior partner, so they were busy in ceremonies, but apparently they are also not very prompt. If Achyutananda is serious about purchasing goods and dispatching from Calcutta or Bombay, he may also find out some good shipping agents in these places. If he would do some work for our society, surely he would be happy. Regarding the electric typewriter, if you are going to purchase, you should purchase an IBM Composer. That would be very nice for us, without paying it all at once. So you may look into this. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-5-39

New Vrindaban
22nd May, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your recommendation for initiation of Michael Kaplan, and I have duly chanted upon his beads. Please encourage him in the matter of understanding Krishna Consciousness and avoiding the ten kinds of offenses and following the regulative principles. I have written one letter Mssrs. Atma Ram and Sons in Delhi regarding selling our books, along with other proposals. He has written about the books as follows: "I contacted the local representative of Macmillan & Co. regarding *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*. They have not heard anything about it and have showed complete ignorance. Moreover, in the catalogue which they possess, your book has not been mentioned. I am certainly interested in the sale of this book

and would like to know your terms and conditions for the same." I do not know why Macmillan Company has not mentioned about our book in their Indian catalogue. Anyway, he is interested to sell our books because it is written by me, so you do the needful. Ask Mr. Wade why their representative is ignorant of this publication. This Atma Ram and Sons was selling my *Srimad Bhagwatam* at 40% discount. So you should open correspondence with them, giving reference to their letter #IKP, dated May 2, 1969, and signed by Ish Kumar Puri, Manager. Also send them one dust cover of *TLC*, and offer them the same commission so that they may, forward order to you, and you can supply them. Also enquire from them if they are interested in being the sole selling agency in India. In this case, they must purchase at least 500 books. If not, they can help us by sending a list of leading book sellers in India who can help in selling our books. Upon receipt of such list, you can open correspondence with these booksellers. Previous to this I wrote you that when you come to bring my tape recorder, but I don't think there is necessity now because here Hayagriva has got a tape recorder which can be used when I wish to make copies.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-5-40

New Vrindaban
22nd May, 1969

My Dear Mukunda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 9, 1969, and in the meantime, I have also received letters from Yamuna, Gurudas, as well as one letter from Mataji Shamadevi in Hindi. She has written that she wishes

for me to go there immediately. In your letter you write to say that you can wait until you find a suitable place where all can be accommodated. This means that you are not living in one place, and from your letter it appears that you are scattered in different places.

When Mataji Shamadevi came to see me in Los Angeles she was very respectful to me, every time she was touching my feet and offering obeisances. She was also very serious of having my cooperation in spreading the Krishna Consciousness Movement. I understand also that she has got some influence amongst the African Hindus, generally Guzratris. I understand that she has already purchased a place in Leicester, although it is 125 miles away from London. If I go there in London it may be possible for me to take the management of the temple because she is very much eager to have my cooperation. So I am asking your opinion after consulting amongst yourselves whether I shall go as invited by her. Suppose if I can induce her to give you all a place to remain together, and if you go from there to London, and then back again, will this be too inconvenient for you? Is there any suitable travelling facilities from Leicester to London? On the whole, Mataji Shamadevi is ready to cooperate with me, and she has asked me to go to London. So if you think it wise, I can go on receipt of your reply of this letter. Wherever I go Devananda and Purushottam go also as my personal assistants. I do not know if you are prepared to send fare for three, but if my presence will be nice there, send the money for at least two, either send it yourself or through Mataji, and I shall immediately start.

Here in your country all the branches are doing very nicely, and this New Vrindaban is an ideal place for improving Krishna Consciousness. We have got enough land here to construct temples and

accommodate for the devotees, so in the future we may develop this New Vrindaban very nicely. There is surely an atmosphere of Vrindaban life actually, although many of the devotees here are quite new and differently cultured. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-5-41

New Vrindaban
22nd May, 1969

My Dear Mohini Mohan,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 16, 1969, and I am glad that you are so willing to be engaged in Krishna Consciousness. I am very much obliged to you for your appreciation of my humble services by bringing to your country this movement. But actually it all depends upon your cooperation. Because some of the intelligent boys and girls have taken this philosophy seriously, therefore I am able to push it on and on. But it is a genuine principle of life on which everyone is struggling, generally without proper direction. In the *Bhagavad Gita* you will find Lord Krishna says that every man is trying to follow His path, but they are proportionately understanding the goal of life to the extent that they are making progress towards perfection. It is also stated in *Bhagavad Gita* that when a man comes to the understanding of surrendering unto Krishna, he has come to his perfect destination.

Brahmananda, Rayarama, as well as Purushottam have all spoken very highly of you, and I am glad to send you the enclosed beads, duly chanted upon by me. Your name is Mohini Mohan, which means the Enchanter of the most beautiful. Srimati Radharani is the most beautiful, and She always enchants Krishna,

but at the same time, Krishna is always the Enchanter of Radharani. This reciprocal attraction of Radharani and Krishna is the basic principle of Lord Chaitanya's philosophy. Please try to understand nicely through our books and magazines. Follow the four principles of regulation and avoid the ten offenses. Have Brahmananda explain these to you. By following these principles in Krishna Consciousness surely you will be very happy.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-5-42

New Vrindaban
23rd May, 1969

My Dear Ishandas,

Please accept my blessings and offer the same to your good wife, Bibhavati. I am very much pleased to receive your daily reports, and you are one of the best students who follows the regulative principles rigidly for enhancing the devotional service. Rupa Goswami has recommended that for enhancing this spirit of devotional service one should be very enthusiastic, one should be patient, one should be firmly convinced, one should follow the regulative principles rigidly, one's occupation should be very honest and straightforward, and one should keep company with devotees. Anyone who follows these six principles of devotional life is sure to achieve success. Similarly there are six principles which we should avoid. They are as follows: eating or accumulating money more than necessary, wasting energy for material gain, talking unnecessarily, following the regulative principles fanatically without any sense, not following the regulative principles, and to become too much greedy and associate with

persona non-grata. So as you are serious in the matter of advancement in Krishna Consciousness, you will remember the above instructions given by Rupa Goswami, and you will feel more and more secure in your endeavor. I am keeping your daily reports, and they shall be a good example for the other students.

I hope this will meet the both of you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

NB: Please ask Janardan to immediately send me the constitution notes which I had given him to read in Boston.

NB: Please also ask Baradraj to send me one completed Sankirtan picture and also let me know how many he has completed so far.

69-5-43

New Vrindaban
23rd May, 1969

GAUDIYA MISSION

Reg. Office:

Sri Gaudiya Math

P.O. Baghbazar,

Calcutta-3

Att: Secretary

Dear Sir:

Kindly accept my humble obeisances. I beg to enclose herewith a copy of a letter received from my Godbrother, Dr. Shyam Sundardas Brahmachari, of your Mission. Taking the concluding portion of his letter inviting me to cooperate with the Gaudiya Mission in the matter of my activities of spreading the objective of Srila Prabhupada Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Goswami Maharaj, I am prepared to cooperate with the Gaudiya Mission in all respects, but I do not know under what condition you wish to cooperate with me. But I am prepared to accept any condition for getting your cooperation in full. So I shall be glad to know from you under what

condition our cooperation is possible. But I am prepared in every respect and I shall await your reply with interest.

So far as my starting a separate organization known as International Society for Krishna Consciousness, it was inevitable because none of our godbrothers are cooperating with one another. Every one of us is conducting his own institution, and there is difference of opinion even between Gaudiya Mission and Gaudiya Math.

So if it is now possible to combine ourselves together, I shall be the first man to welcome this good opportunity. But apart from others, if Gaudiya Mission is prepared to cooperate with me, I am prepared to accept this cooperation in any condition. Please therefore let me know your terms of cooperation, and I shall be very glad to consider it. It has been suggested by Dr. Shyam Sundardas Brahmachari that we cooperate at least in London, and I shall be glad to know your terms of cooperation.

Thanking you in anticipation for your early reply.

Sincerely yours,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-5-44

New Vrindaban
23rd May, 1969

My Dear Tamal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 17, 1969, and I am so glad to learn that your presence in San Francisco has not only settled up the tension, but also has improved the conditions. Krishna is gradually giving you power to serve Him and more nicely, and thus you are one of the future strong pillars of the society. Your idea of training preachers in Los Angeles and my staying there is already approved. Most probably, if I do not go to

Europe, I shall return there by the end of June. In the meantime I shall be glad to know what is the position of your finding out a better place. I do not know whether or not Kartikeya has arrived there yet in San Francisco, but it is understood that he has left Hawaii.

The Rathayatra Festival program as suggested by you to invite many new people is very encouraging. Please do it very seriously, and make San Francisco a perfect New Jagannath Puri. I think it will not be difficult because in San Francisco there are many nice devotees such as Dindayal, Chidananda, Makhanlal, as well as new devotees, such as Ojasvi and Devaprashta. The devotee more or less depends on his transcendental enthusiasm, patience and firm conviction. These things will surely help him to reach perfection. Since I have come to New Vrindaban I have not received any new letter from you, but your letter encourages me, so please send one weekly to me. Your proposal to open a center in Laguna Beach is also very nice. You have to open so many centers in the future, so I wish that Krishna may give you a long life to discharge this duty.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. How T.L.C. selling?

I have just now received your most recent letter, and I thank you very much for it. The most important point is about the lawyer, and I think you may take advantage of his service if you think he will actually grant us the desired status in Los Angeles. I am very pleased with your schemes for spreading Krishna Consciousness on the West Coast, and I think you should manage organization of our propaganda work on the West Coast. I am sending by separate post a very excel-

lent picture which Murlidhar may paint and which may be used for the next Festival, Dadibhanda. Hope you are well.
ACB

69-5-45

New Vrindaban
23rd May, 1969

My Dear Harer Nama,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated May 14, 1969, and I congratulate you and your good wife, Prabhavati, for your marriage. Live peacefully, husband and wife, and now you will be happy in the management of the temple. Both of you are initiated, and as it is necessary for you to work, your wife may take care of the temple in your absence. I am glad that you have received some money from your grandmother, and you wish to send it to me for my book fund. In the meantime, there is Rathayatra Festival propagation, and Tamal Krishna wishes that all branches on the Western Coast may conjointly perform this ceremony very pompously. I do not know if you have got any news already, but if you have, please cooperate fully to make the Rathayatra Festival a grand success.

I hope this will meet you and Prabhavati in very good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-5-46

New Vrindaban
23rd May, 1969

My Dear Nandarani,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 8, 1969, and I have noted the contents. When I receive a letter either from you or from your husband, I become so much encouraged. The most important point in your letter is the activities of your

nice daughter. I hope all the small babies who are now being raised by our married couples will one day do tremendously in the matter of Krishna Consciousness. In the *Srimad Bhagwatam* it is advised that nobody should become a father or mother if he or she is not capable to raise children to the perfectional stage of stopping repeated births and death. This process of birth and death can only be stopped by awakening Krishna Consciousness. As you have read in the *Bhagavad Gita*, simply by understanding how Krishna appears and performs His transcendental activities, one can immediately become eligible to enter into Krishna's Abode. And one who enters this Abode of Krishna never comes back again to suffer all sorts of material miseries. That is the sanguine process to stop repeated birth and death of the living entity. Simply by awakening the dormant love for Krishna, Who is known as Vasudeva, one can stop the material contamination of accepting a material body.

New Vrindaban is a very nice spot. We have to develop it in so many ways, and it will take time. For the time being there is no regular school because there is no sufficient accommodations for living, but soon it will be done when our children can be taken care of properly. I hope that by the time your Chandra mukhi grows such arrangements will be completed. Regarding my residence, I have already decided that Los Angeles will be suitable, at least for eight months of the year, I do not know how the heat is during June and July though. I have enquired about this from Dayananda also. Regarding my health, I am keeping well, but after all, this body is old enough, although personally I do not feel old. I feel exactly like your little child, and I am taken care of by my so many fathers and mothers like you. So I have no anxiety. Somebody asked me whether I am happy, so I replied that I left my home

consisting of five children, where I felt not very much comfortable, but Krishna has given me many obedient and loving children, even though I am in a foreign country. That is my happiness. Actually, real love can be perceived only on the platform of Krishna Consciousness where there is no possibility of thinking oneself in the bodily concept of life. So let us try to introduce this nice consciousness in the human society.

69-5-47

New Vrindaban
25th May, 1969

My Dear Vrindabaneshvari,

Please accept my blessings, and offer the same to your nice boy. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 14, 1969, and I have noted the contents with care. I understand from your letter that our revered Godbrother, Srimad Sadanandaji, is again sick and going to be shifted to some other place for medical treatment. He is very sickly from the very beginning since I saw him sometime in the year of 1934. The best thing is that he may not be disturbed by correspondence. Let him peacefully pass his days in Krishna Consciousness. Regarding his suggestion that he is not sure if my activities in Europe will be successful as in the USA, you have written to say that Europe is "quite a different place from USA—mostly in that the people are more approached through the intellect than thru the will. They are more careful, more critical, more "sophisticated." I quite agree with you that Europe is different from America, but when I came from India and first landed in Boston, I was thinking like that, that I have come to a different country from India, and how will they accept this philosophy of Krishna Consciousness in the same way as Indians accept it? Actually there is great difference between India and

America, especially in the matter of living standards, social customs and cultural atmosphere. When I landed in Boston, I wrote one Bengali poetry to Krishna that I do not know why You have brought me to such a distant place where everything is opposite number, and how will I be able to convince them about this Krishna Consciousness Movement? But by the Grace of Krishna there was no difficulty. As soon as I started my first center in New York, two or three young men were attending, and gradually they took interest, and now we have got sixteen branches, practically managed by my disciples. So if the USA, which is completely different from India, can accept this philosophy, I do not find any reason why Europe, which may be completely different from the USA, will not accept.

Actually, in our London branch, already about six young English men have joined seriously, and although they are not officially initiated, they are exactly following my other initiated, American disciples who are now working there. So I don't think there is any cause of apprehension as suggested by Sadanandaji. Besides that, in Hamburg the boys who are working have reported that German boys and girls are coming to join Sankirtan, and they are getting at least fifteen or twenty guests every Sunday for their feasts. So I don't think there is any cause of discouragement because we are working on a different platform.

Recently when I was in Columbus there was a big meeting, and more than one thousand students attended. Poet Allan Ginsberg was there with me for chanting, and all the students were responsive immediately. Therefore I advise you that we are working on a different platform. We are working neither on the sensual platform, nor on the mental platform, nor on the intellectual platform. We are working completely on the spiritual platform.

The concept of European, American, or Indian is based on the bodily platform. So long one is under the impression that he is this body, he cannot make much progress in this movement. Lord Chaitanya says that factually all living entities are the servants of Krishna. This servitorship cannot be rendered from the material platform, because Krishna is not matter. He is Sat-Chit-Ananda Vighraha. Anyone trying to serve Krishna from the material platform of body, mind and intelligence cannot appreciate this fact. One has to become free from the contamination of matter, represented in gross and subtle forms as body, mind, intelligence and ego. Until then, one is not a pure devotee. In the *Narada Pancharatra* it is clearly stated that one has to become free from all material designations. So long as one is under the cover of material designations, he cannot serve Krishna. Therefore, we have to transcend this position by cleansing our hearts from such rubbish concept of life that I am American, I am European, I am Indian, I am this or that. Anyone keeping himself under such impression, but at the same time trying to get into Krishna Consciousness is called neophyte devotee, or prakṛita. Lord Chaitanya has given us a very nice method of chanting Hare Krishna, and if we execute this without any offense, we can transcend this prakṛita platform and come to the spiritual platform of serving Krishna. And unless we serve Krishna there is no possibility of getting His Grace, and without His Grace it is not possible to preach Krishna Consciousness. Therefore, we should more depend to receive His Grace than to depend on mental or intellectual activities.

So don't be discouraged. If you follow the principles of Krishna Consciousness, your activities may be accepted anywhere. It doesn't matter whether it is in Europe or America because it is all transcendental. You may just continue your at-

titude to serve Radharani and you can be on the spiritual platform, without any being deterred by material impediments. In the *Srimad Bhagwatam*, First Canto, you'll find that the first class occupational duty is to develop love of God without any motive or impediment. When we shall be able to execute our business of Love of Godhead, unimpaired, at that time we shall be freed from all sophistication.

Regarding your question about the other mantras you have been given, I think you should simply chant Hare Krishna regularly and follow the regulative principles. You must complete sixteen rounds at least. Follow the restrictive principles and avoid the ten kinds of offenses. Then everything will be clear gradually. I hope this will meet you in very good health.

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

69-5-48 New Vrindaban
25th May, 1969

My Dear Ananda,

Please accept my blessings. I have learned from Mandali Bhadra and Vrindabaneshvari that you have been disturbed in your center by some rascal boys, and now you are living with Mandali Bhadra. So what is your program? Would you like to close the Vancouver center, or are you finding out some better place? I have received one letter from Rupanuga in Buffalo that two boys are going to Toronto to open a center there. Would you like to go there for the time being, or will you try for another place to keep yourself in Vancouver?

At present I am living in New Vrindaban. It is a very nice place, but there is no facility of modern amenities. It is completely aloof from city life, and we have to adopt so many things. In comparison to city life it is very inconvenient. But still the atmosphere here is very pleasant. As

of yet I have still received no answer from Annapurna.

I am awaiting your reply to the above points. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-5-49 New Vrindaban
25th May, 1969

My Dear Mandali Bhadra,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 14, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. Now I am staying in New Vrindaban and it is a very nice spot for developing our community project. There is sufficient land for building great temples and houses for devotees. There is pasturing land, and sufficient grass and vegetables for the grazing of cows. I am glad to learn that you have already translated the forward of *Bhagavad Gita*, and you have already sent it to Hamburg. The boys there are working very hard, and recently they have sent me some newspaper cuttings describing about their Sankirtan activities. They are expecting your arrival there at any moment. Jayagovinda has got some experience of layout work, and when you go there you should do it jointly. Until then there is no need of corresponding with him about layout, and thus delay matters. I have already informed them that when you are there you will be the chief editor, and your name should be mentioned as editor of the paper. The boys there are very submissive, and I am sure when you go there everything will be done in nice cooperation.

I am writing to Ananda also, and you may kindly hand over to him the letter enclosed herewith. Ananda has good experience, and you also have seen how we worship the Deities in the temple and offer

prasadam, so you may kindly follow in the same way. But in everything we do devotion and sincerity are the real things. There is a word in Sanskrit; bhava grahi janardan: This means the Lord accepts service in devotional emotion. If we are sincere in offering something to the Lord in devotional love, He will accept it. The procedure may not be very right, but the desire being sincere, He accepts our offering. This is also confirmed in the *Bhagavad Gita* that He accepts foodstuffs from devotees because they are offered to Him in complete love and affection. That is required.

I thank you once more for your letter, and I hope this will find you in good health.

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

69-5-50

New Vrindaban
26th May, 1969

My Dear Shyamsundar,

Please accept my blessings. I am very pleased to read your letter dated May 21, 1969. Your anxiety for my health may not be increased, because I am keeping quite fit nowadays. There was a little backache in Boston for two or three days, but now I am walking in this hilly tract up and down. So don't be anxious. There about 16 centers now, so we have to take care of at least 16 centers daily. Otherwise, how these branches can be conducted? But gradually I am trying to divide the responsibility to departmental heads. I am so glad that you are trying so strenuously for success of our London Yatra program. I am sure our London program will be very successful because you are all sincere workers. In our Krishna Consciousness Movement, anyone who has got full blessings and

confidence of the Spiritual Master, and therefore Krishna, his success is sure. In the *Chaitanya Charitamrita* it is said "guru krishna kripaya paya bhaktibatha lata beej."

I am so glad to note that you are tackling very consistently a great personality like George Harrison, and he is becoming gradually inclined to our movement. I am very satisfied to learn that he has recently made one record along with you of Hare Krishna. If possible, send me one tape recording of it so I shall play it here.

Regarding Rathayatra, this must be done at any cost. I may go or not go; that is not important. But Rathayatra Festival, as you have already made program, somehow or other it must be done. A grand program is being made in San Francisco, organized by Tamal Krishna, and with the full cooperation of all Western Coast centers. They are inviting public from all the neighboring places, and they expect a big assembly of people. If I do not go to London to take part in the Rathayatra Festival there, then I shall go to San Francisco to take part in that Festival. But if you want me to go there and invite me, then I am prepared for that also. Mataji Shamadevi has invited me to go to London and she says that she has fulfilled my desire by starting an ashram in Leicester and the Deity has arrived. She stresses that I must go there and wants me to inform her when I shall be able to go. So you can let her know that I am expecting to go to London by the middle of July.

Please convey my blessings to Malati and the others. I hope this will meet you all in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. I am starting a formal school here in N.V. and your daughter grows, she can be sent here. ACB

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New Vrindaban
26th May, 1969

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New Vrindaban
26th May, 1969

My Dear Uddhava,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated May 14, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. You have asked about where you will get the money for bookbinding equipment, and I think you may take it from the money you are saving. In Boston you told me the cost will be around \$3,300, but why is it now \$4,000? Anyway, the printing must be done first class, and with first class paper. Never mind it is \$4,000. The important thing is it is done very nicely. The example will be our *TLC*. For composing I think Rayarama has not given you the right time. It must be ready within one and a half months after the machine is there. By rough calculation, one can compose at least 10 pages per day, so for 400 pages it takes at most 40-45 days. Anyway, I shall very soon give you the composed pages, so you may become serious for printing work. And you shall be in charge of these printing matters.

So far as binding is concerned, if we have to make the binding work outside, then we will have to pay more charges, so you can take quotation what will be the cost of binding 10,000 books exactly on the same pattern as *TLC*. If you think instead of binding yourself you may earn the money for it being done outside, that is also nice proposal.

Regarding your marriage, if Leelasuka is ready, then any day you can come here with her, and I shall perform the function immediately. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

My Dear Upendra,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated 14 May, 1969, and I have carefully noted the contents. Also I have received your check, and I am so pleased that you are so regular in sending it. Regarding your decision to wait until you are more able to handle it before purchasing the church, that is good idea. Try to cooperate with Tamal Krishna as far as possible in preparing for the Rathayatra Festival. Tamal is now managing all the Western Coast centers, so please help him to make the Festival a grand success. But I think that for at least two or three days you must come to San Francisco for Rathayatra. You are one of our old members, so when you come for a few days someone else may stay there to run the temple in your absence. I am very pleased to note that you are holding kirtan programs regularly, and your propaganda efforts are going nicely. Try to propagate Sankirtan as much as possible. This should be our life and soul. In Ohio we held two big meetings, and each one was very satisfactory.

Please convey my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-5-53

New Vrindaban
26th May, 1969

My Dear Pradyumna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 22, and I have carefully noted the contents. Regarding the church building, from Mr. Worley's letter I can understand that the tone is acceptance, not rejection.

Now as I have told you before, if out of the \$30,000 you can collect at least \$10,000 from the local devotees, then the balance \$20,000 can be arranged from the bank. That is my responsibility, and I shall do it. Now it is up to you to collect \$10,000. So upon hearing from you whether or not you are able to collect \$10,000. So upon hearing from you whether or not you are able to collect the money in connection with Mr. Brahma, Mr. Ghosh and other Indian gentlemen, then we can negotiate further in this matter. Mr. Worley has said that the assessed value is 45% of the value and he has advanced the argument that for Franklyn County tax purposes, the value was assessed as around \$59,000. But in our case there is no question of tax. So without tax the assessment of the city authorities is correct. Anyway, I shall talk with them seriously if you give me assurance you can arrange for the \$10,000. For the balance I shall arrange; rest assured.

In the meantime, you must have the machine and begin immediately composing. If credit reference is required, Hayagriva will give. I have already talked with him about this. So do it immediately. I want the *Bhagavatams* should be entrusted to you four; Hayagriva and his wife, and you and your wife. If need be we shall purchase two machines, but the work must go on without delay. So please do the needful immediately and let me know of your progress.

Please convey my blessings to the other devotees there. I hope this will meet you all in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-5-54

New Vrindaban
26th May, 1969

My Dear Jadurany,

Please accept my blessings. I thank

you very much for your letter dated May 9, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. Regarding your question about kirtan, practically we are not concerned with the instruments. They are used sometimes to make it sweeter, but if we divert our attention for using the instruments more, that is not good. Generally kirtan is performed with mridunga and kartals, but if somebody is expert instrument player, he can be admitted to join Sankirtan. We can accept everything for Krishna's service, but not taking the risk of diverting attention to any other thing which will hinder our Krishna Consciousness. That should be our motto, or principle.

Regarding your question about your sleep, you should sleep after noon prasadam, and when you are tired. You may take whatever foodstuffs you can digest easily. I do not think coconut will be easy for you to digest, but green vegetables you can take. So far as your missing Satsvarupa, it is natural to be attached to husband. But Satsvarupa is engaged in Krishna's service, and you are also engaged in Krishna's service. So both of you should feel happiness in Krishna's service always. When you get well, you can immediately join your husband.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-5-55

New Vrindaban
26th May, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 16, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. Regarding the Gaudiya Mission letter of Dr. Shyam Sundar Brahmachari, I have replied asking them the terms of cooperation which he has mentioned. Let us see

their terms, although it is a hopeless business. Still, as you know, I never become hopeless in any case. So I am negotiating with them to see how we can cooperate.

Regarding your request for a kirtan musician, we don't require anyone who is very musically talented. Here in New Vrindaban Hayagriva has organized very nice kirtan party, and they are singing and chanting thrice daily very, very nicely. So I think you are the best mridunga player, and similarly you have Rishi Kumar, Madhusudan, Uddhava, as well as others, so if you think all of you are deficient, I can send you a tape recording teaching playing techniques, and you will learn from this. You have got another devotee, Mohini Mohon, Purushottam's friend, and Purushottam says he is a musical master, so utilize the talent you have got and surely your propaganda will be successful and more men will come. It is in the same way that I came here with only one pair of cymbals, and now there are hundreds of cymbals going on. So Krishna will send us men; gradually as we qualify ourselves everything will come.

Regarding San Francisco payment of *BTG* dues, whatever they can send now is all right. The balance will be sent by Dindayal, so they must fulfill their quota. Then when they get the magazines everything will be adjusted. Mukunda also will pay. Don't be discouraged, go on with your work. After all, Krishna will pay. I have seen the letter from Professor Hopkins, and you can tell him that I have accepted his offer, provided no body shall smoke before me, specially when I take the class.

Please convey my blessings to the other devotees. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. When you come please bring my Indian Lota made of brass.

69-5-56

New Vrindaban
26th May, 1969

My Dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 17, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. I also have received the watch, and it appears to be working properly. Regarding your idea of purchasing a house, if it is possible, do it immediately. When you pay big rent anyway, purchasing a house is nice. Now Murari and his good wife, Lilavati, are there, so this will be a great boon to your Sankirtan activities.

Please convey my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you all in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. I have received your check for \$100.00. Please let me know if you have received your money from Columbus?

69-5-57

New Vrindaban
26th May, 1969

My Dear Goursundar,

Please accept my blessings. I am so glad to receive your letter dated 21 May, 1969 which is full of encouraging news. I am now hopeful of the Hawaii center being improved like other centers by your good efforts. Last year when we were in San Francisco I practically pushed you towards Hawaii, and by the Grace of Krishna you are now finding some hopes. So continue your efforts, and Krishna will surely make your efforts successful. I am very much concerned to learn that Govinda Dasi is sick. Of course, she is always sick; that is general experience, but I do not know why she should be sick in Hawaii. The weather is not cold there, and when I was in Hawaii she had improved her health. Anyway, take care of her as far

as possible and depend on Krishna. Everything will be all right.

I think by this time Sudama has joined you, because I had advised him so and he has also sent his letter that he is joining you at the temple. Similarly, Balabhadra and Jayasri are there, as well as Vaman-dev, so you can do everything very nicely. Krishna will help you all. I think Hawaii is a good place; the people are interested and they are beginning to come. So you may make Hawaii New Nabadwip. Hawaii is already dwip (island), so you make it into Nabadwip.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-5-58

New Vrindaban
26th May, 1969

My Dear Gopal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 21, 1969. I am very glad to send you the beads for your initiation, but I think you wanted permission from your father, and I have received the following telegram from him: "Gopal Khanna at Montreal our only son pray his initiation to brahminhood will doom and driven future of this small humble family. Pray abandon programme and earn our gratitude, cable. Accepting our prayers Lord bless every one and give us our joy back.—Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Khanna Aban Villa Santacruz East."

I do not know why you had wanted permission from your father. In the material world everyone is interested in pound-shilling-pence. Your parents must be thinking that upon your being initiated you shall become a mendicant and the pound-shilling-pence you are sending will be stopped, and they will suffer materi-

ally. But you can assure them they will be better off materially after you are initiated. Anyway, now I do not know what to do with you. Shall I wait till you get sanction from your parents, or shall I initiate immediately? In my opinion, because you wanted permission of your parents, you should wait at least for such time when your parents will permit you. But if you are strongly desirous, then you can disregard your father's desire and make advancement in Krishna Consciousness. On hearing from you I will do the needful.

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

69-5-59

New Vrindaban
27th May, 1969

My Dear Yamuna,

Please accept my blessings. I have received your last three letters, and in the last one, dated 24th May, 1969, you have inquired about the Jagannath Car. The crimson color with silver decorations is quite all right. There is no strict regulation about decorating the cars. We can decorate the cars very fascinatingly with gold, silver, and other shiny metallic embroidery work as far as possible. The idea is the more we decorate Krishna, Who is non-different from His car also, the more we become decorated indirectly. We are compared as the shadow of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, and as it is stated in the Bible also, man is made after God. We understand from the scriptures that Krishna has His Vighraha, or Spiritual Body, exactly like a man who has two hands, two legs and all similar features. If you decorate your face, you do not see directly how your face has become beautiful, but when you see the reflection of your face in the mirror, then indirectly you can see the beauty. Therefore, by serving Krishna directly the result of the

service indirectly comes to us. Just like we offer very nice prasadam directly to Krishna, but indirectly we enjoy the nice taste of the prasadam. So we should always remember this, that Krishna is always full in Himself; He does not want a pinch of our help for his satisfaction, but if we try to satisfy Him in so many ways as directed by acharyas and scriptures, indirectly we become benefitted by such activities. So try to nicely observe this Rathayatra Festival in London, and Shyam-sundar has already informed me about the scheme that three cars will be drawn to some park on the Thames, etc. So some way or other, if you can introduce this Car Festival in London, by all means London center will be successful. I doesn't matter if you can or cannot establish a temple there, but if you can introduce the Rathayatra Festival, surely it will be a great success. So try to execute this will as far as possible.

I am writing Mataji Shamadasi in Hindi, which letter may be delivered to her. She has invited me to go to London to take part in her temple, but if I go there, the passage money should come from there. Wherever I go the center who invites me sends the passage money at least for two. Besides that, Leicester is far away from London, 125 miles. Of course there are many Indians who may be delighted to have a Hindu temple there, but we are especially interested in something else. Our plan is not to sponsor the Hindus or any other individual group. Our real purpose is to spread Krishna Consciousness. This means that there is one God; Krishna, there is one scripture; *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*, there is one mantra; Hare Krishna, and there is one work; service of Lord Krishna. We want to preach this cult all over the world, and I am sure people from all groups of religion will join us. If we establish a temple on the principles of Mataji, it is also very nice, we may draw the

attention of a section of Hindus, but we cannot really execute our ideals. So we cannot be very much enthusiastic in this connection. She is undoubtedly a good devotee of Krishna, but she has to learn the science of Krishna Consciousness, I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-5-60

New Vrindaban
27th May, 1969

My Dear Mukunda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 23, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. You don't worry about my health. I am quite fit now, and in New Vrindaban I am walking on the hills daily. In Boston for three or four days I had some acute backache pain, but by the Grace of Krishna it was made all right very soon. This body is called the temple of diseases. So long as there is no disease it is wonderful, but when there is disease it is not wonderful. So this is the temple of disease. Of course, you are all very kind upon me, whenever I am slightly indisposed you become concerned, and I thank you very much for such anxiety. But so far as I am concerned, I always wish only to expedite my mission of life to spread Krishna Consciousness in the Western part of the world. I am still firmly convinced that if I can establish this movement through the help of all the boys and girls who have now joined with me, then it will be a great achievement. I am old man, and there has already been warning, but before I leave this body, I wish to see some of you very strong in Krishna Consciousness understanding. I am very glad and proud also that you six boys and girls, although you have not been able to establish a nice center in London, still you have done your

best. And the news has reached far away in India that my disciples are doing very nice work in Krishna Consciousness. So that is my pride. I have received a letter from my Godbrother informing me that it has been advertised in India that in Vietnam also somebody is spreading Hare Krishna Movement. So there is no need to be disappointed. You go on with your work as best as Krishna gives you the opportunity, and there is no cause of your anxiety. Everything is going smoothly. But since you are now separated, the strength of your activities appears to be little disturbed. Now you try to assemble together in the same spirit as you were doing, and in that case, temple or no temple, your movement will go on progressively. We are not much concerned about the temple because temple worship is not primary factor in this age. Primary factor is Sankirtan. But sometimes we want a center where people may gather and see, so a temple is required secondarily. So try your best immediately to live together. I am very much eager to see that you are again living together.

Regarding your selling of *BTG*, we have taken a great risk of printing 20,000 copies per month, and before taking this risk, we consulted four different centers, and you all agreed. Now you try your best and the result will depend on Krishna's desire. So try to fill up your quota as far as possible. I will be in New Vrindaban till the end of June, and if I don't go to London then, I shall go to San Francisco to attend the Rathayatra Festival in July. Tamal Krishna is arranging for a grand scale performance of this year's Festival. Regarding Sudama, he is now in Hawaii temple, and I don't think anyone should go to London unless you have got proper place to stay. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-5-61

New Vrindaban
27th May, 1969

My Dear Rayarama,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 21, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. Regarding the Composer machine, there will be no difficulty in transferring the money to the Iskcon Press account. But in Columbus they are already so negotiating for a similar IBM Composer, so let me see what is their terms here. After comparing I shall definitely instruct you on this matter. Regarding Sankirtan, you can go out four days in a week, but try to go out as much as possible. So far as Birbhadra is concerned, he may immediately come here to New Vrindaban, and I shall also call his mother here.

Please convey my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-5-62

New Vrindaban
27th May, 1969

My Dear Hansadutta,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 22, 1969, and I have carefully noted the contents. I have initiated the boy whom you have recommended named Steve* and his beads are sent herewith. Please help him to understand the principles of Krishna Consciousness as far as possible. Regarding Chandanacharya's marriage with Sadanandini, if they settle up amongst themselves, I shall be glad. They are a very nice combination. You have written that you are wishing to leave for Toronto with Kanupriya, but this can be done only if there is no sacrifice of the Montreal temple. You are doing so nicely

there as you have written, so why should you leave? Very soon we shall be getting huge quantities of *Back To Godhead*, and I want that Montreal temple shall purchase at least \$100's worth of copies for selling each month. Do you think that in Toronto you will be able to raise as much money as you are doing now in Montreal? Please think over these matters and let me know what you have decided. Anyway, I am pleased that you are very enthusiastic for spreading this sublime movement, and your idea of having devotees going to the Newport Festival is very nice. You may correspond with the other centers on this point. Another thing is I have heard nothing from Bharadraj and Rukmini. I am anxious to hear from them and to see how they are doing the pictures. I have so many pictures for them to do, but why they are not corresponding?

Please convey my blessings to Himavati and all others. I hope this will meet you all in very good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

*Sripati Das

69-5-63

Moundsville
27th May, 1969

My Dear Gopal Krishna Das,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter, sent along with your japa beads, and I have duly chanted upon them and initiated you as my disciple. So you should go on with your chanting as you have been doing, and as your name is already Gopal Krishna, there is no need of changing your name. So now you will be known as Gopal Krishna Das. Try to follow the regulative principles and avoid the ten kinds of offenses. Next you shall be initiated by the offering of the sacred thread, so in the meantime you can convince your parents

to give up their objections. But if you are personally determined, there is no question of any objections. No one can check another's spiritual advancement on the plea of any material relationship. There are many instances of someone accepting the spiritual line, despising all family relationships, and the best example is Lord Chaitanya Himself. I do not know why your parents are so upset, so you should convince them there is no need for this. And why you should inform them of all the details of your activities? Of course as honest son you have done the right thing. But if they object and if you have to obey by their orders, I don't know how things can be adjusted. I am enclosing the letter I received from your parents, along with my reply to them, so you may do the needful.

I hope this will meet you in very good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-5-64

Moundsville
28th May, 1969

My Dear Sripati Das,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated May 18, 1969, sent along with your prayer beads, and I have duly chanted upon them and initiated you as my disciple. Your spiritual name, Sripati Das*, means the servant of Lord Narayana, or Krishna. If you will simply continue to develop your Krishna Consciousness as you have been doing, then surely you will be an expert servant of Lord Krishna. Our process is to faithfully follow the rules of no illicit sex life, no non-vegetarian diet, no intoxication, and no gambling activities. Also, we must chant at least 16 rounds each day, trying to avoid the ten kinds of offenses. You have very nice association with your

nice godbrothers in Montreal temple, and you should help them to propagate Krishna Consciousness in that area. So please consult with Hansadutta, and there will be ample engagement for you in this connection. If any questions or difficulties arise, you may consult with the older devotees there, or if you like, I am always at your service to help you in any way that I can. So now you have great opportunity to make perfection of your life, and please always be serious about this. Then Krishna will surely give you all facilities for nice advancement.

I hope this will meet you in very good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

*Sripati = the husband of the Goddess of Fortune

69-5-65

Moundsville
29th May, 1969

My Dear Upendra,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 27, 1969, and I have noted the contents. I do not know what I can do in these legal matters. You try your best in consultation with Tamal Krishna. I think that perennial watch-dog is playing some mischief. But the best thing would have been to change your location to the church. In the church there is everything as required by the law. So best thing is to consult Tamal Krishna and occupy the church. That is my opinion. You can give your statement to the authorities that it is a private temple, not many people come in cars, so there is no necessity of parking places; and some two or three people only come to the feasts and temple meetings. It is a private temple. Another possibility is that Ananda may be called from Vancouver to help you in maintaining the church in Seattle. You

may correspond with him in this connection. Or else if you feel that Vancouver may be a nicer place, then you may join Ananda there. Please keep me informed as to your progress in this connection.

I hope this will meet you in very good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-5-66

Moundsville
31st May, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letters dated May 23, and May 26, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. Regarding the manuscripts of the First Canto, Haya-griva will send you a few chapters immediately, so you may do the needful with the Macmillan company. So far as the Exposition Press is concerned, this man is another Mr. Kallman. He wants to print himself and distribute himself, and when he'll print he'll charge \$15,000 instead of \$5,000 or \$6,000, and he'll charge 40%-50% for distributing, and with condition that if they are not sold the books will be returned to you. The net result is if we give him the printing charges, he will spend \$5,000 and charge us \$15,000, immediately making \$10,000. So far as selling is concerned, he promises to sell, but he is unable to so he returns the books. That is his policy and the reason he does not give straight answers. Once I talked with him, so I can understand his dealings. His disagreement with the design of *TLC* means that he wants to do this himself and charge. So I don't think we can trust this man.

Regarding sales of *TLC*, you should try to get it reviewed, do not spend money needlessly on advertising. You have got experience already advertising *Bhagavad*

Gita, so unless the book is reviewed, there is no question of advertising. You should send reviewing copies to first class papers for review. Also, you may arrange for some respectable persons to review the book and then submit this review to the various papers for printing. You should try for this. Generally, it is the policy of every paper that they review books as soon as it is given to them. That is one of the items of journalistic policy. So far as distributing the books, no consignment should be given. That is very risky. Let them purchase one copy, two copies, three copies, as they like, but no consignment. Let them take one copy and take the scheduled commission. So similarly they can distribute and take the money. It is all right if the store would like to exchange our forthcoming books for the copies of *TLC* they have not sold, and it is all right for their money to be returnable, but don't take consignment. That is only false sale, or no sale. Try to get the book reviewed. Otherwise newspaper advertisements will have no effect.

I have already informed you in my letter of May 26, 1969 that I shall accept the invitation of Franklin and Marshall College. The *Bhagavad Gita* test you have written is very nice. The questions are all very good. Rayarama's negotiations with IBM is not yet final because similar negotiations are going on here with Pradyumna. So whichever one is easier we shall accept. I am pleased to note that you will be coming here to New Vrindaban, and when you come you may bring with you the Radha-Damodar Temple File which is in the closet near my room in a box. All of my books and files should be kept very securely.

I am very anxious to know about Sadanandini, but this misunderstanding by rascals about a Krishna conscious person is always there. Hiranyakasipu understood Prahlad as crazy, and he tried to put him in

so many forms of Bellevue organizations amongst the animals, amongst snakes, amongst fire and poison. Even Lord Chaitanya, His relatives thought of Him as crazy. Therefore I wrote the essay, "Who Is Crazy?" Anyway, try to save the girl, and if she likes, she can be married with Chandanacharya. She will then be in charge of a good husband, so if the marriage is settled, they should take a regular marriage certificate, and then they should come here, and we shall perform our mode of marriage ceremony.

Regarding *BTG*, if you think it is better to not have the books sent to London directly, that is all right, but then you will have to pay the shipping charges to London. But unless you need more than your own 5,000 copies, why not let them try to sell what they can, and then if necessary, they can send to you their remaining copies. Or else if they are sure they cannot sell a sufficient part of their order of 5,000 then what they can sell may be shipped to them from Japan, and the difference will be added to our shipment of goods from Japan. Regarding Atma Ram & Sons, you may offer terms as you have on your rate sheet, and when you correspond with any seller, the terms is cash and delivery. That is generally understood unless otherwise arranged.

I shall be very happy to see you again when you come here. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-5-67

Moundsville
31st May, 1969

My Dear Patit Uddharan,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter post-dated May 27, 1969, and I have noted the contents with pleasure. I am pleased to note

that through your influence your family is gradually taking to this sublime process of Krishna Consciousness. This is the proof of how the presence of one devotee will have an uplifting effect upon all of the people he comes in contact with, whether family members or acquaintances. I am very pleased also to note your appreciation for our *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*, and I want that all of my students will understand this book very nicely. This will be a great asset to our preaching activities.

I am sending along with Chandanacharya some old editions of our *Back To Godhead Magazine* for you to bind. I wish to have bound each years editions of BTG. Thus, there should be one book with all the 1966 issues, one book with the 1967 issues, and one book with the 1968 issues. If possible, please have these books sent along with Brahmananda when he comes here to see me in New Vrindaban. I understand that you have bound two of my *Srimad Bhagavatam*'s, but there is no necessity of sending them here immediately. When I need them I will call for them.

Please convey my blessings to the other devotees there with you. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-5-68

Moundsville
31st May, 1969

My Dear Raktak,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter of May 26, 1969, sent along with your beads. I have duly chanted upon these beads and have initiated you as my disciple. Your spiritual name is Raktak das Brahmachary. Raktak is a cowherds boyfriend of Krishna. I am very pleased that you have become very attracted to and serious about this Krishna Consciousness Movement. As you con-

tinue to follow the regulative principles and thereby as you continue to advance in your understanding of Krishna Consciousness, you will find that your attraction for Krishna and spiritual life will increase more and more. The main regulative principles for brahmachary life are four in number, and they are 1) no illicit sexual connections, 2) no intoxication, including coffee, tea and cigarettes, 3) no non-vegetarian diet, and 4) no gambling. So if you will follow these principles, chant 16 rounds each day upon your beads, avoid the ten offenses which Hansadutta will give to you, and help propagate this chanting of Hare Krishna as far as possible, then you will see your life becoming more and more sublime. From your letter I can understand that you are an intelligent boy, so now you may make the best use of your intelligence in perfecting your life in Krishna Consciousness. Please continue to be very serious about this endeavor, and surely Krishna will give you all facilities for serving Him nicely. If you have any further questions you should ask Hansadutta, or if you like, I am always ready to help you in whichever way I can.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-5-69

Moundsville
31st May, 1969

My Dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letters dated May 22, and May 26, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. I am very encouraged to learn of your very nice Sankirtan success in Boston. One thing though you are thinking of quitting your job, that means you are already in the job,

so if in spite of your working, your Sankirtan Movement is going on nicely, why you should give up your job? But if you think by giving up your job the Sankirtan Party will be organized more nicely, then you can do that.

Regarding Jadurany, if she does not improve in a month or two, then she will come back and live with you, chanting Hare Krishna and depending on Krishna. Dont bother; Krishna will take care of her. I dont think that she is very dangerously ill because her face indication was not bad. But after all, we have got these material bodies, and some temporary ailments may come and go, but we have to tolerate. But in all cases, you must find out a nice place as temple, either by purchasing or by renting. If you think that advancing \$10,000 will get a nice house, then you can find out and we may find out the money. But first you must let me know how you shall repay. If you purchase one house, even you make down payment of \$10,000, you have to make monthly payments of \$300 or \$400. So these things are to be considered. But if you can find a nice house which will accommodate all the householders and brahmacharies, then that will be very good. But do not take on any big responsibilities now. Concentrate on organizing Sankirtan very nicely and try to sell *Back To Godhead*. That is our main propaganda. It is very encouraging that you are daily collecting about \$50. Now you have got a nice carriage, and thus you can go anywhere you like. Try to keep nice peace with the police as far as possible, because our method is to be tolerant more than the tree and humbler than the grass on the street. We dont mind for so-called prestige. If keeping peaceful we can execute our Krishna Consciousness duties, that is all we want.

Regarding the manuscripts which Pradyumna requested you to send him, first of all let Pradyumna get the machine.

Then I shall advise. For the time being you keep it as you have been doing. I shall let you know in due course. Two *Krishna* tapes have been recently sent to you, so you shall receive them soon, if you have not done so already. I hope this will meet you in very good health.

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

69-5-70

Allston, Mass.
May, 1969

My Dear Colin Jury,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your nice letter (undated). Practically, our Krishna Consciousness movement is based on transcendental pleasure. Music, dancing and feasts are the chief items for pleasure, and this pleasure is originally on the transcendental realm. They are simply reflected pervertedly in the material world, and every living entity has natural inclination for these three items. So Krishna Consciousness is to go back to the original position. Therefore, music and dancing can be purified for transcendental realization. Factually we do not reject anything, but we will accept anything as favorable for Krishna's service. In other words, we can dovetail anything in Krishna's service, and thus purify the contaminated covering of everything. So your talents for music may be employed fully for the cause of serving Krishna.

Several days ago I got three pairs of boys and girls married, and this married life is different from the material married life. The example is already there in London how six disciples there are all working so nicely in pushing the Krishna Consciousness movement. Actually, we are trying to give real life to the human society by purifying the activities in Krishna

Consciousness. The method is very simple: By chanting Hare Krishna one becomes purified immediately and by constant practice, there is no chance of being contaminated again. Please continue to follow these principles, and your

life will surely be sublime.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

JUNE

69-6-1

New Vrindaban
1st June, 1969

Dear Dayananda,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated May 25, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. If a new temple site in Los Angeles is absolutely required to be moved in a bigger place, that should be your first business. For my place you may find a place near the temple, and it should be independent of any other tenants. It may be a small cottage, but it should be independent with a little compound surrounding. That will be very nice. I think there are many small cottages near the place, Hayworth Avenue. When I was walking on Oakwood Avenue there were many places there. I remember one at the junction of Oakwood and Harper. So this place, or a similar independent place, never mind how small, will be very convenient for me. I have already written to Tamal Krishna that if I am not invited to London during the month of June, then sometimes in July early I shall go to San Francisco to see the Rathayatra Festival there, and then I will come down to Los Angeles. But I have decided that I shall spend four months in New Vrindaban and eight months in Los Angeles. That will be my regular program.

Please convey my blessings to your good wife, Nandarani, and your nice little daughter, Chandramukhi. I hope this will meet you all in very good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-6-2

New Vrindaban
1st June, 1969

My Dear Tamal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 29, 1969, and I am glad to note that our temple activities are effecting good results. The boys and girls from the neighborhood are coming to help the temple activities is the good result of our attempts. The temple center is started just to present example to the neighboring residents how they can make a small temple in each and every home. It is not necessary that hundreds and thousands of people will live in our temple, but if we can make effective propaganda, then the neighboring residents, house-holders, will be inclined to be initiated and follow the modes of temple life. So you encourage the visitors, boys and girls as well as married couples, to understand the value of life and how they can peacefully and happily live if they follow the routine worship method in the temple and establish this in their home to be happy in all respects. Krishna Consciousness Movement is actually an attempt to make all people happy generally and, becoming liberated in this life from material contamination, they'll be thus eligible to enter into the Kingdom of God after quitting this body.

I am very glad to know that one rich Indian, Mr. Raj Anand, is prepared to contribute some money for our temple activities. Of course your idea that when I go I shall talk with him and get some big contribution from the Indian community is all right. But my mission will be more

successful if the Americans construct a temple, although we have no distinction as to American or Indian; anyone can do it. The best thing will be that since you are trying for a better place, why not try to purchase a nice church if it is available, or a big land within reach of the city with some old hutments. If you find such a place, then you can ask the Indian gentleman to pay for the down payment amount, which may be 10 or 20 thousand dollars. Then we will arrange for the monthly payments. Or if you think it best to wait until my arrival and then hold a meeting of the Indians, making him the chief guest, that is also nice idea.

Your idea of using the Moose Hall is also very nice. During the Rathayatra Ceremony, you invite Mrs. Sumitra Sarkar, who last year reported our Rathayatra Ceremony to India. She is the daughter of the editor of *Jugantar*, an important paper in Calcutta. I think you should invite her in some Los Angeles Festival also. Her present address is: Barnes 3/G, Escondido Village, Standford, California 94305. If you keep good relationship with this lady, she can help us reporting nicely about our activities. If our Los Angeles people see her for reviewing our books in their Indian papers, that will be also nice. Her great-grandfather, Mahatma Sisir Kumar Ghosh was a great devotee of Lord Chaitanya, and their whole family is in favor of Sankirtan Movement. So if you can establish a little intimacy with this lady, she can help us in many ways.

The program with Allan Ginsberg sounds very nice, because when Mr. Ginsberg and myself were present in the Ohio State University, it was a grand success. The assembly was more than one thousand people, but you say that you will take a place which can accommodate five thousand people, so it will be a great grand success. I have seen the pictures of your recent Festival, and it is very, very

nice. I have enjoyed the pictures so nicely that I am looking always to them; although I have seen three, four times, still I am not satisfied. It is very nice. In all Festivals, if you make such puppet show, then you will be able to attract so many people. Anyway, I can understand things are going very nicely in your temple, and Krishna is giving you good intelligence. So I wish that you will live for hundred years and execute this Krishna Movement so that in this very life you shall enter into the Abode of Krishna. As soon as one's service is recognized by Krishna, he is immediately called, "Please come here." That is the verdict of the Vedic literature. So we should work in such a nice way that we can draw the attention of Krishna to call us. You will find in *Bhagavad Gita* that anyone who takes the task of preaching Krishna Consciousness is the dearest devotee of the Lord.

Please convey my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
P.S. Keep extra money in saving a/c.

69-6-3

New Vrindaban
2nd June, 1969

My Dear Baradraj,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 28, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. I can understand that you are having some difficulty in finding time to paint because of your other duties, but I think that all of these duties may be stopped so you can devote your full energy and time to painting. This painting you are doing is very important, so it will count as your temple work. There is no necessity either for you to go out on Sankirtan if this will take away your time from your real work.

I understand that you are also very musically talented, but this talent is not so much required on Sankirtan Party because for chanting Hare Krishna it is not necessary that all instrumentation be so much polished or complicated. If it is necessary for you to work part-time to earn money for artist supplies then you should do it, or else if Ishandas can continue to help you in this connection, that will be better. Both you and your wife, Rukmini, are very nice artists, so please tell me what ideas you have so that you may get as much artistic work done as possible.

For the time being, you should complete your Sankirtan painting, and then as you have asked about the *Krishna Book*, I am enclosing an idea for a painting of Krishna showing the universe within His mouth to Mother Yasoda. So you may complete this painting also as soon as possible. I have so many ideas for paintings, and we will be requiring so many expert paintings as you are able to do, so please be very serious to do this work nicely and quickly. It will be great service. In our *Krishna Book* we are showing the Western World for the first time what is God. So it is no unimportant task, and try to help us out in this as far as possible.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-6-4

New Vrindaban
2nd June, 1969

My Dear Goursundar,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated May 29, 1969, and I have carefully noted the contents. I am very glad to learn that you are seriously looking for some ashram site on the Hawaii island. If you are able to get some nice place there, it will be very suc-

cessful because I know there are many young boys and girls there for you to chant with and speak with. This kirtan, chanting and speaking of Krishna, is the sure and certain method of propagating Krishna Consciousness, and we already have so much experience in all of our centers that if we simply chant Hare Krishna with kirtals and mridanga and if we speak from *Bhagavad Gita* just as we have heard it coming down from the disciplic succession, then automatically the people become attracted. So you simply find a nice site on the Hawaii island or any other place near there where there are many boys and girls, and if you simply follow the above procedures, then your success is automatically there. I am pleased to note that there is one boy named Tony who has become attracted to our movement and wishes to be initiated. He may send me his beads immediately. Please take nice care of him because there are so many good souls who we must inform of this most important philosophy, and when another man is sent by Krishna to help us it is our duty to help him understand Krishna Consciousness as far as possible.

I am very concerned to hear that Jayasri has now joined Govinda Dasi in becoming ill. I hope that by now they are both improved in health. Please convey my blessings to all of the devotees there, and I hope this will find all of you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. Please let me know when you are in Hawaii.

69-6-5

New Vrindaban
3rd June, 1969

London

My Dear Syamsundar,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 29,

1969, and I have noted the contents. I am very glad that the Queen has consented the Redundant Churches Bill, and there is good chance of getting one church for our temple. There are many redundant churches because the Christian people are gradually deviating from their religious beliefs on account of stereotype presentation of the Bible by sophisticated priests. Modern youths are educated in advance, so they are no more interested in repetition of the same static mottos. They want something dynamic, progress in spiritual understanding, but the Christian priests could not satisfy them. In comparison to all these dogmatic principles, our KC movement presents everything in the right perspective, even from scientific and philosophical point of view. So if you can secure one church in England for utilizing in our movement, I think we shall be able to secure many such churches all over the world. We have great respect for Lord Jesus Christ. We accept him as powerful incarnation of Krishna, as much as we accept Lord Buddha. We can adjust the Buddhists, Christians, and even the Mohammedans to our KC movement, so if the religious heads of these faiths try to understand our philosophy, certainly there will be great impetus in the matter of spiritual rejuvenation of the world. So try to convince the Archbishop of Canterbury and implore him to give us this chance of spreading God-Consciousness in the world's greatest city, London. If my presence is required, I am prepared to go at any moment within the month of June, because I am thinking of going to San Francisco in July for Rathayatra which Tamal Krishna is arranging. This Festival was successful in San Francisco in the years 1967 and 68 because of your presence there, so now they are feeling your absence, but they are courageous to do it successfully some how or other. Tamal has called Nara Narayan to do carpentry

work, so he will be going there. So I shall see Rathayatra either in SF or in London. If arrangement is made to call me to London I will go there as first preference. So as you let me know the day to day progress, and if this progress is suitable, then I shall go to London.

Regarding Brahmacharies, two may go there immediately, but how will transportation be arranged? They may also be required to arrange for money deposited in the bank to show the immigration department. That is one impediment, and also you yourselves are all scattered, so how shall you accommodate them? Your work is already hampered by no suitable living places, so if two more join you, what is the benefit? Another point is that what is the difficulty of the newcomers getting trained by you who are all elderly members. From other centers, practically every day someone sends his beads, along with letter of appreciation and some money for initial expenses. I chant on his beads and return them to him as initiated student. Why don't you follow this same principle? If these boys are serious, let them be initiated, and follow the rules, and whatever guidance you can give them they should accept. It is not good idea to invite brahmacharies for training some other brahmacharies in London when there are six already present there. If you cannot train them, how can you take it for granted that someone from here can? Training is not imposition. It is voluntary accept- by the trainee. Anyway, when you secure a larger place to accommodate everyone, you will have as many brahmacharies as you want, and I shall arrange for that. I can send even Purushottam, who is personally assisting me, provided it helps your propaganda there. Similarly I can ask Subal or someone else, so that is not a problem.

Regarding Mataji, I have noted your remarks, and actually we do not want to

create a group of *prakita saha jia*, or devotees who do not know the science of Krishna and do not know the science of devotion, but simply worship the Deity with no depth of knowledge. That is called materialistic devotee, but it is also not rejected. It is a beginning, but a preacher must be above this. Anyway, keep friendship with her. She is trying to love Krishna and that is good. Why not ask her to help you perform the Rathayatra? If she can give financial help, all other help will come. Please thank Malati for her nice letter of May 30th. If you can please take quotation from some Holland printer how much they will charge to print a book exactly like *TLC* we can utilize this information. I hope you are well and await your reply.

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-6-6

New Vrindaban
3rd June, 1969

My Dear Madhudvisa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 30, 1969, and I have noted the contents. I can understand the disturbance of your mind, but why you keep yourself in such artificial disturbance? You can become a householder. That is not prohibited. There are so many good examples of householders, and similarly you can become a householder. Our principle is to enter into the family of Krishna. In the Vaikuntha world there are many devotees who have their wife, but they are so much absorbed in Krishna Consciousness that they forget the idea of sex-life. Anyway, instead of being agitated in mind, it is better to become a married man and in peaceful mind execute Krishna Consciousness. That is my verdict, and ever since I started this movement I have encouraged marriage to so many disciples. So there is no

hindrance in this respect, and you can do the needful

I hope this will meet you in very good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-6-7

New Vrindaban
4th June, 1969

UNITED SHIPPING CORPORATION
14/2 Old China Bazar Street,
Room #13
Calcutta-1,
INDIA
Att: Sri Prabhas Babu

Dear Prabhas Babu:

In further reference to my last letter sent in reply to your letter dated April 2, 1969, I am surprised that the packages sent by Jayagovinda das Brahmachary as well as those sent by Atma Ram & Sons have not yet been sent. You acknowledged that these goods are ready to be shipped in your letter of April 2, 1969, but you have still not shipped them. I could understand that there was a delay on account of Pibhuti Babu's disappearance, but why are they still delayed? Please let me know why the shipping of our goods is so tremendously delayed. Kindly treat this letter as very urgent, and let me know why my goods have not been shipped yet.

As I have been informed by Jayagovinda das Brahmachary, you are holding the following items:

- Package 1. one pair of 10 1/2" brass R-K Murtis with jewelry and clothing
- Package 2. one pair of 13" brass R-K Murtis with jewelry and clothing
- Package 3. one mrandungam
- Package 4. one harmonium—with double reeds, with 7 stops, full cover
- Package 5. 30 cartons incense, each carton containing 12 boxes

Package 6. 1,400 Assorted Brijbasi pictures
 8 dozen Assorted brass incense holders
 2 dozen red chandan malas
 50 odd *Srimad Bhagavatam* prospectus

16 *Easy Journey To Other Planets* and personal effects amounting to 3 pairs brass cymbals, 4 old copies of *Back To Godhead* 8 wooden incense holders, 5 tubes incense, 7 tulsi malas from Vrindaban with kuntis and counter beads, regular items for performance of puja namely, conch, 5-light lamp, incense holder, cup and spoon, one set of *Srimad Bhagavatams*, notes, etc. In addition, 8 bundles of books were sent to you by Atma Ram & Sons, containin *Srimad Bhagavatam*, Vol. One—104 copies, Vol. Two—110 copies, Vol. Three—46 copies.

I am awaiting your early reply.

Sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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New Vrindaban
 5th June, 1969

My Dear Turyadas,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of May 29, 1969, sent along with your beads, and I have duly chanted upon them and have initiated you as my disciple. Your spiritual name is Turyadas and this means transcendental. So you are the servant of the Transcendental Lord, Krishna, and when one serves the Transcendental Lord, he also becomes completely transcendental to the laws and contaminations of material nature. In material life, everyone is bound up tightly by the laws

of karma, and there is no question of transcending these laws by any material means. The modern civilization is trying to transcend the pangs of material life, namely birth, death, old age and diseases, by advancement of material knowledge, but actually this advancement is only binding them more tightly into the material concept of life. So thus there is no freedom from or transcending of these material miseries. But one who comes to the intelligence to understand that rather than serving the cause of material advancement, he should serve the cause of Krishna, then such person becomes transcendental to the stringent laws of karma. Krishna instructs us in *Bhagavad Gita* that one who serves Him in loving devotional service is delivered fully from all material contamination.

Now you have your beads, so please chant at least 16 rounds daily, and read from *Bhagavad Gita As It Is* at least one chapter daily. Goursundar will instruct you as to the 10 offenses that must be avoided. The four principal regulative restrictions that you must follow are 1) no intoxication, including coffee or tea, 2) no illicit sex-life, 3) no non-vegetarian diet, 4) no gambling. I understand from Goursundar that already you are helping the Hawaii temple and that you are a very nice, sincere boy. So with these nice qualifications of sincerity and service surely you will make nice progress in perfecting your life in Krishna consciousness. As you are having questions about this great spiritual science of *Bhagavad Gita*, please consult with Goursundar, he is a very intelligent boy, and I am also always at your service to help as far as possible.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-6-9

New Vrindaban
5th June, 1969

My Dear Chandanacharya,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter of June 2, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. Regarding your proposal of working in Columbus with the chance of earning \$100 per day, why dont you take it? This will be a great help to this center because there is such great potential for spreading our movement amongst the students there, and if we can either purchase the large church on 16th Avenue, or if they can purchase their present house, along with the nearby lot and gas station, that will be a tremendous asset to the activities there. I have seen in the gas station that there are two rooms, so if one room could be used for kitchen, then the other could be utilized as temple room, and the house would serve as an ashram for devotees. The first choice would be the big church, but if you can finance for purchasing either the church or the present site, that will be very nice service. So if you can actually earn \$100 daily, I think you should take this opportunity. Please inform me what you have decided by return of post.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

NB: I am enclosing a letter which I have received today from Sudama in Hawaii, so you can see the great possibility of propagating this chanting amongst the boys and girls of the Western World. I thank you for sending me wrist calendar. Pradyumna, I am anxious to know about the machines.

69-6-10

New Vrindaban
5th June, 1969

Dear Gopal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 29, 1969. I have already sent your beads duly chanted upon, and I hope you will be happy in Krishna Consciousness always. As you are a very nice, good soul, Krishna will certainly bless you with all benedictions. It doesn't matter whether or not you remain in this part of the world or in India. Wherever you remain you chant Hare Krishna regularly, and your example may be followed by others. The world needs this benefit, and when you return to India there are so many ways you can convince your parents that to take to Krishna Consciousness does not mean one has to give up his worldly affairs. I know in India there are many foolish persons who think that by reading *Bhagavad Gita* one is apt to renounce this world. This is completely foolishness. Arjuna was a family man, a soldier, and he was directly taught the principles of *Bhagavad Gita*, but he never renounced the world nor the battlefield. I do not know why there are certain crazy men who think like that, that if a man becomes devotee, he will have no more interest in worldly affairs. We are not Mayavadi; we do not state that the world is false. We say that if Krishna is truth, the world is also truth because the world is a manifestation of Krishna's energy. So if Krishna is true, how His energy can be false? The Mayavadis preach so-called monism, but they always distinguish brahma and maya. They say brahma is true, maya is false. We say maya is true, and because it is Krishna's energy, she must be employed in Krishna's service. That is our philosophy.

So far your parents are concerned, I have received another letter from a friend of your parents whose name is Bhartendu

Vimal. I am enclosing this letter for you to read. Your father has induced him to ask me not to initiate you. This gentleman came to see me in San Francisco. He might be some congressman, and at the expense of the government he was making some so-called cultural tour. The government is interested to send anyone for dancing or recitation of poetry, but when the government is requested for giving some facilities for preaching Krishna consciousness, they will not encourage. On the other hand they encourage publications in which Krishna is depicted as black and low-born. This is the position of our government.

I am glad that your parents are interested in *Bhagavad Gita* and Lord Krishna, and when you return to India you make them understand Krishna philosophy very nicely. I am also pleased to learn that when you marry, you will marry a girl who is a worshipper of Lord Krishna and who agrees to follow the four basic principles strictly. I am so please to learn that you have appreciated our aratrik song, "kiba jaya jaya gorachander". You have voluntarily offered to do something when you return to India, and the best project will be to work there as representative of this Krishna Consciousness Movement. In my opinion, India is going down by giving up this original cultural life which is its own. The government is enamored by the glittering civilization of the West, and it was a definite policy of our late prime minister, Mr. Nehru, who wanted to see India overnight as rich and materially advanced as America. It was, of course, Gandhi's policy to concentrate his organization in village life, taking to simple life and cow protection. But just after Mahatma Gandhi's disappearance, his chief disciple, Pandit Nehru, planned for up-to-date organized cow-slaughter house. So this is our position. If you have understood Krishna Consciousness science,

then you will try to revive this cultural life in India. Of course so long I shall live I shall give you all assistance. But if you concentrate your energy in a city like Bombay for propagating Krishna Consciousness amongst the younger generation, as I am doing here in the Western World, it will be great service to Krishna and to your country. I have already asked you to think on the project how you can push on our books and literature. I cannot suggest any other alternatives, but if you can execute this will of mine, I shall remain ever-obliged to you.

You are welcome to write to me as often as possible, and it is my duty to give you right instructions. Try to follow them and you will be happy. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-6-11

New Vrindaban
6th June, 1969

My Dear Vrindabaneshvari,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated "Victoria Day", and I have noted the contents with pleasure. I have received letters from the Hamburg devotees, and they appear to be very much jubilant to know that you will be arriving on June 27 at 9:30 am. I am also very also very glad that you will be prepared to go there. In my previous letter to Mandali Bhadra, I already informed him that he will act as the editor of the German *Back To Godhead*. So when you go please set up everything in a cooperative mood. The workers there are very sincere, and upon your joining them, they will be very much encouraged. I am also

glad to learn that you are enjoying reading the book, *Teachings of Lord Chaitanya*, and now both you and your husband have to preach these teachings of Lord Chaitanya in the European countries. So please read our books very carefully, and as soon as there is some question you can ask me. In the future I hope that Mandali Bhadra will translate this book into the German language.

Regarding the first question in your letter about how do we know of the spiritual abodes since once going there no one returns, you should know that the great liberated souls and incarnations who appear from time to time in this material world are not actually coming back, because they are never subject to material contamination or the laws of material nature. For the purpose of delivering the fallen living entities they come here temporarily and then go back when their business is finished, and this is all under the direct order of the Lord. So the appearance of the Lord or the great liberated souls in the material is different from the appearance of the contaminated living entity who is forced to take birth in the material world due to his desire to lord it over the world. In your second question you asked if we will remember the earth, when in Vrindaban, and the answer is certainly. When Narada Muni was talking to Vyasadeva, as you may have read in first volume of our *Srimad Bhagavatam*, he was in a spiritual body, but he remembered his previous life and explained it to Vyasadeva. In material life there is forgetfulness, but in spiritual life there is no forgetfulness. I hope this will sufficiently answer these questions for you.

Please convey my blessings to your family. I hope this will meet you in very good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

69-6-12

New Vrindaban
7th June, 1969

My Dear Jayagovinda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 27, 1969 and your letter dated May 20, 1969. I have immediately sent to Achyutananda a copy of the goods delivered to United Shipping Corporation. It appears that this company is very slow and not businesslike. So probably I will have to change to some other shipping agents, and I have already advised Achyutananda to do the needful. The second batch of Deities which you sent to Los Angeles has been received by them. I am very glad to learn that you are feeling enthusiastically in the German center, and it is clear that Krishna wanted you there. Please work there with your full energy in cooperation with your other godbrothers. Krishna Das, yourself, Shivananda and Uttama Sloka all are good souls and sincere devotees of Lord Krishna. So as you faithfully continue to work under my direction, your further advancement is sure. I have received a letter from Mandali Bhadra that they are reaching there on the 27th June, and when they arrive, do everything very nicely in a cooperative spirit.

I hope that by this time you have secured the typewriter and things are going on with the German translations. You have inquired if you should learn the German language, and my answer is yes, you should learn it by all means. Here in New Vrindaban the atmosphere is exactly like Vrindaban. They are performing the routine activities from 4 am. in the morning till 10 pm. at night. The aratriks are going on several times daily as you have seen in Vrindaban. The pictures which you have taken of Vrindaban have been published in *BTG*, and I have seen a special advance

copy sent from Japan. It is very nice article, and you have done nicely.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

NB: The reproduction of the newspaper cuttings which you have printed was done very well, and I would like about ten more copies of this page to show to other centers.

69-6-13

New Vrindaban
7th June, 1969

My Dear Sudama,

All Glories to Sudama das Brahmachary and the Hawaii devotees for their excellent work. I have appreciated so much your letter of June 2, 1969 that I am making copies of this letter to send to different centers to inform them how much potency is this Sankirtan Movement. So for the time being as you are working enthusiastically in Hawaii, try to establish a very good center there. There is nice potential there I know, and I think Krishna is already giving impetus for this purpose, because Goursundar and Ballabhadrā have gone to find a nice place on the Hawaii Island. So all of you work conscientiously and jointly, you are all good souls, and you will be successful if you can transform Hawaii into New Nabadwip. Lord Chaitanya will shower His blessings and you will be happy, not only in this life, but you will be promoted to Krishna Loka. Concentrate your energies now in Hawaii center, and in the future we shall establish a center in Japan. I think the roar of your Sankirtan in Hawaii will soon be heard in the neighboring places, including Japan and Hong

Kong. The ocean is the father-in-law of Vishnu, because the Goddess of Fortune, Lakshmi, was born by the churning of the ocean. So the Goddess of Fortune, Lakshmi, being the daughter of the ocean, the ocean also will help in spreading the glories of the ocean's daughter and son-in-law. So please keep me informed of your activities, and this will engadden me.

I am glad to learn that Govinda Dasi, inspite of her sick health, is going out on Sankirtan Party, and this will cure her of all disease. Dont be worried. I always think of Govinda Dasi and Jadurany, such sincere workers in Krishna Consciousness. So please convey my blessings to all the deotees there, and you all should do things very enthusiastically.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-6-14

New Vrindaban
7th June, 1969

Dear Mrs. Davis,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 31, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. Patit Uddharan was here two days ago, and I had a talk with him about the situation you have brought up in your letter. There will be no objection if you can come here to New Vrindaban. The whole thing has been explained to your son, Patit Uddharan, so you may consult with him and do the needful.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-6-15

New Vrindaban
7th June, 1969

My Dear Krishna Das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 25, 1969, and I beg to inform you that both Saradia and Vaikunthanath are doing well in Boston. I hope you have sent her a letter of congratulations by now. When I was in Montreal Saradia expressed her desire to marry Vaikunthanath, and immediately I asked that he would remain reserved for her. He is a very nice boy, and I hope they will be happy in their future homely life in Krishna Consciousness. I have received also news from Mandali Bhadra and Vrindabaneshvari that they have already purchased their tickets and are going on the 27th of June, so when they arrive, please cooperate with them nicely. You are all sincere workers, and they also are very sincere souls. So cooperate together nicely, and I hope our Hamburg center will very soon become the important center in Europe. In London they have not yet been able to find out a suitable place, but still they are prepared to celebrate the Rathayatra Festival there. But so far I have received no definite information on this festival. Under the circumstances I am not yet certain whether or not I shall go to London, but in your letter under reply you have expressed the desire of my going to Germany, so do you think you are able to receive me there at the present stage? My going to Germany means lots of expenditures, including travel fare, etc. If you think that you will be able to meet these expenditures, then I have no objection for going there directly.

From your report of sales of the *Peace Formula* it appears that when you get *Back To Godhead* printed in German language it will be very nicely distributed. I can see that Jayagovinda is a great asset to your center and there will be no difficulties for

printing matter. He is expert in that line, and he and Rayarama worked for many months in connection with *Back To Godhead* here in New York.

In hope this will meet you in very good health.

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

69-6-16

New Vrindaban
7th June, 1969

My Dear Uttama Sloka,

Please accept my blessings. I am very glad to receive your letter (undated), and I have noted the contents that you had left the temple but now you have returned again. This is most encouraging, because it means that Krishna is very kind upon you. Although you left Him, He did not allow you to go away. It is His special favor upon you. As individuals there may be disagreement sometimes, but that is quite natural. Even in ordinary family affairs there is sometimes disagreement, but that does not mean immediately the disagreeing members shall leave the family. Similarly our Krishna Consciousness Movement means we are all gathering together in families of Krishna. Actually we are eternal family members of the Lord, but due to our misuse of independence we have now forgotten our eternal relationship with Krishna, exactly like a man who is mad forgets his family relationship and loiters in the street. But when he is again in his normal mental condition, he remembers his family members and goes back to them. Similarly this Krishna Consciousness Movement is a treatment for reviving the memory that we all belong to Krishna's family. So we are trying to establish a replica of Krishna's family in this material world, wherein there is no material activities. To avoid the material activities means to follow the four regulative

principles and to engage ourselves constantly in Krishna Consciousness activities and to have the association of pure devotees. We should not give indulgence to our senses more than what is required just to keep body and soul together. We should not engage ourselves in very difficult tasks, and we should not talk anything more than what is necessary for spreading Krishna Consciousness. We should follow the regulative principles, regard being had to situation, circumstances and objectives. We should not be greedy and we should not mix with persons not interested in Krishna. In this way, we can make steady progress and maintain our membership in Krishna's family. Thus, at the end of this life we will enter actually into the spiritual world. So your main business should be to spread Sankirtan, becoming tolerant as the tree and becoming humbler than the grass. If you have anytime any difficulty, please try to settle up in the above way, but do not leave the company of devotees. That will not help you, even though there may seem to be some difficulties.

I am so pleased to read in your letter that you have unflinching faith in Krishna and in my directions, and this attitude will help you more and more in Krishna Consciousness. Thank you once more for your letter. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-6-17 New Vrindaban
8th June, 1969

My Dear Ananda,

Please accept my blessings. I am very glad to receive your letter (undated), and I have noted your new address. I am pleased to note that you have already paid for the place for one month's rent. I thank

you very much that you are struggling there alone and silently, and Krishna will surely bless you for this. I suggested in my previous letter that you join the Toronto party if you are feeling alone. But if not, you go on with your present program, and I have got all support for that. In all the centers everyone is trying his best to improve his own center, and gradually there is becoming factual evidence of very nice progress.

Mandali Bhadra and his wife have to go to Germany to take charge of our publications in German language. It is already settled, and it is understood that they are leaving on the 27th of June. So they will not be able to help you personally by their presence. You can write, however, to Hansadutta, and he may go there for some days with his Sankirtan Party and help you in establishing your center firmly. I am also writing to Hansadutta in this connection.

I thank you again for your letter. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-6-18 New Vrindaban
8th June, 1969

My Dear Hansadutta,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 2, 1969, and I have noted the contents. I understand that you are feeling some inconvenience due to police interruption, but we have to make the best of a bad bargain. There is a Sanskrit proverb, *sati sharyam samacharit*, and this means if somebody is cunning, we must also become cunning. To a cunning person we must not be a simpleton. Krishna Conscious devotees are expected to be very intelligent, so we have to work very intelligently to prove our advancement in Krishna Consciousness. I

think you should keep a table by the Sankirtan Party, a table with a charity box and our books and literatures for sale. You go on with your work as usual and when the police come you say you are not canvassing. You have simply kept a table and whoever wishes to purchase may do so. This is called *sati shatyam samacharit*.

Regarding the Beatle hero, certainly you will find him nonsense. Actually they are nonsense, but in the Western part of the world it is a folly to be wise, and ignorance is bliss. This whole material civilization is gross ignorance, and therefore you cannot expect very intelligent persons in this part of the world. Even though one is a great philosopher, writer, or something like that, it does not qualify him to be one of the selected intelligent persons who take to Krishna Consciousness. There is another proverb in Bengali that in the forest a jackel is considered to be a great nobility because he is very cunning. Similarly, in the materialistic way of life everyone is blind, and in spite of thousands of big blind leaders, the followers who are also blind cannot get any tangible benefit. So you have done your duty to give him some impression about Krishna Consciousness. That is all right. We should not waste much of our time with these so-called leaders because they are jackels in the forest. They are not actually leaders. The only leader is Krishna and one who is Krishna Conscious. Others are simply misleaders.

Your unhappiness in the absence of sufficient engagement is a good sign. This is called *abertya kalatyum*. When a person is advanced in Krishna Consciousness he should always think that my time may not go in vain without being engaged in Krishna's service. Your main business is Sankirtan. From everywhere I am getting good reports, especially from Boston, New York, Los Angeles, and Hawaii that they are having good success by outdoor

kirtans. So you follow this principle without fail, and treat the cunning with cunningness. Sometimes in your letter it appears that you are confused. I do not know why you should be like that. Your clear program is spreading Krishna Consciousness, and you are competent and experienced for this. Why you should feel confused? As you are feeling for a little change, I think you can go with your Sankirtan Party to Vancouver for some time, and help establish a center firmly because Ananda is struggling there alone. He had been helped by Mandali Bhadra and Vrindabaneshvari, but soon they are leaving for Hamburg. So why don't you go for a few days to Vancouver?

Please convey my blessings to your good wife, Himavati,* as well as all other devotees there. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

*I shall be glad to hear from her and address for my deity.

69-6-19

New Vrindaban
10th June, 1969

London

My Dear Mukunda,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter of June 3, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. Regarding Mataji Shamadevi's temple in Leicester, your version is all right, and I am not very interested to establish a Hindu temple. Perhaps you know from the very beginning I never described my movement as Hindu religion. Religion means the bonafide process by which we understand God and the first class religion is that which teaches people to develop love for God. To know or accept the authority of God is one thing, but to love

God is another. Generally, people are interested in material comforts and they make God as the supplying agent. This kind of devotion is not purified. It is contaminated by material desires, but when one is elevated to the position of giving everything to God out of love and affection, that is the first class position. We are teaching this philosophy in the name of Krishna Consciousness, and it is applicable to all sober persons. The *Bhagavat* principle is that because we can be happy simply by developing our dormant love of God, this is our first business.

I understand that you have now three houses under consideration: two of them are immediately available, but one requires some money. Why don't you pay the money? What is the amount? If you are short of money and the house is very nice, then we can arrange for the money. You have stated that Mr. George Harrison will be seeing the Archbishop for granting us a church, and that is a very nice idea, but so far I see Mr. Harrison promised so many things which were not fulfilled practically. So instead of waiting for the church, if you can get one of the three houses now under consideration, that will be better. Your Samkirtan Movement is going on even with no house, so there is no cause of lamentation. You must go on with Samkirtan and selling our literature, never mind there is temple or not. I am very pleased that you have already sold 1,000 *BTGs*, and I assume that it will not be too difficult for you to sell 5,000 magazines. That will solve part of your financial problems.

The answer to your Istogosti questions are as follows: Unless one is a resident of Krishna Loka, one cannot be a Spiritual Master. That is the first proposition. A layman cannot be a Spiritual Master, and if he becomes so then he will simply create disturbance. And who is a liberated person? One who knows Krishna. It is

stated in *BG*, fourth chapter, anyone who knows Krishna in truth is immediately liberated, and after quitting the present body, he immediately goes to Krishna. That means he becomes a resident of Krishna Loka. As soon as one is liberated he is immediately a resident of Krishna Loka, and anyone who knows the truth of Krishna can become Spiritual Master. That is the version of Lord Chaitanya. So to summarize the whole thing, it is to be understood that a bonafide Spiritual Master is a resident of Krishna Loka.

Your next question, whether the Spiritual Master was formerly a conditioned soul, actually a bonafide Spiritual Master is never a conditioned soul. There are three kinds of liberated persons. They are called 1) *sadhan siddha*, 2) *kripa siddha*, and 3) *nitya siddha*. *Sadhan siddha* means one who has attained perfection by executing the regulative principles of devotional service. *Kripa siddha* means one who has attained perfection by the special mercy of Krishna and the Spiritual Master, and *nitya siddha* means one who was never contaminated. The symptoms of *nitya siddha* is that from the beginning of his life he is attached to Krishna, and he is never tired of rendering service to Krishna. So we have to know what is what by these symptoms. But when one is actually on the *siddha* platform there is no such distinction as to who is *sadhan*, *kripa*, or *nitya siddha*. When one is *siddha*, there is no distinction what is what. Just like when the river water glides down to the Atlantic Ocean nobody can distinguish which portion was the Hudson River or some other river. Neither is there any necessity to make any such distinction. Actually, every living entity is eternally uncontaminated, although he may be in the material touch. This is the version of the Vedas. *Asanga ayam purusha*—the living entity is uncontaminated. Just like when there is a drop of oil

in water you can immediately distinguish the oil from the water, and the water never mixes with the oil. Similarly, a living entity, although in material contact, is always distinct from the matter.

You are correct when you say that when the Spiritual Master speaks it should be taken that Krishna is speaking. That is a fact. A Spiritual Master must be liberated. It does not matter if he has come from Krishna Loka or he is liberated from here. But he must be liberated. The science of how one is liberated is explained above, but when one is liberated, there is no need of distinction whether he has come directly from Krishna Loka or from the material world. But in the broader sense everyone comes from Krishna Loka. When one forgets Krishna he is conditioned, when one remembers Krishna he is liberated. I hope this will clear up these points. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. I am very much anxious to hear from Janaki why she does not write?

Bhagavatam it is advised that it is something like the itching propensity. If one can tolerate this itching, he can save himself from enormous troublesome business resulting from this itching sensation. So an intelligent person rather suffers the pain of itching sensation than accepting the after effects of satisfying the itch. In India, therefore, there are many akanda brahmacharies, and my Guru Maharaj was the best brahmachary. So your decision to remain a brahmachary is very glorious, and if you stick to the principles of Krishna Consciousness rigidly, you will never be disturbed by any sex urge, and life will be very much simplified, completely being engaged in Krishna Consciousness.

Regarding the consignment coming from India through the Bank of America, I am enclosing herewith one letter and a check for \$100. I hope this will solve your question. With this enclosed letter you may do the needful.

I thank you once more for your encouraging letter. Please convey my blessings to the other devotees there. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-6-20

New Vrindaban
10th June, 1969

My Dear Madhudvisa,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letters dated June 6, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. Your determination to remain as brahmachary is very encouraging. Actually, a living entity does not require to be entangled more and more. Rather he should save his time to finish the Krishna Consciousness business, and thus be liberated in this life. Sex urge is a symptom of every living entity, but in the *Srimad*

69-6-21

New Vrindaban
10th June, 1969

My Dear Dinesh,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June, 6, 1969 and the copy of the agreement which you sent. The first thing is that I have already given you my word, so there is no need of an agreement with me. My word is final agreement, but if you want it for business reasons, I have no objections to

sign it. But the wordings are not always clear. Another thing is although I have brought this Samkirtan Movement to the Western World we cannot make it copyrighted. The Samkirtan Movement is not my invention. So how can it be copyrighted? Besides that, as you will find in the album of my previous recording, the chanting of Hare Krishna is going on since time immemorial. So Hare Krishna cannot be copyrighted, although the tune in which I sing with my disciples, that may be made copyrighted. I have no objection to sign this agreement, but don't be misled that the chanting of Hare Krishna or Lord Chaitanya's Movement can be made copyrighted.

There are some points in the contract which are not very clear, so you may explain them to me further by post. The points are as follows: "ISKCON shall have the sole and exclusive right and authority to collect preserve and distribute all tangible expressions of said sound vibrations." "Said sound vibrations shall be fixed in a tangible form solely by ISKCON" "ISKCON shall have the exclusive right to any existing sound recordings contained in any medium of fixation that have been previously recorded by the SWAMI" "ISKCON shall have the sole and exclusive right to use the name and likeness of the SWAMI for all purposes and activities encompassed by this agreement."

So upon hearing from you on these points I shall send you back the agreement duly signed by me. I am very much encouraged by the statement of your letter, but I must let you know the pros and cons of this agreement.

Please convey my blessings to Krishna Devi. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-6-22

New Vrindaban
10th June, 1969

My Dear Tamal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 5, 1969, sent along with the article printed in the *Cosmos*, and I have noted the contents in both of these items. The article was very nice, and I can appreciate how you are assimilating this Krishna philosophy and conveying it nicely to others. Your descriptions of the Dadhibhanda Celebration sounds very thrilling, and here in New Vrindaban there is also nice supply of butter, ghee, milk and cheese due to the cow that they are keeping here. Regarding the draft lawyer, please try to expedite the matter, because there are many of our boys who may take advantage of this facility of being excused from the draft service. So when you are able to arrange for this it will be a very important achievement for our society. Regarding your suggestions for my travel plans, your ideas are very nice, and if I do not go to London, you can expect me to come to Los Angeles directly from New Vrindaban by the 10th of July.

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

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

69-6-23

New Vrindaban
12th June, 1969

My Dear Bibhavati,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your nice letter dated June 7, along with your article published in the *Montreal Star* on the same day. Everything appears to be very nice, and your service in this connection is recognized.

You have done a great service by meeting with Mr. John Lennon. He is an influential man, and at least you have been able to publicize our Krishna Consciousness Movement in a way that the people will understand that the Beatles are interested. In London, Mr. George Harrison is also inclined to this movement and to our disciples, and recently a letter from Shyamsundar conveyed Mr. Harrison's respectful obeisances unto me. Mr. John Lennon is anxious for peace in the world, so also is everyone anxious for peace in the world, but it should be known how that peace can be attained. If we keep the human society as it is, there is no possibility of peace. It is not a question of simply accepting God as the center of everything and peace will be achieved, but the question is how to live in God. Mr. Lennon wants to stop war, but the war is the creation of different politicians. So unless on the summit of administration there are actually Krishna Conscious men, we cannot stop war. Therefore people in general must understand the importance of Krishna Conscious, and they must in this democratic day send their real representatives who can make right decisions whether there should be war or no war. We find from the history of *Mahabharat* that the battle of Kurukshetra was because of the belligerent attitude of Duryodhana. So such war as is was conducted under the advice of Lord Krishna is not bad, but war declared and executed by demonic politicians is certainly very bad. A Krishna conscious person like Arjuna is not inclined to the activities of warfare, but when there is a necessity for peace in the world to educate men to become Krishna Conscious, a Krishna Conscious person does not lag behind. Therefore the first necessity for peace in the world is to instruct men how to become Krishna Conscious, because as soon as one becomes Krishna Conscious all the good qualities

in human society are manifested. So if it is possible that the party of Mr. Lennon and Mr. Harrison cooperate with this Krishna Consciousness Movement, I am sure we shall be able to stop all this nonsensical war.

I think by this time, by your sincere practice, you have come to this conclusion that a Krishna Conscious situation is the only means for peace and happiness. I am very glad to see your sarcastic remark in the article where you write, "cigarette smoke hangs heavy in the air." The leaders of the peace movement must be all men of character, and to raise such men of character there must be the four regulative principles; namely, no illicit sex-life, no meat-eating, no gambling, and no intoxication. According to Vedic civilization, these four principles must be followed by persons desiring spiritual advancement of life, persons who want to be public leaders and persons who want to be highly intellectual for understanding God and His creation. So I am very much hopeful of Mr. John Lennon because he has several times chanted the word, Krishna.

Now both you and your husband were eager to start for England, so you can now arrange for going there. I have received one letter from Shyamsundar that they are soon to occupy a nice house, so you can immediately open correspondence with him. His present address is Shyamsundar Das Adhikary, 11 Balham Park Road, London SW 12, ENGLAND. If you have the money, you can immediately start. Their place can accommodate twenty or thirty men, and as they are making very elaborate effort for spreading Krishna Consciousness in London, they require help from bramacharies, grihastas, etc. So I think if you go there, not only you shall be assisting them, but you can further talk with Mr. John Lennon how actually peace in the world can be established on the above principles.

I understand that both you and Ishandas are very sincere souls, so in the future I hope you both will be a great asset in preaching this Krishna Consciousness Movement. I thank you once again for your letter. Hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-6-24

New Vrindaban
12th June, 1969

My Dear R. Chalson,

I beg to thank you very much for your kind letter dated June 8, 1969, addressed to our New York temple and forwarded to me. I am very pleased to read the contents. My Spiritual Master, Om Vishnupada Sri Srimad Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Goswami Maharaj Prabhupad, sometimes used to say that if after selling all of my property I can convert one person to Krishna Consciousness factually, then I shall think my mission is successful. Similarly, I am also thinking like that after reading your letter that if I could induce even one person to Krishna Consciousness through my publication, *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*, then I shall think my labor is successful. So I am very much encouraged to read your letter, and I have received many such letters from others also, so I am very hopeful.

I am sorry that many of the important verses in *Bhagavad Gita As It Is* were left without purport explanations, but the Macmillan Company wanted to minimize the volume of the book. I am not satisfied with this, so my next attempt will be to publish the same with explanations for all the verses without any exception. Actually, our Krishna Consciousness Movement means to propagate in the human society the transcendental understanding of Krishna. In the *Bhagavad Gita* it is said

that out of many men, only one is interested in self-realization, and out of many thousands of self-realized persons, only one may understand Krishna. But if one understands Krishna as to what He is, what are His transcendental activities, then such person immediately is eligible to enter into the Kingdom of God, and not to come again in this miserable world. People in general do not even understand that this world is miserable for the conditioned soul. Neither are they very interested in the Kingdom of God. They want to make this miserable world as the Kingdom of God without God. So there is a great necessity of propagating the Krishna Consciousness Movement. As you appear to be very intelligent and interested in this connection, I shall request you to help this movement as far as possible.

Thank you again for your kind letter.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-6-25

New Vrindaban
June 12th, 1969

My Dear Shyamsundar,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 5, 1969, and with great joy I understand that at last you have secured one nice house which can accommodate twenty or thirty people. I have immediately asked Trivikram das Brahmachary of Buffalo to go there, and he is sending Mukunda one telegram confirming this. I am also advising Bibhavati and Ishandas to go there. Next I shall try to find out some other brahmacharies to go there as you require immediately some men for your great endeavor. You write to say you are too much strained in various ways, but by your such activities, Krishna will be very much pleased. I think because Krishna is pleased, therefore you have got at last a

very nice place. I was planning to go to Los Angeles because Tamal Krishna and others are insisting that I attend the Rathayatra Festival that they are performing very pompously in San Francisco. They have secured a wonderful hall at the beach where the festival will be held and the proprietor of the hall has donated the hall for one week's use. They have received promises from many persons contributing grains, fruits and flowers for holding huge prasadam distribution. It is understood that the hall has a kitchen with twenty burners, and it will easily accommodate 5,000 people. So I have not said anything to them yet unless I hear from you finally, but you may know that I am quite fit to go to London as soon as you can arrange for my arrival there.

Regarding Rathayatra Festival in London, it is my great desire that you must perform it. I hope you have already secured permission from Scotland Yard in this connection. You will be glad to know that Mr. John Lennon had an interview with Bibhavati, and a nice article was published in the *Montreal Star* in which it is understood that he also is interested in our Krishna Consciousness Movement. You have already spoken about George Harrison, about his leaning towards Krishna Consciousness, and I understand they are anxious for some peace movement in the world. So when I go there, and if these interested young men talk with me, I think something very important may come by our mutual cooperation. So in your next letter as indicated in your letter under reply, I shall expect your final word as to when you like me to start for London. Accordingly I shall make my plan, but your decision must be informed to me not later than the 25th of June.

Regarding the altar, the design which you have submitted is nice, but I wish to add that underneath the Jagannaths a throne of Radha-Krishna should be there.

I am enclosing herewith a picture of the throne, and on the back side is my idea of an altar design.

I thank you again for your very encouraging letter. Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. Please inform Mukunda that I have received his letter of the 7th June. ACB

69-6-26

New Vrindaban
12th June, 1969

My Dear Tamal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I am so pleased to receive your letter of June 9, 1969, and I can understand that Krishna is giving you intelligence how to manage the Western Coast branches of our society. I think you should now make an *ad hoc* committee of management, comprising yourself, Jayananda, Chidananda, Dindayal, Upendra, etc. If in this way you can take charge of management affairs, it will be a very nice thing. So far as a seal is concerned, you can make your own seal exactly like the one we have got in New York. Simply you make the seal replacing the word New York for Los Angeles. That will be nice. I have got full faith in you, so by Krishna's blessing try to improve all the four or five branches there. Trivikram das Brahmachary from Buffalo wanted to open a branch in Sacramento or Santa Monica, but I have advised him to go to London because recently I received a letter from Shyamsundar that they have secured a nice house. It is not yet settled up, but he wants the help of some brahmacharies. So I shall be glad to know if you can spare some brahmacharies for London. They are of course planning something very gorgeous, but till now it has not been tangible. But because they are working very seriously and sincerely it will be

successful. At present my plan is that by the 10th of July either I go to London or to Los Angeles. That is certain. So even if I do not go to Los Angeles, the Festival will be nicely performed there. If I go to London I shall see that the Rathayatra Festival is also performed there, and I have written to Shyamsundar expressing my great desire like this. But everything depends on Krishna's disposal.

Regarding your questions, it is all right to make up the plates for the feast as you have suggested so the guests will not have so long a wait after the offering. The first plate made up, Krishna's plate, should be kept in a high place, a separate place, and covered. Then it is allright. Regarding Visal's idea of selling his car, that is all right, and the money may be utilized for Rathayatra Festival. But when I go I must have my car, so you will have to purchase. Regarding Jivananda and Harsharani, whatever you think is best for them is all right. And I approve of the suggestion you have made for them. Similarly, Mahapurusha may go to Vancouver. That is nice. As you see fit, you can manage such things without consulting me first. Now the West Coast management is practically on you. I am sure that Krishna will help you in this regards.

I am enclosing a letter for Devahuti, so you may please hand it over to her. Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-6-27

New Vrindaban
13th June, 1969

My Dear Mukunda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 7, 1969, as well as another letter signed by you, Shyamsundar, Gurudas and others jointly. It is very gratifying that

at last you have got a five-storey building, and in the meantime negotiations are continuing for a church. It is very good news and I thank you for your joint invitation.

In your letter dated June 10th it is said that I shall not go to London earlier than July 20th. I do not know what is your financial position because you have not mentioned anything about our passage money. So kindly let me know if you are going to send me the money for passage, or if I will have to arrange for it. On receipt of this necessary information I shall do the needful. In the meantime I have replied Shyamsundar's letter wherein I have stated that some of the devotees here are prepared to go to London. One brahmachary, Trivikramdas, from Buffalo will send you a telegram concerning this matter.

Please convey my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. In your previous letters, I was informed that in London I will have many engagements including interview with Archbishop Cantarbury. But in your letter under reply I understand that I will have to meet people in my apartment. This means that my presence is not very much needed. If you think so then why this invitation? Please clear the matter.

69-6-28

New Vrindaban
13th June, 1969

My Dear Dinesh,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for sending me the broadcasting tape containing varieties of our Samkirtan Movement and it has come very, very nice. I have received one letter

from Mukunda that you are already in negotiation with him for complete cooperation with the Beatles in future, and this is very nice program. Most probably I shall be going to London by the end of July, and from different sources I can understand that the Beatles are becoming interested in the Samkirtan Movement. In the meantime you may have received my letter to you dated June 10th in which I have asked you to explain some lines mentioned in the agreement between you and me. So I am expecting your reply, and upon receipt of it, I shall immediately send you the signed agreement as you have sent it to me.

Please offer my blessings to Krishna Devi and Vishnuaratrik. I hope this will meet all of you in good health. Thanking you once more for the tape.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-6-29

New Vrindaban
13th June, 1969

My Dear Krishna das,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 6, 1969, and I thank you very much for your submissive feelings. They are just appropriate for and advancing Vaishnava. Please keep yourself in this nice attitude and Krishna will bless you.

Regarding registration of the society, you can simply translate our New York registration form into German and submit it to the court clerk, depositing the requisite fees, and I think that will finish the registration problem. If the police do not allow you to perform kirtan in public places, do not disobey their orders. Try to abide by the law of the state for taking advantage of performing kirtan as far as possible.

Regarding your father's suspicion, you should not keep him in suspicion. As you

are working in apprenticeship for jewelry work, you should continue that occupation, and even if your father comes and sees that you are engaged in your occupation as well as looking after management of the temple, he will not be displeased. I can understand from your attitude that your father must be good gentleman, otherwise how could he have such a nice son? So there is no need of playing hide-and-seek. If you continue learning the jeweler's trade, he will not be displeased. Besides that, some of our men must work, otherwise it is difficult to maintain all the expenses in the European countries.

Regarding Shivananda's plan to go to Paris, it may be suspended till I request him to do so. In the meantime I have received information from London that they have secured a nice house at the cost of \$400 per month, so they want me to go there by the end of July. In the meantime, if you think my presence in Hamburg will help your organization, I can go there for a few days. But I do not know what is your financial condition. So if you are serious to call me, you can let me know by return of post. I have received a letter from Mandal Bhadra that they are positively going there on the 27th of June. Regarding the conch shell that was donated, it is welcome. You can use it in the temple.

Please convey my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-6-30

New Vrindaban
14th June, 1969

My Dear Sheelavati,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated June, 1969, and I have carefully noted the contents therein. Regarding the suggestion

that you remarry, I have never suggested such thing, so you need not trouble yourself with this. As I have told you in Los Angeles, I wish that the mother's who have no husband at present should not remarry, but should dedicate their time to seeing that their children are brought up very nicely in Krishna Consciousness. Your boy, Birbhadra, has just arrived here, and he will be taken care of by Kirtanananda Maharaj. Satyabhama Dasi is in charge of educating the children in New Vrindaban, and she is very qualified to do this because she is educated and works very nicely with the children. So there is no difficulty at present in this regards, and as you are so nicely engaged in your activities in Los Angeles, you should continue as you are now doing. Your description of the course you are giving to the interested girls about the role they play in Krishna Consciousness is very nice, and I am pleased that you have begun this project. Actually the role of all conditioned souls is the same; to chant Hare Krishna, tell others to chant, perfect our lives in Krishna Consciousness, and to go back to Godhead when this body is finished. Now if you can induce all the women of Los Angeles to place an altar in their homes and help their husbands have peaceful, happy home life in Krishna Consciousness, that will be very great service for you. The actual system is that the husband is Spiritual Master to his wife, but if the wife can bring her husband into practising this process, then it is all right that the husband accepts wife as Spiritual Master. Chaitanya Mahaprabhu has said that anyone who knows the science of Krishna, that person should be accepted as Spiritual Master, regardless of any material so-called qualifications; such as rich or poor, man or woman, or brahmin or sudra. So if you can show the women of the community how to help their husbands and children to perfect

their home life, and all aspects of life, in Krishna Consciousness by chanting, aratrik ceremonies, and eating Krishna prasadam, then you will improve the conditions of the neighboring communities to an incalculable extent. So try for this as far as possible. I already have practical experience that many of the American girls and boys are very intelligent and qualified to take up this sublime movement. We simply have to instruct them nicely, and surely many will understand that here is such a nice thing and they must take to it. So I am very pleased with the nice efforts you are making. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher.

69-6-31

New Vrindaban
15th June, 1969

My Dear Krishna Devi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Eka-dashee, June 19, 1969, and I have noted the contents with pleasure. I am so pleased to note that you are chanting nicely and that Krishna is encouraging you in so many ways. This is the actual position that if we are sincerely chanting our rounds, following the prescribed regulative principles, and avoiding the ten offenses, then very quickly Krishna sees our efforts and He gives all encouragement to such sincere soul. Then with this taste of Krishna Consciousness, we become more and more attracted, so more and more Krishna gives encouragement, and then more and more we increase in our desire to serve Krishna in pure Krishna Consciousness. So in this way there is an unlimited ocean of nectar of

devotional service which eternally increases on and on. When we begin this sublime chanting process, or even if we simply hear the sound Hare Krishna, then we have begun our journey back to the Spiritual Kingdom, back to Godhead. So please continue to be serious in your chanting, and then surely Krishna will save you and all the other sincere souls who are so fortunate to have taken to this movement.

I am pleased to learn that you are thinking of putting together a cook-book of our Krishna prasadam recipes. I understand that in London, Yamuna Dasi has already done some work on this same project, so you may correspond with her in this connection. I know that at our feasts especially many persons become interested in preparing foodstuffs in this way, so this cook-book is a nice thing to instruct such persons in preparing and offering nice prasadam for the Lord. So when there is some tangible book ready for publication, please inform me, and we shall try to arrange for its publication. I am pleased to note your description of the increasing interest in vegetarian diet in this country. Actually, the practice of meat-eating is very detrimental to spiritual life, because in spiritual life the goal is to become free from all sinful reactions, and meat-eating means simply to force oneself to suffer the sinful reactions of killing our fellow living entities. So as many people will be taking to practicing spiritual life through the influence of our Samkirtan Movement, such cook-book will be very important, and you should work for this as you are able. Please convey my blessings to your husband, Dinesh, and to your child, Vishnu Arati. I hope this will find you all well.

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

69-6-32

New Vrindaban
15th June, 1969

My Dear Shivananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your most recent letter (undated), and I have noted the contents carefully. I am so much encouraged to learn that one very nice German boy has come to live in your temple. This is clear evidence that you are all working sincerely to serve Krishna, and now one sincere soul has been so attracted by this, that he is also coming to join you. Actually, if one true Vaishnava goes any place in the world, then the spiritual instincts of the more advanced souls he comes into contact with will be awakened, and they will automatically be attracted. In the *Bhagavad Gita*, Krishna informs Arjuna that if in previous lifetimes one has begun the path of spiritual perfection but was unable to complete it for one reason or another, then in future lifetimes he will automatically become attracted again to spiritual life, and he will begin his progress from the point where he had previously left off. So throughout the material universes there are many such spiritually inclined souls, and our mission is to present to everyone right knowledge of spiritual life. In this way, those who are already interested may finish up their Krishna Consciousness business in this life, and similarly, those who are not so interested may advance themselves and make perfection of their life, simply by hearing our Samkirtan Party, attending our temple activities with association with devotees, and eating Krishna prasadam. Please take nice care of Oliver, and help him in whatever way you can. In Krishna Consciousness every man is so important because all of the activities of a devotee of Lord Krishna is beneficial to all living entities. So if there are any questions that he

would like me to help him with, I am always at your service to help in any way I can.

Regarding your proposal to go to Paris, you will be pleased to learn that Janardan has already gone there two weeks ago, and he is thinking seriously how to spread Krishna Consciousness there. For the time being your services are required in Germany, so you must stay there for the present. Let us see how Janardan is arranging things in Paris, and when the time is right, if you are required to go there, then I shall instruct you in this regard. In the meantime, you are in Hamburg, so try to advance the success of your temple there as far as possible.

I have received Jayagovinda's note along with the list of credits for German *BTG*. Please convey my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you all in good health.

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

69-6-33

New Vrindaban
16th June, 1969

My Dear Pradyumna,

I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 11, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. You may immediately arrange for purchasing the machine. Make a contract, and I have advised Brahmananda to pay you the \$503 when you need it. So when the transaction is completed, immediately call Brahmananda and he will pay you. Now Arundhuti and Shama Dasi shall be in charge of composing at least four hours alternately. In this way, the machine should be used from 7:00 in the morning till 10:00 at night. Shama Dasi may type from 7:00 in the morning till 11:00 o'clock. Then Arundhuti will type from 11 till three. Then Shama Dasi from three until seven o'clock, and Arundhuti

from seven o'clock until ten o'clock. In this way, you and Hayagriva shall guide them so that the machine will be fully utilized.

I am sure that the monthly payments shall be arranged by you, and this is very good. Special care should be given to keep the machine in a safe room which is always closed and always locked. The property is worth about \$6,000, and you will be responsible for the payments, so very much care should be taken to protect it from any damage or theft. Of course your quarters there are nice, but all necessary precautions must still be taken. Please write to inform me what you are going to do.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-6-34

New Vrindaban
16th June, 1969

My Dear Steve,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter, and I understand from your one simple question that you are now serious about perfecting your life in Krishna Consciousness. You have asked me to tell you everything that you should know, and this, of course, is a great subject matter. We now have published several books which delve deeply into the topic of the Absolute Truth, so you should read them very carefully, and gradually the knowledge will become revealed to you. The first book you should study carefully is the *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*. The sum and substance of *Bhagavad Gita*, is that we should surrender ourselves wholly and completely upon the Lotus Feet of Krishna. When one is not

Krishna Consciousness, then he is Maya conscious, or in illusion. Just like when one is not in light, he is sure to be in darkness. Because absence of light means darkness. Similarly, to be forgetful of Krishna means one is in Maya, the darkness of ignorance. Just like when you turn away from the sun, you see the darkness of your shadow; but when you turn your face to the sun, then there is no question of a shadow. The whole principle of spiritual life is to turn our attention back to Krishna, and thus immediately be freed from all entanglements of Maya. There is no necessity to practice the various yogic postures, pressing the nose, and there is no need of becoming a great learned scholar to advance in spiritual life. Simply we have to turn our attention back to the Lotus Feet of Krishna, and then all spiritual perfection is automatically there.

The process of turning to Krishna you are seeing practically everyday because you are now staying in the temple. You chant Hare Krishna; 16 rounds daily, follow the regulative principles, read *Bhagavad Gita*, and help your Godbrothers push on this movement as far as possible. I understand from Brahmananda that you are a very sincere boy, and now you are helping by working in the kitchen, preparing Krishna prasadam. So continue in this way and attend Samkirtan Party as much as possible; this will help you to advance without any doubt. When questions arise, you consult Brahmananda or the other older Godbrothers and they will help you. Of course, if you would like to question me upon some point, I am always at your service in this connection. So practise Krishna Consciousness very sincerely and surely Krishna will bless you. I hope this finds you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,
A.C. Bhaktivedanta

69-6-35

New Vrindaban
16th June, 1969

My Dear Arundhuti,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 11, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. Regarding your question about offering Prasadam, whatever is offered to the Deity actually it goes through the Spiritual Master. The Spiritual Master offers to Lord Chaitanya, and Lord Chaitanya offers it to Krishna. Then Radha-Krishna eats, or Jagannath eats, then Chaitanya Mahaprabhu eats, then the Spiritual Master eats, and it becomes Mahaprasadam. So when you offer something, you think like that and chant the Gayatri mantra, and then everything is complete. At last, ring the bell, take out the plate and wipe the place where the plate was kept.

Regarding your second question about greeting karmis, if a karmi is a friend, you just greet him Hare Krishna, and with folded hands touch your forehead. If the karmi is a superior relative, then chant Hare Krishna and bow down down to him on the ground. That should be the etiquette in our society transactions. Whenever you have questions, you ask your husband or ask me. You should always be very sound in knowledge about Krishna Consciousness. But as you are very much attached to chanting, there will be no difficulty for you.

Regarding your last question about the ecstatic symptoms of chanting Hare Krishna, you should know that the Hare Krishna Mantra has an equal effect upon all devotees. Just like the sunshine has an equal effect on everyone, but when it is covered, the sunshine has a different effect. Similarly, the influence of the Hare Krishna Mantra becomes manifest when one is no longer covered by the ten offenses to chanting. The more we become

free from the ten offenses, the more the effect of chanting becomes manifested through us. Everyone can become a great devotee, being freed from the offenses 100%, simply by one's determination and effort.

When the Composer machine is purchased, you will be engaged from eleven till three PM, and from seven till ten PM. That means seven hours in a day. When you are typing, you should know that it is as good as chanting, because the work is also on the matter of Krishna. Chanting on the beads and chanting on the typewriter Composer machine are both transcendental sounds of Krishna. Krishna's Name, His Fame, His Qualities—all of them are on the absolute platform, and therefore there is no difference between one and another. So do not be misled that you are typing and not chanting. Our books should be on the standard sample of *Teachings of Lord Chaitanya*. Your husband will guide you, and Hayagriva will guide you, so do it nicely.

Please convey my blessings to Jaya Gopal and the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-6-36

New Vrindaban
16th June, 1969

My Dear Rayarama,

Please accept my blessings. Sometimes ago you proposed that you would remain with me constantly and help me in editing my books specially *Srimad Bhagavatam*. But now the situation is different. You are busy in some other way. This has given me much pain. However, if you still desire to remain with me and help me in editing my books, it will be a great pleasure for me, and if you so decide, you can go with me to London also. *Back To God-*

head is now simplified and if you only send the edited matter, the rest can be managed by others. Now you decide if you can remain with me constantly like Purushottam. I hope you will discuss with me on this when you come here in the next week. As your beloved spiritual master and father, it is my duty to give you all protection; but if you allow Maya to act upon you without any resistance, then it is your own choice. Hope you are well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-6-37

New Vrindaban
16th June, 1969

My Dear Rupanuga,

Please accept my blessings. I am very glad to hear that you are successfully carrying on the Samkirtan Movement, and Krishna is giving you encouragement by mercifully giving some money also. So rest assured that Samkirtan Movement is specifically benedicted by Lord Chaitanya for achieving all kinds of success. Stick to the principles seriously and faithfully, and there will be no difficulty. Now you may please send as many nice photographs of your Samkirtan activities as possible to Brahmananda for publication in *Back To Godhead*. In each issue of *Back To Godhead* there shall be sufficient pictures of our Samkirtan Movement with descriptions. I have advised to follow this policy rigidly.

I am very glad to hear about Sachisuta's activities. He is very intelligent and serious devotee, but due to his past habits, he is a little flickering. I think if there is any suitable girl, you can negotiate for his marriage, and then he will be fixed-up. He has got various capacities, and he can help our movement very much, but as he is a little restless, try to help him be very serious and get a wife amongst our

Krishna Conscious girls. Please convey my thanks to him as he is doing very well in Buffalo. Regarding the draft board, Tamal Krishna is also working on this in Los Angeles, so you can open direct correspondence if there is chance for mutual co-operation.

I am enclosing list of Holy Days for the coming months, and also enclosed is a very nice letter I received recently from Sudama in Hawaii. Please convey my blessings to your wife and child. I shall be very pleased to see you again when you come to visit in New Vrindaban. Hope you are well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-6-38

New Vrindaban
17th June, 1969

My Dear Dinesh,

Please accept my blessings. I have just received your letter dated June 13, 1969, and I have carefully noted the contents. I quite follow you that you are planning to work conjointly with our London party. So I am sending you back the agreement duly signed by me, and I hope you will do the business side of these records with the Grace of Lord Chaitanya. If you wish to go to London, I have no objection. The Samkirtan picture which you sent, I do not follow if you want to print this picture in the next album cover, or what is your idea of sending it. Anyway, it is very nice, and I thank you for enclosing it. Please immediately send to me one copy of the contract so I may keep it here in my files.

Convey my blessings to your wife and child. I hope this will meet you all in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-6-39

New Vrindaban
17th June, 1969

My Dear Harer Nama and Prabhavati,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letters of June 10, 1969, and I have noted the contents of both with much encouragement. I have also received short letters from the new people who have come to help you in the Santa Fe temple, and their nice appreciation of our movement is a great pleasure for me to note. Keep them very nicely, and as you consider that one or all of them are ready for initiation and are desiring like that, then they can send their beads to me to be chanted upon. You have invited me to come again to visit the Sante Fe temple and this idea is nice, but at present I am planning to be going to London by the latter part of July, so I do not see any immediate opportunity. From London most probably I will be returning to Los Angeles, so let us see if there will be any opportunity at that time. The pictures you have sent are very, very nice, and I am hopeful that under your guidance the Sante Fe temple will spread the chanting of Hare Krishna throughout that area.

Please convey my blessings to your nice wife, Prabhavati, and to the very nice new people who are fortunately taking to Krishna Consciousness, I hope this will meet you all in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-6-40

New Vrindaban
17th June, 1969

My Dear Hansadutta,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letters dated June 7, 1969 and June 11, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. Regarding the tour of North Dakota, this is a nice

proposal. So if it is practical, it will be very nice for you and your wife. Only thing you have to do is rent a station wagon, so you can travel, sleep and cook there. Keep with you four or five pairs of cymbals, one harmonium, one mridunga. One of you play the harmonium, one of you plays the mridunga, and some persons in the audience can play the kartals. In this way you can perform nice kirtan. Subal met me here in New Vrindaban and described this plan, but I do not think it is mature yet. But when some arrangement is done, you can accept it. You have suggested that Nandakishore and his wife join you, but how will you manage with two pairs of husbands wives with the \$350 per week? The program is very nice, and if you can make it practical, I have full support for it. This is a good opportunity for spreading our philosophy and Samkirtan. I understand that you and Himavati have gone already to Vancouver, and I am expecting a letter from you as to your report in this connection.

Please offer my blessings to Himavati. I hope this will meet you both in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

PS: Regarding the time when the devotees arise in the morning, here in New Vrindaban they are getting up by four o'clock. But in your country the people are not accustomed to this, and it will take a little time to get them used to it. But try to get them up at four o'clock as far as possible.

69-6-41

New Vrindaban
17th June, 1969

My Dear Jadurany,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you so much for your encouraging letter, and I am so pleased to learn that the center is doing very nice propaganda work in

Hawaii. Now you send to Brahmananda as many photographs as possible of the parading and the other chanting engagements. It will be the policy of our paper now to print as many as possible photos and articles of our own activities. I understand from Goursundar's letter that there is now inconvenience in having so many people living in the house there, so I think you may immediately return to Satsvarupa in Boston. I think that you may now take part in Samkirtan activities, so when you return to Boston you may go out with them sometimes on Samkirtan Party. I am very glad to know that Govinda Dasi felt herself cured of all her diseases by hearing my words, and I am very much encouraged. Both of you chant Hare Krishna and join Samkirtan Party, and there will be no disease. Maharaj Parikshit said that chanting the glories of the Lord can be executed by liberated persons. This means by chanting one becomes liberated from all material impediments. Not only chanting gives us liberation, but even in our conditioned state we like to hear the sweet melodious sound of the chanting. Only a person who is committing suicide or who is addicted in animal killing, such persons cannot relish the sweetness of this chanting. But even if they take to this chanting, they will become liberated.

Thank you again for your letter. I am enclosing a list of the special Krishna Consciousness holidays in the coming months. I hope this will meet you in improved health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-6-42

New Vrindaban
17th June, 1969

My Dear Goursundar,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 13,

1969, and I have carefully noted the contents. I am very glad to hear about your recent Samkirtan success, and as long as this is going on, everything will come out nicely. I can understand that you are now forced to reduce your number living at the house, so for the time being you keep five or six men there. This landlady is increasing rent simply to take advantage, but as you have no other place to live you have to make some compromise. Jadurany may immediately return to Boston, and Sudama may immediately go to London. Sudama is much required in London, but because I thought he was needed in your center I did not ask him to go before. Under the circumstances, I think he may go to London immediately. In this way adjust things. Be confident that Krishna will save you from the present inconvenience, and take these steps immediately. You have spoken about Govinda Dasi's expertness on Samkirtan, and I know very well about her qualifications. I am 100% confident about her competence, and she can be very useful to your activities there. Unfortunately she becomes sickly, so as husband, you must see that she is taken proper care of. She is a good asset for you as your wife, and I want that you two work combinedly. That is my desire. You have such nice opportunity for doing very nice service to Lord Krishna in Hawaii, and I want that you two, husband and wife, work together. I have confidence in you, and I have got all blessings for you both that in the future you will be nice preachers. What you have done so far is very nice, and I am praying to Krishna for your success there.

Please send all nice pictures of your activities to Hayagriva for publication in *BTG*. We have decided to give many pictures of our Samkirtan activities along with short descriptions. Hayagriva is now renovated to be the senior editor. You also should write articles as you have done be-

fore. Your articles are very much appreciated by me, so you write them, not only about Samkirtan, but also on our philosophy. But send immediately pictures to Hayagriva of your Samkirtan activities. Thanking you again for your letter. Hope you are well.

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

69-6-43

New Vrindaban
17th June, 1969

My Dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated June 14, 1969, sent along with *Krishna* tapes #11 and #12. The tapes are done very nicely as always. The first thing is that I have written to Jadurany today that she may immediately return to you in Boston. There is some inconvenience in Hawaii for accommodatin so many people because the landlady has said there are too many living there. So Jadurany will be returning very soon. I have advised her that she may go on Samkirtan Party in Boston. Regarding your present difficulty with the police, things are going by Krishna's desire, and it will be all right. Try to get recognition from the police that we are a non-profit religious organization. In Los Angeles they have got a permit for begging, so you inquire from Tamal Krishna, and get a copy from him of this permit. We are non-profit religious organization and we have so much expenditure, so try to get this permit. Please keep me posted as to how this is progressing.

Offer my blessings to the others. I am pleased to note that Murari is such a tremendous boon to your activities there, and you "do not know how you managed

without him before." I hope this will meet you all in good health.

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

69-6-44 New Vrindaban
17th June, 1969

My Dear Murlidhar,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 12, 1969, and I have noted the contents. I have also seen your Krishna-Ballarama picture and it is very nice. These pictures you are drawing for our Festivals in Los Angeles may be nicely colored and photographed and sent to Brahmananda for publication in *BTG*. The *Bhagavatam* picture you have already done is already arranged for publication on the front page, and in the absence of Jadurany's paintings, I shall require your work for so many pictures in *BTG*.

I am enclosing a list of the special Krishna Consciousness holidays to be celebrated in your temple for the next several months. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-6-45 New Vrindaban
17th June, 1969

Manger
The Punjab National Bank
P.O. Vrindaban U.P.
INDIA

Dear Sir:

RE: S.B. a/c 2913 with you

I beg to hand you herewith one Bank Draft in your favor for Rs 825.00 for credit of my above a/c. The purpose of sending this money is to purchase Brass Deities from Vrindaban. Arrangement has been made that Sri Ramanath Mukutwala of Lohi Bazar, Vrindaban, will supply Radha-Krishna

Brass Murtis, 24" high, at Rs 825.00 per pair. So please call him and pay him in advance Rs 100.00. After manufacturing the Murtis, he will securely pack and book the parcel to Calcutta by Ry Parcel. On delivery of the Ry receipt to you, along with the invoice you will pay him the balance Rs 725.00, including packing and forwarding charge. This Ry receipt, his invoice along with your certificate to the Reserve Bank of Calcutta that money paid to Ramanath Mukutwala is American Exchange received by you on such and such date, all the documents may be forwarded by Regd. Post with aekd due to M/s United Shipping Corporation, 14/2 Old China Bazar Street, Calcutta-1, and they will take care of shipping the package to the U.S.A. The money paid to Ramanath Mukutwala and your commission for this transaction may be charged against my above a/c.

Please acknowledge receipt to my following address: ISKCON, 1975 South La Cienega Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90034, U.S.A. Thanking you in anticipation.

Sincerely,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-6-46 New Vrindaban
17th June, 1969

My Dear Tamal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 13, 1969, and I have noted the contents. You write to say in your your letter, "Please come to Los Angeles immediately, Prabhupad. There are so many devotees who are so much anticipating Your Divine Appearance." So considering this urgent call, I may go immediately to Los Angeles as I have not got any important business here. So you can send me passage money,

and I shall go to Los Angeles along with Purushottam. The London devotees want me by the end of July, so even from Los Angeles I can go to London, and in this way spend at least one month in Los Angeles. Then after that period, if London wants me urgently, I can go there from Los Angeles. There is no difficulty. Under the circumstances, I am prepared to go to Los Angeles immediately as requested by you.

Regarding opening branches in Laguna Beach, you know I am always very much enthusiastic to open branches, so if another branch can be opened for propagating Krishna Consciousness, it is always welcome. If we have got opportunity to open such branch, we must take advantage. So far as the money is concerned, it is not meant for banking, but it is meant for spending. Our policy should be to collect millions of dollars or more than that daily, and spend it daily. That should be our policy. Every morning we shall be empty-handed, get collection of a million dollars during the daytime, and by evening it should be all spent. That should be our motto. But because we are pushing on our activities regularly, therefore some money should be saved to meet emergencies. So if you have got chance of opening a branch in Laguna Beach, do it. When we get a big temple in Los Angeles, Krishna will supply the necessary funds.

Regarding the throne, it should be made exactly to the design made by Murlidhar. It is 40 x 40 x 45 (length, breadth and height). I am enclosing this design, so you make the throne in that pattern for Radha-Krishna.

I will expect to hear from you soon by return of post. Hope this meets you in good health.

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

69-6-47

New Vrindaban
17th June, 1969

My Dear Balabhadra,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter (undated), and I have noted the contents with pleasure. Your description of the parade with 55,000 people viewing is very much encouraging, and it is clear that Krishna is giving you nice opportunities for spreading the Samkirtan Movement throughout Hawaii. Send pictures of your activities in this parade and your other activities to Hayagriva for being printed in *Back To Godhead*. I appreciate very much that you are a thoughtful, intelligent boy, and you have got Krishna's Grace undoubtedly. Your good Godbrothers and Godsisters also speak highly of you, so continue to develop as you are doing and Krishna will surely be very pleased upon you. I am praying to Krishna for your long life and service.

Thanking you once more for your letter. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-6-48

New Vrindaban
17th June, 1969

My Dear Woomapati,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 12, 1969, and I have noted the contents. You could not secure till now a good job, but that does not mean you shall return to New York. Keep yourself in San Francisco for some time more, and if there is no favorable response, then you may go to Paris where there is contemplation of opening a center. This will be settled up, say after a month. Till then you remain either in San Francisco or Los

Angeles, and then decide. I think there is a great plan of Krishna that you should not get suitable service till now. It may be that you are required for preaching work 100%. So depend on Krishna, chant Hare Krishna, and everything will work out. I am leaving for Los Angeles on June 23rd, so I am sure I will see you before long.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bkhaktivedanta Swami

69-6-49

New Vrindaban
20th June, 1969

My Dear Ishandas,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 14, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. Regarding the land which you now own, if you are conveniently able to keep it, that is all right. It can be used for developing in the future. But if you need the money for going to London, you can sell it and utilize the money for this purpose. You have described how you meditate on Krishna and your Spiritual Master, but I do not follow what you mean by "identify". To think of Krishna and your Spiritual Master is very nice, but if you think you are Krishna or Spiritual Master, that is Mayavadi philosophy. One should not indulge in this sort of thing. I have already received the constitution notes from Janardan, and I am very encouraged by his descriptions of the opportunities of spreading Samkirtan in Paris.

Please convey my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. Please inform Gopal Krishna that I have received his presents with thanks.
ACB

69-6-50

New Vrindaban
20th June, 1969

My Dear Pradyumna,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of June 17, 1969, and I have noted the contents. It is all right to have the changes made on the two type fonts because it will be suitable for our purposes. I have already written you a letter that you have to maintain the machine. That means the monthly installments shall be arranged by you, and the cash down shall be paid by me. I have already advised Brahmananda in this connection so you can do the needful.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-6-51

New Vrindaban
20th June, 1969

My Dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept by blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 18, 1969, and I have noted the contents. The pictures you have sent are very nice, and they shall be published in *BTG*. Regarding

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I understand that he would like to remain in Boston, but previously he was indexing *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*. If he is able to work there on this project, I have no objection. Otherwise he may come back to New York. Sometimes, out of their own accord, devotees decide to leave a center, but this is not a good practice. If he can continue his indexing work there, then he may remain in Boston.

I am very pleased to learn that you are planning for a nice Rathayatra Festival in Boston. Please do it nicely, and take many nice photographs for publication in *BTG*. Yesterday I received one telegram from

London to send them by cable \$1,025.00. They require this for their house there. This money was to be for a down payment on purchasing an IBM machine for our books, and therefore I now need some money. If you have got some extra money, you can help me. You have encouraged my writing books, and for printing each book will require not less than 6 or 8 thousand dollars. Under the circumstances, I request all centers that as soon as they have extra money, it should be sent to me. Immediately I wish to publish *Nectar of Devotion* second edition of First Canto, and first edition of Second Canto of *Srimad Bhagavatam*. So if you will help me in this matter, it will be very nice. After this, I wish to publish *Krishna*. In this way I want to prolong the publication work. I am going to Los Angeles to collect some money, and similarly I am requesting you also to help in this matter.

Please convey my blessing to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-6-52

New Vrindaban
21st June, 1969

My Dear Jayapataka,

Please accept my blessings. I am so glad to receive your letter dated 18 June, 1969, and I have carefully noted the contents. The Rathayatra Festival you will perform from the 20th of July to the 27th of July. The main item is the car, so how will you observe the Festival with out the required car, or ratha. If you want to take the Deities on the shoulders of the devotees, that is also nice. But if you would convey the Deities on a car, that will be very nice. The Festival is the the Deities are taken to some river side, if not the seaside, and Montreal has got a very nice

river, the St. Lawrence River. The system is that for 8 days the Deities remain on the seaside, and kirtan goes on, prasada is distributed, and people offer flowers, fruits, etc. to the Deities. Then on the 8th day, the Lord returns to His own place. This is the system, and the care is taken in great procession, complete with chanting, flowers, etc. This year Boston is also trying to celebrate the Rathayatra Festival, and if you like, you may open correspondence with Satsvarupa in this connection, and he will help you with further ideas.

I am so glad to learn that Kirtan is going on, and by Krishna's Grace you are getting some collections. This is very good news. If during Rathayatra, you cannot keep on the seaside, then you take the car in procession to the riverside, and come back the same day. For the eight days, as far as possible distribute prasada, especially kitcherie. Then on the 8th day you also hold the ceremony in the same way. Please arrange to take nice photographs of your Festival activities as well as of your other kirtan activities. We wish to print many such photographs in our *Back To Godhead*, so take many pictures, and send them to Brahmananda in New York.

This Monday, June 23rd, I am going to Los Angeles, so you may address future correspondence to that address. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-6-53

New Vrindaban
21st June, 1969

My Dear Yamuna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 14 June, 1969, and I have noted the contents. I have already been informed about your London house from the others. The

day before yesterday I received one cable from Mukunda asking for a loan of \$1,025.00 for depositing three months' rent on the house. I have advised New York to cable the money immediately, and I hope Mukunda has already received the money and the transaction is nicely terminated. Previously, I received one letter from your center, signed by Mukunda, Shyamsundar, Gurudas, and others, inviting me to London by the 20th of July. In the meantime, I have received one urgent letter from Los Angeles to go there, and therefore I am going to Los Angeles on the 23rd instant. But there will be no difficulty for me to go to London from Los Angeles, provided that by that time you are well equipped. Otherwise, there is no need of hurrying. Do everything peacefully and conveniently. I have asked one married couple from Montreal, Ishandas and Bibhavati, to go to London, as well as I have asked one brahmachary named Trivikram, and probably Sudama will also go there. So nicely organize your Samkirtan Party, and go on with your regular program of preaching Krishna Consciousness.

I understand that Mataji is going to donate one pair of Sri Murtis. I do not know what size they will be, but I have also ordered one pair of Sri Murtis, 24" high. I hope your arrangements for Rathayatra Ceremony are going ahead, and I shall be glad to hear from you at my Los Angeles address. I am very much encouraged to learn that your kirtan is going to be held at Oxford University, which is the most important university in the world. At least in India, if somebody is a graduate of Oxford University, he is very highly respected, and immediately he gets some good job in the government's service. So if your Samkirtan program becomes recognized by the Oxonians, it will be a great credit for you.

I am enclosing a list of fasting days and

festivals days which you should observe nicely. Also enclosed is a letter for Gurudas, which you may please hand over to him. I hope this will meet you in very good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-6-54

New Vrindaban
21st June, 1969

My Dear Gopal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your two letters dated June 7, and June 16, 1969, and I have noted the contents. I have also received your presents, shoes and soap, and I thank you very much. I am also glad to learn that the anxiety of your parents is now removed. So go on with your prescribed duty of Krishna Consciousness and be happy. You are a very intelligent boy and faithful to your parents and to your duty. Certainly Krishna will be very much pleased upon you. The father and mother are also as good as the Spiritual Master, and we are indebted to father and mother in so many ways. So as they are dependent on your income, try to help them as far as possible, as well as spend something for Krishna also. Rupa Goswami spent 50% for Krishna, 25% for emergency, and 25% for relatives. You can also try to follow this principle as far as possible. Your main business is to keep in Krishna Consciousness, and if you keep that point in view, you can deal with others according to social conventions without being attached.

Another thing, if you can request your father to supply us with Maharastrian mridungas and kanjanis, that will be very nice. I wish to import them from Bombay, so if your father or any body else who may be known to your father can arrange to supply us these things from Bombay, it

will be a great service to the society. On receipt of your favorable reply from your father, I can arrange to pay him from a Bombay Bank where I have got money. In the Bank of Baroda, Bombay, I have got some money, and if your father agrees to take this trouble, then I may send him the required money by check, payable in the Bank of Baroda. So you can ask him quotation for the following things: 1) Harmonium—double reed, 2) Harmonium—triple reed, 3) mridunga, 4) Kanjani. As our new centers are being opened in all parts of Europe, Canada, and America, we require many such instruments. So if your father does some business, he can make some profit also. In Bombay, the Scindia Steam Navigation Co. carries our goods free of charge, so if your father agrees, have him see the director, Sumati Morarjee. She will be glad to dispatch our goods free of charge. Or else we can get the goods by paying the regular freight and price. So you can open correspondence either with your father or with some reliable person who can supply the above goods.

Regarding *Back To Godhead*, I wish that you take charge of organizing the sales in the libraries. If you write letters on behalf of the society, will not that be good? I suggest that you may take a little responsibility for organizing the sales, and wherever you will direct, they will dispatch the sample copies if so required. Or else we can send the copies to you in Montreal for you to do such propaganda work as you like. I am starting for Los Angeles on Monday, the 23rd of June, and I shall be glad to hear from you at our Los Angeles address as follows: ISKCON, 1975 South La Cienega Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90034.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-6-55

New Vrindaban
21st June, 1969

My Dear Gurudas,

Please accept my blessings. I have received your note about the new house, and I have arranged to send the money as requested by Mukunda. I hope the money is already received by you and the transaction is nicely executed. After hard labor, you are getting a nice house just suitable for your purposes. Now decorate it nicely, and go ahead with new vigor and energy to push on the Krishna Consciousness Movement in London. You have already created an impression in the greatest city in the world, and I hope in the future there will be even greater hope for this movement. I am glad to learn that the Beatles have showed guarantee for payment of the rent. It is a nice, friendly gesture. Recently Mr. John Lennon had an interview with one of our disciples, Bibhavati, and it appears that he is also sympathetic with our movement. Another point is that in *BTG* we shall now publish as many pictures of our Samkirtan Movement in different cities as possible. So get good snaps of your kirtans and engagement in London, and send the photos on to New York.

Please convey my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-6-56

New Vrindaban
21st June, 1969

My Dear Krishna Das,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 18, 1969, and I am very glad to understand that things are being arranged in Hamburg so nicely. Your attitude for Krishna's service is very much laudable,

and I am very much proud of having a disciple like you. May Krishna bless you more and more in the advancement of Krishna Consciousness. If you want me to go to Hamburg, then you can arrange for it after the second week of July, because I am going to Los Angeles on the 23rd of June. Tamal Krishna wants me there immediately because some of the devotees are very much eager for my presence there, and probably I will also frame our future program for opening sub-branches in the Los Angeles area. In neighboring places, such as Laguna Beach, there is good prospects for a center. I understand that you are in correspondence with London for some financial arrangement, but recently, just the day before yesterday, I received one cable from Mukunda asking me to give them a loan for \$1,025.00, so I have asked Gargamuni to send them this money. Under the circumstances, I do not think they will be able to arrange financially to receive me there immediately. But there is no need of hurrying the matter. You can arrange for my reception conveniently, although I am always ready to go to Europe at any moment. I think that when London will be ready to receive me, at that time my going to Germany will be the most profitable. But if you think that you can manage to receive me directly in Hamburg, I have no objection. But anything you arrange must be after the second week in July, in which time London may also expect to receive me. In their last letter I was informed that I shall not be required there before the 20th of July. So on the whole, there is no question of hurrying. Do everything carefully and by mutual consent.

You will be glad to know that Janardan is going to Paris at almost the same time, and Shivananda is also eager to open a branch in Paris. I understand from Janardan's letter that there is very good possibilities of spreading our Krishna Consciousness

Movement there. So if Krishna desires, it will be possible to have three important centers in Europe very soon. I have been informed from a London letter that they have secured a very nice house, and the money for the deposit is already sent, so there will be no difficulty in establishing our London center immediately.

I am enclosing a list of the fasting days and festival days which you may follow. Please keep it carefully. Kindly convey my blessings to the other devotees there. I hope this will meet all of you in very good health.

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

69-6-57

Los Angeles
24th June, 1969

My Dear Upendra,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated June 23, 1969. I have reached Los Angeles yesterday afternoon, and I am very comfortable here. The house is very nice, calm and quiet. Yes, for the present my program is to stay here for one month, but if I do not go to London, then I shall stay longer. Surely I shall go to San Francisco to take part in the Rathayatra Festival if I do not go to London. But I also want to see you, if possible, before the Rathayatra Festival. So far as your duty is concerned, you are doing your best. That is your spiritual qualification. The best qualification for a Vaishnava is to act sincerely, and to his best capacity, for the service of Krishna. Otherwise, Krishna is so great, and we are so small, there is no question of our giving any service to Krishna. But Krishna is so great, and He is so greatly merciful, that any small service we offer to Him in devotion and sincerity, He will accept. Krishna does not require anyone's help or service, but if we serve Him, even

in a very small capacity, He will accept it. So that is our only hope. One who can show the whole cosmic manifestation within the hole of His mouth, what service can we render unto Him? So the best thing is to employ all of our talents and energies in His service. That will help us to progress. So now Seattle is in your charge for introducing Krishna Consciousness, and you are doing your best. Krishna will surely bless you.

I beg to thank you very much for your check, and I appreciate that you are the only center who is regularly sending for my maintenance fund. Another request is that now I shall try to publish all of my books. We have arranged for purchasing a nice Composer machine, and also we are going to immediately print 10,000 copies of *TLC* in paperback. Our sales are not going very quickly, so under the circumstances, if we want to continue publishing our books, we shall require money as much as possible. Therefore, whenever you have got some extra money, you may kindly spare it for the book fund.

I hope to see you again when you come here, or else in San Francisco. The pictures you formerly sent are going to be printed in *BTG*. I have advised Brahm-ananda of this and have delivered him the pictures. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-6-58

Los Angeles
24th June, 1969

My Dear Labangalatika,

Please accept my blessings. I am just looking over the letter that you had given to me in New Vrindaban, so I shall reply to it herewith. You are a very good girl, and I have seen with pleasure your advancement in Krishna Consciousness. It

appears that in your previous life you had cultured this knowledge, and on account of your pious life, you have got a very good son who is developing in Krishna Consciousness. So New Vrindaban is the right place for you now, simultaneously to advance in Krishna Consciousness and to take care of your boy directly in your presence. I have advised Kirtanananda Maharaja that girls who are living in New Vrindaban should be engaged in the following activities; 1) taking care of the children, 2) cleaning the temple, kitchen, etc. 3) cooking, and 4) churning butter. So for the time being, you remain in New Vrindaban, follow the principles carefully, and I am sure that your life will be successful.

Please convey my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-6-59

Los Angeles
24th June, 1969

My Dear Kirtanananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you very much for your kind attention for me continually for one month, and I was so happy to remain in New Vrindaban. Yesterday afternoon, we safely reached Los Angeles, and Tamal Krishna has rented a very, very, nice entire house for me, with compound and garage, at \$350 per month. So I am very comfortably situated here. Two brahma-charies, Purushottam and Sridama, are always taking care of me, but at the same time, I am always thinking of your New Vrindaban. The first thing I find in the taste of the milk. The milk which we are taking here is not at all comparable with New Vrindaban milk. Anyway, there must be a gulf of difference between city

life and country life. As poet Cowper said, "Country is made by God, and city is made by man." Therefore, my special request is that you should try to maintain as many cows as possible in your New Vrindaban. The first thing is that whether the girls and women who live there are agreeable to work as I have suggested; namely 1) to take care of the children, both from health and educational point of view, 2) to keep the whole temple, kitchen, etc. very clean, (At the present moment, things are not kept very clean. You are right that if some outsiders come, they will view our situation as not very hygienic.), 3) cooking, 4) churning butter. If they agree to all these four principles, that is to say, if they cooperate with the boys, then surely very quickly New Vrindaban will develop as nicely as possible.

So far as milk is concerned, I can arrange for financing in the matter of purchasing cows. The arrangement will be like this, that I shall ask all the centers to finance at least for one cow, and you will have to pay them back the price by supplying ghee. Suppose somebody advances \$200 for purchasing a cow; you will have to repay the debt by supplying \$200 worth of ghee. After that, the cow becomes your property. But to produce this ghee means there must be regular churning. The men should be engaged in producing vegetables, tilling the field, taking care of the animals, house construction, etc. and the women shall do the indoor activities. Of course, those who are engaged in typing, like Shama Dasi, they cannot do any other work. So you may arrange things in this way. Please request Satyabhama to send me back the *Krishna Book* immediately. Mail may be sent and forwarded to the LA temple, at the above address. Hope you are well.

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

69-6-60

Los Angeles
24th June, 1969

Dear Mrs. Davis,

Please accept my greetings. I thank you very much for your letter of June 11, 1969, and I have carefully gone over the contents. Just yesterday I left New Vrindaban, and your son, Madhu Mangal, is still there. He appears now to be quite peaceful and happy, so I think we should let him continue like that, and if he keeps up in this way, there is no need of any demonic treatment as you have described in your letter. He is doing very nicely now, and as he continues to follow our regulative principles, he will surely improve more and more. Similarly your son, Patit Uddharan is also doing well. Perhaps you have seen that he has very beautifully bound for me copies of my book, *Srimad Bhagawatam*. I can understand that both of your sons are very good boys, and you will see them developing more and more as they progress in Krishna Consciousness.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-6-61

Los Angeles
26th June, 1969

My Dear Hansadutta,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 22, 1969, and I have noted the contents. As you know that in the beginning of the Samkirtan Party, first I suggested to you, and you formed a small party in New York and began to perform Samkirtan in the parks. To some extent this was successful. Then gradually this idea was taken by others, and I am getting good reports from everywhere. So Samkirtan is

our life and soul, and you have got a natural tendency for these Samkirtan performances. I have seen this personally, and you can do it very nicely. So for you the best thing will be to form a Samkirtan Party for yourself and travel all over the country. The talks which you had with Subal for a touring program, I do not know what happened to it. Subal also is not here; he has gone to Philadelphia with a view to open a center there, but I have not heard from him yet. The most successful Samkirtan affairs are going on here in Los Angeles. It is actually wonderful in comparison to others. They are also thinking of opening a branch in Laguna Beach, and I have encouraged this idea. Personally, I also still maintain the idea of a world Samkirtan Party, but such things at the present moment are a dream only. But one day maybe it may come out successful. So as you ask my permission to come here, I have no objection. I think if you come here and stay for a few days to study how they are doing things nicely, it will be a great benefit. Besides that, in San Fransisco they are arranging for a nice Rathayatra Festival. So after getting all these ideas, if you make a program for touring all over the country with Samkirtan Party, that is cent per cent supported by me.

Please convey my blessings to all others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

NB: Mail may be sent to me at 737 Formosa Avenue, Los Angeles, Calif.

69-6-62

Los Angeles
27th June, 1969

My Dear Modan Mohon,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 26, 1969, and I am so much pleased

to learn that you are gradually improving your Krishna Consciousness. The secret of success in Krishna Consciousness is to render service to Krishna to the best of our capacity. There is no other alternative to this. The more we render service therefore, the more we are able to advance. You have taken the work of indexing, so you may continue to do this. And if you want to remain, it doesn't matter, but your full energy should be engaged in the Lord's service. That is the secret of success. I do not know if Hayagriva is doing the indexing work, but I have heard from Rayarama that you have advanced considerably in this connection, so do it nicely.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-6-63

Los Angeles
27th June, 1969

My Dear Pradyumna,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of June 25, 1969, and I beg to confirm herewith my approval of your going ahead for arranging for the Bodoni Book type face as I have already instructed you. Please inform me when the negotiations are completed.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-6-64

Los Angeles
27th June, 1969

My Dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 23, 1969, on which date I have reached here at Los Angeles. Regarding

Glen's contribution of \$2,000, I may request you to send it to me by return of post. The house contemplated, I don't think is suitable for our purpose. In your country, a house at \$19,000, especially in a city like Boston, must not be very large and accommodating. The best thing is to rent a big house if you cannot purchase a big one. But in all cases, I shall prefer a big house which can accommodate our temple and residence quarters. If possible, the book-binding department will be included also. If you purchase a small house, then again you will have to rent some other house for other purposes.

Regarding Modan Mohon, I have already written to him, and I am also writing again separately along with this letter that if he finds Boston a suitable place for himself, then I have no objection that he remains there. But he must continue the work of indexing very nicely the original *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*. As soon as this indexing is finished, I shall publish another revised and enlarged edition of *Bhagavad Gita As It Is* at my own cost. I was not happy to publish it through Macmillan as they have crippled the explanations for so many important verses.

Regarding Jadurany, I am happy that she has returned to Boston again. Now let her join with the Samkirtan Party and I am sure she will improve her health more and more. For the time being, she may not revive her painting work until she gets back more strength. Regarding your Samkirtan Party activities, please continue this most important function. The nice pictures you have sent have been dispatched to Brahmananda for publishing in *Back To Godhead*. I have given instructions that in *Back To Godhead* the pictures of our activities and short descriptions should be more and more published. So continue to send such pictures as you have already sent.

Please convey my blessings to the oth-

ers. I hope this will meet you all in good health.

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

69-6-65

Los Angeles
27th June, 1969

My Dear Vamandev,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated June 23, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. Your idea of going to Columbus for the week-days and to New Vrindaban for the week-ends is very nice, so you may do this. I have just left New Vrindaban on June 23rd, and I think you will be a great asset to the construction projects that will be going on there. Similarly, in Columbus there is much interest in our movement, and as they also are in need of more brahmacharies, your presence there will be very encouraging. So you may execute this plan as soon as possible. I thank you very much for the nice sentiments you have expressed in your letter, and if continue to develop such feelings and engage all of your energy in the service of the Lord, then surely you will come out successful in perfecting your life in Krishna Consciousness.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-6-66

Los Angeles
28th June, 1969

My Dear Mukunda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your several letters; two dated June 19th, one dated June 25th, and one dated June 26th. I am also in due receipt of Shyamsundar's letter

dated June 26, 1969, and I am very much glad to note the contents of all these letters. Your explanation regarding my P.S. is very much engladdening to me, and I am so proud of having beautiful disciples like you who understand the inner meaning of my mission. Actually, I want the people of the whole world to come to God consciousness and be happy. Without God, there is no question of happiness, and without God, there are no good qualities in a person. So the leaders of the human society are missing this point, and here is a program of Krishna Consciousness that if sober and truthful men join, certainly we shall be able to give something very sublime to the suffering peoples of the world. As requested by you, I am sending herewith a note addressed to the Archbishop, and you may do the needful.

I am so glad to learn that the lease agreement is already signed, and I shall be glad to hear from you further in this connection. I thank you so much for your hard labor in pushing on this Krishna Consciousness Movement, and surely Krishna will give you more and more strength in this endeavor. Sudama has left Hawaii already, and he is here in Los Angeles. He will not go to London until you are completely equipped to receive other brahmacharies from here.

Please convey my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

P.S. I have already sent the design of the altar and throne to Shyamsundar. Please do it accordingly.

ABOUT ISKCON MEDIA.

I don't wish that Dinesh will interfere with the recording of "Hare Krishna" by the Beatles. I don't know what correspondence is going on with you between Dinesh & you. Everything should be care-

fully done so that our friendship with the Beatles may not be disturbed. They are gradually coming to cooperate and we shall not do anything which may disturb this cooperation.

69-6-67

Los Angeles
29th June, 1969

My Dear Rayarama,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 26, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. Regarding *Nectar of Devotion*, the balance tapes will be completed today, and he is going to send you the copies by Tuesday. Regarding *BTG*, I shall be glad to know the subject matters you have inserted in the issue #27. There are two important articles lying with Hayagriva: one interview talks with Ginsberg, and my old homage address to my Guru Maharaj. I think you already have this last one. These are to be published, along with pictures, as many as possible, of our Samkirtan activities and descriptions. From your statement, it appears that you do not expect to do anything with *BTG* after #29, because it is in the hands of he (Brahmananda). I cannot follow what you mean by this. Everything is Krishna's business. It is not my business, nor Brahmananda's, nor Hayagriva's. It is the business of Krishna, and we want to serve Him in the best way. I wanted to save the monthly expenditure of \$600 for some other business, but that does not mean that you shall cease to work as one of the editors of *BTG*. You say that much of your time will be engaged in earning money, but that does not mean you have to cease your service to Krishna. You are praying for Krishna's blessings in order to serve me better, but when Krishna speaks through me, you hesitate to accept the words. I do not know why you should

work at all if you want to remain brahmachary. Here is an ideal brahmachary with me. He works day and night with me. Why don't you become a brahmachary like him and come here? One who is a householder, he has to work because he has to maintain a wife and children at home. But for a brahmachary, why should he take the botheration of working simply for the matter of satisfying the belly? So far as belly satisfaction is concerned, that is already arranged by Krishna. Krishna is supplying food to the birds and beasts, so why should He not supply a brahmachary? Food is not a problem.

So my advice to you is that either you become a regular householder, giving 50% of your earnings to Krishna, 25% for family, and 25% for savings, or else you strictly follow the principles of brahmachary life. A brahmachary has nothing to do except serve his Spiritual Master. That is the injunction of the *Bhagavat*. A brahmachary is supposed to work as a menial servant of the Spiritual Master, and whatever collection he gets, it becomes the Spiritual Master's property, not the brahmachary's. That is real brahmachary life. If a brahmachary earns money for his sense gratification, that is not brahmachary life. Better one should become householder and live peacefully. So far as work is concerned, you have got more than sufficient work with me. You have got a good qualification for editing literary works, and we have sufficient engagement for that purpose. Formerly, you were very much eager to transfer yourself from New York to Los Angeles because of considerations for your health. Now when I say that you may come here, there is a nice room for you, and work here day and night, I do not know what is the cause that you do not come. But still I request you that give up all other engagements, come here, and fully engage yourself in editorial work.

So far as eating is concerned, I don't think there will be any scarcity. I think this suggestion will be best for you, and you should come here at once. You say that your mind unfortunately runs away now and then. That is the business of the mind, but if you simply fix up your mind on the Lotus Feet of Krishna, the rascal mind cannot disturb you anymore. My Guru Maharaj used to say that just rise early in the morning and then kick the mind with a shoe one hundred times. Then while going to sleep, one should take a broomstick and strike the mind another hundred times. The mind is so restless, that it can be brought to tameness only by the process suggested by Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakur. So you should try this process and stop the mind from running away now and then. If you follow the process of Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati, naturally He will help you in controlling the mind and bestow all His blessings upon you.

I thank you for your appreciation that you accept me on the superhuman platform and this will compel you to believe in God, etc. So if you are convinced about this fact, then I request you to come here immediately. And if you agree to come here, then you may bring some goods with you, which I shall list for you upon hearing your favorable reply. May Krishna bless you with good sense, and I hope surely He will do so. I beg to remain

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

69-6-68

Los Angeles
29th June, 1969

My Dear Shyamsundar,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of June 19, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. Here in Los Angeles I have arrived on the

23rd of June from New Vrindaban. I received your telegram for a loan of \$1025, and immediately I arranged to have it sent from New York. I understand from Mukunda's letter dated June 25th that the lease agreement has duly been completed. Now I think you are all happy to have a nice place for our London temple, so just organize it to your best capacity. It doesn't matter when I go there. In the meantime, you give your full attention to decorating the temple, and I am very glad to learn you are making the throne and altar according to the design I sent to you. I learned that Mataji has arranged for the Radha-Krishna Deities for our temple. Is this a fact? If not, let me know, I have already one pair of 24" Deities from Vrindaban that will be dispatched, and as suggested by you, by Janmastami the Deities may be installed.

I am very glad to know that George is interested in recording some Krishna Consciousness album, and it is very happy news. I request you and, through you, your friends, George and John, to make a nice Hare Krishna record sung by the most popular Beatles and assisted by our devotees. That will be very nice. I have all encouragement for you for this purpose. Try to make this Hare Krishna

Movement popular through any source that is possible. That is our business.

I thank you very much for your gorgeous, hopeful words that when I go to London, the London center will be pivot for our Krishna Consciousness Movement. I still maintain the idea of a world Samkirtan Party, so we have got men now in Los Angeles, in Montreal, in Boston, in New York, in New Vrindaban, and in London, who can form a nice group of Samkirtan, at least with 25 heads. If we travel, beginning from London, around the world and again come back to London, surely your foretelling will be a factual event. So try your best, and Krishna will help us as He is helping us. Krishna can help us immediately with all of His resources, but first of all He wants to see how much we can work seriously. So the more we become steady and serious, the more help we will have from Him, rest assured.

I shall be glad to know of your further progress in the temple attempts and the recording affairs. Please convey my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

JULY

69-7-1

Los Angeles
1st July, 1969

Manager
The Punjab National Bank
P.O. Vrindaban U.P.
INDIA

Dear Sir:

I beg to inform you that on August 5th, 1967 you received American Exchange for Rupees 33,705.86 for credit of my account. Out of this amount, books amounting to Rupees 13,000.00 were dispatched from Calcutta on November 20th, 1967, and again another consignment of books as per invoice enclosed is being dispatched from Calcutta through m/s United Shipping Corporation (14/2 Old China Bazar Street, Room No. 18; Calcutta-1, INDIA). Please address one letter to the United Shipping Corporation about this extra change, receipt on such and such date.

On June 18th, 1969, we sent you one check for \$112.65, but I have not yet heard your acknowledgement of receipt of this and what action you have taken. I am awaiting your early reply.

Sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-7-2

Los Angeles
1st July, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 28, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. The circular you have

sent to the presidents and members of ISKCON is very nicely drawn, and please follow the principles. All students should be encouraged to write some article after reading *Srimad Bhagavatam*, *Bhagavad Gita* and *Teachings of Lord Chaitanya*. They should realize the information, and they must present their assimilation in their own words. Otherwise, how they can become preachers? So far as Samkirtan Party is concerned, as many pictures as possible should be published each month. The pictures are very attractive to the customers also. Achyutananda should also be asked to send pictures, as many as possible, of the many Vishnu temples in India for publication in *BTG*. *BTG* should be full with our own articles, and there is no need for articles by outsiders. So far as ads are concerned, only our own books should be advertised; nothing else.

Your proposal to keep my apartment by arrangement with Mr. Chudy by the residence of Vaikunthanath there is very nice. If this is done, I shall be pleased. So far as my goods are concerned, they must be packed in trunks with inventory taken of where each item is being kept. For the time being, you may send me immediately from my book-shelf #6 (SB, Cantoes 4, 5, and 6—a red book), #48 (Websters Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary), and the black bound typewritten manuscripts of *Srimad Bhagavatam* and *Chaitanya Charitamrita*. I hope by now you have received the key from Purushottam, which I think is for the closet door. There are some important files in the closet. One of them is for the Radha-Damodar temple. That file contains many important

documents. That should be kept very carefully. Immediately I don't require it, but I shall send for it when it is needed. When Gargamuni comes, or if Rayarama is coming, then the tape recorder, as well as the suitcase with my clothings may be sent.

Now the \$600 which we have saved from the ISKCON PRESS establishment may be invested in improving our New Vrindaban scheme. I am writing to Haya-griva to transfer the property in the society's name, and I have already talked with him. So far as my books are concerned, work with great enthusiasm to print, sell, and bind them in cooperation with the other boys. I am glad that Gargamuni is coming here to improve his business in cooperation with Tamal Krishna. This is nice, and I have full approval. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-7-3

1st July, 1969

My Dear Mukunda,

Please accept my blessings. I have seen your letter to Dinesh, dated 26th June, 1969, and I am little bit disturbed in my mind. This recording business is not our line, so you should not divert your attention for the time being for such things. After a great struggle, you have got now a nice place for the London temple, and if you leave now, your other co-workers, Godbrothers and Godsisters, will be discouraged. So I request you not to leave London at the present moment at any cost. I have already sent you a note for the Archbishop of Canterbury as per your letter of June 19th, and you have so many things to do now. So I request you not to divert your attention to this musical side. I know you are a musician, and naturally

you have got a tendency for musical entertainment, but at the present moment our main business is to push the Samkirtan Movement. So, as you are doing, take the Samkirtan Party to various places, and this will be the most appreciated. If you adulterate our Samkirtan Movement with some business motive, then it will be spoiled immediately. Be careful in that way.

Dinesh wanted to print some records, so we have given him two, three recordings. Let him do business in his own way. Why he should drag our men for doing his own business? So I repeatedly request you not to divert your attention to this matter at the present moment.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

P.S. I don't think Dinesh is doing nice so far Govinda record; practically he has not paid me any money out of this enterprise although he has made a legal document signed by me with very great hope. I don't mind for this let him have something out of it.

69-7-4

Los Angeles
2nd July, 1969

Dear Prabhas Babu,

I beg to thank you for your letter (F-235) dated June 26, 1969, and I have noted the contents. That some people in India wish to donate Murtis and musical instruments but the Indian government has no provisions for such donation is most surprising. Hindustan has become independent, but while she was under foreign government she had the liberty to preach her culture and religion in foreign countries. During my Guru Maharaj's days, thousands of Rupees were being dispatched from Calcutta to London, but the

new Indian government being independent, they are prohibiting to send some Murtis and mridungas. So it is all our bad luck that these things are happening. Anyway, for the future I have arranged like this: Sriman Achyutananda Brahmachary is collecting some mridungas and kartals in exchange for our magazine, *Back To Godhead*. The price of one year subscription to *Back To Godhead* is \$5.00, and in exchange of such one year subscription he is accepting a mridunga and a few pair of kartals. He has already collected a few mridungas, and very soon he will have to dispatch them to our various centers. So please let me know whether or not you shall be able to get sanction from the Reserve Bank of India for this exchange policy of accepting goods of the value of one year's subscription. I hope the above is clear and you will do the needful.

So far as Atma Ram & Sons is concerned, I am enclosing one invoice in triplicate, and I am advising the Punjab National Bank to issue one letter addressed to you that the exchange value was received as far back as the 5th April, 1967. The copy of the letter addressed to the bank will speak for itself. I hope this copy of the letter and the triplicate invoices will solve the question, and so you can immediately dispatch the books to the New York port. I can understand that for the goods which were as gifts you had some difficulty in getting "No Objection" certificate from the Reserve Bank of India, but why you should delay in dispatching goods which we are purchasing? Before placing the order with you, I took assurance from you that ordered goods would be dispatched within one month of the date of receipt of the order. But practically, it has not happened. Why have you delayed so much in dispatching the goods? I also understand that from Hawaii they have also sent you one order, but there is no news. Anyway, for our future business

relationship you should be very much prompt.

There should be no question now of delaying, and I hope on receipt of this letter you will do the needful as promptly as possible and let me know the result. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACB/pdb

69-7-5

Los Angeles
2nd July, 1969

My Dear Krishna Das,

Please accept my blessings. After receiving your letter of July 2nd, as mentioned above, I have been anxiously awaiting to receive the ticket that you say you have sent. Please write immediately as to the position of this ticket as I am much concerned about the situation, (Whether it is lost?). Hope you are well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-7-6

Los Angeles

My Dear Krishna Das,

Please accept my blessings. Please let me know why Shivananda is leaving Hamburg all of a sudden. I am surprised please enlighten me,

Yours

ACB

69-7-7

Los Angeles
2nd July, 1969

My Dear Mukunda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 28, 1969, and I have carefully noted the contents. You say that at present you

cannot use instruments in the temple without soundproofing, but I do not know if this means you cannot use even mridungas and kartal. I understand that soundproofing is very expensive enterprise, and do you have the money for this now? I think it is better if you wait until you are more established before you try for this expensive operation. If it is necessary, we shall go on without instruments. For the time being, you simply make the temple very nice with a nice altar and nice accommodations for living. Don't waste time and money on other projects.

Regarding Mataji Shamadevi, she cannot live there at any circumstance. The first thing is that she does not know English, so what help will she be? She cannot speak to an audience, neither she has any knowledge of Krishna Consciousness philosophy. So why she should live with us? We should utilize all of our facilities for our own men. Besides that, she has got her ideas of Hindu sentiment, and she cannot be used for international Krishna Consciousness. She is interested in Hindus only, and otherwise she is useless. If she will donate money or Murtis, that is welcome, but she cannot live in the temple. We require space for so many other purposes. So don't commit any word that she may live there. If in the future, some tangible arrangements of cooperation can be adjusted, then she may live there; but I do not think this is going to be.

Regarding Dinesh, I have already written to you yesterday about this. It is simply high-sounding words. There is no substance or practical program. So forget about Dinesh's hallucinations. He has no money, and he wants to take from others, and others wish to only sign papers. So it is a will-o'-the-wisp. Regarding the Beatles, if they chant the Hare Krishna Mantra, give them all facilities. Because if they make some Hare Krishna record, that will be widespread, and we want sim-

ply that the Hare Krishna Mantra may be very popular all over the world. We do not care for any profit out of it. We should not try to make a profit out of the Hare Krishna Mantra; then our spiritual enlightenment will be hampered. Our principle should be to beg contributions from others, and as far as possible not to try or any big bargains.

As I have already written to you, we should not try to become a very popular musical party. Music is one of our items for chanting, but we are not musicians. We should always remember this fact. The best example is that we take advantage of the typewriting machine, but that does not mean we are professional typists.

Please convey my blessings to the others also. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-7-8

Los Angeles
3rd July, 1969

My Dear Yamuna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 28, 1969, and I am very glad that Krishna has after all given you a nice place to remain in London and spread Krishna Consciousness with more enthusiasm. Your successful meeting in Oxford is also very encouraging. There is a verse in *Chaitanya Charitamrita* in which Krishnadas Kaviraj says that the whole world is busy to enjoy or to suffer by their respective results of karma, pious or impious, from past life. So in this material world, somebody is enjoying material life in some higher planet and somebody is suffering some material inconveniences in some lower planets. But they do not know that suffering or no suffering, this

material existence itself is not at all congenial to the living entity. In the Western countries, Europe and America, they appear to be enjoying life in the view of the Eastern people, and therefore they hear so much about the opulences in the different universities and towns of the Western countries. But actually, they have no knowledge how to get out of the material entanglement. The only bonafide engagement is Krishna Consciousness for the all around benefit of the human society. That is a fact.

So now we have got very great responsibility to spread this message all over the world, and in London you have got now a good chance to preach in the most important city of the world. Decorate the place very nicely, as far as possible. Your idea for holding the Vyasa Puja Ceremony in London on the 5th of September is very much encouraging. On the 4th September is Janmastami Day, and I have received one letter from Shyamsundar in which he suggested that we should have our installation on that day. This is a good idea. On the 4th we open formally the temple, and on the 5th is my birthday, or your Vyasa Puja ceremony. So this idea is welcome. A special Vyasa Puja issue of BTG may be done, and you may open correspondence with Brahmananda, because publication of *BTG* will now be conducted by Iskcon Book Dept., and *BTG* will be under the supervision of Brahmananda and Hayagriva. Rayarama das Brahmachary is called by me to live with me here to engage in editorial work, so you may correspond with Brahmananda in this connection.

Regarding Mataji Shamadevi, she wanted to give us some pairs of Deities, but since she has left the USA she has not mentioned what she is going to do. So you can ask her straightly whether she is going to contribute the 24" Deities. If not, then we shall have to arrange for that. In any case, if Mataji does not contribute the Dei-

ties, I shall take with me some Deities when I go to London. In the meantime, Shyamsundar may prepare the nice throne of which I have given him the design.

I have received one letter from Mukunda, giving description of various engagements in London when I go there, and the most important is seeing the Archbishop of Canterbury. I have already sent one note for the

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69-7-9

Los Angeles
3rd July, 1969

My Dear Subaldas,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated June 25, 1969, and I am pleased to note the contents. By Krishna's blessings surely you will find a nice place soon, and your enthusiasm for Krishna's service will be fulfilled. Srila Rupa Goswami has recommended six principles for advancement in Krishna Consciousness: enthusiasm, patience, conviction of success, executing the regulative principles, honest endeavor, and association with devotees. So these six principles you try to follow very rigidly, and wherever you go you will be successful. I am confident that Krishna will help you, because two centers, Los Angeles and Santa Fe, were given start by you, and they are still existing. But this time, Philadelphia, you should not leave half finished. Philadelphia is a very nice place, one of the most important places in your country, so try to stick there, and all facilities will be given to you by Krishna.

I hope this will meet you in very good health.

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

69-7-10

Los Angeles
3rd July, 1969

My Dear Chidananda,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated June 24, 1969, and I have carefully noted the contents. Madhudvisa has already gone there as desired by you, and I am sure he will be very helpful. He is now a veteran trained man, and the Los Angeles temple is now an ideal place for all centers to take example. Now I hope you will be able to make San Francisco as important as Los Angeles temple in cooperation with Madhudvisa and the other devotees there. Please convey my blessings to Jayananda, who is helping so much now in organizing for the Rathayatra Festival. Regarding Kartikeya, if he wants to go to Germany, he can go, but if you require him in San Francisco at present, don't encourage him to go at present. But in Germany there is a need for brahmacharies, and Kartikeya knows a little German language. In Germany they are now printing a very fine German edition of *Back To Godhead*, and I am enclosing some clippings and a leaflet they have printed there. If Kartikeya can explain the words on these pages, then he can be encouraged to go to Germany. Just today I have received invitation from Krishnadas that they want me to go immediately there, and even they have purchased one ticket for me. I will not be able to go to Germany immediately, but perhaps after the Rathayatra Festival this may be arranged.

Please convey my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet all of you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

NB: Enclosed is one letter to be given to Woomapati, along with German papers

for Kartikeya and one note for Madhudvisa.

If you meet Reka the Bengali Lady, tell her that I have received her letter without her present address. If she wants to come here she is welcome otherwise I am going there until Ratha Yatra festival.

69-7-11

Los Angeles
4th July, 1969

My Dear Jayagovinda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 23, 1969, sent along with your German language *Back To Godhead*. It is very, very nice. You have achieved a great blessing from my Guru Maharaj. My Guru Maharaj had an ambition to publish the message of Lord Chaitanya in all the languages of the world, and when He was present in India, He published six magazines in five languages; one in Hindi, one in Assami, one in Bengali, one in English, and one in Oriya. Your *Zuruck Zur Gottheit* is certainly a unique gift to me, and I shall ever remember it. It is all your credit that as soon as you arrived in Germany you have done some tangible service to the mission. May Krishna bless you more and more. And as you wish that this service may continue throughout all your life and the next, so it gives me more pleasure about your sincerity of service. I am also glad to know that sometimes the happiness you feel is very strong. There is some words spoken by Lord Chaitanya that this service is a transcendental ocean of bliss. *Ananda ambudhi bardanam*. Here we have got experience of the material ocean; it does not increase. On the other hand, gradually it is decreasing. Formerly the whole planet was merged into water, and there was no earth; it was simply inundated water. Now gradually the ocean is drying up, and the land is coming out. Therefore,

this material ocean is decreasing, but the transcendental ocean of bliss is only increasing. So I can only say that you stick to your present nice service, entrusted upon you by my Guru Maharaj and Krishna. Try to improve it to your best capacity. You are three, just like Brahma, Vishnu, and Maheswar. And Mandali Bhadra is going to join you as Indra. These four principal demigods are controlling the whole universe, so I hope in the near future Shivananda, yourself, Krishna Das, and Mandali Bhadra will have full control over the German young boys by pushing on this magazine *Zuruck Zur Gottheit*. I shall be glad to hear whether by this time Mandali Bhadra has arrived there.

Regarding my going to Hamburg, I am writing to Krishna Das separately, and you will understand the situation. Regarding New Vrindaban, I think we shall have many advantages here that are not in Vrindaban in Mathura. The Vrindaban in Mathura is now congested with so many worldly men. Formerly, Vrindaban was excavated by the Goswamis, and only pure devotees were going there. But at the present moment, this has become a place for the *bischovs*, materialists, and in the interior part of Vrindaban there are so many rogues and robbers. Formerly, a devotee could live peacefully in any corner of Vrindaban; it is about 180 square miles, but now if somebody lives in some secluded corner, he will be attacked by so many rogues and robbers. Perhaps you know there is a place known as Nandagram, wherein Bon Maharaj has got a place. I have heard that it is very nice, but nobody can live there securely. So at least in New Vrindaban I hope there will be no such disturbances. If we nicely organize as it is going on now, only selected persons will live there and peacefully cultivate Krishna Consciousness.

You have inquired why Chaitanya Ma-

haprabhu has not mentioned anything about accepting a Spiritual Master in His Shikshastak. But perhaps you have missed the point that He says *amanina manuadina kirtinva sada hari*. This means one has to chant the Holy Names of Krishna, becoming humbler than the straw, and more tolerant than the tree. So who can become humbler than the straw unless he accepts a Spiritual Master? The whole world is puffed up. Everyone wants to become the Lord of everything. Ultimately, the Mayavadi philosopher wants to become one with the Supreme Lord. This means that when one fails to become Lord of everything, he wants to mix up with the Supreme Lord and tries in that way to automatically become Lord of everything. What he can't perform by his own capacity he wants to have done by being merged into the Supreme Lord. That is the mentality of the general people. But if anyone becomes humbler than the grass and more tolerant than the tree, it is understood that he has accepted a Spiritual Master. Besides that, if we accept Sikshastak as authority given by Lord Chaitanya, this means we accept Lord Chaitanya as Spiritual Master. In the *Bhagavad Gita* it is openly mentioned that Arjuna accepted Krishna as the Spiritual Master. There is another mention in the Sikshastak, Lord Chaitanya says "I do not want any wealth of this world, I do not want any following, neither do I want a beautiful wife. Simply I want to become a servant of the Lord." To become the servant of the Lord means to accept a Spiritual Master. Without accepting somebody as master, how can one become an expert servant? It is not that in every literature you will find the words that everyone has to accept a Spiritual Master, but we have to study things scrutinizingly. In the *Chaitanya Charitamrita* there is mention *guru krishna kripaya paya bhakti latha biz*. By the mercy of the Spiritual Master and

Krishna one can get the seeds of *bhakti la-
tha*, the plant of devotional service.

I am glad that you have named your printing press the Radha Press. It is very gratifying. May your Radha Press be enriched in publishing all our books and literatures in the German language. It is a very nice name. Radharani is the best, topmost servitor of Krishna, and the printing machine is the biggest medium at the present moment for serving Krishna. Therefore, it is really a representative of Srimati Radharani. I like the idea very much. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-7-12

Los Angeles
4th July, 1969

My Dear Pradyumna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 28, 1969, sent by Special Delivery, and I am replying as follows. If Mr. Vora is going to Bombay, he can find out some reliable supplier of musical instruments. One friend gave me the following address: M/s D.S. Ramsingh & Bros., Harmonium Manufacturers and dealers in musical instruments; 344-48, Manchram Bldg., Sarder Vallabhai Patel Road, Bombay-4. He quoted for musical instruments as follows: Harmonium of double reed @Rs 260, Harmonium of triple reed @Rs 350, Tanpura @Rs 100 to Rs 200, Mridungas (wooden made) @Rs 150, khanjani @Rs 10 to Rs 15. What I want Mr. Vora to do is see this firm, or any other reliable firm which can regularly supply us with first quality instruments. The price quoted by the party appears to be high, so Mr. Vora has to inquire from other sources also, and he may purchase a sample transaction of one harmonium, one Maha-rashtrian

mridunga (wooden made), and a few first class kanjanis. He may bring with him as his personal property or he may see the director of the Scindia Steam Navigation Co., Sumati Morarjee. If she takes charge for dispatching the goods on her ships, that is very good, but because it is a very small quantity, it may be better to bring them personally. If Mr. Vora sees Srimati Sumati Morarjee, she will at once know me by my name, and she'll arrange everything. The sum and substance is that we want some reliable commission agent or supplier who can supply us regularly these things. If Sumati Morarjee gives us the facilities of free shipping, that is all right. Otherwise we shall get them sent, freight paid by us.

Regarding Baroda Bank, although I have got money, if the goods are dispatched through customs, then we will have to send the money from here. But if Mr. Vora either brings them personally or delivers it to Sumati Morarjee as a free gift, then there will be no customs botheration. In that case I can give Mr. Vora a check on the ____ Otherwise, we will have to send American dollars. I am stressing again that we have to find out a reliable person who can regularly supply us with goods from India. This is the sum and substance, and now you can do the needful. If Mr. Vora wants to be our supplying agent, we have no objection. Let him make arrangement for supplying these goods as I have described, first quality and good price, and book it through a reliable shipping agent or through Scindia Steam Navigation Co. There will be regular business, and he will make good profit. But ask him not to make more than 10% profit over purchasing price. You may also ask him to bring with him a pair of cookers which are available in Pydhani brass utensil shops. The cost will be about \$3.00, so if he can bring with him at least two cookers, that will be very nice. So

things are explained above as far as possible, and now you can arrange with him.

Regarding Gayatri Mantra, Arundhuti's insistence is not very good. If she wants to offer prasadam to the Deities, she can simply chant Hare Krishna Mantra. There is no need of chanting Gayatri Mantra. One has to be formally accepted by the Spiritual Master for this, so you can tell her this fact. That is not the system. For the time being, if Arundhuti wants to offer prasadam, the Hare Krishna Mantra will do.

I hope this will meet you in good health,

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. You have written nothing about Arundhuti's training for the Compositor machine.

69-7-13

Los Angeles
4th July, 1969

My Dear Krishna Das,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 25, 1969, and I understand that you have already purchased the ticket for my journey from New York to Luxemburg on the 8th of July. But now I am staying at Los Angeles, so naturally you have to purchase my ticket from Los Angeles or San Francisco to Luxemburg. So for the time being you can return this ticket, and as I am going to San Francisco to take part in the Rathayatra Festival which is going to be performed in a considerable grand scale, arranged by all the devotees on the West Coast; namely Los Angeles, San Francisco, Sante Fe, Seattle, Vancouver, etc. So your program may be suspended for a fortnight at least. Besides that, you have written that the schools will be

closed by the 11th of July,* and they open sometime in September. Under the circumstances, why not postpone everything to that time? But still I am prepared to go if you think my presence there earlier will be nice. Then you can arrange for my ticket from San Francisco to Luxemburg. In some previous letter, Mukunda wrote that he would send tickets for both me and Purushottam. So if in the meantime he sends ticket for Purushottam, then he can also go with me. I think the best arrangement would have been if by mutual consultation you make the transportation arrangements for my European journey. I do not know when Mukunda is going to send me those tickets, so you can consult with him. In the meantime, if you are able only to send one ticket for me, Purushottam may go later on. But anyway, I heard that after the 4th of August there will be a concession in the fare from America to Europe, so you can inquire about it. I shall be in San Francisco by the 25th of July*, so you can let me know your decision at the San Francisco address or the Los Angeles address, which ever is more convenient for you.

Regarding Samkirtan Party, whatever heads you have got at the present moment, you continue. That is our main function. The pictures and pamphlets Jayagovinda has sent me are very much encouraging. You can make my program for lecturing in the Indo-German society, taking it that I shall be going there in the month of August. I know there are many Sanskrit scholars in Germany, but unfortunately I have no practice to speak in Sanskrit. I can read and write, but I cannot speak in Sanskrit. But I don't think my speaking in Sanskrit will be required, and if I read from Sanskrit literature like *Bhagavad Gita*, *Srimad Bhagwatam*, that will be sufficient. After all, I am not going to Germany as a Sanskrit scholar, but my attempt will be to deliver the message of

Lord Chaitanya in the shape of Krishna Consciousness. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

*After 27th July, I can start on any day from San Francisco. You can shave once in a month on the full moon day with head & beard.

69-7-14

Los Angeles
5th July, 1969

My Dear Sachisuta,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated June 23, 1969, and I have carefully gone over the contents. I am so pleased to learn that you are feeling very nicely in Buffalo temple and you are working hard and sincerely to push on this sublime movement of Krishna Consciousness. Regarding your question about marriage, the thing is that as I am a sanyasi, I am not concerned with family life, but because I want to see my disciples very happy in Krishna Consciousness, therefore, those who are feeling some sexual disturbance are requested by me to get themselves married. Another principle is that those who are brahmacharies, they should sacrifice all of their income and collection for the Krishna Consciousness Movement, whereas those who are married should work, earning money as much as possible, and at least 50% should be spent for the Krishna Consciousness Movement. So we have no objection for allowing you to get married, but it is up to you to consider if you will work hard and earn money both for Krishna and for your family. You cannot get married, and at the same time do not earn money. Of course, by preaching

Samkirtan Movement, if you are satisfied with a small income, that is also nice. I think that your God-brother, Rupanuga is an ideal householder, and you should try to follow him.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-7-15

Los Angeles
5th July, 1969

My Dear Kirtanananda,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter of July 3, 1969, sent along with the cheeze. But the cheeze has gone bad. Perhaps you did not note it what I said that this cheeze should be made into sandesh; that is 1/4 part of cheeze should be mixed with sugar and fried in a pan, constantly stirring till it is almost hard. Then after taking it down, knead it nicely and then prepare small balls. This sandesh can be kept at least for a fortnight without damage, but cheeze cannot be kept more than three days. It reached me, but it had gone sour. If you can prepare sandesh and send it to me, it will be very nice. So try it, and if it comes out successful, you can send it to me.

I am glad that Devananda is tending the Deities very nicely. He has learned this art directly under my supervision, so I hope he is doing it nicely. Your kirtan program as it is going on is very nice. You have kept the Vrindaban spirit so sublimely that I always remember it and always hanker when I shall go back again. In the meantime I am enjoying the tape which I recorded of your morning prayers and chanting. Here in Los Angeles also the temple is very gorgeous, and I am receiving reports from other centers that they are also doing nicely. I shall be going to San Francisco by the 25th or 25th of July,

and from there I may be going to Germany, because they also want me there. Krishnadas has already purchased one ticket for me, but I asked him to postpone it till the end of the month. In London they have secured a house, and I understand it is very nice. But it is in office quarters, so there will be difficulties to use it as a living house. Anyway, whatever Krishna desires He will do.

In the meantime I have written one letter to Hayagriva regarding transfer of New Vrindaban in the society's name. I am glad that the girls there are taking my suggestions, and if things are done according to program, New Vrindaban will surely develop to the highest extent. You may inform Satyabhama that I have already received the *Krishna* book which she has sent.

Please convey my blessings to all the other inhabitants of New Vrindaban. I hope this will meet you all in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

tune for you. Living entities are roaming within the universes in different species of life and in different planetary systems enjoying or suffering the reaction of pious or impious activities. But they have no information how to get out of this entanglement of repetition of birth and death. Due to the darkness of ignorance, most living entities have no idea about the values of life. Therefore, one who understands the importance of Krishna Consciousness must be a very fortunate soul. So I marked it in your person when I was in Boston, and I prayed to Krishna that this good soul may be aware of the importance of Krishna Consciousness. With my blessings I am sending herewith your beads, duly chanted upon by me. You should avoid the ten offenses as far as possible, and follow the four regulative principles as Satsvarupa will instruct you. I know your good Godbrother, Satsvarupa, will always help you in this connection.

Regarding your \$2,000 which you promised to send me within three weeks, I beg to thank you for this.* Actually, a brahmachary should contribute whatever he has got to Krishna, through the Spiritual Master. The Spiritual Master does not accept anything for his personal use, but he employs everything for Krishna's service. Therefore, the Spiritual Master, is accepted, in the renounced order of life. So far as householders are concerned, they may contribute at least half of their income to Krishna. Then life is sublime. After all, everything belongs to Krishna, and the sooner we return whatever we have got to Krishna, the better it is. That is our normal life. Regarding your stocks, you can keep it for yourself for the time being, and if need be I may ask you to deliver this in the future. Your engagements there are nice, so continue to follow rigidly. You may inform Satsvarupa that I have sent the *Krishna* tape, #13, so he may transcribe it and send me a copy. I will be

69-7-16

Los Angeles
5th July, 1969

My Dear Giriraj,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 2, 1969, sent along with your beads. I have chanted on them and your initiated name is Giriraj. Giriraj is the name of the Goverdhan Hill on which Krishna used to tend His cows. In Vrindaban the Goverdhan Hill is worshipped as a representation of Krishna. Sometimes devotees take stone from Goverdhan Hill and keep it at home as a representation of Krishna, and they worship in this way. I am very glad to understand that you have at least relished some of the transcendental bliss of Krishna Consciousness. It is a great for-

sending further tapes henceforward, because my *Nectar of Devotion* is now finished, and I shall concentrate on the *Krishna* tapes.

I hope this will meet you in very good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

* you can directly transfer this amount to my a/c No 12410 with the *Equitable Savings & Loan Association Fairfax, Los Angeles, California*.

My dear Jadurani,

I have already asked you to join the Sankirtan Party. Today I have received one letter from Govinda Dasi in which I understand that she is a spirited preacher. I am so proud of her, that even my girl disciples are so nice for preaching work.

ACB.

69-7-17

Los Angeles
5th July, 1969

My Dear Upendra,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 1, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. I am glad to inform you that I will be arriving in San Francisco around the 25th or 26th of July, and I will see you there during the Rathayatra Festival. Regarding your questions, "Is Subhadra, Lord Krishna's Sister, the same Durga or Maya?", the answer is that originally Krishna's energy is one: that is spiritual energy. But according to different functions, the Maya is represented differently. In the material world the energy is called Bhadra, and in the spiritual world the same Maya is called Subhadra. The only distinction is *su* and *without su*. *Su* means auspicious. So in the spiritual world, the same Maya works auspiciously, and in the material world the same Maya works in-

auspiciously. This auspiciousness and inauspiciousness is our own choice. The same example that jail life is inauspicious, and free life is auspicious, but it depends on the choice whether we prefer free life or jail life. The energy of the government works in the same way both in the jail department and the freedom department. It is the choice of the person who is relatively concerned with either jail or freedom.

Regarding frozen vegetables, they are not bad, but if they are twice boiled, then they should not be used. I do not know exactly, but I do not think it is twice boiled. Anyway, if it is, it should not be used.

Now Tamal Krishna will be the supplying agent of devotees to many temples, because he is attracting many new devotees in the Los Angeles temple. So the program is after being trained up here, some of them may go either to open new branches or where they are required. But I wish that you should also attract new devotees from your quarters. Instead of importing devotees, it is better to attract devotees from your own area. And the basic principle for doing this is Samkirtan Party. I hope you have by now received one circular from Brahmananda in which it is stated that you are all requested to write articles of Krishna Consciousness as you have personally realized it, and also send as many pictures as possible of Samkirtan Movement for *BTG* along with short descriptions. Hope you are well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-7-18

Los Angeles
7th July, 1969

My Dear Govinda Dasi,

Please accept my blessings, and offer the same to Goursundar. I am so much pleased by reading your letter of June 26,

1969, describing your preaching activities in Hawaii, both husband and wife together. It is very much pleasing to me. I was shocked when I heard that Goursundar was hurt on the chin, but at the same time, I was so much enlivened by hearing of your spirited preaching activities. I am proud that a little young girl like you is so much spirited in preaching Krishna Consciousness. Undoubtedly I was very much sorry to learn about Goursundar being attacked by a fanatic, but don't be disheartened. Even Nityananda also faced such difficult problems, but try to avoid them as far as possible. The whole world is full of fanatics and atheist classes of men, so sometimes we have to face such difficulties. But this is all tapasya. Without tapasya, nobody can approach Krishna. So preachers who boldly face all kinds of difficulties are considered to be under tapasya, and Krishna takes note of such tapasya of the devotee, and the devotee is recognized by Him. I have asked the *BTG* men to publish your heroic preaching activities under the heading of "Heroine Govinda Dasi." So I am sure Krishna is very much pleased of this incident, and He will surely bestow His blessings both on you and Goursundar. So try to continue preaching Krishna Consciousness to the suffering humanity as far as possible.

I hope by this time your house problem is solved, and I shall be glad to hear from you on this point. I have received one letter from Subaldas from Philadelphia informing me that he has opened a center there. So by Krishna's Grace our program is improving day after day. Most probably another center in Laguna Beach will be opened soon, and they are arranging for a gorgeous Rathayatra Ceremony in San Francisco. So you have all my blessings and encouragement for your nice preaching work, and I can simply pray to Krishna to save you from all sorts of difficulties.

I hope this will meet you in good

health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

*Enclosed some literature from Germany. They are doing nice in Hamburg & they have published German edition of *B. T. G.*

69-7-19

Los Angeles
8th July, 1969

My Dear Bhurijana,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 27, 1969, and I have carefully noted the contents. I can understand that you are in need of some more brahmacharies there, and I have already told Tamal Krishna to send some devotees there. You may correspond with him immediately to make definite arrangements for this. You will be glad to learn that another center has recently been opened in Philadelphia, and another is to be opened very soon in Laguna Beach, 50 miles from Los Angeles. Our policy should be to open branches as many as possible, but not to close a single one. That would be a degradation. I think you have got enough potential opportunity in your center, so go on chanting and things will come out successful.

I am pleased to note that you have decided to remain as brahmachary because it will be the most "undiverting" for your Krishna Consciousness. Actually this is correct. If one is able to remain as brahmachary, that is first class because so much botheration of household life is immediately avoided. But Krishna Consciousness is not limited that one must be brahmachary to execute, or one must be sannyasi to execute. Spiritual means that there is no conditions whatever, so in any position one may be in, he can chant Hare Krishna, preach Krishna Consciousness, and pray to Krishna to engage him more

and more in His transcendental loving service.

I remember that when you were in New Vrindaban with me you took some photographs with your camera. Please send these pictures to Brahmananda in New York for our *Back To Godhead*. In future issues we will be featuring many such photographs of our activities. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-7-20

Los Angeles
8th July, 1969

Dear Mr. Kair,

Please accept my greetings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 18, 1969, forwarded to me here from San Francisco. I quite appreciate the difficult problems in India, and I quite agree with you cent per cent that India is now in a miserable condition by its poverty, and natural atrocities like floods, earthquakes, etc. Your suggestion that this can only be solved by Lord Krishna, the Omnipotent, is also right. Therefore, if you want to do something for India, the only remedial measure that you can take is to spread Krishna Consciousness amongst the peoples. Otherwise, the next step is surely communism as you have already suggested. You say that there is a communist menace, and materialism is trying to dominate, but at the same time, religious faith is also progressing. Two things cannot go on simultaneously. Actually, India is the country of religion. The present government policy to kill religious faith of the people is resulting in frustration of religious life because it is not organizedly taught. But by nature the people of India have a hankering for spiritual advancement, and therefore the present situation is a natural result of the clash between two

opposite ideals. In this case also the best treatment is to give the people scientific religious ideas which are very clearly stated in the *Bhagavad Gita*. But unfortunately, unscrupulous and rascal so-called scholars, religionists and philosophers have misinterpreted the teachings of Lord Krishna in the *Bhagavad Gita*, and they have misled the whole population. *Bhagavad Gita* is popular not only in India, but also all over the world. Unfortunately, the real idea has been distorted. We have therefore presented our *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*, and perhaps you know it; it is published by Macmillan. I have tried to explain in this book the real purpose of the *Bhagavad Gita*. *Bhagavad Gita* is the authorized book to teach people how to love Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead. There is nothing else except devotional service to the Lord described there, but great politicians have misinterpreted the sunshine-like clear statements of *Bhagavad Gita* with a cloud of mental concoctions. So if you think seriously to improve the condition of India, you can begin even in a small-scale the propagation of Krishna Consciousness, and if you do it seriously and sincerely, surely you will be successful.

I came here alone in 1965. Gradually the young men here took the philosophy very nicely, and now they themselves are spreading and opening many branches, even without my presence. Similarly, you can do this also, under my instructions. Just begin with a small endeavor, and gradually it will spread. You have asked me what are the formalities that you have to observe for recruiting Krishna devotees in India, and the first principle is that you have to become a pure devotee of the Lord. Then you can attempt to convert others to become devotees. To become a pure devotee means one should be firmly convinced of his being the eternal servant of Krishna.

You have hinted about the value of concentration and in the stories from the *Bhagavatam* and *Mahabharata*, but I do not exactly follow what you mean by this. The statements in the *Bhagavatam* and *Mahabharat* and the *Puranas* are all different historical incidents. *Mahabharata* is called, according to Vedic authorities, as the history of India. I do not know who first designated it as an "epic." That is the cause of the falldown of Hindu culture. They did not believe in their Vedic literatures presented by Vyasadeva. They are not stories after all. Stories are imaginary, but they are not imaginary. They are actual facets. But such historical facts are not chronological; but for the teaching of the commonplace people some of the important incidents of history are there. It is said *saram saram samud dhrivva*. This means only the essential facts have been collected, and they are put together in the shape of *Puranas*, *Mahabharat*, etc.

The formalities are as follows: You should take a vow not to have any illicit sex life. That means sex life should be accepted only by married couples. You should not take anything beyond the group of grains, fruits, vegetables, flowers, milk and milk products, and that also only after offering to Lord Krishna. You should not accept any kind of intoxication, including drinking coffee, tea, or smoking cigarettes, chewing pan, etc. Finally, you should not take part in any gambling, including so-called sports, cinema, theatre, or any such entertainment. Then you will have to be first initiated for chanting the Hare Krishna Mantra under regulative principles, avoiding 10 kinds of offenses and following the above regulative principles. Then, on or before the completion of one year, you will be finally initiated. In the meantime you will read our books like *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*, *Teachings of Lord Chaitanya*, *Srimad Bhagavatam*, *Nectar of Devotion*, etc. These books are all in

English, and in addition you should read our monthly journal, *Back To Godhead*. You should go on inquiring about your pros and cons ideas in the matter of the Krishna Consciousness. Along with this you chant Hare Krishna in the assembly of friends and family members regularly, morning and evening, and then Krishna Consciousness will become revealed unto you. Krishna Consciousness is already in you—not only in you, but in every living being. Such consciousness is aroused just like a sleeping man is aroused from slumber by vibration of sound. Similarly, a conditioned soul is aroused by the vibration of the Hare Krishna Mantra into Krishna Consciousness. This is the process. We will be glad to give you all instruction on this point, providing you are serious to accept it, and to propagate it.

Thank you very much for your letter. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-7-21

Los Angeles
8th July, 1969

My Dear Subaldas,

Please accept my blessings hundreds upon hundreds of times for your successful attempt. I appreciate your service very much. Now organize the center in Philadelphia very nicely as you have got a good place, and it will be my pleasure to visit whenever there is an opportunity. Now you will have good assistance in the persons of Lalit Kumar and Gopinath, and if you require more men, you can ask Tamal Krishna and he will help you. The LA center is now specially meant for training devotees and dispatching them in different centers wherever they are required. So

open correspondence with Tamal Krishna, and I also will tell him to assist you as far as possible.

Regarding your arrest by the police, it was Krishna's desire, so that it is now authoritatively admitted that we are not guilty. You can take a certified copy of the judgement. This will help not only your center, but other centers also. It will be of considerable aid in getting permission from the police. You take this copy immediately and make several photostat copies, and send to every center and one copy to me. Get mridungas and kartals from New York. Keep our books and magazines sufficiently, and make propaganda. You are now a veteran devotee, so you can help others and yourself nicely. Simply you have to execute the principles very rigidly and faithfully. Then everything is there, and all success is at your command. Regarding you taking a job, I hope if you properly execute your activities, you will have no lack of money. In the beginning there may be a little hardship, but everywhere it has proved successful. I have information from Brahmananda that last month they collected about \$2,400. So after all, it is all Krishna's money. When He sees us very faithful and trustworthy, He gives up His money for expenditures. Simply pray to Krishna that you may be able by His Grace to serve Him nicely. Our prayer of the Hare Krishna Mantra means addressing Radha and Krishna for being engaged in Their service. Hare Krishna means "Oh Hare, Oh Radharani! Oh Krishna! Please engage me in Your service so that I can get relief from the service of Maya. Just like a person resigns from an inferior quality of service and accepts a superior quality of service, similarly, our prayer to Krishna is to give us relief from the inferior quality of service to Maya, and to be engaged in the superior quality of service to Krishna. Service we have to render, and the whole process is to

accept the superior quality of service in Krishna Consciousness. I hope this finds you in good health.

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

69-7-22

Los Angeles
9th July, 1969

My Dear Rayarama,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 3, 1969, and I have noted the contents. So I am glad to learn that your program is to do some work independently, and at the same time to do work for our Krishna Consciousness Movement. This formula I have already accepted, and I have given you permission according to your leaning. If possible, then try to give the results of your work to Krishna. We do not disapprove of any activities of the world provided the result is given to Krishna. That is the whole instruction of the *Bhagavad Gita*. You have learned this philosophy for so many years, so try to execute it to your best capacity. So far as I am concerned, I have accepted you as my disciple, and you have accepted me as your spiritual father. This relationship cannot be ended anymore. It is eternal. So it will be my duty always to pray to Krishna for your further and further improvement in Krishna Consciousness, so you should go on serving this movement to your best capacity. So far as your coming here, if you get money you can come by the 16th or 17th of July as you have stated, and then return to New York, that is all right. But I am scheduled to go to San Francisco by the 25th, and after finishing the Rathayatra Ceremony, in all probability I will be going to Germany. I understand that Krishna Das has already sent my ticket from New York to Luxembourg, but I have not received it as yet.

Probably it is on the way. So my going to Germany is fixed. If you think that when you come for one week we shall be able to finish up the whole book, then take the trouble to come here. Purushottam has sent the most part of the remaining manuscript to Jayadvaita for typing fair copies, and try to finish it as soon as possible.

In the *BTG* henceforward, the pictures of our Samkirtan Movement should be inserted as many as possible. The whole idea is now in *BTG* complete ventilation of our ideas should be exchanged from devotees to devotees by writing bonafide articles along with the other articles. This paper should now be completely a foreword of our movement. So combinedly make it successful.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

Enclosure: one note from Tamal Krishna

69-7-23

Los Angeles
8th July, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 2, 1969, and I thank you very much for it. Regarding your proposal for soliciting members, this is not a good proposal. We tried for membership in the beginning, and it was not successful. Collection by Samkirtan Party is the best process, along with selling our books and magazines by organized sale. But you can advertise for membership, and when somebody inquires, you can give him your chart for membership. But do not advertise it. You can simply invite people

that we invite all sincere souls to become our serious members. I am enclosing a copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Kair, which may be published so people may know what is the practical advantage of becoming a member of this society.

You are correct that Tamal Krishna's endeavor is very successful, and we should cooperate with him fully, and other centers should follow the same principles to make it successful. Recently, Tamal Krishna has sent Madhudvisa to San Francisco to organize the temple there, and as soon as he had gone there, the Samkirtan collection has become raised from \$17 to \$70. So in this way we should help all the centers, and in the future both you and Tamal Krishna, assisted by the others, should be the main guiding stars of the society. You have written that you have given \$350 to India, but I do not know why. Do not send any money to the United Shipping Corporation, because last time we advanced \$500, and it has become a pinprick to realize it. I think you have sent a letter of credit, but no direct payment should be sent to them.

I understand that Krishna Das has sent a ticket for my going to Germany on the 25th of June. I do not know where is this ticket; I have not received it. Anyway, I think I shall be going to Germany after the San Francisco Ceremony, via New York. I understand the ticket is from New York to Luxemburg, so I think from San Francisco I shall go to New York, and from there I shall go on to Luxemburg. If you have received the ticket, please let me know. Regarding Macmillan, if they will not print our *Bhagavad Gita As It Is* in hard bound then why not publish our own edition of the book, enlarge and revised hard bound? We cannot be checked by their decision to print or not to print our books. The paper bound copies may be taken from them, and then our own bookbinders can turn them into hard bound

editions by pasting the cover on cardboard only. In this case, Macmillan should give us special concession. Anyway, the best thing will be to arrange

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Los Angeles
10th July, 1969

My Dear Laxmimoni,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated July 5, 1969, sent along with your chanting beads and one letter from Sriman Jagadisha das Brahmachary. I have duly chanted upon your beads, and your initiated name is Laxmimoni Dasi. Laxmimoni is the Goddess of Fortune, and she is always to be found serving at Krishna's Lotus Feet. Although the Goddess of Fortune is very restless and does not like to stay in one place for very long time, she is always finding new wonderful things in serving Krishna's Lotus Feet so that she never thinks of leaving Him. This is actually the position of Krishna Consciousness that when we get some taste of rendering sublime loving service to the Lord, no more do we have any taste for any other engagements. So as initiated student you should chant 16 rounds on your beads daily, avoiding the ten kinds of offenses which Rupanuga will explain to you. You must follow the four regulative principles; namely no illicit sex life, no intoxication, no meat-eating, and no gambling.

I am very pleased to note that you will be getting married to Jagadisha, and try to serve him by helping him develop in Krishna Consciousness throughout both of your lives. Married life in Krishna Consciousness is the perfection of married life because the basic principle is that the wife will help the husband so that he may pursue Krishna Consciousness, and similarly the husband will help the wife to

advance in Krishna Consciousness. So in this way both husband and wife become happy and their lives are sublime. In Krishna Consciousness marriages there is no question of any separation or divorce. Any disagreement between husband and wife is not taken very seriously, as much as a disagreement between children is not taken very seriously. This is because the basic principle of married life in Krishna Consciousness is not whimsical lusts, but it is the eternal principle of rendering devotional service to Krishna. So I am enclosing* instructions for Rupanuga to perform this marriage ceremony, and both yourself and Jagadisha have my full blessings for long and happy life in Krishna Consciousness. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

*sent soon by separate post

69-7-25

Los Angeles
10th July, 1969

My Dear Arundhuti,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated July 7, 1969, and I have noted the contents. I know you are a very sincere devotee girl, and Krishna will bless you more and more because your qualifications are quite on the standard line. It is ordained in the Vedas that a person who has got implicit faith in Krishna and the Spiritual Master, to such person the real import of the Vedas is revealed. I see that you are chanting very nicely, you have good service attitude; so continue this attitude. You have a very nice husband also, so I shall be very glad if I see both of you advancing in Krishna Consciousness as you are doing it nicely at present. Maya is sometimes strong enough to put impediments on our progressive march. But if you stick to the

principles of rules and regulations and chanting, keeping faith in Krishna and Spiritual Master, then Maya cannot touch you.

At present your most important duty is to compose books with the help of your husband. I am very much anxious to see that you begin this work as soon as possible. You have written nothing about your training in working the composer machine. I hope this will meet you in good health. Please offer my blessings to your husband and the others.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-7-26

10th July, 1969

Dear James Doody,

Please accept my greetings. I thank you very much for your letter dated June 23, 1969, and I am pleased to note that you are anxious to see me as soon as possible. So far as human frailties are concerned, they can all be adjusted by dovetailing everything in Krishna Consciousness. Our Krishna is a great family Personality. Krishna is never a mendicant, and our ambition is to enter into Krishna's family and to associate with Him personally. In spiritual life also there are men and women. They are very beautiful and attractive, but they are all so much absorbed in thought of Krishna that in the spiritual world there is no sex life. That means that Krishna Consciousness is so sublime and happy that it surpasses the pleasure of sex life. In the material world, because there is no information of Krishna Consciousness, sex life is taken as the highest pleasurable situation. Anyway, in our philosophy we prohibit illicit sex life and not sex life itself. In Krishna Consciousness there are many illustrious householders. So to marry and to become

an exemplary householder is the ideal life of Krishna Consciousness. If the girl who is willing to marry you becomes Krishna Conscious, and as I think you are already Krishna Conscious, it will be a nice combination, provided you live under bona-fide guidance. I am very much pleased that you wish to live under my guidance, and if you actually follow, then I can nicely direct you, even in your married life.

So far as my going to London is concerned, I can go immediately, provided I get my passage money. I have been invited to Germany also, and they are prepared to pay for this fare. I have postponed this journey till the end of the month. Most probably I shall be able to meet you in London some time in the month of August, and then you can decide whether to come here or not.

Regarding your job at Krishna Lights, if you are getting a good income from this business, why should you stop it? Our philosophy is that we should earn honestly as much as possible and spend it for Krishna. I understand from Shyamsundar that you have agreed to help pay the rent on the newly occupied house there. So if you can actually do so, it will be a great service to the society and to Krishna. I therefore would advise you to continue with this business.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-7-27

Los Angeles
10th July, 1969

My Dear Giriraj,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to enclose herewith one letter I have received from your father which will speak

for itself. From this letter it appears that you are a good scholar and there is very good background in your educational career. So if you wish to make progress further in your educational career, that will be a nice asset for our Krishna Consciousness Movement. You have a taste for psychology and divinity studies, and this is very nice. Of course, our Krishna Consciousness Movement is on the line of divinity, and we have got so many books about the science of divinity. Unfortunately these books are not yet on the university curriculum, but if you take your post-graduate studies in divinity by comparative study, then in the future we shall be able to present the philosophy of Krishna Consciousness in comparison to other theological presentations. Actually, we are teaching the science of God; we are teaching how to develop our dormant propensity to love God. Being parts and parcels of the Supreme, we have got an eternal affinity to love God. Unfortunately, by our contact with matter we have practically forgotten that we are eternally related with God. In our Krishna Consciousness philosophy there is no question of sectarian views. Krishna Consciousness is the post-graduate study of all religious conceptions of the world. I like the idea that you should make a thorough study of all theological schools, and in the future if you can explain our Krishna Consciousness Movement as the post-graduate presentation of all theological theses, then it will be a great accomplishment. You are a grown-up boy and intelligent also, so you make your position clear and do the needful.

I hope this will find you well.

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

69-7-28

Los Angeles
11th July, 1969

My Dear Jayapataka,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated July 1, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. I am pleased to note that you are diligently going out on Samkirtan everyday, and you are managing the temple affairs nicely. You have requested that some brahmacharies may come out to help you in Montreal, but one problem is that the American boys cannot work in Montreal. This is one hindrance. I shall consult with Tamal Krishna to see if there are any boys available from the Los Angeles temple who may go there, but I do not think that these American boys will be able to hold jobs in Montreal. I am anxious to know what is the position of the French *Back To Godhead*. I received issue #3 several months ago, but since then there has been no further word about this very important publication. So please inform me what is the situation regarding French *BTG*. In Germany they are now printing a very beautiful German edition of *BTG*, and this is very, very pleasing to my Guru Maharaj because He wanted that peoples of all languages may understand this philosophy of Krishna Consciousness. Regarding further tapes of *Vedanta Sutra*, this has been suspended for the time being, but when I begin again I shall send the tapes to you. Recently we have finished our book, *Nectar of Devotion*, and now the book, *Krishna*, is in the process of being written. So when the project of *Vedanta Sutra* is again taken up I shall inform you.

You have asked if it is true that the Spiritual Master remains in the material universe until all of His disciples are transferred to the Spiritual Sky. The answer is yes, this is the rule. Therefore, every student should be very much careful

not to commit any offense which will be detrimental to this promotion to the Spiritual Kingdom, and thereby the Spiritual Master has to incarnate again to deliver him. This sort of mentality will be a kind of offense to the Spiritual Master. Out of the ten kinds of offenses, the number one offense is to disobey the orders of the Spiritual Master. The instructions given to the disciple by the Spiritual Master at the time of initiation should be strictly followed. That will make one advance to the spiritual path. But if one deliberately defies such instructions, then his advancement is hampered from the very beginning. This defying means to disconnect the relationship with the Spiritual Master. And anyone who defies and therefore disconnects the relationship with the Spiritual Master can hardly expect the assistance of the Spiritual Master life after life. I hope this will clear up this question sufficiently for you.

Please convey my blessings to the others. I am very pleased that you are working so sincerely to maintain the Montreal temple. Hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-7-29

Los Angeles
11th July, 1969

My Dear Bali Mardan,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you so much for your letter, sent along with a check for \$160. I am pleased to learn that you have now finished your college studies, and now you are going to engage yourself fully in promoting our Krishna Consciousness books. Your idea

of not working for your father is nice, and several times I have stressed that our devotees are becoming twice-born. They are dwija, or twice-born. The first birth is by the natural father and mother, and the second birth is by the Spiritual Father and the Vedic knowledge. The second birth is the real birth; the first is as good as an animal's birth. It is said by a devotee of Lord Chaitanya that in every birth we have got a certain type of father and mother, that is not very wonderful, but it is not possible in every birth to get Krishna and a Spiritual Master. Therefore, the form of life in which Krishna and the Spiritual Master is obtained is the most sublime. So I am very glad to know that you have become more affectionate for your Spiritual Father than for your natural father, and this is quite to the standard of spiritual advancement. Now Brahmananda and yourself are a good combination. Try to organize our book selling department very nicely. That will be great service to the society and to the people in general. The books we are publishing are completely novel to the Western world. We are explaining the science of devotional service in so many ways, and *Srimad Bhagavatam* especially is unique literature that the people in general should try to understand. I have got an ambition to finish the *Srimad Bhagavatam* in the same way I have already done, so try to help me as far as possible to finish this high project. If we get return from the Iskcon Book Department, then we shall be able to publish all of our books very quickly. So Brahmananda and yourself will be a good combination, and Krishna desires that you should do it exclusively.

I hope this will meet you in good health, and I thank you once more for your letter and check.

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

69-7-30

Los Angeles
11th July, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letters dated July 7th and 8th, 1969, and I beg to acknowledge receipt of your check for \$2,000. Regarding your price quotation of \$5,850 for printing soft-covered editions of *TLC*, Uddhava once quoted me a price of \$3,500 for 10,000 copies without binding. Does it mean that for binding we have to pay more than \$2,000 extra? In that case our men can bind it. Why should we pay extra if our men can do it very cheaply? Here in Los Angeles also I have been looking for printers who can do our books and magazines. I will let you know if there is any good result. Regarding New Vrindaban, immediately there is no program for investing in New Vrindaban until Hayagriva transfers the property in the society's name. But there is another program: Bhaktivinode Thakur desired that American disciple would come to Mayapur to take advantage of the birthplace of Lord Chaitanya Mahāprabhu. I wanted to make one American home there, and I asked for a piece of land there from my Godbrother, Tirtha Maharaj. He has simply acknowledged receipt of my letter, and there has been no other reply as of yet. In the meantime, Achyutananda has given hope of purchasing land there. If we purchase some land, it may be that some American people will construct a nice temple there and a home for American visitors. So what is your idea if we purchase some land there? But if we do something there, it must be done very nicely. Otherwise it will be an insult to your people who are so rich. People must go there to see the American home and the American devotees. That is my idea. I shall be glad to know your opinion about this. Regarding the straps on the mridungas be-

ing tightened, I am training Purushottam das Brahmachary in this connection. Let us see if we can manage this problem by ourselves.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-7-31

Los Angeles
11th July, 1969

My dear Jaduranie,

Please accept my blessings. I hope now you are well. You can therefore begin painting nicely Krishna picture from Tape No. 13. Read the subject matter when it is typed & draw pictures accordingly as many as possible. ACB

69-7-32

Los Angeles
11th July, 1969

My Dear Murari,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 6, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. I am so pleased to learn that you have obtained a permit for soliciting on Samkirtan Party, and now you are collecting \$60 daily. It is very encouraging news. Regarding *BTG*, you should purchase at least \$350 worth of copies per month. This means you get 2,500 copies, and the price is 15¢ per copy. The price for selling is declared at 50¢, so there is a 35¢ difference. So even if you make at least 20¢ profit per copy, that is \$500 per month for your temple. Now you have got good opportunity for selling, so you help *BTG* by contributing this amount monthly. I have heard that you have mentioned to Brahmananda that your temple will contribute \$3,000 dollars for my book fund. This is very good news for me, and try to

send it as soon as possible. I am so pleased that you are arranging for the Rathayatra Festival very nicely, and similarly in London, Buffalo, and what to speak of San Francisco, they are arranging. In San Francisco it is going to be unique thing in this world. Regarding a house, you look for a place. Krishna will provide for the funds. Now, because Los Angeles has got a nice church, the situation has improved very hopefully. They are getting all help. In Samkirtan they are collected sometimes \$250 daily, and selling *BTG* not less than 150 copies daily. Boston is not a small city, and it is better than Los Angeles because you have so many students there. So try to organize very nicely.

I have not heard anything from Lilavati for some time. How is your daughter, Subadra? I received one check from Jadurany for \$30 for my maintenance fund, and thank her very much for this. I have sent two tapes to Satsvarupa with a note to Jadurany. Please ask them to take care of them and do the needful.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

construct a temple at the birthplace of Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. My disciple, Achyutananda, is already there in search after a suitable land for developing an American home for the Krishna Conscious devotees, and when you go to India, if you cooperate with him, it will be a grand success. He is alone there, and when you go you will be two, and maybe another two American disciples may go there so jointly you can develop a nice center for the foreign students who may go to visit the holy birthplace of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. I think if you can organize it nicely there, maybe some other Americans may come and contribute for a nice temple. So keep these things in your mind. It is a hint for your work in India, and you can think this scheme over conveniently.

In the Montreal temple Jayapataka is in charge, and I hope you are also cooperating with him. It appears that things are going on nicely there. I am enclosing a letter for him, so you may kindly hand it over to him. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-7-33

Los Angeles
11th July, 1969

My Dear Gopal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 4, 1969 with the check for \$50, and I thank you very much for this. I am very glad to learn that your father will be glad to do something for our Krishna Consciousness Movement, and I am expecting his reply with great interest. When you go to India, as you asked me for something to do, and also as you have an inclination to construct a temple somewhere in India, I would request you to consider if you can

69-7-34

11th July, 1969

My Dear Shivananda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated by the post office on July 2, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. I have received one letter from Krishna Das dated July 2nd, wherein he states "I have sent to you the ticket to Europe on the 23rd of June. Have you received it yet?" As of today I have still not received this ticket, so I hope you have cancelled it already from the German airline office. I do not know what is the position with this ticket, it may be lost

in the mail, but if you have cancelled it already, there is no difficulty. Please inform me immediately what is the situation with this lost ticket.

Regarding your idea of going to Copenhagen, it is very nice, and I am always anxious to open strong temples where the chanting of Hare Krishna and Krishna Consciousness philosophy will be propagated nicely. So as Janardan is planning to begin the Paris center, you may make investigation for a center in Copenhagen. So if you think you can open such a center in Copenhagen, then please inform of what your exact idea is to begin this project, and I shall advise you accordingly. I think when I come to Hamburg we shall talk about it.

I am very pleased to note that Oliver is doing nicely, and he is now completing a Vyas Asana and a picture of Lord Chaitanya's Samkirtan. Please offer my blessings to this boy and encourage him as far as possible to continue enthusiastically as he is now doing. I am still considering that I shall be going to Germany by the beginning of August, and I hope your temple is corresponding with the London devotees regarding the plane fare for myself, and if possible, for Purushottam also.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-7-35

12th July, 1969

Manager

The Punjab National Bank

P.O. Vrindaban U.P.

INDIA

Dear Sir:

On June 18, 1969 I have sent you a draft for \$112.65, and on June 17, 1969 I have sent you a letter. I have received no

acknowledgement for either of these. Please let me know what is the actual situation in this matter. For air mail charges you may debit my account, but please do not hesitate to answer my letters promptly. Also, please let me know what is the balance in my account at the present time.

Thanking you for your immediate reply.
Sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-7-36

Los Angeles
12th July, 1969

My Dear Hayagriva,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 8, 1969, and I have noted the contents. Regarding articles for *BTG*, I have already issued instructions to all centers requesting my disciples to send articles every month, and I am going to repeat it again for the second time. You may continue to send me the Sanskrit transliterations for being corrected as I did last time. It will not be difficult for me to do the work in the same way. Your first business is to see my books and the magazine, *BTG*, published very nicely, and for this work certainly you require a very calm and quiet place. So in the absence of sufficient accommodations we may now restrict the influx of devotees to New Vrindaban. Unless we have got sufficient place it will not be possible to make separate arrangements for brahmacharies and women and children. There is sufficient place there, but there is no buildings. If we depend on our own men, I don't think we will have sufficient accommodations within the thinkable future period. We have to build by professional men, and that means we require money. That is a problem. Now I cant tax my brain how to

get this money for developing the buildings there. If automatically it grows, that is very nice, otherwise let all remain as it is, and in the course of time when Krishna desires it shall be developed. But try to keep the place peaceful without any disturbances. The girls and children who have been a source of disturbance may be for the time being asked either to build their own cottages or leave the place. I can just imagine how much disturbance it is when all around there are children howling and noisy talking.

Regarding transferring the property to the society's name, I do not know the legal implications, but so far as I do know for the time being you are not the proprietor of the land; you are the lease-holder. The lease-holder cannot transfer his possession without arrangement with the real owner. So I think legally you cannot now transfer the property to Iskcon because I know it definitely that a lease-holder or a tenant cannot make any such arrangement with a subtenant or sublease-holder. If someone does so, it is not valid. So for the time being the idea of transferring may be deferred. Let it go on as it is. In the meantime you devote your attention for first-class editorial work, and try to manage things there how to keep the inmates peaceful. There is no use to create a pandemonium. Better to keep it under your personal management to keep it nicely for your editorial work. I do not wish that you should be disturbed. In the meantime you can negotiate with the owner of the other property, and if there are suitable terms, the society can purchase that property outright. Then there will be no question of transferring your present property to the society's name. You can go on saving taxes as you are now doing, and similarly there is no question of our society paying any taxes because we are tax-free.

So far as Nara Narayan is concerned, I do not know how did you think that he

alone would be able to tear down the whole house single-handed. He sometimes promises such utopian things, but never fulfills. That is my experience. I am returning the letter you have sent in this connection. I am missing one letter said to contain my ticket from New York to Luxembourg. From Hamburg they have informed me that this ticket was sent, but I have not received it.

Regarding the usefulness or uselessness of the inmates, it all depends on proper management. You cant expect that all men and women who will be going there will be very useful. You have to make them useful by your arrangement. I am very glad to inform you that Tamal Krishna and Madhudvisa are managing so nicely in Los Angeles that they are making all men useful for Samkirtan Party purposes. Of course there is no question here of construction work. I do not find amongst our men anyone suitable for regular construction work, so we will have to engage professional men for this purpose. That is my opinion.

Please convey my blessings to Shama Dasi and the others. I hope this will meet you all in good health.

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

69-7-37

Los Angeles
12th July, 1969

Dear Carl Lange,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 9, 1969 along with your money order for \$50. I thank you very much for your contribution towards my book fund. My next publication is going to be *Nectar of Devotion* and a paperback edition of *Teachings of Lord Chaitanya*. I thank you very much for your appreciation of our

Krishna Consciousness Movement. Except for the Krishna Consciousness Movement, any other attempt for spiritual realization, such as drugs, voidness, impersonalism, bodily excersizes of Hathayoga, etc.—they are all something like unconsciousness under some super-intoxicant. Srila Rupa Goswami has given a very nice example in this connection. He says that a conditioned soul remains in the slumber of unconsciousness just like a patient bitten by a poisonous snake. In India there is a class of snake-charmers and physicians who treat snake-bitten persons with a particular type of jungle herbs. This treatment is to bring the herb near the nostrils of the patient for being smelled, and then the patient comes back to consciousness and finds relief from the snake bite effect. In our conditioned life we are bitten by so many types of Maya snakes, and more and more we are put into unconsciousness of mind without any hope of eternal life. Krishna Consciousness is the only herb for such Maya snake-bite condition. So our duty is very responsible. We have to awaken so many snake-bitten patients under the spell of Maya. A sincere soul like you will be a great help in this movement of Krishna Consciousness. I am glad that you are reading our *Bhagavad Gita As It Is* and *Teachings of Lord Chaitanya*. You will get much enlightenment from them. Also you should read *Back To Godhead* and *Srimad Bhagavatam*, and surely your life will be sublime. In the future we expect you to be a great preacher of this movement to the world.

I am glad to learn that you are coming to San Francisco for the Rathayatra Ceremony, and I am so much obliged to you for contributing each month for the book fund. Thanking you once more. I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-7-38

Los Angeles
12th July, 1969

My Dear Vamandev,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 2, 1969, and I am very glad that you are now in the Columbus center and you are working nicely to help the devotees there. You also write to say that you have a good job that will further train you in carpentry skills, so do this nicely. It is a good opportunity. If you want to marry, you may inform all the centers that you are looking for a wife, and if a girl is willing to marry, there is no objection. It is a nice idea. But if you marry, you will have to work to provide for your family, and try to spend at least 50% for Krishna. Regarding your Gayatri Mantra, most probably I will go to New York for a short time at the end of this month before going to Germany, and I shall let you know the exact day so you may arrange to meet me while I am there. Be very strong in Krishna Consciousness always, and I am sure that Krishna will bestow all of His Blessings upon you.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-7-39

Los Angeles
12th July, 1969

My Dear Jaya Gopal,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 4, 1969, and I have carefully noted the contents. For the time being you should go on with your work there. I shall consult with Tamal Krishna, and if possible I shall try to send devotees there to help you. In the meantime you should continue going out on Samkirtan as much as possible and preach to the many boys and girls

with whom you come into contact there. Krishna Consciousness is the absolute need of the present day society, and there are many people who will come to join us if we simply make these teachings of *Bhagavad Gita* and rest of the Vedic literature available to them. So try to sell *Back to Godheads* as far as you are able to do with only Arundhuti and yourself on Samkirtan Party, and soon others will come to join you. I have no objection to sending you some men from Los Angeles, but you also should try to recruit some men from amongst the residents of Columbus. That is the best plan. Simply let them hear our chanting, invite them to our temple Love Feasts, and automatically some intelligent boys and girls will become interested to associate with our movement. You are a very sincere worker, so go on increasing your enthusiasm, and you will see how Krishna provides everything nicely for your center.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-7-40

Los Angeles
13th July, 1969

My Dear Goursundar,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 9, 1969 along with the copy of the article, and I have noted that your new address is Box 1684, Sunset Beach, Hawaii. I think it is Krishna's desire that you would vacate the former building and go to the hippy quarters. Actually, the hippies are our best customers. Almost all of our important disciples are recruited from that group, and you are also from that group. So actually we should try to serve the hippy group more than others because there is great potency of recruiting

Krishna Consciousness devotees from them. You will be pleased to know that one hippy girl named Chris who came to see me in your apartment is now living in our Los Angeles temple and doing very nicely. So if you make propaganda amongst the hippy group simply by our standard method; Samkirtan, reading some portion of *Bhagavad Gita*, and distributing prasadam, then I am sure the quarters in which you have now shifted will be very much prospective. Besides that, it is a beach and the atmosphere is very nice. So by the Grace of Krishna do it nicely, husband and wife combined. That will be a good example. I was so much pleased with Govinda Dasi and with you also when I heard about her spirited preaching and your tolerance like Nityananda Prabhu. May Lord Chaitanya and Nityananda Prabhu bestow Their blessing upon you, and don't be deterred in any circumstances. Serve Krishna with serious attempt. Your article is very nice and gradually you shall improve. Go on writing. It is my policy to publish as many as possible of articles by my disciples. *BTG* should contain news of our temples, articles, pictures of our activities, etc. The bunch of pictures you have sent have been forwarded to Brahmananda for publication.

Regarding *BTG*, I am so glad to learn that your center will be a good distributing place. Do you think that you shall be able to distribute 3,000 copies? Then I shall ask Japan to deliver the copies directly to you. We are charging from different centers \$750 for 5,000 copies of *BTG*. Similarly, for 3,000 copies you have to pay proportionately, and the marginal profit will be 25¢ to 35¢ per copy. So even if you make 25¢ profit, and you can sell 3,000, that means about \$750 to \$1,000 profit. If you pay \$750 per month, you get 5,000 copies, and by selling only 1,500 copies you realize your investment money, and

you have 3,500 more copies to distribute. So we have to calculate business like that. If you think you can sell 3,000 copies, I shall notify Japan to send them directly to you.

I am always thinking of Govinda Dasi. Although she is young and delicate almost always suffering from some ailment, still he is so sincere devotee and spirited preacher that I have named her Heroine Govinda Dasi. May Krishna bless you both and be happy in the preaching work of Krishna Consciousness. Gradually convert the Hawaii Islands into New Nabadwip Dham. I am sure you can do it if you go on preaching with the same present spirit and enthusiasm.

I hope this will meet you in good health. Please convey my blessings to the others.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-7-41

Los Angeles
13th July, 1969

My Dear Bhagavandas and
Krishna Bhamini,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you both so much for your encouraging letter of July 9, 1969. I am so pleased to learn that you are now in Detroit and already you have begun some program to introduce the residents there to this sublime practice of Krishna Consciousness. You are both very sincere souls I know, and Krishna will help you in every way as you continue to work nicely. As you have requested to be sent a nice householder couple to come and help you, I am going to arrange with Hansadutta and Himavati that they may go there soon to join you in Detroit. They are both very exemplary devotees, and they are already trained in managing all areas of Samkirtan Party and

temple affairs. So their presence will be a great help to you. I understand that Hansadutta works best when he can be in charge of the situation, so when he arrives he may act as the temple president and you shall be his assistants. When I speak with Hansadutta and Himavati in San Francisco during Rathayatra Festival we shall make definite arrangements as to when they shall arrive. In the meantime, I am very pleased with both of your nice attitudes and endeavors, and may Krishna bless you for this.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-7-42

Los Angeles
13th July, 1969

My Dear Hansadutta,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 7, 1969, and I have carefully noted the contents. Rather than answering your points now, I think when we meet again in San Francisco Rathayatra Ceremony we shall discuss things. But one thing is that I have a very nice place in mind where yourself and Himavati may go to help start one temple. In Detroit there is one very nice household couple, Bhagavandas and Krishna Bhamini, and I am thinking that you would be ideal to go there and organize the temple as the president and propagate Samkirtan Party. So we shall discuss this at length in San Francisco.

Please convey my blessings to Himavati and Ananda and the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-7-43

Los Angeles
15th July, 1969

My Dear Yamuna and Gurudas,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of Yamuna Dasi's letters of July 3rd and 7th, 1969, as well as Gurudas' letters of July 1st, 4th and 8th, 1969. I have noted all the contents carefully, and I am so glad to know that you are arranging so nicely the temple paraphernalia as well as the Rathayatra Festival. You have got two great responsibilities to function. Do it to your best capacity, and Krishna will give you all facilities without fail. Our principle should be to serve Krishna very diligently with love and faith, and all necessary supplies will come without any difficulties. As you are all sincere devotees, I am sure you are feeling the great assistance of Krishna through your activities, and the more you serve the more you will know how you are making progress in Krishna Consciousness. The same example has to be repeated how when a hungry man is given foodstuffs to eat, automatically he feels three kinds of symptoms: satisfaction of hunger, strength and pleasure. So this Krishna Consciousness Movement is based on sincere service to the Lord. We shall always remember this, and then success is assured. I am glad that you are expecting me there during Janmastami Day, and this is a very nice proposal. Even if I go to Germany in the meantime, it will not be difficult for me to come to London during Janmastami Festival, which takes place on the 4th of September.

Please convey my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-7-44

Los Angeles
15th July, 1969

My Dear Bibhavati,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you for your letter of July 11, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. Regarding your proposal of writing a book about childraising, I do not think this is required with all the other writings that we have to do. And besides that, you are not the master of this subject, so who will read such a book? I have seen in your article on Mr. Lennon that you have a very nice gift for writing, so better you should utilize this God-given talent for writing articles for our *Back To Godhead*. There is immediate necessity for this, and for this writing you are qualified because you are a sincere devotee of this Krishna Consciousness Movement. So why not write nice articles of this philosophy as you have assimilated it? This will be a very great service because we are now converting *BTG* to exclusively contain articles by my disciples and myself, along with many pictures of our Samkirtan activities. So if you can write some words about Krishna Consciousness and send them to Brahma-landa in New York, that will be very nice engagement for you.

Regarding your questions about sex life, the basic principle is that in executing Krishna Consciousness sex life should be avoided as far as possible, and it may be utilized only for begetting Krishna Consciousness children. This is the basic principle that should be followed as far as possible by all married individuals. During the period of pregnancy sex life should be strictly avoided. The basic idea of raising children as they are described in the Vedic literature is that from birth till the age of five years the parents may be very lenient with the child. From the ages six to ten they should tighten the discipline of their child, and from the ages of ten till the

sixteenth year the parents should be as strict as a tiger with their child so that he will be afraid to be disobedient at all. Then after the sixteenth year the parents shall treat their child as a friend, and the child is allowed to gradually develop his adult responsibility and independence. Regarding your other questions, yes, you may wear any clothing that you find comfortable; no, it is not very good to use yeast in preparing prasadam. It is better to prepare bread in the process as you have seen done in the temple. I hope this will answer all of your important questions. I have also received one letter from Ishandas dated July 4, 1969, and his camp program sounds interesting. I am anxious to know what are your plans for going to London because now I understand they have facilities to accommodate you and your husband. So either yourself or Ishandas may write to me to inform me.

69-7-45

Los Angeles
15th July, 1969

My Dear Jadurany,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your recent letter, and I have noted the contents. Regarding Festivals in Boston, you may hold as many as possible. If you can hold such festivals daily, that is also nice. Our movement is for ananda, simply bliss, and the method of pushing this movement is chanting, dancing, feasting and philosophizing. So in our almanac there are many festivals in every month. I am enclosing some festivals which were already held in Los Angeles, and if you perform them, I will give you a long list of others. But don't embarrass yourself at present with greater plans than you can handle. The more you get devotees the more you will be able to perform nice festivals.

I am glad that Boston is improving in

so many ways. So far as painting is concerned, you can begin now. I have already advised you this in a note enclosed with Tape #14 of *Krishna*. So read the *Krishna* tape transcriptions and draw pictures as many as possible. Each picture should be very much attractive, colorful and nice so that people will appreciate these paintings also. Our standard size will be like *TLC*, and you can make the pictures accordingly. According to my idea the pictures should be proportionate to 8 1/2 x 11. The style of the book will be like *TLC* so far as paper, print and binding are concerned.

Please convey my blessings to Sat-svarupa and the others. I hope this will meet you all in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-7-46

Los Angeles
15th July, 1969

UNITED SHIPPING CORPORATION
14/2 Old China Bazar Street (Block 18)
Calcutta-1, INDIA
ATT: Sri Prabhas Babu

Dear Prabhus Babu,

I am in due receipt of your letter of July 10, 1969, along with enclosures, and I have noted the contents carefully. As you have requested, I have amended the invoices for the 260 pcs. of books, and I am enclosing the same in triplicate for you to do the needful with. One thing I must mention is that I have been informed that the mridungas which you have previously sent to us were received in defective order because the crates in which they had been packed somehow or other had become wet and therefore spoiled the quality of the instruments. I therefore request you to take precaution against this danger of water seeping through the crates by packing mridungas and all such damageable items in tarmaline or some such protective

covering before they are placed in the crates for being dispatched to the USA. We have unlimited number of instruments and other goods which we shall be needing from India, so if arrangement can be made for these goods to be sent safely and promptly, there is so much business which we shall give you.

Please inform me of what measures you shall be taking to protect our goods from the danger of water seeping in through the crates. I am awaiting your early reply.

Sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pdb

69-7-47

Los Angeles
15th July, 1969

My Dear Pradyumna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 14, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. I am pleased to note that everything is going on very harmoniously in your temple, and this is a symptom that you are all executing your Krishna Conscious duties nicely. You mention that you are fixing up your temple for nice Love feast program and this is cent per cent approved by me. Try to have very nice Love feasts, because here in Los Angeles they are constantly attracting more and more members to join them, and the Love feast program is one of the very strong attracting influences. This program of offering grand scale quantities of prasadam amongst the general people was encouraged by Lord Chaitanya, because if someone partakes of the remnants of offerings to Lord Krishna, then he is sure to come back to Krishna Consciousness again at one time or another. So propagate our processes of Samkirtan, sumptuous Love feasts, and

reading literatures of Krishna Consciousness, and surely many persons will be attracted to join this sublime movement.

Regarding the Composer Machine, let things go on as quickly as possible, and when the earliest time can be set up, then Arundhuti and Shama Dasi will learn how to operate the machine. This Composer is a vital part of our book program, so if you can do it combinedly very nicely, it will be the greatest service to my Guru Maharaj.

Please convey my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you all in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
N.B.: I have spoken with Tamal Krishna, and he will soon arrange to send you one brahmachary to help you in your Samkirtan activities.

69-7-48

Los Angeles
15th July, 1969

My Dear Shyamsundar,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 6, 1969, and it is very encouraging. The best thing is that you have now a first-class building for a temple at 7 Bury Place. It doesn't matter if things are going a little slow; but make everything slow but sure. That is a good principle. To do things hastily and incorrectly is not good. There is a proverb in Bengali *sabure mawaphale*. This means that all valuable nuts like almonds, macadamias, walnuts, coconuts, etc. all take a long time to fructify. Anything valuable takes a little time to come into existence. Therefore there is no harm in waiting for the best thing. But everything is well that ends well: That should be the principle.

I am glad that your friendship with Mr. George Harrison is gradually working, so much so that he is now prepared to spend

\$3,000 for and altar slab and a block of bluish marble for carving Krishna or Lord Chaitanya. For Lord Chaitanya yellowish marble or white marble should be used. If yellowish golden colored marble is available, that is very nice. Another thing is that these Forms should be worshipped. Our Deity worship is not heathenism. If we keep Forms of the Lord without worshipping the Deity under regulative principles, it will gradually turn into idol worship, which is an offense. The Deity of the Lord and the Lord Himself are identical. Krishna can act through the Deity perfectly. As I have given several times the example, the mailbox can act perfectly as the post office because it is authorized. Similarly, when the Deity is installed under authorized regulative principles, the Deity is as good as Krishna Himself. So you may advise your friend on this principle. But I am so much pleased that he is coming forward to offer his hard-earned money for Krishna's purpose. I am also glad to learn that George has purchased one nice house for his family, and there he will be building a very rich altar which will be bedecked with jewels and gold work. I have already given you one design for the throne. If such throne is made with golden or silver pillars, platform, ceiling, and canopy bedecked with jewels, and if the Deity is kept within such throne, it will be a super-excellent manifestation. So when you do such work you can consult me, and I shall give you some right directions. I am also glad to learn that you are going to press some records of the Hare Krishna Mantra with the help of the Beatles and Co., cooperated with some of the celebrated artists like Donovan and the Rolling Stones. It is a very good opportunity that you are making friendship with these famous men, and if you can turn them as they are already a little inclined towards Krishna Consciousness, then our Samkirtan Movement through all these fa-

mous artists and gentlemen will take a shape which will be appreciated all over the world.

I am also glad to know that Rathayatra arrangements are going nicely, and so also in your country, especially in San Francisco, Boston, Buffalo, as well as New York. There also they are arranging nicely. Most probably in Boston it will be as good as in San Francisco. In San Francisco they are making good advertisement, and they are expecting a very good crowd. I am going there on the 26th of July. I hope you will send me the pictures of your world famous parade in London. Send all detailed pictures to Brahmananda for publication in *BTG*. If possible, invite some Indian press representatives to report to the Indian papers how the Vedic culture is being accepted by Americans and Europeans.

I have prepared a nice book, *Krishna*, and I want to print it in a deluxe edition. If some of your friends finance this publication, it will be a unique presentation to the world. This will contain Krishna's life from the beginning of His Appearance to His Disappearance from this mortal world. It will contain all of His activities throughout. It is full of philosophy, instructions, transcendental pastimes and artistic pictures.

Please convey my blessings to your good wife, Malati, and your daughter, Saraswati. I hope this will meet you all in good health.

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

69-7-49

Los Angeles
16th July, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter, one undated, and the others dated July 12th and 14th,

1969. Regarding the house on 43rd Street, I think you have made the correct decision in not taking this place during the summer because now you have so much Samkirtan activities to devote your energy to, and things are improving gradually as you are now performing your activities. So now you devote your time to Samkirtan Party and the Book Department. I have been taking price quotations from various printers in Los Angeles, and it does not look very hopeful at all that they will be able to compete with our other prices from New York, so as you have requested to be in charge of all aspects of our book publication, I think you are very qualified for this, so please do it very nicely with the help of the others. Regarding your plan for advertising membership in *BTG*, that is nice. I do not see how we can insist that all members must follow the four regulative principles, but this is certainly our recommendation to anyone who is serious about pursuing Krishna Consciousness.

So far as United Shipping is concerned, there is no use of us now utilizing letters of credit, because they are now accustomed to dealing with us more suitably. So they should now send documents through the bank, and we shall pay for them upon receipt of these documents. That will be the best means of dealing with them now. Regarding *BTG*, if London is unable to sell as much as we had expected, then don't have them sent directly there from Japan anymore. As they require you may dispatch their order to them. I understand that Hawaii is a very nice place for selling *BTG*, so you may open correspondence with Goursundar to see if he can purchase 5,000 copies monthly for \$750. If you can increase the number of copies to 25,000 monthly, that is the nicest idea, and then you will get 25% less for discount on these extra 5,000 copies. We want to distribute as many issues of *BTG* as possible, so the more you

can print and distribute, the more my Guru Maharaj will be pleased to see His Great Dream being fulfilled. Regarding our boys doing the binding work on the books, if there is only saving of less than \$800, then I think that they shall be able to collect more funds by begging. So which ever way will be more practical you should do it. But I think if the boys can make the same or greater amount by collecting on the street and by working, then they should continue in this way. I am surprised to learn that some of Krishna's money, \$250, was misplaced and was found by you simply lying around. So from now on no money should be kept where it will be misplaced. Better is that all cash money should be deposited immediately in the bank so there will be no chance of losing it. This Samkirtan Party and our Book Department are very, very important; they are our right and left hands, so everything should be done very carefully and in remembrance that this is Krishna's business that we are executing. Because we are doing Krishna's business does not mean that we should be less careful, but it means we should be much more careful than someone who is performing activities simply for sense gratification. So instruct the boys in that way.

Regarding land in India, I am corresponding with Achyutananda in this connection, and let us see how things develop. There is no need of you corresponding with him directly in this connection. Gargamuni has arrived here safely yesterday, and already he and Tamal Krishna are making plans to open 108 centers within a three year period. So I very much appreciate how my disciples are taking this movement to their heart of hearts, and are working very sincerely to propagate it. Another thing is, you may negotiate with the First National City Bank where I have got my account as to how we may start an account in their

Calcutta Branch in the name of our International Society for Krishna Consciousness. We are doing so much business with India now, so if we can manage payment in American dollars, it will prevent all difficulties with the Reserve Bank. So please do this and inform me of your activities in this connection.

Please convey my blessings to the others, I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-7-50

Los Angeles
17th July, 1969

My Dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for the *Krishna* Tape #13 along with your letter of July 12, 1969, and I am enclosing herewith Tape #16. Now I shall expedite work on the *Krishna* book, as I have completed *The Nectar of Devotion*. Please let me know exactly how far you have finished the *Bhagavatam* thus far. I am glad that Giriraj is doing very nicely. Krishna has sent a good soul for pushing on this Krishna Consciousness Movement. Please keep him nicely. As of yet I have not received the money which you have mentioned in your letter. Regarding your nice Samkirtan collections, this should be kept in a separate account so that it may help in some great emergency. You should become a little spendthrift. I know that you do this, but still I am reminding you. I am so pleased that you will be holding a grand scale Rathayatra Ceremony, and in London also they are planning a very glorious function with at least 5,000 guests participating.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-7-51

Los Angeles
17th July, 1969

Dear Sri Goswami,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 5, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. Regarding the plot of land you have mentioned, I do not think it will be big enough for our purposes because we want at least 10 bighas and not 10 kottas. I you have got any land around this larger size, then please write to us. Another possibility is, as you say there are many Vaishnava temples in Serampore, if any big temple is in difficulty financially, we can take charge of this temple and improve it and maintain it nicely. So if you know of any prospective temples where this could be arranged, please inform us.

You will be pleased to know that in the Western World also there will be held several grand scale Rathayatra Festivals. Our temples in San Francisco, London, Boston, Buffalo and New York are all planning very gorgeous parades and ceremonies very similar to the ones held in Puri.

I thank you again for your letter, and I await your reply if you will be able to help us in obtaining a plot of land of 10 bighas or a temple for us to take charge of.

Sincerely,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pdb

69-7-52

Los Angeles
20th July, 1969

My Dear Gajendra,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter of July 17, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. The sentiments you have expressed are very nice, and they are just suiting for spiritual advancement. The actual Vaishnava always feels himself lowly and

unqualified, but this submissiveness and humbleness is his actual qualification for becoming perfect in Krishna Consciousness. In material life everyone is thinking that I am so wonderful, I am so expert, but actually the living entity is an insignificant spark of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Sri Krishna. So when we see we are becoming aware of our infinitesimal nature, then we begin to also understand something of how infinitely great Krishna is. One cannot be falsely puffed up and still expect to make progress in spiritual life. Rather one must learn to accept his constitutional position of Krishna's tiny servant. Then Krishna is pleased to reveal Himself to such devotee, and the devotee becomes more and more perfect in rendering transcendental service to the Lord.

Regarding your proposal for distributing *BTG* through the agency you have contacted, I do not think this is very good idea at this time. Tamal Krishna has arranged so that there will be six devotees there in Seattle very soon, so there will be no need for such distribution arrangement. This agency is offering you only 25 cents per issue sold, and by Kirtan Party you will receive 50 cents per copy. Another thing is that we have found that our sales are much better through our personal endeavors on Kirtan Party, so this agency will simply be holding so many copies for one month, and what they do not sell will again be given back to you to sell on Samkirtan Party. They have asked you to advance \$50 for their "Paperwork", but in Los Angeles there was one distributor who was taking 400 copies monthly and he did not request such fee. So as you will be having several new men there to help you after the Rathayatra Festival, Samkirtan Party will be the better way of distributing *BTG*. Regarding your question about offering camphor in aratrik, I do not know why you should be having trouble

with smoke and soot by this offering. If you use smaller pieces of camphor this may alleviate the problem, or perhaps you are not using the right kind of camphor. Here we are using camphor for aratrik twice daily and there is no such problem. Of course, if it is too inconvenient, there does not have to be a camphor offering, but I do not know why this should be so. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-7-53

Los Angeles
21st July, 1969

My Dear Balai,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you so much for your letter of July 15, 1969, and I think of you very often that you are a most ideal devotee wife. Your husband, Advaita, is working very hard and nicely in Krishna Consciousness, and when the husband is executing his activities very nicely it is credit not only to the husband himself, but it is a credit to his wife also. In materialistic marriages generally there are too many troubles and frustrations because the basic principle for both the husband and wife is their own personal sense gratification. Therefore there is inevitable conflict and divorce petition. But in a Krishna Conscious marriage the basic principle is for both husband and wife to serve Krishna nicely and to help the partner advance in spiritual life. In this way both the husband and wife are true benefactors for one another and there is no question of any serious conflicts or separation. So I am sure that to have such nice parents who are devotees of Lord Krishna, your child Nandini is very, very fortunate. In *Bhagavad Gita* Krishna instructs us that for one to be born in the family of devotees means that such

person was the most pious of all living entities. So raise Nandini very carefully in Krishna Consciousness, and surely Krishna will bestow all blessings upon you and your family. Regarding your question about the ceremony of offering *Srimad Bhagavatam* and some coins to your child, yes, this may be done. Several months ago this same ceremony was performed with Vishnu Arti, the daughter of Krishna Devi and Dinesh Chandra, and Vishnu Arti chose the *Bhagavatam*.

Please convey my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-7-54

Los Angeles
21st July, 1969

My Dear Kirtanananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 16, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. I am so pleased to learn that everything is going very nicely in new Vrindaban now, and the men, women and children devotees are all happily executing their daily functions. I have received the cheeze you have sent, and although it was nice, there are yet some improvements to be made. The improvements are that first you should put the cheeze in a frying pan and stir vigorously, adding 1/4 of sugar. While on the fire it should be stirred and mixed as nicely as possible. Then while it is cooling it should still be stirred as nicely as possible. Then when it is cooled you should knead it to make dough. When it is soft enough you can shape it into squares or round shapes as you like. The cheeze you have already

sent was not bad, but this procedure will improve upon it further.

Please convey my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you all in good health.

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

69-7-55

Los Angeles
21st July, 1969

My Dear Giriraj,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 14, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. When Lord Chaitanya was discussing with Ramananda Roy "who is the best educated man," the answer was that a person who is in Krishna Consciousness is the topmost educated man. Similarly, Prahlad Maharaj stated before his father that one who has taken to Krishna Consciousness, he is supposed to be the best educated man. In *Srimad Bhagavatam* also it is said that unless a man is Krishna Conscious, his external advancement of knowledge has no value. On the other hand, any person who is on the platform of Krishna Consciousness is supposed to have acquired all the good qualities of the demigods. So your present engagement is very nice; neither I think that you can be better educated in the universities. Practically we find that in your country there are so many big universities, and the government arranges for educating the entire population, but still the hippies are coming out from the educational institutions. It is understood that in some of the big universities the entire student body has turned to be hippies. Of course the hippy philosophy is nice in the sense that they have been disgusted with the materialistic way of life. Therefore they want to renounce this stereotyped

way of life. Unfortunately, they have no good leader, neither they have information that there is another beautiful life in Krishna Consciousness.

I am so pleased to learn that you have taken Krishna Consciousness as the most valuable gift. One who can understand this, is not an ordinary living entity, but is the most fortunate. I think therefore that in all circumstances you should steadfastly continue your Krishna Consciousness engagement, rather than joining any more universities. So far as the draft board is concerned, I may inform you that we are arranging our institutions to be recognized by the draft board. In that case all our students will be taken as divinity students. Already some of our students have avoided being drafted by this way. So that is not a problem. If you are engaged in Krishna's service, He will give you all protection from all kinds of obstacles.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-7-56

Los Angeles
22nd July, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 18, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. I am pleased to note that under your direction Bali Mardan, Jayadvaita, Rishi Kumar, Chandan Acharya, Nayana Bhiram and Joel Chalson are all working very nicely. It is a good combination, so make this combination stronger and improve it. You write to say that the Printing Department has \$3,000. Does this mean \$3,000 including the collection from selling *TLC*? In my idea the softcover edition should be printed by realizing money

from the hardcover edition in which you have already invested \$6,000. That should be our business policy. I wish to know how much you have collected thus far by selling *TLC* hardcover. That amount may be invested in printing softcover edition. Or if you think that the softcover edition will have immediate good sales, then we can invest the extra amount. I do not think that putting the advertisement on the cover as you have mentioned it will be very good. Everything should be exactly like it is, with the addition of the index. But the cover, the printing and the paper should be exactly as they are in the present edition. The price for the softcover copy should not be less than \$2.95. Another thing is that if Macmillan Co. has decided to not print our *Bhagavatam*, then this also will have to be printed by ourselves immediately.

I have received the copies you have sent of *BTG* no. 25 and no. 26. They are nice, but I notice that in no. 26 the first article does not have any adjustment for the margins. I do not know why this is. Your idea of changing the cover border to blue is nice. Black color should not be so prominent on the cover. Blue, red and yellow should be given. You have suggested that on every back cover there will be a picture of me in *BTG*, but I think a better proposal is that on page one or page three you may have a picture of me one month, then Guru Maharaj, then Gour Kishore das Babaji, then Bhaktivinode Thakur, then Jagannath das Babaji, then Lord Chaitanya. This will be very nice, showing the Guru Parampara. Regarding the trip to Argentina, if it is not possible, then forget it. But do not be misled by the man who is described in your letter as "like Mr. Payne". If someone's character is doubtful, we should not associate with him and get into trouble.

Regarding opening a temple in Washington, you may consult with Tamal Krishna

about this. He is planning to have a center opened in Chicago. I would prefer to have a branch opened in Washington as you have suggested, but consult with Tamal Krishna to discuss. The best idea is if both centers are opened at the same time. Regarding London's order of *BTGs*, unless they pay then the shipment should not be sent there. Let them order and sell as they are able to do.

Regarding the Printing Department. I have already informed Advaita that Los Angeles will not be good for this purpose. Immediately we should print the softcover edition of *TLC*, and then we shall see about opening our own press. So far as the technical machinery is concerned I think Advaita should be in charge. For selling and layout work your department will do it under your able direction. This arrangement will be nice.

I am enclosing a picture of Gour Kishore das Babaji for printing in *BTG*. You may also print pictures of great acharyas in our line, such as Ramanuga Acharya and Madhyacharya. I have not yet heard any word from Germany about my going there, so this program is not fixed up at present.

Please convey my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in very good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-7-57

Los Angeles
22nd July, 1969

My Dear Joel Chalson,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your contribution of \$200. From your previous letter as well as this letter it appears that you are the right person to grasp the philosophy of Krishna Consciousness, and you have got good as-

sociation of the devotees in New York. Also you are giving nice service so you have got very good opportunity. Please read our literatures carefully, and try to give service to Krishna as far as possible. Whenever you are in doubt you can ask me, and I am at your service. But one point you should not miss is that this life is very important to awaken our dormant Krishna Consciousness, and we should not miss this opportunity in any circumstance. That would be a great blunder. We must be very cautious to not fall prey to the clutches of Maya because in this material world Maya is very prominent although Krishna is everything. Maya and Krishna are just like the sunshine and darkness: the darkness has no independent existence without the sun. But still the darkness is existing in some corner of the sunlight. If we therefore always keep ourselves exposed to the open sunlight, there is no cause of being attacked by the darkness. If you keep yourself faced to the sunlight, you will never see the darkness, and as soon as you turn your back to the sun, then immediately you find in your front a huge shadow of your own body. This shadow is Maya, and if you turn to the sun, to Krishna, then there is no shadow. Therefore, Krishna should always be in the front of us, and Maya will disappear automatically without any separate attention. Yogis and jnanis artificially try to get rid of Maya, but in spite of their much endeavor for spiritual realization they are still in the Kingdom of Maya. The conclusion that God is impersonal or that everyone is God is the statement of a person who is in Maya. In other words, anything which is a setback to the realization of Krishna Consciousness is Maya. Anyone who is not in Krishna Consciousness is supposed to be in Maya, and anyone who is in full Krishna Consciousness is out of the clutches of Maya. This is the statements of the Vedic literatures, and

we should try to understand and follow the principles.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-7-58

Los Angeles
22nd July, 1969

Dear Martin Malles,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter post-dated July 17, 1969, and I have carefully noted the contents. I am very pleased to note that you have been coming to our Krishna Consciousness temple in New York and what you are learning there from the disciples and from our literature is provoking you to think very deeply on the matters of self-realization. Actually, what the devotees there are telling you about the Hatha Yoga system is correct. In *Bhagavad Gita* you will find confirmation of the fact that this Hatha Yoga system is not so easy process as you have been led to believe by various "masters". To do actual Hatha Yoga one must not live in the city, but he must go to a sacred spot, and completely freed from all attachments and all material desires and disturbances, he must concentrate his mind upon the Lord within his heart. This process is not completed in just six months time, but it extends over many, many lifetimes. So in this age of Kali Yuga it is not possible to faithfully follow the procedures of Hatha Yoga because our minds are too restless and our lives are very brief. Therefore, the Lord has descended upon this earth five hundred years ago as Lord Chaitanya to encourage the process among all men of chanting the Holy Names of God, the Hare Krishna Mantra. This chanting will

immediately captivate the hearts and minds of all sincere souls, and therefore it is the prime benediction for the most fallen souls of the age of Kali Yuga. If you will continue to come to our temple and associate with the devotees as much as possible, you will see practically how you are making very, very nice progress in spiritual advancement. Krishna Consciousness is not some invented process nor is it some brought to America in an altered form. Krishna Consciousness is the bonafide process of God-realization that has brought so many great saints and sages to the perfectional level of knowledge of God. Therefore I request you to scientifically and seriously follow the principles of Krishna Consciousness as they are recommended by Lord Krishna Himself in the *Bhagavad Gita* and many other Vedic literatures, and I am sure you will come out successful. When you have questions you should consult with Brahma-ananda or the other devotees, and if you like you may ask your questions to me.

I hope this will find you well.

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

69-7-59

Los Angeles
22nd July, 1969

My Dear Shivananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 17, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. The first thing I must mention is that I have still not received the ticket to Germany which Krishna das informed me in a previous letter was already sent to me. So I am anxious to know what is the position with this ticket. Also, I have written that I am prepared to go to

Germany by the beginning of August if you will make arrangements in this way, but I have as yet to hear any further word on this matter. I would like to know what you and Krishna das are planning in this connection so I can make my schedule accordingly.

Jayagovinda was correct in his observation that Radha-Krishna Pastimes should not be discussed at the present time. Unless one is highly elevated in spiritual understanding it is risky to discuss these Pastimes. Chaitanya Mahaprabhu never discussed Radha-Krishna Leela with ordinary persons. We have so many other things to discuss; what is the soul, what is bhakti. To understand Radha and Krishna's Pastimes, that is our aim, but we should not indulge in this at present. Then there is sure to be misunderstanding.

Regarding Copenhagen, if there is possibility, we wish to open many such branches. But your main business at present is Samkirtan and selling literature, and this is similarly very important work. You write that you are interested in learning how to print, and if you have time for this, then Jayagovind can instruct you. I wish that all of our Krishna Consciousness literatures may be available to men of all languages throughout the world, so whatever assistance you can give in this connection is always appreciated. But your main business at the present moment is to propagate Samkirtanto all the people of Germany. This is also very great service.

So please inform Krishna das to tell me immediately what is the position of my going to Germany in the month of August. I hope this will meet you all in good health.

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

69-7-60

Los Angeles
23rd July, 1969

Manager
The Punjab National Bank Ltd.
Brabourne Road Branch
Calcutta, INDIA
RE: SAVINGS FUND ACCOUNT #2595

Dear Sir:

I beg to inform you that I wish to send you at least 1,000 American dollars for the purpose of purchasing Indian goods; such as Musical instruments, books, utensils, incense, etc. The idea is that my supplier will present the shipping documents, and you shall pay him the required money under my instruction, with the certificate that this money is received from America. In this way there will be no difficulty for Indian exchange regulations, and you shall send me directly the shipping documents here for clearance.

Kindly send me your necessary information in this connection by return of post so I can immediately transfer 1,000 American dollars to my above account. Also please let me know what is the balance in my credit at the present moment.

Sincerely,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-7-61

Los Angeles
23rd July, 1969

My Dear Vamandev,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 21, 1969 sent Special Delivery, and I have noted the contents carefully. I am pleased to learn that you are situated nicely in Columbus and now Indira Dasi has agreed to become your wife. This is very nice, and I don't think there is any need of worrying about her mother's request that she continues to go to school.

She is old enough now, and if she wishes to come to Columbus as your wife, then this is her decision, and I do not see that the mother should object to this. So you may inform her in this way. When this is settled up I shall inform you as to where and when the marriage ceremony is to be performed.

Please convey my blessings to the other devotees there. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-7-62

Los Angeles
23rd July, 1969

My Dear Modan Mohon,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter (undated), and I have noted the contents carefully. I am sorry to learn that your health is not very good at the present time. The best thing is that you rest for some time until you are feeling stronger. When Jadurany was feeling very weak I advised her to take complete rest until she was stronger, and then I advised her to go out on Samkirtan Party. So you may follow the same procedure of taking as much rest as you feel you require, and then when you feel it is all right you resume your activities. There is no question of indexing the *Bhagavad Gita As It Is* in your present condition. When your health has improved we shall talk of work for you.

Please convey my blessings to the others. I hope this will find you with improved condition of health.

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

69-7-63

Los Angeles
24th July, 1969

My Dear Pradyumna,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 22, 1969 with enclosures, and I have noted the contents. So far as *devanagari* character is concerned, you can correspond with Remington Typewriter Company. In India, in most of the government offices *devanagari* type is used for correspondence, and Remington Typewriter Company has got contract with the government to supply the typewriters. So I am sure they can supply you with a *devanagari* typewriter. I am expecting this printing of our literature, especially *Srimad Bhagavatam*, with *devanagari* type and diacritic transliteration will be completely entrusted to you. So you cannot type everything from the IBM. That is not possible. In the IBM machine you shall do the English work and the diacritic transliteration work. So far as the *devanagari* type is concerned, you have to do it with the help of another machine, and either you will have to paste on the lines or adopt some other device so that they can be joined. That shall be the process. But if we publish our *Srimad Bhagavatam* exactly in the way I have already begun it, it will be a unique contribution. The scholars only require diacritic marks. Then it is all right. That should be very correct and standard. If there is *devanagari* character it is still better. Otherwise, correct transliterations will do. So you think over this matter seriously and train your wife for composing, and help her to the best possible way.

I am glad that you are also holding a Rathayatra Festival. I am going tomorrow to San Francisco to participate in the same Rathayatra Festival there. We received report from New York that they have collected last week \$1,000, and they are

selling at a rate of 200 copies of *BTG* daily, on weekends especially. I have received report also that they are selling 60-70 copies daily in Boston and collecting \$50 or \$60 on the average. Your Columbus center is very nice, and the place you have got is a very suitable place. So you try to organize your center very nicely. What did you do about the mridunga supplier from Bombay as you were discussing it with Mr. Vora?

The beads referred to in your letter have not yet arrived. As you recommend this boy, Jim, so highly, surely I shall chant on them and send back to him. Last night we initiated here one dozen new devotees, both boys and girls, and they appear to be very, very nice. Last week also I initiated about seven devotees and installed the Radha-Krishna Murtis on the 16th of July. So make propaganda nicely amongst the student community, and there is very good chance of your center being developed as one of the important centers of our society.

Please offer my blessings to Arundhuti. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-7-64

Los Angeles
24th July, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 21, 1969, and I have noted the contents with so much satisfaction. Enclosed please find the three cards duly signed by me. Last evening when I was in the temple to perform initiation ceremony for about one dozen devotees I was talking to Tamal Krishna and Gargamuni that Brahmananda is now competing with you. So it was very pleasing talk that there is tran-

scendental competition between the centers, and it is Krishna's Grace that you stand first in this week's business. Krishna is very kind, and He is giving the full remunerations to His sincere servants. We should always remember that Krishna is always grateful to His devotees. If some ordinary man gives sufficient remuneration to a worker, why Krishna will not give sufficient remuneration to His servants? But we should always remember that whatever Krishna gives us, that never becomes ours. It is Krishna's. The more we receive from Krishna, the more we engage the remunerations in the service of Krishna. That is the duty of a bonafide brahmin. A Vaishnava is automatically a bonafide brahmin. There is a proverb that a brahmin remains a beggar even if he receives \$100,000. That means that a brahmin is supposed to spend all of his money for Krishna as he receives it from Krishna.

I am so glad to learn that you have increased the number of *BTG*'s to be printed. It is very nice. I was just this morning asking Purushottam to inform you of increasing the publication of Issue #26 because the article, 'Beyond the Universe,' is very interesting. In the present atmosphere of space exploration this kind of article will be much appreciated, and people will know that we are not sentimentalists. Our background is solid, scientific and authorized. Actually, the modern astronauts are trying to reach the moon planet, and even if they reach there they cannot live there; and even if they live there, that is also not permanent. But our ambition is far, far greater, nobler and more sublime than these astronauts because we are trying to reach the Supreme Planet, Krishna Loka, and live there eternally in association with Krishna. Krishna has also advised in *Bhagavad Gita* that even if we go to the topmost planet, Brahma Loka, still we have to come back again.

But if we go to Krishna Loka, there is no coming back to this material world.

The questions as put on *Bhagavad Gita*, Third Chapter, are very intelligent and I like it very much. I am very much anxious to hear about Rayarama. It is my confidential advice to you that if he feels any difficulties for money, you may discriminatingly help him, and he should continue as the managing editor. Full co-operation should be there between you and him. We simply wanted to save the money for some better utilization. Otherwise we have nothing to grudge against anyone.

New York is the giggest city in the world, and therefore the standard of New York should be maintained in consuming *BTG* and giving us contributions. Our first starting point was New York. Please convey my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you all in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-7-65

Los Angeles
24th July, 1969

My Dear Rupanuga,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your two letters; one dated July 8, 1969 and one dated July 18, 1969. Both of your letters were delivered to me by special air mail. Unfortunately I could not reply you earlier because I was waiting for the help of others. Anyway, I have signed the certificate and sent it to New York for counter signature of the president, entitling you as *Bhaktishastrī*. The certificate was finally made a little hastily, so the printing is not to my full satisfaction. I have asked Aravinda to make a nicer copy, and if you like, we can give you this nicer copy later on. You remark that in New Vrindaban the capacity is lacking for taking care of the children. If

you can organize a higher level school of theology under your care, I shall very much appreciate it. In Los Angeles, although the place is nice, it is already almost congested.

We are planning ministerial status documents through the lawyer here, and it is almost prepared. This document will be submitted to the draft board, and copies will be sent to other centers for doing the necessary arrangements. *Bhaktishastrī* is actually recognition, accepting a person that he knows the principles of devotional service. In issue #25 of *BTG*, page 14, under "Organization of Society", we discuss why our students must be relieved of this draft obligation. So you read this portion when you receive this issue.

If you are planning to perform the marriage ceremony for Jagadisha and Laxmi-moni, then you must know the prayers to be said. I think you have a copy of a tape recorded at our initiation ceremony in Buffalo, so the prayers are there. Purushottam tried to transcribe these prayers from a tape we have here, but it was not done at all. So if you are planning to perform this ceremony, then I shall send you further instructions along with a tape and written prayers, as you require.

Regarding your question, "what is the difference between the spirit souls comprising the Brahmajyoti and the spirit souls here in Maya?", in the Brahmajyoti the spirit souls on account of their impersonal views are devoid of a body, exactly like here in Maya there are ghosts who are devoid of any gross bodies. The ghost being devoid of a body, he suffers terribly because he is unable to satisfy his senses. The spirit souls in the Brahmajyoti, although they have no desire for sense gratification, still they feel inconvenience like the ghost, and they fall down again in the Maya's atmosphere and develop a material body. In the *Bhagavat* therefore it is said that persons who are impersonalists

and so not develop the dormant devotional attitude, their intelligence is not pure, because for want of a spiritual body, they come down again to the material world. In the *Bhagavad Gita* it is clearly said by the Lord that the only way of not coming back to the material world is to be promoted to the spiritual planets. For the impersonalists there is no such assurance of not falling down in the whole Vedic literature. The conclusion is that without developing the spiritual body and without being situated on one of the spiritual planets, the so-called liberation is also illusion, or it is not complete. A spirit soul who falls down from the Brahmajyoti to the Kingdom of Maya may have a chance of associating with a pure devotee, and then he may be elevated to the spiritual planets of Vaikuntha or to Goloka Vrindaban. From the Brahmajyoti there is no direct promotion to the spiritual planets, and it is clearly stated in the Bhagavatam that such souls fall down: *patantyadha*.

Regarding Katyayani, it is decided that she will go to Buffalo on receipt of the passage money. Last night I was discussing this in the presence of Tamal Krishna, Katyayani and others. Probably they will talk with you and the necessary arrangements will be made. I think she should go before I go to New York. For the present my program to go to Germany is almost cancelled, but by the end of August I am sure I shall go to London, and at that time I shall go via New York. So all the marriages can be performed at that time, or if you can manage yourself, you can also do that. Please inform me where is your son. Is he in New York? One boy referred about him in a letter from New York.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you all in good health.

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

69-7-66

Los Angeles
28th July, 1969

My Dear Vrindabaneshvari,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated July 18, 1969, and I have carefully noted the contents. I was very much anxious to hear from you and Mandali Bhadra since you left Vancouver, and I am very glad to learn that things are going nicely. By Krishna's Will you are all a good combination. So continue to execute Krishna Consciousness very seriously and sincerely and take care of your child, Moyuradwaja. I have a great hope for Moyuradwaja. He is very intelligent with signs of a great devotee. My special request to you is that you take care of this child very nicely, and he will be a great son to glorify his parents. I have noticed that he has all the instincts of devotional life, and it is up to the guardians to take care of him. I am pleased to note that you and Jayagovinda are learning to speak German language. Please help all of the boys to become a little conversant with this language. That will facilitate your business there. I think that for American boys it will not be difficult to learn to speak German quickly.

You have mentioned about some criticism made by Jayagovinda which upset you. I do not know exactly what is the point, but if there is some honest criticism, there should be no cause of becoming upset. Krishna has so kindly led you to this path of Krishna Consciousness, and now you have only to follow the prescribed rules and regulations very seriously and sincerely, and surely you will understand how you are making practical advancement in Krishna Consciousness. Actually, Krishna is kind to everyone, but when He sees that a living entity is becoming a little serious to make perfection in life, then Krishna takes special care to

give such living entity all necessary facilities. Now you have the greatest opportunity to do very nice service to the Lord, because you are now in a foreign country and are helping to pave the way for a very successful Krishna Consciousness temple in Germany. So continue to take advantage of this opportunity as the Lord has kindly given you, and surely He will bestow all of His blessings upon.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-7-67

Los Angeles
28th July, 1969

My Dear Mandali Bhadra,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of July 18, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. I am pleased to know that you are making progress in having our society incorporated in Germany. This is an essential project, so please do it. By Krishna's Grace you are all five good souls there, and Krishna will give you immense strength to propagate this Krishna Consciousness Movement in your country, Germany. Please do it in the spirit as you are doing now, and success is surely for you all.

Regarding your question about Krishna's Name, the first principle is that Krishna is Absolute. He is not only identical with His Name, but with His Qualities, Form, Pastimes, Paraphernalia, etc. Krishna is identical with the whole creation because the creation means the expansion of Krishna's energy. The energy is never different from the source of the energy as much as heat and light are never different from the fire. The quality of fire is there existing both in heat and light. Naturally Krishna is not different from anything, and what to speak of His Transcendental

Name? This is explained in the *Bhagavad Gita* where Krishna says that "everything is resting on Me, but I am not everything." This simultaneously one and different philosophy should be carefully understood. Then our Krishna Consciousness will be more clear.

Regarding Lord Jagannath, He is the unfinished carved form of Krishna. One king named Indrayumna wanted to establish a Jagannath temple some thousands of years ago, but while the Deities were being carved by the heavenly carpenter, Visva Karma, the king was in too much haste, and he established the half-finished Deities in the temple. Jagannath means the Lord of the universe. That is Krishna. Krishna as the only one Lord of everything is confirmed in the *Brahma Samhita*, *Srimad Bhagavatam*, *Bhagavad Gita*, *Chaitanya Charitamrita*, and all Vedic literature. Rathayatra is celebrating the occasion when Lord Krishna, or Lord Jagannath attended one religious functional occasion in Kurukshetra along with His elder brother and younger sister in a big chariot. So far as your question about controversy amongst the disciples of Bhakti Siddhanta Saraswati Goswami Maharaj, that is a fact. But this controversy is not material. Just like in a national program, different political parties are sometimes in conflict and make propaganda against each other, but their central point is always service to the country. Similarly, amongst the disciples of Bhakti Siddhanta Saraswati there may be some controversy, but the central point is how to preach the mission of His Divine Grace. If the central point is fixed up then there is no harm in such controversy. Every individual being must have his opinion; that is the significance of individuality, but all such differences of opinions must coincide in Krishna. In the battlefield of Kurukshetra were Arjuna and Bhishma who were fighting with one another, and

because Krishna was on the side of Arjuna, sometimes Bhishma pierced the body of Krishna also with arrows. But still they remained the greatest devotees of the Lord, and Krishna accepted the friendship of Arjuna just as He accepted the inimical arrows of Bhishma in the same loving spirit. So you do not be disturbed by such controversial points. Better you engage your mind very seriously in the matter of the service entrusted upon you. That will make you progressive in Krishna Consciousness.

Regarding the manuscripts of *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*, when you are ready for translating I will arrange to send you the copy immediately. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. Yesterday Rathayatra festival was performed very pompously in S.F. in my presence. I have come back just in the afternoon. I shall send you the necessary papers of Rathayatra later on.

69-7-68

Los Angeles
28th July, 1969

My Dear Krishna Das,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you very much for your letter dated July 18, 1969, and I have noted the contents very carefully. My first thanks are due to Srīman Oliver who has drawn this Vishnu picture, and I like it very much. Our service to God is always transcendental. It does not depend on anything material. So there was no reason to accept this picture as a very good drawing by Srīman Oliver. Krishna accepts the spirit of the offering, and anyone who offers Him some service in good devotional service, that is immediately accepted by Krishna. There are many instances in *Mahabharat* wherein we find that Krishna declined to

accept the invitation of Dhuryodhana, who was then the emporor of the world, but He accepted the invitation of Vidura, who was famous as a poor man. It is said "Vidura's particles of grain." So our business is to offer our sincere service, and it is accepted by Krishna. From the artistic point of view I do not find anything wrong in this picture, so he should be encouraged to draw many pictures for decorating the temple. Jadurany was not in the beginning a very good painter, but trying to serve Krishna she has become a very good painter. We have got two nice painters in Los Angeles also; Murlidhar and Devahuti. They have drawn two very big pictures for the Los Angeles temple, and they are very beautiful and perfect. So encourage Oliver to go on painting more and more pictures, and it will be very nice for the Hamburg temple.

I am very much obliged to you for your nice appreciation of our humble activities. When I think of you, a little boy, but you write so nicely, as if you are my little father. So I wish Krishna will give you more and more understanding about this Krishna Consciousness Movement, and you will be able to serve more and more beautifully. I quite appreciate that you four there; namely yourself, Jayagovinda, Shivananda, Mandali Bhadra, assisted by his wife, Vrindabaneshvari, will be a very very good combination to spread our movement in Germany. Our first important business is to hold Samkirtan as many times as possible. The next important business is publication work. Recently I received one letter from Shivananda that he is also thinking nicely to improve our press work. I hope in the future you shall be able to start a regular press in Germany for printing our books and literatures. I have heard that in Germany for printing our books and literatures. I have heard that in Germany the press machine are very good and cheap. So if you jointly can

think of starting a press there, that will be a great success. So far as doing business by importing Indian goods, that is a nice idea, but it is secondary. We should not deviate much of our time for any business manipulations. Our main business is Samkirtan. You will be very glad to hear that in New York last week they collected \$1,000 and sold *BTG* at a rate of 200 per day on the weekend days. Similarly we have got good report from Boston that they are collecting \$50-\$60 daily and selling about 60-70 copies of *BTG*. And what to speak of Los Angeles? So if we can organize our Samkirtan Movement, there will be no scarcity of money; rest assured. But we may do some business which we require for ourselves. Otherwise, if you divert your attention for a separate business in Indian goods, that will not be a very good idea. It may be done conveniently as a secondary engagement, but the primary engagement should be as above mentioned.

Regarding my going to Germany, I am actually very much eager to go there and speak in the Indo-German branches about the importance of our Krishna Consciousness Movement. So as you have mentioned in your letter under reply, you can arrange for such meetings at least form one month continually, and I shall be glad to go there. If you feel inconvenience to pay for my travelling from Los Angeles to New York, it doesn't matter. I shall ask Tamal Krishna or Brahmananda and they will be glad to pay for it. So this is not very important consideration. You wanted to fix up a date, so I am telling you that I am prepared now on any day you call me.

Just this afternoon I returned from San Francisco where they have held a gigantic Rathayatra Ceremony just on the order of the ones held at Jagannath Puri. There were at least 10,000 young and old people, all chanting and dancing in bliss and ecstasy for the entire day, starting from 12

noon and going on till after evening. So it was a most magnificent occasion, and I am very much encouraged that the people of the Western world will come to understand the glories of this movement, and as Lord Chaitanya has predicted, His Name will be chanted and praised in every village and town throughout the world.

So please inform me immediately when you will be able to have me come there to Germany, and Purushottam's accompanying me is also necessary. For me to travel alone is not very advisable. Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-7-69

Los Angeles
28th July, 1969

My Dear Mukunda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated July 21, 1969, and I am glad that you have already sent to New York part of the payment of \$1,025. It doesn't matter that you could not pay all at a time. You can pay the balance after the 27th. This is all right. So far as the three sets of beads, I did not receive them yet. I do not know to which address the beads were sent. This afternoon I returned from San Francisco where there was a very, very successful Rathayatra Ceremony. There were at least 10,000 people who walked with us to the ocean for a ten mile parade, and everyone was chanting and dancing in ecstasy. Then at the ocean there was grand-scale Prasadam distribution and chanting again on into the evening. Everyone appreciated Krishna Consciousness so much, and it is so encouraging to see how the young boys and

girls of the western countries are gradually coming to understand something of this movement.

I am so glad to learn that Mr. Ted Berk, the American poet, is now living with you as brahmachary. Let him become now a Vaishnava poet. There are so many Vaishnava poets in India. Now as Krishna Consciousness is spreading, I think there must be some western Vaishnava poets, and Mr. Ted Berk may be the first one. So far as Trivikram is concerned, he is a super first-class brahmachary. His service attitude, his submission is very nice although he is still a new member. The thing is that he had the association of Rupanuga who is an ideal householder devotee. I am feeling very much proud personally because my so many house holder devotees are preaching Krishna Consciousness so nicely. Chaitanya Mahaprabhu did not make any distinction between the so-called brahmachary, house holder, or sannyasi. He specifically stressed that these designations are superficial, pertaining to bodies. Krishna Consciousness is the function of the soul, *jivatma*. In the Vedas it is said that the spirit soul is without any touch of material contamination, but when he forgets Krishna he thinks himself as a material product. That is called Maya. But in any position, if one can understand the science of Krishna Consciousness, he can deliver many, many fallen souls. So it is my request to you all that you establish an exemplary character and show how householders can be the first class transcendentalists. When I feel that my householder disciples are preaching so nicely I actually feel very much proud.

I understand from a letter from Gurudas that you have elections for officers for your temple, and the men filling the posts are all very well suited for their position. Now all of you please make quickly the march towards the goal of Krishna Con-

sciousness Movement being very successful. Here Tamal Krishna and Gargamuni have promised me to start a center every quarterly, and it is my ambition that I want to establish at least 108 centers; beginning from Hamburg, crossing over the Atlantic to your country, USA, then the Pacific, covering Hawaii and reaching to Tokyo, Japan. It is about 13,000 miles long, and do you think that 108 centers within 13,000 miles is a very difficult proposition? I don't think so. So you also try to establish at least one dozen centers in England. Krishna das, combined with Mandali Bhadra, Jayagovinda and Shivananda are already alert to establish some more branches in Europe. Shivananda is contemplating to open a branch in Copenhagen, and Krishna das is trying for another in Munich. So this news is very encouraging to me. I shall request you that your next attempt shall be to establish a center in Oxford, where I have heard you have successfully performed kirtan so the students postponed their attendance in economic class and wanted to enjoy the transcendental vibrations. So I shall request you again to establish another branch in Oxford as soon as possible.

I have recently received news from New York that their last week Samkirtan collection was \$1,000, and they have already sold out 3,000 copies of *BTG* in the past few weeks, so now they are ordering more copies from the West Coast. This is very, very encouraging, and I have asked my Guru Maharaj to just see how nicely these nice young boys and girls are taking to His Divine Mission. I have also received report that your *BTG* sales are not very encouraging. I am not very sorry for this at all because I know that you are now engaged for Rathayatra Festival and for fixing up the temple. But I hope that soon you will fulfill your quota of selling 5,000 copies in London. In the issues #25 and #26 you will find very, very nice articles.

So execute your duties faithfully and sincerely. I am sure that you are doing this, but still it is my duty to remind you the same thing repeatedly as I am your Spiritual Master.

Krishna das is asking me to go to Hamburg repeatedly, and he sent a ticket also from New York to Luxemburg, but I cancelled it because I was expected at the Rathayatra Ceremony. Now again he says to go there sometimes in the month of August, so I am asking your opinion about this. I think if you both cooperate to receive me in Europe, that will be financially easier. And Purushottam's accompanying me is also necessary because my travelling alone is not very advisable. Besides that, he is now trained to look after me in every way, so I think when I go to Europe he must accompany me. So if you jointly make a program, that will be good for both of you, and I am also very much eager to make some propaganda work of Krishna Consciousness in Europe now.

Regarding the record you recorded with Mr. Harrison, it is very much encouraging because a record issued by the Beatles will have immediate great market, and we want only that this Hare Krishna chanting is participated in by many millions of people. Another thing is that some time back you asked me to write a personal note to the Archbishop of Canterbury, but you did not inform me what happened to this and what happened to the church negotiations for which Mr. Harrison wanted to take some personal care. I shall be very glad to hear from you about these points. Please offer my blessings to the others, especially to Janaki, who has not written to me in so long a time. I hope you are all well.

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

69-7-70

Los Angeles
29th July, 1969

My Dear Paramananda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Friday July 25, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. Now that Satyabhama Dasi is becoming advanced in her pregnancy, all care must be taken for her. I think it is a good idea that she may go to New York, especially because she can receive free aid from your doctor friend. And if you feel that your presence there will be helpful, then I advise you to go with your wife to New York. Regarding someone to go there to take charge of the children in Satyabhama's absence, I will write to Lilavati in Boston to see if she is able to fill this position for that time. If not, we will have to make other arrangements. But wherever you go, either in New Vrindaban or New York, you should make effort to finish your 16 rounds whenever possible. Of course, if you are always engaged in Krishna's service, and always chanting Hare Krishna, even if not on your beads, that is also a nice status. As you are an important worker there and you have so many important duties, especially to take care of the cows, it may not be possible for you to stop your work for chanting 16 rounds. This is no great loss, and you should not feel badly about it. Krishna sees your sincerity in Krishna Consciousness, and He will be very kind upon you for this. But as much as possible you should try to fulfill the goal of 16 rounds daily. If you must fall short of this because you have so much service to render to Krishna, do not be disturbed by this. But you should not fall too much short of this goal. That will not be good. Similarly, you must read *Bhagavad Gita* at least a few verses every day and think about them throughout the day. The best thing is to read one chapter daily, but if you can meditate upon a few verses

of *Bhagavad Gita* every day, that is better than reading for simply one hour and then forgetting the topics until the next reading.

Please offer my blessings to Satyabhama Dasi and the others. I hope this will meet you all in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-7-71

Los Angeles
29th July, 1969

My Dear Prahladananda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 21, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. I am very pleased to learn that you have been nicely assisting Rupanuga, and now the Buffalo center is gradually becoming very successful. It is very encouraging. It is a fact that wherever we go, if we simply let the people hear our chanting and if we repeat what we have heard from the bonafide Spiritual Master, then surely many, many sincere souls will become attracted to our movement. This is because Krishna Consciousness is lying dormant in every living entity, just like fire is dormant within a match. If we simply strike the match, then the fire within will come in blazing light. Our method of striking the match is Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna, Hare Hare. This vibration is sufficient to awaken the sleeping spirit soul to the fact that Krishna is there, and if we try to remember Him always and spread His message of *Bhagavad Gita*, then our life becomes perfect and we are perfectly executing our position as part and parcel of the Lord. So if you let all the residents of Buffalo hear the sound of Hare Krishna and read our literatures, then there will be the greatest all-around benefit. This past weekend in San Francisco there was a gigantic Rathayatra

Ceremony just on the order of the one held at Jagannath Puri, and at least 10,000 people were chanting and dancing along with us in full transcendental ecstasy. The boys and girls of America are generally good souls, that is why they have taken birth in such a nice country, and now they should make perfect all of their opulences by engaging everything in Krishna Consciousness. This will be the finishing touch for all the nice qualities found in the American people. In New York I understand that they have sold 3,000 copies of *BTG* in just two weeks, and I understand that in Buffalo you are also selling *BTG* very nicely. So please continue in this way and your success in life is assured. As Krishna sees that you are working very seriously to bring His other children back to the Spiritual Kingdom, then He will become very pleased and will bestow all blessings upon you. Krishna is never ungrateful for our efforts to serve Him, rest assured. Regarding your question about Bhava Shakti developing into Prema, this is covered in our book, *Nectar of Devotion*, and there is no necessity for you to trouble yourself over such advanced topics at the present time.

Please convey my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-7-72

Los Angeles
30th July, 1969

My Dear Yoland,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 26 July, 1969 and your nice poems, and I have read everything carefully. The poems will be submitted to Hayagriva, the editor of *Back To Godhead*, for his consideration for publication. I am very pleased to learn that you are now living at the Montreal temple, and this association

with devotees of Lord Krishna will help you to advance further in Krishna Consciousness. You have asked me, "Could you accept me as your student until eternity?" My reply is that you may discuss this matter with Jayapataka, who is in charge there, and if he agrees, then you may submit your beads to me through the mail. Also, there is some possibility that I will be going to Germany sometime in August, and in that case I will be stopping in New York. So if you are able to meet me in New York, then the ceremony could be performed there.

You have asked the question, "What is the difference between a Mayavadi philosopher and a Krishna Conscious person?" The answer is that the Mayavadi philosopher has only imperfect knowledge of God, whereas the Krishna Conscious person can understand Krishna fully. The example is given that a person may know about the sunlight, but that does not mean that he knows about the Sun God within the Sun planet. Within the Sun there is a Sun God, named Vivaswam, and his body and the bodies of the other inhabitants are made of fire. It is the heat from these fiery bodies that gives warmth and light to this universe. So if someone knows something about the sunlight, it does not mean that he has knowledge about Vivaswam. Similarly, from Krishna's Spiritual Body there is the emanation of the Brahma effulgence, which pervades the entire universe. The Mayavadi philosophers are trying for knowledge of this Brahma effulgence, but even if they are able to merge into this effulgence emanating from Krishna's Body, that does not give them perfect knowledge of the Source of everything. This Source is Sri Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead. So both the Mayavadi philosopher and the Krishna Conscious person is seeking spiritual advancement, but the Krishna Conscious man is higher because he is going to the Source of everything, including the

Brahma effulgence. I hope you will understand this nicely.

I am very pleased to note that you are chanting 25 rounds daily. Please continue in this way, and more and more Krishna will be pleased to bless you with intelligence to understand Krishna Consciousness. I hope you are well.

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

69-7-73

Los Angeles
31st July, 1969

My Dear Hayagriva,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 22, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. The money matters dealings are somewhat an embarrassment to me. I do not know what they have paid and what you have received. The best thing is as you suggested that the girls who are there may come back to Los Angeles. I have asked Tamal also to write them. If Tamal is not sending their money, he should look after their comfort, and the best thing would be that you ask them to come back to Los Angeles, without any hardships and burdens on you. You take care of Girish and Birbhada nicely, and I shall ask Sheelavati to send the money directly. Yes, Kirtanananda Maharaj is not very much in favor of Nara Narayan, so for the time being I am not asking him to return to New Vrindaban. He has done very nicely here in the Rathayatra Festival, and it was very successful in San Fransisco. I shall send you later on the reprint pictures published in the local newspapers, and you will be glad to learn that about 10,000 people participated in this function. The procession was taken along about an 8 mile distance, and the people followed all through, simply chanting the Hare

Krishna Mantra. This was a unique scene in this part of the world. Some of the Christian-minded people became almost envious, and I have received some anonymous letters. Maybe as our movement increases in volume the orthodox section of Christianity may be envious of our successful march. I think you should collect some information from the Bible that Samkirtan, chanting of the Holy Names of God, is recommended there also. There is a book called *Aquarian Gospel* in which it is stated that Lord Jesus Christ lived in the temple of Jagannath. Without being His devotee, how could he live there and how the authorities could allow a non-devotee to live there? From that book it appears that Lord Jesus Christ lived in intimate relations with the priest order. So as far as possible, you should prepare yourself for future writings that our movement is not against the philosophy of Jesus Christ, but it is in complete collaboration with his line of religiosity. Actually, we don't decry any religious way of the world, but we are simply advocating that people should learn to love God by following their religious principles. If one is not fortunate to be learning how to love God, then his religious principles are simply fanaticism, without any value. We are presenting the same thing practically by which one can learn very quickly how to love God, and then his life becomes sublime. So our process is a system, following which any man from any religious sect may come and join and learn how to love God. Now you should think

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Los Angeles
31st July, 1969

My Dear Subal,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 26,

1969, and I have noted the contents with pleasure. I am glad to learn that the Philadelphians are quickly taking some interest in our Krishna Consciousness Movement, and you are simply standing on the corner wearing robes and the people come to purchase copies of *Back To Godhead*. So if you can continue in this way, letting them hear your chanting and selling *Back To Godheads*, then all success is automatically there. I remember that my Guru Maharaj would often send young boys out to sell literature of Krishna Consciousness, and if they would come back having sold only a few issues, Guru Maharaj was very, very pleased. Now you report that you have sold 300 issues of *Back To Godhead* in just a few days, so I know that Guru Maharaj is very, very pleased with your work. Actually, in all of our centers our Samkirtan Party and Krishna Consciousness literature is becoming more and more popular. Perhaps you have heard that Brahmananda has already made arrangements to increase the number of copies printed from 20,000 to 25,000. This is all very encouraging, so continue to increase your sales of *Back To Godhead* as far as possible. You are a serious worker, and Krishna will reward your efforts with success.

This Monday I returned from San Francisco where they performed the Rathayatra Ceremony, and it was tremendously successful. There were about 10,000 people who joined us for the day, beginning from 12:00 in the afternoon, and lasting till around 10:00 at night. All through the day these people were feeling the bliss of Krishna Consciousness through chanting, dancing taking Prasadam, watching puppet stories about Krishna, and hearing us speak on *Bhagavad Gita*. The local papers printed nice pictures and stories about our Festival, and when we have them reprinted I will send a copy to you. Please offer my

blessings to the others, and continue in the nice way you are doing now.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-7-75

Los Angeles
 31st July, 1969

My Dear Prabhas Babu;

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter, F-54/286, dated July 22, 1969. I have noted that you are going to send the mridungas more carefully. Yes, I am advising to retire your bill of shipping charges for Rs. 101.50 as soon as we receive instruction from the bank. Yes the books may be gunny packed in cases, and try to charge as low as possible. I understand The Punjab National Bank from Vrindaban has already issued a letter to you so there is no need of sending the document to them. You send the documents directly to New York.

Most probably I shall be going to German and England very soon, and I shall send you some big orders from there. Also I have advised my Seattle branch to send you an order soon, so you will please do the needful in this connection. In the meantime, whatever pending goods are there may be dispatched without delay. I think there are some pending orders sent from New York.

Sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-7-76

Los Angeles
 31st July, 1969

My Dear Lilavati,

Please accept my blessings: I thank you very much for your letter dated July 23, 1969 and the photographs of your lit-

tle daughter. These photographs were so nice, and I was very much englandened to see how jolly Subhadra is. You write that she is already very enthusiastic about Samkirtan Party, so train her up very nicely. If such a pious child is trained properly as you and Murari are doing, then surely she will play a very worthy role in our society and in helping to improve the world condition by the propagation of Krishna Consciousness. It is not unusual that a little child is often very jolly, but in the material situation this jolliness passes very quickly. But in Krishna Consciousness, because the spirit soul is by nature very jolly and blissful, this jolliness only increases more and more as the bliss of serving Krishna increases more and more. So now your daughter has a very good opportunity to make final solution to her births in the material world, so keep her very nicely. Krishna will be kind upon you for this.

I can understand that you are feeling for a playmate for your child. In New Vrindaban we were thinking of having such place for many children, but at the present it appears to be difficult because there is no sufficient accommodations there. I did not exactly follow what you meant about inadequacies in the editing of *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*. We are planning to print an enlarged edition of this book, with purports to each and every verse. The book was abridged due to the request of the Macmillian Company, but I am not satisfied with this, so we will print the complete work in an unabridged edition. I am pleased to note that you are thinking of opening new centers and you consider South Indiana to be a good place. For starting new centers and for suggestions in this connection you should write to Tamal Krishna because this department will be entrusted to him in the matter of supplying men, etc. I have also very much appreciated your poem at the end of your letter. It

is very nice, and I will have it submitted to Hayagriva for consideration of publication in *BTG*.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. The S.F. Rathayatra was a grand success & I am awaiting the report of Boston Rathayatra.

69-7-77

Los Angeles
31st July, 1969

My Dear Kirtanananda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 22, 1969, and because I went to San Francisco I could not reply earlier. You have suggested that people coming from various centers to New Vrindaban should have their expenses underwritten by the temples at the rate of \$25 per person paid for one year. I think that will be a new introduction in our institution. In our so many centers the members go and come, but there was no such demand from any center, and if new Vrindaban demands like that, it will not sound very nice. But I can understand the financial position of New Vrindaban, so the best thing will be to stop any more influx in New Vrindaban until the place is self-dependent. The whole idea of New Vrindaban is that men who are living there should produce their own food, of which milk is the principal thing. Unless that position is achieved it will not be advisable to ask anybody to go there. Better to ask them to go there if they are willing to work and produce their own food. Otherwise, nobody should be advised to go there. Besides that, I have received letters from the girls there that they are feeling inconvenience. Therefore, without having adequate place to live there, nobody should be advised at the present moment

to go there. I am glad that the boys have been working for the house and the project will be completed satisfactorily. My advice is that you make the place very peaceful. You should admit only such persons who can work without any disturbance. For the time being you may not admit any more men and ask them to pay you \$25 per month. That will not sound very nice.

Please convey my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you all in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. Your last consignment of sandesh was very very nice. Keep this standard and try to make it whiter than this. I had a good taste of them at today's lunch. Thank you.
ACB

69-7-78

Los Angeles
31st July, 1969

My Dear Gurudas,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of July 28, 1969, and I could not understand from your half-finished letter whether Rathayatra Ceremony was performed according to a subdued program. But I could understand that you are immersed in great confusion on account of the wheels giving way just after starting. I have received one letter from Shyamsundar dated July 25th in which it is stated that the magnitude of the Ratha was double than the one you had in San Francisco. So such a heavy structure was not properly attended as to its weight and the wheels which could carry such huge weight. I think it was a mistake of engineering calculation. The load was heavier than the wheels could carry. So there is no question of being disappointed.

I have not received any detailed information either from you or from the others, but even if the Festival was not properly performed, you should not be discouraged. As in the material world sometimes failure is considered as a pillar of success, similarly in the spiritual order also the same principle can be applied. So don't be disappointed. Maybe Krishna's desire is something higher in this connection. If the Rathayatra has not been performed, you can postpone it to be performed on the Janamastmi Festival. There is no harm if you postpone the function to a later date, and the public will appreciate it. You consult amongst yourselves without being discouraged and patiently work for its being performed one month later. There is no harm.

Jagannath and Krishna are the same Supreme Personality. If it is Krishna's desire that He should enjoy the function on Janamastmi Day, it might be He put some hindrance on the Rathayatra Day plans. So if you decide to hold the function on Janamastmi Day, September 4, 1969, then on hearing from you I shall give you further instructions in this connection. But in any case don't be disappointed. Keep your enthusiasm. Be patient, and Krishna will reward your attempts with success.

So far as San Francisco Rathayatra Festival, it was very pompously and successfully executed in my presence. There were about 10,000 people attending the function. The procession was led from our temple through Golden Gate Park and some other streets. We started at about 12:30 and reached on the beach about 5:00 or 5:30. Then we held a meetin in a big hall up till 6:00 o'clock, and they performed a puppet show and distributed Prasadam. Then Kirtan continued up till about 10:00 o'clock at night. The function was reported in the local papers, and I will send you a copy when it is printed up.

So if possible, you just postpone the function till Janamastmi Day, and do the needful. But don't be confused and disappointed. I hope you are well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-7-79

Los Angeles
31st July, 1969

My Dear Gopal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you very much for your letter dated July 26, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. Regarding your future settlement in India, You can work in any big city like Bombay or Delhi, because without living in a big city you cannot have a good job. You can also try Calcutta. Calcutta is also a very big industrial city, and if you are posted there, it will be easier for you to look after the Mayapur-contemplated temple. But it does not matter whether you are situated in Bombay, Calcutta or Delhi; wherever is suitable you can accept.

Regarding your dress, you should dress yourself as smartly as possible. Krishna Consciousness does not depend on the dress. It is consciousness. If by dressing yourself very nicely you get honor from your customers, then it is a great asset for business management. So far as your diploma in business management from McGill University is concerned, you must have it by all means. In the *Bhakti-Rasamrita-Sindhu* it is enjoined by Srila Rupa Goswami that any work, either prescribed in the Vedas or ordinary mundane activities, if the target is to satisfy Krishna, then everything is devotional service. In the *Srimad Bhagavatam* also it is recommended by Suta Goswami that ultimate perfection of an engagement is tested by the satisfaction of the Lord. Our aim should be how to please

Krishna. As it is said in English also, the ends justify the means. So it is my request to you that keep Krishna always in view and accept anything necessary for your worldly affairs. I am very pleased to note that in such things you consult me. This is a very nice habit. You will please always consult me before doing anything, and I shall try to guide you to my best abilities.

Regarding distribution of *BTG* or my publications, I welcome your floating a company yourself for this purpose. In that case your company will be another department of the society, although the society has no intention to interfere with your business. But your business will be considered as my business. So think of it very carefully, and it will be very nice. Regarding kholes from Bombay, I was expecting your father's reply by this time. Anyway, I hope to receive the same as soon as possible. Last week I was in San Francisco, and the Rathayatra Ceremony was a grand success. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-7-80

Los Angeles
31st July, 1969

My Dear Shyamsundar,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated July 25, 1969 and noted the contents with great encouragement, but at the same time I received one letter from Gurudas which was not very encouraging. He told me about the difficulty that was had in performing the Rathayatra Festival, and I am enclosing a copy of the letter to you which I replied to Gurudas. The purport of my letter is that there is no cause for any disappointment, and you can perform this ceremony

on Janamastmi Day if you are able. From the description of your letter it appears that the structure of the Ratha was too heavy for the wheels to carry the load. From Gurudas' letter it was not clear to me if you at all held a ceremony on a smaller scale. But in any event, I think we may take it as Krishna's Grace that the difficulty took place at the very beginning of the procession and not later on when the Ratha was in a more populated area. So do not feel discouraged at all. By Krishna's Plan everything will come out for the best. We have only to work very sincerely, depending fully on the Mercy of the Lord, and in this consciousness we can make very quick advancement in Krishna Consciousness. If you think you will be able to perform the ceremony on Janamastmi Day, then I shall give you further instructions on how this is to be done.

I am very pleased to note that you have made such a nice recording of Hare Krishna, which may be released by the Beatle's Company. If you are able to send me a copy of this tape, that would be very nice. Also, it is very encouraging to learn that you think Mr. George Harrison will be happy to print our *Krishna* book. This will be a very great service to the mankind at large, if he can be of assistance in this connection. We are giving a unique contribution with this book; a book which tells of the activities of God. There is no other book that has been authoritatively presented to the Western World up till this time which has given so high a contribution. If persons will simply read this book or even look at the many pictures within, then this alone will bring immense spiritual benefit to their lives.

I have written to Krishna das in Germany, and I am expecting their reply as to when they will be able to receive me there. So after I complete my business in Germany, surely I shall come to your temple in London, perhaps by Janamastmi

Day, and then it will be so nice to see all of you again. Please convey my blessings to your good wife, Malati, and your little daughter, Saraswati. I hope this will meet you all in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-7-81

Los Angeles
31st July, 1969

My Dear Kulashekhar das (Colin Jury),
Digvi jaya das (Dick Withey), and
Tirthapada das (Tim Austin),

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letters, sent along with your beads, and I have noted the contents carefully. This initiation ceremony is a Vedic principle to lead a conditioned soul to the higher level of transcendental life. In the *Chaitanya Charitamrita* you will find the instruction as we have given it in our book, *Teachings of Lord Chaitanya*, that after many, many births through approximately 8,400,000 species of life, a living entity gets this human form of life, which is a chance to get freedom from the material condition. When a child is born it is the responsibility of the state, of the father, of the mother, of the relatives, and of the teachers just to raise the child to the standard of Krishna Consciousness so that the child may not have any more to repeat the process of birth and death, but being fully situated in Krishna Consciousness he may be transferred to the spiritual world and situated in one of the Vaikuntha planets. The most important of the Vaikuntha planets is called Krishna Loka, or Goloka Vrindaban. In these days the propagation for landing on the moon planet is very en-

couraging to the common man, but so far as a Krishna Conscious person is concerned, he is not at all interested in any of the material planets. His target is to be transferred to the topmost spiritual planet, namely Krishna Loka.

So this initiation means the preliminary chance for preparing oneself to achieve this highest perfection. I am very glad that you are already interested in the Krishna Consciousness Movement, and you will please chant at least 16 rounds daily, observing the rules and regulations. The four principle rules is that you will refrain from 1) meat-eating or partaking of fish or eggs, 2) illicit sexual connections, 3) intoxication (including cigarettes, coffee and tea) and 4) gambling. In addition to these rules there are ten offenses to chanting the Maha Mantra which should be avoided. These rules are as follows: 1) blaspheming the Lord's devotee. 2) Considering the Lord and the demi-gods on the same level. 3) Neglecting the orders of the spiritual master. 4) Minimizing the authority of the Scriptures. 5) Interpreting the Holy Name of God. 6) Committing sin on the strength of chanting. 7) Instructing the glories of the Lord's Name to the unfaithful. 8) Comparing the Holy Name with material piety. 9) Inattention while chanting the Holy Name. 10) Attachment to material things while engaged in the practice of chanting.

So follow faithfully the above rules and regulations, help your godbrothers and sister in London to propagate Krishna Consciousness, and there is no question that you will all come out successful. I hope this will find you well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

AUGUST

69-8-1

Los Angeles
1st August, 1969

My Dear Jayapataka,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 29, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. I am pleased to note that the French edition of *BTG* will be ready by the end of the week. Please send a copy to me immediately when it is ready. You ask if you should improve the magazine to look like the English *BTG*, and of course this is very welcome, but first you must organize things so that the French edition can come out regularly every month. There are plans that soon there will be a center in Paris, France, so this French edition of *BTG* will help a great deal in the success of this center. Also, there are so many French speaking people in Canada, so please try to have this magazine come out on a regular monthly schedule. That would be very nice. Regarding the arrangements you described for having devotees come from here to work in Montreal, please send this information to Tamal Krishna, along with further details, and he will do the needful. I am pleased to note that you are selling about 25 copies of *BTG* daily and you are going out on Samkirtan twice daily. I have learned from Brahmananda that he is increasing the number of *BTGs* to be printed from 20,000 to 25,000 copies per month. So there is much potential for selling these issues to the many people who are gradually taking more and more interest in our movement, and please organize your sales there to increase at a steady rate. Samkir-

tan is the tried and proven method of propagating all aspects of our Krishna Consciousness Movement, so continue to go out chanting in the streets as much as possible.

Regarding Julanyatra Ceremony, during these five days the Deities' clothings should be changed everyday, and there should be nice Prasadam distribution and Samkirtan as far as possible. If you are able to do it, a nice throne may be constructed on which the Deities can be placed. This throne may be swung gently during Kirtan. That will be very good, and surely the Deities will enjoy the function. You have mentioned that you have been invited to attend some "World Brotherhood Conference," and if it is convenient, you may go there with your Samkirtan Party, chant Hare Krishna, give some talk on *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*, and distribute Prasadam. That is our only business, and we can do these activities anywhere; it doesn't matter on the street or in some "World Brotherhood Conference." Everyone in this material world is conditioned by the laws of Maya, so wherever we go, surely there is much work we have to do in help

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69-8-2

Los Angeles
2nd August, 1969

My Dear Ann Clifford,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 25, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. I am pleased to learn that you have

become interested in Krishna Consciousness through living at the Krishna House in Montreal and associating with the devotees there. Your return address is not at this Krishna House, and I hope that you are attending the Kirtans which are held at the temple on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings. The chanting of Hare Krishna Mantra will clear away all of the difficulties that you have mentioned. Actually, as pure spirit soul, there is no difficulty; the cause of all problems is that we are forgetful of the fact that we are part and parcel of Krishna, and we are trying to enjoy the material nature through these material bodies. But the laws of material nature are so stringent that in spite of all attempts for enjoyment, the living entity in the material world must always come to the platform of suffering. This chanting of the Hare Krishna Mantra is especially recommended for chanting in this age of Kali yuga so that any sincere soul who takes to it will very soon regain his memory of being the transcendental loving servitor of the Lord, or Krishna. So if you will come to our temple on Park Avenue and chant and speak with the devotees as far as possible, you will find that all lesser attachments and lesser enjoyments will fall very short of your attachment for and attraction for service of the Lord in Krishna Consciousness. That is a fact, and my special request to you is that you seriously read our literature, especially *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*, chant Hare Krishna always; then you will find your life becoming sublime.

Regarding your question about why we do not eat meat and yet we eat plant life, the answer is that we do everything as Krishna recommends. Everything we eat is first offered to Lord Krishna, and because Krishna does not eat meat, therefore we also do not eat meat. The fruits, grains, and vegetables which we offer to the Lord are not caused any suffering by

our offering them to Krishna. Rather they are greatly benefitted because to be offered for the pleasure of the Lord will grant for the living entity within the plant body certain liberation in the near future. Everything that we do in Krishna Consciousness is ultimately beneficial to all living creatures because we are working under the recommendations of the Lord Himself who is the well-wisher of all His part and parcel children. I hope this will sufficiently clear up this matter for you.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

69-8-3

Los Angeles
2nd August, 1969

My Dear Goursundar,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 30 July, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. I am always encouraged to learn of the nice activities of our Hawaii Iskcon as they go on under your direction. These concerts which you are attending will not go in vain, because all of these people who are now hearing these vibrations of Hare Krishna Mantra will be gradually coming to our camp of Krishna Consciousness. This is the Vedic process that simply by sound vibrations there will be the reaction of spiritual benefit. And for all of these people who are joining you in chanting and helping you in your various activities, for them Krishna has shown His Special Mercy, and it is to be understood that Krishna will guide them more and more to return to Him again in His Spiritual Abode, Goloka Vrindaban.

Regarding the difficulties you are having because of the police stopping your chanting in the streets, when Subal was arrested in Philadelphia for this same reason the judge declared him as "not guilty" when he learned of the nature of

our movement and the purpose of our collecting. Subal has testimonial of this "not guilty" verdict as declared by the judge, so if you think it will be of help to you in getting permission from the police for chanting on the streets, then you may write to Subal for a xerox copy of this testimonial. Regarding your order of *BTG*, on such matters you should negotiate with Tamal Krishna. But one thing is that we are now stepping up publication from 20,000 to 25,000 per month, so we must likewise step up our sales on Samkirtan Party. In Philadelphia, Subal has reported that simply by standing on the street corners wearing our robes, automatically many, many people come up to enquire and purchase *BTG* from them, and they are selling about 80 copies per day. My Guru Maharaj always stressed the importance of distributing this Krishna Consciousness literature, so try to do it as far as possible. Regarding your obtaining a new temple, and your idea for yourself, Govinda Dasi, Balabhadra and Turyadas to go to Tokyo in December, on such matters you may consult with Tamal Krishna in Los Angeles, because he has agreed to take charge of organizing this aspect of our movement. But I do not know how you are planning that the Hawaii branch will be maintained if so many important members leave for Tokyo. Just today I learned that in about one month Sudama and Bali Mardan will be leaving to begin this Japanese center, and Sudama has already arranged for free tickets for them both. So you may open correspondence to discuss this with Tamal Krishna. My idea is that you may not divert your attention to Tokyo at this time. Your responsibility in Hawaii is very great, so make it well-established first of all. Then you may try for another center. For your selling *BTGs* there is no reason for you to be strained. Whatever you can do conveniently is all right. I have received information from

the United Shipping Corporation that the Murtis are coming from Calcutta to Honolulu.

I am glad to learn that you have performed the Guru Purnima Ceremony by Kirtan; that is all right. But this Guru Purnima is generally performed by the Mayavadi sects. The idea of Guru Purnima is to offer gratitude to the Spiritual Master by the disciple once in a year. That is called Guru Purnima. So far as we are concerned, Goudiya Vaishnavas, we offer all our gratefulness to the Spiritual Master on His Appearance Day Ceremony, called Vyas Puja. So kirtan is our daily function; whatever you have done is all right, but actual worship of the Spiritual Master will be done by all of my disciples on the fifth day of September, just one day after Janamastmi.

I am pleased to note that you have performed at certain "yoga" groups in the area, and already you are making a nice dent in their Maya, as they are now preferring the Maha Mantra to the chanting of Om. Actually, this chanting of Om is also a bonafide form of meditation, but as we learn from Vedic literature and from Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, the chanting of Hare Krishna is the prime benediction for this age, and it is the authoritatively recommended means of God-realization. Also, I am very encouraged to learn that you have your own radio show for one hour every Sunday morning. Here in Los Angeles I have so many tapes of my singing prayers, chanting new tunes of Hare Krishna, playing mridunga, and purports to prayers. So if you think that some of these tapes will be nice for your program, I will have copies made of some of them and have them sent to you.

Please convey my blessings to Heroine Govinda Dasi. Yes, it is nice if she can draw pictures for *BTG* covers. She may ask Brahmananda what pictures will be required for upcoming covers. But as she

is still sometimes feeling weak, she should not tire herself out in this connection. Please convey my blessings to all of the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-8-4

Los Angeles
3rd August, 1969

My Dear Robert Hendry,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your nice letter dated July 13, 1969, but mailed on July 29th, and now it is in hand. I can understand from your letter that you are a quite fit soldier for fighting with Maya. Our Krishna Consciousness Movement is a declaration of war against the activities of Maya. The real description of Maya is given in a Vedic literature called *Markendya Purana* in the chapter *Chandika*. Chandika is another name of the external energy called Maya. This Chandika is described there as the Goddess who is putting all conditioned souls in darkness. In this material world, every living entity is under the spell of this Chandika, almost asleep in darkness of knowledge. Every living entity is part and parcel spirit soul, but in contact with Maya it has developed different types of consciousness, represented by varieties of bodies, beginning from the aquatics and going to the bodies of demigods in higher planets. These different grades of bodies are developing in terms of life. When the consciousness comes to the point of Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, then life becomes perfect in its original condition. Therefore, in a sense this Krishna Consciousness Movement is declaring war against Chandika, who has kept the living entities under her spell. Chandika's first spell is to make us identify ourselves with these ma-

terial conditions. Just like a living entity, because he is born and brought up in American condition, he thinks himself as American, similarly, others are thinking they are Indians, or Canadians, or French and so on. Actually, one is none of these material designations, but he is pure Krishna Consciousness, now covered by the spell of Chandika's energy, or the material energy.

So your program, seemingly like military men, marching with the Hare Krishna Mantra slogan is very very encouraging to me. I am always dreaming of a world Samkirtan Party, but your idea of marching 300 soldiers all over the world with the Hare Krishna Mantra is almost in fulfillment of my dream. So if you can believe in this adventure, certainly you will be doing a great deal of service to the humanity and therefore satisfying Krishna also.

I am also glad to learn that you are interested in Indian philosophy. So far as Indian philosophy is concerned, *Vedanta Sutra* is the topmost or _____, and *Srimad Bhagavatam* is the natural commentary on *Vedanta Sutra*. *Bhagavad Gita* is the preliminary study of *Srimad Bhagavatam*. In the *Bhagavad Gita* we understand the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Krishna as He is explaining Himself. We cannot understand the position of Godhead by our mental speculation because God is beyond our mental, bodily and speaking capacity. But when we are sincere in service mood, just like Arjuna, who surrendered himself to Krishna, then we are able to understand who Krishna is. Arjuna understood Krishna after hearing the *Bhagavad Gita* submissively that Krishna is the Supreme Absolute Truth, the Source of everything, the Supreme Purity and the Supreme Person. He also confirmed that Krishna is accepted as such not only by him, but also by other great authorities; such as Vyasadeva

and Narada, who propagated the philosophy of *Vedanta* and *Srimad Bhagavatam* all over the universe.

Therefore, Krishna Consciousness is also a sort of fight; but not with rifles. Our weapon is kartals. In this age there is no need of fighting with rifles because the population is so poor that they are already killed by so many disturbances. They are short lived, poor in knowledge, slack in advancement of spiritual life, unfortunate, and embarrassed by so many miserable conditions of life; like war, famine, pestilence, poverty and so on. So to kill these persons by rifle is like bringing a canon for killing a mosquito. So Lord Chaitanya introduced this fighting principle of Samkirtan Movement to reclaim all the fallen souls, who consist of so-called philosophers, half-educated scientists, misguided educationists and a miscreant society. If you can consolidate a party of soldiers as described by you, chanting Hare Krishna Mantra and claiming everyone of them to Krishna Consciousness, that will be a glorious task, and you have all of my good wishes for you for this purpose.

Your question about not chanting while attending class is also welcome. I don't mind if you do not chant Hare Krishna Mantra, but if you kindly sit down while chanting is going on, and if you simply hear with attention, that will also act. Wanting to become Krishna Conscious is also as good as being in a state of Krishna Consciousness. There is no actual difference, but the difference is only just like the difference between green mangoes and fully ripened mangoes. The ripened mango is not a separate mango, but it is another condition of the green mango. So if the green mango is properly taken care of, it will surely come to the stage of the ripened mango. Therefore, as a mango, there is no difference between the two stages. So far as your dress is con-

cerned, that is immaterial. But as a soldier you know that every soldier has got a uniform dress according to the army etiquette of regulation. Therefore, the army of Krishna Consciousness must have at least the telok on the forehead in all conditions. For your business you can wear your naval service uniform; similarly, if you have telok on your forehead as a soldier of Krishna Consciousness, you may not have so much objection, because it is essential. Your ideas are great, and your efficiency is laudable. The best thing would have been if you could come here and live with me at least for a week. We could have discussed it very nicely, so in the future you can become a great commander of the Krishna Consciousness soldiers.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-8-5

Los Angeles
5th August, 1969

My Dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of both of your letters, one dated July 31, 1969 and the other August 2, 1969. The letter of August 2nd appears to be a practical proposal. The calculations for the house are nice. But everything should be done very carefully. If the landlord allows you to take possession of the house on payment of \$12,000 on the terms and conditions as stated by you, then you must enter the house immediately, and we take it for granted it is Krishna's offer. As far as you having to pay \$6,000 down payment by October, from your calculation it appears that you shall be able to pay it. So in that case, the money paid by Giriraj may be deposited in a separate bank account for this purpose.

If things go on according to your calculation, this opportunity must be taken; but I am always afraid of persons like Mr. Payne. You know the incident in New York how the real estate man, Payne, entrapped us by \$6,000. I think Giriraj's father is a lawyer, so he can help you in this connection, or any other lawyer friend. So if things are done very carefully, this scheme is approved by me. If they will give you immediate occupation of the house, and if there are no other tenants there, then it is all right. But if there are tenants, it will be botheration. We cannot deal with tenants, so if they are there, you may not accept it. But if the house is occupied by ourselves only, then it is all right. I think Giriraj is a very intelligent boy, so do everything carefully, and let me know the result. If this house can be occupied as our own, then the press department may be established in Boston immediately. If I go to New York on my way to Europe, then most probably I will stop at Boston also to see the new house. So do everything very carefully, and I shall await your further report in this connection.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. I have also received another letter by Special delivery. So everything is Krishna's Grace. Take the risk for Krishna but do everything very diligently. I sanction it.

69-8-6

Los Angeles
5th August, 1969

Dear Sri K.L. Goswami,

Replying your letter of July 23rd, 1969, I beg to enclose herewith some newspaper cuttings for your information how we have performed Rathayatra Ceremony in San Francisco, London, Buffalo, Boston and Ohio.

Regarding the land, we are already negotiating for some land on the bank of the Ganges in Nabadwip. The price is cheaper there. I think Serampore being an industrial center, the price is very high. So anyway, I beg to thank you for your kind information. If our negotiations in Nabadwip are not fruitful, then I shall again write to you about this.

Thank you very much for your kind letter.

Sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-8-7

Los Angeles
5th August, 1969

My Dear Yamuna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letters dated July 16th, 22nd and 27th, and I have noted all of the contents carefully. I have also received some photographs of your Rathayatra Day ceremony, sent to me by Sri Govind. It appears to be very, very nice, and I am having these photographs reprinted together on one page so I may show the others how nicely you have done it. I have already told Gurudas something of the glorious affair that was arranged here, and enclosed please find reprinted news articles from the San Francisco papers.

I am pleased to learn that you now have Radha-Krishna Murtis given to you by Mataji Shamadevi. For the time being you should keep Them covered, and when I go there I shall install Them and teach you how to do everything nicely. In the meantime you should not tend these Deities, but a nice throne should be constructed in the same fashion as the picture which was sent to you recently. In Los Angeles temple they have constructed a beautiful throne, just on the measurements and colors as depicted on the picture sent to you, and it has come very successful.

In the photographs sent by Sri Govind I have seen the nice brahmacharies of our London Yatra. I hope that by now they have received their beads, duly chanted upon by me. Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you all in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-8-8

Los Angeles
5th August, 1969

My Dear Krishna Das,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your two letters dated August 2nd, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. From these letters it appears that things are not yet settled up, and under the circumstances, there is no use of rushing the matter. Settle things up nicely, and when you get the money from Mukunda and the apartment, then arrange for the tickets, and we shall start. So far as I am concerned, I am free to start at any moment on your arrangement. But if you are financially pressed, there is no need to arrange things haphazardly. From your two letters it appears you may be a little bit confused. Do everything cool-headedly. When you send the tickets I shall go.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. It is very much interesting about Professor Bernhard. We want the help of such interested persons for our Krishna Consciousness Movement in Germany. If you meet again Professor Bernhard, you can talk with him that this Krishna Consciousness Movement is for understanding one God, one scripture, one mantra, and one engagement for all living entities, not

only within this world, but throughout the whole universe. So far as sacred thread ceremony is concerned, *Bhagavad Gita* accepts that anyone, from any place, if he is a pure devotee of Lord Krishna, he is above the position of brahmin. When we meet together we shall discuss all these points very nicely. I am also very much anxious to see Professor Bernhard.

You have asked me about my plans: My plan is for preaching with your help. You arrange for everything, and I shall talk about Krishna Consciousness for any length of time, anywhere. That is my mission. You propose to send a wire when everything is arranged. Better send the wire here in Los Angeles; that will be nice.
ACB

69-8-9

Los Angeles
6th August, 1969

My Dear Kirtanananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 2, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. Regarding your recipe for pickling foodstuffs, it is all right, but it will be nicer still if you follow the following procedure: Cut berries, green apples or green tomatoes into pieces. Without adding water, add a mixture of equal quantities of salt, tumeric and red peppers. Then let it be dried in the sunlight as far as possible. When this is done, put it either in mustard oil or in olive oil, and it will then keep for years.

Regarding the girls, Hayagriva informed me that there was disturbance, and you informed me that it is all right. So how can I advise in this matter? Try to settle things amongst yourselves. But my idea is that New Vrindaban should be peaceful. There should be no unnecessary disturbances. Regarding Dwarkadish, if

his mother leaves New Vrindaban, it is all right if he remains there under your care. When my itenary is settled up you shall be duly informed.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-8-10

Los Angeles
6th August, 1969

My Dear Subal,

I beg to thank you very much for your letter of August 2, 1969, and I have noted the contents. I am glad to learn that you are selling *BTG* increasingly, and it is giving me pleasure increasingly. Now in Boston they have decided to make profit of \$1,000 per month by selling *BTGs*, and similarly you try to do that. Satsvarupa has now purchased a large house on the strength of this profit. So in selling *BTG* not only are we doing first-class proagation work, but also we are making profit to support the temples and facilitate other activities. You have mentioned that Chris has contributed \$500, and you are considering sending this to me. This idea is nice, and you may do it. I am thinking that the press department may immediately be begun now in Boston in the new house, so there is necessity for funds for purchasing printing equipment and the necessary paraphernalia for printing our many books. Any extra money you have you can send to me, and when you require some money, I shall supply it. But try to become rich by selling *BTG*. There is possibility of making profit of at least \$1,000 per month.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-8-11

Los Angeles
6th August, 1969

My Dear Pradyumna,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of July 31, 1969, along with Arundhuti's letter, and I have noted the contents carefully. Regarding the Remington typewriter typeface, it is better to purchase an original *Bhagavatam* from India and cut the slokas out and paste them appropriately. You can get for one dollar two small books of *Bhagavatam* published by Gita Press, and if you cut out the slokas in this way, the question will be finished. So if by spending \$5.00 we solve the question, why should we spend \$500.00 or \$600.00? If you like the idea, I shall order these *Bhagavatams*, or you can ask Mr. Vora to bring with him the Gita Press edition in two small copies and in 'black type.' This will save much time and money.

So far I have not heard anything from Mr. Vora. We want from Bombay one good order supplier of all kinds of goods from Bombay, and a good shipping agent. So far as payment is concerned, I shall arrange it that as soon as the shipping documents are delivered to the bank, the bank will pay immediately. So ask Mr. Vora to assist us in this respect. Regarding your idea for opening a store, don't bother with it. Let Gargamuni do it; not others. You have got more important business than selling. Both your wife and yourself are meant for publication department.

Arundhuti asked me whether the two pictures she has described in her letter are bonafide. The answer is no. For a picture of Nrisringa Murti, she may refer to the one painted by Jadurany. That is very nice. You may inform Vamandev that I have duly received his letter of July 24th, and as soon as my time for being in New York is fixed up I shall inform him.

Please convey my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-8-12 Los Angeles
6th August, 1969

My Dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. In further reference to your letter of August 2, 1969, now that you have procured this big house, I think it will be ideal for beginning our printing department in Boston immediately. You have written that there are two big halls, so do you think one of these halls will be nice for printing machines and workshop? You may immediately write to Advaita and Vaikunthanath in New York and invite them to go there to Boston to begin printing operations.

I hope this meets you in good health.

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

PS: If it is possible, I would like to stop off in Boston on my way to Europe to see this house.

69-8-13 Los Angeles
7th August, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda and Advaita,

Please accept my blessings. As you have probably heard by now, in Boston they have a big house which they are purchasing, and they are anxious to have more devotees move there. My idea is that you may immediately make plans to start our printing department in Boston now. There are two large halls in their house, and one of them may be utilized as the printing department's. I have already written to Satsvarupa to invite Advaita, Vaikunthanath, and their wives to go to

Boston for beginning this operation, and similarly, the others may go now or when they are required. The first project will be to print *Teachings of Lord Chaitanya* in soft cover edition. So instead of spending money to have this printed outside, we can utilize the money for starting our own press in Boston. You may contact Satsvarupa immediately to make definite arrangements in this connection.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-8-14 Los Angeles
8th August, 1969

My Dear Rupanuga,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you very much for your letter of August 3rd, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. In further reference to your question about the form of the spirit soul of the conditioned living entity, there is a spiritual form always, but it develops fully only when the living entity goes back to Vaikuntha. This form develops according to the desire of the living entity. Until this perfectional stage is reached, the form is lying dormant like the form of the tree is lying dormant in the seed. Regarding the higher school of theology, according to the Vedic system it is not at all difficult. The students are taught by the Spiritual Master, or the teacher, and the students themselves go from door to door for begging alms, and because everyone's son is in the ashram, nobody declines to give alms. So there is no financial difficulty at all; but I do not know what to do in your country. There are so many laws. We have to adjust things to the circumstances. I think as soon as our institution becomes formal, as Tamal Krishna is doing through

the lawyer, it will be easier to start a theological school.

Regarding Krishna Devi's proposal, that is too immature now. We have to see the boy's tendencies first. This will be judged when he is at least 16 years old. Before that, up to the 15th year, he should be given all sorts of education and training as brahmachary. We cant impose anything from so early age, because when he is grown up he may not like the idea. So all this contemplation is premature. For the present your duty is to make him healthy and strong, physically and spiritually. Of course, if our Krishna Conscious children are to marry, the marriage must be performed within our group.

I am very pleased to learn of your nice progress in Samkirtan and *BTG* sales. In every temple we are seeing great success in these areas. It is also encouraging that your course is again approved in the university, and I have full confidence in you to do your duties very expertly. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your everwell-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. I am enclosing herewith a review of our books. Please try for such review in Buffalo papers. This will be nice.

ACB

69-8-15

Los Angeles
8th August, 1969

Manager

The Bank of Baroda Ltd.

Post Box No. 1801

Mafatlal House

Backbay Reclamation

Bombay-1

Dear Sir:

RE: ACOUNT #4996 LEAGUE OF
DEVOTEES

Kindly close this account, and whatever amount is there in credit balance

please transfer to my personal account #4966. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-8-16

Los Angeles
8th August, 1969

Manager

THE BANK OF BARODA LTD

856, Chandni Chowk

Delhi-6, INDIA

Dear Sir,

I thank you very much for your letter #FEX.21/-2295, dated July 28th, 1969, and I have noted the contents. I am enclosing herewith another formal advice on behalf of The League of Devotees for transferring the balance to my account #1452. Please do the needful.

Regarding Indian exporters, I beg to request you to send me some addresses of musical instrument dealers in Delhi. Most probably some of them might be your clients, and if you kindly advise them to send their catalogs or price lists, it will be very appreciated.

Sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-8-17

Los Angeles
8th August, 1969

Manager

The Bank of Baroda Ltd.

Post Box No. 1801

Mafatlal House

Backbay Reclamation

Bombay-1

Dear Sir,

I thank you very much for your letter No. FGN: 14/1026, dated July 30th, 1969. First of all I beg to draw your attention to the credit balance in my SB account #4966. I think the credit balance

quotation by you, Rs. 280.55, is not correct. The last balance in my credit on the 24th of July, 1965 was Rs. 502.55. Since then I have added further amounts, and I do not find any amounts drawn since then. Therefore, the balance should be not less than somewhere around Rs. 800. I request you to send me immediately a statement of account and oblige. In the meantime I am enclosing a separate advice for transferring the balance of the League of Devotees to my personal account.

Regarding your enquiry of when I left India, I beg to inform you that I left India on the 4th of December, 1967, and I have no program to return back to India. Therefore, I beg to request you to send me some addresses of musical instrument dealers in Delhi. Most probably some of them might be your clients, and if you kindly advise them to send their catalog or price lists. That will be very kind of you. I have also noted your other instruction regarding Manufacturers Bank, Los Angeles, and I shall do the needful.

Sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-8-18

Los Angeles
9th August, 1969

My Dear Goursundar,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 5 August, 1969, and I have carefully noted the contents. Enclosed please find one stereo tape of "Sri Krishna Chaitanya Prabhu," song and purport. We have played a non-stereo tape on one recorder, and dubbed over it the sound of kartals on a stereo tape recorder; so now the result is stereo. I do not know if this tape is suitable for your broadcast purposes, but if it is all right, please inform me. I am so pleased to read about your most recent chanting

where thousands of people have heard you. It is very encouraging. Regarding your taking on an outside job, I do not think that will be nice. In Boston they have decided to purchase a large house with 16 rooms plus two halls, for the price of \$70,000. The major source of payment for this house will be sales of *BTG*. So if you can organize sales of *BTG* and our literature very nicely in Hawaii, there will be no financial strain. Now we have a very nice book review from the "Honolulu Advertiser," so try to cooperate with the local booksellers. Regarding the boy who is now staying with you, if somebody takes shelter of our organization, we have no objection. If he desires to go to San Francisco, let him go. There is very good possibility that next week I shall be going to Boston to help them begin our Iskcon Press Department there in their new house, and from Boston I shall be going on to Europe. In the meantime, I will be remaining in Los Angeles at least till the middle of next week.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. Are you getting some enquiries on a/c of the review. I think you should have some enquiries. Elsewise see the total book-sellers if they purchase some copies. The Review is nice.

69-8-19

Los Angeles
9th August, 1969

My Dear Bhagavandas and Krishna Bhamini Dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I thank both of you very much for your letter of August 5th, 1969, and I have noted the contents with pleasure. Krishna has been very kind upon you, and if you continue to engage seriously in His service, certainly

He will give all facilities. After all, it is His business that we are doing. It is very encouraging that you have had thirty people at your feast and twenty people at your first kirtan. It appears that Detroit has very good prospects for spreading Krishna Consciousness. Try to sell *Back To Godhead* as much as possible. This is very nice propaganda work, plus it will provide you with some income for increasing activities further. I am enclosing herewith one book review of our *Bhagavad Gita As It Is* and *Teachings of Lord Chaitanya*, and this may help you to distribute these books nicely in the Detroit area. If you require more copies of this review, please inform me and I shall have them sent to you directly. Regarding the reporters who are interested in doing an article on your activities for the local paper, give them good points. I am also enclosing an article by Hayagrivas, called "The Hare Krishna Explosion," and this will give them more idea of our movement.

So far as Hansadutta and Himavati are concerned, at present they are organizing in Berkeley, but when they are finished there they may be willing to join you in Detroit. In the meantime, if there is any difficulty, or if you need men, you can consult with Tamal Krishna in Los Angeles, and he will help you. Regarding Gargamuni, yes, you may contact him. I have no objection.

I hope this will meet you both in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-8-20

Los Angeles
12th August, 1969

My Dear Jayapataka,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 7, 1969, and I have noted the contents. Regarding Narottamadas, our

policy should be to keep members as much as possible. We should not flatly say "You must leave." That is not our policy. If he comes to Los Angeles to see me, I shall speak with him to find out what is his difficulty. So far as that meeting you are invited to, it is not very important. Our stress should always be on Samkirtan Party. These "yoga" societies are useless. If you do go, you should not eat their food. We cannot eat anything not offered to Krishna, and we cannot offer anything to Krishna which is not cooked by a devotee. I hope this will clear up the matter for you. Regarding Dyal Nitai, I am instructing Woomapati to send him from Los Angeles translated essays and articles for printing in French *BTG*, so Dyal Nitai will now have more time for going on Samkirtan Party. You have asked about a quote from *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*, and the statement is that the material energy is Brahman, not Brahma. Brahman means spirit. Brahma is the first living entity in the universe, and their is no 'n' at the end of his name.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. I am enclosing some copies of a recent book review which was printed in a Hawaii newspaper. You should approach the local papers there and try to induce them to similarly review our books. Also you approach the local bookstores with this review and try to arrange for them to carry our Krishna Consciousness literature.

69-8-21

Los Angeles
12th August, 1969

My Dear Yamuna Dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 4th, 1969, and I have noted the

contents carefully. Regarding your questions about details for Deity worship, I have already mentioned in a previous letter that I shall teach you these things when I arrive in London. In the meantime there is no necessity for you to increase Deity worshipping. For the time being these new Deities may be put away nicely until I personally install Them and instruct you very nicely how to tend for Them correctly. For the present you may join Samkirtan Party because I know that your presence will enliven everyone. Actually, temple worship is for the neophyte devotee, and the preacher is in a higher position than the neophyte. That is the definition given in *Srimad Bhagavatam*. The advanced devotee should be very much enthusiastic in preaching the transcendental message of Lord Chaitanya, and temple worship should be entrusted to the newcomers, or neophytes.

Regarding the collapsing of the wheels during Ratha Yatra Ceremony, that doesn't matter. If possible, you may organize another procession on Janamastmi Day. Regarding the footprint on Krishna's chest which you say is Radharani's, that is not correct. That footprint is of Bhrigu Muni.

As of this moment, my plans for going to Germany are not yet fixed up, but as soon as things are settled, I shall duly inform you. Please convey my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in very good health.

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

69-8-22

Los Angeles
12th August, 1969

My Dear Trivikram,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter of August 3rd, 1969, and I have noted the contents

carefully. I am pleased to learn of the nice service you are rendering in London, and all of your godbrothers and sisters who have written to me from there have praised your nice endeavors. I have already told Yamuna to put the Deities away for the time being, so this will solve your question. When I arrive in London we shall consult together how to best spread Samkirtan Movement throughout England. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

69-8-23

Los Angeles
12th August, 1969

My Dear Rukmini Dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated July 27th, 1969, sent along with your new beads, and I am enclosing the beads herewith duly chanted upon by me. I am pleased to learn that Baradraj has completed the Samkirtan picture and you are now doing a painting of Krishna and Arjuna. All such paintings may be forwarded to me as soon as possible. We require so many paintings now as we are planning to print so many illustrated books and there are so many new temples that are opening of our Krishna Consciousness Movement. So as many nice paintings as you are able to do can be well-utilized. If you would like to go to Boston, husband and wife, you could work conjointly with Jadurany. In Boston they now have a large house with nice accommodations for many devotees, so if you are able to go, that will be nice. Regarding the questions you have asked, it is better to refer such questions to our householder women. If your ailment is persisting, you may consult a physician what you should to.

I thank you for the nice sentiments you have expressed, and I am awaiting to see

the pictures that you and Baradraj have completed. Please offer my blessings to Baradraj and to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-8-24

Los Angeles
12th August, 1969

My Dear Gurudas,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of the 13th Sept., and I am so glad to learn that you are active in preaching Krishna Consciousness in London. You all 3 couples are expert in the matter of preaching Krishna Consciousness, and your last effort in the matter of performing Ratha Yatra festival was so successful. So I am sure by your combined effort in London, there will be a great successful center. I am so pleased to learn about your staunch faith in Krishna and your Spiritual Master. May Krishna bless you more and more in the matter of advancement of Krishna Consciousness. Hope you are well, and please convey my blessings to your good wife, Yamuna devi.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-8-25

Los Angeles
13th August, 1969

My Dear Jayagovinda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 4th, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. Regarding your accepting a job in the Graphics profession, I think you can accept this job because it is paying, as well as you can get experience in the profession. So as Krishna Das has advised you, I confirm it. Regarding your meeting with the Ram Krishna Mission

man, you write to say that he has advised you how you should work combinedly with the Maharishi group in Hamburg, and he has said that our goals are actually the same. I do not know how our goals are actually the same. Our goal is Krishna, and we are preaching the gospel of Krishna, *Bhagavad Gita* as it is. In the *Bhagavad Gita* the point is stressed to concentrate on Krishna only, and the highest perfection of yoga process is to realize Krishna both externally and internally. We are teaching to vibrate the transcendental chanting of “Krishna” because in that way, by hearing the sound vibration of Krishna, we can see everything as diverse extension of Krishna’s external energy. And because we think of Krishna always in all our activities, therefore, internally we are 24 hours in meditation with Krishna. I don’t think the Maharishi group or the Ram Krishna Mission is teaching like that. So how can it be accepted that our goal is actually the same?

Accepting that Krishna is everything, what is aimed by the Ram Krishna Mission or by the Maharishi group is also Krishna; but Krishna says that although everything is expansion of Himself, He is not in everything. Exactly like in our material experience we can understand that everything is ultimately produced of sunshine, but that does not mean everything is sunshine. Rather, other things cover the sunshine and creates a shadow. The Ram Krishna Mission or the Maharishi’s activities are nothing but expanded energy of Krishna, but by such work Krishna is covered. Therefore it is called Maya. Maya has no separate existence beyond Krishna, but when there is Maya, Krishna is covered. Exactly like cloud is nothing but creation of the sunshine—the cloud has no independent existence—but whenever there is a cloud in the sky the sunshine becomes covered. Therefore it is Maya. Maya means things which have no

existence independent of Godhead, but its business is to cover Godhead. Similarly, either the Ram Krishna Mission or Maharishi's group, they have no existence independent of Krishna, but their activities are just like the cloud covering Krishna. Actually, they never directly preach Krishna Consciousness. On the other hand, they do something to cover Krishna Consciousness. So although water is generated from fire, we cannot pour on water when the fire is blazing. We cannot adulterate Krishna Consciousness with the Ram Krishna Mission or with anything else. We must present Krishna Consciousness in its pure form, as it is adv

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disturbances. If we nicely organize as it is going on now, only selected persons will live there and peacefully cultivate Krishna Consciousness.

You have inquired why Chaitanya Mahaprabhu has not mentioned anything about accepting a Spiritual Master in His Sikshastak. But perhaps you have missed the point that He says *amanina manna-dena kirtinya sada hari*. This means one has to chant the Holy Names of Krishna, becoming humbler than the straw, and more tolerant than the tree. So who can become humbler than the straw unless he accepts a Spiritual Master? The whole world is puffed up. Everyone wants to become the Lord of everything. Ultimately, the Mayavadi philosopher wants to become one with the Supreme Lord. This means that when one fails to become Lord of everything, he wants to mix up with the Supreme Lord and tries in that way to automatically become Lord of everything. What he can't perform by his own capacity he wants to have done by being merged into the Supreme Lord. That is the mentality of the general people. But if anyone becomes humbler than the grass and more tolerant than the tree, it is understood that he has accepted a Spiritual

Master. Besides that, if we accept Sikshastak as authority given by Lord Chaitanya, this means we accept Lord Chaitanya as Spiritual Master. In the *Bhagavad Gita* it is openly mentioned that Arjuna accepted Krishna as the Spiritual Master. There is another mention in the Sikshastak, Lord Chaitanya says "I do not want any wealth of this world, I do not want any following, neither do I want a beautiful wife. Simply I want to become a servant of the Lord." To become the servant of the Lord means to accept a Spiritual Master. Without accepting somebody as master, how can one become an expert servant? It is not that in every literature you will find the words that everyone has to accept a Spiritual Master, but we have to study things scrutinizingly. In the *Chaitanya Charitamrita* there is mention *guru krishna kripaya paya bhakti latha biz*. By the mercy of the Spiritual Master and Krishna one can get the seeds of *bhakti latha*, the plant of devotional service.

I am glad that you have named your printing press the Radha Press. It is very gratifying. May your Radha Press be enriched in publishing all our books and literatures in the German language. It is a very nice name. Radharani is the best, topmost servitor of Krishna, and the printing machine is the biggest medium at the present moment for serving Krishna. Therefore, it is really a representative of Srimati Radharani. I like the idea very much. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-8-26

Los Angeles
13th August, 1969

My Dear Shyamsundar,

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

August 5th, 1969 and have noted the contents. When I first heard that the wheels of the car collapsed it was so great a shock to me that the whole day I was sick and morose, and now after receiving this letter and your pictures I am very much enlivened. The car was on the road and the photo is taken with a multitude of people. That is your success and as a result of this collapse you have got now the sympathy of the Indian community as well as all the people of London—so much so that next year you can timely and conveniently erect three cars like that.

Regarding your recording of Nama Om and Hare Krishna, it is very, very good and everyone says that it is technically all-perfect. So your endeavor to induce the Beatles to cooperate with us is successful to a greater extent. Now when I shall go to London I shall carry with me various other recordings sung by me, and if these recordings can be attuned in the same technical perfection, then under my direction we can produce at least one dozen Hare Krishna recordings in varieties of tunes. I am sure people will like them very much when they are presented through Mr. George Harrison and his company. I am very glad to learn that Mr. George Harrison was playing on harmonium and guitar; Digvijaya and Gurudas were playing kartals; Yamuna and Malati were singing; and you were playing dilruba. Kulashekhar is so nice khole player I thought it was being played by Mukunda. Why do I not find the name of Mukunda?

I am also very glad to learn that this record is being played on some first class radio station all day, and wherever you go people congratulate you by chanting Hare Krishna. This is very encouraging. Similarly, I am encouraged that Kirtan Party led by Trivikram is collecting \$25-50 daily.

My going to Germany is not yet fixed

up, but it is understood that both Mukunda and Krishna Das have sent two tickets addressed to New York. It is also understood that they have redirected the mail here, but we have not received anything till now. So as soon as I receive the tickets, arrangements for going to Germany will be fixed up. In the month of September I shall be in Germany, and the next month, if you like, you can call me to London.

So far as Maya's activities are concerned, it will go on because we are in the kingdom of Maya. Just like in the snowfall season, especially in the Western part of the world, you cannot stop falling of the snow, but for your protection you have to take all possible precautions; similarly, in the kingdom of Maya you cannot stop the onslaught of her activities. The only protective measure is Krishna Consciousness. Otherwise there is no alternative. So we have to engage ourselves always in some sort of Krishna activity, and whenever there is some attack by Maya we shall not be surprized. Rather we should immediately remember that we are in Maya's kingdom.

I think you have already got the design of the throne and the measurements also. It should be 40" x 40", and the height is 57", including the canopy. The front pillars are three on each side, and the whole throne is supported by four lion claws. I shall send you very soon a real photo of the Los Angeles throne, Jagannath altar and Vyasasana. They have done it very nicely and perfectly. So I wish that in every center similar arrangements may be done.

Please offer my blessings to your wife and child. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-8-27

Los Angeles
15th August, 1969

My Dear Krishna Das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of August 8th, 1969, and I have noted the contents. It is understood that the ticket you have sent to New York was redirected to me here in Los Angeles, but somehow or other it has never arrived here. So you must have this ticket cancelled immediately. Another thing is that the flight on Icelandic Airlines is for 12 hours, and such a long flight is not possible. There is another airlines, Lufthansa Airlines, and their flight from New York to Hamburg is 7 1/2 hours. The fare on this airlines is \$252, but I think this will be much better. Anyway, I am awaiting your telegram or your Special Delivery letter saying that you have found an apartment, and myself and Purushottam may go there to Hamburg. Regarding the ticket, I think it will be a better plan to have the New York or the Los Angeles temple put forward the money, and as soon as it is purchased here, you and Mukunda may reimburse them immediately. I understand that you have asked from San Francisco, Los Angeles and New York temples for a loan of \$100. That is all right.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-8-28

Los Angeles
16th August, 1969

My Dear Upendra,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 15th, 1969, and I have noted the contents. Regarding the persons who have been "throwing the I-Ching," this cannot go on

in our temples of Krishna Consciousness. This is to be considered as gambling, and it must be strictly prohibited. So if these boys will come to Los Angeles to follow the discipline as it is practiced here, that will be the best thing. Otherwise, they may not cause this disturbance in our temples. So both of these boys, whoever they are, should come immediately to Los Angeles to be trained up nicely in Krishna Consciousness. Unless one agrees to follow all of our principles, he may not be allowed to live at the temple. This must be our policy.

I am pleased to learn that your center and the Vancouver center are cooperating together to propagate this movement. Your idea of joining together on Samkirtan once in a month for large scale Samkirtan Party is nice, and you may do it conveniently. Regarding Mayapur, Achyutananda is now in the process of finding out some suitable land for our society, and whatever Krishna desires in this connection will be done. I am thinking that you will be very nice for this Mayapur center, but first of all you organize the Seattle very nicely. That is your first business. Yes, you are welcome to write to me when you wish to do so. I am always pleased to learn of the nice activities you are performing. But so far as general management questions and difficulties are concerned, these should be first submitted to Tamal Krishna in Los Angeles. I am always at your service to assist in any way that I can, but Tamal Krishna is gradually becoming more and more expert in managing temple business, and if he is able to solve things conjointly with you, that is the best system.

So far as my travel plans are concerned, it is not yet settled. When Krishna Das informs me that they have found an apartment there, then I shall leave for Europe immediately, via the New York or Boston temple.

Please offer my blessings to the others.
I hope this will meet you in good health.
Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-8-29

Los Angeles
16th August, 1969

My Dear Damodara,

Please accept my blessings. I am very much thankful to you for your letter dated August 14th, 1969, and it is very encouraging. The Samkirtan Movement is the panacea for all problems of the world. The people are suffering on account of illusory happiness of this material world, and we have got great responsibility to enlighten them with Krishna Consciousness. I understand that you are considering to invite President Nixon in our temple, and if you are serious about it and if there is hint that President Nixon may visit our temple, then I can postpone my journey to Europe for the time being. I shall be so glad to receive President Nixon in our temple, and this will be a great incident. In the *Bhagavad Gita* it is stated *yad yad acharati srestha tat tat eva itareray jana*. The thing is that people generally follow their leaders. So if one leader is convinced about the importance of this movement, many others will follow. So if actually you invite President Nixon, it will be a great forward step in our movement. If the President comes, then we can invite many other important men, and they will also come, as well as the press representatives will come. So there will be a great assembly, and if we can convince them even a very little of our transcendental movement, it will be a great stride. So if possible, try for this arrangement seriously, and pray to Krishna. He will help you. Please keep me informed of your activities in this connection. On the whole I am so much pleased that you have opened

a branch in Washington, which is the center of all elites.

I very much appreciate the nice sentiments you have expressed, and Krishna is available only through service. We cannot demand from Krishna to know about Him. When you actually learn to serve Him, He reveals Himself. That is the process. And the success of life is simply by pleasing Him. That is the version of all Vedic literature. Knowledge means to know Him, and success means to please Him. And how He is pleased, that can be known through the transparent medium of His confidential servant. This is the process of understanding Krishna Consciousness. I was very much anxious to hear from you, and this letter is encouraging. Similarly, Hansadutta and Himavati are trying in Berkeley, and although they have not found as yet any temple, their work is going on nicely. Please offer my blessings to Madhusudan, Dinesh and Krishna Devi. I hope this will meet you all in good health.

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

69-8-30

Los Angeles
16th August, 1969

My Dear Pradyumna,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your two letters, one dated August 5th and the other dated August 14th, and I have noted the contents. I understand that the machine is already in the IBM office in Columbus and it will be delivered by the 22nd instant. I do not know why you arranged for rental payment. You say "if the machine works satisfactorily." Does it mean that there is chance of the machine not working satisfactorily? Now if you make experiment for the first month, does it mean that if the experiment fails we lose the first month's rental? I

could not follow what does it mean. In the beginning we thought and consulted in so many ways and then settled up to purchase the machine. Why have you now decided to rent it and make an experiment? This is puzzling. I think the machine must work satisfactorily, and therefore, from the beginning you can purchase it as already settled up. Thus you can purchase without delay, and upon receipt of the machine you immediately begin composing the book, *Nectar of Devotion*. If there are no diacritic marks, we can put the diacritic marks by pencil carefully. That will not be difficult. So immediately on receipt of the machine the book composition must begin. I am asking Hayagriva to come to Columbus along with his wife immediately to begin the work. I am very much anxious to get my books somehow or other, so dont delay the matter. Immediately you should not bother about the Sanskrit typewriter.

Regarding the church on 16th Avenue, if it is possible to take this on rental, it is very nice place, and you can organize a similar temple as the one in Los Angeles. Yes, as suggested by you the householders should take charge of the maintenance of the temple. Jaya Gopal is very enthusiastic boy. He should be given all sorts of encouragement. Then he alone can manage the whole thing. I have got Bengali *Chaitanya Chaitamrita* in New York, so dont order anything present. I do not know why you want to subscribe to the Gaudiya paper. Rather you ask Brahmananda to send them a copy in exchange of our copy. But their behavior is not at all satisfactory. We are sending our *BTG* in three places and they haven't got even the etiquette to send even one almanac. If you want to learn Bengali, there are many sources. Simply *Chaitanya Chaitamrita* will be sufficient. I shall deliver to you my old copy when I go to New York on the way to Europe. Dont worry. Your immedi-

ate attention is to make the book composition perfect, in cooperation with Arundhuti, Hayagriva and Shama Dasi. When it is nicely done and it is in due course, then you can divert your attention to other subject matters.

Please convey my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you all in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. If possible get our books reviewed like the one enclosed herewith.

69-8-31

Los Angeles
17th August, 1969

My Dear Govinda Dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 9th, 1969. In the meantime I have sent one tape to Goursundar. Perhaps you might have received it, and if it is all right, then I can send you many other tapes, similarly stereoed. From the description of your letter I understand that Hawaii is good field for our preaching work. The hippies are actually immediate candidates for our Krishna Consciousness. We pray to Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, "My dear Lord, Your Incarnation is to claim the most fallen souls." So in this age of Kali almost everyone is dangerously fallen, and the hippies appear to be still more greater fallen. Besides that, from their behavior it appears they like this movement. This is a very good sign. Your description of that Yogi Sai, that is also little hopeful. He is reading *Bhagavad Gita* and quoting some lines. So you are very intelligent; you can tackle these people very nicely, assisted by your good husband and the other boys and girls. You write that you have desire to avail of my association again, but why do you forget that you are always in association with me? When you

are helping my missionary activities I am always thinking of you and you are always thinking of me. That is real association. Just like I always think of my Guru Maharaj every moment, although He is not physically present, and because I am trying to serve Him to my best capacity, I am sure He is helping me by His spiritual blessings. So there are two kinds of association: physical and preceptorial. Physical association is not so important as preceptorial association. So try to preach this Krishna Consciousness Movement amongst the hippies there, and simply induce them to chant Hare Krishna. If they kindly join in chanting Hare Krishna, that will make our movement successful. Then gradually make them more and more advanced by participating in Love Feasts and ceremonies, like Janamastmi and Rathayatra. Then everything will go smoothly. The only thing wanted is that we should work very sincerely, with full faith in Krishna and the Spiritual Master. Then all help will come automatically.

Regarding mango recipe directions, it may be done as follows: first of all collect the juice, then boil it on fire until it is a thick pulp. And while boiling, add a little salt also. That will act as a preservative; but don't make it salty. Then spread the boiled pulp in thin layers on dishes or suitable pots and dry it in the sunshine. I think it will come out successful. Regarding Sadhana Ausadhalaya, you can write to him c/o Kaviraj Rajani Chandra Shastri, 227 Mahatma Gandhi Road, Calcutta-7. Let him know the symptoms of your ailment, and ask him to send some good medicines. But the difficulty will be for the vehicles. In the Auyurvedic medicine there are vehicles which are very difficult to obtain in this country. So you should advise them to send medicine and suitable vehicles which can't be obtained in this country. But if the medicine is only mixed with honey, as they usually do, then there

is no difficulty. You can refer my name also to this physician. Then he will be more careful.

Regarding Holy Days, I am very glad that you performed Guru Purnima, and you offered puffed up cachores. You must have enjoyed Prasadam very nicely, but you forgot the statement bracketed on that list, 'special honoring of the Spiritual Master,' and that you had to send some contribution to the book fund. Never mind, you can do it again on the 5th September and rectify the mistake. I hope it will not be a very difficult job. Regarding celebrations of other holidays, they will be described as to how they should be celebrated in future memos to all of the temples. I think by now you must have received instructions how to celebrate Julunyatra Festival. As you have suggested, I shall inform Tamal Krishna and Brahmananda that you are in need of some issues of *BTG* #22, containing the first part of *Ishopanishad*.

Please offer my blessings to Goursundar, Balabhadra, Turyadas, Jayasri, and the others. I hope this will meet you all in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. Are you getting some enquiries for the books after the review published?

P.S. If you take green bananas, peel them and put them out in the sun to dry for one, two, three days—till it is dry—then these may be sent to me, especially when I go to Europe. This is a very good tonic for liver, and I am now having these unripen bananas daily in Los Angeles.

69-8-32

Los Angeles
17th August, 1969

My Dear Mahapurusha,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter of August 14th,

1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. I am pleased to learn that you are now chanting 16 rounds daily, eating Bhagavat Prasadam, reading *Bhagavad Gita*, and going on Samkirtan Party. All of these things will save you, as they will save anyone who persists in Krishna Consciousness faithfully and sincerely. Actually, the presence of Maya should not surprise us because this is the Kingdom of Maya. All of the uncountable living entities in the uncountable universes are generally to be found under the stringent grip of Maya's power. So the presence of Maya is not a very wonderful thing. But what is wonderful is when a sincere soul decides to turn away from the attraction of Maya and decides to serve Krishna in pure unalloyed devotional service. So this is what we should fix our attention to: serving Krishna sincerely. Then automatically the influence of Maya will become nil and we can remember our eternal loving relationship with the Supreme Lord. But as long as we are attracted by the nonsense glittering of Maya's call, this pure state of consciousness cannot be realized within the heart. So continue assisting Upendra as you are doing it now, and I am sure Krishna will help you in all respects.

Regarding the \$1,000, you don't require it now. You just try to improve the Seattle temple conjointly with Upendra. I was very glad to learn from Upendra's letter that you have lectured nicely, and improve this preaching habit. Kirtan means whatever we hear from the Spiritual Master we repeat it again nicely. One who can reproduce the sound vibration heard from the Spiritual Master, he will be a good preacher. I hope you will keep me informed of your further progress, and I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-8-33

Los Angeles
19th August, 1969

My Dear Jananibas das Brahmachary,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated August 7th, 1969 and your prayer beads. There was some mix-up with these beads, and they have been sent to Krishna Kamini Dasi (Mrs. Jane Cline). Let her keep these beads. I am enclosing herewith another set of beads for you, duly chanted upon by me. Your initiated name is Jananibas das Brahmachary. You should chant on these beads 16 rounds every day and avoid the following offenses: 1. Blaspheming the Lord's devotee, 2. Considering the Lord and the demi-gods on the same level, 3. Neglecting the orders of the spiritual master, 4. Minimizing the authority of the Scriptures, 5. Interpreting the Holy Name of God, 6. Committing sin on the strength of chanting, 7. Instructing the glories of the Lord's name to the unfaithful, 8. Comparing the Holy Name with material piety, 9. Inattention while chanting the Holy Name, 10. Attachment to material things while engaged in the practice of chanting. The four basic regulative principles to be followed by all initiated devotees is as follows: no illicit sex life, no intoxication, no meat-eating or fish or eggs, and no gambling. If you will follow all of the above rules very carefully, then surely you will make very nice advancement in Krishna Consciousness and your life will be sublime.

Actually, one who is Krishna Consciousness is to be understood as the topmost intelligent man and the best yogi. The whole purpose of the yoga system is to gain control of the mind and concentrate the full attention on Lord Vishnu within the heart. In Krishna Consciousness, by chanting the Hare Krishna Mantra, we immediately fix our mind upon

Krishna's Name, which is exactly identical to Krishna Himself, and Krishna is the source of Lord Vishnu. So one who has taken fully to Krishna Consciousness must be accepted as having surpassed all of the perfections obtained in other yoga processes. This idea is confirmed by Krishna Himself in *Bhagavad Gita* when He instructs Arjuna that one who worships Him in transcendental loving service is the highest of all yogis. Now you have very good opportunity to make perfection of your life, and do it very, very seriously in the association of your God-brothers. Help Pradyumna, Jaigopal and the others as much as possible to propagate the Samkirtan Movement, and surely Krishna will bestow all blessings upon you. I hope this will find you well.

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

69-8-34

Los Angeles
19th August, 1969

My Dear Subal,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter of August 14th, 1969. You have got some good souls assisting you, and that is a good sign. Please take care of these boys and keep them fixed up in Krishna Consciousness. In our lifetime, if we can fix up at least one soul in Krishna Consciousness, Krishna immediately recognizes the service. The spell of Maya is very strong, and to save a living entity from such clutches is the greatest service to the humanity. Please go on with your work with enthusiasm and faith in Krishna. He will give you all assistance. When I go to New York I shall like that both you and Chris may come to see me there.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-8-35

Los Angeles
19th August, 1969

My Dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated August 18th, 1969. I was very much anxious to receive your letter, but I did not know that you stopped writing me on account of the memo issued a few days ago. The memo was circulated just to minimize correspondence in minor affairs. I think in ordinary administration the presidents of different centers may consult amongst themselves and make certain general procedures by mutual agreement. But when there is some more important factor, that must be referred to me. I did not mean by the memo that you shall stop correspondence. If you understood like that, then I say that you can send me every day one letter, and it will be welcome. We are now growing in size, therefore, for general administration if you will act conjointly amongst the presidents, that will be a great relief for me. Besides that, you are doing editorial work of my books so you have to correspond directly with me. I never meant that about editorial work also being referred to Brahmananda. I understand that you had some meeting amongst the East Coast presidents of the centers, and I shall be glad to know how you decided to work. I have not heard anything about your joint decision.

Regarding the press, I wish this to be in Boston because you are now getting your own house there. In your last letter you also invited many householders to live there. Because all the press managers are

householders, and you are also householder, so combinedly if you manage the printing and publication of our books, that will be a great success. If we have got our own press, we can earn some money by outside work when there is no pressure of our own work. So this is very important subject matter and keep me informed about the advancement of the idea.

Regarding my going to Boston, yes, I wanted to go there to see the press started before my going to Europe. We must have many books printed, either by ourselves, or through publishers or through any other means. This is more important than my touring in Europe. Regarding *Krishna*, formerly you were sending me the transcribed copies as early as possible, and if you continue the same process, then I shall also send you the tapes consecutively. I think this book with pictures by Jadurany will come out a unique publication. I shall be glad to know if the pictures can also be printed in our own press. That is also a very important thing. I am very glad to learn that Brahmananda, Advaita and others have gone there and you are doing the needful. If you think my presence will further help in this connection, on hearing from you I shall immediately go.

Since Jadurany has resumed her painting work, I think Jahnava may be engaged in joining the Samkirtan Party, because she is a good salesgirl of *BTG*. Anyway, do things in good sense, without any disturbance. We have to make progress very soberly, and I am always at your service whenever required. I have not heard also what further arrangement is done regarding the house. Has everything been settled up nicely regarding the documents, etc.? You have mentioned nothing of these things in your letter under reply. Also, your telephone has been out of order for at least the past week, and I do not know why this is so.

Please offer my blessings to your good

wife, Jadurany, and to all of the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. Tell Brahmananda that press _____ at New Vrindaban is most impractical at the present moment, because there is transport difficulty. For the time being first of all organize the Boston center very nicely & then we shall divert our attention elsewhere. We cannot diffuse our attention in many things all at a time.

69-8-36

Los Angeles
19th August, 1969

My Dear Oliver,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated August 5th, 1969, and I am very much pleased with your nice handwriting and the purport of it. You have so quickly picked up the importance of the Hare Krishna Movement and are so much eager for propagating Krishna Consciousness. That means you are already recognized by Krishna. In your previous life you must have cultivated Krishna Consciousness. As we learn from *Bhagavad Gita*, it is said there that a person who does not reach to the final goal of Krishna Consciousness is again given the opportunity to fulfill the mission of achieving perfection. So my request to you is that you should try to complete the process of Krishna Consciousness in this very life, without waiting for another term of cultivation. Of course a devotee either in this world or in the spiritual world, his connection with Krishna being fixed up, is equally happy anywhere. But so long we are in this material world there is constant allurements of Maya, and sometimes we fall victim.

So try to understand this philosophy of Krishna Consciousness by reading our books and literatures, discussing amongst

the devotees and chanting Hare Krishna Mantra as much as possible. Whenever there is any enquiries, you can write to me directly, and I shall try to reply them.

I am just awaiting the letter of Krishnadas for starting to Hamburg. But if I do not receive such letter from him within this week, then the program may be changed.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-8-37

Los Angeles
21st August, 1969

My Dear Krishnadas,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter of 18th August, 1969, and today I have arranged to go to your place as follows: We shall arrive in Hamburg this Monday, August 25th, at 6:10. We are taking Lufthansa Airlines, flight 409. We are starting from Los Angeles at 8:00 AM on 23rd August, and reaching New York sometimes in the afternoon about 4:00 o'clock New York Time. I shall take rest there for 24 hours, and then start for Hamburg on Sunday, the 24th, and then reach Hamburg on Monday, the 25th at 6:10 AM. So kindly arrange to receive me. We are both starting together, Purushottam and myself. To inform you earlier I sent you one telegram this morning reading as follows: ARRIVING HAMBURG FLIGHT 409 LUFTHANSA AUGUST 25TH AT 6:10 AM.

I hope you will do the needful, and as you are anxious to see me, similarly, I am also very much anxious to see you all. By the Grace of Krishna now the arrangement is complete to meet each other on the 25th of August. I am glad that you have arranged for a nice apartment on daily payment arrangement, and if by Krishna's Grace you find out a cheaper place in the

meantime, we can transfer there. There will be no difficulty. You can also inform this message to Dr. Bernhard, and he can meet me sometime next week. I shall be glad to see him and talk with him.

I hope you will receive this letter, sent by Special Delivery, at least by Sunday, and I hope in the meantime you have received my telegram as above mentioned. More when we meet.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-8-38

Los Angeles
21st August, 1969

His Holiness Swami B.S. Bhagabat
Maharaj

Revered Sripad Bhagabat Maharaj,

Kindly accept my humble obeisances. I beg to thank you very much for your letter dated 8th July, 1969, postmarked the 8th of August, 1969. I see this letter was addressed to me in New Vrindaban, and from there it was redirected to Los Angeles. I understand that you addressed another letter to me dated 6th June, 1969 addressed to my New Vrindaban address, but I did not receive that letter. Probably it is missing. I was expecting your reply of my letter dated May 23rd, 1969, and I am so glad to receive your letter in hand. I have also gone through the Memorandum of Articles of Association of your Mission and particularly seen the specific portion referred to in your letter in reply. I see it is in order, but similarly, we have also incorporated our International Society for Krishna Consciousness pursuant to the religious corporation laws of the state of New York.

The main purposes of this institution are as follows amongst others: 1) To systematically propagate spiritual knowledge to society at large and to educate all

peoples in the techniques of spiritual life in order to check the imbalance of values in life and to achieve real unity and peace in the world. 2) To propagate a consciousness of Krishna as it is revealed in the *Bhagavad Gita* and *Srimad Bhagavatam*. 3) To bring the members of the Society together with each other and nearer to Krishna, the prime entity, and thus develop the idea, within the members and humanity at large that each soul is part and parcel of the quality of Godhead (Krishna). 4) To teach and encourage the Samkirtan movement, congregational chanting of the holy name of God as revealed in the teachings of Lord Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu.

So practically there is no difference of opinion in our missionary activities, especially because we all are deriving inspiration from His Divine Grace Prabhupad Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Goswami Maharaj. I think all of our Godbrothers are doing the same missionary activities without a doubt, but still the regrettable fact is we are doing all separately, not in conjunction. I have also read specifically your articles on the matter of acharyas, wherein on the 14th Paragraph I see the acharya shall be entitled to nominate in writing his successive acharya. But we do not find any record where our Srila Prabhupad nominated any acharya after Him. Different persons have interpreted on this point, and every one of our Godbrothers are acting as acharya, so this is a controversial point which I do not wish to enter into while we are proposing for cooperation. I think now we should cooperate fully for preaching the Mission of Srila Prabhupad. He very eagerly desired that the message of Lord Chaitanya should be preached all over the world. About 40 years before, Sripad Bon Maharaj, guided by our senior old Tirtha Maharaj were sent to London, and perhaps Gaudiya Mission was established at that time.

Since then, activities in foreign countries was practically stopped altogether. Although I was intimately connected with the Gaudiya Math institution, I was a householder. But when I first met His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupad, He instructed me to preach in the foreign countries, but I could not do anything tangible on account of my family attachment. So after taking sannyas in 1959 I prepared myself for coming to the foreign countries. As soon as three books were ready, *Srimad Bhagavatam*, I started for New York in 1965. This was out of my inspiration in receipt from Srila Prabhupad, and it appears that my attempt in the foreign countries has become successful to a great extent. By my personal attempt I have established preaching centers numbering about two dozen, beginning from Hamburg to Tokyo. I think if my Godbrothers would have attempted similarly, preaching centers would have been established all over the world by this time. Therefore, I wish that Gaudiya Mission should send their preachers and establish different centers in different parts of the world. That will fulfill the Mission of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Goswami Maharaj.

I know there is some difficulty in the matter of getting the passport and visa for preaching in foreign countries at the present moment, but if the Gaudiya Mission decides to send their representatives in all other parts of the world, I can help them in this matter. Similarly, I would also expect cooperation from all our Godbrothers in the matters where I require their help. This mutual cooperation can be established immediately. Apart from the point of the acharya question, I think everyone is working in his individual capacity. That may not be disturbed at the present moment, but if we concentrate our energies for spreading the message of Lord Chaitanya all over the world, that

will be rich missionary activities on behalf of His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupad.

I thank you very much for inviting me to your head office in Calcutta for heart-to-heart talk and discussion. I shall be always glad to abide by this suggestion, but the thing is if I go to India, it will cost me at least Rs. 25,000 to go and come back. In this old age, wherever I go I take with me one personal assistant. This means if I go to India, I will have to take my secretary, and that means two return tickets also, as well as other expenses. But if something is tangibly understood on the line of cooperation, it will be not difficult for me to go and see the acharya of the Mission for the final decision.

I am going to Germany the day after tomorrow via New York, and therefore my next address will be c/o Internationale Gesellschaft für Krishna Bewusstsein, 2 Hamburg 19, Eppendorfer Weg 11, West Germany. In the meantime I shall request you to cooperate with my missionary activities to supply me 10 mridungas (kholes), first class and 50 pairs of kartals, Nabadwip made, first class, every month to our different centers like New York, Los Angeles, London, Hamburg and Tokyo. Also I would request you to arrange for supplying Radha-Krishna Deities made in Vrindaban or Calcutta, 24" high, for our different centers. We can also cooperate in selling your books in our different centers, and similarly you can cooperate by selling our books in your different centers. So there is ample opportunity of cooperation in good will, and if we continue like that, in the near future it may be possible that we completely amalgamate both our institutions. I hope you will give your due consideration to my proposals and shall be glad to hear from you at your earliest convenience. Also please let me know if personally I can become a member of your society under Clause 3 on page 19 of the Memorandum.

Please offer my humble obeisances to His Divine Grace Sripad B.K. Audulomi Maharaj and other Vaishnavas of the Math.

Sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
enclosures: copies of news cuttings of our Rathayatra Festival, which we held in San Francisco, London, Boston, Ohio, and Hamburg.

69-8-39

Hamburg
27th August, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I am pleased to inform you that our journey from New York to Hamburg was very comfortable, and we safely arrived at the scheduled time. The boys were present to receive us, and the apartment they have selected is very nice. I am sending herewith a letter addressed to Hayagriva. The second part of the Ginsberg conversation article should not be published, and our policy should be to only publish our Krishna Consciousness articles in various forms. We are not concerned with any other movement save and except Krishna Consciousness in its pure form. In India it is said that a little bit of a pure thing is much better than huge volumes of impure, adulterated things. So please try to follow this policy and publish in *BTG* only pure Krishna Conscious articles.

Regarding press starting, I have already given you necessary instructions, and again I say that you complete it as soon as possible. I wish to see the press is started when I go back to USA after my European tour, probably in the beginning of November. I received a note from one girl, Gita Rajput, and I am enclosing it herewith for your reference. If she comes to decorate in the temple, encourage her because a little service to Lord Krishna

will protect one from the greatest calamity. That is the version of *Bhagavad Gita*.

I think establishment of the Deities here will not be possible because the place is not very settled up. There is objection by the health department for performing kirtan. Anyway, they are doing very nicely, and in Monday's meeting one Dr. Franz Bernhard, a learned scholar in Indology, was there, and he is very interested in our movement. Yesterday I had discussion with him for about two hours and he is impressed, as you will find I have explained to Hayagriva in his letter. Please note also the items I have requested Hayagriva to bring here when he comes.

I hope you are doing well, and I shall be glad to hear good news from you by return of post.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. I have got now connection with a firm dealing in musical instruments in Delhi. I think they are better than Dwarin and Sons

P.S. Hand over to Hayagriva the enclosed letter. I didn't know where else to send it to him.

69-8-40

Hamburg
27th August, 1969

My Dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I am sure that you know I have come to Germany via New York on Monday morning. It is understood from different sources that Rayarama has written you a letter complaining that the charge of *BTG* has been taken from him without any justification. But the actual fact is that he was spending 600 dollars per month for maintenance of Iskcon Press with the result that the number of subscribers was only somewhere about 300. Most of the *BTGs* were being

sold by our Samkirtan Party in Los Angeles. Anyway, the 600 dollars were to be saved for other useful purposes. Therefore, the staff engaged in Iskcon Press was dispersed, but Rayarama was there in his original position as managing editor. But since this expenditures was stopped, he is little bit sorry; so much so that he does not come regularly and practically he is inclined to give up our relationship. So I called him when I was in New York, but his attitude is different. I did not see him in the airport on my arrival or departure, neither did I see him at the function held on Sunday. So I think in the future you will have to take charge of managing *BTG* in consultation with Brahmananda when the press will be started in Boston. I have already decided to start the press, and I am glad to have your assurance that you will help in this respect, even with financial help.

I thank you very much for this straightforward offer.

Please let me know what is the position of the house at the present moment. You have promised to pay them 6,000 dollars down, and if it is possible, why not pay him the 6,000 down immediately. This will finish the transaction immediately instead of waiting for three months. I shall be glad to hear from you in details about this matter.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-8-41

Hamburg
27th August, 1969

My Dear Hayagriva,

Please accept my blessings. We have safely reached exactly at the scheduled time in Hamburg, and the journey was

quite comfortable. Lufthansa is a very respectable airline, and the ladies and gentlemen and stewardesses and hosts were very kind in their treatment. One girl was insisting that we take some food, and when we refused she was very sorry, but she brought us a sufficient supply of fruit. So everything was nice, and I have lectured in the temple on Monday night. Professor Dr. Franz Bernhard, a learned scholar in Indology, was present. We had a long discussion yesterday evening when he came to see me, and he admitted that all his philosophical talks were simply wasting time. He remarked another thing that he had thought of us as hippies because he saw that Ginsberg on the notice board, seemingly like one of our members. From his conversation I understood that people are very badly impressed about Ginsberg, especially respectable persons, on account of his hippy tendencies. I of course supported our case that Ginsberg is a great friend of our society and we advise everyone to chant Hare Krishna, and I believe he also does so. Anyway, we should be very much careful to publish anything in our paper which will give impression to the public that we are inclined to the hippy movement. In our papers nothing should be published which has even a small tinge of hippy ideas. I must tell you in this connection that if you have any sympathies with the hippy movement you should kindly give it up.

Regarding your coming here, it will be very nice. You will have no difficulty to stay with me. We have got two rooms: one occupied by me and one by Purushottam. So you can stay here or in the temple, as you like. In the case which we left behind with Brahmananda you will kindly find the following items and bring them here with you: one Bengali character *Bhagavad Gita* and Purushottam's copy of *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*.

I hope this will find you in good health.
Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

PS: When you come here, please also bring with you the original manuscripts for *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*. Mandali Bhadra will translate into German.

69-8-42

Hamburg
28th August, 1969

Dear Dr. Nagendra Babu,

Please accept my humble obeisances. I understand from your daughter that you instructed her to see me in New York as she is there with her husband. She attempted to see me several times in our New York temple, but she was unable to see me on account of my constant touring in different centers. We have got now about two dozen centers in the USA, two in Canada and two in Europe. On Sunday last I was in New York while coming to Germany, and I have reached our German center on Monday morning. The address is above.

I saw your daughter, Bhakti Devi, very much devoted to Krishna Consciousness, just befitting the position of a Vaishnava's daughter. She offered me respects with some money also (two dollars), and I was very much pleased with her behavior. I asked about you and her mother from her, and I am so pleased to learn that you are now retired from worldly activities and are engaged in constant chanting of Harer Nama. I think by age you may be younger than me, if not by many years. So why not come to America and join me in this preaching work? I think if your daughter and son-in-law sponsor to receive you, there will be no difficulty for your passport, etc.

There is immense potency of preaching the philosophy of Krishna Consciousness under the guidance of Lord Chaitanya, and I wish that all my Godbrothers should go to different parts of the world and preach this sublime message everywhere, because that is the desire of Lord Chaitanya. Of course, as far as possible I am trying to spread this movement all over the world, and at the present moment my activities are prominent from Hamburg to Tokyo, a distance of 14,000 miles. I think the circumference of the whole earth is 25,000 miles. So this should be covered by some of our Godbrothers so that Lord Chaitanya's message may be properly executed. I do not know why none of our Godbrothers attempt to this important side of our propaganda. Just now I am in correspondence with the Gaudiya Mission secretary, and I have promised also to help them if they will take up this work. I have not as yet received any reply from them. I have also asked them to help us in so many ways. Immediately I am in need of some supplies from India. They are as follows: 1) regular supply of 10 first class mridungas every month. 2) regular supply of 50 pairs of Nabadwip-made kartals every month. 3) at least two dozen pairs of Radha-Krishna Murtis, made of brass and 24" high. Besides these things, I require many other articles like temple paraphernalia.

Your daughter gave me your address in Calcutta, and therefore I am taking this opportunity for your help in this connection. Of course, I shall send money for purchasing all these goods. I simply want your help that you supervise the supply and send us first class articles. We do not mind for the price. In Calcutta there are many manufacturers for mridungas, and if you arrange with somebody, you can easily help us.

Your daughter has given me her address, and she is staying very near to our

New York temple. On Sunday last she has personally seen how our preaching work is going on. On that day about 15 persons were initiated and one couple was married. So I hope you will kindly help me in this connection, either directly or through the Gaudiya Mission people. That will be a great help for my preaching work. You can reply this letter to my German center as above mentioned. I thank you in anticipation of your early reply.

Sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-8-43

Hamburg
29th August, 1969

My Dear Gargamuni,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated August 23rd, 1969 with enclosures. I am sending herewith the copy of the letter addressed to Indo Crafter, giving them a trial order. You can immediately transfer 400 dollars to my savings bank account, The Bank of Baroda, Chandni Chowk, Delhi-6, and upon hearing from you I shall send necessary instructions to the bank.

You have ordered through Achyutananda for supply of wooden mridungas. This is all right, and we shall see which quality is better. I have also asked Mr. Dhadial to send me samples of Hare Krishna chaddars and kurtas. On receipt of these samples I shall advise you further. I am enclosing herewith back the letters of Bina Musician Stores and Indo Crafter. Keep them carefully in your files.

I have heard nothing about the activities of Los Angeles temple. Also, I am anxious to know if you have contacted the Silverman Real Estate Company for the house we saw in Beverly Hills. Both our typewriter and dictaphone are useless

here because the electric current is different. We have therefore hired another set for working. I shall be glad to hear from you again along with Tamal Krishna's letter.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-8-44

Hamburg
30th August, 1969

My Dear Bhurijana, Tosan Krishna and Vrindaban Chandra,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your sending me the check for 200 dollars for my book fund, and I think of it as a big contribution of 2,000,000 dollars. I have come to your country to carry out the wishes of my Spiritual Master, and you are kindly cooperating with me. Certainly Krishna will be pleased to bless you with all spiritual benediction. I shall be glad to hear from you about your other progress in the matter of Samkirtan Party and selling *BTGs*. That is our main strength for preaching work. Thank you very much.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-8-45

Hamburg
30th August, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 25th August 1969, and I have noted the contents. Regarding Hayagriva and Satsvarupa, I think they can become joint editors, and articles to be published in *BTG* may be jointly decided upon. In case of disagreement the matter should be referred to me, and I shall give the final decision. When Hayagriva comes here I

shall talk with him in detail. So your idea of them working jointly is nice.

I do not know what you mean by cooperation with Kirtanananda Maharaj. In our society everyone, either a brahmachary or sannyasi or grihasta, who has dedicated his life and soul for this movement, they are all on the same level of sannyasi. For the present moment, nobody can claim an extra honor from his God-brothers. Everyone should treat his God-brothers as Prabhu. But nobody should try to claim any extra honor on account of an official position. I do not know why Kirtanananda Maharaj says that his authority overrides yours. At the present moment everyone is working under my authority. Similarly, Kirtanananda also should work under my authority. So the condition imposed by Kirtanananda as stated by you does not look well. A sannyasi has got four stages of elevation: *kutichak*, *bahudak*, *paribrajak* and *paramhansa*. The sannyas in the *paramhansa* stage is the Spiritual Master of everyone. I have asked Kirtanananda Maharaj to work on the *bahudak* stage for the present. I discussed this point with him when I was in New Vrindaban. This stage means he should move amongst people to draw their attention to the New Vrindaban scheme and try to attract their attention for its development. So he should immediately begin this *bahudak* program and collect money from outsiders, not from insiders. And as he is in charge of New Vrindaban, he may invest all such collection for the development of New Vrindaban, and before this Hayagriva must transfer the property to the society's name. So far as investment of the society's money for New Vrindaban is concerned, certainly it will be done in New Vrindaban, and not only the money which Kirtanananda Maharaj collects, but also, if need be, any center will invest money. But that investment should be in

proportion to food and salt. To make it more tasteful, one adds salt to his food, and similarly, every center should be independently developed by supplying the food, and the society, if required, will supply the salt. For the present, all energy should be diverted to start a nice press for our publication work. So there is no extra money for the society to invest in New Vrindaban. Neither you can spare any money to anyone without my permission. Whatever you possess now in funds, that is not your personal money, so how can you execute the request of Kirtanananda at the present moment? I think you will understand the matter rightly and do the needful.

Regarding publication of *BTG* No. 29, it is good that you are publishing "Morphology and Ontology of Vedanta" by Guru Maharaj, 4 pages. So far as "Heroine Govinda Dasi" is concerned, if she has stated directly Ram Krishna as nonsense and rascal, that should not be indulged in. We cannot attack anyone directly in writing. There is a proverb in Sanskrit that you can speak something one thousand times, but don't give it in writing. Similarly, we may use some strong words against all this nonsense, but if we write it in black and white, that will not be good. So instead of naming these rascals directly, you change the word to "mental speculators." I am very glad that you are arranging to print 20,000 copies of *Ishopanishad* immediately. Please do it. Krishna will give you all strength to fulfill His Mission by Your sincere efforts. Thank you very much.

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

P.S. Please send my snuff pot when Haya-griva comes here. I could not get the _____ snuff here.

69-8-46

Hamburg
31st August, 1969

Dear Satya Pal,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter addressed to my New Vrindaban temple, and I am so glad to read it. I think this is the first letter I received from you since I met you sometimes in 1959. I am glad to learn that now you are a family man, and you have qualified yourself as post graduate student of economics and are in possession of a government service. But I am sorry to learn that you are pulling on with Rs. 250 per month. It is surely insufficient for a family man. This Rs. 250 means in American exchange as somewhere between 30 and 35 dollars, which is earned here even by ordinary workers in three days. That is the lowest income in this country. Those who are qualified graduates, they are earning at least 500 dollars per month, which means in Indian exchange Rs. 6,000 or more. That is the difference between India and America. Here, people are earning up to 20,000 per month. Those who are independent businessman earn 50,000 per month or more and they are spending also. Therefore, the distribution of wealth here is broader, and as such, every man is well-situated, even an ordinary worker. There is no scarcity of money or material comforts, but still the modern younger generation, they do not feel very happy. They are hankering after some spiritual food, and as such they are relishing this Krishna Consciousness Movement with some taste.

There is immense possibility of spreading this Krishna Consciousness Movement all over the Western world, if it is administered properly. You have rightly said "You alone are completing this aim of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu by giving your full dedication to Lord Krishna and Radha." I think, however, that all of my

Godbrothers should come out of India and preach this cult all over the world to fulfill the mission of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. But they are busily engaged in constructing temples all separately, and they are satisfied if there is a temple and a little income to provide them with food and clothing, without any spirit of preaching propaganda. Srila Prabhupad said that it was better to accept some menial service for maintaining oneself then to get some money by showing the Deities to the innocent public and being satisfied thereby. Now there is great necessity to train preachers in all the camps of our Godbrothers and send them all over the world. Of course, they must be impregnated with real preaching spirit, without any material profit. Whenever I ask somebody to take this job, they are silent. They are simply satisfied with some Mathas, and they have forgotten the preaching spirit of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Goswami Maharaj. When none of them came to preach outside of India, I thought I was to do this humble service to His Divine Grace, and by His blessings, I am getting good cooperation from the local boys and girls. That is my satisfaction. Otherwise, none of my Godbrothers is helping me substantially. So I am not very much hampered by this action. I shall try my best to do this job, and you will be glad to learn that I have got already two dozen centers all over the USA, Canada and Europe. Those boys who are helping me are opening branches very quickly and preaching this cult of Krishna Consciousness very sincerely.

You are living in Gwalior, and I have heard that Gwalior is a good place where marble statues are manufactured. Can you give me any information if Radha-Krishna Murtis can be had from Gwalior. If so, can you supply us such Murtis from Gwalior or else brass Murtis from Mathura. That will be a great help for me. I think Mathura is your birth place and your

parents are there. So if you can manage to supply me brass Murtis of different sizes, then it will be a great help to me for propaganda work. We may require many other things, either from Gwalior or Mathura, and I shall be glad to hear from you about this. I think Gwalior is manufacturing musical instruments also.

For the present I am in Germany at the above address, and my next program is to go to London at the end of September. So if you reply immediately, you can address the letter at the above address. Thank you very much for remembering me after so long a time.

Sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-8-47

Hamburg
31st August, 1969

My Dear Shyamsundar,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 27th, 1969, and I have noted the contents with great joy. You are improving in every respect of our London Yatra program, and I think your labor to make friends with the Beatles has been successful in the matter of pressing the Hare Krishna record. I hope by this means many thousands of pounds will flow into Krishna's treasury. We are very poor financially, but by Krishna's Grace we are getting help undoubtedly. That is nice. I came here without any money, single-handed, and Krishna is sending me so many nice assistants and the required money whenever it is necessary. We should be satisfied with such Grace of Krishna. We do not want any extra money for sense gratification, but Krishna is so kind He is supplying the necessary amount. You will be glad to know that Satsvarupa in Boston has purchased property worth 70,000 dollars. The immediate

down payment is 6,000 dollars and monthly payment is 1,000 dollars. So he has taken the courage with my permission, and by Krishna's Grace everything is being arranged. Similarly, in other centers also, including your center, Krishna is sending us all necessary help. I am very glad to know that Sriman George Harrison is nicely cooperating with your endeavors, and this action of him will not go in vain. Any little bit of service rendered to Krishna does not go in vain, so I am sure George will be benefitted in the matter of Krishna Consciousness without doubt. Please convey my thanks to him for his willing cooperation with our men.

I could not clearly understand what is the reason that you have left the temple to live in a country house 40 miles away from London. I understand that by October 1st everything should be settled, and you may invite me to visit at that time. This morning I had been in the Hamburg Port and Krishnadas informed me there is a passenger ship which carries people overnight to London. So I have asked him to inquire what is the real situation. I think we can go to London by that shipping carrier. In October I have no program here, so there will be no difficulty to visit your place at that time.

In your last letter you informed me that George Harrison may be interested to publish my book, *Krishna*, so I am carrying with me the manuscript. I want to print this book with many pictures, and the pictures are also ready in Los Angeles and Boston. So if possible, you can talk further with him about this publication, and if he does so, it will be very nice for him as well as for us. I am also very glad to learn that you are meeting Mr. Harrison for negotiating with the Archbishop for the church. That will be very, very nice. Please try for it very seriously.

On the whole, your sincere endeavor for serving Krishna is gradually being ac-

cepted by the Lord, and the more you endeavor for such service, the more you'll feel sublime in existence in direct contact with Krishna day after day. I am also very glad to learn that you have already prepared a groundwork in England of the Krishna Consciousness Movement, and if I go there I shall take the opportunity to convince the people in general, philosophers and religionists of London about the importance of the Krishna Consciousness Movement. Sometimes back I sent one letter addressed to the Archbishop of Canterbury, supposed to be presented through Mr. George Harrison, and I shall be glad to know what happened to that letter. If it was not presented before, it may be done so when George Harrison meets the Archbishop for the church. Actually our Krishna Conscious movement is genuine Christian movement. Christ means Krishna, love of Godhead, Who has His face anointed with telok. There is a word *Kristos* in the Greek dictionary, and this word is supposed to be borrowed from the Sanskrit word 'Krishna,' and Christ is derived from *Kristos*. I find these things in a book known as *Aquarian Gospel of Lord Jesus the Christ*. Anyway, any genuine Christian will find our movement nice and perfect. We simply want their cooperation in this matter that they allow us to use their many vacant churches in the Western countries for rejuvenation of spiritual life in this part of the world. So if the Archbishop kindly gives us a church through the intervention of Mr. Harrison, it will be a great success for our movement. So try your best for this achievement.

Please offer my blessings to all others and especially to your daughter, who I think is growing nicely in Krishna Consciousness.

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

SEPTEMBER

69-9-1

Hamburg
1st September, 1969

Manager
The Punjab National Bank
P.O. Vrindaban, Dst. Mathura
INDIA

Dear Sir:

In further reference to our past correspondence, I am wondering if you have as yet advanced 100 Rs. to Sri Ram Nath Murtiwala. I have not heard from Sri Ram Nath for some time so I would like to be informed as to what has transpired in this connection. Thanking you in anticipation of your early reply.

Sincerely yours,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-9-2

Hamburg
1st September, 1969

Sri Prosanta Mukherjee
Imlitola, Mahaprabhu's Gadi
Seva Kunj, Vrindaban
INDIA

Dear Prosantaji,

Please accept my greetings and blessings of Lord Krishna. This is to inform you that in spite of my writing to so many Mukutwalas and Murtiwalay I am receiving no reply to my letters. Last Month I wrote some reminding letters to Ram Nath Murtiwala, but this also has gained no response. I am wondering if you have any information as to what is the difficulty

in this connection. I shall be glad to receive your letter by return of post.

Sincerely yours,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-9-3

Hamburg
3rd September, 1969

My Dear Gopal Krishna das,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated August 30th, 1969 with enclosure of your money order check for one hundred dollars Canadian. Another check for fifty-five dollars for my book fund was not enclosed. I think you are sending it by separate mail. If you have not sent it as yet, you can deposit it in The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce at Sherbrooke and Aylmer Branch. I have got a savings account there under A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami. You can find out the number from the teller, deposit there, and send me the receipt. I am so glad to read the portion of your letter where you say "I would have continued to live in ignorance and darkness, thinking I would have known how to approach God." At the present moment, the modern education has taught everyone either not to think of God or everyone can think of God in his own way. The result is people have become Godless atheists. So to approach a bonafide Spiritual Master and to understand the science of God from him is the Vedic way of understanding. Even Lord Krishna, Lord Chaitanya, and what to speak of other acharyas, all of them accepted a Spiritual Master, even if some of

them were incarnations of God. The Vedic way of receiving knowledge is called *avaroḥa*, against *aroḥa*. *Aroḥa* means to try to understand God by one's own effort, and *avaroḥa* means to understand God by disciplic succession. Therefore we find in Vedic instruction that one must approach a bonafide Spiritual Master to learn that transcendental subject.

I thank you very much for your solemn assurance that you shall try to follow my teachings throughout your life. It is very encouraging. Regarding dress, I have already written to you that you can dress as smartly as possible to deal with the public, and dress is immaterial in Krishna Consciousness. Consciousness is within. I am a sannyasi, but if some important work requires I dress myself just like a smart gentleman, I would immediately accept it. So it is not a problem. Achyutananda Prabhu is in correspondence with Gargamuni, and I have already sent one trial order to the Bina Musical Instrument Company in India, of which you have sent me a catalog. I dont think your Montreal center will require many musical instruments, so you may not send order separately.

Regarding Murtis, you will have to prepare a nice altar and throne. The LA temple has done it very nicely, and I am sending herewith the specific design in picture. So your next business will be to construct a throne and altar, and as soon as they are ready, the Deities will also be received, and maybe I shall go and install Them. But when the Deities are installed in the temple, you have to take personal care. Deity worship is very regulative. You have to follow the regulative principles very rigidly. I shall be glad to know how many initiated members are there in Montreal, so I can chalk out the program for Radha-Krishna Deity worship there.

Regarding Scindia Navigation, correspondence will not be fruitful, but if

somebody sees Srimati Sumatee Morarjee personally, then it will be at once done. By correspondence the underhand clerks and secretaries do not sometimes like the proposal. That is the envious nature of the human being in conditioned state. Regarding your correspondence with the leading men in India, I dont think it will be very much fruitful. Personally I have no faith in them, but if you decide to open correspondence with them, I have no objection. But my personal opinion is not very hopeful. I thank you very much for your submissive mentality, and as it is stated in the Bible that God is for the humble and meek, similarly, Vaishnavas are taught by Lord Chaitanya to become humbler than the grass and more tolerant than the tree. Thus one can seriously execute progress in Krishna Consciousness.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-9-4

Hamburg
4th September, 1969

My Dear Satsvarupa and Brahmananda,
Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letters dated August 31st, 1969, as well as the telegram dated September 4th. By the telegram, I understand that by Krishna's Grace it appears to be settled up, and you can continue yourproceeding, chanting always Hare Krishna. He will always give us protection. I am very anxious to know about Uddhava's condition of health. May Krishna protect you all.

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

P.S. Police must give us special protection on account of threatening.

69-9-5

Los Angeles
4th September, 1969

*FIRST YEAR BHAKTISASTRI
EXAMINATION*

time: 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
September 4th, 1969
Janamastmi Ceremony

Answer any ten of the following questions with reference to the context of scriptures like *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*, *Brahma Samhita* and *Ishopanishad*. The full mark for each question is 100.

1. Who is Krishna?
2. What is your relationship with Krishna?
3. What are you expected to do with your relationship to Krishna?
4. What is the aim of Krishna Consciousness?
5. What do you mean by religion?
6. Is Krishna Consciousness a type of religion or religious faith?
7. How do you distinguish between religion and faith?
8. Can religion or faith be changed from one type to another?
9. How do you distinguish between changeable and eternal religion?
10. What are the different types of religious faiths?
11. Can religion be manufactured by philosophical speculation? Who created religion first?
12. What is the greatest common engagement of religious men?
13. Do you believe that Krishna is the Supreme Personality of Godhead?
14. If you believe, how do you substantiate? If not, what is your reason?
15. What is Brahman, Paramatma and Bhagavan?

NB: Answer papers with some contribution to my book fund may be submitted to

me. I shall personally examine the papers, and those who will pass will be sent a certificate of Bhaktisastri in due course. The minimum passing mark is 300 out of 1,000.

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-9-6

Hamburg
5th September, 1969

My Dear Hansadutta,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 2nd, 1969, and I have noted the contents. Yesterday, the writings by you and Himavati were very much appreciated. I understand Krishna has given you very good opportunity for service in Berkeley. You both together apply your full energy in organizing this center. It has very good potency, and I am very glad to learn that you have got a nice house also and the rent is also not very high. But unfortunately you have only one year lease, so how you can install a life size Deity there? Therefore, for the time being to install a life size Deity may not be feasible; but if you can pay 250 dollars, I will get for you from India 24" high brass Radha-Krishna Deities, one pair, for installing in Berkeley. In the mean time, I may remind you to fix up the altar exactly like Los Angeles. You have seen it personally, and I am also enclosing herewith a picture of the Los Angeles altar. I wish that this design of the altar should be followed by everyone. This Los Angeles altar has been erected under my supervision, especially the Radha-Krishna throne, and I would very much like to follow this idea everywhere. Get for your temple nice devotees and monetary help. I hope you will stick to this center organizing, husband and wife, and in the very near future it will be as good as our Los Angeles temple.

Regarding your question about rasa

with the Spiritual Master, I do not know who is the someone who has said this, but it is a most unauthorized statement. Better you should stick to hearing from authorized persons, like your Spiritual Master or experienced Godbrothers. But never try to hear someone who is not in our line. It is simply a waste of time to hear and then again have to rectify the mistake. Regarding your question about my never returning to Spiritual Sky, that is possible simultaneously. So far as the quotation from Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur you have cited, that is quite all right. In this age, chanting of Hare Krishna Mantra is the prime business of the devotee, and preaching of this Hare Krishna Mantra by outdoor Samkirtan and propagation of literature is our more important business. Side by side, Deity worship is recommended, but when there is a question of accepting one of them, we shall prefer to accept chanting of Hare Krishna Mantra first.

Please convey my blessings to Himavati and the others who are helping you. I hope this will meet you all in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-9-7

Hamburg
5th September, 1969

Dear Dr. Shyam Sundardas Brahmachari,

Please accept my humble obeisances. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 22nd August 1969, addressed to New Vrindaban center and redirected here in West Germany. At the present moment I am preaching here in our German center, and next week I am going to our London center. If you reply me, you can do so at the following address: ISKCON, 7 Bury Place, WC1, London England.

Regarding your remittance in connection with *True Conception of Religion*, I have already advised the New York center to send you some money. I understand that you will remain at Jagannath Puri for some time, so if you like to supply us some goods from there, you can make some profit out of it. If you kindly send me quotations for the following goods, I would appreciate it very much: 1) Jagannath Deity set—Lord Jagannath, Balabhadra and Subhadra of all different sizes. 2) Silverwares made in Cuttack 3) brass utensils like jhanj, kartals, and worshipping materials, 4) conchshells, and 5) saris made in Orissa and adjoining places. If you like to purchase these goods on our behalf, then I shall send you money, and if you desire, you can add some percentage for your profit on the purchase price. In this way, if you pack up these goods nicely and send to the nearest port for dispatching, then you can do very good business and make some profit. So I hope you will give me some price quotations immediately for the above things and let me know if you are interested in doing this business.

Regarding Gaudiya Mission, I am enclosing herewith a copy of the letter addressed to the Secretary Official. You will understand the whole situation. I am prepared to cooperate with the Gaudiya Mission wholeheartedly. I am prepared also to be amalgamated, and they have invited me to go to India to talk frankly, face to face. But unless we have come to some definite understanding, how I can risk the journey which will involve more or less Rs. 25,000? But I am sure if Gaudiya Mission and I combine together, it will be very nice thing to preach the cult of Lord Chaitanya all over the world. I can reorganize all the branches of the Gaudiya Math in India, and if there is any financial question, it will be not difficult for our society to help in that way also. So if you can

negotiate about our amalgamation on a cooperative basis, it will be great service to Srila Prabhupad. I have not as yet received any reply to the enclosed letter.

69-9-8 Hamburg
5th September, 1969

My Dear Mukunda,

Please accept my blessings. Now it is decided that I shall be starting on the 11th of September, Thursday, by flight 234, Lufthansa Airlines, starting at 12:15 Hamburg time, and reaching London at 13:40. So you can make the necessary arrangements. If you have any further information for me, you can send me a letter immediately or talk with me. Yesterday Vyas Puja was held in the temple, and your tape of Chintamani was played. It was very nice.

Please offer my blessings to the others, I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-9-9 Hamburg
5th September, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I understand that you want to open another branch of Spiritual Sky in Boston, but Gargamuni has written to me that he does not like the idea. I think we should not do anything which may be business competition between centers. Business is in one sense very dangerous allurements of Maya. If they are doing it nicely on the West Coast and supply the necessities of the East Coast, there may not be another competitive organization. Then this example will be followed, and some other center may like to open another branch. I am just trying to hand over the whole

management in the hands of my devotees, but if there is some disagreement in the management, then the whole thing may not go well. I think therefore, unless you all agree to open another branch in the East Coast, it should not be done. You have got enough business in the East Coast, especially in the books and the press matter. I do not think you should divert your attention in any other matter. Yesterday we held Vyas Puja Ceremony, and it was very nice. I shall take the opportunity now to thank you for the nice booklet you have had printed and for the part in this booklet written by you. After all of the reading was finished, I explained how service and prayers are accepted by Krishna through the medium of the disciplic succession. It is something like electricity: if one is in touch with his Spiritual Master, and his Spiritual Master is in touch with his bonafide Spiritual Master, then in this way an offering is automatically transferred to Krishna. Just as the Mercy of Krishna is coming down through the disciplic succession, so the service of the devotee is offered up to Krishna through the disciplic succession.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

Enclosed herewith please find the picture of the altar which should be followed everywhere.

69-9-10 Hamburg
6th September, 1969

My Dear Raktak,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of September 1st, 1969, and I have noted the contents. For the time being there is no need of going to India. The first thing is that you do

not know the Indian language. If you want to be really helpful to the society, at least for the time being you should remain in a place to take training to assist our society's work. I do not know what is the disadvantage for you in Montreal. If you feel some disadvantage, then come to Boston or Los Angeles for some time. In the meantime I am corresponding with Achyutananda in India. If he actually requires some assistance, I shall advise you later on. If you have got money, keep it carefully as it may be required later.

Regarding the two books you have mentioned, Sri *Ramacharitamānasa* by Goswami Tulasi das is not very authorized, and *Ramayana* is authorized. One thing is though, you have got enough other books to study. Did you appear in the examination held on Janamastmi Day? Why should you go to *Ramayana* when you have got *Bhagavad Gita*, *Sri-mad Bhagavatam* and *Teachings of Lord Chaitanya*? Don't divert your attention in that way. The author of *Ramacharitamānasa*, Goswami Tulasi das, has a tint of Mayavadi philosophy. He belongs to the Ramananda Samradaya. They are mixed up combination of personalist and impersonalist. Therefore, the author is not considered as pure Vaishnava. Pure Vaishnava is free from all material contamination of fruitive activities and mental speculation. The pure Vaishnava is simply, purely disposed to transcendental loving service to Krishna. The pure Vaishnava rejects anything which has no pure idea of serving the Personality of Godhead.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,
A! C! Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-9-11

Hamburg
7th September, 1969

My Dear Advaita,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you very much for your letter dated September 3rd 1969 and your Vyas Puja gift of 50 dollars. On Vyas Puja day we had a very nice ceremony in the temple where the Vyas Puja booklet was read aloud by Hayagriva, who is travelling with me during this European tour. On the morning of the same day there was an initiation ceremony held and two German brahmacharies, one English brahmachary and one German householder couple was initiated into this Krishna Consciousness Movement. This Thursday morning we shall be going to London, and they have arranged nice living quarters on the estate of John Lennon. After our business in London is finished, most probably I shall be returning to the USA via either New York or Boston. I hope that everything is coming along nicely in setting up the press in Boston, and please keep me informed as to your progress in this connection.

Please convey my blessings to your good wife, Balai, and your daughter, Nandini. I hope this will meet you all in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

PS: I have also received one check from Vaikunthanath, so please offer to him my thanks in this connection.

69-9-12

Hamburg
7th September, 1969

Manager
The Punjab National Bank
Vrindaban, Mathura U.P.
INDIA

Dear Sir,

REF: Your letter dated 25th August 1969, addressed to Messrs. United Shipping

Corporation (14/2 Old China Bazar Street—Room No. 18, Calcutta) in the matter of shipment of 8 cases *Srimad Bhagavatam*, account Sri A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami, to New York per S.S. Jalakala

With reference to the above, I beg to inform you that the value of the invoice has been increased from Rs. 3,252.60 to Rs. 4,096.00 on account of some mistake in calculation. I am now on touring, therefore I cannot send you immediately the amended invoice. But you can accept it from me and do the needful. So for sending the documents direct to New York, you can take it from me that it is in order. The charges for sending the documents may be debited from my account.

Further in connection with the Deity supply by Ram Nath Murtivala, I did not hear anything from him. Kindly reply to this letter. You can send me a note informing me what is the situation about this advance. On Thursday morning I am going to London, and my address will be as follows: INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS, 7 Bury Place, WC 1, London England. Kindly reply to this letter and oblige.

Sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pdb

69-9-13

Hamburg
7th September, 1969

My Dear Uddhava,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated September 2nd, 1969 along with your check for 50 dollars and the velvet covering for my *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*, so nicely made. Now you are happy with your wife, Leelasuka, and that is also very pleasing to me. Most of my disciples who are preaching are married couples. As such, I

hope both you and your wife will continue to help me substantially in the Krishna Consciousness Movement, and Krishna will bless you more and more.

Thanking you once more for your letter. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-9-14

Hamburg
7th September, 1969

My Dear Madhudvisa,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you very much for your letter (undated) and the enclosed check for 100 dollars for my book fund. Also I very much appreciated the poem that you have written for Vyas Puja Ceremony, and because it was too late for being published in the Vyas Puja booklet, I have handed it over to Hayagriva for publication in *BTG*. This poem was especially nice and I thank you for it. I am always encouraged to learn of your activities in the San Francisco temple, and I think that by the Grace of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu you shall do very great service to His Samkirtan Movement. For so many countless lifetimes the conditioned souls have been giving all of their service and energy to the service of Maya, and I am requesting all of my disciples that for this one lifetime you give all of your energy and service to Krishna. The spiritual force is eternal, so to give simply one lifetime to Krishna is not a very difficult thing. And yet if we are serious in executing the devotional principles, this one lifetime of service to Krishna will be absolute and final solution to all the problems of life. Sincere devotional service in even one lifetime is sufficient to make one eligible to return to the Vaikuntha world permanently. Krishna Consciousness has got this power. So stick to this path as you

are now doing, and as your sincerity and determination increase more and more, Krishna will surely be pleased to bestow all of His blessings upon you.

This Thursday morning I will be going to London, and most probably by the beginning of November I will have returned to the USA! Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-9-15

Hamburg
7th September, 1969

My Dear Jagadisha,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you so much for your letter (undated) and your contribution of 150 dollars to my book fund. I also take the opportunity now to thank you for the nice poem you submitted and which was printed in the Vyas Puja booklet. I am pleased to learn that you have gone with your wife, Laxmimoni, to Detroit, and you are now working conjointly with Bhagandas and Krishna Bhamini. You are both very nice householder couples, so work together in cooperative spirit, following the example you have seen in our other Krishna Consciousness centers. I can understand that Krishna is giving you encouragement to increase the strength of Detroit center because you write to say that there is a big article to be printed in the largest Detroit paper and you have already arranged for two university courses. This is very encouraging news, and please forward a copy of the article to me when it is printed. You should try now to obtain permission for chanting on the streets. This will greatly enhance your activities there in every respect. Samkirtan is our very life and soul, so try to take permission from the authorities as soon as

possible. I understand that you are a very sincere soul, and surely Krishna will show His favor upon you.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

PS: I have received the Janamastmi Day examinations from your center but there were no fees enclosed. I assume they are coming by separate post.

69-9-16

Hamburg
8th September, 1969

My Dear Gargamuni,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letters dated August 27th and 29th, 1969 and September 3rd 1969. Regarding Brahmananda's letter, I have asked him not to open Spiritual Sky business on the Eastern Coast, and a copy of the letter is enclosed herewith for your reference. I thank you very much for the contribution you have made of 300 dollars to my book fund, and the Samkirtan table is also very encouraging. Regarding the order of 12 mridungas that you have suggested I discontinue, I have already done this, and the letter to Indo Crafter is enclosed herewith in carbon copy along with a copy of the invoice. Regarding United Shipping Corporation's shipment of *Srimad Bhagavatam*, I have advised the bank in Vrindaban, and it will be all right. So far as one half of this shipment going to Los Angeles, I will speak to Brahmananda about this. But one thing is you must stop this fighting between brothers. Otherwise the whole program will be spoiled. Yourself, Tamal Krishna, Brahmananda, Satsvarupa—you should do everything combinedly. That is my request. Gradually, by Krishna's Grace, we are expanding. So if amongst ourselves there is friction, it will be very dangerous.

So after my return to the States I shall make it more firm so there may not be any dissension. But you should be careful also. Regarding the Rs. 1,862.40 being equal to 250 dollars instead of 400 dollars, your money is safe. Dont worry. The balance will be used for importing goods here. It will not remain in India.

I hope this will meet you in very good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. I am going to London on the 11th September

69-9-17

Hamburg
8th September, 1969

My Dear Tamal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letters dated August 27th and 29th, 1969 and September 3rd, 1969. I am very much concerned why _____ is not complying to the principles of the temple. The first thing is that nobody should enter my room for any other purpose except cleansing. Nobody can stay there or sleep there or anything. If she wants to worship Krishna in her own way, she must find an apartment outside the temple. She does not belong to the Vaishnava principles, therefore we cannot approve her Deity worship within the temple. Her example may be followed by others, therefore it must be stopped immediately. Regarding the house, it is not possible for us to pay such sums: it is untouchable. But if they are prepared to sell the house at 250,000 dollars when complete and finished, and accept 10% down payment, then we can consider to touch it. Regarding the Sanskrit dictionary, keep it there carefully. It is important. Regarding the information you sent from the Bank of America Calcutta, I am little busy now because I am starting for

London this Thursday. I shall have to scrutinizingly see what they propose. I shall reply this from London. In the meantime, as you are getting goods from Delhi, there is no worry. This Bank of America in Calcutta will be needed when we begin business with Calcutta. There is no immediate hurry. I shall think it over and let you know from London.

I am very pleased that Berkeley has just secured a nice temple, and the rent is also not very much. It is good news. You write that you are introducing our books in a new bookstore, and similarly try to introduce this valuable literature in many such bookstores in the Los Angeles area. I think you may introduce the ceremony of strolling the Deities round about the temple. If not every evening, then it can be done at least one day per week at a fixed up time.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

PS: I am very much anxious to know what is happening to the Tokyo center plans.

69-9-18

Hamburg
9th September, 1969

My Dear Jagadisha,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 4th, 1969 and the enclosed check for the Bhaktishastri examination. As I have already mentioned in my letter of September 7th, I have also duly received the contribution of 150 dollars from Laxmimoni and yourself. I am so pleased to note that Sadanandini is now staying in Detroit, living at the temple, and arrangements are being made for her wedding to Chandanacharya. It is very good news.

She is a very nice girl, so take care of her until she is handed over to the charge of Chandanacharya.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you all in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. I am going to London on the 11th Sept.

69-9-19

September 9th, 1969

My Dear Bhurijana,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you very much for your letter of September 4th, 1969, sent along with the Bhaktishastri examinations and a maintenance check of 15 dollars. I have noted down your new temple address, and please try as far as possible to make this a very successful center. If you can get permission from the authorities for chanting and collecting on the streets, that will be a great boon to your activities. Please try for this wholeheartedly. Yes, when the schools are opened you must utilize this facility for presenting to the students of North Carolina how important and what a nice thing this Krishna Consciousness Movement is. All three of you there; yourself, Tosan Krishna and Vrindaban Chandra are all very sincere souls, so surely Krishna will help you in your efforts to serve Him. Actually the work we are doing is not our work; it is Krishna's. So when He sees that we are working in sincere service mood, He is pleased to crown our efforts to please Him with success.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you all in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-9-20

Hamburg

9th September, 1969

My Dear Arundhuti,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your most recent letter (undated), and I have noted the contents. I hope by this time your health has improved, and as you are doing such important work for Krishna, you must be careful to take proper care of your health. You are an intelligent girl, so conjointly with your husband, Pradyumna, you can determine what are the best measures to be taken in this connection. I understand that you have quickly learned how to operate the Composer machine, and I am anxious to learn how things are progressing in this connection. Have you begun yet to compose *Nectar of Devotion*? Several days ago more pages of this book were sent to you, up to page 233, and as you finish work on these pages, I shall be sending you more.

Regarding your question, "What does Rama mean in Hare Rama? Is this Balaram or Lord Ramachandra?", you can take it both ways, because there is no difference between Ramachandra and Balaram. Generally it means Krishna, because Rama means enjoyer. So either Ramachandra, Balaram or Krishna are all Vishnu Tattvas and are always enjoying. The shakti tattva, or jiva tattva is always enjoyed. Our position is always predominated. If we remain in that position and properly use our small independence, then we remain happily eternally. But artificially, if we want to be independent and immitate the Supreme Enjoyer, then it is delusion. Material life means trying to immitate the Enjoyer, and spiritual life means to remain in one's eternal position as enjoyed. This Hare Krishna Mantra is addressed to the energy of the Lord and the Lord Himself to keep the chanter in his eternal position of being enjoyed. The

prayer is "My Lord, Oh the Spiritual Energy of the Lord, kindly keep me engaged in Your service." Regarding your other question, Krishna in His four-handed Vishnu Form is within our hearts, but He is not different from two-handed Krishna.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-9-21

Hamburg
9th September, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 6, 1969 and the new issue of *BTG*. I am pleased to learn that the house transaction is finished, and I shall be glad if you send a copy of the conveyance deed to the London address, where I am going the day after tomorrow. The purchasing transaction has been done on Janamastmi Day, and this is also a great occasion. Regarding your anxieties how to pay the rent, etc., in the winter season, I think Krishna will provide with sufficient press work and some of the boys may work also. In this way we have to manage. Your remark that Advaita may have to do alot of commercial work to help the temple during the winter is right. Whenever there is spare time we can earn money by outside work. We shall fully utilize the press facilities in various ways. My suggestion to meet the business men is to convince responsible men of your country to understand the importance of this Krishna Consciousness Movement and how we are molding the character of younger generation by giving them peaceful home, philosophy of life, artistic sense, musical entertainment, nutritious foods: and above all these, we are giving them spiritual enlightenment, which is never to be

found elsewhere throughout the whole world. Every gentleman in your country is anxious about their children, and gradually if the richer section of the people or the government cooperates with us, we can expand this movement for total welfare of the younger generation. This calculation is only one side of the picture: The other side of the picture means the solution of the eternal problem. Even though people in general may not be able to understand it, the fact is there. So in winter season this propaganda may be done. Some very responsible man may be selected to preside over a meeting, either in the temple or in some rented private hall, if the meeting is to be very big. In this way we can try to invite the so-called important people of the society and try to convince them about the importance of this movement.

Regarding the outlaws, why police protection is not there? Does it mean that in the United States if somebody is threatened, he will have no state protection and must submit to the atrocities of the outlaws? Our point should be that we shall take all necessary steps for self-protection, depending the result on Krishna. We should not idly sit down simply depending on Krishna. Arjuna had to fight in the battlefield, but at the same time he heard *Bhagavad Gita*. Our motto shall be like that. Neither we shall fight alone, without Krishna Consciousness, nor we shall give up all possible facilities in Krishna Consciousness.

Regarding *BTG* no. 27, it is nicely done, but there is no mention of the words 'Back To Godhead' on each page. Why this mistake has been done? Besides that, some of the headings, like 'Parts and Parcels,' are not very prominent, while at the same time there are many places where empty space is found. If some space is available, the heading should be broader. Henceforward, we shall try to avoid the

Beatles or hippy's articles, because they have no spiritual importance.

Yes, I have received the Vyas Puja book in due time, and it is very nicely set up. Yes, the date was wrong, but it doesn't matter. It has come out timely: that is excellent. Regarding introduction to *Ishopanishad*, please let me know the deadline for me to send it. Don't bother about the items I asked you to send with Hayagriva. I have instructed Hayagriva to work as co-editor with Satsvarupa, and he is now completely a surrendered soul. So conjointly make the appearance of *BTG* very nicely. The front cover page should be a nicely painted picture. You write that Jadurany is now painting wonderful pictures, so pictures by either Jadurany, Murlidhar or Devahuti should be given on the front page. The present front page picture is not very attractive as they were in last issues. A first class picture should always be given on the front page.

I thank you very much for your appreciation of my book, *Krishna*, and you all enjoyed it on Janamastmi Day. You write to say that each book I write is greater than anything written previously, but I must also inform you that each book you print is nicer than the previous printing. Two books, *Bhagavad Gita As It Is* and *TLC*, both are practically done by you, and the *TLC* has come out in printing art better than *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*. Similarly, I hope when you will print *Nectar of Devotion* and *Krishna* in our own press, it will come out better than *TLC*. So I will give you better writing and you will produce better books. In this way there will be competition in the service of Krishna. That is very nice. One the whole, I am very much pleased with the setup of *TLC*, and I hope in the future all our books may be printed at least to that standard. I am very much encouraged to learn that Jadurany is painting very nice pictures, and all of them can be utilized one after an-

other to come out on the front page of *BTG*. Later on, when we print *Krishna*, they will come together. In issue No. 27, the marriage pictures have come out super-excellent. They will give nice teachings to the people of your country how we are harnessing the confused younger generations under the protection of Lord Vishnu. Uddhava has also written a very good article, and I appreciate this very much.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-9-22

Hamburg
9th September, 1969

My Dear Gopal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you very much for your letter of 3rd September, 1969 with check for 55 dollars enclosed, and just today I have received your nice gift package of sweater, scarf, socks and incense. They are all very nice and I much appreciate your kind thoughts of me in this connection. On Vyas Puja Day your article in the Vyas Puja booklet was read aloud and everyone present thought it is very nice. This Thursday I am proceeding to London temple, and most probably I shall return to the USA by November. Perhaps we shall meet again at that time.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-9-23

Hamburg
9th September, 1969

My Dear Subal,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you very much for your letter of

September 2nd, 1969, sent along with a contribution of 100 dollars for my book fund. I am pleased to learn that Sridama and Rohini Devi are there with you in Philadelphia. Sridama is nicely trained for Samkirtan activities so he will be a great boon to your center. He is a very good boy, and I am always grateful to him for the nice personal service he rendered to me while I was in Los Angeles. On Vyas Puja Day, the Vyas Puja booklet was read aloud in the ceremony at the temple, and your article was very much appreciated by all. This Thursday I am going to London, so future correspondence may be addressed to me there.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you all in good health.

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

P.S. I shall be glad to hear from Sridama also.

69-9-24 Tittenhurst
14th September, 1969

My Dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 9th, 1969 addressed to the Hamburg center. Now I have come to England. Our temple here is not yet finished, so I am staying in the house of Mr. John Lennon. He is very much kind upon us. Here also there is a nice big hall, exactly suitable for a temple, and the devotees are enjoying the opportunity by chanting there twice, thrice daily. I have also begun to give lectures here on specific days, but there are no outsiders coming. I have arrived here on the 11th September at about 2:30, and

the devotees arranged for a very nice reception in the airport. There was chanting, press interviews, and nice press reports have come out with excellent pictures. Some of them are enclosed herewith for your reference. The first meeting organized by the devotees here will be held in the Town Hall tomorrow in the evening. So let us see how we can establish Krishna Consciousness in this part of the world.

Regarding your judgment in court, it appears that the judge is a learned man, and he has given the right judgment, being graced by Krishna. We have to work sincerely, and because Krishna is in everyone's heart, there will be no difficulty to have the necessary facilities. I hope by this time you have received the three *Krishna* tapes that were sent to you from Germany, and there will be more coming soon. I am enclosing a picture of the Los Angeles throne which Murari may hold as the standard for constructing the throne there. The throne should be 10 x 40 inches square, and 45 inches up to the canopy. Above that, up to the dome, it is another 12 inches. There should be three pillars as shown on the photograph, and they should be silver colored or silver-plated.

I am pleased that the press arrangement is proceeding nicely, and you will be pleased to know that my Guru Maharaj drew a picture in which He gave great importance to the symbolic representation of the press next to the mridunga. Press means publication of various types of books and literatures and the mridunga means Samkirtan Party. So now your center will have both facilities, and organize in such a way that you will become the living example to the other centers. When the press is fixed up, I shall go to Boston and see how things are being done personally. I hope you will accept this program. Regarding the house, as you are consulting with some lawyers, perhaps you can

also take advice from Giriraj's father, who is also a lawyer.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

PS: I am in due receipt of Giriraj's letter, sent along with \$30 for the maintenance fund. Please thank him for this.

69-9-25

Tittenhurst
14th September, 1969

My Dear Tamal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letters dated September 7th and 10th, 1969, and I have noted the contents. You write in your letter of September 10th that you have not received my replies, but I reply each and every letter. Especially your letters, Brahmananda's letters, Satsvarupa's letters and Gargamuni's letters I take special care and reply each of them. I hope by this time you have received my reply. Regarding the house, I have answered this point in one of my letters. But one thing I must let you know is that I may be a poor man's son, or a poor man myself, but fortunately I have been transferred to America to become rich man's father. So I wish to live like rich man's father, as there are many American rich man's fathers. Now you can do whatever you like. But one thing I can suggest is that we are now getting our own press, and as we have go so many books, if you can arrange for the selling of these books, there will be no scarcity of money either for the father or for the son.

I am pleased to note that you will be giving four classes in Los Angeles universities this year, and everyone is welcome to appear in the Bhaktishastri examination and take the title. But one must be acquainted with Krishna philosophy at least for one year. So the students may attend

class for one year as you have already arranged, and if they learn this philosophy, even if they dont become initiated students, it will be a pleasure for us. Regarding the tests you are holding there in Los Angeles, keep them there, and when I return I shall see them personally. I am encouraged to learn that you now have a very nice place for photography work, and you can send me photographs of the size of *TLC* of pictures for the *Krishna* book and *Nectar of Devotion*. For *Krishna* you have the pictures by Jadurany, Jahnava and Murlhidar. Then there is the Radha-Krishna picture by Devahuti, the Radha-Krishna picture which was kept in my room on the wall just to my righthand side, and the Radha-Krishna picture which was kept on my altar while I was there on Formosa Avenue.

Regarding *Aquarian Gospel of Lord Jesus The Christ*, I have taken some stray extracts just to support our views, but we dont give any importance to that book. The best thing is that we accept Lord Jesus Christ as a great devotee of the Lord and the son of God. It is better not to discuss in any detail about the Christian religion or any other religion. Your idea for Rukmini and her husband, Baradraj, to go to Chicago is nice. I understand that Sudama and Bali Mardan have already gone to Japan and I am anxious to get their address.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-9-26

Tittenhurst
15th September, 1969

My Dear Upendra,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 10th, 1969 and I have also duly received the Bhaktishastri examinations from

Seattle temple on the same day. I was very pleased to learn of the elaborate way in which you celebrated the Janamastmi Day and Vyasa Puja Day ceremonies. The articles in the local papers which you have forwarded to me describing the event are also nice. Last Thursday, when I arrived in London there were more than one dozen reporters to take pictures immediately as we got off of the plane, and then we were led by a special airport attendant to a room where there was nice kirtan and some questions from the pressmen. The next day several articles appeared in the London papers, and I am enclosing one such article for your reference. Regarding the Mayapur center, I am not giving attention just now to Mayapur. I have not heard anything about it from Achyutananda, but I have already given him the necessary instructions. When we actually get land, then we will divert attention to Mayapur, and at that time your services will be required. At present, I am giving all stress to beginning our own press in Boston. The Mayapur center is there, but immediately there is no concern with it. I am very pleased to learn that your temple is making very nice progress, and the devotees there are doing nicely in Krishna Consciousness. Please offer my blessings to all of them.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-9-27

Tittenhurst
15th September, 1969

My Dear Yasodanandana,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 5th, 1969, and I have carefully noted the contents. I have also read the poems that you have sent to me, and they are

nice. I am pleased to learn that your parents are willing to make a weekly contribution to Krishna Consciousness, and your mother can make bead bags and shirts for the devotees. This is very nice engagement for your parents, and you should encourage them to come to kirtan when they are able to and to read our literature. So far as your propagating Krishna Consciousness while you are in school, you simply speak to the students and teachers there, distribute *Back To Godhead* and our books as far as possible, and try to arrange for kirtan performances there where many students can hear the sound of Hare Krishna. This is the prescribed formula for propagating Krishna Consciousness. Regarding your question about Yasoda and Devaki, this is all explained in detail in our *Krishna* book. Devaki is the actual mother of Lord Krishna, but because Devaki's brother, King Kamsa, wanted to kill Krishna because of the omen that he had heard that Krishna would one day kill him, Vasudeva, Krishna's actual father, brought Baby Krishna to Vrindaban to the care of Yasoda and Nanda Maharaj, who acted as Krishna's foster parents.

I am pleased that the Montreal center is doing nicely, and please offer my blessings to all of the devotees there. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-9-28

Tittenhurst
16th September, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated September 13th, 1969. Regarding the press purchasing, it must proceed on, and Krishna will help you. Don't worry. I understand that you require approximately

\$14,000 out of which Advaita has \$4,500 and you have about \$5,000. The balance may be asked from Tamal as the house we are contemplating to purchase is untouchable by us on account of too high price. So Tamal can spare the balance money for the press at the present moment, and when the house will be actually purchased, Krishna will provide us with the money. Anyway, don't be discouraged. Whatever deficiencies will be there, Krishna will supply you, and if there is actually any deficiency, please let me know and I shall send you a check for that amount. I think this will be all right.

In the meantime, I am sending herewith my pass book for the First National City Bank. You go to the bank and make it up and let me know what is the balance there. You can simply let me know what is the balance and the passbook may be kept with you carefully for depositing in my book fund regularly.

Your report that book sales are not very satisfactory is not very encouraging. If it is not selling well in New York, why not dispatch to other centers for distributing? The United Shipping agency has dispatched the books as I understand, and on receipt of this you will kindly let me know how many full sets of *Bhagavatam* are there. Then I shall instruct you to distribute them in different centers on hearing from you.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-9-29

Tittenhurst
17th September, 1969

My Dear Krishna das,

Please accept my blessings. Yesterday I received a packet from you containing several letters from different parts, and I

thank you very much for it. I am expecting one air mail small parcel from India, from Indo Crafter. If it does come, you can immediately redirect it to me by simply writing the new address on the package and putting it in the mailbox. That will not cost you anything. But I have not received any letter from you since I left Hamburg. You will be glad that here the reception was very nice, and I am enclosing herewith one press cutting, although there were several other nice cuttings also of our activities and picture. We have already passed through two important programs here: one big meeting at the Town Hall, attended by Indians and Englishmen, which was very successful, and one nice meeting when the BBC men invited us for television on Tuesday night. They came also to the temple last night, and it was very nice. We are expecting many engagements from different persons, and it appears that people are interested in the Krishna Consciousness Movement. So I shall be glad to know how your center is making progress.

The immediate problem is to secure a nice place, and if it is possible to do so during my stay in Europe, then I shall go there again to Hamburg to install the Deity. From India I have settled up with a firm to supply Deities along with other things. So I have ordered four pairs of Radha-Krishna Deities, 24" high, weighing about 30 lbs. each. The cost will be about \$100 per pair, or 400 marks. The firm in Germany wanted \$650 for the Deities, 12" high, so there is much difference of price. Therefore I have decided to get them from India. I have already ordered four pairs: two pairs for England, one pair for France, and one pair for Germany. So I hope very soon you shall find out a nice place, and we shall install the Deities as early as possible. I am enclosing herewith one newspaper cutting published in New York, and you will find how Patit

Uddharan, Rishikumara and other boys are chanting and getting alms. Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-9-30

Tittenhurst
19th September, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your two letters dated 10th and 11th September, 1969. Regarding the letter to the Punjab National Bank, that is already written, and the copy is enclosed herewith for your reference. Regarding the court case in Boston, a certified copy of the judgment should be taken. This will help us in many ways. If there is any copy of the statement of Nanda Kishore available, that should also be taken. There is a Mantra that says *mukam karoti vachalam pangum lamghayate girim*. This means that by Krishna's Grace a dumb can speak like Demostanes, and a lame can cross over the mountain. Krishna's Grace is so glorious. So if we remain faithful in Krishna's service, there will be no difficulty in speaking when ever it is necessary. There are many instances in the history of devotees of this, and even five year old boys like Druva and Prahlad were able to speak so nicely. I have seen the pictures of your kirtan sent by Sachisuta, and they are all marvelous. Please print them in *BTG*. All Samkirtan photographs should be collected, and one after another they should be printed in *BTG*. So far as printing part of the *Krishna* book in *BTG*, that is also very nice. Regarding my account with First National City Bank, I have already sent you the Pass Book, so if it is convenient to move to the branch where the society has got account, that is all right. There

is no difficulty in changing the branch, but I wish to keep the account with the First National City Bank. When I receive the forms from you, I shall sign it.

I am anxious to know what has transpired with the Macmillan Company so far as printing the First Canto of *Srimad Bhagavatam* is concerned. Here in London things are going nicely, and I am enclosing a newspaper clipping of the reception at the airport. Last Tuesday night, we had a very successful interview on a popular BBC television program. There is immense potency for our movement in London, and I wish that at least four or five centers may be started in England of this Krishna Consciousness Movement. Perhaps you have heard that in Tokyo already there is encouraging news from Sudama about the people there responding nicely, and similarly, two new centers have been started in Laguna Beach and Colorado. So it is all Krishna's Grace that the young people of the Western world are gradually responding to our preaching work. I hope this meets you in very good health.

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

P.S. There is no books here for sale. You can send some books immediately at my wish.

69-9-31

Tittenhurst
19th September, 1969

My Dear Giriraj,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 13th, 1969 along with your check for \$20, and thank you very much. I am receiving very encouraging reports from all our centers, including yours, so we should know definitely that Krishna is giving us all opportunities to serve Him more enthusiastically. Actually, the whole

universe is Krishna's property. Krishna's devotees are His bonafide officers or sons, so if He likes, He can entrust the whole charge to His devotees immediately. It is not difficult for Him, but He wants to see how His devotees are developing unalloyed Krishna Consciousness.

You are a very nice boy, and by Krishna's Grace you have captured the opportunity, and Satsvarupa is a very good associate for this purpose. So combinedly you try to spread this movement, follow the rules and regulations, chant Hare Krishna, and gradually you will see your life is perfect. So with all my good wishes, offer my blessings to the others. Here in London they had a very nice reception, and the press cutting in one of the papers is sent herewith. The BBC television station very much appreciated our movement, and we were interviewed on one very popular show last Tuesday evening. So things are progressing nicely, and our movement is gradually becoming popular. You will be also glad to know that we have recently opened centers in Tokyo, Denver, and Laguna Beach. Most probably very soon there will be another branch in Chicago. So let us work sincerely, and the requisite money and men will be supplied by Krishna for His service. I think Jadurany is very much busy in painting pictures, otherwise she should have written me some letter by this time.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-9-32

Tittenhurst
19th September, 1969

My Dear Madhusudan,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your nice letter of September 16th, 1969 and the enclosed contribu-

tion for the book fund. I am pleased to note that you are going on with your Krishna Consciousness duties with enthusiasm. Now you have a very nice wife, Kanchanbala, so my request to both of you is that you work combinedly to push on this Samkirtan Movement of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. This will bring perfection to your lives, as more and more you become attached to the Lotus Feet of Krishna. Persons under the grip of Maya are simply mad after sense enjoyment, but our goal is to lose all desire for sense gratification and become simply mad after Krishna. This is the perfection of human life, to have no other desire but to render unalloyed devotional service to the Lord. Now you have very good opportunity for elevating yourselves to this status, and if you go on as you are now doing, rigidly following the rules and regulations which you have heard me speak about, then gradually your life will become more and more sublime.

Here in England there is very good potency for spreading Krishna Consciousness. When I arrived on September 11th, there was a nice reception at the airport, and one article reporting on the event is enclosed herewith. Last Tuesday evening we appeared for 40 minutes on a popular interview show on the BBC television station. This Monday there is to be shown another one hour long documentary program on our activities in England. Perhaps you have heard by now that there are three new centers opened recently; Tokyo, Laguna Beach and Colorado. So Lord Chaitanya is being very merciful to many of the boys and girls of the present day Western world by giving them the intelligence to understand the importance of developing Krishna Consciousness.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-9-33

Tittenhurst
19th September, 1969

My Dear Sachisuta,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 8th, 1969, and I have noted the contents with enclosures. I have very much appreciated the interview article with you in the paper *Ethos*, and I am so pleased to know that you have given right interpretation of our Krishna Consciousness Movement. Now you have got a nice wife, Indumati, and combinedly together you preach the mission of Lord Chaitanya as far as possible. I have seen what you have written about your protection by my humble self, but that is inevitable when a Spiritual Master accepts somebody as disciple. Krishna says in *Bhagavad Gita* that He takes charge of a surrendered soul; so much so that Lord Krishna protects His devotee from all his sinful activities in the past. Similarly, the Spiritual Master, when He accepts a disciple and the disciple surrenders unto Him, He has got the responsibility of absorbing the sinful reaction of His disciples life. This is a great responsibility of the Spiritual Master. We should therefore be very careful not to overburden our Spiritual Master by further repetition of sinful activities. Of course, one who has entered into Krishna Consciousness cannot act deliberately anything sinful. Still, we should always be on guard against such activities. Sometimes we hear that people are going to church to confess their sinful actions for being excused, but as soon as he comes out of the church, he begins the same drama again. This is like the bathing of the elephant, who immediately throws dirt again on his body. We should not follow such examples. Lord Chaitanya accepted Jagai and Madhai on condition they would not commit further sinful activities. So all our students should be careful in the mat-

ter of violating the four principles and at the same time must carry on the chanting process rigidly.

Regarding your question, this is also described in Chapter 9, when Krishna says that whatever you sacrifice, whatever you eat, whatever you give in charity—give it all to Me. Such action is also called *Sannyasa yoga*. Sannyasa means to sacrifice everything for the Supreme, and if we link up our activities in such way as is enunciated by the Lord, then all the diversities become unified in Krishna Consciousness. Krishna Consciousness is itself Brahma platform, so all our students who are engaged in the service of God, they are not on the material platform. They are already liberated

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69-9-34

Tittenhurst
19th September, 1969

My Dear Sudama,

Please accept my blessings, and all Glories to the devotees dispatched to Tokyo, Japan. Tamal Krishna has forwarded your letter to me, and I am so much pleased to read it. I quite appreciate your method of working. Now you are contacting some influential men there, and it is very enlivening that Mr. Sharma of the Embassy is trying to help you. Now one thing is that there you have got our magazines, and simply by selling our magazines you can maintain yourself. There will be no difficulty. In all our centers this magazine has given a new impetus for solving the economic question. You will be surprized to know that in Boston they are collecting on the average \$120 each day. So depend on Krishna and try your best. Use your intelligence properly and chant Hare Krishna. Then everything will come smoothly and easily. I understand that in some quarters houses are available

for only \$50 or \$60 per month, so immediately you can occupy some such place and hang up the signboard for "International Society for Krishna Consciousness".

Messrs. Dai Nippon and Company have given you a good reception, and that is very encouraging. I shall be glad also to know if there are other presses also in Japan like Dai Nippon. I understand that Japan is growing in press industry and paper industry. Tamal has suggested me to go to Japan next year, and I am very much anxious for this. If we establish a strong center in Japan and subsequently in Hong Kong—and from this side we have already in Germany and two, three in the middle east, like in Tehran and Cairo, then there will be regular belt all over the world for Krishna Consciousness Movement.

I am enclosing herewith some paper cuttings showing the reception we had in London. Already we have held one very successful meeting in the Town Hall, and the BBC television station had an interview with us on a very popular program for forty minutes. So things are progressing very nicely in England as in our other branches.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever wll-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-9-35

Tittenhurst
September 19th, 1969

My Dear Tamal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated September 13th, 1969, and I am so glad to learn that two new branches are now opened; one in Laguna Beach, another in Tokyo. With great interest I read the letter of Sudama, and I have also sent him a letter of congratulations. You have proposed to go to Japan

next year, and I am very much pleased on this point. I wish to go with a big Samkirtan Party from Los Angeles. So if we can overflow Japan with this Samkirtan Movement, it will be a great great achievement in the Eastern countries, and if we move little further more into China and Russia, then we shall build up a strong belt all around the world of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness.

Here in London the activities are going on. The place where I am now staying is a very big garden house, and the place allotted to us is a super-excellent temple site. The only difficulty is it is far away from the city, so the city people cannot conveniently come here. The temple in the city is not finished being constructed yet, neither is there sufficient space. It can be used as office and residence, but as a temple, it has no sufficient space. So things here are not yet very smooth, although the movement is accepted by the people in general as nice. The Hare Krishna record is selling very nicely. Yesterday, it sold 5,000 copies, and this week it is on the chronological list as #20. They say next week it will come to be #3, and after that it may come to #1. So they are very much hopeful of this record. Mr. George Harrison appears to be very intelligent boy, and he is by the Grace of Krishna fortunate also. On the first day, he came to see me along with John Lennon, and we had talks about 2 hours. He wanted to talk with me more, but he is now gone to his sick mother in Liverpool. So if this boy cooperates with our movement, it will be very nice impetus, for after all, he is monied man. These monied men and women have to be very cautiously dealt with in spiritual life. We have to sometimes deal with them on account of preaching work; otherwise Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu has strictly restricted to mix with them for the Krishna

Conscious people. But we get instruction from Rupa Goswami that whatever opportunity is favorable for pushing on Krishna Consciousness we should accept.

You write to say that you do not know what is my desire, but my desire is an open secret. I simply want all over the Western countries people may take this simple formula of chanting, dancing and eating Krishna Prasadam, and being happy. I am simply surprized that they should not accept this simple formula and be happy themselves. My only desire is that all people become happy and prosperous in Krishna Consciousness. My predecessors, Vaishnavas, they were so generous that they felt very much afflicted for the suffering of the human society. Sri Rupa Goswami tried to elevate them to real path of happiness by introducing this *Govinda Ganamrita*, the Nectarine of the Songs of Govinda. That will make them happy.

In England there is very good prospect for pushing on Krishna Consciousness. I am trying to make some arrangement with Mr. Lennon to have the facility for having this garden house. Here we can accommodate many devotees, and if the opportunity is offered to us, we can organize a very strong Samkirtan Party here and establish at least four or five branches in England. But the climate is not at all suitable for me. The idea you described in your letter about unifying the temples is very nice. I am enclosing herewith one newspaper cutting of our airport reception for your reference. Last Tuesday night we appeared on one very popular BBC television show for a forty-five minute interview, and it was very successful.

Please convey my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-9-36

Tittenhurst
20th September, 1969

My Dear Goursundar,

Please accept my blessings. It has been some time now since I have heard from you, so I am anxious to receive your letter. Please inform me how you, Govinda Dasi, Balabhadra, Turyadas and Jayasri are doing. I shall be glad to hear from you about this. You will be pleased to learn that Sudama, his wife Chintamani, and Bali Mardan have gone to Tokyo, and already they are making friends with very influential people there, and they are very encouraged that in Japan there will soon be a nice reception of the Krishna Consciousness Movement. I am very pleased to learn of the progress in Japan, and similarly, I am pleased with the nice progress being made in all of our centers. I arrived in London on September 11th, and there was a grand reception arranged. I am enclosing herewith some newspaper articles which reported on this event. Last Tuesday evening we were interviewed on a very popular program on BBC television. It was quite successful, and I can understand that there is immense potency in England for spreading Krishna Consciousness. I want that there may be at least four or five centers here.

So I shall be awaiting your letter as soon as possible. Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-9-37

London
22nd September, 1969

My Dear Bhagavandas,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you very much for your letter dated September 15th, 1969, and I am

encouraged to learn how your temple is progressing nicely. You write to say that already two new boys, Frank and Ed, have joined our Krishna Consciousness Movement, and that is very good news. Please take very nice care of them and help them to understand our principles as far as possible. Actually, in every town and city there are many, many devotees of Krishna; now it is our business to go around the world wherever people are congregating and pick up these sincere souls. The world is suffering for want of this knowledge of Krishna Consciousness, and we experience practically that many people will take to this spiritual line simply if we make this information available to them. So continue to develop your Samkirtan Party activities, and if you are given permission to accept donations, that will increase the strength of your activities there. You may consult with Tamal Krishna in Los Angeles for advice as to how to approach the authorities for obtaining such permission. That 50 people are coming to your Love Feasts and 15-20 people are coming to the kirtans in the temple is good news also. As you are a sincere servant of Krishna, Krishna is recognizing your efforts to serve Him nicely and thus He is crowning your labors for Him with success. As more and more you increase in sincerity, similarly Krishna will more and more reciprocate by giving you the intelligence to serve Him nicely.

Regarding your question, we must utilize our intelligence fully for serving Krishna. Serving Krishna does not mean that we sit idly and say that Krishna will take care of all our business. That is not depending on the Lord; rather it is laziness. Depending on Krishna means to act always in Krishna Consciousness, realizing that Krishna is the Ultimate Controller of all results. I hope you understand this properly.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-9-38

London
22nd September, 1969

My Dear Gargamuni,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 13th, 1969, and I am so glad to learn that you will not fight with Brahmananda. *Brahma* means "the Great", so even if you fight, then it will be physically impossible to come out victorious. But one thing I see is that you are coming out victorious in the matter of sales organization of the books. In one of the letters of Brahmananda I understand that the book selling organization there is not very satisfactory. Therefore, I am very much glad to read the circular letter issued to the temple presidents, and I shall be glad to know how you are getting response. The methods you have adopted to approach reviewers and convince them to review our books, how much this attempt has been successful? Reviewing is the only way for pushing on any publication. Somehow or other we have to organize the sales of our books and literature. Otherwise, what is the use of starting the press? The press must work on continuously, and we shall produce immense literature. If the press goes on nicely, I shall be able to give you material for publishing a book every two months. We have got so much material for Krishna Consciousness Movement. In your last letter I understood that you are collecting at least \$70 to \$80 weekly by selling books. That is a great service to the society.

I am not very much enthusiastic to publish our books by some publication house, including Macmillan and Company. So far as I know, Ram Krishna Mission has their own publication organization; Aravinda Ashram has their own publication organization; Theosophical Society has their own arrangement; Bible Society has their own arrangement; Rabindra Nath Thakur has their own arrangement. So why Iskcon should fail to have its own organization? The thing is that the publishers are interested in money. They will make a condition that you purchase 5,000 copies, investing your money, and give some restriction that you don't go to booksellers. That means they publish with our money, our literature, and sometimes, if somebody goes to sell to some bookseller, they take strong objection. At the same time, they want to publish from the business point of view, without taking into consideration the aesthetic and philosophical side of the literature. I am enclosing herewith one copy of the letter of the Macmillan Company sent by Brahmananda to me, and you seriously consider the whole situation along with Tamal and let me know your definite opinion what to do.

I am pleased to note your attitude regarding business. Our policy is *nirbandhe krishna sambandha*: We shall accept all kinds of civil activities, including business, trade, industry, only in connection with Krishna. I am glad that you are following this principle, and Krishna will be very, very pleased upon you to make you advance in Krishna Consciousness. Regarding Dwarikin & Sons, don't bother about it now. I shall see later on. I am keeping the invoice, and when it is required, we shall utilize. Hope this meets you in good health.

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

69-9-39

London

22nd September, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letters dated September 17th, 18th, 1969. Regarding the Rathayatra articles, Purushottam has sent you the article for San Francisco Festival, and by tomorrow most probably Gurudas will send you an article about London Festival. So far as Macmillan is concerned, I have written to Gargamuni. Gargamuni is organizing bookselling, and perhaps you have received his memo to all temple presidents regarding selling our literature. So I am consulting with him before I finally decide about the Macmillan Company. But Macmillan's letter to you is not very encouraging. I have received the bank slips you have sent to me, and I hope by this time you have received the pass-book. On hearing from you I shall advise you for changing the account to another branch. Regarding the length of the First Canto manuscript, you may write to Haya-griva, who is now in New Vrindaban. On the reverse side is a nice article of our arrival in London which was printed *The Sun*, a very popular English paper.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-9-40

London

22nd September, 1969

My Dear Sethji,

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 18th August, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. The boy, Shri Arun Kumar, wherever he goes in our centers, he will be welcome. All our centers are accustomed to taking Prasadam, so it will be

very nice if he lives with us. Just now we have no center in Pittsburgh, although we have opened a branch in Philadelphia at 4524 Regent Street, Phila., Pa. 19143. Our Tokyo branch is not yet opened, but our men are working there, and as soon as they find a suitable house, we shall regularly establish the center. In the meantime, we have established some new centers in Washington, Detroit, Colorado, and Laguna Beach. Perhaps you have seen in *The Times of India* and other papers about my London arrival. On the reverse side you will find one of the articles from *The Sun*, published in London. We have released one Hare Krishna record through the famous record manufacturers, the Apple Company, and by the Grace of Krishna it is being sold on the average 20,000 copies per week in London alone. So the Hare Krishna Movement is gradually becoming very popular in the Western countries. It is great necessity to construct a very big Radha-Krishna temple here, so I am trying to find out some redundant churches to turn into temples. Please pray to Lord Chaitanya to help me in this great attempt. You are a great devotee of Lord Chaitanya and your prayers will be heard by Him.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

PS: I am forwarding a copy of this letter to Shri Bhajji (Shri Hanuman Prasadji Poddar). Sri J. Dalmia New Delhi.

69-9-41

London

22nd September, 1969

My Dear Sridama,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter (undated), and I have noted the contents carefully. I am pleased that you are doing nicely in Phila-

delphia temple, and Subal has written to me that you are a great help to him there. Regarding Rohini Devi, don't worry about her. Perhaps Krishna wishes you to remain brahmachary. You were not willing to marry, but she insisted. Now she has been taken away by her father; so you may take it as Krishna's Desire. If you decide to remain as brahmachary, then I may call you back for my personal assistance when I return to the States. I was very much pleased with your service. May Krishna bless you more and more.

On the reverse side you will find an article which was published in *The Sun*, a popular English newspaper. Please convey my thanks to Subal for his letter to me dated September 15th, 1969. I am very much encouraged to see how he is gaining skill in managing a temple nicely. Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-9-42

London

22nd September, 1969

The Punjab National Bank Ltd.

Vrindaban, Mathura U.P.

INDIA

ATT: Manager

Dear Sir,

Replying your letter dated the 6th September, 1969, I beg to advise you not to advance Ram Nath Murtiwala anything. I have not yet settled up with any other supplier. Therefore, the money which I have sent may be credited in my account. We are negotiating with some Bombay firm for supplies of musical instruments. Is it possible to open an account in your Bombay branch by transferring part of my credit balance there? I do not know what

is the procedure, but I find it necessary to keep some money in your Bombay branch. I shall be glad if you will enlighten me in this connection.

Sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedant Swami
ACBS/pdb

69-9-43

London
25th September, 1969

My Dear Jadurany,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated September 16, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. I am pleased to note that the Boston temple is going on nicely and you are working very steadily at your painting work. Regarding Barunadev, he is a very beautiful demigod in the form of a man. He has a beautiful body nice clothe, helmet, ornaments. So you may paint him in that way. Regarding pictures from *Srimad Bhagavatam*, if you have enough time, I can suggest so many pictures; but for the time being you are engaged in pictures for *Krishna*. That is also *Srimad Bhagavatam*. First let these pictures be finished nicely. Make them as nice as possible, and then later on you can do pictures for our other books. Regarding the relative importance of painting and temple kirtans for you, the painting is more important. Paint and chant Hare Krishna, that is the most important engagement for you. I have received a letter from Satsvarupa in which he inquired if he may print some of the *Krishna* book in *BTG*. Please inform him that this is a nice idea and he may do it.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-9-44

London
26th September, 1969

My Dear Shivananda,

Please accept my blessings. I am so pleased to receive your letter (undated). I have already written one letter to Krishna das, and I am anxious to receive a reply from him. Anyway, I am so pleased to learn you have found out a very nice place. My suggestion is that you take a first class temple site; never mind if the rent is little higher. Krishna will give you strength. But try to find out first class place for Krishna, and make the throne very nicely as per the sample I have given. Then I shall go again and install the Deity. The sooner you do it is better, because when it will be cold, I must leave Europe.

I always remember you for your kind personal service and walking with me on the street. So you are so kind upon me, Krishna will bless you with advanced consciousness, and you will be spiritually very happy. Thank you very much.

Please offer my blessings to all and let me know about the progress with *Zuruck Zur Gottheit*. I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-9-45

Tittenhurst
27th September, 1969
To His Holiness Swami R.S. Bhagabat Maharaj

Revered Sripad Bhagabat Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances. I beg to inform you that in reply to your letter dated 8th August 1969, I sent my letter dated 21st August 1969 when I was in Los Angeles. Since then I have received no letter from you. I gave you my address in Germany, but I did not receive any letter there. So I am confused whether you have

received my above letter or not. Anyway, now I am staying in England, a few miles from London, at the above address. I came to England on September 11th, 1969, and the reception was very pleasing. Perhaps you might have seen some of the pictures in Calcutta papers. I am sending herewith two pictures and newspaper reports for your reference.

In your letter dated 8th August 1969 you proposed to send a copy to Srimati Vinode Vani Dasi (Miss O.C. Powell), Superintendent of your Vasudev Gaudiya Math, London. Besides that, you invited me to talk with your Acharya of the Mission. Now I am staying here, and if you authorize your representative in London, Srimati Vinode Vani Dasi, to talk preliminarily, then I will welcome the idea. Anyway, I shall be very much pleased to receive your reply by return mail to my above London address.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-9-46

Tittenhurst
28th September, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 23rd, 1969 along with the pressproof copy of *BTG* #28. It is nice. Everyone here liked it. Simply the mistakes which you have already admitted may be corrected in the future. That is to say the headline should be broader and each page should mention the words "Back To Godhead". I think from next issue the editor's and co-editor's name should be mentioned: that is Hayagriva and Satsvarupa. At least officially there must be the editor's name there. I think that is required by the press act. You have received my letter dated 16th September, and I hope by this

time you have made up my pass book in the bank. I am very much anxious to know the credit balance in my favor up to date. Regarding transferring my account to another branch, I think a simple letter to the present branch will be sufficient. When I transferred my account in the Bank of America from San Francisco to Los Angeles, I simply sent them one letter and everything was done. If you think that changing the branch is necessary, then I shall send them one letter on hearing from you. In the meantime, please let me know what is the correct credit balance in my favor.

Regarding Macmillan's letter, I have forwarded the same to Gargamuni and Tamal for consultation before final decision. I have not heard anything from them till now. If the matter is urgent, you can consult with them and whatever you all decide, that is my decision. Now, gradually I am trying to hand over the management to the reliable hands of my disciples, and you should all work by joint consultation, without any friction. Now, by the Grace of Krishna, we are expanding and we must work in such a way that our society may stand a solid institution. In this connection I shall request you not to circulate all my letters that I address to you. Letters are sometimes personal and confidential, and if all letters are circulated, it may react reversely. I have already got some hints like that with letters I sent to you regarding Kirtanananda and Hayagriva. So in the future please do not circulate my letters to you. All my letters to you should be considered as confidential, and if you want at all to circulate, you just ask me before doing so. I am glad that Dayananda has gone to electrify the press nicely, and things are going on smoothly there. I hope this will meet you in good health.

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-9-47

Tittenhurst
28th September, 1969

My Dear Hansadutta,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 23rd, 1969 along with your check for \$250. I have ordered for 4 pairs of Deities, and as soon as they arrive I shall give you one pair. Regarding your question about faith in devotees, faith must be there. But we should always take instruction from devotees who are considered to be elevated. A preacher's position is like this: He should have firm faith and love for Krishna. He should make friendship with devotees. He should be very much charitable and kind to the neophytes and he should avoid the company of non-devotees. This program suggests, of course, that a devotee who is not in the neophyte stage can discriminate what is Krishna, what is devotee, what is neophyte and what is non-devotee. Unless one is able to discriminate, he is to be considered to be in the neophyte stage. In the neophyte stage the position is that the neophyte devotee worships the Deity in the temple with great awe and reverence, but he cannot discriminate who is devotee, who is non-devotee and who is neophyte. I think you must be in the second stage and should try to discriminate as above. Any devotee wanting to see you should be welcome, but your treatment should be according to his position.

I am so glad to learn that you have so quickly improved the center by the Grace of Krishna. So conduct business very carefully and cautiously. When Krishna gives us opportunity, we should never misuse it. I am confident that you and Himavati are very considerate. So you arrange things in such a nice way that the center improves more and more daily, as Tamal is handling in Los Angeles. If you

deal with the students cautiously and carefully, many of them may embrace this Krishna Consciousness Movement, and even a few of them turn to Krishna Consciousness on account of your endeavor, Krishna will be so much pleased upon you and bestow His benediction. So you can keep the extra money in the bank carefully, and whenever there is excess money, you can spare it for the book fund and press organization, which I have taken now very seriously. So far as I understand, to install the press there is about a \$5,000 deficiency.* Brahmananda informed me of this, and I have assured him that he should not worry, I shall try to manage for it.

So far as you are thinking about me, I always think about you and your wife, how beautiful devotees you are. May Krishna bless you more and more. Things here in England are satisfactory, and I am meeting some interested important Indian gentlemen, who may take also seriously this Krishna Consciousness Movement. Regarding your two questions from *Bhagavad Gita*, in both instances the reference is made to the Supersoul, or Krishna.

Regarding *Vedanta Sutra* tapes, I can send them to you when I return to Los Angeles, because the books and reference books are there. You mention in your letter that you have a very good typist there. If he can handle a Composer machine as we have purchased in Columbus, that will be a great help because as soon as we start our press we shall require so many composed matters for printing into books. The IBM machine is very nice in this connection. If he can handle such machine, then you can try to secure such machine and we can send manuscripts for composing. First of all see whether he sticks with us and becomes seriously engaged in our activities. Then consult with the people for Composer machine. That will be a great help.

Please offer my blessings to the others.
I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

*They will require \$20,000.00 for establishing the press.

69-9-48

Tittenhurst
28th September, 1969

My Dear Pradyumna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 23rd, 1969 with enclosures. I shall keep the letter of Mr. Manu Vora in my file. The composition which you have sent me, although it is incomplete, it appears to be nice. I do not find any mistake in the composition, but sometimes you have spelled Chaitanya as Chaitanya, and sometimes you have spelled it Caitanya. so why there should be two different spellings? On page #3 you will find this difference. Otherwise, I do not find any difficulty. Regarding *Ishopanishad*, I have no books here with me, so I cannot actually refer to the book what is Mantra #9. This is the difficulty of editorial work. I do not know in the absence of the book how I can help you. But the way of English synonyms given by you on page #3, under heading "Sri Ishopanishad English Synonyms, Invocation and Mantras 1-V" is set up very nicely. If you follow this principle throughout in all our books, it will be very, very nice, super-excellent work. But if you sometimes refer me on my touring program, it will be difficult for me. Of course, after my return from Europe I am sitting down tight for book work, and then it will not be very difficult job for me if you refer any sentence for correction. In the meantime, I think you are doing nicely. Just pray Krishna and do your best.

So far as your family life is concerned, the description given by you is nice. You

should always remember that sex life should be avoided as far as possible, and simply it can be utilized for begetting Krishna conscious children. So you are all grown up boys and girls, advanced also in Krishna Consciousness; so you will do the necessary thing even without consulting me. Regarding the pages of *Nectar of Devotion* which were sent to you from Germany, it may be delayed so you will have to wait for some days. It was sent by registered mail, so I am hoping it is not lost. When you receive it, please let me know. Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. In every page the name of the book over the left page and the subject matter on the head of the right page must be mentioned.

69-9-49

Tittenhurst
30th September, 1969

Manager

The Bank of Baroda

Chandni Chowk

Delhi-6, INDIA

Dear Sir,

In continuation of my letter dated 7th September 1969 dispatched from my German center, I beg to inform you further that Messrs. INDO CRAFTER is going to supply goods as per copy of the proforma invoice enclosed. They will submit the shipping documents by the end of October, 1969, and you shall pay them the amount from the \$700 and odds fund (\$300 and odds previously, and \$400 sent on 3rd September). The total value of the two invoices comes to Rs. 4,800 (Rs. 2,200 and Rs. 2,600), which approximately in dollar value comes to \$640. So kindly arrange to pay this amount and the documents may be sent to the following

address: TITTENHURST PARK, TITTENHURST HOUSE, Ascot, Berkshire, ENGLAND. You may debit the charges to my account.

IMPORTANT: The shipping documents for Los Angeles shall be sent to the following address by registered mail: INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS, 1975 So. La Cienega Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90034, USA. The shipping documents for London shall be mailed by registered cover to INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS, 7 Bury Place, WC 1, London, England.

We have received complaint from the Bina Musical Stores that on their enquiry about \$400 dispatched from America you have replied in the negative. The \$400 was sent by cable on the 3rd September 1969, and before that you received \$300 and odds. Then why you should reply them in the negative? For this reply the dispatch is held up and delayed. Kindly inform the immediately in the affirmative so that the consignment may not be delayed. Please reply this letter to my above address. Thanking you in anticipation.

Sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pdb

69-9-50

Tittenhurst
30th September, 1969

My Dear Sripad Narayan Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 14th, 1969 and I have noted the contents. I am very much perturbed to learn about your sick health. I hope by the Grace of Lord Krishna you will soon recover. Please offer my obeisances to Muni Maharaj. Regarding sponsoring Mrs. N.K. Achamma, I beg to in-

form you that to sponsor a person from India means to send him immediately a return ticket by air, which means Rs 12,000. I do not know who will be agreeing to invest this money for an unknown person. Although she has got money, she cannot spend it for coming to foreign countries. Therefore, sponsoring means the money should go from the foreign country and then she can come. Anyway, at the present moment I am living in London, a few miles off, at the above garden house. When I return to the States, I shall try to find out if somebody can help her. I am enclosing herewith two newspaper cuttings which were published on my arrival in London. You can publish this news in your *Bhagavat* paper.

Regarding the 92 section case against the Gaudiya Math, I don't think there is any possibility of compromise. But the Baghbazar party and Mayapur party have unlawfully usurped the missionary institution of Srila Prabhupad, and whenever they will talk of a compromise, it means another complication.

Thanking you once more for your letter.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-9-51

Tittenhurst
30th September, 1969

My Dear Nandarani,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 19th, 1969, and I am so glad to learn that the activities in Los Angeles temple are going very nicely. The first day I arrived we had talks about two hours with the Beatles, but because they are materially very rich, it is little difficult for them to understand Krishna Consciousness philosophy. In the *Bhagavad Gita*, perhaps you have read, it is said there that

those who are too much addicted to materialistic way of sense gratification, they cannot put their faith in Krishna Consciousness. Anyway, whatever they are helping, that is welcome. Their record is selling nicely, and George Harrison is more inclined to our movement. Now he is not in London, because his mother is very ill and he has gone to Liverpool. I am living in the guest house of Mr. Lennon. He has spared a very nice temple house here where we hold our kirtans, since our own temple house in London proper is under renovation.

I am so glad to learn that Chandra-mukhi is getting Krishna Consciousness from the very beginning of her life. This is the advantage of her previous life's advancement in Krishna Consciousness. Please take care of your children and make them perfectly Krishna Conscious. That is very great service. If by your endeavor one or two souls who come under your protection become liberated in this life, that is a great transcendental service to the Lord. So I am sure your children under the care of both you and Dayananda surely have salvation in this life, along with their parents, and they will not have to come back in this miserable condition of material life. That is the injunction of *Srimad Bhagavatam* to the Krishna Consciousness parents. Please offer my blessings to Kartikeya and Sheelavati for their good service and also please hand over the enclosed note to Srimati Rekha. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-9-52

September, 1969

My Dear Gurudas,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of the 13th Sept.,

and I am so glad to learn that you are active in preaching Krishna Consciousness in London. You all 3 couples are expert in the matter of preaching Krishna Consciousness, and your last effort in the matter of performing Ratha Yatra festival was so successful. So I am sure by your combined effort in London, there will be a great successful center. I am so pleased to learn about your staunch faith in Krishna and your Spiritual Master. May Krishna bless you more and more in the matter of advancement of Krishna Consciousness. Hope you are well, and please convey my blessings to your good wife, Yamuna devi.

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

69-9-53

Los Angeles
September, 1969

My Dear Mukunda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 1st, 1969. If Mr. Lennon contributes his place as described by you, then we shall turn it into a place of Divine Culture which the younger generation needs so badly. And if the Archbishop of Canterbury gives us one, two, three, four, up to the point of all the redundant churches, I shall turn them all into great places of worship of all kinds of men. If so desired, we can worship the picture of Lord Jesus Christ who we admit as the son of Godhead. We worship all worthy sons and servants of God, but we kick on the face of all rascals who claim to have become God so cheaply to mislead many innocent persons.

Sometimes back I sent you one letter addressed to the Archbishop of Canterbury, but I have not heard anything from

you. Was that letter presented to his holiness or not? Please enlighten me in this connection. Please persuade George to see the archbishop as early as possible.

Regarding my visiting London, I am

prepared to go there as soon as you call me. Hope you are all well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

OCTOBER

69-10-1

Tittenhurst
1st October, 1969

KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS: THE SAMKIRTAN MOVEMENT

The International Society for Krishna Consciousness is a bonafide religious society strictly following the principles described in the Vedic scriptures and practiced in India for thousands of years. Our basic beliefs are as follows:

1) The Absolute Truth is contained in all the great Scriptures of the world; the Bible, Koran, Torah, etc. However, the oldest known Revealed Scriptures in existence are the Vedic literatures, most notably the BHAGAVAD GITA which is the literal record of God's actual Words.

2) God, or KRISHNA is eternal, all-knowing, omnipresent, all-powerful and all attractive, the seed-giving Father of man and all living entities. He is the sustaining energy of all life, nature and the cosmic situation.

3) Man is actually NOT his body, but is eternal spirit soul, part and parcel of God, and therefore eternal.

4) That all men are brothers can be practised only when we realise God as our common ultimate Father.

5) All our actions should be performed as a sacrifice to the Supreme Lord . . . "all that you do, all that you eat, all that you offer and give away, as well as all austerities that you may perform, should be done as an offering unto Me." (Bhagavad Gita, IX, 27)

6) The food that sustains us should always be offered to the Lord before eating. In this way He becomes the Offering, and

such eating purifies us.

7) We can, by sincere cultivation of bonafide spiritual science attain to the state of pure, unending blissful consciousness, free from anxiety in this very lifetime.

8) The recommended means of attaining the mature stage of Love of God in the present age of 'Kali', or quarrel, is to chant the Holy Name of the Lord. The easiest method for most people is to chant the Hare Krishna mantra: Hare Krishna Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama, Rama Rama Hare Hare.

Our basic Mission is to propagate the Samkirtan Movement (chanting of the Holy Names of God) all around the world as was recommended by the Incarnation of the Lord, Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. People in this age are reluctant very much to understand about God consciousness on account of their unfortunate condition of life. They are working hard day and night simply for sense gratification. But this transcendental vibration of Samkirtan will knock at the door of their hearts for spiritual awakening. Therefore, they should be given the chance for this opportunity.

It is not recommended that a Krishna Conscious devotee go into seclusion for chanting by himself and thereby gaining salvation for himself alone. Our duty and religious obligation is to go out into the streets where the people in general can hear the chanting and see the dancing. We have already seen practically how by this process many, many boys and girls of America and Europe have been saved

from the immoral practices of this age and have now dedicated their lives to the service of Krishna.

The state laws are specifically meant for making citizens men of good character, and good character means avoiding the following sinful activities: intoxication, illicit sex life, gambling and meat-eating. We are checking people from practicing these sinful activities. All of our students are applying these principles practically in their lives, and they are teaching others to follow the same principles. Therefore, it is the duty of the government to help us in our missionary work rather than to hinder us.

It is hoped that the government authorities will cooperate with our Samkirtan parties in enabling us to perform Samkirtan on the streets. To do this it is necessary that we be able to chant the Names of Krishna, dance, play the mridunga drum, request donations, sell our society's journal, and on occasion, sit down with the mridunga drum. As devotees of Lord Krishna it is our duty to teach the people how to love God and worship Him in their daily life. This is the aim and destination of human life.

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-10-2

Tittenhurst
1st October, 1969

My Dear Gopal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated September 25th, 1969 and I have noted the contents. I am sorry to learn that Dyal Nitai has temporarily left our association, and if in his absence you can take charge of printing French edition of *Back To Godhead*, that is nice. But the thing is it must be regularly published every month. Now some devotees have gone to Paris. They are not as yet established, but the idea is that we

should eventually publish our French edition from Paris, as the German edition is being published from Hamburg. But so long it is not begun there, you can take charge of publishing from Montreal, as it was being done. Janardan has not come here to see me at London. I do not know if he has already gone to Paris, because I have not received any letter from him either.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you all in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-10-3

Tittenhurst
1st October, 1969

My Dear Tamal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letters dated September 21st and 24th, 1969. Regarding your plan for the house in Beverly Hills, it is all right, but how can you expect \$25 per week from all the centers? I already asked them for \$15 per month for maintenance fund, but they are not sending regularly. Mostly they are not sending at all. So money depending on others is no money and education depending on books is no education. The cash down price can be arranged somehow or other, but how to meet the monthly expenditures? If it is too straining, I don't think it is advisable to take up the risk. Of course, we must take risk for Krishna, but not to the extent it may hamper our Krishna Consciousness temperament. We can take a risk as long as it can be managed easily.

I am very encouraged to learn that Laguna Beach is doing nicely. Similarly, I am getting good reports from Berkeley. But I have not as yet received any letter from Tokyo. Have they secured any place

for starting temple? Regarding your proposed center in Santa Barbara, it is nice. If a California center is favorable, we should first open there. Regarding the photographs of the pictures I have asked you to take, yes, these should be of very fine quality for being published in our *Nectar of Devotion* and *Krishna* book. So far as the size is concerned, this you must consult with Brahmananda, because he is in charge of setting up the books. The picture by Devahuti which was in my room will be printed on the cover of *Nectar of Devotion*, so Brahmananda must decide if this picture will cover the entire front cover, with the title printed on top of it, or if there will be some space allowed for the title on an upper margin, as was done in *TLC*. You may keep the photographs there in LA, and some of them may be published in *BTG* on the cover. Relationship between Godbrothers must be very genuine and pleasing. Otherwise, the future of our institution will not be very hopeful. After all, very soon you have to manage. As I am getting old, I wish to retire from an active part. Of course, I shall be behind the scene, but I am thinking of writing a constitutional will on my return from Europe. Enclosed please find the proclamation you have requested. I hope this will meet you all in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-10-4

Tittenhurst
3rd October, 1969

My Dear Bali Mardan and Sudama,

Please accept my blessings. I am so glad to receive your letter dated Monday, 29th September, and it is so much encouraging. Last time, in 1967, when I was coming back from India to the States, I stopped for one day in Tokyo to find out

the possibilities of opening a branch. I studied the Japanese country within very short time and saw that they are very nice people. They are Oriental men, and there is similarity with Indian peoples. So what I desired in 1967 you have fulfilled in 1969, and I thank you very much from the very core of my heart. Krishna will give you long life and prosperity to live and preach the Krishna Consciousness Movement to the suffering humanity and thereby get benediction of Krishna and thanks from the peoples in general. Both of you are very good combination, intelligent boys, and Krishna is so kind that immediately you have got no anxiety for maintaining yourselves. Now, Bali Mardan, you are trying to get Chintamani from the States; this is good idea. This girl, Chintamani, will be another asset for your propaganda because she is actually a very nice devotee, and when she will be with you she can receive many girl students and show them how to prepare Prasadam. So surely you will grow very soon a nice Krishna Consciousness society in Japan. Krishna has given you immediately one Japanese boy to assist, Sriman Co-Co, and it is understood that he is inquisitive to learn more about Krishna. As you know from *Bhagavad Gita*, four types of men; namely the distressed, the man in need of money, the philosopher and the inquisitive, they take to Krishna Consciousness, and such persons are described as very pious. They are not ordinary persons. From this formula, Sriman Co-Co appears to be a pious boy, so try to convince him about our philosophy. The sum and substance of our philosophy is to love Krishna. Actually, we have got our inherent love propensity for Krishna, but due to our contact with material energy, that loving spirit is being overtaken by Maya. Just like a boy with hookworm, when he eats very much his body does not get nourished on account of the middle creature in

his intestine. The food goes to the account of the hookworm. Similarly, we have got our dormant loving spirit for Krishna, but it is being misused by Maya. As such, we have gradually to disassociate with Maya or take such medicine which will counteract the contact of Maya. Then our pure Krishna Consciousness will come out automatically. So this chanting of Hare Krishna Mantra is the only medicine to drive out the smokey curtain created by Maya, covering our pure heart. In other words, our love for Krishna is being blocked by the intervention of Maya, and as soon as we stop this intervention, our life becomes sublime. So this is not a sectarian religious convention, but it is a fact, and the proof is that the Hare Krishna Mantra is liked in USA, in Canada, in Europe, and now in Japan.

You write to say that the Japanese students enquire very intelligently, more so than the American boys. Yes, it is a fact that the Japanese people are actually very intelligent, perhaps more than the Europeans and Americans. That is admitted by one German scholar, my Godbrother. So if you can satisfy them intellectually and answer all their questions, that will be your success. All the answers are there in *Srimad Bhagavatam*, *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*, and *Teachings of Lord Chaitanya*. You will simply have to study these books to find out the answers. Anyway, I think Japan will be good field in future for spreading our Krishna Consciousness Movement. You are tested devotees; please handle the matter carefully, and Krishna will give you all help.

I could not understand what you mean by a cart from India. The Japanese are good carpenters, so is it not possible to get such cart made locally? I do not know if Achyutananda will be able to help you in this connection. Here in England the Samkirtan Movement is getting very popular, and the Party here is getting nu-

merous calls, even from European cities. So we are very much hopeful here also. I am anxious to know how you are eating, whether you have got the facilities for cooking nice Prasadam. Japanese rice is very cheap, so if you take nice rice, dal, chapatis, vegetable, and little milk, that will keep your health nice. Bali Mardan, you have asked how the Samkirtan activities become more relishable every day. It is due to Lord Chaitanya's benediction. All Glories to Sri Krishna Samkirtan!!

I hope this will meet you both in good health, and please keep me informed of your progress.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-10-5

Tittenhurst
3rd October, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. Replying your letter dated September 28th, 1969 and October 1st, 1969, I beg to inclose herewith a check for \$4,000 in favor of Iskcon NY, and the copy of the letter addressed to First National City Bank is also sent herewith. So you can utilize this check in the matter of press. I shall talk with Tamal what money he has or hasn't got. In the meantime, the transaction may not be delayed, and therefore I am sending this check for \$4,000. I hope this settles up the press question. Regarding New Vrindaban, last time I advised Hayagriva to wait transferring the property till the lease amount is paid in full. It is understood that he saves \$700 per year on account of his being in the lease holder's name. So he has to pay \$500 per year, but he is saving \$700 from his income tax. Under the circumstances, I think that why should we pay this \$500 per year from our pocket? Better it is paid from this \$700 saving from income tax. So we may wait

the transfer of the property till the stipulated lease amount is paid in full in the above way. Then the property may be transferred to the society's name. This is one thing. Another thing is that just at the present moment I do not think the society can invest any money in New Vrindaban, for the reason that we are starting this press, and until this press is all established I do not wish to divert my attention to New Vrindaban. Another difficulty is that nobody is staying in New Vrindaban. Even the boy Hrishiksha has left, and recently I received on letter from Ranadir that Hayagriva and Kirtanananda are also not there. New Vrindaban is now in charge of Ranadir, so on the whole people are not being attracted. In your next president's meeting you can consider these points. Tamal is trying to purchase some very nice property in Beverly Hills. The project is to establish there a nice Iskcon library to attract the richer class of men in that area. I do not know how far we shall be successful in this attempt, but if we are successful in purchasing a property there, it will be a great stride for our propaganda work. It is understood that the most selected persons of the Western world, both Europeans and Americans, they live in that quarter of Los Angeles. So why not a center there? That is the contemplation.

Regarding Macmillan, I think the matter is already settled up and we have all decided to get *Srimad Bhagavatam, First Canto*, published by them. So do the needful. Whatever you will decide together, that is my decision, and I have already informed you in this connection.

You will be glad to know that our center in Tokyo, a few miles away from the capital, in the city of Kyoto, is already established. I think you are in correspondence with Bali Mardan Prabhu. I am so glad to learn that immediately they have become self-sufficient by collecting in the kirtan program. This is very encouraging.

I am sending herewith the signed bank papers as requested by you. When you get the new passbook from the new branch you can send it to me by registered post, or if it is necessary you can keep it with you in safe custody. I am forwarding a letter I received from Gopinath in Philadelphia, and you can do the needful. I have already informed you that there is no necessity for you to send the mango slab at present.* If it is required, I shall inform you in my next letter. In further reference to the press, do you have any plan for printing our *BTG* there also?

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

*please send mango slab. Just learned it is not available here.

69-10-6

Tittenhurst

4th October, 1969

Manager
EQUITABLE SAVINGS BANK
Fairfax and Beverly Boulevard
Los Angeles, California
USA

Dear Sir,

I beg to inform you that yesterday Mr. M.A. Grant of 7 Bury Place, London, WC 1, ENGLAND has transferred dollars in exchange of 150.5 pounds to be deposited in my account #12410. But I see the account number has been wrongly mentioned as 90034. So please rectify this mistake and credit the amount in my savings account duly. In reply to this letter please let me know what is the correct balance at present in my credit. Also please send me some envelopes for sending checks. Please treat this matter as urgent

and write to me at the above address.
Thanking you in anticipation.

Sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/pdb

69-10-7

Tittenhurst
5th October, 1969

My Dear Prahladananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated September 11th and the contribution check for the Bhaktishastri examination. You have asked me for suggestions of what to say to different persons on Samkirtan Party, but there is no specific saying to any person. Whatever we say we say to everyone. It doesn't matter what is his age. Krishna Consciousness teaching does not depend on the age. It is the eternal platform of the soul. This is the meaning of transcendental; that is beyond any consideration of material qualifications such as age or intelligence. Just like thunder in the sky does not need any explanation to any old person or to a young child, similarly, the transcendental sound vibration of Hare Krishna and preaching of *Bhagavad Gita* philosophy will act on everyone, regardless of whether or not they are understanding at first. When preaching you only repeat what you have heard from the disciplic succession and this will act.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Tittenhurst
6th October, 1969

My Dear Goursundar,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 1

October, 1969, and I am so glad to hear from you. You write that you have sent me some letters recently and also the examination papers, but I have received no such letters or papers. I have asked Tamal Krishna to keep the test papers that were sent to him in Los Angeles there with him to save postage, so if you have sent the papers there, I shall see them when I return to the USA. Otherwise, I do not know where these papers are; perhaps it is lost in the mail. In that case you should notify the bank to stop the check for \$75.08. I am very pleased to learn that you have now moved to Honolulu into a very good section. Now if you can purchase a house as you have described your plan to do so, that will be very, very good. In Boston they have purchased one house, and the monthly payments of \$1,000 are depending upon their sales of *BTG*. So if you can arrange for sales of *BTG* and our other literatures, that will be of great assistance for you in purchasing the house. The best news you have written is that Govinda Dasi is improving in health now. She is a very nice girl, and I want that in the Name of Lord Krishna both of you work together for propagating Krishna Consciousness. Krishna will always help you in this and bestow His all blessings upon you. Please ask Govinda Dasi to write to me sometime, because I have not heard from her for many days now.

Here in England everything is going on nicely, and this evening we shall appear in big hall in London for kirtan and lecture. There is great interest in Krishna Consciousness amongst the English people and wherever we have spoken here there has been very nice reception. So by Krishna's Grace many of the boys and girls of the Western countries are advanced enough spiritually to take advantage of this Benediction of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu of making perfection of life by the Hare Krishna Mantra.

Please offer my blessings to the others and keep me informed of your activities in Honolulu. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

P.S. Our Japan center is opened. So on my way to Japan I must drop at Honolulu.

Spiritual Sky and it is very nice.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.
Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Tittenhurst
8th October, 1969

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Tittenhurst
8th October, 1969

My Dear Gargamuni,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you very much for your letter dated September 24th, 1969 and have noted the contents carefully. I am so glad to learn that you liked that picture which was printed in the London newspaper, and I have got the original of this picture, given to me by the reporter. If there is somebody there who could paint it, then it may be sent to Los Angeles. Regarding Macmillan, I have already asked Brahmananda to make the arrangements complete for publishing the First Canto of *Srimad Bhagavatam*. So far as supplies from India are concerned, Ranjit Mullick will be able to supply you with these. You may open correspondence with him, and the copy of his letter along with my reply is enclosed herewith for your reference. It is settled up that he will purchase from the best sources and charge 10% on the purchase price. So you can ask him for the purchase invoice, and that will be nice. First of all ask him to send samples. Then begin business. Unless you are satisfied with the Price and sample, dont put any order. Achyutananda is very simpleton, and it is very easy to cheat him. That is the past experience. I have seen the label for The

My Dear Jayagovinda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 3rd, 1969, and I have noted the contents carefully. I am pleased to note that you are so seriously considering how to organize the printing of our German Krishna Consciousness literature. You have suggested that you print in ZYG simply the verses of *Bhagavad Gita*, but without the purport what is the meaning of the verses? The purport is actually the main thing. So you can pick up the principal point of a purport and make then a heading for the article. Just like in the next issue Satsvarupa has published an article, "Lord Shiva, the Greatest Devotee". This was picked up from my translation and purport of 3rd Canto *Srimad Bhagavatam*. So far as sales are concerned, if you dont sell, then how you will be able to maintain your establishment? If you want to maintain a nice place simply by all working hard—in the beginning that is all right—but if you cannot maintain it by selling literature and making collections, then that is not a good idea. How to sell our magazines and literatures you have to find out means and ways. On the whole, everywhere we are arranging to sell our *BTG* and maintaining our centers on this sale. So what is the defect that you cannot sell? It is printed in the German language, and it is presenting new and sublime ideas. If you wish, you can cut down on the production costs as you have described, but the sales must be there. Another thing is

that you should obtain this IBM machine as you have mentioned. Then you can make the size of ZYG suitable for being printed later on in our Boston presses in book size. If the composition is prepared by this time, we can immediately print in Boston on our own press which will be ready in December. In that case *Bhagavad Gita As It Is* may be translated and printed in ZYG in a book shape, so later on it can be reprinted in book form. That is a good idea, but it means you will have to reduce the size of the pages of the magazine. Regarding Kulashekhara, I have asked him to go and join you. Most probably he will join you very soon.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-10-11

Tittenhurst
8th October, 1969

My Dear Krishnadas,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 2, 1969, and I have noted the contents with pleasure. I have seen the plan of the new temple that you have enclosed. It appears to be a nice, suitable place. It is Krishna's Grace that the walls for the advertisements may be properly utilized so the passengers in the trains can see it. You write if possible the following words: "We request you to chant HARE KRISHNA HARE KRISHNA, KRISHNA KRISHNA HARE HARE, HARE RAMA HARE RAMA, RAMA RAMA HARE HARE, and your life will be sublime." The mantra may be written in big letters, and the other words in smaller letters. Another slogan may be "Join the Krishna Consciousness Movement. It is peaceful,

and it will bring peace and prosperity to everyone. Regarding your idea for a jewelry shop, it is nice. You become an expert jeweler and you must open a jewelry shop to earn millions of dollars for spending in Krishna Consciousness. Your father is a kind gentleman. I have all good wishes for him, and Krishna will also be very much pleased upon him because he has such a nice devotee son. So your father will also be pleased if you open a jewelry shop. It is a good opportunity both ways: to keep good relations with your father and to make money and serve Krishna with the money profusely. Your plan for supplying the temples with nice ornaments for their Deities is also very good. We should decorate our temple Deities with first class ornaments and nice flowers. In this temple you make a throne situated in a big closet. Just like I kept my Deities in a place where they were locked up at certain times, similarly you do the same. In this way the valuables of the Deities will be protected.

You have given hint that I may go there again. That is not a very impossible thing. It takes only one hour to go and one hour to come. I have some engagements here, but if I come, I can spare at least one week in Hamburg. So if you arrange for my going, then it will not be impossible. But if I go next time to install the Deities, you may also arrange lectures in schools and with the Indo-German society. that will be nice. You have written that you have sent the kurtas to me, but I have not received them yet. To which address have you sent them?* Similarly, I have not received the ticket for the Icelandic flight. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

*Please enquire in the post office why such things are happening about mail deliveries.

69-10-12

Tittenhurst
8th October, 1969

My Dear Ranadhir,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 28th, 1969, and your attitude of a humble devotee is very much appreciated. Chaitanya Mahaprabhu taught us to be humbler than the grass on the street and more tolerant than the tree, and thus chant Hare Krishna Maha Mantra without any impediments.

I have seen you when I was in New Vrindaban, and you are quite fit to take charge of New Vrindaban ashram. Take especially nice care of the boys there. They are our future hopes. I have not heard anything from Satyabhama or Paramananda for some time, so please inform me of their whereabouts at present. In Hayagriva's letter I understand he doesn't want much to be interfered with by others, so you do the management very nicely so that everything may go on smoothly.

Thanking you once more for your letter, I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-10-13

Tittenhurst
8th October, 1969

Dear Dr. Sham Sundarji,

Please accept my humble obeisances. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 30th, 1969. Our temple is situated at 7, Bury Place, London, but I am staying at the garden house belonging to Mr. John Lennon, a world-wide famous man in music and one of the richest men in England. The news which you have read in the Gujstrati newspaper that some young English boys are chanting Hare Krishna Mantra in a garden house

near London is this place. Here also we have got a nice temple given to us by Mr. Lennon, and sufficient land is here also so we are collecting young, enthusiastic devotees to come and live here and make another colony of Vaishnavas like our New Vrindaban in West Virginia. So there was a nice reception here when I arrived, and I am enclosing herewith one of the newspaper clippings and my London lecture list also. Last Monday I lectured on "Teachings of the Vedas", and it was very much appreciated by the audience. I spoke for about one hour and after that they continued clapping, which confirms their appreciation. Our temple at 7, Bury Place is being nicely decorated, and as soon as my apartment is fixed up nicely I shall mover there.

I shall remind Brahmananda about your "True Conception of Religion", and you will be pleased to know that we are starting our own press in Boston in our own house. The house has cost \$70,000, and the press will cost \$20,00, which in Indian exchange comes to 9 lacs of rupees. So things are gradually improving. We have already opened our German center and are publishing our German *Back To Godhead*. From Montreal we are printing a French edition of *Back To Godhead*, and recently our men have gone to Japan. We have taken a house near Tokyo and our men are working there. There will be a great World Fair in Japan in 1970, and at that time we shall formally open our temple and probably issue our *Back To Godhead* in Japanese language. So at present moment we have got temples in six important countries: USA, England, France, Germany, Japan and Canada. All together there are 22 branches. Recently in our Detroit branch the son and daughter-in-law of Sriman J. Dalmia, one of the big industrialists of India, visited, and the daughter-in-law presented many saris to the devotees there.

So the American and European boys and girls are taking to this cultural life more and more, and perhaps this will make history in the future how

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Tittenhurst
11th October, 1969

My Dear Jagadisha,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you very much for your letter dated October 3, 1969, sent along with a maintenance check of \$15. Regarding the information you heard that it is all right to neglect one's 16 rounds as a daily minimum, this is wrong. Everyone should strictly follow the regulations of 16 rounds daily. If one is busy for other Krishna Consciousness activities and cannot fulfill the regular routine of chanting, he must compensate it the next day, curtailing his activities in the matter of sleeping or eating or any other sense gratificatory process. So far as how long each day to go out on Samkirtan Party, Chaitanya Mahaprabhu prescribes to chant Hare Krishna Mantra 24 hours. So if you can do so, it is very nice. Otherwise, as much as possible. Samkirtan is our life and soul.

I am very glad that Jai Hari Dalmia was in the temple, and I hope you received him well. His father is a great friend of my activities. When I was in India he helped me so many times with financial assistance, so he is sympathetic. I am very glad that his daughter-in-law has presented some saris and the boy has presented some books. Please keep the books nicely. None of you will be able to understand Hindi or Sanskrit, so when I return to USA I shall ask you for these books. Regarding the picture of Lord Chaitanya which is outside of your temple, this is not good. We should not place our worship-

pable Deities as statues in the open atmosphere.

I have also received one very nice letter from your good wife, Laxmimoni. She is a very nice girl, so the two of you work combinedly to spread this Samkirtan Movement of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. That will bring all happiness and success to both of your lives.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-10-15

Tittenhurst
13th October, 1969

My Dear Pradyumna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letters dated October 8th and 10th, 1969 and I have noted the contents carefully. I understand from your letter of October 8th that there is a struggle with the Kazi. This obstacle by the Kazi is not new to our Krishna Consciousness Movement. It was there even during the time of Lord Chaitanya, but we must steadily go on with our activities without caring for these so-called custodians of law. We are the most lawful citizens in the world, but if some demon Kazi gives stumbling to our execution of duties, we cannot abide by such order. I am very glad to learn that some of the Catholic priests are sympathetic with our movement. The government says "In God we trust", and we are preaching the message of love of God, pleading with the people to become servants of God. So where is the cause of breaking the public peace? I am enclosing herewith a declaration of our Krishna Consciousness Movement which you may present in court if necessary. You depend on Krishna, try to face the charges by your best abilities and surely Krishna will help you. A similar charge was

brought against our men in Philadelphia and the learned judge found that we are not culprit.

Regarding our books, the scholarly way should be followed. That means as Dr. Radha Krishnan and Bon Maharaj do it, and as Dr. Singh recommends. In all our books and magazines henceforward the whole process should be changed. Whatever is done in the past forget. Now everything should be revised and presented in the scholarly way. That means throughout Krishna should be spelled Kṛṣṇa, Vishnu should be spelled Viṣṇu and Chaitanya should be spelled Caitanya, etc. I think this will clear the whole thing and there will be no more Maya impediment. I am sorry the *NOD* manuscript has not yet reached. This is another ill luck that the Post Office has not delivered. So whatever you have got finish it. If the manuscript does not reach, then we will have to rewrite it again. If there is such need, I shall send you the duplicate. If it does reach, however, please inform me immediately. Your idea that our books should be read by scholars is quite appropriate. Without following the diacritic marks according to scholars they will think it inefficient. Yes, we want that businessmen, economists, religionists, students, etc. will all be carrying *Bhagavatam* and *Gita*. Yes, do every word of our books meticulously and perfectly accurately transcribed so the most erudite and deep thinking men of the world can enter into the intricacies of meaning in each verse. Your idea is nice. Please help all our literatures in that way and Krishna will bless you. Never mind what has been done in the past. You follow these principles steadily, chant Hare Krishna, and everything will be all right. There is no question of being frustrated. Regarding *Nectar of Devotion*, although it has been little procrastinated, things should be done slow but sure. Your questions certainly

are not stupid. They are very intelligent questions and I am just pleased to discuss all these matters threadbare. I quite approve of your way of thinking. So do the work and Krishna will help you.

Enclosed herewith is a schedule for my lectures and one good news is that our temple which was being checked by the planning commission for possession has now been released and we are now able to possess it. So our temple at 7, Bury Place is now fixed up. Where is Hayagriva and Shama Dasi? Please combinedly expedite the printing matter composed by the IBM machine and let me know of your progress.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-10-16

Tittenhurst
13th October, 1969

My Dear Tamal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 5, 1969 and have noted the contents carefully. Regarding your question about *Govinda Ganamrita*, Govinda is Krishna, and ganamrita means the nectar of songs. That means anything sung about the activities of Govinda is nectar. You have mentioned that Srila Rupa Goswami has introduced this. Srila Rupa Goswami, assisted by all other Goswamis have left immense literature for singing about the glories of Govinda. Whatever literature we are presenting, following the footsteps of Rupa Goswami and the others, they are also Govinda Ganamrita. So the more Govinda Ganamrita or the glories of Govinda will be spread the more the nonsense of impersonalism and monism will be defeated. It is said *kaivalya nistaraka*. This means the Goswamis deliver us from

the danger of being lost in the philosophy of monism. As I wrote in my prayers to my Spiritual Master, “impersonal calamity Thou hast moved”. So this impersonalism is a calamity for the spiritualist.

I understand that you have sent \$1,000 to Brahmananda for the press instead of \$5,000. So I have completed that \$5,000 by sending him another check for \$4,000. Whatever you have done is all right, but if you have taken anything from the book fund, you may replace it as soon as possible. I am so glad to learn that the book fund is doing very well. I think the book fund should be immediately deposited to my savings account, and if need be, I shall pay you again. I am very glad to learn about the contribution of Mr. Raj Anand. He appears to be devotee, so deal with him very carefully. Invite him to take Prasadam as often as possible. He must be a very nice gentleman to have purchased 100 BTGs for giving freely to his customers.

I have seen the agenda of your president's meeting. This is nice. One thing should be followed, however, as your countrymen are more or less independent spirited and lovers of democracy. So everything should be done very carefully so that their sentiments may not be hurt. According to Sanskrit moral principles, everything has to be acted, taking consideration of the place, audience and time. As far as possible the centers should act freely, but conjointly. They must look forward to the common development. That should be the principle. You are all intelligent boys, and you should be engaged in Krishna's service. Then He will give you all intelligence. So in every action we should always pray to Krishna for His help so that we may act it nicely. Lord Krishna advised Arjuna *yudhysva mam anusmara*. That should be our principle. We should use all our intellect as well as possible, and at the same time we

should remember Krishna always.

I was very much pleased to hear that Tokyo has so swiftly got a house. Surely upon Chintamani's joining them they will get further strength in pushing on the Movement. I have not heard from you whether or not you have received the consignment from Calcutta and the items all in order according to the invoice. I hope to hear in your next letter on this matter. Regarding Murlidhar's painting of Srila Jagannath das Babaji, there should be no aura around Him.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-10-17

Tittenhurst
15th October, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 12, 1969 and have noted the contents. Regarding your question about Mantra 12 of *Ishopanishad*, the verse as it is, is correct. The Absolute means Brahman, Paramatma and Bhagavan. When the Absolute is realized hazily it is Brahman. When the Absolute is realized more clearly it is Paramatma. And when the Absolute is realized distinctly it is Bhagavan. So Brahman, Paramatma and Bhagavan are different phases of the Absolute Truth. But the Bhagavan aspect of the Absolute Truth is distinct from everything. Those who worship the Brahman and Paramatma aspect of the Absolute Truth are in a dangerous position because they have every chance of again falling down into the lowest regions. This is because they are not fully purified, and the least trace of contaminated desire can cause havoc to one's progress. Just like one lit cigarette can cause a whole house to burn

down, so incomplete knowledge of the whole Absolute Truth may not be able to save one from going to the darkest regions of ignorance. *Ishopanishad* says that such persons who accept Brahman or Paramatma as the final word of God-realization will be "still more" condemned. This is because they are offenders of God and are very stubborn to accept the Supreme Personality. If one refuses to progress to understand the Supreme Personality of Godhead, then he is sure to fall down again into darkness. The worshippers of the demigods at least have fear of some higher personality, and that may eventually develop into fear of the Supreme Personality. But the impersonalists think that everything is Brahma, everyone is God, therefore they can do whatever they want; and that is a still more dangerous position. I think this will clear up the matter for you.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

PS: *Ishopanishad* means "the knowledge that leads nearer to Kṛṣṇa." I am returning herewith the Gita Press book you sent me for the Sanskrit Text. It is nice.

69-10-18

Tittenhurst
15th October, 1969

My Dear Jayagovinda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 15th, 1969 and the copy of *Zuruck Zur Gottheit*. I had received another copy of this issue and I think I had acknowledged receipt. Anyway, now there is a second copy; that is all right. In the meantime Kulashekhar has gone to Germany along with his wife to assist you. Of course, weakness in Krishna Con-

sciousness we should always feel. That is a good symptom. We should never think that we are strong enough. But the source of strength is Krishna and His manifested representative, the Spiritual Master. We get this instruction from *Chaitanya Chaitamrita* that we receive the seed of Krishna Consciousness through the Spiritual Master and Krishna. Therefore, we should serve both simultaneously for continuous supply of spiritual vitality. So you are now serving Krishna under the instruction of your Spiritual Master, so there will be no scarcity of supply of strength unless there is some weakness on your part in the matter of absolute faith in these two shelters. So if you have still some doubts in pinching your faith in the service of your Spiritual Master and Krishna, then you can clear it up. I am always prepared to assist you.

When you came from India to Germany you told me that you felt complete satisfaction being in Germany, having a good engagement for serving Krishna. But at present you express that you may not be feeling that satisfaction intact. If you would explain to me why you are feeling like that, then I can help you. We are trying to manage a great institution of Krishna Consciousness Movement, so there is possibility of adjusting so many circumstances. But in all circumstances we should have our staunch faith in Krishna and the Spiritual Master. Then we will never be shaken off. I hope this boy, Kulashekhar, will be much helpful in your department and you will feel more strength in pushing on this German edition of *BTG*. There is a proverb in Sanskrit literature that enthusiastic persons achieve the favor of the Goddess of Fortune. In the Western part of the world there is tangible example of this slogan. People in this part of the world are very much enthusiastic in material advancement and they have got it. Similarly, according to the instructions

of Srila Rupa Goswami, if we become enthusiastic in spiritual matters, then we also get success in that way. Take for example, I came to your country in ripe old age, but I had one asset: enthusiasm and faith on my Spiritual Master. I think these assets only are giving me some lights of hope, whatever I have achieved so far with your cooperation. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-10-19

Tittenhurst
15th October, 1969

My Dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 10, 1969 with the deeds enclosed. I do not understand the technical language, but I can follow that there is a property in the name of the society. Yes, Krishna is the Proprietor of not only this property, but all the properties of all the universes. He is the Supreme Enjoyer of everything, and He is the most Beloved, Sincere Friend of everyody. That is a fact. People do not know it or they have forgotten it, and our Krishna Consciousness Movement is trying to understand this philosophy and make others understand it. So you are a sincere devotee of Krishna and He has given you a great opportunity of service, perhaps #1 in all the centers. You are the only pioneer center who possess your own property and press. I am so glad to learn that things are going on nicely and Krishna is giving you good income also. Please therefore manage things very nicely, both husband and wife and other assistants. You are also very fortunate to have an assistant like Giriraj. This boy has so quickly taken up the Krishna Consciousness cause and I am very much pleased with his behavior.

Now Advaita should be assisted by some other intelligent man. Jadurany should be given sufficient space for her painting work, assisted by other artists. And Giriraj is the right leader of Samkirtan Party. I am sorry that Murari has left. Pray to Krishna that he may come back again soon. Yes, this Uher tape recorder is very nice. It can act both as tape recorder and dictaphone also. It has got exactly the same speed for direct typewriting, but because you have not got a tape recorder that plays at this dictaphone speed, we send you higher speed tapes.

In *BTG* the *rasa leela* episode cannot be published. We are writing on the activities of Krishna and *rasa leela* is one of the most important Pastimes of His transcendental activities. Therefore it must be published in the book, but it cannot be published in any public paper. That is the instruction of my Guru Maharaj. Actually, *rasa leela* means to curb down the lusty propensities of the conditioned soul. Unfortunately, it acts differently on the conditioned soul if he is not prepared to understand what is Krishna. So do not try to print this.

Yes, I am very much anxious to go to Boston as soon as possible, but at the same time I want to see London center well established. Since I have come here Krishna has given us our permanent place which was in dispute at 7, Bury Place. It is very well situated, and perhaps London center will also come out very successful in the near future. The Hare Krishna record is going on in England nicely, and I heard that in Australia it stands 4th on the list of 50 important records.

I have heard also from Brahmananda that he plans to spend 3 days per week at Boston, but I have also heard that during his absence 3 devotees have left the temple. So things should be managed so nicely that our devotees may not leave us. We get a devotee after great endeavour,

and we must train such devotee in a nice way so that he may not go back and be at large in the clutches of Maya. I think I shall visit Boston in December surely, if not in November, and I shall let you know the exact time and date. As you are talking of myself that I am your only shelter, similarly I am always thinking that you all boys and girls are only my hopes. When I was first in Boston in the same Commonwealth Port I was thinking how I shall be able to establish my mission in this country. Now, by Krishna's Grace, the time has come when I see Boston is the first center and in Boston we have got so many nice devotees.

Please offer my blessings to all the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. Ask Dayananda to write me. He is so nice boy and I want to hear from him. Recently I got one letter from Nandarani. She is so nice as her husband.

69-10-20

Tittenhurst
16th October, 1969

My Dear Chidananda,

Please accept my blessings. It is a great pleasure to receive your letter dated October 7, 1969, and I am so glad to read it that you have got a nice place for starting our temple. I do not know what is the length and breadth of the space, but a throne of Radha Krishna may be made exactly on the pattern of Los Angeles, and the sample picture is sent herewith for your guidance. When everything is completed we shall install a 24" high Radha-Krishna Pair and make it exactly decorated like the Los Angeles temple. Ananda is a very silent worker and sincere devotee, and I am glad that two other brahmacharies, Rabindra and Rudradas,

are also there to accompany you on the Samkirtan Party everyday. You are an experienced devotee, and I hope in your presence now Vancouver temple will come out very successful. I passed through Vancouver while coming from Seattle to Montreal, but I never saw the city. Now I hope while we install Radha-Krishna Murtis there I may see the nice city of Vancouver. Our method of establishing a flourishing center will continue to be the same. This is standard and successful. Please keep me informed about your center.

Here in London progress is going on nicely, and they have recently received authorization from the city authorities to establish our temple at 7 Bury Place in the heart of London. Last evening we held a very successful meeting at Conway Hall, and several hundred young boys and girls, as well as many Indian people, were chanting and dancing in transcendental ecstasy with us. Next week, and once very week for the next ten weeks, we have scheduled more such engagements. I am very much encouraged to see the nice reaction that the English people are having to our Krishna Consciousness Movement. It is all the Grace of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-10-21

Tittenhurst
16th October, 1969

My Dear Jayapataka,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to inform you that I have received a letter from the Gaudiya Mission, Calcutta, in which they write to say as follows:

"We have been greatly obliged on receipt of a letter dated August 18, 1969

from Shri Krishna Das of Radha Krishna Temple, Montreal (Canada) offering us a shipment of medical stores and again a letter dated September 1, 1969 from one Administrative Asst. of world Naval Service, Montreal, offering us 20,000 bags of flour for the needy in India. We value such offers as coming at your instance. We contacted W. Bengal Govt. They are not much interested in taking charge and distributing the same. We are, however, consulting other suitable parties who can handle and deal with the matter as per object of the donor. We are personally unfit for such importing and shipping matters, as you may well understand. We shall write to the parties after we get response from a dependable local party here.”

I am surprised that such bogus letters have come from parties claiming to belong to our centers. Our disciple Krishna das is in Germany, not in Montreal. Anyway, such irresponsible letters dispatched from our temples must be stopped immediately. I shall be glad to hear from you about this by return of post. If somebody is unauthorizedly using our stationeries and writing letters to responsible quarters, with no sanction from us, then such persons must be avoided.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-10-22

Tittenhurst
16th October, 1969

My Dear Subal,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letters dated September 26, 1969, October 3, and October 12, 1969, and have noted the con-

tents carefully. I thank you very much for your contribution of \$500 to the starting of our press in Boston as well as your \$15 contribution to the maintenance fund. I am always encouraged to hear of your nice activities in Philadelphia, and gradually I expect that our Philadelphia temple will play more and more an important role in the propagation of the Krishna Consciousness Movement. The people of the world are looking for some way of being happy and making solution to their problems, and we are presenting the best and easiest method of making final solution of all the discrepancies of life and achieving the highest bliss, which is eternal. So if we are persistent in our propaganda methods, then surely many, many persons will have the good sense to take advantage of our movement, and thereby attain the highest goal of life, unalloyed devotional service to the Supreme Lord Krishna.

In London things are going on nicely, and last evening we had a meeting in Conway Hall and several hundred persons were joining us in chanting and dancing. After the meeting one reporter from the biggest London newspaper came behind the stage to get further information about our movement for publication in his paper. So I am very encouraged to see the nice reception that the people and the news medias are giving to our activities in London. Last week we were given official permission by the city authorities to have our temple at 7 Bury Place. Already there has been great public interest in this temple, so by Krishna's Grace there shall be a very successful temple established in London very soon.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-10-23

Tittenhurst
18th October, 1969

My Dear Gargamuni,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated October 10, 1969. I have already informed Tamal Krishna in my letter dated 13th October that I have sent Brahmananda a check for \$4,000, as he wanted \$5,000 and you have sent \$1,000 and Subal has sent him also \$500. So the extra money that you have got now you can deposit to my savings account. The book fund collection may be deposited in my savings account, and a monthly statement may be submitted how much is deposited in that account. When need be, I shall personally issue a check. That will keep the account clear. I am so much pleased to learn that you are collecting \$200 per week from the book selling table. Thank you very much. I am also pleased to learn that the Spiritual Sky is making appreciable profit for expanding Krishna Consciousness and opening branches. I have given instruction to Tamal how to keep the branches going on simply on the strength of chanting the Mantra and following the rules and regulations. We shall always pray to Krishna that we are weak and Maya is very strong. So seek for His protection in every step so Maya may not inflict upon us her trident injuries. Perhaps you have seen the picture of Durga carrying the trident in her hand, which is a symbol of the 3-fold miseries of material existence. Maya's most attractive feature is women and money. We Krishna Conscious men have to deal with women and money in course of preaching work, and the only prophylactic measure to save us is not to accept them for our sense gratification. Then we shall remain strong enough. Materialistic people take everything for sense gratification and Krishna Conscious people take everything for Krishna's satisfaction.

There is no fault in the thing as it is; namely women and money, but it becomes faulty by improper use. The improper use is to accept them for sense gratification. As it is stated in *Bhagavad Gita*, we can remain very strong from this by taking a firm shelter under the Lotus Feet of Krishna, by chanting His Holy Name incessantly, and praying always for being engaged in His service. In this way He will protect us from our weakness.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-10-24

Tittenhurst
18th October, 1969

My Dear Tamal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 12, 1969 along with the copy of the West Coast president's report of the meeting held at Berkeley. Gradually this meeting should develop into a committee of the West Coast presidents, and similarly there should be one for the East Coast, so in the future we can form a central governing body for the whole institution. Therefore the management should be done very cautiously so that everyone is satisfied in their autonomous managing capacity. Of course, the central point is the order of the Spiritual Master, and I am very glad that you are trying to give importance to this aspect of management. The difficulty is sometimes things are interpreted in a manner dovetailing one's own sense gratification. I have got this personal experience in my Guru Maharaj's institution. Different Godbrothers took the words of Guru Maharaj in different interpretations for sense gratification

and the whole mission disrupted. This is still going on for the last 40 years without any proper settlement. I am always afraid of this crack, but I am sure if our aim is to serve Krishna sincerely and the Spiritual Master simultaneously, that will be our success. That means serve Krishna and the Spiritual Master simultaneously with equal faith and serious vow, and then success is sure. Yourself, Gargamuni, Brahmananda and the others are intelligent. You should always deal things so tactfully that people may not fall away. Every living being is important in Krishna Conscious service, and we must take all precautions that one may not fall away.

Regarding the booklet you and Gargamuni are sending, in the introductory portion signed by you and Gargamuni you have said that I am "personally instructing John Lennon and George Harrison in the yoga of ecstasy". This is not very satisfactory. Of course, George Harrison sometimes comes to see me and naturally I instruct him on the bhakti yoga. But the statement in the letter gives hint as if I have been invited by them for this. If this comes to their notice, they may take some objection which will not go to our credit. These things should not be publically advertised, and I do not know why this has been done. Anyway, if you have not distributed many of them, you just try to take out that portion which is not a fact.

Regarding purchasing of temples, if within our means and estimation it is possible, that is a good idea. The best example is Boston temple. They have taken responsibility for \$1100/ per month, and by the Grace of Krishna they are now collecting at the rate of \$120 per day. So if Berkeley is also in that position, they can take that risk. Similarly, San Francisco also, and I understand that both Hansadutta and Madhudvisa are doing nicely. So if the principle of Boston temple can be followed without over-burden and

anxiety, that is very good. If they are also collecting daily average \$100, they can take the risk of purchasing the house.

Regarding the World Samkirtan Party, that is my long-cherished idea, and I wish to see it fulfilled as soon as possible. But do not count on others. If somebody comes forward to help us, that is welcome. But if we at all take the job, we must take it on our own strength. For experimental sake, you can seek out for an agent who can arrange for our Samkirtan Party moving in all the states of America, and then we can think of touring all over the world.

Where is my Book Fund being kept? I think whatever money is received from the Book Fund or for my personal account may be immediately deposited in my savings account #12410 with the Equitable Savings Bank at Fairfax and Beverly, and monthly statements may be submitted to me how much you have deposited with the bank. Regarding movement of the members from one temple to another, I think the local president's permission is sufficient. Don't take too much load of individual administration. That will be unmanageable in the near future. I have also instructed Brahmananda in this way. I have also advised Brahmananda to ask for monthly reports, and similarly you may ask for monthly reports. That will be easier. I thank you so much for the new temples that are opening. Please conduct them nicely and entuse the people to stick to the chanting of Hare Krishna Mantra and following the rules and regulations. Then they will be strong enough to manage things very nicely. Other things will be supplied by Krishna.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-10-25

London
20th October, 1969

My Dear Sri Parikh,

Please accept my greetings and blessings of Lord Krishna.

As you know that my mission is to spread Krishna Consciousness in the Western part of the World, I wish to establish one permanent Sri Sri Radha Krishna Temple in London. In this connection I beg to invite you in a meeting as follows for the purpose. Please join and encourage me.

Meeting on Monday the 27th day of October 1969 at 7:30 P.M.

Place: English speaking union Main Luncheon Room. 37 Charles Street West 1 near Berkley Sq.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-10-26

Tittenhurst
21st October, 1969

My Dear Aniruddha,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letters dated October 5, 1969 and October 7, 1969 and have noted the contents carefully. As you were not fixed up in any place I could not reply. Now I understand from Brahmananda's letter that you have returned back to New York temple, so I am glad to hear this. Please note it carefully that you cannot leave Krishna Consciousness. That is a fact. And even if you want to leave, Krishna will not leave you. That is also a fact. Under the circumstances you should adjust your situation and continue Krishna Consciousness very enthusiastically. I know you are a very intelligent boy, industrious, so you can do tremendous service to Krishna by utilizing your inherent qualities. I am very glad you decided to marry and I quite approve of it.

My married couple disciples are doing very nice service to Krishna Consciousness in Hawaii, Japan, London, Los Angeles, Boston, New York, etc. So you also get yourself married, and if you like you open a new branch, and husband and wife together advance the cause of Krishna Consciousness. Anyway, I recommend your married life very strongly. That will give you extra strength to serve Krishna. So do it as soon as possible. I think Brahmananda will help you in this matter and that will solve all your problems.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-10-27

21st, October, 1969

My Dear Baradraj,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 4, 1969 and have noted the contents carefully. I hope by now your bodily ailment is subsiding. Regarding the diet which the doctors are giving you, it is all right if you do not take milk for some time. Vegetables will do. Regarding your going to Santa Barbara to help open a center there, this idea is all right. Consult with Tamal Krishna in this matter. You have got good ideas, you are intelligent and have got qualifications, but you must learn to be more responsible. I was not very happy when I saw your wife last. She is so nice girl. You are married; you must be responsible for the maintenance of your wife. As you are qualified, you can work as a musician; but you must maintain her nicely and help her to progress in Krishna Consciousness. So far as the musical group you have described in your letter, you may consult with Tamal Krishna

and see what his idea is in this connection. I cannot advise in this matter.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-10-28

21st October, 1969

My Dear Vamandev,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated October 14, 1969 and have noted the contents carefully. If you can open a center with Indira Dasi, that will be a great pleasure for me. I want that all married couples should open new centers and carry on by dint of hard labor. Every householder, husband and wife together, they require to live in an apartment, so if they have got an extra room, they can immediately start a center. You have seen in Hawaii how Goursundar and Govinda are gradually developing from this beginning to a nice center in Hawaii. Wherever we sit down and chant Hare Krishna people will gather and gradually become our devotees and thus the center is developed. So if you want to open a center, that is very good. But at the same time you must be able to measure your strength whether you will be able to do it. In the meantime Columbus center may require your services, so you may remain there, and when you feel strong you can do it with Krishna's blessings. But if you do it sincerely and seriously, you will be successful. In Japan Sudama and his wife are doing very nicely, and I have got encouraging letter that Bali Mardan is desiring to go to Australia to open a temple. Also, Suridas and his wife. Jotilla, with others have gone to Paris. As formerly

the Europeans made colonization in different parts of the world, it is the same thing; colonization of Samkirtan in Krishna Consciousness.

Please offer my blessings to your good wife, Indira Dasi. I hope this will meet you both in good health.

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

69-10-29

Tittenhurst

21st October, 1969

My Dear Yamunacharya,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of October 4, 1969 and I have also duly received your beads sent by Brahmananda. Your initiated name is Yamunacharya. Yamunacharya was a great devotee. Formerly he was a great king, and latter on he became a great devotee and acharya of the Ramanuja Sampradaya. There are many such Mahatmas, or great souls, in the past, and if we follow in their footsteps carefully, that is the perfection of fulfillment of our human form of life. To follow in the footsteps of the Mahatmas means to give submissive aural reception to the words and instructions of the bonafide Spiritual Master in the line of disciplic succession from the Lord Himself. When the Lord appeared on this earth 5,000 years ago, He instructed *Bhagavad Gita* to Arjuna, and this purely transcendental message of Krishna has been passed down for the past 5,000 years by the media of sincere disciples giving submissive aural reception to the words of Krishna via the medium of the bonafide Spiritual Master. This acts like electricity, and if you touch a wire anywhere which is connected to the powerhouse, then you will be in contact with the electric current. But if

the wire is broken or separated from the powerhouse, then there will be no electric current. Similarly, if we hear the unadulterated message of Lord Krishna from the authorized source, we will immediately be in contact with the transcendental atmosphere; but if we listen to someone who is presenting a broken, concocted version of *Bhagavad Gita*, that will be useless. So try to understand our philosophy very sincerely and carefully. I am so pleased to learn that you are giving such nice assistance to Kirtanananda, and you continue in this capacity at least for the time being. Please chant 16 rounds minimum every day, and follow the four regulative restrictions which are as follows: no illicit sex-life, no intoxication, no eating of meat, fish or eggs, and no gambling. I am enclosing a page with instructions for executing Krishna Consciousness. When you have questions you consult with Kirtanananda, or else I also will be pleased to help you. Now Krishna has bestowed His Mercy upon you in giving you the opportunity to make final solution to the problems of birth, death, old age and disease, and if you follow the principles strictly, you will come out successful.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

69-10-30

23rd October, 1969

My Dear Damodara,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 14, 1969 and your check for \$105. Also I have duly received your \$15 maintenance check. I am pleased that you are trying to obtain a very nice house in the city. Washington is a very important city, so if you can develop a nice center, it will be a great achievement for our soci-

ety. If Mr. Dhyani can arrange to collect \$20 from each of his friends it will be very much appreciated by us. Now Sat-svarupa has given us a very good example in purchasing a house on the strength of *BTG* sales. So either by selling *BTG*, our books, or by public contributions, if we can have our own house that will be very nice.

Madhusudan and yourself both are a good combination, and I am sure our Washington center will become very soon one of the first grade branches. From the plane we saw Washington city, and if possible, when I go to Boston I may visit your place also. I have received from Dinesh two records of Bande Hum, but I could not play them as yet for want of a record player. Anyway, please convey my thanks to him. If he is earning something, let him send some money for my book fund.

Here in England things are coming along very nicely. We are having a few public meetings every week at various halls and societies, and there is much interest and appreciation in our movement being shown by the English people. We are seeing more and more how the peoples in all different countries are gradually becoming dissatisfied with the present Godless civilization and are taking to our movement with great appreciation. So continue to work seriously and sincerely and Krishna will help you to advance in your activities very nicely.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-10-31

24th October, 1969

My Dear Kapiladev,

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

October 18, 1969 and have carefully noted the contents. It doesn't matter that you were unable to remain in Vancouver because now you are serving Krishna in the Seattle temple. This is the meaning of transcendental. The devotee of Krishna is beyond the touch of time and space because these are simply external features. The only concern of Krishna's devotee is to serve Krishna to the highest level of perfection in whichever situation Krishna wishes him to remain.

Regarding Nityananda Prabhu breaking the sannyasi rod of Lord Chaitanya, the explanation is that this was to show that Lord Chaitanya was Krishna, so He had no necessity of taking sannyas. In the higher sense the Vaishnavas are meant for being members of the family of Krishna to serve as friend, to serve as parent or to serve as lover. So for such elevated devotees sannyas is superfluous. But still, Lord Chaitanya took sannyas just to prove it factually that so far as the material conditions are concerned, they must be given up. Without knowing this fact some so-called Vaishnavas have turned to be *sahajia*. This means one who takes everything as very easy. All the acharyas, beginning from Lord Buddha, Shankaracharya, Ramanuja, etc., all of them renounced this world. So renunciation is required, but when one makes further progress after renunciation towards spiritual life and enters into the Pastimes of Krishna, then things become perfect. The summary is that sannyas is renunciation, which is imperative for all. Nityananda's breaking the sannyasi rod of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu was with the purpose to show that Lord Chaitanya is transcendental to all material conditions.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

69-10-32

Tittenhurst
25th October, 1969

My Dear Tamal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letters dated October 17, 1969 and October 22, 1969. The letters were very long; I have read them once and shall read them again carefully. Here things are improving. We have got now practically two centers in London: one in Mr. Lennon's place and one in 7 Bury Place. We are negotiating for a big church in Oxford and there is possibility of this coming out successful too. Besides that, I am negotiating with some local, influential Indian gentleman for the world Samkirtan Party. They have also given some hopes, and the preaching work here is also going on nicely. Yesterday we had a meeting in a law college and all the boys and girls joined us in chanting and dancing. But I think Mukunda is little bit strained managing all the affairs. The most important thing before us immediately is to organize a nice Samkirtan Party here in London for daily work, because there is as good potency of preaching work in London as there is in Los Angeles. But I do not know if it will be possible for you to come here for some days. Mukunda likes your assistance for coordinating all these opportunities. So please consider these points, and if you think that your absence in the West Coast will not cause any mismanagement, then I would advise you for some days to come here. So I shall be glad to hear from you in this connection by return mail.

I hope this meets you in good health.

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

69-10-33

Tittenhurst
26th October, 1969

My Dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 22, 1969. I have duly made corrections on the *Isopanisad* glossary you had enclosed, and I shall send it to Brahmananda as requested by you. I want that in all of our books, magazines and other writings the scholarly presentation be given in all instances, so for every Sanskrit word there must be the appropriate spelling and diacritic marks. Regarding your question about *BTG* containing more than one essay by me in certain issues, you may use your own judgement in this connection. Enclosed is a tape for *Kṛṣṇa*, and at the part on this tape where Kamsa is killed, that is the end of the first volume of *Kṛṣṇa*. The remaining portion shall be published as the second volume. Now we must make arrangements for its publication. Please consult with Advaita as to the price for 10,000 copies on the style of *TLC*. There will be approximately 350 printed pages and 50 pages of paintings. So combinedly you determine what the production costs will be and let me know your figures. Regarding your final question, you are correct that *Garbodakṣayee Visnu* and *Kāranodaśayee Visnu* are not divisions of Parāmatma. So you may change the words "divided into" into "is one of". I am so pleased to learn that already the press is ready to begin printing some Kṛṣṇa Consciousness booklet, and please keep me informed on your progress.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-10-34

Tittenhurst
27th October, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letters dated October 18, and October 20, 1969. Regarding *Isopanisad*, enclosed please find the glossary that Satsvarupa has sent to me for making corrections. From now on all of our writings should be presented in the scholarly manner, so all spelling and diacritic marks must be done correctly. I have already sent you the corrected page which you sent me and now the glossary is also corrected. I do not think there is any necessity for any dedication on *Isopanisad* because it is a small book. Regarding the number of *BTG* which you print during the winter months, that must be decided amongst yourselves. Similarly you should decide about what is to be done with the North Carolina center. I have no objection if they move to some other place. Perhaps they will require some other nicely trained brahmachary to give them assistance either in North Carolina or some other place. So decide amongst yourselves what is to be done and do the needful. This is management. You have asked about the management of our society, and the position is that management should be done in such a way that people may not break away. That is the first business of management. I have already explained the matter to you and Tamal, so you do it consulting amongst yourselves, gradually coming to the general governing body for managing the whole affairs. At the present moment whatever you are doing is all right. Regarding New Vrindaban, the society does not require to invest now. Kirtanananda is managing. That is all right. So far as Rayarama is concerned, let us wait till he satisfies his Mayic business.

The poem sent by Achyutananda is

nice. It is enclosed herewith and you may publish it in *BTG*. Achyutananda should be encouraged to do this translating work. He is translating poems of Bhaktivinode Thākura, and that is very nice. Advaita may be requested for the estimate for 10,000 copies of *Kṛṣṇa* on the standard of *TLC*. There will be about 350 pages of subject matter and 50 pages of pictures. Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhatkivedanta Swami

69-10-35

Tittenhurst
27th October, 1969

My Dear Govinda Dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you so much for your letter dated October 13, 1969 and I am anxious to know about the result of the church negotiations. If by the Grace of Krishna it comes out successful, it will be a great achievement for your activities in Honolulu. When you get the church I must go there. Regarding the French girl, she is so kind to join with us. I have advised Janardan, who is here in London for a few days, to write you how this girl can help us. Janardan liked her translation and good spelling, so she will be very much useful for transcribing or typing our French literatures. I do not know whether she will be prepared to go to her own country and assist the other devotees in Paris. That would be a very nice proposal. I am very encouraged to hear about your nice engagements there. I am enclosing herewith one note for Sai. You can hand it over to him. I have duly received the bananas you sent, and you can send me these dried bananas tons and tons. It is very useful and can be nicely used for our Ikadasi foodstuffs. After drying the bananas you can make powder, just like flour, and out of this you can pre-

pare puris, halawa, pakoris and other fruit products.

Please offer my blessings to Goursundar, Balabhadra, Turyadas and Jayasri. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhatkivedanta Swami
enclosure: one letter for Sai

69-10-36

Tittenhurst
27th October, 1969

My Dear Sai,

Please accept my greetings. I am very glad to learn from my disciple, Srimati Govinda Dasi, that you are reading our books and literature with some interest. It has given me much satisfaction, and if you read our *Srimad Bhagavatam* you will find there what is the distinction between realization of *Brahman*, *Paramātma* (impersonal Supersoul), and the Personality of Godhead. According to *Srimad Bhagavatam*, all of these realizations are on the transcendental plane as much as sunshine, the sunglobe, and the predominating deity on the sunglobe are all full of light and high temperatures. Similarly, either in *Brahman*, *Paramatma* or *Bhagavān* (Personality of Godhead) realization you will always find spiritual light and heat. But as there are different degrees of sunshine, the sunglobe and the sun's deity, similarly there are also degrees of transcendental bliss in the different features of the Absolute. The summary is that the Absolute Truth is the sum-total of eternity, bliss and knowledge. Impersonal feature of the Absolute Truth is realization of eternity. Localized *ParamAtma* realization is realization of transcendental knowledge. But above all these as they are described in *Bhagavad Gita* there is Purusottama, the Supreme Person. That is Kṛṣṇa. In the Vedas it is

stated that one who has understood the Supreme Person has understood everything. This is because everything is subordinate to the Supreme Person. So if you kindly try to understand this philosophy of the Supreme Person as described in *Bhagavad Gita*, 8th chapter, you will understand our activities more clearly. Or if you so desire, you can write to me for further understanding of this Kṛṣṇa Consciousness philosophy. Hare Kṛṣṇa. I thank you again for your interest.

Sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-10-37

Tittenhurst
27th October, 1969

My Dear Paramanada,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated October 21, 1969, and I am so glad to learn that a Krishna Conscious male child has been born now. His name should be Premananda Brahmachary. Premananda means one who is always absorbed in love of Krishna. So take care of this nice child and raise him along with the other boys in New Vrindaban so that a new generation of Krishna Conscious children will come out of this movement. Please offer my blessings to your good wife, Satyabhama Dasi. I hope this will meet you and your family in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-10-38

Tittenhurst
27th October, 1969

My Dear Upendra,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated October 16, 1969 and I have noted the contents carefully. Regarding the "Prabhupad's

Table", from the next year you will be getting so many books for selling. I have now made a policy that as soon as my books are printed in the press I shall distribute them in all the centers along with the respective bills. You will kindly send me the money for the Book Fund as soon as you sell them. The money may be sent to me or to the coastal president. But I shall overload you with books. I am so encouraged to learn of your nice propaganda work in the local schools. Last Monday we were at a law college and at least one hundred law students were up and chanting and dancing along with us. So there is much potential for organizing the student communities to take part in our movement. I am pleased also that you are decorating your temple nicely, and the more you decorate the temple beautifully the more your heart will be beautiful. The example is that the more you decorate the original the more the reflection automatically is decorated. So our heart is the reflection of the Original Consciousness, Kṛṣṇa, and the more Kṛṣṇa and His paraphernalia are decorated the more this will be reflected in our heart and we will feel transcendental bliss.

I do not know why you write that you are unhappy. You can join me at any time providing your business does not suffer. You are developing the Seattle temple nicely. If you think in your absence there will be no mismanagement, then you are welcome to stay with me as long as you like. I like your cooking very much, so I shall enjoy nice good foodstuffs. But at the same time I desire that your field of activities may not suffer.

Regarding your question, in one sense both you and Mahapurusha are right. The fact is that after the dissolution of the Universe the living entities remain in slumber within Mahā Viṣṇu, and again when the creation takes place they are impregnated in their original position and they come

out in different species of life. By gradual evolutionary process, when they come to the human form there is good chance of getting out of the repeated birth and death, and one can enter into the Spiritual Realm. But if one loses this chance he is again put into the cycle of birth and death. The conditioned souls are always within the Mahā Viṣṇu Form, whereas the liberated souls in Vaikuntha, they are engaged in the service of the Lord. Constitutionally every living entity, even if he is in the Vaikuntha Loka, has chance of falling down. Therefore the living entity is called marginal energy. But when the falldown has taken place for the conditioned soul is very difficult to ascertain. Therefore two classes are designated: eternally liberated and eternally conditioned. But for arguments sake, a living entity being marginal energy, he cant be eternally conditioned. The Time is so unlimited that the conditioned souls appear to be eternally so, but from the philosophical view he cannot be eternally conditioned. Since we cannot trace out when we have become conditioned, there is no use of arguing on this point. Better to take care first how we can get rid of this conditional existence; as much as a patient should take care for treating his disease more, and less waste his time in finding out the cause of his disease.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

PS: I do not think it is a good suggestion that we decrease the number of *BTGs* printed. If we print the same number of copies throughout the winter months and if they are not all sold, then the remaining issues may be distributed freely to many respectable men and organizations. This will be good propaganda work. We are not

interested in making profit; our interest is simply to promote Krishna Consciousness. So all the centers should not reduce their orders for *BTG*, but should help distribute them as far as possible.

69-10-39

28th October, 1969

My Dear Bhurijana,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 19, 1969 and have gone over the contents carefully. I know you are a sincere worker, so if you think that by changing the place it will be nice, then do it. Regarding the Jagannath mask, it is not bonafide. The Footprint of Krishna is all right. You can keep It by the throne and while taking care of the Deities you also wash the Foot, wipe It and put It back. Generally this is done with a little sandalwood pulp. There are markings on the Chest and Feet of the Personality of Godhead. That is the distinction between Him and ordinary living entities. Just like in our palms there are certain marks for a particular person indicating his fame and fortune. Similarly the Supreme Personality of Godhead has got certain signs on His Lotus Feet which are unique for Him only, and they are not to be found in ordinary living entities. In Vaikuntha all the inhabitants have exactly the same bodily features as Narayana, but Narayana is made distinct by the mark on His Chest and Lotus Feet. The Goddess of Fortune recognizes her Husband by these symptoms. That is the version of devotees.

Please offer my blessings to Tansu Krishna and Vrindaban Chandra. I hope this will meet all of you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-10-40

Tittenhurst
29th October, 1969

My Dear Gargamuni,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 17, and October 24, 1969 and have noted the contents carefully. I am glad that you have deposited \$2,000 in my savings accounts. Regarding your business and spiritual practices, I give you special permission as follows: You find out of 24 hours at least one hour conveniently for chanting Hare Krishna with great attention, either by the Deities or any place, without being disturbed by anyone else. So you have 23 hours for other things. Now these 23 hours, whatever you do in them, either eating or working or sleeping, you always try to think of Krishna. That will keep you intact of Krishna Consciousness. If one is always careful about falling down and prays to Krishna that he may not fall down on account of greater strength of Maya, then Krishna will give him special protection. This was advised to Arjuna by Krishna Himself. Arjuna was a great fighter, statesman, and at the same time a great devotee. A statesman and military commander has very little time to perform the routine work of devotional service, but Krishna advised him especially to be engaged in his occupational duty, and at the same time always be thinking of Krishna. This is the secret of not being a victim of Maya. Rayarama's case is different. He definitely denied my instructions. I asked him to come to me and live with me, and he definitely denied. So this denial is cause of his temporary suspension of devotional life, but if he has executed devotional service in the past sincerely, I think he cannot go back.

Regarding Spiritual Sky business, I am very happy to learn that it is making very

nice progress and you are getting demand. Do it nicely, and as already agreed, you can use the profit exclusively for opening branches. The sales which an individual center makes by selling incense may be employed for temple expenditures. Similarly, Los Angeles also can employ it for this purpose. But so far as Spiritual Sky business is concerned, done by you, this profit should be set aside in a different account reserved for expanding branches. When you do business you should do it business-like. We should not neglect any minute part of it, but at the same time we shall think of Krishna, seeking His protection. The living example is the Gopis. They were house holder wives, young girls having children to feed, carrying out the order of superiors; father-in-law, mother-in-law, sister-in-law, satisfying the whims of the husband, executing so many household duties from morning to night. Still they practiced in such a way Krishna Consciousness that they did not forget even for a second Krishna. While mopping the floor, while washing the dishes, while milking the cow, while feeding the baby, while taking with friends, while cooking in the kitchen they were always thinking of Krishna. You will find all these descriptions in our book *Krsna* how they remained compact in thought of Krishna. So this is the highest ideal of Krishna Consciousness, and we should try to follow their footsteps. Everyone has to adjust things in his particular way, but I again repeat that at least one hour should be set aside for chanting the beads. I hope this will help you both ways and I pray to Krishna that He will give you all protection.

Regarding your keeping some Book Fund money aside for investments, that is all right. Regarding the documents from Bina Musical Instruments, I have received note that they are expecting to ship the goods by the 20th, and as soon as they get the shipping documents they will

deposit in the bank and take payment. Unless the documents are presented the bank will not pay.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-10-41

Tittenhurst
30th October, 1969

My Dear Tamal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letters dated October 17, and October 23, 1969 and have noted the contents carefully. Enclosed is the letter for you to hand over to the draft lawyer. I am pleased to note that there is interest in having our Samkirtan Party perform in various public engagements. The same thing is going on here, and they have been invited to such places as Amsterdam and Germany. So if you can also do this, it is nice. But do not change our principles. Practicing is already done by kirtan. It is not required for us to become artists. Our main point is service to Krishna, not to please an audience. We shall not divert our attention too much to adjustment of musical sounds. People should not misunderstand that we are a band of musical artists. They must know that we are devotees of Krishna. Our devotional practice and purity shall be so strong that wherever we chant there shall be immediately an impression in the audience for devotion to Krishna.

Regarding management of the society, I have already described this to you in letters to Brahmananda and yourself. So far as the maintenance fund is concerned, that may be sent to me directly. Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-10-42

Tittenhurst
31st October, 1969

My Dear Dinesh,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated October 21, 1969 along with a contribution of \$25. I have already acknowledged receipt of your new record. Regarding the disciplic succession coming from Arjuna, disciplic succession does not always mean that one has to be initiated officially. Disciplic succession means to accept the disciplic conclusion. Arjuna was a disciple of Krishna and Brahma was also a disciple of Krishna. Thus there is no disagreement between the conclusions of Brahma and Arjuna. Vyasadev is in the disciplic succession of Brahma. The teachings to Arjuna was recorded by Vyasadev verbatim. So according to the axiomatic truth, things equal to one another are equal to each other. We are not exactly directly from Vyasadev, but our Gurudev is a representative of Vyasadev. Because Vyasadev and Arjuna are of equal status, being students of Krishna, therefore we are in the disciplic succession of Arjuna. Things equal to the same thing are equal to one another.

Regarding your second question about Samjaya, he was a student of Vyasadev, and by the mercy of Vyasadev he was able to receive the message of the conversation of Krishna-Arjuna. Thus Samjaya was able to speak to Dhritarashtra about the conversation on the Battlefield of Kurukshetra. Regarding your final question, the marginal potency means internal potency. But because the marginal potency sometimes comes within the external position, therefore, in spite of its being internal potency it is turned to marginal potency. This is stated in *Visnu Purana*: Any potency of Krishna is spiritual energy, but due to varieties of actions a section is called marginal potency or external potency.

Please offer my blessings to your good wife, Krishna Devi, and daughter, Vishnu Arati. I hope this will meet you all in good health.

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

69-10-43

Tittenhurst
31st October, 1969

Manager
FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK
OF NEW YORK
(Bowery and Grand Street Branch)
New York, NY 10003
USA

Dear Sir;
REGARDING MY ACCOUNT,
#0420160131

I beg to request you to transfer my above account to your branch at 686 Broadway, near Great Jones Street, New York, NY 10012. This will facilitate my dealings with the INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS, who has their account in this branch. After doing this kindly inform me and also send me a new passbook to the above address.

Sincerely,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pdb

69-10-44

Tittenhurst
31st October, 1969

Manager
FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK
OF NEW YORK
(Great Jones Street Branch)
686 Broadway
New York, NY 10012
USA

Dear Sir;

I beg to enclose herewith a copy of a

letter sent to your Bowery and Grand Street Branch in New York. Please do the needful and send me my passbook as early as possible. Thanking you in anticipation of your early reply.

Sincerely,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-10-45

My Dear Sudama,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 15, 1969 and have noted the contents with much encouragement. I understand that Tamal Krishna has sent you a pair of Deities, and when you get Them please decorate the dias just to the standard of Los Angeles—at least the throne of Radha-Krishna, with good dresses, ornaments, helmets, etc. I understand that Japan is full of flowers, so everyday decorate the Deities with as many flowers as possible. Please take quotation for printing a book to the specifications as described above in my letter to Bali Mardan.

Kindly offer my blessings to your good wife, Chintamoni, and I hope this will meet the both of you in good health.

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

69-10-46

31st October, 1969

[To Satsvarupa]

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strong, and if he has sex intercourse with a woman, she is sure to become pregnant. When pregnancy fails, it is due to the weakness of the male partner generally.

Similarly, if we are full with Krishna vitality, then wherever we go the audience will be impregnated with Krishna Consciousness. Now some of our leading boys, like you, Brahmananda, Tamal, etc. you should be very careful to train your other junior Godbrothers to the right type of preacher, keeping full faith in Krishna and the Spiritual Master, and executing the routine works of chanting and following the regulations. That will make you all great preachers, and wherever you go you will come out victorious.

Now coming to some other points discussed in the Cathedral Sermons pamphlet, we may take notice of the writers' statement which may help us in understanding the real position of Christian religion. In one of the statements he says the Bishop Dean, the former Executive Officer of the Anglican Communion, said to the general Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada last month that he gives the church as it exists today ten more years of life. The reason the church was dying he said was because it had become irrelevant. This means that the church people no more can convince the advanced, educated men of the present day. In another place he says in discussing the Ten Commandments of the Bible about the sanctity of 'human life'. Instead of exactly quoting the commandment "Thou shalt not kill," he replaces by his own words "Thou shalt do no murder". But he does not know how his own words reflect to the then society wherein Lord Jesus Christ was preaching. To say to his audience, "Thou shalt do no murder" means they were very much accustomed to commit murder. So what is the position of that society where the members are accustomed to commit murder, and what class of preaching can be made to such persons? As we see in another religious principle there is instruction that henceforward you shall not co-habit with you mother. So we have to

judge such societies where there are murderers and those having sex life with their mothers, what kind of men they are. In the *Bhagavad Gita* the religious principles are divided into three categories: in the modes of goodness, passion and ignorance. Generally, all so-called principles are in the modes of passion and ignorance. Maybe there are some moral instructions, but moral instructions without God-consciousness is impossible to follow. In another place the gentleman quotes one book written by Prof. Charles Smith. The books' name is "The Paradox of Jesus in the Gospels". In this book it is admitted that all the statements in the Bible are not directly spoken by Jesus. Some of them are staged through the mouth of Jesus Christ; and specifically this passage: "I am the way, the Truth and the light. No man comes unto the Father but by me." This gentleman admits that it is put into the mouth of Jesus because that is the literary convention of the author of the 4th Gospel. Such kinds of observations definitely suggests that there are many passages in the Gospel which are later on set up to be spoken by Lord Jesus Christ, but actually they were manufactured by different devotees. So far as our *Bhagavad Gita* is concerned, we do not find any such thing. Everywhere it is stated *sri bhagavan uvacha*: the Supreme Personality of Godhead said. And all the acharyas have accepted these words as they are spoken by the Lord. No authorized acharya has ever commented that it was put into the mouth of Krishna by Vyasa-deva or Samjaya or any other person.

I give you all these hints not for general discussion, but for your personal understanding to know the respective positions of different types of religious principles. Ours is transcendental because we are not very much concerned with the minor moral or immoral principles, although each and every devotee is a first class

moralist. But our religious principles or natural occupational duty is to learn how to love Krishna. We are practicing this and we are teaching this. So let us very steadily stick to our principles and our move-

ment will surely come out successful.
I hope this meet you in good health.
Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

NOVEMBER

69-11-1

Tittenhurst
2nd November, 1969

My Dear Arundhuti,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 24, 1969. Regarding your working hours, if you can work more, of course that is very good. Chaitanya Mahaprabhu says that we should be engaged in Krishna's service always, without any gap. So we should mold our life in such a way that not a minute will be blank without Krishna's service. Regarding your first question, the proof of Krishna Consciousness is that the *Bhagavad Gita* is the oldest transcendental literature about God-consciousness in the history of the world. It is estimated from authoritative sources of Vedic literature that *Bhagavad Gita* is eternal truth and was first revealed within our knowledge at least 120 millions of years ago. So what other literature can be compared with *Bhagavad Gita* throughout the whole world or universe? The second proof is that Krishna is accepted as the Supreme Personality, not only in the modern age, namely within two thousand years, by great acharyas like Shankaracharya, Ramanujacharya, Madhyacharya, Lord Chaitanya, etc., but before this in all Vedic literatures given by Vyasadev, Krishna is accepted as the Supreme Personality of Godhead. So whatever is spoken by the Supreme Lord Himself is certainly the most authoritative. So far as we are concerned, we do not make any alterations in the statements of Krishna. Therefore we are also authority. Just like $2 + 2 = 4$ is

mathematical truth. Anyone who accepts this axiomatic truth and works on this principle is also authority. To become authority is simply to follow the authority. If someone makes $2 + 2 = 3$ or 5 , he is a rascal. That means he does not follow the authority and thus he fails to become himself an authority.

Regarding crying, when someone cries during kirtan, this crying is crying of the soul. But if anyone tries to imitate such crying to get some adoration, that is a bodily function. Regarding your final question, Krishna is the Cause of all causes. That is a fact. But we being subordinate to Krishna, sometimes we create our cause under Krishna's sanction only. Just like a child may persist in trying to do something, but unless the mother allows he cannot do it. Another example is that a criminal is put into jail by the trying judge; this is caused by the judgement of the court, but it is actually caused also by the criminal person. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-11-2

Tittenhurst
2nd November, 1969

My Dear Hansadutta,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 4, 1969, and there are three important subject matters of which you have tried to get my opinion. I may inform you that they are all very nice proposals. So far as the building is concerned, if you can

manage for the money, immediately try to purchase it as Satsvarupa has done in Boston. Similarly, regarding the land, it is also a very attractive proposal. If the land is not rocky and there is sufficient open space for pasturing ground so that we may keep cows all the year round, then it is a very nice proposal. Tamal Krishna told me about such land, and he is very hopeful about getting our men in that quarter (California). So you can try for it, and if possible please let me know what is the actual situation of the land. Regarding my accepting a teaching position in Berkeley University, which is said to be the finest University in the United States, this is also a nice proposal. Actually, I want to have such position for some time in order to attract the University students. But one thing must be noted that I will not be free to take the class between 11 am and 5 pm. If that is possible, you can negotiate for such post. If actually I get such post, naturally I will have to live in Berkeley. And as you say the climate is nice there, there will be no difficulty.

Regarding your question about Lord Jesus Christ, we accept him as shaktyavesha avatar. Lord Buddha is in the same category also. Lord Buddha is mentioned specifically in *Srimad Bhagavatam* as incarnation of Godhead, and yet Vaishnavas do not accept his philosophy, which is classified as atheism. Similarly, even if we accept Lord Jesus Christ as shaktyavesha avatar, it doesn't mean that we have to accept his philosophy. But we have all respects for him without fail. Regarding books like *Aquarian Gospel* or even the Testiments, we cannot accept them as authorities because sometimes it is learnt that the words are not actually spoken by Christ, but they are so set up by the devotees. For example, in the Ten Commandments it is clearly stated "Thou shalt not kill", but some Bishop in Boston has changed it to "Thou shalt do no mur-

der". This means the Bishop wants to keep hold for animal slaughter. So don't bother about all these literatures. We have all respect for these great preachers, but we do not require to study books save and accept for some reference. We must push on our philosophy how to love God. Our process is simple. We have got volumes of books also, so it is better for us to mind our own business than to divert our attention in the studies of other books. This was definitely forbidden by Lord Chaitanya.

After all, Krishna Consciousness philosophy is as old as 120 million years at the least. So nothing can be compared with our philosophy either in the matter of antiquity, philosophy, ethics, science, morality, etc., all in correct vision and approved by great stalwart acharyas. So far others are concerned, they cannot be compared even. For example, if Lord Jesus Christ said "Thou shalt not kill", or "Thou shalt do no murder" to the people, it does not reflect very good social structure of the audience. Our philosophy is above all these things. Just like we prescribe to our students no illicit sex-life, no meat-eating, no intoxication, no gambling, but they are not ends in themselves. The real end is how to serve Krishna and sacrifice everything for Him. And to learn this transcendental art we have got so many volumes of books. So the summary is that instead of diverting our attention to read such unauthorized books, better pay our attention to more authorized Vaishnava literature. These scriptures of the Buddhists and the Christians may be the words of God, but still they are not always applicable to us. It is just like a king may give some rules and regulations for some criminals in prison; but for the good citizens out of the prison these rules are not necessarily applicable. So these Christian and Buddhist scriptures were delivered for a different class of men, and we

needn't spend our time in studying their doctrines. You should read our own books over and over again and as far as possible do not try to enter into controversy. We do not concern ourselves with any other religion. Our religion is to become the servant of the servant of the servant of Krishna.

You have sent me one plan for constructing a dais for the Deities in which you have placed Radha-Krishna under Lord Jagannath. Instead of putting it like this, you put Lord Chaitanya's Samkirtan picture underneath Lord Jagannath, and make a separate throne for Radha-Krishna exactly on the pattern of Los Angeles temple. Regarding Melvani, I am glad that he has come to you from Montreal, but his photo shows he is not in the standard dress; and the tilok is not correctly made. Anyway, you welcome him. He is a very nice gentleman. But try to convince him to follow all of our principles. That will be very nice. Please offer my obeisances to your good wife, Himavati. I hope this will meet you both in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. You will soon have Radha-Krishna Murtis. More pairs of them will reach L.A. very soon & one of them for you.

69-11-3

Tittenhurst

2nd November, 1969

My Dear Krishna Devi,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you very much for your letter dated October 21, 1969 and have noted the contents. It is very good news that Vishnu Arata is advancing nicely in Krishna Consciousness and I know that you and your husband will always do your best to bring her up on the right path of Krishna Consciousness. To raise one soul to Krishna Consciousness is counted by Krishna as a

very great service, so you do this duty carefully and Krishna will surely bestow His blessings upon you. I am also glad to learn that you are developing more and more a taste for thinking of Lord Krishna and His devotees. Such thinking is required, and you will see that as you think in this way, your taste for relishing the nectar of such meditation will increase more and more. This is called the limitless ocean of the nectar of devotion. This ocean is unending, and therefore the pleasure of relishing the nectar of this ocean is also increasing unendingly. Regarding your questions, yes, a woman can certainly reach the perfectional stage of devotion to Krishna. And the gopis of Brindaban are the best example of this. They are simple cowherds girls, and Lord Chaitanya has praised their worship of Lord Krishna as the highest form of worship. Krishna Consciousness is transcendental to all such mundane considerations as if one's body is male or female. This is the meaning of spiritual: Krishna Consciousness is beyond the limited bodily idea.

Regarding your other questions, the Yadu dynasty completely destroyed itself because Krishna wanted this. So far as initiating disciples is concerned, anyone who is qualified can do this. For example, Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur was householder and Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati was staunch brahmachary, yet they both were qualified for initiating disciples. Regarding your question about feeling emotions during kirtan, these are real spiritual emotions. Spiritual emotions can not be experienced by the fallen soul; but one who is feeling spiritual emotions is not actually fallen. That is the benediction of this Samkirtan Movement that it elevates one to the highest position of spiritual experiences. Regarding your final question about Laxmiji, she never has conjugal relations with Lord Narayan.

the tapes you have edited in the past few months. By separate post a new tape is being sent to you.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-11-8

London
4th November, 1969

My Dear Nico Kuyt,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated October 17, 1969, sent from the Detroit temple. I am very much pleased to note your sincere attitude towards our Krishna Consciousness Movement, and this sincerity will lead you to the highest spiritual consciousness if you continue in this way. That is the special Grace of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. In former ages the processes of spiritual elevation were very difficult and long enduring. But in this age of Kali Yuga our lives are so short and our minds are so restless that the process of spiritual realization must be very simple in order for success to be achieved. Therefore, Lord Krishna appeared on this world as Lord Chaitanya to show the fallen living entities the easiest and most sublime method of achieving Krishna Consciousness. His formula is that everyone, in any position of life, should chant the Hare Krishna Mantra. So this is what we are teaching, and any benefit you are feeling from this procedure is simply the Mercy of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu acting. I am glad that you are very much appreciating the association of Bhagavandas and Jagadisha. They are both very nice devotees, so when you have any questions about our philosophy, you consult with them, or else I am also at your service in this connection. Please continue to live at our temple, follow the regulative princi-

ples and chant at least 16 rounds daily. Most likely this December I shall be staying at our Boston temple for some days, and if it is possible, you may then come there to meet me.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-11-9

Tittenhurst
4th November, 1969

My Dear Ramal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated October 30, 1969. A two-way ticket is being sent to New York for you to come to London, so you may go to New York as soon as possible and do the needful. At least if you remain so long as I am here, then we can return back together. Regarding Los Angeles business, for the time being you can entrust this to Gargamuni and Stoka Krishna. So far as corresponding with the other West Coast presidents, that can be done from here also. Here you can talk with Mukunda and others about the World Samkirtan Party. There is good possibility. Simply it requires some good organization. Therefore you are called.

So far as I am concerned, as I already told you, after this European tour I am going to retire from active work and retire for writing books. So any place suitable I shall stay and give you directions. I am now confident that at least one dozen of you have understood the philosophy and the matters by which it can be handled. So from the background if I give you some inspiration, the whole society shall run on nicely. We shall talk of these things when you come. So try to go to New York as

soon as you are able, and the ticket will be duly sent there.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

PS: Address future correspondence to 7 Bury Place, London.

69-11-10

London
5th November, 1969

My Dear Sridama,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 29, 1969 from Philadelphia along with your check for \$642, and I thank you very much for your kind contribution. I am surprised to know that the actual collection was \$1,750 and the doctors and lawyers, etc. have taken more than \$1,000. Anyway, something is better than nothing. Whatever we have got will be used for Krishna's service. Yes, I always remember you for your kind personal attention upon me, and most probably, if you are not engaged otherwise, I shall call you when I return back to the States.

I hope this will find you in good health. Please keep yourself always chanting regularly. That is our only strength within this whirlpool of the ocean of nescience.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-11-11

London
5th November, 1969

My Dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 30, 1969 with enclosures. I will keep the court documents in your file. Regarding *BTG* printing, I have already written to Brahmananda that this must be

printed in our own press. So far as my books are concerned, I think there are materials for at least ten books which are ready for printing. Now all the manuscripts are with you. So now the editorial department is under you and Hayagriva, and you combinedly please get my books printed, one after another. I think the following management will be nice: I shall pay the book printing price; actual cost plus 10% maintenance charges. Then after the books are printed you will distribute them proportionately to different centers, and they will remit the price directly to me. Purushottam will keep accounts for that so that the responsibility will be lighter on your side. Besides that, if the books are distributed immediately after printing, without payment at first, the centers will be encouraged to stock them and sell them. I have consulted on this matter with Purushottam, and he says that the idea is right. Now you can give me your own opinion also. But continually all the *Bhagavatams*, *Krishna*, *Nectar of Devotion*, etc. must be published. After printing, some of them may be made soft-bound and some may be made hardbound, according to demand.

I have already written to Brahmananda that we shall not accept outside work. That will complicate our situation as a tax-free organization. Brahmananda wrote me that Advaita wants to purchase a wagon, but I don't think the press department will require a wagon just now. You have already one bus, so money should not unnecessarily be spent up. For the present the idea may be suspended, and when I come to Boston I shall see if it is actually needed.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-11-12

London
5th November, 1969

Manager
The Bank of Baroda
Chandni Chowk
Delhi-6, INDIA

Dear Sir;

Kindly refer to my letters dated September 7, 1969 and September 30, 1969. I am surprized that I have not as yet received the shipping documents of two consignments to be dispatched by BINA MUSICAL STORES and INDO CRAFT. Please let me know immediately at my above address what is the actual position now. Kindly treat this as very urgent and oblige.

Sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pdb

69-11-13

London
6th November, 1969

My Dear Harer Nama,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you very much for your letter dated November 3, 1969 and have noted the contents with pleasure. For some time I have been anxious to hear from you, and now that you have written I am encouraged to learn of your nice activities in Colorado. I am pleased also that Bhavananda, Pelika Dasi and Prabhavati Dasi are all working so sincerely and steadfastly to promote this Samkirtan Movement, and surely Chaitanya Mahaprabhu will bestow His full blessings upon all of you. This is a qualification of activities in Krishna Consciousness that if one renders even a small amount of sincere devotional service, Krishna becomes obliged to elevate such person; and what to speak of one whose entire life and soul has been dedicated to Krishna's service.

So continue to push on as you are now doing and as far as possible distribute our books and magazines. Now that our press is ready in Boston, we have more than one dozen books which are ready to be printed, so with your help I wish to overflow the marketplaces with our literatures. Now people are reading all kinds of nonsense books, and thus their reading capacity is helping to pave their way through the circles of birth and death. If they will simply take to reading this transcendental literature we are presenting, the same reading capacity will elevate them to the highest perfection of spiritual life. So this is very important task we are doing, and all of you push forward in Colorado with increased enthusiasm.

Here in London things are going on nicely, and at all of our meetings, hundreds of people join in with us in the chanting and dancing. Similarly, from all of our centers we are getting very good reports, and I think that before long your center will develop into a very important center for our movement. Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you all in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-11-14

7th November, 1969

My Dear Krishnadas,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated November 4, 1969 and have noted the contents carefully. Regarding my going there, the first thing is that if I speak, one has to translate into German. That does not make any good speech; it hampers the natural flow of the speech and makes it not very much impressive. If you think the major portion of the audience can understand directly English, then it is much better. I am not

very much enthusiastic to speak in a place where English is not directly understood. Besides that, I am expecting to be engaged in important business here, which will be ascertained on Monday next, November 10th. At that time I shall decide whether I shall go. If there is no very important engagement, then I shall go to Hamburg, and the decision will be informed to you by telegram on the 10th instant. You will have enough time for advertising because the meeting will be held sometime on the 23rd. So you will get confirmation at least 10 days in advance.

In the package you received from India, did you get Deities also. If not, then the same Deities I had there will go back to Germany for being installed. If in your store you can sell musical instruments and other goods imported from India, then I shall give you good addresses for such imports. I do not know what further instructions you need for constructing the altar. You have got the picture. If you need another picture, then I shall send it.

To celebrate the Rasa Leela Ceremony decorate the Deities very nicely with flowers; as many as possible, ornaments, garlands, nice light demonstration, and much distribution of Prasadam. That will be a very nice day for opening the Radha-Krishna Temple. So if by chance I do not go, then Tamal Krishna, who is arriving in London this Monday, will go. He and Yamuna are both expert in the matter of Deity decoration, so there will be no difficulty for the opening ceremony. So arrange for this ceremony without fail, and let me know immediately if you have got a pair of Radha-Krishna Deities in the new consignment. If not, the Deities with me will go back there.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-11-15

London
7th November, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated November 4, 1969 along with *BTG #29* and the new edition of *The Peace Formula* essay. They are both very nice. The *BTG* will be complete when the headings of the essays are bolder and on each page the name of *Back To Godhead* is printed. The titlehead on the front cover is quite suitable, and the picture in the front page is exceedingly beautiful. I showed it to Gurudas and he remarked that it is super-excellent and he expects it to sell very well because of this picture. I think similar pictures from Western centers should be printed. The New York Samkirtan Party is also super-excellent. I am very much pleased to see all these pictures and our magazines gives information to the people that we do not stick only to the cities, but we train people in the remote villages also. So everything should be done very attentively and amicably. I am writing a letter to Hayagriva that he should take care of composition of our books. Please find a copy of this letter enclosed. If you decide to go to Columbus, that is all right. Everything should be done very amicably. I see that in *The Peace Formula* pamphlet that there is advertisement for *TLC* and *Bhagavad Gita*, but there is no mention of *Srimad Bhagavatam*. I think that in the future this also may be advertised. What about Macmillan Co.?

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

PS: I have shown the new *BTG* to Mukunda, and he has very much appreciated

the nice lay-out work of Chandanacharya. enclosures: one carbon of letter to Hayagriva

Please let me know if all the books "True Conception of Religion" sent by Shyamsundar Brahmachary are all sold and if we owe some money still due to him?

69-11-16

7th November, 1969

My Dear Hayagriva,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 29, 1969 and noted the contents. Things are going on nicely in every department, and it is very encouraging. But as I have already told you, your first business is to see about the publication of my books. I have already advised Satsvarupa and Brahmananda in this connection, and they will take the necessary care for it. I want to know if *Nectar of Devotion* is coming along at proper pace. So you will kindly manage in Columbus that the printing matters are substantially ready for the press. The press may not sit idly for want of printing matter. Then it will be very nice from all sides. Pradyumna is in charge of making the diacritic marks nicely, so I shall be glad to know if he is doing that work according to plan. Recently I received one letter from Arundhuti that she wants to work very hard. So Shama Dasi should also do this as it was previously programmed. The main point is that the press should not sit down for want of printing matter. That you will kindly manage.

As you write that you cannot find suitable work in Boston, you stick to Columbus and give sufficient time to your editing work. Please also take care of the children. They are our future hopes, and

the adolescent age is the most dangerous age. It is the turning point of one's life. In this age, if you take care of the children, surely they will come out first class Krishna Conscious devotees.

Regarding publishing articles from the *Harmonist*, after the departure of my Guru Maharaj so many nonsense things have been written. So we should know who has written these articles. Articles written by my Guru Maharaja can be published without any hesitation, but articles written by Prof. Sannyal after 1936, they are not at all good.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-11-17

8th November, 1969

My Dear Gopal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter of October 18, 1969, and yesterday I received your gift of one shawl. This shawl is very nice, and it will be used when I go to some meeting in my dress garments. Please send me some of the new editions of the French *BTG*. If you are able to print them nicely in outside press for a good price, then it is very good. But in any case this magazine should be published regularly. The addresses of the Paris devotees are as follows: Suridas Adhikary, 2 Place de la Chapelle, Paris, 18, France. Janardan's address is 6, rue Michelet, 94 Fontemay-Sous-Bois, France.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-11-18

London
9th November, 1969

My Dear Bhagavandas,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 26, 1969. It is very encouraging that from the very beginning of your center you are successfully executing your entrusted duties. Krishna will be very much pleased upon you and your wife, Krishna Bhamini. In our society we want to see some ideal householders as you are, so that preaching may go on with great speed. From the very beginning of this movement the associates of Lord Chaitanya were all householders. All four of the principal associates; namely Advaita Prabhu, Nityananda Prabhu, Srivas Prabhu, Gadadhar Prabhu, and even Lord Chaitanya Himself—They were all householders. So we are not impersonalists or voidists. Our program is to enter into the association of Krishna. But we cannot enter within this association without being completely disinfected from the contamination of material sinful life. It is confirmed in the *Bhagavad Gita* by Lord Krishna Himself that only those who are absolutely cleansed of all dirty sins can be engaged in Krishna Consciousness in full swing. In other words, those who are fully in Krishna Consciousness can be free from material contamination and thus enter into association of Krishna. There will be no botheration for you of family life, provided it is carried on in full Krishna Consciousness. Follow this idea and you will be happy. The Western world needs this help, so try to do this welfare work for the human society.

It is very happy news that you are getting a bus, but purchase it new. Second-hand machine is not always reliable. It may give so much trouble. A similar attempt was made previously by Rupanuga. He spent \$600 and was practically

cheated. So be careful about all these unfair business dealers.

Regarding your first question about annamoya, this annamoya theory is for persons who are in the lowest grade of transcendental realization. When you take to Prasadam, it is directly on the spiritual platform. Annamoya concept of life is not on the spiritual platform. Our progress is therefore very easy and effective in this age. So the prescribed methods which we have adopted under authoritative scriptural injunctions are sufficient for our progress. Regarding your second question, the 24 elements are the five gross elements, the three subtle elements, 10 senses, five sense objects, and the total material cause, (Mahat Tattva). Above these there is the situation of the spirit soul, which is the 25th category, and above this is the Supersoul, or Supreme Personality of Godhead. The mind is a subtle element, therefore it is in the body. Generally, the brain is accepted as the location of the mind.

Regarding your final question, it is a fact that when one is contact with Krishna, His Name, His Qualities, His Form, His Pastimes, immediately he becomes purified. But because we are conscious living entities, the proportion depends on our conscious acceptance. It is stated in the *Bhagavad Gita* that Lord Krishna responds proportionately to the service of the devotee. Another example is that the sunlight is open for everyone and for everyplace, but to enjoy the sunlight or to take advantage of the sunlight depends on the proportionate arrangement by the receiver. Prosecution of devotional service means gradual purification and proportionate revelation of Krishna Consciousness

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet all of you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

NB: Enclosed please find photographs of

the Los Angeles altar. You may construct your altar in the exact same way. For any further construction information you may consult the devotees there, and when the throne is prepared you shall get the Deities also. Perhaps Naranarayan is there & he can help you.

69-11-19

London
11th November, 1969

My Dear Gargamuni,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 6, 1969, and I thank you very much for your bank deposit receipt. Practically you are the only hope who is filling up the gap in my Book Fund deposit account. Recently I have issued one check for \$4,000 from my Book Fund to the Iskcon Press account. Out of that, you have already fulfilled the amount of \$2,500. So I thank you very much. Regarding your business, Krishna will surely help you, and He is already helping you. We want to show the world that Krishna's service is not stereotyped, one-sided. Krishna can be served from any position, provided one is willing to serve Him. Krishna can be served and approached by businessmen, by lawyers, by scientists, by artists, by musicians, by philosophers, even by thieves and rogues; everyone. He is so kind. One has simply to accept the prescribed method how to approach Him. When I speak of thieves and rogues I do not mean that a Krishna devotee is also a thief or rogue. The idea is that even the thieves and rogues are eligible to accept this path of Krishna Consciousness and make their lives sublime. Actually, when a thief or rogue takes to Krishna Consciousness he soon becomes a saintly person. Just like Jagai and Madhai: They were thieves and rogues, but after being

favored by Lord Nityananda they became first-class devotees. So Krishna Consciousness is so nice that everyone can approach the goal, and if one simply agrees to follow the prescribed method, very soon he becomes a saintly person.

Regarding your sales report, I think it is encouraging, and the profit should be expended in the manner as I have already suggested in my last letter. Regarding Bina Musical Stores, I am sending herewith their invoice dated 30th August, 1969 and the shipping documents of Nedllyod & Hoegh Lines (B/L 30). So you will have to pay only the freight, \$129.00, and clear the goods. I do not know whether you have already received these documents through the Bank of Baroda because that was arranged with them. If not, you can do the business with these documents. The invoice #14528, dated 30th August, 1969, is for 5 cases of musical instruments. In the invoice you will find one piece "Bina Sangeet Model Harmonium". This should be kept aside for my personal use. It is not for sale. Other items are for sale. There is another item, one Big Size Khol, or mridunga. You will see how the quality is and kindly report so that we can order for more.

Tamal Krishna is scheduled to arrive here this evening. He has not come yet. Iskcon Press has very nicely printed our *Peace Formula* and *Two essays*. They are also cheap, so I hope you will order them 2,000 copies. Our *BTG* appearance is coming out nicer. Everyone approves. So by Krishna's Grace I find all sides bright. My only request to all of you is to keep it bright. Dont let it go dim. That is Krishna's Glories. When Tamal comes we shall talk with him about the World Samkirtan Party program.

In further regards to your recent contribution, this time you have deposited the money in the wrong number. My account number is 12410, but I see on the receipt

the number is noted as 12416. In the future you should be careful about the number. In the meantime you rectify this mistake with the bank when you get time. I am returning the receipts herewith for your reference.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-11-20 London
11th November, 1969

My Dear Rudradas,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 3, 1969 along with your beads and contribution of \$5.00. The letter head stationery is very nicely printed. Your beads have been chanted upon duly and sanctified and are returned herewith. It is very much pleasing to know that Vancouver center is improving daily. Chidananda is a very good organizing leader, Ananda is a good soul, and you are also a sincere devotee, so combinedly together push on this Krishna Consciousness Movement. Surely you will be successful. Regarding the vows and chanting method you have adopted, it is very nice. But do not impose something which will be difficult to execute. There is no need of fasting once very week. Two days fasting per month on Ikadasi is sufficient. Besides that there are other special fasting days. Spiritual realization depends on austerities and vows, but in this age, by the Mercy of Krishna and Lord Chaitanya, we need not undergo very severe penances, as we are unable to do it. The rules and regulations which we have already prescribed, that is sufficient for ordinary men. But as you have in-

creased the chanting of beads to 25 rounds daily, that is very nice.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-11-21 London
11th November, 1969

My Dear Srimati,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you very much for your letter dated October 28, 1969 and have noted the contents with pleasure. I am so glad to learn that with the help of Durlabh and the others you are making progress in our Laguna Beach center. Any new brahmancharies who come with good faith should be helped. We are living in the Kingdom of Maya, so Maya's influence is very great in the material world. It is just like an epidemic. So one has to become immune very carefully by Krishna Consciousness. So you are experienced now in association with devotees, and you are very sincere also. Try to help any newcomers as far as possible.

Regarding worshipping uninstalled Deities, generally this is not done. But you can aratikes with Lord Jagannath. He is very kind. I hope you are all chanting regularly and keeping in good spirits. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-11-22 London
13th November, 1969

My Dear Dayananda,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your kind letter dated October 27, 1969. Tamal Krishna has arrived here, and he was describing about

your nice daughter, Chandramukhi, how she is chanting Chintamani nicely. So both you and your wife are doing nice service to Krishna, and He has sent you a nice daughter. Be happy with your good family. Narottama das Thakur has sung in his song that anyone who is merged into the ocean of Lord Chaitanya's Krishna Consciousness Movement, never mind what he is—either householder or in the renounced order of life, Srila Narottama das Thakur hankers after his association. I have heard from Tamal Krishna that you have done wonderful work very quickly in electrical installations in Boston. So wherever you go and wherever you remain you have dedicated your life to Krishna's service. That is the success of life. Now in the absence of Tamal Krishna you will have to see the management of the Los Angeles temple goes nicely. By the Grace of Krishna, now you have no financial problem, but only you have to see that things are properly managed and nothing is misused. Gargamuni is there and Stoka Krishna is there. So I hope things will go on very smoothly. We should always be careful that we are serving Krishna, and we shall do nothing which may displease Him. Than our life is successful. According to *Srimad Bhagwatam*, our life, our wealth, our intelligence, and our speech should all be engaged in Krishna's service, and that is the criterion of perfection in human life.

Yesterday I have sent one bill of lading and an invoice from Bina Musical Stores in Delhi. When they are cleared from the dock, please let me know how you have received things in order.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-11-23

London

13th November, 1969

My Dear Goursundar,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated October 23, 1969. Both you and Heroine Govinda Dasi, assisted by Jayasri, Turyadas and Balabhadra are all doing very nicely and entirely to my satisfaction. Krishna will bless you. Srimati Govinda Dasi's writings have come out in the *BTG* issue 28; I have received the press copy and it is so nice. Everyone is appreciating, and especially for the Samkirtan articles this issue has become super-excellent. So gradually I am getting to be an old man. I have given you the formula how to preach; you are young boys and girls, our future hope. Now you follow the principles, apply your intelligence, and everything will come out successful by the Grace of our Lord Krishna.

Regarding the songs you have written, yes, you may send them here for Mukunda to consider for future recordings. I expect to visit your Hawaii center again when I go to Japan. Surely at that time it will not be difficult. But always remember that I am always with you. As you are always thinking of me I am always thinking of you also. Although physically we are not together, we are not separated spiritually. So we should be concerned only with this spiritual connection.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-11-24

London

13th November, 1969

My Dear Jayasri,

Please accept my blessings. I am so glad to receive your letters dated October

14, 1969 and November 5, 1969. You are such a sincere devotee that Krishna has helped you to understand the philosophy so quickly. And this sincerity of purpose is the only means to attain perfection in Krishna Consciousness. I am so glad to learn that you are thinking of sleep as a waste of time. This is not an ordinary thing. So I have become very much pleased to hear this statement from you. Be blessed by Krishna. Just as you have already understood the benefits of this Krishna Consciousness Movement, try to realize and assimilate it more and more and distribute it to the suffering humanity. Our movement is the greatest gift to the human race. They may not immediately appreciate it, but time will come and history will give evidence that this movement saved the human society from being fallen into barbarianism.

Regarding the things that Krishna is giving you, everything belongs to Krishna and He is giving everything, even to the nondevotees, even to the animals who have no consciousness of Krishna; and what to speak of His devotees. Just like the father maintains all his children without any grudge, but the child who is very faithful to the orders of the father is given specific care by the father. Similarly, Krishna being the Father of all living entities, he is supplying the bare necessities of their life; but for His devotees He has got special attention. So depend on Krishna, chant regularly Hare Krishna and you will find that He is talking with you face to face, what to speak of supplying your necessities. This is a great science, and please try to understand it nicely.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-11-25

London
13th November, 1969

My Dear Linda Ryon,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated October 26, 1969 and I have noted the contents with pleasure. I am so glad to learn that you and your husband, Michael, are finding your lives very happy and satisfying due to the influence of Lord Krishna. This is the position of Krishna Consciousness that if anyone will take to it seriously, he will find instant improvement in his life's condition. By nature every living entity is joyful and in Krishna Consciousness, but due to association with material contamination certain souls have gotten their joyful spiritual nature covered up by the cloud of Maya. The purpose of our centers for Krishna Consciousness is to give everyone the opportunity to remove this cloud of Maya from their consciousness and resume their natural, blissful life of rendering devotional service to Lord Krishna. The process is very simple: chanting, dancing, eating Krishna Prasad and associating with Krishna's nice devotees. And these four items will make one advance very quickly. We are offering to everyone everything that is nice: nice food, nice family life, nice music, nice philosophy, nice association. Only a rascal will not accept this gift of Krishna Consciousness. So please continue to follow the procedures as you have been doing under the guidance of Bhagavandas, Jagadisha, and their wives. When I return to Boston sometimes in December, perhaps you and your husband will be able to meet me there.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-11-26 London
13th November, 1969

My Dear Turyadas,

Please accept my blessings. It is very kind of you to send your letter dated November 5, 1969, and I am so glad to learn that you are progressing in Krishna Consciousness. The secret of success in this line is to render service. With our present senses, materially covered, it is very difficult to understand Krishna, His transcendental Name, Fame, Form, Pastimes, etc. But if we begin rendering service unto Krishna, then being pleased with our service He will reveal Himself from within. So the more we shall try to serve Krishna the more we will be nearer to Him. All of you there are a good combination, so work conjointly in pushing on this movement. You will be happy, the people in general will be happy, and Krishna will also be very happy and thereby bestow His best blessings upon you.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-11-27 London
14th November, 1969

My Dear Carl Lange,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you very much for your letter dated October 26, 1969 and I am encouraged to read the contents. Although you have been associating with us for a short time, I can understand that Krishna is giving you good opportunity to serve Him nicely. It is very kind of you to be donating all of your earnings to our Seattle temple, and surely Krishna will bless you for your sincerity. It is this willingness to serve which Krishna wants to see in us. We have nothing to offer Krishna because He is the Pro-

prietor of everything that be. But when He sees that a living entity is trying to serve Him, that is appreciated. In *Bhagavad Gīta* you have seen that Krishna says to offer Him a leaf, a fruit, a flower or even some water. Actually, the Supreme Lord has no necessity to request us to offer Him these items or any other items; but He gives us the opportunity of serving Him so that we may become qualified to enter back to Home, back to Godhead.

I am so pleased to learn that you are chanting 16 rounds daily and studying our books carefully. You continue to do this in the association of devotees, and surely you shall come out successful in perfecting your existence in Krishna Consciousness. Within one or two months I shall be returning to Los Angeles, and at that time you may come to speak with me further. In the meantime you continue to help Upendra and the others in the activities there.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-11-28 London
14th November, 1969

My Dear Pradyumna and Arundhuti,

Please accept my blessings. I am very much anxious to hear from you. In my last letter I was informed by you that you were going to send me some specimens of the composed version of *Nectar of Devotion*, but I have not received anything till now. Besides that, you have not called for the remaining portion of the manuscript. This means the major portion is not yet composed. In the meantime, the press is ready. The press has already begun to print, and without having any book ready, they are printing other materials. But the press is specifically meant for printing my

books. So far as I can understand, 12 or 13 books are ready for going to the press. Simply they require to be composed. So please let me know what is the exact position why the work is going slowly. Here some respectable friend has promised to publish my book, *Krsna*, in two parts. The manuscript is also ready. So after *Nectar of Devotion*, I want to take up this work immediately. Formerly the plan was that Arundhuti and Shama Dasi combinedly will compose at least 20 pages daily under the guidance of Hayagriva and Pradyumna; Pradyumna will be responsible for the diacritic marks and Hayagriva for correct English and grammatical composition. This was the arrangement. The press is ready, the manuscripts are ready, but I find from your department things are not up to the standard. So please let me know what is the position whether it is possible for you to take this responsibility. If you take the responsibility, what is the difficulty that things are going so slowly? I shall await your reply to this letter and shall thank you very much in anticipation.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-11-29

London
14th November, 1969

My Dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 12, 1969 and thank you very much. Regarding the delay in composing books, I have just now written to Pradyumna and Arundhuti asking them the reason why they are delaying the matter. So on receipt of their clear reply I shall take necessary action. I can appreciate also that the matter is being delayed. If they are having difficulty in composing, can you suggest any other boy or girl to

take up this work in Boston? Centralized activite is desirable, but because we have not got all workers in a place, there is difficulty. Now gradually it will be centralized.

So far as *Krsna* is concerned, I understand that you did not keep any copy of the manuscript. Generally it is the custom to make at least four copies, so how is it that you have neglected this? In the absence of a second copy it is risky to send you our copy in the mail. Therefore, I am personally glancing over and putting the diacritic marks in the Sanskrit words. Besides that, one respectable friend has promised to get this printed immediately. In my previous letter I asked you to give quotation for this *Krsna* book. The size should be 7" x 10". I understand that is the standard size of this kind of book. Please also inform me if we have got arrangement for printing color pictures also. So in consultation with Advaita please give me immediately the actual expenditure for printing 10,000 *Krsna* books on the style of *TLC*; four hundred pages, including fifty color pictures. It is essential for me to know this because the friend who wants to publish this book should be informed about the cost of production within a week. Also, I have not received any edited versions of the tapes which I have sent to you from Europe. So please send them to me as soon as possible, keeping carbon copies with you in Boston. If there are discrepancies in your editing techniques between the beginning and later chapters, please inform me what they are so we can make the corrections here.

Regarding Brahmananda, I do not think he may divert his attention to Boston activities. So far I get report from Tamal Krishna, New York is not in proper condition. New York is the most important center, so things should be arranged there very first class. Brahmananda is leading very nice Samkirtan Party in New York,

so that should be organized more and more. I shall write to Brahmananda soon. In the meantime, if you meet, you can also say to him. So far as press management is concerned, do you think Brahmananda's presence is required? Or will Advaita and Uddhava be able to do things? So far as I get report from Tamal, the press arrangement is now in due order through the endeavor of Advaita and Uddhava. So Tamal Krishna will correspond with you in this connection. In the meantime you can send me the production cost of *Kṛṣṇa* as described above. Hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-11-30

London
15th November, 1969

My Dear Advaita,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated November 2, 1969 and the booklet of essays. There are improvements to be made because the essays are not adjusted on the right side. Besides that, it is being printed not on glazed paper. The photograph has not come out very distinctly. Also the cost is not very satisfactory. The Dai Nippon company is printing our *BTG* at 10¢, but the size is bigger, the papers are more, there are color pictures and glazed paper. In that comparison, 6¢ cost is not very favorable. You have also printed 20,000. Anyway, it is printed in our press. If the cost is equal or little more, we do not mind. But from business point of view you should note down the points.

I have heard from Tamal Krishna that this press arrangement is made very nicely and you are doing excellently. Now my manuscripts for books are ready for at least 12 books. So according to your estimate, if you think you shall be able to pub-

lish 6 books in a year besides our *BTG*, then you have got two years engagement already. Regarding composition, the matter is going very slowly, so if you have any ideas how this can be centralized in Boston, please give me your suggestions.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-11-31

London
15th November, 1969

My Dear Balai,

Please accept my blessings. After a long time I have received your letter and I thank you very much. I always think of you how nice, Krishna Conscious, beautiful girl you are. So Kṛṣṇa has given you a nice daughter to take care of. Here, the daughter of Malati, Saraswati, is giving us much pleasure in her Krishna Consciousness activities. She is so nice that as soon as there is chanting sound of kirtan immediately she begins to dance and clap. Even the audience becomes astonished and they follow her activities. It is very nice. I think your daughter may now be walking, so she may also be trained for dancing and clapping.

So attend Samkirtan Party very regularly. Kirtan is our life and soul, and the press is part of kirtan. So both of you, husband and wife, always remember this and try to execute both these ways of activities. I understand that Saradia has come back to Boston, living Vaikunthanath. This is nice. One thing you should know—of course, I know that you are so nice that there is no possibility amongst you for disagreement between husband and wife; but sometimes it happens—so you can let Saradia know that in our Krishna Consciousness household life there is no question of separation. Our marriage is

Absolute. But if sometimes some disagreement is there, they may live separately for a few days, but that does not mean they can think of separation. Please try to educate all the girls in that way. In December I shall be there in Boston, and it shall be my great pleasure to see you all together.

Please offer my blessings to your daughter, Nandini. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-11-32

London
15th November, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you for your letter dated November 11, 1969, but the check which you say is enclosed is not found. The best thing will be that when you want to pay me you can ask your bank to transfer the amount to my account at the First National City Bank, #0420160131. When you want some money from me, I will do the same. So there will be no difficulty. Please find out why the check is missing. Regarding your request for your deliverance from the clutches of Maya, please rest assured of being delivered, because we have captured the strong chain of disciplic succession. This chain is coming down from the highest platform, Krishna. Just like a rope comes down the well so that anyone who may catch the rope from any position is sure to be delivered; so our aim should be to not give up the rope. We must capture the rope very tightly. Then our deliverance is assured. So far as I am concerned, in relationship with my disciples who are so kindly cooperating with me in the matter of my rendering service to my Spiritual Master, for them I am always ready to come back from Goloka Vrindaban, if

they are not delivered along with me. So don't be worried about the clutches of Maya. Be fixed up in your determination and go on serving the Supreme Lord, Krishna, with determination as you are already doing.

It is very nice to learn that both you and Satsvarupa have highly praised Tamal Krishna. Similarly, Tamal Kriahna has also highly praised you and Satsvarupa. This attitude should be maintained amongst your Godbrothers. That will elevate us more and more to the top of devotional service. This is called Vaikuntha attitude. In the Vaikuntha factually there is no fault in anyone, but there is another type of competition. The competition is that one devotee thinks of other devotees how nicely they are serving the Lord. In the material world the attitude is that everyone likes to think that I am doing better than others. This is material conception. In the Spiritual Sky it is just the opposite: Everyone thinks that my contemporary devotees are doing better than me. We are trained to address Godbrothers as Prabhu, which means Master. This means we shall try to find out always the serving side of our Godbrothers. Sometimes there are misgivings, but that we should try to overlook. One of my big God-

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London
15th November, 1969

My Dear Harold Torf,

Please accept my blessings. I am very glad to receive your letter dated November 11, 1969, and I am so much obliged to you for your kindly offering me your service. You are rightly placed by Krishna's Grace under Brahmananda, and you try to follow his instructions. As soon as he will recommend, I shall initiate you; most probably when I return to Boston. Your

picture shows you are a very nice boy, promising to become a good aishnava in the future. Krishna has sent you for being taken care of by us, so we shall do our best. You also kindly try to follow our instructions. Regarding Omkar, you may know that Om is the impersonal sound form of Krishna. Those who are unable to utter immediately the Sweet Name of Krishna, they are recommended to chant Om. Just like a child is taught to make a particular type of sound, and thus he learns the name of father, mother and other relatives. That is the beginning. So in the beginning, Om is the right vibration of transcendental sound, and the meaning is to address the Supreme Lord. Our business is directly with the Supreme Lord. Impersonal feature of the Lord is just like the illumination of the lamp. The lamp is the more important thing. You will gradually understand all these features of the Absolute Truth if you read *Bhagavad Gita* and adhere to the regulative principles. If there is difficulty in understanding, you consult with Brahmananda, or still further you send your enquiry to me. Thank you very much for your letter. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-11-34

London

16th November, 1969

My Dear Gopal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. Thank you very much for your letter dated November 11, 1969 with enclosed *BTG*, French edition. Krishna is giving you gradually more and more strength to serve Him. Just like a wrestler, simply by practicing wrestling amongst friends, gradually becomes stronger and the body is built up very nicely, Krishna Consciousness is exactly like that: The more you serve

Krishna, the more you get better strength to serve Him. Please remember this valuable advice and you will find it very convenient for your progressive march. The *BTG* French edition is very nicely done. Even if our endeavor is not always successful, because it is done for Krishna, by nature it becomes nice. We have nothing to do with material considerations. Janardan came to see me about one fortnight ago, and he is also eager to do something in Paris, so be in correspondence with him. I am very glad to learn that Yasodanandana's name is given as the editor, and encourage this nice boy more and more. I have received your shawl duly and I have already acknowledged it. It is very nice. I am using it for my dress garments.

Regarding the Mayapur center, this is almost settled up that we shall have a temple there. Very soon we shall purchase a piece of land there, so when you return to India it will be in your charge for constructing a temple in grand scale there.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

PS: I have received the bank receipt of your contribution to the Book Fund, and thank you very much for this.

69-11-35

London

16th November, 1969

Dear Hitsaranji,

Please accept my blessings. With further reference to my letter dated November 1, 1969, I beg to inform you that immediately I want one pair of Radha-Krishna Deities in London. If you will kindly send me out of the five pairs contributed by the Dalmia Trust and Birla Trust at least one pair to London by the quickest transport, maybe by air cargo,

then it will be very kind of you. Kindly treat this as urgent. I hope this will find you in good health. I am awaiting your early reply.

Affectionately yours,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-11-36

London
18th November, 1969

My Dear Hansadutta,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 7, 1969. Whenever there is difficulty in understanding you are at liberty to question me, and it is my duty to give you the right reply as far as possible. There is no cause of anxiety for this method. Questions and answers is the relationship for the Spiritual Master and disciple. The only thing is that questions should be put, as it is advised in the *Bhagavad Gita*, preceded and followed by submission and service. With this, all questions are bonafide. Regarding the application for the school, I dont think it is very lucrative job. If you want your Spiritual Master to be engaged in some outside job, you must see that He is getting suitable remuneration. I am therefore returning this form as there is no use of it.

Regarding the building, if it is already acquired by the university, then if you purchase, the university authorities must give you guarantee that they will return the money, whatever we have paid, after deducting the usual rent only. On this we can negotiate. For the land, first of all ascertain the real situation as I enquired in my last letter. Then try to secure it. But the university course should be given more stress than purchasing the house or securing the land. This is a very important thing. If such courses are taken by you, then practically there is no need of my employment there. Regarding Chitsu-

kananda, I do not know whether his Spanish education is sufficient for the purpose of right translation, but he can make some portion and send it to me. I shall examine it and then give my direction. In the meantime he can try to translate our *BTG* and you may try to print a Spanish edition of *BTG* as you were doing in Montreal of French edition. That will be a nice job for him and an opportunity to nicely expand our literary activities.

Please offer my blessings to Himavati and the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-11-37

London
18th November, 1969

My Dear Sudama,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 13 November, 1969 and have noted the contents. Sriman Tamal Krishna das Brahmachary is staying now in London, and I have already handed him your letter for necessary action in the matter of sending more men there. He will also directly correspond with you. In the meantime, I may inform you that Bali Mardan also wrote me to the effect for changing your headquarters to Tokyo, and I have already confirmed this idea. From the very beginning I wanted to open a branch in Tokyo because when I was in Tokyo on my way to the States from India, I saw it exactly a duplicate city like New York. So another feature I note from your letter is that the Hare Krishna Mantra is being chanted by some Japanese boys. Sometimes back Shyamsundar showed me one picture from a Japanese music paper about our Hare Krishna Mantra. So I think Hare Krishna Mantra is already known to the

Japanese youngsters. If you take this opportunity in cooperation with them, I am sure it will be successful. I am glad they are offering you free residential quarters at least for one month. That is a good opportunity. In the meantime, find out a nice suitable temple. We shall send you men from here, you are already 3 there, and if you can induce some of the Japanese boys to join you, surely it will be a grand success. Do it carefully and nicely.

Please offer my blessings to Chintamani and Bali-Mardan. I hope this will meet all of you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-11-38

London
18th November, 1969

My Dear Woomapati,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 8, 1969 with pictures enclosed. They are very nice. I understand the whole situation that you have not yet been able to find out a suitable place for living together, although Janardan is there. I think the same problem was experienced by the London devotees previously. Anyway, you will be pleased to learn that Tamal from Los Angeles has come here, and our Samkirtan Party has got some engagement in Hamburg from the 20th through the 24th of this month, so they will stay in the Hamburg temple for 4 or 5 days. Janardan wrote me in some letter a few days back asking if I can go there, but due to the climatic condition I do not wish to move further from here. So you consult amongst yourselves whether you require Tamal's and the Samkirtan Party's help. You can let them know immediately in Hamburg. The address is In-

ternationale Gesellschaft für Krishna Bewusstsein, 2 Hamburg 6, Bartelsstrasse 65, West Germany.

The sooner you find out a center of our own, the better it will be. Anyway, pull on as you are doing your best, and Krishna will help you in due course. Here the preaching work is going nicely. The London party has now a van for 13 people, and they are going to Germany in that car. If you are eager to receive them, you write to them in Germany immediately. Maybe it will be possible for them to go to Paris and do some propaganda work.

I am very pleased that you are finding your life becoming more and more beautiful. Krishna Conscious life is our natural life. Just like a diseased person, the more he comes back to his health it becomes pleasing more and more; similarly, the more we come to Krishna Consciousness, certainly it will be pleasing, because Krishna is the Reservoir of all pleasure.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet all of you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-11-39

London
19th November, 1969

My Dear Advaita,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated November 17, 1969 with two enclosures of paper samples. So far as the paper for colored pictures, 80 lbs., and dust jacket, 100 lbs., I think it is quite suitable. But so far as the papers for the inside of the book, the paper which you have indicated, 50 lbs., is not suitable. It must be either 60 or 70 lbs. If 70 lbs. is too costly, then 60 lbs. is tolerable. But the paper must be white

just like *TLC*. The samples you have sent are not so nice a white color. So far as the other estimates, I think they are all right. The total expenditure submitted by you, \$7,939—or say \$8,000, is acceptable. The size as you have mentioned, 6 3/4 x 9 1/2, is also all right, and the pictures 48 in number and pages 352 is also all right. The quality of binding, get-up, texture, etc. is like *TLC*, so you can arrange for its printing immediately.

I am very sorry to learn that our press is lying idle, and your remark in this connection that we have purchased the cart before the horse is appropriate. I have immediately asked Aravinda from Los Angeles, to go there for doing layout work. I have asked also Pradyumna why the composition work is going so slowly. I have received one letter from Satsvarupa also in this connection, so all the composition and layout work must now be centralized in the press. For editing, already Satsvarupa is there, and Hayagriva will send his editorial matters without any delay. The actual difficulty is composing and layout. Satsvarupa informs me that there is a girl, Pallika Dasi, who is a good typist, and Satsvarupa also agrees to purchase another machine. So if possible, immediately purchase this composing machine and begin the composing work for *Krsna*. Jaiadvaita is also there and Aravinda will help in layout work. So far as the press lying idle, I would advise you to immediately print the paperback edition immediately. Originally you were going to print this, and I do not know why this program was cancelled. After this is done you can reprint the first volume of *Srimad Bhagavatam*, because there is a need for more copies of this volume. So I do not know why the press is sitting idly and why the proposal for printing *TLC* in softcover edition is put aside. Also, you mention that there is some lack of management, but I do not know why this

should be since Brahmananda, yourself, and the others are there. Please inform me of the cost for reprinting *TLC*. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-11-40

London
19th November, 1969

My Dear Jayagopal,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated November 13, 1969 with enclosure of my maintenance check. I hope everything is going on nicely in Columbus, and I am sure under your able management it must be going on smoothly. I have written one letter to Pradyumna and Arundhuti regarding composing my books, so I am very anxiously awaiting the reply. Please inform them about this and let me know what is the situation there. Offer my blessings to all of them, and I hope this will meet you in good health. Thank you very much once more for your letter.

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

69-11-41

London
20th November, 1969

My Dear Goursundar,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 17, 1969 with enclosed check for \$30 for my maintenance, and I thank you very much. Regarding the house, I think there is indication of Krishna that we shall have our own house in Hawaii. Usually we do not wish to have our own house, but when Krishna offers it we must take the facility without any hesitation. In

Boston also, Satsvarupa was put into similar trouble, and by the Grace of Krishna he has got now our own house and we have established our own press there also. The description of the house as you have given appears to be very nice, because it is near to the University of Hawaii. If by the Grace of Krishna you get the bank loan, I think that you can take the risk. For Krishna, to take some risk is also devotional service. That is ordered by the Goswamins: *krishnarthe akhila chesta*. This means for Krishna's sake to do everything possible. From San Francisco when I pushed you alone for Hawaii, you did not know where you were going, where to stay, and what to do. But since more than one year you have struggled very hard, and gradually you are getting some foot in that distant place, and your good wife, Govinda Dasi is helping you. Also, some very nice assistants have joined you, so try for Krishna to do your best. That is our duty. Success or no success: it doesn't matter. The only thing is that we should try our best. So that I know you are doing your best, and Krishna will be very much pleased upon you all.

Srimati Jayasri Dasi sent me some dried banana chips and they are very nice for my Ekadasi food. Is it possible to send us in large quantity this foodstuff? If not, please try to send me at least one small packet like that every fortnight. It is very nice. The mango pulp, a sample of which was also sent to me, I don't think it has come out very nice, so there is no need of sending it. Here the preaching work is going on nicely. Samkirtan Party is going on, and they have got many engagements. Just now they have got four days engagement in Germany. More than one half dozen devotees have gone there now, and they will also install the Radha-Krishna Murtis. They have taken the Murtis there with them. What did you do with the Murtis you received from Calcutta? Are they

being worshipped regularly as I showed you during my stay at your place? Radha-Krishna *seva* should be done very nicely, and all the members should always be cleansed. I have personally

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London
20th November, 1969

My Dear Gargamuni,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 17, 1969 with check for \$63 and the bank receipt also. Tamal Krishna has gone now to Germany with the Samkirtan Party to install Radha-Krishna Deities there. I hope by this time you have received the shipping documents and invoice sent by the Bank of Baroda as well as by me. So after clearing the goods, please let me know how you have received them. Regarding your expenditures, we do not mind if there is no saving. Our policy should be to collect millions of dollars and spend also millions of dollars or sometimes more. But we should be very careful that we may not be extravagant. For necessary expenditures we have no grudge. I do not know what you are eating, but the eating program should be nutritious and simple, not luxurious. That means chapatis, dahl, vegetables, some butter, some fruits and milk. This is necessary for keeping good health. But we should not indulge in sweetballs or halewah or like that daily. Too much first-class eating may stimulate our sex desires, especially sweet preparations. Anyway, eat Krishna Prasadam, but be careful that we may not indulge in luxury. For Krishna we can offer the most beautiful preparations, but for us Prasadam should be very simple. Regarding decoration of the Deities, that is very nice. They should always be very

attractive so people who come will be attracted. So, as far as possible economize, and there is no need of savings. But because we are trying to purchase our own building we will have to save something because in the future we will have to pay large monthly installments. I have heard from Tamal that there is a nice church, and they are asking \$100,000. Is that negotiation still going on? If so, you can let me know what is the position. Now I shall be very soon going to Boston, and then I shall go to Los Angeles. So what will be the arrangement for my stay there? I shall be glad to hear from you conveniently.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-11-43

London
20th November, 1969

My Dear Vasudeva,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your nice letter and the beautiful picture of RAdha-Krishna which you have sent to me. Immediately upon receipt of this picture, I have hung it on the wall directly above my Deities, and it is appearing very nice there. Thank you very much. I always remember you that you are such a sincere and good boy, and I am sure that Lord Krishna will help you more and more to advance in Krishna Consciousness. Krishna is very merciful to His sincere devotees, but also we have to remember that Maya is very strong. Therefore, we have to always be engaged in serving Krishna. At every moment we should be doing this or that service for Krishna's transcendental pleasure. If we do not remember this, then Maya is right there to grab us. It all depends upon our leaning towards Krishna or towards Maya. If you lean towards Krishna, you will be in

Krishna Consciousness; and if you lean towards Maya, then you will be captivated by material nature. Krishna and Maya are just like light and shadow which are directly next to one another. If you move a little this way, you are in light and there is no question of shadow. But if you move a little the other way, you are in darkness. So if we remember to always be engaged in Krishna's service, then there will be no Maya and everything will be all right. Please always remember this great secret of advancement in Krishna Consciousness. So as you are showing promise to be a nice artist, I think you may next paint some pictures of the Spiritual Masters in the line of disciplic succession. Also, continue to fix up the new temple nicely and promote the Samkirtan Movement as far as possible. These, along with promoting our literatures will give you sufficient engagement to fill your time. Also, continue to chant all of your rounds daily, and read our magazines and books as much as possible. In this way your future will be very bright, and surely you will be able to do great service to this movement within your lifetime.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-11-44

London
23rd November, 1969

My Dear Advaita,

Please accept my blessings. Your letter dated November 19, 1969 is in hand. The thing is that you have asked me so many questions, but it is not possible for me to manage all departments of our society. Practically you are in charge of the press department, but it is better to form immediately one press committee consisting

of you, Satsvarupa, Brahmananda, or whom ever else you like, and do it nicely. How things should be done I have given you suggestion, but it is not possible for me to divert my attention. Then my real work will suffer. I have written a letter to Pradyumna, but there is no reply as yet. Anyway, from the practical point of view, it appears that we cannot depend on him for composing work. So in consultation with the others, you arrange for other means. I have already advised Satsvarupa in this connection. If Sriman Chandanacharya is busy in some other work, then Aravinda can wholly be engaged in Boston layout work. I have already asked him to go there.

I have also noted down the lawyers instruction that outside work can be taken if the profit does not go to some individual person. I think if it is legally possible, this is all right. I have no objection if you make some profit on outside work. That is very nice. My only point is that we have got our press for printing our own literatures more and more. We should not miss this point. Otherwise combinedly together do it nicely. I shall be very much pleased to see things are going correct.

Please offer my blessings to Balai Dasi, Nandindi Dasi, and the others. I hope this will meet you all in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-11-45

London

23rd November, 1969

My Dear Madhusudan,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated November 18, 1969 and your maintenance check. I am so glad to learn about your Maha Samkirtan Party consisting of 60 devotees and your realization of the fact that the situation appeared to be Vaikun-

tha atmosphere. Actually it is so. Śrīla Narottama das Thakur in his prayer says he wants to be associated always with devotees. So our Krishna Consciousness Movement is to educate people to create such association. Even in the midst of a small family group, the whole world is missing this point. This is because they are creating societies of sense gratification. Therefore, in any group, either in societies, or communities, or nations, or at last in the United Nations, they are all unhappy. Because the real point is missing. So our movement is very genuine, scientific and benedictory. Only the first class intelligent class of men can understand the value of this movement. But Lord Chaitanya has given us the Hare Krishna Mantra which makes things very easy. So go on chanting this mantra, following the regulative principles and rules and regulations. Then it will be effective without any fail. I am so glad that you are gradually appreciating the luster and beauty of Krishna and the taste of Samkirtan Movement.

Regarding your question, it is welcome. It is not outrageous. Any honest question is welcome. The Spiritual Master is meant for answering any honest question. Krishna has genitals certainly. It is said that He has eternal, blissful Body, full of knowledge. So when He has got a body, He must have all the parts of a body. But we should not consider that His parts of the body are the same as ours. In the *Brahma Samhita* it is said that His parts of the body, or limbs, each of them has got potency of the others. For example, with our eyes we can see only, but we cannot eat. But Krishna's eyes can not only see, but also eat and beget children also. In the Vedas it is said that He put His glance over Maya and impregnated her with all the living entities. Therefore, although He has got genitals, necessarily He does not require to use it for the same purpose as we

do. There is another instance that Garbodakshayee Vishnu begot Lord Brahma from His abdomen, navel, and the Goddess of Fortune, Laxmi, was nearby. She was just massaging the Lord's Lotus Feet, but He did not require the help of the Goddess of Fortune to beget Lord Brahma. That is His omnipotence. He is self sufficient. He has got all the limbs for all the purposes, but He can use all of them for any purpose. This is inconceivable by us. We should not therefore compare our bodily function with Krishna's. His conjugal relationship with the Gopies is not exactly in the same way as we have girlfriends, neither the Gopies made friendship with Krishna exactly in the same fashion as here in this material world a girl makes friendship with a boy. They are different spheres of activities. Therefore, I sometimes warn my students not to discuss much about the affairs of Krishna's dealing with the Gopies. In the *Srimad Bhagavatam* such dealings are described in the 10th Canto, and as it is already explained, 9 Cantoes have been devoted just to understand the philosophy of Krishna. In the 2nd Canto it is recommended that one should begin to see Krishna from the Lotus Feet, not from the genital. Gradually, as he advances in understanding Krishna, he should go up and up. In this way, one should try to see the face of Krishna; and His dealing with the Gopies is compared with His sweet smile. So for the present we should better stick our faith and observation to the Lotus Feet of Krishna and pray fervently that He may give us the strength and capacity to understand Him as He is. Because as soon as we are able to understand Him as He is, immediately we become liberated persons, eligible for entering into the Kingdom of God. This is confirmed in the *Bhagavad Gita*, 4th Chapter where the Lord says "Simply by understanding My transcendental position, appearance, disappear-

ance and activities, one becomes eligible to enter into My Abode, just after giving up the present material body.

Regarding your second question about the *rasas* in Narayana's Abode, it does not go higher than servitude and reverential friendship.

I am very glad that Kanchanbala is performing the regulative principles and worshipping and helping you to become an ideal Vaishnava householder. Regarding sannyas, yes, according to Vedic principles, as a married man, you must give your wife at least one boy child. And when he is grown up, after you are 50 years of age, you can take sannyas. The grown up boy may take care of your old wife. That is the Vedic system.

Please offer my blessings to all of the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-11-46

London

23rd November, 1969

My Dear Vamandev,

Please accept my blessings. I am so glad to receive your letter dated November 16, 1969, and thank you very much for your opening a branch at St. Louis so promptly. Now both you and your wife are trained how to arrange for maintaining a temple and center. Please do it nicely. The beginning is sounding so hopeful that I am sure very soon your center will be one of the first class preaching places of our society. Of course not immediately, but you will have another responsibility to send me something for my maintenance as the others are sending. There is no pressure, but when you find convenient, you can also help in that way. Please keep me informed about your progressive march in St. Louis.

Kindly offer my blessings in Indira Dasi. I hope this will meet you both in good health.

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

69-11-47

London
24th November, 1969

My Dear Nara Narayan,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you very much for your letter dated November 5, 1969 and I am so pleased to learn of the nice service you have been rendering to Radha-Krishna in Los Angeles. The cart you have constructed sounds very nice from your description, and when you are able please send me photographs of this cart. I have all approval of your plan to travel from temple to temple in order to give them the benefits of your carpentry skill. Do it nicely. It is very important service and Krishna will be pleased to bestow upon you His blessings for it. Here in London things are going on very nicely, and one India gentleman has promised to help us in our plan to make Deities. Therefore, I request you to send immediately to the London temple the carving of Lord Krishna which you made in Los Angeles while I was there. As you are writing from Detroit center, please inform some responsible person in the temple where the Deity is presently staying to immediately send it by air post to London address. I shall be returning to the East Coast USA sometimes in December, and if it is possible, I shall be pleased if you can come and meet me at that time.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-11-48

London
25th November, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 21, 1969 and noted the contents. The dummy *BTG* #30 Special Rathayatra Issue is very, very nice. Regarding the printing order, I think henceforward you should publish 50,000 at least and they may be distributed as follows: 20,000 to the East Coast, 10,000 to the West Coast, and 20,000 to the others (Middle States and other countries). The idea is that *BTG* is our backbone of Krishna Consciousness propaganda, and since you have taken charge from Rayarama's hand, certainly it has improved in so many ways. Recently I have received one letter from Rayarama which he has signed his name to as "Raymond". That means he has drifted from our society completely and his letter is very discouraging. He has accused everyone save himself. So I do not know what can be done with him. In the *Bhagavad Gita* we understand from the 16th Chapter that when a living entity becomes envious of Krishna, he is put into the darkest region of material existence, exactly in the same way as when a citizen is disobedient, lawbreaker, he is put into the prison cells. So this is nature's way beginning from Krishna, and one has to undergo such stringent regulative principles of material nature in such disobedient position. So I have not replied that letter; I have got it in the file. When I return to Boston, if you like, you can see it.

Regarding press management, I have already informed Advaita that you should immediately form a press committee composed of yourself, Satsvarupa, Advaita, etc. and manage things carefully and nicely. When we have got our press, we must properly use it, always praying

69-11-51

London
26th November, 1969

My Dear Aniruddha,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 21, 1969. I am glad that you have received my letter to to you, addressed to New York. Therein I have expressed my opinion about your marriage. So it is very nice program. Just get yourself married, and as you propose to go to Argentina with Chitsukananda to open a branch there, I have all approval. So you accept some girl who will marry you, either Sachidevi or anyone else. In our Indian way there is no question of acceptance or rejection. The parents arrange for marriage and whatever boy or girl they select for their son or daughter, that is accepted. Even there is some disagreement at times, that is not taken very seriously. In this way, in mature life they become happy. I want to introduce this system in the Western countries, amongst my disciples at least. Their primary business should be Krishna Consciousness. Other relationships are mundane and therefore not very important. So please try to open a branch in Argentina, and it is not very difficult. Recently Vamandev who was in Columbus, now has married and has ventured on my advice to open a center in St. Louis. I have received his report several days ago, and it is very encouraging.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. The Radha Krishna diety carved from wood by Goursundar at San Francisco was delivered to you. Perhaps you remember. I want those deities now. Please let me know where they are.

ACB

69-11-52

London
26th November, 1969

My Dear Jayapataka,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 6, 1969. Regarding the Prasadam restaurant, if you start this, you should do it only in the temple. Not in another place. People there know about out temple; it is old enough. So if they come at noontime to take Prasadam, that is very nice. I have received the picture drawn by Peetabarana Goura das Adhikary, and it is very well done. If you see him again, please convey my thanks to him. I shall be returning to USA sometimes in December, and I hope when I arrive in Boston at least some of you in the Montreal temple will be able to come see me at that time.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-11-53

London
26th November, 1969

Sri Durga Prasadji Gupta,
Asstt. Manager
GITA PRESS
P.O. Gita Press, Gorakhpur
INDIA

Dear Sri Gupta,

Sri Jaidayal Dalmia has requested me to send you our edition of *Bhagavad Gita As It Is* because you are collecting all different editions of the *Gita*. In this connection I beg to inform you that I have already sent one copy directly to Hanuman Prasadji Poddar, but have received no acknowledgement as yet, although the book was sent sometime at the beginning of this year. Please, therefore, enquire from

Hanuman Prasadji if he has received the copy. If not, I shall send another copy to you.

Yours truly,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-11-54

London

26th November, 1969

My Dear Gopal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated November 22, 1969 and noted the contents. I have received one check signed by Raktak Brahmachary for \$15, and please convey my thanks for this. Regarding your citizenship in Canada, I agree with this proposal because the service which you are now occupied in is very good service and your bosses have recognized your activities. So gradually it may be that you will improve more and more. But I know that this Pepsi Cola Company attempted their business in India and it was not very successful. Otherwise I would have asked you to transfer yourself in the same service in India. Regarding your marriage, that is my open opinion that if anyone can remain a brahmachary all the time, without being disturbed by sex urge or who can tolerate such urges, there is not any need for him to marry and take some extra responsibilities. But one who is disturbed in mind, he must get himself married. Therefore, it has to be decided by oneself if he should marry or not marry. It is a fact however that if one is thoroughly engaged in Krishna's service, this sex urge does not have much disturbance. But you have got to work outside with karmis and different types of people. Under the circumstances, if you have a good wife to help you, that will be very nice. Another difficulty is that in modern civilization everyone is independent-spirited. The girls are no longer very much humble and submis-

sive to their husbands. So you must be prepared to tolerate such whims of your future wife. According to our Vedic civilization, disagreements between husband and wife is not taken very seriously. But the modern age allows divorce even, either by the husband or by the wife. These things are not good. But after marrying, certainly there will be some disagreements or misunderstanding between husband and wife. So consider all these points, and you can decide yourself. But if you marry, I have no objection, as I have gotten married so many boys and girls and they are living very peacefully. If you marry one Canadian girl, your citizenship will be immediately made, without waiting for time. That is the law in the USA. I do not know what it is in Canada.

Regarding land in Mayapur, the price is not \$2000, but it is about \$1200, so far as it has been offered to me. So you do not talk about the price with Achyutananda. When it is settled up, then I shall let you know. The article which you have sent to me appears to have been written from London. Thank you very much for collecting this. I am sending herewith an article translated by a girl in our Hawaii temple named Monique Wynkoop. I do not know the French language so I cannot check whether or not it is correct. If it is all right, you may publish it. It is very good news that the French *BTG* is also selling nicely, and if you think the sales will be 2,000 copies, then you can print at least 5,000 copies in our own press in Boston. That will be cheaper. If you simply send the layout work, they will immediately print and send it back to you. You can open correspondence in this connection with Advaita das Adhikary at the Boston address.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you all in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-11-55

London
26th November, 1969

My Dear Upendra,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 8, 1969. It is very nice to hear that Gajendra is now taking care in pushing on the Krishna Consciousness Movement. Regarding your coming to me, you are always welcome, and your association is always desired. When I was in San Francisco in 1967, December, after coming back from India, you were so kind upon me. But the thing is that if you come to me, there must be somebody equally expert to manage there. I have heard from Tamal Krishna that there are several very nice devotees there now, and things are being managed automatically. So when I return back to Los Angeles you are welcome to come join me.

Regarding the boy who is interested in making clay Lord Jaganaths, this is all right, but if he can make Radha-Krishna Deities, that will be even better. We are in need of such Deities. So why not ask him to try for this? I have also received the fresh Macadamian nuts which you have sent to me, and they were very delicious. Please offer my blessings to all of the others at the Seattle temple. I hope this will meet all of you in very good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-11-56

London
27th November, 1969

My Dear Pradyumna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 20, 1969 and I have noted the contents. Prior to this I received one letter from Arundhuti explaining why things were delayed, and you have also kindly

explained it. So everything by Krishna's Grace is all right. Regarding your dismissal from the job, I think it is Krishna's indication that you are not meant for such kind of service. Now you can freely and completely engage yourself in Krishna's service as He has very kindly allotted to you in the matter of editing, transliterating and helping your wife in composing. This is sufficient engagement for you. Besides that, as you have now improved in speaking you can do nice preaching work. I think you must have improved in that way because you are going through so many transcendental literatures, so you must have your ideas and philosophical notions in the matter of Krishna Consciousness. So it will be a great advantage if you get occasion speaking engagements in various schools, colleges and universities, provided they pay for it. In your country, if somebody accepts a service free of charges or at lower rates, he is considered to be third class. So although we are prepared to render our services free of charges, still, for the prestige of the society we must charge. And if you get some scholarship stipend from the foundations, that will be a great achievement. Not for the money, but the foundations will gradually recognize what valuable service we are rendering to the human society.

The next point is centralization of our publication department in one place. Krishna has given us now a nice press in Boston, and you are now free from your job, so it will be very nice if you and your wife move to Boston conveniently. As you have written that Brahmananda has almost agreed to pay for the machine, so you have no anxiety. We have already discussed about purchasing another machine. So far as Shama Dasi is concerned, I do not know how it will be possible for her to live alone without her husband. I think her husband also requires her help in so many ways. So I am not very much

sure about Shama Dasi's moving to Boston. But you and Arundhuti can do it immediately. I am also going there, so we shall sit down together and call also Haya-griva and Shama Dasi to hold a nice meeting of all the editors, printers, etc. We will chalk out a nice program so that our work may go on very smoothly without any impediments, and surely Krishna will help us. So far as I am concerned, I would have been very glad to stay with all the editors and press workers in my presence, but the only consideration is the climatic influence.

Now so far as your composition work is concerned, it is very, very nicely done, save and except there are some typographical misplacements of letters. I see there are some marginal marks, and I think these are marking the mistakes. Anyway, the composing is first class, and the transliteration is also very nice. If you can maintain this standard of composing and transliteration, that will be quite sufficient for my satisfaction. I see that your letter was posted sometimes on the 20th November, and you sent it by Special Delivery air mail. But unfortunately I received it only today and the envelope was torn out. Anyway, although it was delayed I have got it now, and I shall go through it critically and let you know in my next letter about my criticism on it.

Thank you very much for your letter and be blessed by Krishna. Offer my blessings to Srimati Arundhuti. She is a very nice girl, sincere servant of Krishna, and I shall always pray for her advancement in Krishna Consciousness. I hope this will meet both of you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-11-57

London

November 27, 1969

Manager
Lloyds Bank Limited
Long Acre Branch
83-84 Long Acre
London, WC 2

Dear Sir,

Replying your letter of 24th November, 1969, I am returning herewith the bill of Exchange from Khem Singh & Sons duly accepted by me. Payment should be given on arrival of the parcels. Please therefore let me know at the above address immediately on arrival of the parcels, and I shall arrange for the payment forthwith.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS:pdb

DECEMBER

69-12-1

London
2nd December, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated November 26, 1969 and have noted the contents carefully. Regarding Japan, for the time being let only one man go. If they require more men later on, we shall consider. To send a man is a very expensive job. The principle is that they should recruit men locally. Forty years ago when Bon Maharaj, my Godbrother, came here, he complained of getting some manpower from India. That is not a good policy that for preaching work one has to get men from another country. One has to create manpower from the local environment. That is success of preaching. I am very pleased that Jayadvaita Brahmachary will be going to Boston soon for typing *BTG* and our books. He is the first class typist in our society so far I have heard, so he can create so many assistants. In the meantime I have also asked Pradyumna and his wife to go there. I understand that you have spoken to him on the telephone. Regarding the Bhaktishastri certificates, the papers have been marked, but the certificates were not taken due to our minimizing the luggage to Europe. Therefore, if there is urgent need of the certificates immediately, you can look in the trunk left in New York and send here the certificate which we will have printed here. Otherwise, we shall take care of this business when I return to the States, most likely around December 20th.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you all in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. From 14th to 21st December the installation of Deity 42" high will take place. Invitation will be issued duly.

69-12-2

London
2nd December, 1969

My Dear Krishna Das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated November 26, 1969 and have noted the contents carefully. I have heard from Tamal and Mukunda that there is good chance of preaching our movement in Germany, provided our Samkirtan Party is well organized. For this purpose I have asked Tamal Krishna to stay in Europe for some time, and whenever you will require his assistance in Germany he will go there and stay for some time. After I install the Deities here on December 14th, he will be free to go there. The Deity worship should be done very nicely and cleansly, as advised by Yamuna and Tamal Krishna. I thank you very much for your nice presentation of the photographs of my Guru Maharaj and Bhaktivinoda Thakur fit in a nice powder case. So I see my Guru Maharaj everyday, whenever necessary. It is kept on my table. I thank you very much for this. Please dress the Deities in your temple as nicely as possible. Also decorate Them with some jewelry. I have received one letter form Mandali

Bhadra, and he has told me that he is feeling some disturbances. Under the circumstances it is better that he may live in the temple.

Please offer my blessings to Jaigovinda, Vasudeva, Suchandra, Shivananda, Mandali Bhadra and Vrindabanessvari. I hope this will meet all of you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-12-3

London
2nd December, 1969

My Dear Yadavananda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated November 25, 1969 along with your beads. I have chanted one round upon these beads, and I am pleased to accept you as my disciple. Your initiated name is Yadavananda, which means He who gives pleasure to the Yadu dynasty. This is Krishna, and you are Yadavananda *das*, the servant of Yadavananda. Except for persons who are in Krishna Consciousness, everyone is to one degree or another the servant of Maya, or illusion. The purpose of our society for Krishna Consciousness is to train people in the science of breaking their servitorship to maya and re-establishing their relationship with Krishna as His loving servitor. When we act in this position of Krishna's servitor very soon we understand that this is our natural, constitutional position, and thus we regain our constitutional qualities of eternity, bliss and knowledge. Actually these qualities are always there, but now they have been covered up by material contamination. But as Lord Chaitanya has recommended, by this process of Samkirtan which we are propagating throughout the world the heart will very soon become cleansed of all such material misgivings. Therefore, you should arrange your schedule in such

a way that at every minute of every day you will be chanting Hare Krishna or serving Lord Krishna in some other way. This will make you advance very swiftly, and Goursundar will be very helpful in giving you instruction in this connection. You should chant at least 16 rounds on your beads every day, and avoid the ten offenses to chanting. The four basic regulative restrictions for initiated disciples are that we do not indulge in 1) illicit sex-life, 2) intoxication, 3) meat-eating, and 4) gambling. When you have any questions you should immediately consult Goursundar or some other elder Godbrother or sister, or else you are always welcome to question me directly. It is my duty to guide you as far as possible. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-12-4

London
4th December, 1969

My Dear Bhadra Bardhan,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 23, 1969 and have noted the contents. I am pleased to learn that the Columbus center is improving gradually and now you have begun to perform plays for the guests at the Sunday feasts. In one way or another you should always be engaged in Krishna Consciousness. This will protect you from the onslaughts of the material nature. Regarding your question about items being used in Krishna's service becoming spiritual, you should understand it that anything which will remind one of Krishna is spiritual, and anything which will make one forget Krishna is material. Actually, everything is of spiritual nature because everything is coming from the Ultimate Source,

Krishna. But when something is offered to the Lord or when it is used in His service, then it resumes its spiritual quality because it will remind one of Krishna. Therefore, even though such object may not have consciousness, it will act as spiritual. It is just like when an iron rod is put into the fire: the rod has not actually become fire, but it will act in just the same way as fire.

Regarding your question about the Brahmajyoti, it is explained in *Bhagavad Gita* that the impersonal Brahman effulgence is emanating from Bhagavan, the Supreme Personality of Godhead. The brahmajyoti is just like the sunlight, which emanates from the Sun God: Because the sunlight has no personal form, this does not mean that the Sun God has become impersonal. You have seen in pictures of Lord Krishna that there is a nice effulgence coming forth from His body. This effulgence is the Brahmajyoti, and it is pervading throughout the entire spiritual and material manifestation. But above this Brahmajyoti is the Supreme Source of everything, Lord Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead. I hope this important point is clear to you now.

Please offer my blessings to Jayagopal and the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

69-12-5

London
4th December, 1969

My Dear Sridama,

Please accept my blessings. I was very much shocked to learn that you have again met with some motor accident on the way, and perhaps this is the second time you have broken your leg. So I do not know why such things are happening. Anyway, whatever calamities happen we should

take it as Krishna's blessings, as a token punishment for our past misdeeds. That is the observation of a devotee. Whenever he is put into a dangerous position, he takes it as a blessings of Krishna, and the opportunity is used for remembering Him very strongly. So you are now in the hospital, and you have good opportunity for chanting. Do it nicely. I understand you are eating Prasadam from the temple. That is all right. By Krishna's Grace everything will be all right. Don't be worried. Chant Hare Krishna, and when you come out from the hospital let me know. I hope this will meet you, by Krishna's Grace, in improved condition.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-12-6

London
5th December, 1969

My Dear Hit Sharanji,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated November 24, 1969. You need not send the Murtis by air cargo to London because some devotee here has contributed a Radha-Krishna Murti pair imported from Jaipur. It is 42" high and very nice. So Krishna has saved us in this point because we are going to have our opening ceremony on the 14th December through the 21st of December. But if one pair is ready, you can immediately dispatch by ship to Boston as previously advised. From here I shall go to Boston, and if the Deities reach there timely, then I shall install them there also. I think in my previous letter the instruction was to dispatch one pair to Boston, so you can send the Deities to some shipping agent in Bombay and they will forward to Boston.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-12-7

London
6th December, 1969

Manager

FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK
686 Broadway (near Great Jones Street)
New York, NY 10012
USA

Dear Sir:

RE: ACCOUNT #0400688633

I beg to thank you for returning the new passbook, but you have not sent me any deposit slips. I am sending herewith as follows: one cashiers check (#6-6652) from FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF WASHINGTON for forty dollars (\$40.00), and one check (#18) from BANK OF MC MECHAN for fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for depositing in my account. Please acknowledge receipt and send some deposit slips by return mail.

Yours truly,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS:pdb

69-12-8

London
6th December, 1969

My Dear Steven Hebel,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your nice letter dated November 27, 1969 and have noted the contents. I am pleased to learn that you are regularly attending all of our classes and you are serving nicely in the New York temple. Continue on in this way and try to understand our philosophy as far as possible. Krishna gives assurance in the *Bhagavad Gita* that if one is very serious to perfect his Krishna Consciousness, then automatically, out of His Causeless Mercy, Lord Krishna gives such sincere soul the intelligence by which he can enter again into the Spiritual Sky. Actually, Krishna offers this intelligence freely to everyone, but only the fortunate persons

will take to it. Unfortunate persons will speculate upon the words of Krishna and concoct some meaning according to their own sense gratification. But Krishna and His bonafide representatives are giving this knowledge freely to everyone. Now it is our duty to assimilate this knowledge and practice it. Just like the electric current is equal on all points of the electric system, but different light bulbs will take different amounts of energy. This depends upon the capacity of the bulb to accept the electric current. Similarly, the Lord is not partial to anyone, but according to one's sincere desire to render unalloyed devotional service, so will He respond to enlighten such devotee. So the way for you to increase the capacity of receiving Krishna's Mercy is to chant Hare Krishna regularly, at least 16 rounds per day, to associate with devotees of Krishna, and to follow the rules and regulations. In this connection Brahmananda and the others will be able to give you good guidance. My request to you is that you stick with this process sincerely, and I am sure Lord Krishna provide all facilities for your advancement. I shall be returning to Boston around the 21st of this month, and I hope you shall come to visit me at that time.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-12-9

London
7th December, 1969

My Dear Aniruddha,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated December 2, 1969, and it is very encouraging that Sachi Devi is coming. I know she is a very nice girl, so if you agree to marry her, then you must treat her very nicely so that

you can live very peacefully. Our marriages are never meant for separation. You must live together very peacefully in all circumstances. Our Vamandev, after marriage, has opened a new center in St. Louis, and they are doing very well. So far as Hansadutta is concerned, immediately there is no possibility of his leaving Berkeley center. It is a very important center, and as you say he is doing very well you require to stay there, husband and wife, and improve the center very magnificently. If you want to open a center, you are already experienced, and you should do it independently.

Please continue to read the literature very attentively. Try to understand very soberly and you will feel ecstasy undoubtedly. The more we understand the spiritual literatures the more we become engaddened. Lord Chaitanya has written *ananda ambhudhi bardhanam*. This means the ocean of bliss is always increasing. So continue to execute your duties with enthusiasm and patience, and I am certain Krishna will be pleased make you successful on all accounts. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-12-10

London
7th December, 1969

My Dear Hansadutta,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated November 28, 1969. I could not check my laughing when you have said so many things in bereavement for asking me to serve in the university. There is no question of bereavement. A child sometimes commits mistakes, and the father says "Dont do like this." So there is no question of being very seriously bereaved. There is a story that one man was very hungry, and he

went to an unknown friend and asked him to give him some food. The man supplied him a little foodstuff, but he was not satisfied. His hunger was still there. So he asked the man for more food, and the man said there wasn't any. Then the hungry man inquired from the other man, "Which caste do you belong to?" The other man said, "I am Mohammedan." Then the hungry man said, "Oh, I have lost my caste, and still my belly is not satisfied." The idea is that if we have to accept some service, there must be proper remuneration. Otherwise, our free service is open in the temple. Anyone can come and take advantage. Generally in the universities they pay the teachers from \$800 to \$2,000 per month, so at least they must pay via media not less than \$1,000 per month. Anyway, dont bother about it. Go on with your business. But I thought that I required some money for my Book Fund, so I could gather some money in this way. But this will not satisfy my hunger, so forget this incident.

Now I am so pleased to learn that your Berkeley center is improving day by day under the good care of yourself and your good wife, Himavati. Please go on improving the condition of this important center until you have made it as good as Los Angeles center. Regarding the building, how much money do you have for a down payment? If you have at least \$3,000, then I can ask some other centers to give you a loan for the balance so you can attempt to purchase the house. You say that it is a nice house, so if it is ours, we can decorate it very nicely for a good temple. Otherwise, we do not mind to stay in a rented house. When Krishna will give us opportunity, we shall purchase. Here in London temple we are going to install very big Deities on December 14th. The Deities are 42" high, made of first class marble imported from Jaipur, India by some devotee at the cost of about \$400.

He has donated it to our temple.

Please go on with the school course. That is a very nice program. In Hawaii also they are doing that, and also in Seattle, Los Angeles, etc. this program is going on. So it is a good opportunity. Samkirtan Party on the streets, selling our literature, taking some opportunity for teaching students, and giving them nice Prasadam: This program should be followed very rigidly and things will come out very successful without fail.

Regarding Chitsukhananda, he needn't bother at present to translate into Spanish. Unless we have got branches in some country where the Spanish language is important, he should not divert his attention. Regarding the little boy named Jimmy and his mother, the mother may do work; just like sweeping, cleansing the temple, collecting flowers, making garlands, washing dishes, etc. The boy should be trained to be a nice brahmachary, but it is risky to keep a boy of this age away from the public schools. In your country the law is very strict to send such minor children to school. The best thing will be to send him to New Vrindaban to be taken care of by Kirtanananda, Ranadhir, Satyabhama, Shama Dasi and Paramananda. They are already taking care of some young boys who are there. They are trying to develop a school of our ideal in that place. So after sometime, if the mother sticks to our principles, the child may be sent to New Vrindaban and she can remain in the temple and gradually be initiated. In the meantime, encourage her to read our literature and books, and be engaged in some service as above mentioned.

Please offer my blessings to all of the other devotees in your Berkeley center. I hope this will meet all of you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-12-11

London

7th December, 1969

My Dear Sridhar Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances. I hope you are keeping good health and everything is going well there. Srila Prabhupada desired that a temple should be established in the center of London, so you will be pleased to know this is going to take place on the Odansasthi Day, December 14th, in a 5-storey house situated in the most important quarters of central London, in the vicinity of the British Museum and London University. It is very, very respectable quarters, and we have invited many hundreds of people, both Indians and Europeans, in this ceremony which will continue from the 14th till the 21st of December, 1969. I am submitting herewith our humble invitation for your blessings.

Another point I beg to inform you is that His Holiness Yayabar Maharaj has got land in Ishodyan and he wants Rs. 10,000 for it. He says that he wanted to construct some Math, but for want of sufficient resources he could not do that, so now he wants to dispose of it. I have requested him to donate this land to our institution because the land was meant for some service to Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. Since he could not utilize it by constructing a temple or building there, I am prepared to do it for the service of the Lord and in pursuance of the desire of Bhaktivinode Thakur. If he donates that land to our institution, we can immediately invest Rs. 200,000 minimum for constructing a temple and home for the European and American students. I know Sripad Yayabar Maharaj always abides by your good advices. So if you think it is proper, you can advise him in the above manner so that we can fulfill the desire of Srila Prabhupada by mutual cooperation in the matter of discharging His Mission.

I hope you will kindly understand me right and do the needful. Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours in the service of the Lord,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-12-12

London
7th December, 1969

My Dear Tirtha Maharaj,

Kindly accept my humble obeisances. I hope you are in good health and everything is going all right. You will be pleased to know that we are going to install Radha-Krishna Deities in our London temple on the Odansasthi auspicious day, December 14th. This 5-storey building temple is situated in the central part of London, very respectable quarters, just a few steps from the British Museum and London University. One local devotee has donated Radha-Krishna Murtis, 42" high, and the installation ceremony will go on for one week. Herewith please find our earnest invitation card for your blessings.

In this connection I beg to draw your attention to your letter to me dated February 14th, 1969, in which you assured me that I could expect some reply sometime afterwards. I am enclosing a copy of this letter for your reference. I am especially interested in the land which I asked from you within the vicinity of Chaitanya Math. This is in pursuance of the desire of Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur and Srila Prabhupada. It is not for my personal use or satisfaction of personal whims. So if you would have given me a small piece of land within the vicinity of Chaitanya Math, then I would not have tried to make these students home anywhere else. I hope this will find you in good health, and I am awaiting your reply with great interest.

Yours in the service of the Lord,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-12-13

London
8th December, 1969

My Dear Jayagovinda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 3rd, 1969. The descriptions given by you are very pleasing and nice. Kindly keep up the standard of your temple activities by mutual cooperation, and everything will come out successful and smooth. Krishna is giving you all help, and the more you serve Him, the more help will come automatically. You were in India, so you have seen our Godbrothers have hundreds of temples and Maths, and others also in India; everyone is nicely maintaining, depending on Krishna. Actually they have no fixed income, but as they serve the Lord, the Lord arranges everything. Therefore, our principle should be to serve nicely, and everything will be arranged by the Lord.

Try to make your press department very nice. The magazine is already selling, and if you make further improvements, the sales will also improve. Just like our English *BTG*: from 5,000 copies they have increased to 25,000 copies per month, and they are going to increase the number of pages from 32 to 40 pages. Regarding the IBM typewriter, is this a composing machine or an ordinary typewriter? If you are able to take a composing machine, that will be very nice. So far as your plan for making Hare Krishna day-glow signs, that is very nice.

Regarding your question about Krishna's associates, the principle is that all living entities are expansions of the Original Living Entity, Krishna. But there are different grades of living entities: Vishnu Tattva and Jiva Tattva. Vishnu Tattva is almost equal to the level of the Personality of Godhead, and Jiva Tattva is minute particles. So when Lord Chaitanya appeared, Nityananda Prabhu and

Advaita Prabhu were Vishnu Tattva; whereas Gadadhar Prabhu and Srivas Prabhu were Shakti Tattva. Jiva Tattva is also within the Shakti Tattva. These things are explained in *TLC* and other of our books. Lord Nityananda is Balaram Himself, not an expansion of Him. Srila Narottama das Thakur has sung that the Lord who appeared as the Son of Nanda Maharaj has now appeared as the son of Sachidevi; and the same Balaram has appeared as Nityananda. This is the statement of Srila Narottama das Thakur. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-12-14

London
8th December, 1969

My Dear Kulashekhar,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated December 2nd, 1969. I am pleased to learn that things are going nicely there. Please follow the routine work as you are doing now and everything will be pleasing and smooth. That is sure and certain. Whenever there is doubt or question, just discuss this amongst yourselves, and if there is no satisfactory solution, you refer to me. But live in Krishna Consciousness. That will make you happy.

I am very glad to learn that Visakha is fully engaged in taking care of the Deities. Please offer my blessings to her and try to behave with her as a very kind husband. She will be a very nice girl, helping you both materially and spiritually. She is a very nice girl. Regarding your questions about pujari, pujari means who will always be with the Deities. That is pujari. So far as the difficulty with bathing, you can heat up some water in the morning and wash yourself over with a sponge or a clothe. * That will be all right if there is no

hot water for regular showers.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

*In special cases you can simply wash your hands and feet and change your dress washed. That will purify you.

69-12-15

London
8th December, 1969

My Dear Suchandra,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 3rd, 1969, and I am very glad to learn that you are feeling very strongly for Jesus Christ. You have already mentioned the exemplary character of Lord Jesus Christ that he sacrificed everything for God. This example should be taken. The process should be to follow the example, not to imitate the exact activities. For example, Lord Jesus Christ wanted to preach amongst some persons who were practically against the principle of accepting God as the Supreme, and the result was that these people crucified him. At the present moment, the world situation is more dangerous than before. People have become actually Godless. So if you follow the footsteps of Lord Jesus Christ to preach God-consciousness against Godlessness and dedicate your life in that way, that will be the real purpose of following Jesus Christ. Lord Jesus Christ revealed that he was the son of God, and Krishna revealed that He is God Himself, the Supreme Father of all living entities. So if you dedicate your life to the service of Krishna, the Supreme Father, don't you think that Lord Jesus Christ will be pleased with this? At the present moment we have to preach in an enlightened society. So Krishna Consciousness has got inexhaustible treasurehouse of philosophy,

logic and science to convince people about God-consciousness. So if you are actually serious about following the footsteps of Lord Jesus Christ, you should take advantage of the great philosophical background of this Krishna Consciousness Movement and make people God-conscious, dedicating your life. One should try to make progress. One should not try to remain satisfied at a point which awaits further advancement. For example, the Commandment says "Thou shalt not kill". This means one should be non-violent. This is a good principle, but in the actual field, for want of sufficient knowledge, even this Commandment is being misinterpreted and misused. In the *Bhagavad Gita* you will find there are 20 items for advancing in knowledge. Perhaps you have read in the 13th Chapter. Out of the 20 items, this non-violence items is one. But devotional service is so potent, that if one is engaged in devotional service to Krishna, automatically all good qualifications are there. Thus, from the practical point of view you can see the distinction between our disciples and any other group of religious faith. We do not indulge in illicit sex-life, which includes not to covet with another's wife or daughter; We do not eat meat, and that means automatically we are non-violent. We do not indulge in intoxication, and that means we are sane in considering things in their true perspective.

You have asked to know what is the difference between Jesus Christ and Krishna. That we have several times explained in many meetings, that Krishna is God and Jesus Christ is the son of God. And as there is no difference between father and son, so there is no difference between Krishna and Lord Jesus Christ; but still the son is never equal to the father. So you have got advantage of reading our many books for advancement of knowledge. The best thing will be for you to en-

gage your time more in Samkirtan Party and reading our Krishna Consciousness literature.

You write that you loved the Deities some time ago, so why dont you love Them now? What is the reason? Let me know the reason how you liked to worship the Deities, and why you are not liking this now. Then I can explain the situation to you. The best thing is that whenever there are some doubts you should ask me or some senior student. We shall try to explain. But dont try to make any compromise and be agitated. I know you are a sincere boy, so try to understand everything very clearly.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-12-16

London

9th December, 1969

My Dear Hit Sharanji,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 5th December, 1969, and my instructions for the points of your letter have already been explained in my letter to you dated 5th December, 1969. In case this letter has not safely arrived there, I am sending herewith a copy. Also, please find enclosed two invitation cards for the opening of our London temple: one is for you and one is for Sri. J. Dalmia. Please hand it over to him conveniently. I shall be hoping to hear from you soon.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. The brass deities must be packed securely in wooden box while shipping.

69-12-17 London
9th December, 1969

Manager
FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK
686 Broadway Branch
New York, NY 10012
USA

Dear Sir,
RE: MY ACCOUNT #460688633

Kindly transfer \$1,400 to the INTER-NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS, account #04489579 and debit my above account. Kindly send me the debit note and oblige.

Truly yours,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-12-18 London
9th December, 1969

My Dear Govinda Dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you very much for your letter dated November 30, 1969. I have already acknowledged receipt of your very nice cloak, and yes, everything fits nicely. Regarding the Radha-Krishna Murtis, first of all, as you are searching out a permanent place, the best thing will be to install Them in that permanent place. It doesn't matter if it is on rent or purchased; but we must be confident that there will not be disturbance by some landlord on some flimsy grounds. In the meantime, you can construct a nice throne as you will see it on the pictures enclosed. I have got plans for going to Japan from Los Angeles, but in case I do not go, you shall be able to install the Deities. I shall send you the instructions how to do it, if this becomes necessary. In the meantime, just prepare the preliminary things.

Regarding translation work, I am very glad that Monique is very enthusiastic, but I do not know French. I have consulted

persons who know the French language, and they do not very much appreciate her translations. So what can I do? The best thing is that she may go on translating and send her articles to Montreal in care of Gopal Krishna Brahmachary. She may similarly contact Janardan at Damberg, 6 Rue Michelet, 94 Fontenay-s-Bois, FRANCE.

For Brijbasi prints you may contact Achyutananda. Similarly you may contact him for other goods from India. All others have proved insincere. The case of the USC surely is deplorable. I have written them a very strong letter asking why this has happened. The best things will be to contact Achyutananda at the following address: Achyutananda das Brahmachary, 35 Satish Mukherjee Road, Calcutta-26, INDIA. When I hear from the USC, then we shall see what steps we should take to realize the cheating money. Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-12-19 London
10th December, 1969

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letters dated December 4, 1969 and December 6, 1969. So far as transferring \$1,400 to the account of ISKCON, I have done it immediately. The copy of the advice to the bank is enclosed. Please note down my account number there which is now transferred to the same branch on Broadway. So when convenient you also transfer in the same way so there will be no difficulty of exchanging money. Regarding the Franklin and Marshall College, as you have desired that it is a wonderful opportunity for me, so that I may be able to write inclusion

while my elderly students may manage the society affairs, that is a very welcome suggestion. So you can accept the proposal immediately. Besides that, I see that Professor Thomas J. Hopkins and the students of the college are very much eager to hear from me, so I must fulfill their eager desire, even there is some inconvenience. But I hope if I get a nice apartment with heating arrangement, there will be no inconvenience. I am also pleased to note that they are going to purchase my books, 30-35 sets. That is a great boon for us. If we can introduce our books in these colleges and universities, it will be great prestige for the society and myself also personally. So let us do this business as an experiment.

Another thing, I have received a great complaint against the United Shipping Corporation regarding supplying goods to our Hawaii branch. So pending enquiry, you should not forward any order to them, and if you have got any money due from them, you should try to adjust by taking goods from them immediately. Regarding *BTG*, I am so glad that you are printing 50,000 copies henceforward. I have received also your press management report, so the only thing to be amended there is that all books especially must be twiced edited, once by Satsvarupa and once by Hayagriva. In every publication house all printing matters are edited at least three times. So we should be very much careful about grammatical and printing mistakes. That will mar the prestige of the press and the institution.

In your previous letter you told me that Mr. C.L. Jaipuria visited our temple and he paid \$10 as contribution and you also presented him with one *TLC*. Since then, did you write any letter to this gentleman? I know this gentleman has a charitable disposition of mind, and he can help us in so many ways. Try to keep in touch with him by sending magazines and writing letters.

He may be able to supply us many things from India, especially Deities.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-12-20

London

13th December, 1969

My Dear Nandakishore,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your nice letter and have noted the contents with pleasure. You are gradually developing to be a nice Vaishnava, and please continue in this way. Krishna will be very pleased upon you. Regarding the song by Srila Bhaktivinode Thakur, the transliteration is as follows:

Manasa deha geha yo kichu mora

Arpinu tuapade nandakisora.

Maravi rakhavi yoiccha tohara

Nitya dasa prati tua adhikara.

The translation is "My mind, my body, my home, or whatever I have got in my possession I surrender unto Your Lotus Feet, O my dear Lord, Son of Nanda Maharaj (Krishna). Now if you like, you can kill me, or if you like, you can give me protection. Whatever you like you can do. I am your eternal servitor. You have got every right to deal with me in any way as you please."

As I have informed Satsvarupa, I shall be arriving in Boston on December 21st at 3:40 pm. So I shall be very pleased to see you again at that time. Please offer my blessings to your good wife, Jahnavi, and the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-12-21

London
13th December, 1969

My Dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 7, 1969 along with the article of Achyutananda. Your decision not to publish this article is correct. To the neophyte devotees we should issue instruction that there are four stages of understanding the Absolute Truth. The first stage is re-establishing our relationship with Krishna. This is the first stage. The second stage is after understanding our relationship, to perform devotional service under proper guidance. The third stage is acquisition of the desired Object. The fourth stage is relishing the nectar of perfectional love. So Radha-Krishna Leela belongs to the fourth stage of understanding, and we are publishing *BTG* for people in general to re-establish their forgotten relationship with Krishna. So we should always remember this and from *Srimad Bhagavatam*, *Bhagavad Gita*, and *Ishopanishad* they should try to write how our relationship is revoked from this stage of forgetfulness. They should write articles like this: 1) Krishna, the Omnipotent, 2) How God can be realized as All-Pervasive, 3) The Original Source of Everything, 4) Transcendental Process of Hearing, 5) How one gets out of the Clutches of Maya, 6) Prayers by Arjuna, 7) Prayers by Kunti Devi, 8) Prayers by Bhismadev. They should try to understand Krishna first in so many ways which are described in our *Bhagavatam*. They should read them carefully and pick up subject matters as above mentioned. What general people will understand about Radha-Krishna Leela? Immediately they will take it as ordinary boys and girls in spite of a thousand warnings, "This is not this, this is not this." So you shall issue instruction that they should write articles on

the subject matters as above mentioned. They should read our *Bhagavatam*. The purports are there: They should assimilate them in their own words in a literary career.

I was very much pleased to see one of your articles which you picked up from Daksa yajna. The articles should be very scrutinizingly published. We want to make our *BTG* an authorized, first class magazine, and the writers and students should be equally responsible. So when we meet we shall talk more about this.

Yes, you can expect us on the 21st December, Pan American Flight #55, arriving in Boston at 3:40 pm. Purushottam has already written to Brahmananda about procedures for our tickets, so you may immediately consult with him in this connection. I am glad that you are corresponding with Hayagriva, and when I come there he may also come.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet all of you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-12-22

London
14th December, 1969

Manager
Bank of Baroda
Chandni Chowk
Delhi-6, INDIA

Dear Sir:

Kindly refer to my letter dated September 7, 1969 in which I had to instruct you to pay BINA MUSICAL STORES Rs. 2,200 on presentation of the shipping documents by the middle of October. They informed later on by their letter dated November 12, 1969 that they had already shipped the goods sometimes on October 23rd, and the original documents were submitted for being dispatched to

my Los Angeles center at 1975 So. La Cienega Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90034, USA. But we hear from Los Angeles that they have not received the documents or any information of the consignment being dispatched by any ship. This means they have not yet submitted the shipping documents; in other words, the goods have not been shipped. Under the circumstances, please cancel our order of payment, as they have not booked the goods according to the contract.

Sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:pdh

69-12-23

London

15th December, 1969

My Dear Chidananda,

Please accept my blessings. I was very much anxious to hear from you since I did not receive any letter for a long time. So your letter dated December 7, 1969 is very encouraging and welcome. Since you have gone to Vancouver things have improved very nicely. Now we are going to print 50,000 *BTGs* per month, so try to increase the sales as far as possible. Samkirtan and distributing *BTG* and our other literatures is the fieldwork of this movement. Temple worship is secondary. People are invited to come to the temple to see the behavior of the devotees specifically in the matter of purification. There are two kinds of purification methods, external and internal. In our Krishna Consciousness Movement, Deity worship helps to keep us externally purified and Samkirtan helps to keep us internally purified. So as far as possible we shall execute both of these processes simultaneously. And by your exemplary character, the general mass of people will be benefitted. Our hearts in material condition are filled with all dirty things, and this

Krishna Consciousness Movement is the cleansing process.

I am very glad that your feasts are becoming very successful. Yesterday I received a letter from Hawaii that they are now receiving about 100 guests and they are charging \$1.00 each. So now they have a good income. You may know that Goursundar was forcibly sent to Hawaii, by now he and his wife are both doing very nice propaganda. Please offer my blessings to Rabindra, who is working so nicely for Krishna Consciousness. Krishna will certainly be pleased upon him and his life will be sublime. Just make your center still more established, and when you are prepared to install Deities in a nice place, certainly I shall go. I have never seen Vancouver, and from Los Angeles it is not far away. So let us hope for that future date. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-12-24

London

15th December, 1969

My Dear Gargamuni,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter with enclosures of one check for \$60 and one bank receipt for \$500. From the Book Fund this month I have spent a very large amount: \$5,400. I have given two checks to Brahmananda, and Brahmananda has also sent me one check for \$6,000. So this kind of transaction, printing of books and *BTG* and collection by selling, is very encouraging to me. Although there may not be any balance left, when we see we have so many books published and so many copies of *BTG*, that is our pleasure. So I am so glad that you are endeavoring to collect from different centers. If we print all our manuscripts, even at the cost price

of materials as estimated by Advaita, I shall require at least \$100,000.00. So let us go on. Krishna will help us. Let us try our best combinedly. That is our business.

I am so sorry to learn about your wisdom teeth affair. These wisdom teeth are a good example of Maya's tribulations to us. In my younger days, by Krishna's Grace I had no such trouble, but I saw in my eldest sister this suffering from the wisdom teeth problem, and her gum was also operated upon. That I saw, and I saw how much she was suffering also. This is the way of material existence. So Lord Krishna has advised in this connection that we have to learn tolerance. Your example of dedicated life is very noble. You are handling thousands of dollars for Krishna, but you ask your mother for helping your personal needs. I very much appreciate this example, but it is my order that whenever you are in such trouble, you should not minimize any expenditure. You must have the best kind of treatment available, and you can spend from the money you are collecting on behalf of Krishna. Your mother's assistance is welcome, and as a child you can very affectionately ask her for such assistance. But in case of denial or inability, you should not hesitate to spend from Krishna's money. You can take it from me. By this contribution of your mother out of her affection, your mother has benefitted undoubtedly. She is already benefitted to have two such nice sons, and she will be more and more benefitted. Not only your mother, but also your father and all family members will be benefitted by your dedication of life for Krishna's sake. Be rest assured. Krishna Consciousness is so nice.

From past correspondence with Bina Musical Stores and from your description, I have already written to the bank and to Bina also that if they have not actually shipped the instruments prior to this

time, according to our understanding, by the middle of October, then the order should be treated as cancelled.* In the meantime, if you actually receive any documents, please inform me before clearing the goods. I have got some instruction to give you. You have to see first whether the consignment is insured. If it is not insured, then you have to take delivery, opening in the presence of a customs officer. I am expecting some unscrupulous behaviour from these parties. But if in the meantime they have cancelled the order, that is good. What about Achyutananda? I understand that you sent him an order for mridungas. Have you received any documents for that? How have you arranged the payment for him? I shall be glad to be enlightened on these points.

Regarding the house, if you can do well with Mr. Spellman and if he takes 10-12% profit, that is all right. But do something of a permanent nature. The best thing would have been to have our own house, but Krishna is not giving us the facility. So if Spellman arranges something, that is all right.

I am so glad that Dayananda is doing everything so nicely. He is intelligent, responsible boy, and whatever you do conjointly, it has my approval. You may note it. But always remember that Nandarani is also a very nice devotee girl, and their whole family is coming out nice; so you should see always that they are not in inconvenience in any way. Because he is family man, he should have some special consideration. A brahmachary can tolerate any inconvenience, but women and children cannot. They will have difficulty.

Regarding my writing to you directly rather than through Tamal, I have noted the point. So far as Murlidhar is concerned, I have spoken to Tamal and he has advised that you consult with the lawyer, Michael Green. Also, please inform

me in your next letter what is happening with this draft case as it is being handled by Mr. Green. Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. I have sent you a duplicate B/L. Please enquire in this dock yard if the ship is expected and if so when!

69-12-25

London

15th December, 1969

Manager

Punjab National Bank

P.O. Vrindaban, Dist; Mathura

INDIA

Dear Sir:

RE: SHIPMENT OF 8 CASES OF *SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM* TO NEW YORK PER S.S. JALAKALA, AND YOUR LETTER DATED DECEMBER 5TH (3732)

With reference to the above I beg to inform you that I do not exactly know what you mean by some documentary evidence to connect the payment. The whole idea is that the amount of Rs. 33,705.86 was transferred from the USA and credited to my account for dispatching books. The first consignment was dispatched, Rs. 13,000 and odds, and this consignment was also dispatched in the same way. The books are mine, they were dispatched on my account to the USA. The USA has paid for it, and I am signing everything. Is that not sufficient documentary evidence? Otherwise, what do you want me to do?

I am experiencing so much inconvenience in this matter of exporting from India, although the price is already transferred from the States. So if you kindly give me your direction what to do in this connection, then I shall do it. I am al-

ways in tour, and I took it simply that the goods were dispatched against the money transferred already. That is sufficient documentary evidence in my opinion. I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:pdb

69-12-26

London

20th December, 1969

My Dear Himavati,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 9, 1969, along with Deity clothes and my cap. I thank you very much for this. I have learned the story of the delivering of the Berkeley Jagai-Madhais. Although it is surprising, yet it is possible to happen in this Krishna Consciousness Movement. Sri Narottama das Thakur says all sinful persons and suffering persons were delivered by the Samkirtan Movement inaugurated by Lord Chaitanya, Who was formerly the Son of Nanda Maharaj, accompanied by Nityananda Prabhu, Who was formerly Sri Balaram. If we keep ourselves purely on the standard of Lord Chaitanya's order, then chanting by us of the Holy Names of Krishna will descend as powerfully as He acted previously, during the time of Jagai and Madhai. So I am very glad that you both, husband and wife, are executing the mission of Lord Chaitanya so nicely and faithfully. Please continue to act like that and certainly Lord Chaitanya will bestow all His blessings and power upon you. Personally I am so much englanded that the pairs of young boys and girls whom I have placed in householder life are doing so nicely in the Western world. When Lord Chaitanya delivered Jagai and Madhai He was also a householder, but

when Jagai and Madhai were actually reclaimed, His wife, Vishnupriya, was not there. But in this case and in many other cases also, I find that my disciples combined together, husband and wife, are doing this preaching work so nicely. So I am especially proud how my householder disciples are preaching Lord Chaitanya's Mission. This is a new thing in the history of the Samkirtan Movement. In India all the acharyas and their descendents later on acted only from the man's side. Their wives were at home because that is the system from old times that women are not required to go out. But in *Bhagavad Gita* we find that women are also equally competent like the men in the matter of Krishna Consciousness Movement. Please therefore carry on these missionary activities, and prove it by practical example that there is no bar for anyone in the matter of preaching work for Krishna Consciousness.

I am very glad to learn that Haribasara has got a child. Here also the boys and girls with children are dancing. So there is not distinction between the child and the child's parents in the matter of Krishna Consciousness. All of them are equally participating and deriving transcendental benefit. I am leaving for Boston USA tomorrow at 2:30 pm, so you may address future correspondence there. Hope you are well.

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

69-12-27 London
20th December, 1969
Manager
LLOYDS BANK LTD
(Long Acre Branch)
83084 Long Acre
London, WC 2

Dear Sir,

With further reference to your letter JC/RB, dated November 24, 1969, and

my reply dated November 27, 1969, I beg to inform you that I am leaving London tomorrow. Therefore I authorize Mr. Michael Grant to take delivery of the parcels due to arrive here, and the passbook is left here with him. You can debit the charges to my account.

Sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/pdb

69-12-28

Boston
25th December, 1969

My Dear Govardhan das

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 9, 1969 along with your prayer beads. I have duly chanted upon these beads and thereby have accepted you as an initiated disciple. Your spiritual name is Govardhan das Brahmachary. Govardhan is the name of the hill which Krishna lifted up to protect the inhabitants of Vrindaban from the heavy rainfalls which were being sent down by Indra. This Govardhan Hill is still there in Vrindaban, and it is worshipped by the devotees of Krishna just as Krishna Himself is worshipped. You have a very nice opportunity to quickly advance in spiritual perfection because you have the good association of the devotees in Hawaii. This association with devotees of Krishna is recommended by Lord Chaitanya Himself as the most important factor for developing Krishna Consciousness. This is because our dormant love for Krishna is covered up by the material contamination, but it is quickly aroused when the association of a pure devotee is there. The example is given that when an iron rod is put into a blazing fire, the rod soon takes on the qualities of the fire: namely light and heat. But if the same rod is put

amidst some ice, then it will remain simply dark and cold. In the same way, a devotee should associate with fellow devotees, and in relationship to others the devotee should try to elevate them also onto the spiritual platform. So please follow this principle and surely you will mark great strides in the matter of your spiritual advancement. The four basic regulative restrictions we observe are 1) no illicit sex connections, 2) no intoxication, 3) no meat-eating, and 4) no gambling. You must try to chant at least 16 rounds on your beads daily, and avoid the ten offenses to chanting which Goursundar Prabhu will instruct you about. When you are having questions to ask, you inquire from Goursundar and I also will be happy to help you in any way possible. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-12-29

Boston
25th December, 1969

My Dear Jaigovinda,

Please accept my blessings. I am so glad to receive your letter dated December 17, 1969, and I can understand from the spirit of your letter that Krishna is fixing you in a particular type of duty which you may welcome for your benefit, for the movement's benefit, and for the benefit of the people in general. Yes, you secure an IBM composer and utilize it fully. Let Mandali Bhadra translate our magazines and books, and in the IBM machine you compose it, ready for being photographed and printed. You send the ready matters to Boston, and they will print the magazine without any price from you. The cost of the printing will be balanced by keeping some magazines here for sale; so in that way your center will not have any botheration for paying the price. The balance

magazines will be sent to you by ship, and you clear it, sell it, and pay for the monthly installments of the machine. This is the general arrangement I have thought about, without any monetary botheration for any of us. Simply we have to render service. Similarly, you invite such reading matters from Suradas in the French language. You compose it and send the matters for printing here, and in the same way things will be balanced, and the magazines in French language will be sent to Paris and they should partly pay for the IBM machine. I am sending a copy of this letter to Suradas, as well as to Brahm-ananda for future guidance, and you immediately begin the work. In the same way, if Mandali Bhadra can translate my books also, you can help the German composition and get the books in the same way. This is my theoretical proposition, and I am sure that if you follow, it will come to be fruitful.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

69-12-30

Boston
25th December, 1969

My Dear Krishna das,

Please accept my blessings. I am so glad to receive your letter dated December 17, 1969 with enclosure of \$15, for which I thank you very much. You have signed your name as Krishna das naradhama, but actually, one who is Krishna das is Narottama. But a Krishna das can deliver all naradhamas. I am always very much pleased with your humble attitude, and a Vaishnava devotee of Lord Chaitanya always thinks himself as naradhama, the lowest of mankind; although he is narottama, the best of the mankind.

Tamal is there in London, and I have advised him to go occasionally to the German center and see things are very nicely managed. Now the Krishna Consciousness Movement is given to you, some selected European and American boys and girls. Please try to maintain it heart and soul with faith in Krishna, and your life will be successful. I am an old man and I may shift away from the scene at any moment; but I am very much hopeful of my disciples who are so sincerely helping me. This movement is greatly needed for the human society, so we are not working like any political party, but we are trying to execute the Will of the Supreme Lord.

Still I shall insist upon you that Samkirtan is our life and soul, and Lord Chaitanya has given us order to glorify this Samkirtan Movement. So do it happily, and other things automatically will come to our help. I am confident that yourself, Jaigovinda, Mandali Bhadra and Shivananda, assisted by Tamal Krishna, can do tremendous work in this movement, specifically in Germany. I learned that the draft board wants you in the USA, so you can now forget about this country and concentrate your whole energy in Germany. I think Krishna wants this. Simply propagate this chanting, dancing, feasting and following the regulative principles. These are the four pillars of our success. Regarding the jewels for my Deities, I shall in due course send you the size and whatever other information you require.

Regarding purchasing things in the market, these items are considered as purified when we pay the price for them. That is the general instruction, but when we know something is adulterated, we should avoid it. But unknowingly if something is purchased, that is not our fault. things which are suspicious, however, should be avoided. It is for this reason that in our Vedic culture the people used to

keep a number of cows without any expenditure, and the milk drawn out of them was utilized for so many purposes, very, very useful in life. Lord Krishna in His early Childhood life is the vived example of this way of social life.

Please offer my blessings to the others. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-12-31

Boston

26th December, 1969

My Dear Suridas,

Please accept my blessings and offer the same to your good wife, Jotilla, and the others. I request you to simply translate into the French language our *Back To Godhead* and send the matters to Jaigovinda for composing. In due course of time you will get the magazines, by selling which you try to pay part of the composing machine that Jaigovinda is going to purchase. So you begin this business immediately and open correspondence with Jaigovinda

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

69-12-32

Boston

29th December, 1969

My Dear Shyamsundar,

Please accept my blessings. I reached Boston as scheduled on December 21st, and there was a good reception by the devotees for Krishna's servant. The newspaper article published remarked on this occasion that "in the Logan Airport there has never been anything like this." It was exactly like the reception you arranged in London on September

11, 1969. I hope everything is going nicely in London temple.

As advised by George I expected his remittance last Monday or Tuesday, but failing to receive it, I advised Brahmanada to contact you on the phone. He tried four times, but could not do so. I wanted to send the order of *Krsna* to Dai Nippon, but as I have not received any information of the money, I have not sent the order as yet. Please therefore advise me immediately at the Los Angeles address: 1975 So. La Cienega Blvd. Los Angeles, California 90034. Upon hearing from you I shall do the needful. In case the remit-

tance has not as yet been dispatched, please do it immediately directly for credit in my checking account #3081-61625, Bank of America (Branch No. 308) 8501 West Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90035, and advise me also.

I hope this meets you in good health. My blessings for Malati and Saraswati. The new child born of Harsharani may be named Govinda Das.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. I am going to L.A. this morning

1970

JANUARY

70-1-1

Los Angeles
2nd January, 1970

My Dear Bhagavandas,

Please accept my blessings and offer the same to all the devotees of Detroit. While I was in Boston, you presented me a set of original Sanskrit Srimad Bhagwatam with your affectionate letter signed by all the devotees. It was a great opportunity in the Boston Temple and I enjoyed the days very much with your company. Please try to develop your center likewise. In Boston always 50 to 100's of devotees chanting, dancing and engaged in Krishna conscious business. That is the aim of our Krishna Consciousness Movement. We do not want stopping the natural instincts of the living entities. We simply want them to be dovetailed in Krishna's service. Your country is fortunate enough by the grace of Goddess of Fortune. Goddess of Fortune or Lakshmi Devi is eternally engaged in service of the Lord. Therefore, the favor of Goddess of Fortune which is bestowed upon the American people may be fully engaged in Krishna's service. That will be a finishing touch to this material advancement. If people do not take to Krishna and simply want to utilize the Goddess of Fortune for sense gratification as it was the policy of the demons like Ravana and Hiranyakasipu, then the finishing touch will certainly culminate in releasing the nuclear weapon exactly like Ravana was vanquished by such policy. I have every hope on you as well as your wife and associates. Please organize your center in such way that the local people may take advantage of the great boon that

we want to give them.

In your previous letter, you proposed to get some tapes from me for transcription. It is a good proposal. In this connection I may inquire if you have got a nice dictophone and if among yourselves you can edit nicely. So, on hearing from you on this point, I shall do the needful. Hope you are all doing well.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

70-1-2

Los Angeles
2nd January, 1970

My Dear Rupanuga,

Please accept my blessings. Your letter dated December 21 along with the picture of the new house was duly received by me while I was in Boston and we enjoyed the few days of meeting together in that Temple. It was a great transcendental pleasure to meet you all. Your statement in the letter, "All glories to Sankirtan, Prasadum and Srimad Bhagwatam" is very welcome. Before coming to your country, when I was in India and I was planning to come here, I was thinking in the same way. I was thinking that my preaching work in this country would be a difficult job for me on account of the country's position being completely different from the principles of Bhakti cult. At that time I was also thinking of chanting and dancing in Sankirtan as well as distributing prasadum in the matter of my preaching Bhagwatam. So this planning has by the grace of my Guru Maharaj and Krishna become successful in the practical field.

Forty years before when two of my eldest God-brothers came to London with this mission they simply devoted their time in lecturing in some renowned public place and inviting some leading politician to preside over the meeting. You know very well that when I began my preaching work in New York I never followed this policy of lecturing amongst the stereotyped politicians or elites of the society. And if I would have followed such a policy, I think I would also have gone back to India without any success. I think this policy of Sankirtan, Prasadum and Srimad Bhagwatam has been successful in all the centers. Please therefore follow this transcendental policy with heart and soul and make your center as spiritually opulent as far as possible.

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

70-1-3

Los Angeles
6th January, 1970

My Dear Brahmanada,

Please accept my blessings. Since I have come here, I have not heard anything from you. Hope you are doing well along with all other devotees. I heard from Gargamuni that you have received some letter from the draft board accepting our society as religious. I am anxious to see the letter.

In the meantime, I have received one letter from Shyamsundar that the amount that George Harrison wants to donate for printing of my *Krishna* (19,000 dollars) had some difficulty for paying directly cash. Therefore, his lawyer, Mr. Allen Klein, has advised him some device. I have already written him a letter in this connection, the copy of which is enclosed, please find. With this copy of this

letter, in which you are authorized to represent me, you can see Mr. Allen Klein and do the needful.

I have also not heard anything about my bank balance in the F.N. City Bank. Please make my pass book up to date and let me know what is the balance. Also write to me all other interesting news which you may have by this time. Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/ddb

70-1-4

Los Angeles
6th January, 1970

Mr. Allen Klein
Legal Advisor of Mr. George Harrison
1700 Broadway
N.Y., N.Y. 10019

Dear Mr. Klein:

I am informed by Sriman Shyamsundar das Adhikary that in connection with the contribution of Sriman George Harrison for publishing my book, *Krishna*, you were advised to contact me in my Boston Temple. But I have left Boston Temple on the 29th of December and now my present address is ISKCON Temple, 1975, La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, California 90034. So you can contact me here in this connection. In the meantime, I am advising my representative Sriman Brahm-ananda Brahmachary, president of my New York Temple, and he is authorized to deal on my behalf in this connection. I am advising him (Brahmananda) also to see you in this connection.

Thanking you in anticipation.
Yours sincerely,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/ddb

70-1-5

Los Angeles
6th January, 1970

London

My Dear Shyamsundar,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 2nd, 1970 and accordingly I have issued one letter to Mr. Allen Klein, the copy of which is enclosed herewith, please find. I have advised Brahmananda to see him. I am so glad to learn that Sri-man George is making good advancement in Krishna consciousness. He is a good soul and I am praying for him to Krishna, so surely he will make advancement. His book, *Krishna*, is already ready for being sent to the press. Please let me know if I shall send the manuscript to the press or I shall await further instruction from you. Now I am in Los Angeles and you can contact me here after consulting George. I am very glad to learn that London Temple as well as the householder devotees are all doing well. I have received letter from you and Mukunda also, but I have received no letter from Tamal. Please offer my blessings to all the boys and girls and devotees in London Temple.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/ddb

70-1-6

Los Angeles
8th January, 1970

My Dear Govinda dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated January 3, 1970. I am so much englanded that you are so anxious to get me in house and make my headquarters there. The proposal is very nice because I have got experience from the help of your husband and yourself how both of you are

serviceable in my activities. You are very good secretary and your husband is good editor, so to keep myself under your care will certainly be a great boon. The only thing I am considering about staying in the mainland because the devotees in different centers here can see me if required more quickly than they can do so in Hawaii. So the things are not yet settled up. I am staying here in a house for which they are paying \$600 rent. I think so much expenditure will be a kind of luxury for me because I am a Sanyasi, but at the same time a house like this is necessary for me because it is suitable for my working. Anyway, in the next summer, I have been invited to go to Japan and when it is fixed up, I shall start a little earlier and break my journey in Honolulu to stay with you for some days and see things practically.

Your description of different fruits and flowers, especially mangos, are very attractive for me. Last year, when I went to your place, I was attracted more from the same description, but it was rainy season and there was not much of the local fruits and flowers available. Still, it was very nice to stay there and especially I was eating very nicely the squash vegetables daily collected from your compound. So, ultimately, Krishna's desire has to be fulfilled. Don't be in a hurry. You are engaged in more important business to organize the Hawaii center and I wish it may be converted into New Nabadwip Dhama. In Nabadwip Dhama there is a railroad station called Samudragarh, and it is said that sometimes the ocean was there. So, on the Pacific Ocean, if you can establish New Nabadwip, that will be a great achievement. I am sure your husband, with your cooperation, will be able to do it very quickly. When I was in London, I was wearing on your cloak daily because there it was severe cold. But this side is very nice. It is not cold at all. So when I get back the coat which you have

sent to Boston, surely I shall utilize it properly.

I am in correspondence with United Shipping and will let you know in due course about the loss you have suffered.

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

70-1-7

Los Angeles
8th January, 1970

Tokyo

My Dear Sudama,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 4th, 1970. I noted the contents with great interest. Actually, I was thinking of you from London and by the grace of Krishna my anxiety was televised to you in your dream. So Krishna is very kind upon us, and His kindness will be more exhibited the more we expand this Krishna Consciousness Movement. Take it as a fact, there is no question of doubting this statement, the whole world is in need of Krishna Consciousness. Krishna inspired My Guru Maharaj, and He inspired Me, and I am trying to inspire you all because Krishna wants it. You have gone to Tokyo with a great mission, with blessings of Krishna, and I am very much encouraged to read your letter that there is great possibility of Krishna Consciousness Movement in Japan. I am so encouraged to learn that you are going to order 5,000 copies of B.T.G. for selling in Tokyo. Thank you very much.

I am so glad to learn that Mr. Row, a South Indian gentleman, is helping you, and why not take some help from Dia Nippon Co.? They can issue a certificate in our favor that we are completely non-political, religious institution meant for every human being. Bhurijana is very intelligent boy and good match for cooperating with you in the absence of Bali

Mardan. I have talked with Gargamuni yesterday, and he is going to send you the letters of guarantee very soon. I shall remind him again. Even if you don't rent a temple for the time being, you can go on street Sankirtan and hold meetings from a rented hall. That will also do.

Yes, Krishna is never approached directly. Krishna is approached through His bonafide servitors. He says that, "Carrying out the order of My pure devotee is greater than carrying out that directly given by Me." In this connection, I may inform you that you try your best to serve Krishna under the direction of your Spiritual Master and Krishna will surely help you in all respects. I shall be very glad to go as soon as you call me. I have got great interest in preaching for the Japanese, and, if Krishna gives me opportunity, I shall stay in Japan for one or two months for this transcendental business.

That is a fact, this plan of Sankirtan is the only way, the only way for our success. Sankirtan, Love Feast and selling B.T.G., they are our primary engagements and next Temple worship. Temple worship is needed for the inner section. In the beginning, Sankirtan is more important for drawing the attention of the people in general. Last night, I went to see our men chanting in Hollywood Boulevard, and I saw it was so fine and satisfactory.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/db

70-1-8

Los Angeles
9th January, 1970

Berkeley

My Dear Chandrabali,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated January 5, 1970. I am so glad to learn that you are going to be married with Chitsukananda

on Sunday, 11th January, at the Radha-Krishna Temple. I like this marriage ceremony because it has given practical proof of my ideas that boys and girls of this country better be married and engaged in preaching work. By the grace of Krishna, our centers managed by the married couples, like Boston, Hawaii, Detroit, New Vrindaban, St. Louis and Buffalo, etc., are doing very well. Similarly, when you are married, as it was discussed in Los Angeles, you also go somewhere, probably in Mexico as you desire, and organize a center there and start an edition of B.T.G. in Spanish language. Our B.T.G. in French language and German language are improving sales and people are appreciating. So why not in Spanish language, which you know well and I think Chitsukananda also knows well. So this is very good news. I was, since a long time, thinking of your marriage. Now Krishna has given you this opportunity. Utilize it properly and be happy. I am glad to learn that Hansadutta is going to officiate the ministerial function in the marriage, and I think he has got the tape of all the mantras in this connection. So be married, chant Hare Krishna and be happy. This is what I want.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/db

70-1-9
Los Angeles
9th January, 1970
Montreal

My Dear Raktak,
Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge I am in due receipt of your letters dated 24th and 31st of December 1969. So, I am very glad that you are determined to go ahead in Krishna Consciousness and, if you remain serious and steady, certainly you will make infallible

progress. Of course, Maya is very strong, there is a chance of our falling down at any moment, but if we are able to catch hold of Krishna's lotus feet by chanting the Hare Krishna mantra, then Krishna gives us all protection from the onslaught attack by Maya. Remember this principle always and follow the footsteps of Jayapataka, he is very good example, and, even there is some misunderstanding, try to tolerate and don't be agitated. I am very glad to learn that you appreciate the activities of our Boston Temple, and I was also very pleased to see their routine work.

Regarding your marriage, I have all sanction for it, but I do not know what is the legal implication. Besides, that, the girl is not initiated. But if she is working very obediently in the Temple, there is no impediment in your being married with her and she may be initiated later on. I am sending herewith back the beads of Labangalatika duly chanted by me. Please offer my blessings to the twelve inmates who are living in the Temple at present and especially to the newcomers. Please try to convince them to take part in the Sankirtan Party either within or outside the Temple. So, on the whole, you have got my approval for the marriage and you can do the needful.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS/db

70-1-10
Los Angeles
9th January, 1970

My Dear Satsvarupa,
Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 4 January, 1970 along with the newspaper cuttings and I have enjoyed the article with nice pictures. If you go on with your work sincerely, by following the footsteps of our predecessors, certainly our movement

will be recognized by the people in general.

Recently, I have received a copy of one letter issued by the draft board recognizing our society as religious. So this means that both the public and government are gradually appreciating our position, and there is no doubt about it, if our motives are sincere, they will do it more and more. Now our immediate duty is that all our society members are strictly following the rules and regulations and chanting routine. That will make them steady and strong in their positions respectively.

Regarding Art Department, Murlidhar has already gone to Boston, and now you have a good board of artists. And I am glad that Devahuti is also returning, so all combined together produce at least one nice picture daily.

So, other news is very encouraging. So execute arotiks regularly and properly. So far my book is concerned, special attention is required in the composing department, otherwise, the whole scheme will be disturbed. Regarding *Krishna*, please make the MS ready because if George Harrison pays for the printing in Japan, we shall have to send it immediately for the purpose. Regarding transcribing, I have written to Detroit if they can do it. In the meantime, I have engaged Devananda transcribing the tape and a primary editing also, and the copy can be sent to you for final editing and then printing. We have to do things now very dexterously, simply we have to see that in our book there is no spelling or grammatical mistake. We do not mind for any good style, our style is Hare Krishna, but, still, we should not present a shabby thing. Although Krishna literatures are so nice that, even if they are presented in broken and irregular ways, such literatures are welcomed, read and respected by bona-fide devotees.

That does not matter because you are

not personally tending me in Boston, that is formality. I want to see that all my disciples are engaged 24 hours in the service of the Lord. If one is engaged full time in the service of the Lord, under my direction, that is my personal service.

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

70-1-11

Los Angeles
9th January, 1970

Philadelphia

My Dear Vrindavan Chandra,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated January 4, 1970 and noted the contents. The girl referred to is certainly very nice as I can understand from her letter, and she has sent me her beads for chanting and Subal has recommended to initiate her. So they are all good news. I am sending her the beads duly chanted, and her initiated name is Vidarbha Kanya. Vidarbha Kanya means the daughter of king of Vidarbha country, and she was married with Krishna. So her name is Vidarbha Kanya dasi, the servant of Vidarbha Kanya. So, I have got all approval of your marriage. Both Subal and yourself are fairly advanced in Krishna Consciousness and both of you can guide this nice girl to perfect Krishna Consciousness. And when both of you are ready, you can go somewhere suitable place and open a branch there. That is my mission. Recently, Bamandev, along with his wife, has gone to St. Louis and I am getting very encouraging letters. So I do not say go immediately somewhere, but keep this idea within your mind and as soon as you find opportunity, do it. Subal is very sincere servant of Lord Krishna and if you follow his example along with

your wife, I am sure you will be benefitted. I beg to acknowledge receipt herewith a check for fifty dollars sent by Subal on behalf of the girl.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS:db

70-1-12

Los Angeles
10th January, 1970

My Dear Bhagavandas,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 6, 1970 and I have noted the contents. I also thank you very much for your appreciation of my books and letters and for my speaking in the meetings. They are not my words, as I have repeatedly informed you that I am simply the bearer of the message from Lord Chaitanya through the disciplic succession and I do not make any addition or subtraction. Similarly, if you all carry these words successively, then the transcendental parampara system will be exactly maintained and people in general will be benefitted. I am very much obliged to my disciples because they are realizing the importance of Krishna Consciousness Movement and it is very much encouraging to me. Please, therefore, continue the standard of understanding. Read regularly our books and try to expand and preach the philosophy as far as possible.

I am glad that you have a nice dictaphone. I am sending, herewith, one tape, number 6. Please try to work on it, edit it nicely and make two carbon copies and one original. The original may be sent to me and the carbon copies may be kept with you for the present and we shall call for them when needed.

Regarding your question—What is meant by an object regaining spiritual quality?—, the answer is that Krishna is

pure knowledge and, therefore, He is the Supreme Person. In other words, He is the Supreme Power, and His Power is manifested throughout by different energies as much as the power of fireplace is expanded by light and heat. When we perceive heat and light, it means that we perceive the original fireplace. The perception of Krishna in everything is actually Krishna consciousness. In our conditioned state, we take it for granted something as separated from Krishna. But actually it is not so. Nothing can be separate from Krishna, everything is resting on Krishna, therefore, things which we consider now matter, when dovetailed for the cause of the Absolute Truth or Krishna, regains its spiritual quality. Another example may be cited in this connection. When we cook foodstuffs in the kitchen for eating ourselves, it is a different thing from the foodstuff which is prepared and offered to Krishna. The same dahl, rice is material for one purpose but the same thing becomes spiritual when it is dovetailed with Krishna. So on the higher platform, there is nothing material when everything is accepted in relationship with Krishna or the Supreme Spirit. I think this will clarify your question.

Yes, you have talked with Gargamuni and actually I am staying in a very nice house, although the rent is very high, 600 dollars per month. So let us see as Krishna desires, but I have told him to find out a house which is not so highly charged.

Please offer my blessings to your good wife, Laxmimoni, and Jagadish Chandra who has written nice poetry which I am sending to the editors of *Back to Godhead*.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS:db

70-1-13

Los Angeles
10th January, 1970c/o Friendly Store
85 Dudden Hill Lane
London N.W. 10
England

My Dear Ksirodasayeeji,

Please accept my blessings. I am so glad to receive your letter, dated 25 December, 1969, addressed to Boston and now redirected here. I have come to Los Angeles on the 29th ultimo. I am living in a very nice house for which they are paying \$600. per month. The house is very calm and quiet and quite suitable for my work, and two devotees are always engaged to assist me. I go, every morning, for a walk in the nice neighborhood called Beverly Hills. So everything is alright here, temperature, atmosphere, facilities, by Krishna's Grace. The Temple here is also well managed. Every day they are going to perform Sankirtan on the streets, twice, and, on the average, they are collecting not less than \$200 daily. So, our only means of subsistence is Krishna's grace and all our needs are fulfilled by the Lord. I am getting reports from all other centers that all of them are selling *Back to Godhead* everyday from 50 to 400 copies per day, according to the importance of the local situation.

Now, so far London is concerned, I have received news from Mukunda that they are also collecting, on the average, 50 pounds daily. So, by the Grace of Krishna, London center has now got a nice building in a nice quarter, a nice Temple and a nice Indian friend like you. I am so glad for your assurance that you shall all combinedly do your utmost to spread Krishna Consciousness Movement from one corner to the other in England. Please do it. Perhaps you know that we endeavored in the locality, and they want 80,000 pounds.

That house I have seen and most probably you might have seen also. It is quite suitable for our purpose, but at the present moment we have no money. That Mr. Banarsi, who is an Indian industrialist in London and lives near that Ajibai's house, promised some help. Now, he is out of his station in India and he is expected to come back by the month of March. He assured me that, when he came back, he would collect at least 200,000 pounds to help me in this connection. I do not know his India address, but somehow or other, if you can send me, I can keep myself in contact with him so that, when he comes back, all of you together take his help in raising this fund and purchase that house. I am also writing Mukunda separately in this connection. So far approaching the Indian community, you may do so with an appeal that Krishna Consciousness Movement is so nice that, by its propagation, there would be no more any other sect and that will be perfect position of the human society. Being influenced by this movement, nobody shall now remain a Hindu, a Christian, a Mohammedan, a Buddhist, like that, but everyone should become servant of Krishna by the simple method of chanting His Holy Name. Krishna is the Supreme Father, and He claims all living entities, in all forms and species of life, as His sons. So why not take this philosophy and practically see how the followers are feeling happy on the basis of Krishna Consciousness. You have got to convince all sections of human society and induce them to come to Krishna Consciousness. London is a great city, perhaps the most important metropolis in the world, many people visit every year. So, combined together, Englishman and Indian should erect such a nice institution there that people from all parts of the world may take advantage of this. Now this is the program before you, and you can further develop it with sincere service and great devotion.

Regarding your Tuesday class at your place, you can continue it as a sub-branch of ISKCON Radha Krishna Temple. The procedure should be exclusively for chanting Hare Krishna mantra or singing other songs just like Govinda jaia jaia, Gopala jaia jaia . . ., and nothing more. Demigod worship in your house or thinking a demigod as equal with Narayana or Krishna should be stopped altogether, actually that is not the fact. Special stress should be given on chanting Hare Krishna mantra, reading from *Bhagavad Gita as it is* or *Srimad Bhagavatam*. In the *Bhagavad Gita* editions, you will find a peculiarity that, in place of Krishna, they have mentioned Paramatma or Paramiswara, or like that. These expressions are more or less indications of impersonalism. Therefore, when *Bhagavad Gita* should be recited, always read 'Krishna.' This transcendental word should be mentioned. So, in that way, you may continue your Tuesday class. Both you and your wife should decorate your foreheads with *urdhapundra tilaka*.

I have seen the letter of Srinath das Khanna. In future, do not enter into much correspondence with him. Now you have got a very great responsibility to push on this Krishna Consciousness Movement above everything. You are a sincere soul, you were in search after proper guidance. I can assure you to do this service for your advanced realization of Krishna Consciousness, which is the highest achievement and perfectional stage in human life.

I hope your wife and children are enjoying good health and offer them my blessings.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:db

70-1-14

Los Angeles
11th January, 1970

Columbus, Ohio

My Dear Jaya Gopal,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated January 9, 1970 along with your check, dollars 15, for my maintenance. For a servant of Krishna, there is no distinction of hell and heaven. Our only ambition should be to serve the Lord. It does not matter where the service is demanded. It is exactly like the soldiers are asked to come forward to fight and there is no question of selecting the place. There are many sincere souls like you in the western world and my Guru Maharaj wanted me to come here and to pick up as many of you as is possible. And I am trying my best. By Grace of Krishna, you have joined me to help in this Krishna Consciousness propaganda and Krishna will surely be pleased upon you very much. Please try to continue this activity of cooperation and we are sure to come out successful.

Regarding Volcer marrying, for the time being they can be married by the civil court without delay. Both the husband and wife may be allowed to associate with you and after a few days, if you recommend for initiation, then you can send their beads and they will be initiated by post. At that time you can perform our regular wedding ceremony as usual. That will be nice. Uninitiated couples cannot be married by us. We shall not take the responsibility of an ordinary marriage maker. Our practice is to help devotees for advancing in Krishna Consciousness. In such activities, when there is necessity, we get them married also.

Regarding your question of an initiated person falling prey to the maya, the answer is that so long we are in this material world, there is always chance of being spoiled by Maya, so we must stick with

vow to the Lotus Feet of Krishna. An initiated devotee is given the chance for becoming free from the entanglement of karma wheel. Initiated means beginning, not wheel. The Spiritual Master's business is to guide him to the perfectional point. But if one does not strictly follow the guidance of a bonafide Spiritual Master his initiation does not bear any meaning. The initiation performance is an agreement by the disciples to abide by the order of the Spiritual Master. Therefore, if the Spiritual Master is bonafide and the disciple is serious to abide by His order, then the success is sure. But if a disciple follows strictly the devotional way of life, he is no longer a karmi and all his activities which may appear to be like ordinary work, or it may be activity according to Scriptural injunction, are counted as devotional service. And devotional service in all circumstances is free from the actions and reactions of karma. I hope this will clear the matter.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:db

70-1-15

Los Angeles
11th January, 1970

My Dear Kulashekhar,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 3, 1969, and I am pleased to learn that your wife, Visakha, has gone to London to learn more about Deity worship from Yamunadevi. And also I am pleased to know that you have taken charge of the Deities at present. This is very nice.

In our devotional service, there are nine different processes for executing devotional service, they are as follows: 1. Hearing, 2. Chanting, 3. Meditating, 4. Offering prayers, 5. Rendering service,

6. Making friendship, 7. Temple worship, 8. Serving the Lotus Feet, 9. Surrendering everything to the Lord. So, out of these nine, sravanam or hearing is very important. This hearing is important in ordinary life also. In the civil action of human society this hearing is a very important factor. Early in the morning, just rising from bed, they want to hear the newspaper, especially in the western countries. But the most unfortunate situation is that the karmis will agree to hear a bunch of newspaper which is ten times more in volume than Bhagavad Gita, but if they are requested to read Bhagavad Gita, they will not agree. So our propaganda is to transfer the taste of the general people from reading rubbish nonsense to reading of Bhagavad Gita, which solves the problems of life. As you are sincere devotee, you should always keep in mind these differences of hearing and try to understand how much important it is to hear about Krishna Consciousness. You are thinking that there are many problems in your life; I assure you that if you follow the regulative principles of chanting 16 rounds, observing strictly the prohibitive injunctions, keep association with pure devotees, plus taking care of the Deities in the Temple, surely all your problems will be solved without any difficulty. Please try it for at least one month and see the result.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACB:db

70-1-16

Los Angeles
12th January, 1970

London

My Dear Tamal,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 7, 1970 and noted the contents.

The sentiments that you have expressed in your letter are all due to my Guru Maharaj who has deputed me to pick up all good souls like you in this part of the world. Fortunately, we are now together and with great enthusiasm and patience let us erect this mission of Krishna Consciousness. I am so glad to read the portion of your letter in which you show your determination to preach this cult in all countries of the world. Please continue this determination and keep all your contemporary God-brothers alive on this point. Surely we will bring in a new chapter in the history of the world.

Now first of all, let me inform you that in the Temple you finish Deity worship by 12 o'clock noon and then the Temple should be closed for 1 hour. Then after 1 o'clock you can continue earlier program for eight hours, as suggested by you, with out any impediment. Offer foodstuffs or Bhoga continually by batches as many times as you can manage and other things also—aratrik, kirtan and discussion may continue for eight hours from 1 to 9 p.m. I think this arrangement will be perfect.

I can understand from your letter that there is very good prospect of spreading our movement in London. I approve your scheme not to charge money for love-feast. Whatever voluntary contribution you receive, that is alright. So far items of foodstuff (Bhoga) and distribution of Prasadum are concerned, there is no need of increasing the number, better reduce it to five just like rice, dahl, chapoti or puri, little sweet rice and a nice vegetable, that is all. And on Sunday you can increase the items up to ten, but make everything very nicely.

I am so glad to learn that you have contacted a very good devotee, Mr. Jasha-Para. By Krishna's Grace you have met such a nice friend, and if he is prepared to spare his apartment in Bombay immediately we can start a Bombay center and

send Jayananda along with his wife and begin work in Bombay. Achyutananda may be called to cooperate with him. In Bombay there are many Vaishnava devotees and they are great industrialists and business magnates, so if we can draw their sympathy there will be no difficulty in expanding our activities. So you can talk with him seriously and if you get this opportunity, then if need be, I can also go there for some time to collect the money.

I understand from your letter that in London we require that big house for facilities, therefore we must try for it heart and soul. I have also written in this connection to Ksirodakasayee das.

Regarding press propaganda under Shyamsundar and Gurudas, do it very nicely. You want to see the Beatles with Shyamsundar but I have not as yet received the money offered by George. His lawyer has given him suggestion which is not very palatable. Will you try to ascertain from them what is the actual position. The best thing would be that George Harrison may simply ask his banker to assure Dai Nippon Co. about payments that the printing may be immediately taken up. The printing process will take at least 2 months. In the meantime, he can manipulate the scheme suggested by his lawyer.

It is pleasing to hear that young boys and girls are coming from different parts of European countries. I am so much enthused to know that we can open our centers in Amsterdam, Stockholm, Munich, Rome and other adjoining cities. Mr. Appa Pant, the high-commissioner of India, is already impressed with my activities. He assured me that he will render all kinds of help from the background but not as a politician. So without taking his official position, he can render service to us in various ways. So try to contact him intelligently.

The proposal of German and French B. T. G.s to be printed in Japan is welcome,

but I do not know if they will take up the work if each item is less than 20,000 copies. But it is a good suggestion. Do the needful in consultation with Brahmaṇanda.

You wanted an urgent reply so I am sending this letter by express delivery. Here in L.A. things are going very nicely. Last night I was present in the Temple. Vishujan played a nice short drama about Kali Yuga and its entrance. It was very nice. There were about 100 guests besides our own men. Gargamuni is taking care of me very nicely. Hope this will meet you alright. Offer my blessings to Shyamsundar, Mukunda and Gurudas and the boys and girls. I am so glad to learn that Yamuna is doing very nicely. Now she may train Visakha who must have come by this time to London.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-1-17

Los Angeles
13th January, 1970

Bank of Baroda
Mohan Mansion
Chandi Chowk
P.O. Box 1409
Delhi 6, India
Agent

Dear Sir:

Re: My savings bank account No. 1452 with you.

Kindly refer to your letter No. FEX 21/2295 dated 20 July, 1969.

Please transfer Rs. 6,000 by mail order to your Calcutta branch, P.O. Box No. 313, Indian Exchange, for credit of my account No. 29/12802, and send me the debit note.

Also please let me know what is the balance at present.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-1-18

Los Angeles
13th January, 1970

Bank of Baroda
P.O. Box No. 313
India Exchange
Calcutta 1, India
Manager

Dear Sir:

Re: My savings bank account No. 29/12802 with you.

Kindly refer to your letter No. FEX 33/6400 dated 29 July, 1969.

I am negotiating with one Mr. Javarali for purchasing a piece of land priced near about 13,000 Rs. Now, if I send you the equivalent in American dollars, whether it will be possible for you to pay him the above approximate price on delivery of the registered conveyance deed?

Further, I beg to inform you that under your receipt No. 31/132 dated Calcutta 25-11-67 there are, in your safe custody, National savings certificates worth 24,000 Rs. These savings certificates can be cashed now having two years passed. Please let me know if you will collect this money and if you do so let me know what I shall have to do in this connection.

In the meantime, I have advised to your Delhi, Chandi Chowk branch to transfer 6,000 Rs. for credit of my above savings bank account with you. The copy of the letter addressed to your Delhi, Chandi Chowk branch is herein enclosed, please find.

So by return mail if you kindly reply in detail all the above points it will be very much appreciated.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-1-19

Los Angeles

13th January, 1970

Punjab National Bank

P.O. Vrindaban (Mathura)

U.P., India

Manager

Dear Sir:

Re: My savings fund account No. 2913 with you.

Please transfer Rs. 5,500 by mail order to your Calcutta branch at Brabourne Rd. for credit of my savings fund account No. 2595.

Please send me your debit note as well as let me know what is the credit balance at present.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-1-20

Los Angeles

13th January, 1970

My Dear Sethji,

Please accept my greetings. I beg to thank you for your New Year's greeting card which I have received here in L.A. after returning from London via Boston. I am so glad to see your quotation from Sri-mad Bhagwatam about the socialistic view of Sri Narada Muni. It is very nice and I have also mentioned it in the preface of my first volume of Sri-mad Bhagwatam. Krishna Consciousness Movement is so

nice that it can adjust the disagreement between socialism and capitalism. At the present moment, neither of these isms is perfect from the philosophical point of view, but if both parties take this common formula of Krishna Consciousness each one will supplement the other. I think, therefore, that this Krishna Consciousness Movement should be pushed thoroughly all over the world and I am seeing practically that it has got powerful effect.

There are many millionaire Vaishnava business magnates in India, like your good self, and if they like, they can cooperate with this movement tremendously. When I was in London your second son with his wife and friends came to see me when I was staying as guest in the house of Mr. John Lennon. This was before the completion of our Temple house at 7 Bury Place.

When I was staying in London I received one letter from Hitsaranji that the Dalmia-Jain Trust as well as the Birla Trust have agreed to give us five pairs of Radha-Krishna Murtis for being installed in different Temples and I gave immediately instructions where to send them. But until now I have no information about the dispatch of the Deities. All the centers are reminding me. So if you will kindly ask Hitsaranji to do it without delay that will be very kind of you. Things are going on here nicely. In every center Sankirtan parties are going around the town. Sometimes the authorities are checking us from doing so but we have not yet stopped, neither we have in our mind anything to stop this Sankirtan Movement. On the whole things are improving daily and I hope it will continue to be so on and on.

Please let me know by return mail what is the position of dispatching the Deities and I will be very much obliged.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

N.B. The following books are being sent

to you by separate post: Sri Isopanisad, Two Essays and Back to Godhead published by our own ISKCON Press in Boston.

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70-1-21

Los Angeles
14th January, 1970

My Dear Hayagriva,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your two letters dated January 5 and 8 1970 respectively, and I am so much moved from your kind sentiments that you have expressed for my humble activities. Actually I am not worthy of any one of the word spoken by you but all of them are due to my Spiritual Master Who was so kind to me. In fact I am a worthless person because my Spiritual Master ordered me to take up this work in 1922 but I did not carry his order until 1958, when I was obliged to carry out His order by His arrangement only. This means although I was not very enthusiastic to carry out His order He forced me circumstantially to accept it. So this is His special mercy upon me and I always think about this with gratitude to this exalted personality coming directly from Vaikuntha World and we had the great fortune to meet Him. I think that is the only credit on our part that we happened to meet Him by some 'ajñata sukṛiti' or unknown auspicious activities. He is so kind upon me that when I came to your country, where I was completely unknown, He sent to me some good souls like you unsolicited. So I accept you all as assistants or representatives of my Guru Maharaj Who is still helping me because I am so feeble and unworthy. Anyway, the business which we have taken to work together is neither your business nor my business as far we are personally concerned, but it is the business of Lord Chaitanya and His bona-

fide servants like my Guru Maharaj. Therefore it is the duty of all of us to execute it as nicely as far as possible within our capacity. In other words, we shall just try to discharge our responsible duties faithfully and seriously, then all facilities will come for our help.

The Vrindavan scheme as suggested by you appears to be very nice. You purchase the adjoining two farms in the name of ISKCON and leave it to His Holiness Kirtananda Maharaj and the devotees for further development.

Regarding *Krishna* book, as soon as it is ready we will begin to print it either on our own press or in Japan as it is suitable and we shall not wait for George's \$19,000. His lawyer has put some difficulty in the matter and it is not yet settled up. Regarding our enlarged, revised Bhagavat Gita As It Is, if possible you can conveniently give an enlarged introduction also.

Here in Los Angeles they are selling our literature very nicely and yesterday I received the blue print of "*Isopanisad*" and this also appears very nice. If Kirtananda Maharaj moves amongst the school, college and university authorities and induces them to recommend this "*Isopanisad*" for additional reading by the students either privately or in the library it will be a great achievement. As you have read it, we have tried to discuss the nature of God's greatness and our relationship to Him as preliminary chapter of Krishna Consciousness. So this book is the cheapest of all our other books and they can easily be introduced for mass reading and they will be benefited undoubtedly.

Regarding publication by Mr. Ferlingetti, I have got all approval and we must take this opportunity for making our publication still more popular. Please try for it.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-1-22

Los Angeles
14th January, 1970

My Dear Jadurani,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 10, 1970. I asked you to work four hours just to give you not very much strain because I found you weaker than I saw you before. On the whole you can work conscientiously so that you may not feel tired due to your weakness. So sometimes if you go with Sankirtan Party that will be a nice relaxation. So for each and every time you do not write to me but use your best discretion and do everything easily and without strain. That is my advice.

Being in the disciplic succession of Prahlad Maharaj certainly we are not interested for our personal liberation as much as we want to work for the liberation of the conditioned souls because Krishna desires it. So you are an intelligent girl, I need not talk much, and be happy in Krishna Consciousness business.

I am very glad to learn that Murlidar, Devahuti and Baradraj are working together. You simply supervise them. I know Baradraj is a very fast working painter and if he sticks to his work, certainly he will do wonderfully.

So far Devahuti is concerned, she is elder woman but very nice and sober as well as qualified. Because she is of the age of all of your mothers, she should be treated very respectfully. Nothing should be ordered to her but simply suggested so that she may work in her own way. You should personally see to the comforts and conveniences so that she may feel very happy to stay with you all young boys and girls. So far I have studied and it is quite natural that she requires a little respectful dealing from the young boys and girls.

I do not follow what you mean by that they are starting to sell samossas. We

should not sell any Prasadum, we shall distribute Prasadum and we can ask for contributions. That should be the method. But our magazines should be sold as many as possible and I am glad to learn that sometimes you are selling more than 200 copies.

Now Brahmananda will be going to Boston for the further development of the center and one of the items I suggested before should be to distribute free copies of BTG to a group of respectable persons every month with special reference to presidents of the foundations who are inclined to give contributions to religious institutions. You may convey this message to Satsvarupa and Brahmanada. Hope this will find you alright.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
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70-1-23

Los Angeles
14th January, 1970

Executive Senior Editor
Los Angeles Times
Times Mirror Sq.
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your article in the Los Angeles Times dated Sunday 11th January, 1970 under the heading "Krishna Chant," I beg to point out that Hindu religion is perfectly based on Personal conception of God or Vishnu. Impersonal conception of God is a side issue or one of the three features of God. The Absolute Truth is ultimately the Supreme Personality of God-head, the Paramatma conception is localised aspect of His omnipresence and the impersonal conception is the aspect of His greatness and eternity. But all combined together makes the Complete Whole. Dr. J.F. Staal's

statement that Krishna cult is a combination of Christian and Hindu religion—as if something manufactured by concoction,—is not correct. If Christian, Mohammedan or Buddhist religions are personal that is quite welcome. But Krishna religion is personal from a time long, long ago when Christian, Mohammedan and Buddhist religions had not yet come into existence. According to the Vedic conception, religion is basically made by the Personal God as His laws. Religion cannot be manufactured by man or anyone superior to man. Religion is the law of God only.

Unfortunately all the Swamis who came before me in this country stressed the impersonal aspect of God without sufficient knowledge of Personal aspect of God. In the Bhagavad Gita, therefore it is said that only less intelligent persons consider that God is originally impersonal but when He incarnates He assumes a Form. But Krishna philosophy based on the authority of the Vedas is that originally the Absolute Truth is the Supreme Personality of Godhead. His plenary expansion is present in everyone's heart in His localised aspect and the impersonal Brahman effulgence is the transcendental light and heat distributed everywhere. In the Bhagavad Gita it is clearly said that the aim of Vedic way of searching out the Absolute Truth is to find out the Personal God. If one is satisfied only with the other aspects of the Absolute Truth namely the Paramatma feature or the Brahma feature—such person is to be considered as one possessed of poor fund of knowledge. Recently we have published our "*Ishopanishad*" a Vedic literature and in this small booklet we have thoroughly discussed this point.

So far Hindu religion is concerned, there are millions of Krishna Temples in India and there is not a single Hindu who does not worship Krishna. Therefore, this Krishna Consciousness movement is not a

concocted idea. We invite all scholars, philosophers, religionists or members of the general public to understand this movement by critical study. And if one does so seriously, one will understand the sublime position of this great movement. The chanting process is also authorized. Professor Stall's feeling of disgust in the matter of constant chanting of the holy Name of Krishna is a definite proof of his lack of knowledge in this authorized movement of Krishna Consciousness. Instead of turning down the request to give Kary's course credit, he along with all other learned professors of the C.U. Berkley should patiently hear about the truth of this authorized movement so much needed at present in Godless society. This is the only movement which can save the confused frustrated younger generation. I invite all responsible guardians of this country to understand this transcendental movement and then give us all honest facilities to spread it for everyone's benefit.

Sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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cc: to J.F. Staal

Professor of philosophy and Near Eastern
Languages
University of California
Berkley

70-1-24

Boston

Los Angeles
15th January, 1970

My Dear Bhavananda, Aravinda,
Pradyumna and Patita Uddharan,

Please accept my blessings. I am so much thankful to you all for sending me the first blue print copy of "*Isopanisad*". It is so nicely done that I am fully satisfied although there are certain discrepancies which I hope will be revised in our next

issue. On the whole it is very nice considering the attempt being all first adventure of our boys.

I am specifically drawing the attention of Patita Uddharan that you may write articles whenever you find time and hand them over to Satsvarupa for publishing in our BTG.

Hope this meets all of you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-1-25

Los Angeles

15th January, 1970

Boulder

My Dear Harer Nama,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 31 December, 1969 and have duly noted the contents. I have just arrived here in Los Angeles from London via Boston and your letter was forwarded to me here.

I am glad to learn that there is one boy, Neal Delmonico, now staying with the devotees at the Temple. Now I am in Los Angeles, and many students will be initiated next Sunday, January 25th. So if you recommend, he may be initiated at that time. If he sticks to the principles of our devotional service, it will not be difficult to save him from the draft.

We have been recognized by the draft board as a religious society and if our student seriously understands the philosophy of Bhagavat Gita or Science of God, follows the regulative principles strictly with clear heart without any doubt, then naturally he is promoted to the ministerial status. So our Society is authorized to award the ministerial status but the students must be equally serious in understanding the philosophy.

We require hundreds of bonafide stu-

dents in Krishna Consciousness. The world is in need of this function. People are going to hell for want of proper guidance. No other religious institution are so much serious about God consciousness as we are. So you must train your contemporaries in such spirit of alertness, then we shall be able to open hundreds of centers, and the people in general shall be saved from being misguided.

Hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

N.B.—Regarding Professor Srivastava, please encourage him to participate in understanding our movement, and show him our literatures.—ACBS

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70-1-26

Los Angeles

15th January, 1970

London

My Dear Mukunda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 10 Jan., 1970, and it understood that the St. Giles in the Field School is available on rent. Now you have asked my instructions in this connection.

The first thing is that suppose we occupy that big house, what will happen to the present house which you have taken on lease agreement for three years? The present house being situated in a very important place, we have to think that by vacating this house we shall be losing a grand situation. Under the circumstances even though we occupy the big school house, whether we can utilize the present house or we shall keep this house as it is going on and we shall make another big attempt in that big house. So you have to consult amongst yourselves what to do in this connection.

Now before occupying the house it

must be thoroughly repaired by the owner, and I see that you have made a condition to grant £8,000/(eight thousand) for repairs. If it is thoroughly repaired then it will be a grand house for our purposes.

The next thing is if you are in a position to pay £1,000/-(one thousand) per month. So far I know your collection at present moment is at the rate of £40-50/-(forty to fifty) per day. Now if you occupy this house, whether it will be possible for you to collect more money by some device of Prasadam distribution or otherwise. The idea is to make the big establishment in the big house, you will have to collect at least £100/-(one hundred) per day by some means or other.

The next point is whether it is possible to take the house on lease with option to purchase. The price is presently fixed up at £80,000/-(eighty thousand). Now if there is some arrangement with option to purchase and we can secure the money to pay them £80,000 the money already paid to them in lieu of rent should be deducted. In this connection, a time limit may be set up within which we may be able to secure this £80,000 and pay them less the amount already paid in lieu of rent.

I think on basis of this negotiation will be alright. So far reference for bank, I have got some money for printing my books and if required I can arrange such reference from my banker. That can be arranged.

What happened to the parcels from Bombay for the manjiras in the Lloyd's Bank? If you have received the consignment you can send me one pair here. I want to see how they are.

Please inform Yamunadevi that I have her nice letter, and I shall reply it in due course. Also offer my blessings to all devotees, Janaki, Malati and all others. Ask Gurudas to send me some pictures of the Installation Ceremony and some of them may be directly sent to Boston for publica-

tion in BTG.

Our book, "*Isopanisad*," is already out and you can send orders to ISKCON Books for this item. It is very nice.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. I have not as yet received payment from George for my Krishna book. Please let me know what happens

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70-1-27

Los Angeles

16th January, 1970

Paris

My Dear Janardan,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your two letters post dated 2 and 4 January, 1970 respectively, the former redirected here from Boston.

I am pleased to note that although you have not yet secured a Temple building you are moving our program forward on other fronts. The arrangement for the composing and printing of BTG in French and German languages is already settled, and if you all continue to translate my books and articles and write articles yourselves; that will make the work successful. The people in general can be reached very well by the distribution of our literatures and by the propagation of Sankirtan in the streets. These are our two mridungas for reawakening the sleeping conditioned souls.

I am especially enthusiastic for our Krishna Consciousness philosophy or the teachings of Lord Chaitanya to be advanced for the benefit of the learned circle and in this connection your well received expose at the university is encouraging. Please continue your efforts to convince

them of the great universal necessity of this scientific philosophy to solve all the knotty difficulties of life by practical application of the Vedic knowledge according to the Parampara prescription of the bonafide Acharyas.

The verse which you have requested is as follows:

kirata huna andhra pulinda pukasa
abhira sumbha yavanah khasadayah
ye'nye c papa yadupasrayasrayah
sudhyanti tasmai prabhavisnabe
namah. (Bhag. 2/5/18)

These are different names of non-Aryans or chandalas, less than the sudras. They are called panchamas or fifth grade men. Brahmins are first grade men; Kshatriyas, second grade, Vaishas, third grade; Sudras, fourth grade. There are many of these different fifth grade men and it is difficult to find who are these fifth grade persons in present society. But the point is that they are all less than Sudra.

So these persons are all less than Sudras but Srimad Bhagwatam says even they, under the guidance of a pure devotee, can also be raised up to the highest standard more than the Brahmins. If somebody questions how it is possible, how the most degraded of the human society be more than a Brahmin that is also confirmed in Vedic language that it does not matter if one is born of low grade family or chandalas, if he is a devotee of the Lord, he is first class man. There are other statements that a man after becoming a devotee becomes immediately qualified to execute sacrificial ceremonies. In this connection, Jeeva Goswami has given his commentation that a person born even in a Brahmin family is dependent on the purificatory processes as accepting initiation and sacred thread, but a devotee without waiting for such recognition becomes fit to act as a Brahmin, and this is the statement of Narada Muni in this verse. This means as stated in the Bhagavad Gita there

are different symptoms of different classes of men—just like a Brahmin is truthful, clean, self-controlled, equipoised, tolerant, simple, full of knowledge, theist, and so on. Similarly a Kshatriya has symptoms—a tendency for ruling over others, martial spirited, charitable, does not flee away from the battlefield and so on. Similarly, the symptoms of a Vaisha is his tendency to agriculture, trade, cow protection and banking. And the Sudras tendency is to wome way or other work anywhere and get some wages.

So Narada Muni says that these symptoms are not stereotyped or stagnant; they are flexible. A man may be born in the family of a Brahmin but he might have the tendency of a Kshatriya or Vaisha or Sudra. Similarly a man may be born in the family of a Sudra or Chandala but he may have the tendencies for a Brahmin. Just like Ekaballabha was born in a Chandala family but he had the tendency of a Kshatriya. Similarly Viswamitra Muni was born in a family of Kshatriyas but his tendency was of becoming a Brahmin.

So Narada Muni says that men should be judged by his tendencies, not by his birth, and this is also confirmed in Bhagavat Gita by Lord Krishna that the four divisions of human society should be judged by the qualities in actual work. Therefore with reference to all Vedic Scriptures our members are all Brahmins and therefore we offer them the sacred thread although they are born, according to Vedic culture, in the families of other than Brahmins or even than the Sudras. But that does not mean they cannot be purified. Actually they are being trained in such a way, their hearts are being purified by chanting the Mahamantra. And after some days when the Spiritual Master sees that one has followed the regulative principles faithfully and has abstained himself from the restricted items like illicit sex life, etc. and has chanted regularly 16 rounds then say

after a year or six months when he appears to be purified in the judgment of the Spiritual Master he is offered the sacred thread, and he is given the chance of Deity worship in the Temple. These Smarta Brahmins contest that unless one is born in a Brahmin family one cannot be given these facilities. But Narada Muni says no; a man should be judged by the symptoms of his character. And Srimad Bhagwatam says that the Kiratas, etc. can be purified by a pure devotee because the influence of Lord Vishnu is so strong. *Prabha Vishnave* means the powerful Lord Vishnu; *prabha* means that the light or heat of Vishnu is so strong that it is possible to melt them. Only the devotees of Lord Vishnu or Krishna can be purified, not the devotees of any demigod. They will have to wait for their next birth according to their own karma.

So under this formula the whole European and American people who are so intelligent and materially advanced can be converted into pure Vedic Brahmins, and thus their mission of human life becomes successful, and the whole world becomes a garden of blooming flowers.

Take all these words very seriously and try to propagate Krishna Consciousness with all serenity. It will be a great gift to the human society. You are a learned and intelligent and young man; think over the formula and try to execute to the best of your capacity. That is my request.

Hope this will find you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-1-28

Los Angeles
16th January, 1970

Washington, D.C.

My Dear Madhusudan,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to

acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 13, 1970 and your question is very peculiar.

You have admitted that it is something like the tricks of the mind. May I ask you if you are regularly chanting 16 rounds of beads? The tricks of the mind or influence of Maya will infiltrate if we do not follow the regulative principles and regularly chant the prescribed Names without any offense. Perhaps you know that there are 10 (ten) kinds of offenses in chanting the Holy Name. The first offense is not to obey the order of the Spiritual Master, and the second is to minimise the authoritative value of the Scriptures. These things are infiltrating within you as I see from your writings that Vedas or Bhagwatam or Gita seem not so universal.

What is the reason of your thinking like that? What do you mean by universal? Do you think that there is any other Scripture in the world which is more universal than the Vedas and Bhagwat etc.? Is there any literature in the world which is more sublime in knowledge than the Bhagavat Gita? The word "Krishna" means "All Attractive," so where you get the foreign element in Krishna? Does it mean that He is attractive for all except yourself? And if He is not attractive to you, why it is so? So you kindly answer all these questions from me.

You say that you will do as I say and you also prayed to Madhusudan to slay the demon of your doubt but unless you act according to the direction of Madhusudan how can Madhusudan or Madhusudan's father help you. You are with us practically for the last four years and still if you think you cannot surrender to Krishna without any doubt, then what kind of progress you have made by this time?

So this Krishna science can be understood through the process of sincere service, and so far any doubt which may sometimes arise in our mind there are the

devotees, the Scriptures and the Spiritual Master. Did you discuss all your doubts with your contemporary God-brothers and devotees? So there are many questions like this about you.

You say that within your heart you know that Krishna is the Original Personality of Godhead but when you think of Krishna or try to feel Him you think Krishna as foreign on account of Sanskrit language. Please, therefore, be careful that Maya is peeping at you and if you do not take care timely it may prove fatal. Please, therefore, chant regularly without the offenses and be steady in your situation without any tottering of the mind. Krishna is the Supreme Personality of Godhead without any question. He is accepted as such beginning from Arjuna through all the great Acharyas—Ramanujacharya, Madhyacharya, Sankaracharya, Lord Chaitanya, Lord Brahma, the Vedic authorities Vyasdeva and Narada—like that, down to ourselves.

So this knowledge descends through bonafide disciplic succession. You have accepted this chain of authorities, now you are feeling doubts means certainly you are being attacked by Maya.

So please take care and chant Hare Krishna regularly without any offence.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS:db

70-1-29

Los Angeles
16th January, 1970

My Dear Yamuna,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your nice letter dated 12 January, 1970 and I have noted the contents.

I am so happy to know that the activities in London center are progressing with

such great success. It is our desire that we shall always be engaged fully 24 hours in the service of Lord Krishna; in this way our lives will become perfectly joyful simply by singing and dancing and taking Prasadum. So if you carry on your service to Radha and Krishna according to the prescribed rules, your love of Krishna will increase more and more; this you are seeing practically by the Grace of Krishna.

So far colors that may be offered to the Deities, all colors may be utilized just suitable to your scheme. But black should not be used for the Deities dresses or for Temple decorations.

Krishna as He is appearing in our Temples is in the Kaisore age, and the dress which I have introduced is His dress of Kaisore age. In our Temples the Deities, Radha and Krishna are worshipped as Lakshmi-Narayan with all the opulences of Their Majestic Lordship in Dwarka. The worship of Radha-Krishna as They appear in Vrindavan is a very advanced stage, so we worship Them in the Temples as Lakshmi-Narayan. Actually there is no difference because Lakshmi-Narayan is directly the expansion of Radha-Krishna. We are following the prescribed method of Temple worship as it is the effective program for developing the highest perfection of pure love of Krishna.

If Prasadum is to be honored in the Temple room, the curtains may be drawn before the Deities while the devotees are taking Prasadum. The best arrangement is to honor Prasadum in a separate room for the purpose, if possible.

The aratik articles may be returned to the same places, especially the conch shell, but the deeps, lamps, should be set down from their places because they must be washed.

I am very glad to learn that the three girls from France are advancing nicely under your tutelage. Please continue to

train them up to chant regularly and to always keep engaged in Krishna activities. As ideal householder girl, you are giving them the best example of Krishna conscious life. Please offer my blessings to them and to all the devotees.

Hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

70-1-30

Los Angeles

21st January, 1970

Tokyo

My Dear Bali Mardan,

Please accept my blessings. When I was in London I received your kind letter dated 28 November, 1969, but as there were many engagements regularly as well as there was installation ceremony on the 14th of December, I could not reply your letter sooner.

Now the MS of *Krishna* book as well as the pictures, it is not yet settled up where it is to be printed either in Japan or in our own press, but I have acknowledged the letter of Dia Nippon and the copy is enclosed.

I understand that you are now preparing for going to Australia, and I am so much glad that you are so enthusiastic in preaching the transcendental cult of Krishna Consciousness. Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu will be very much pleased upon you. Lord Chaitanya desired that this cult of love for Krishna, which is the highest benefit for the living entity, shall be preached all over the world. As an intelligent boy you can understand how much this Krishna Consciousness Movement is necessary for the upliftment of the human society.

Due to their extraordinary materialistic way of life, the so called 'civilized' human society has degraded to the position of the animals. They are now dancing na-

ked on the public stage and so called 'respectable' persons are going to enjoy such performances. The animals wander here and there naked, the monkeys walk naked; even the aborigines in the jungles they also cover their private parts by some skin or tree or leaf. I do not know how the so called 'civilized' men are gliding to the stage of animal life and still they are proud of their advancement of education and civilization.

So the disease of the human society is becoming more and more acute and Lord Chaitanya desired that the Indians should preach this cult for the benefit of the human society. Unfortunately, the present generation of Indians is more attracted to technological knowledge than this cult of Krishna Consciousness. Their position is very precarious.

Somehow or other, under the order of my Spiritual Master I have brought this cult of Krishna Consciousness and handed it over to the American boys and girls. So I am appealing to everyone, especially intelligent boys like you, to take up the propaganda work of Krishna Consciousness Movement very seriously, and it will be a great service to the human beings. We have got now sufficient books and literatures and our philosophy is super-excellent. We are authorized, and we shall go ahead more and more.

I hope this will find you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-1-31

Los Angeles

21st January, 1970

Montreal

My Dear Jaya Pataka,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 17 January, 1970 along with your

maintenance fund check and the copy of the incorporation documents. You have done a great service by incorporating our Society in Canada. Please immediately send a copy to Chitananda in Vancouver branch so that he can do the needful also.

I am glad to learn that you are realizing about Krishna's providing us with more and more facilities and that you are appreciating for my following purely the instructions of my Spiritual Master. Yes, that is the secret of success. In the Chaitanya Charitamrita it is said that one is successful in Krishna consciousness by the combined Mercy of the Spiritual Master and Krishna. By the Mercy of Krishna we come in contact with a bonafide Spiritual Master and by the Mercy of a bonafide Spiritual Master we can approach Krishna.

So, both of Them are cause and effect of either of Them. Krishna is the original Spiritual Master known as Chaitya Guru an He manifests Himself as the Instructor Spiritual Master. So this principle of following Krishna and Guru simultaneously is the secret of success, and if you follow this policy in the chain of disciplic succession than there is no doubt about your final achievement.

The Shankara's Bhaja Govinda verse is as follows:

Bhaja Govindam bhaja Govindam
bhaja Govindam mudha mate
Prapte sannihite khalu marane
Nahi nahi raksati dukrin karane.

This is Shankara's last instruction to his followers, and the purport is that the maya-vadi philosophers are very much accustomed to draw favorable meanings from unwanted interpretations by grammatical jugglery. In Sanskrit the grammatical jugglery is a great puzzle, there are many words which can be changed into different meanings by grammatical root derivations and affixing and prefixing pratyayas. So Shankara advised that do not try to exact

favorable conclusions by beating the Shastras, but be submissive to Lord Govinda and worship Him. Otherwise, this grammatical jugglery of words will not help you at the time of death. At that time only if you can someway or other remember the Lotus Feet of Govinda, Krishna, that will save you, O' the fool number-one. Don't waste your time in misinterpreting the Shastras.

I hope this will find you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Los Angeles

21st January, 1970

Sree Chaitanya Gaudiya Math

35 Satish Mukherjee Road

Calcutta-26

India

My Dear Sripad Madhav Maharaj,

Please accept my humble dandabat. I thank you very much for your encouraging letter dated 11 January, 1970 from Gauhati. It is so very much pleasing that you are preaching the message of Lord Chaitanya throughout Northern India beginning from Jahore to Gaubati. Similarly, I am also trying my best to execute this service in my humble capacity as far as possible.

You will be pleased to know that very recently we are going to send some preachers to Australia. We have got already our center in Tokyo; and I am sending two devotees, one from Tokyo; and another from here, Los Angeles, to Sydney (Australia). I hope you will kindly bestow your blessings for successful execution of this new adventure.

Srila Prabhupada sent His disciples for preaching work mostly as Brahmacharies and Sanyasies; but I have adopted the method of sending young married couples

for such preaching work, and you will be pleased to know that this system in these countries has proved more effective.

I am very much pleased to know that sometimes you enjoy the writing in my magazine, "Back to Godhead," and I am sure you are getting these regularly every month. Both your Calcutta and Vrindavan addresses are on the complimentary list. I understand also that Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Dirle, who came to your Calcutta Math to meet you, took interest in our magazines, and if you send me their address we shall be pleased to send them complimentary copies.

I am so much obliged to you that all of our God-brothers are happy to learn about my activities in the West. Actually, whatever is happening it is due to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada because personally I am completely incapable.

You have inquired about my books and I am pleased to report that three volumes of Srimad Bhagwatam and one small booklet entitled "Easy Journey to Other Planets" were published from India. And since I have come to the Western countries, Messrs. Macmillan and Company have published my book *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*, and my Society has published *Teachings of Lord Chaitanya* and *Sri Isopanisad*. Now by the Grace of Srila Prabhupada we have got our own press in Boston. On this press our Srimad Bhagwatam shall be printed up to the Sixth Canto starting from the month of February.

But everything is possible by the Grace of Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu because he specifically appeared to reclaim the most fallen souls, and I find it practically, daily that although these boys and girls are fallen in the material estimate they have taken to this Krishna Consciousness Movement very seriously and the result is very quick. The newspaper reporters advertise about these boys and girls as the "bright faced," and actually it is so. By

nature these American boys and girls are fair complexioned or white. They are beautiful also, and when they take to Krishna Consciousness with symbols of mala and tiloka they appear to be coming directly from Vaikuntha Planets.

Regarding Mayapour land, practically my jurisdiction of preaching work is covered mostly in these Western countries; and because Srila Bhaktivinode Thakur wanted it that the American and European devotees should come to Mayapur, therefore I am trying for it. If you kindly help in this connection it will be a great assistance. I have already written to Achyutananda in this connection and whichever plot of land you altogether select, I will accept it. I have already written one letter to Sripad Yayabar Maharaj, but until now I have received no reply from him. Sripad Paramhansa Maharaj has promised to help me in this connection. So I am awaiting their decision.

I thank you very much for your kind letter once more, and hope this will meet you in good health.

Yours affectionately,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
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70-1-33

Los Angeles
21st January, 1970

Dear Sriman Yeager,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 20, 1969.

Upendra is now living with me and he has spoken very nicely about you so some way or other I understand you are interested in Krishna Consciousness and this is a good sign and opportunity. Please try to understand the philosophy with all your reason and faith; and as you have inquired from me I shall try my best to convince you in the subject.

Regarding your question that "the devotees are more kind than the Lord because they understand the purpose of the Lord," I may inform you that the Lord's advice to His devotee (pointing out to Arjuna) is that one should not speak about God-consciousness to a person who is neither a devotee nor has undergone any disciplinary methods. But a devotee sometimes takes the risk of approaching non-devotee rascals even at the cost of life. The best example is your Christian religion's Lord Jesus Christ. Lord Jesus Christ risked his life for speaking God-consciousness amongst a people who were fanatics. A similar incidence is there in the action of Lord Nityananda.

Lord Nityananda, when passing on the street, saw a crowd of people howling at some incident, and on inquiry it was found that there were two rascals of the then name Jagai and Madhai. They were always disturbing people in drunken condition. Nityananda Prabhu thought it wise that these two brothers may be delivered so that Lord Chaitanya's mercy could be well known all over the world. When Lord Nityananda approached them He was immediately hurt by violent attack. On this incidence Lord Chaitanya became very angry and He called for His Sudarsan Chakra to kill these debauches. Lord Nityananda then implored Lord Chaitanya not to kill Jagai and Madhai but to save them. By this time Jagai and Madhai came to their senses and immediately they surrendered unto both the Lords and were delivered by the mercy of Lord Nityananda. So Lord Nityananda or Baladev is the original Spiritual Master, and such pure devotee sometimes takes the risk of life in order to reclaim a person who might have otherwise been rejected by the Lord. The devotee knows that the Lord wants all the fallen souls to come back to Home, and therefore the devotees always try to induce the conditioned souls to take

to Krishna Consciousness by various ways and means. Therefore the conclusion is that a devotee is more kind than the Lord Himself.

By such advanced devotional service a devotee becomes quickly recognized by the Lord. That is also stated in the Bhagavat Gita. Actually, without the mercy of a devotee nobody can approach the Lord directly—and it is easier to get mercy of a devotee than to get mercy of the Lord. So therefore the most intelligent way of approaching God is to take shelter of a pure devotee.

Somehow or other if one can please a pure devotee of the Lord, such action means immediate satisfaction of the Lord, even though such a person is not officially qualified to receive the mercy of the Lord.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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21st January, 1970

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Recently, in the month of October, we have purchased one house in Boston at a cost of \$70,000 and have started our own press at a cost of \$20,000. You will be pleased to know that the American boys took to work in some professional press to learn the arts of operating press work, book-binding etc. They earned some money by so working and now they have started the press working themselves; otherwise, it would not have been possible. So Your Holiness' blessings for these sincere devotees are very much welcome.

I am so much obliged to you for your ventilating our activities in your esteemed paper, "Sree Chaitanya Bani" in India. When I was in London, your disciple Sri-man Sachisuta das Adhikary saw me several times, and he was regularly attending

my weekly discourses in the London Con-way Hall. I understand that he is also working on some press there, and I was so much pleased to see him.

I am so obliged to you for giving shelter to Sriman Achyutananda Brahmachary when he was in Calcutta. Sriman Jaya Govinda das Brahmachary who saw you in Vrindavan is now staying in our center in Hamburg, Germany where he is in charge of "Back to Godhead" in German language. We are now publishing English "BTG" 50,000 copies per month, German "BTG" 5,000 copies per month and French "BTG" 5,000 copies per month. And very soon we may be able to publish a Spanish "BTG" from Mexico where two devotees, husband and wife are going to open a center.

Regarding our London Math at 7 Bury Place, it was very successfully opened and the seva puja operations are going on very, very nicely under the care of Srimati Yamuna Devi. It is always full with devotees since its opening and all kinds of people Indian and European are participating in the daily functions. You will be glad to learn that one Mohammedan boy in London became my disciple under proper initiation besides a few Indian Hindus also.

We are now feeling the present place of London center, although is a five storied building, is not large enough to accommodate all the devotees. We have taken another house for the householder devotees and the present house is inhabited by thirty-one male devotees only. There is a very nice house in the neighborhood of central London demanding 100,000 English pounds corresponding to Rs. 18 lacs; but as you know, I am always penniless, it is only a dream for me.

There are many Indians like Mr. B. K. Birla who can help in this connection, but neither I have got any acquaintance with them, nor I am getting any help from India's side in this great propaganda work of

Krishna Consciousness Movement which is actually felt by the local people as a major spiritual revolutionary movement. Nobody, either European or India, expected ever that the European and American boys and girls would strictly follow the regulative principles; namely, not to indulge in illicit sex-life, no taking of intoxicants up to the point of not taking tea or cigarettes, no meat eating and no gambling. Not only that, the boys in clean shaven head and saffron dress will go on the streets and chant Hare Krishna Mantra so jubilantly.

70-1-35

Los Angeles

22nd January, 1970

Advocate, Supreme Court of India

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India

My Dear Barindra Babu,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you very much for your kind letter dated January 9, 1970. It is very encouraging to me that you are taking so much active interest in the matter of spreading Krishna Consciousness and willing our Society to gather strength throughout the world. I thank you for your good will.

Actually this Krishna Consciousness Movement inaugurated by Lord Chaitanya is the only panacea for all the diseases of the material world; the missing point is forgetfulness of God. This is not a new thing because the reason for our material existence is forgetfulness of our relationship with God. Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu very mercifully reclaimed the fallen souls especially in this age by this short-cut method of chanting Hare Krishna Mantra.

By repeated chanting of this transcendental sound vibration, dirty things in the materialistic mind become cleansed. The

dirty things in the materialistic mind are the modes of passion and ignorance. When the modes of passion and ignorance come in, although the process of cleansing is not yet completed the modes of goodness become prominent. This means that the propensity of being lusty and greedy diminishes and one can be fixed up in the devotional service of the Lord. When one is fixed up in the modes of goodness and devotional service of the Lord, he can factually understand his constitutional position, and that is his liberation.

According to authorized Vedic Scriptures liberation means to be fixed up in one's original position. The original position is that each and every living entity is part and parcel of the Supreme Lord and as such it is the duty of every living entity to cooperate with the Supreme. This cooperation is devotional service. So you have taken some interest in this matter. Please try to propagate this philosophy amongst the educated circle in Calcutta, and that is the best humanitarian service.

Mr. N. C. Chatterjee knows me very well because when I was in Delhi in connection with my publishing work Mr. Chatterjee used to invite me to speak at his house, and he has very highly spoken of my Srimad Bhagavatam English commentaries.

Achyutananda is a very sincere young American boy, and your cooperation with him is very much appreciated. Now, the difficulty is that he is a foreigner. I understand that the land in Mayapur cannot be purchased in his name alone. Under the circumstances if our Society is immediately registered under Societies' Registration Act the problem will be solved. We have registered our Society in America, Canada and England also; why not India? You are yourself a learned lawyer, you know better than me, and if possible kindly help in this connection.

Your appreciation of my adventure at this part of my life has encouraged me, and I think that by the prayers of good souls like you I may be able to work for sometime more in the interest of this great movement. You have said, "Kindly treat me as one of your humble disciples." It will be my prime duty to help you to my best capacity for your spiritual advancement of life.

I am sending herewith a copy of the letter which I have addressed to the Home Department, Government of West Bengal regarding the purchase of land. So if necessary you can do the needful with this letter. I am also enclosing some newspaper pictures of our Western devotees' recent activities. After seeing them, you can give them over to Achyutananda; they will help him his preaching work.

I hope this will meet you in very good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
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70-1-36

Los Angeles
22nd January, 1970

Boston

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your three letters dated January 12, 13 and 17, 1970 respectively as well as the check for \$149.36. Thank you very much.

Regarding the confidential letter, I may inform you that a Sanyasi has no connection with his family. That is legal. So at the present status, I have no legal obligation to my family. Before taking to Sanyas, what ever little money I had I have given to them. So I shall think over this matter once again and let you know.

Regarding Seattle letter, I have replied the same and the copy, as desired by you,

is enclosed herewith. I have seen the Selective Service letter which is very encouraging. Now if our students strictly follow the chalked out plan; namely chanting 16 rounds daily, following the restrictive regulations and reading at least one chapter from our books, then automatically they become ordained ministers. One might be examined by anyone, outsider, and he will never fail the test. So you try to see that things are exacted according to the above plan. Then they are saved materially and spiritually both.

There was another letter from India, the World Fellowship of Religions; that I have replied duly. I am so glad that henceforward BTG will be published 50,000 per month and very soon, 100,000 per month. It is englightening. I am so glad to know that ISKCON Press is going to make some profit, about \$4,000, by doing some outside work. But one thing is still the boys require to improve. The printing must be professional, and BTG copy #31 is not to the Japanese standard. Of course, this is the first attempt by the boys. As far as technical work is concerned, that can be excused; but the quality of the paper is also not to the Japanese standard. So side by side we must keep ourself alive not to come down below the standard printers.

Regarding opening account in Boston: is there any branch of First National City Bank of New York? If not, then the present account in N. Y. should be continued. Another, separate account in same Boston bank where ISKCON has got its account may be opened. In that case you may send me the requisite papers. I want to continue the account in N. Y. because this account is coming down since I have stepped in your country, and sometimes the bank reference gives good facilities. Last time this bank's good reference resulted in my immigration visa without difficulty; otherwise we were struggling for it for three years.

Regarding George's giving us money: I have also received one telegram from Shyamsundar, but actually there is no money until now. I shall be glad to know if there is any news from Mr. Klein actually.

Regarding the Indian complimentary copies; the following may be cancelled: Nos. 2, 4, 7, 17, 29, 33 and 37, and the following may be added:

His Holiness Srimat B. A.

Paramhansa Maharaj

P.O. Udala

Dist. Mayurbhanj

Orissa

Advocate, Supreme Court of India
Sri Barindra Kumar Ghosh M.A. LL. B.
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I am inquiring whether Nos. 22, 24, and 29 are regular subscribers, if not there is no need of sending them complimentary copies.

Enclosed please find one picture of Achyutananda which I would like for immediate publication in BTG with the following caption:

"Sriman Achyutananda das Brahmachary, who is now visiting Calcutta. We have got a very good friend enthusiastic in preaching Krishna Consciousness, Mr. B. K. Ghosh M.A. LL. B. He is himself a great admirer of Chaitanya philosophy and he is holding Sankirtan meetings every Sunday in different places of Calcutta and suburbs. The above picture was taken in a meeting where Achyutananda Brahmachary spoke nicely on Krishna Consciousness philosophy under the presidency of Honorable Mr. Justice P. B. Mukherjee of the Calcutta high court, he is sitting just on the left of Achyutananda das Brahmachary. So gradually a nice center of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness is growing with the

prospect of headquarters at Mayapur, the birthsite of Lord Chaitanya."

Also I may inform you that we have found out a very nice church in residential quarter; and we are negotiation with them, but they are asking price which is very exorbitant. We are trying to bargain, but I do not think it will come down near about \$200,000, and the down payment is estimated near about \$65,000. Gargamuni has said that he can secure utmost \$25,000 and I shall be glad how much you can help them. Gargamuni of course does not like to take from my book fund, but if need be I will have to pay the balance.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-1-37

Los Angeles
22nd January, 1970

My Dear Dinesh,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 'nil' and I have also received the package of tapes by separate post. Thank you very much for them.

I am very pleased to learn that both you and your wife have been lecturing on Krishna Consciousness at the George Washington University and there was good response to your program. You simply read our books and if you simply reproduce the purport of Srimad Bhagavatam or Bhagavad Gita, people will take it very seriously. So, of course, you must understand the purport and reproduce it in your own language. That will be very good, but somehow or other if in some way you present the purport of Srimad Bhagavatam or Bhagavad Gita that will be also very good. The idea is that we should not make any addition or subtraction

of mental speculation, but we should endeavor, even if we do not fully understand from our present platform, to present simply the philosophy as we have received it directly and realised it by practical experience.

Regarding the Uher tape recorder, it will be very welcome. Our "Dicto-trans" dictophone is not working and is always giving some difficulty; if the Uher is in good condition, it will be most useful. Also I would like to record permanent tapes at the same time that I am making dictophone tapes. Can you arrange some device so that one control microphone will stop and start recording on both machines simultaneously?

Salt should be added to the vegetables after they are in mesala, it should not be cooked directly in the ghee. Regarding recipies for a cookbook, I think Yamunadevi has made one collection of Prasadum recipies so you may contact her in this connection.

Please offer my blessings to your good wife Krishna devi and child. It is very encouraging to me that Vishnu Arati is being raised from her very birth in Krishna Consciousness and is spontaneously chanting Hare Krishna. No other yoga system can be so practiced even by a little child.

If Krishna devi is continuing to feel weakness she may reduce any strenuous activity and increase the number of rounds chanting. I hope her health has improved by now.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

70-1-38

Los Angeles
22nd January, 1970

Boston

My Dear Rukmini,

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

14 January, 1970, and have noted the contents. I have also received your gift of two boxes of luddo expertly prepared by you.* They have so far lasted and I am enjoying some each day. They are first-class.

Regarding Srimurti Subhadra, the old Deity should not be repaired, but a new Deity should be carved and installed. The old Deity may be wrapped up in some cloth, tied up and weighted with stones, then put in the river. This is the procedure to be followed.

You may paint Garuda with the figure of half man/half bird. That will be nice.

I am happy to note that you are all trying to serve the Deities more and more nicely. Please go on in this attitude and such efforts in devotional service will become the greatest pleasure or Krishna Consciousness.

I hope this will meet you in very good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

*you can send me such luddos at least every fortnight a packet.

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70-1-39

Los Angeles
23rd January, 1970

Berkeley

My Dear Hansadutta,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 22 January, 1970 along with the Daily Californian newspaper in which my letter regarding Krishna chanting has appeared. I am very glad to learn that the editor of the Daily Californian was very impressed with it and kindly printed it in its entirety. You kindly try to understand the purport of my letter and preach it vigorously.

In the meantime, I have received one letter from Krishnadas in Germany, and he reports that in Germany there is very

good scope for preaching our Krishna Consciousness Movement. In this connection he writes as follows:

“If it is Your desire Prabhupada, with the organization of Germany’s Sankirtan Party we would like to make a tour of Germany during the summer and if it is with Your blessings, to open a second temple at least by the end of 1970, either in Berlin or Munich.

“Germany (West) has a population of over 50 million, and that is not including East Germany. In England there are over 60 million, but the difference lies in the concentration. In England there are a few large cities (London, Birmingham, Liverpool, etc.) whereas in Germany the folk are spread in hundreds of towns all over Germany, and these towns are situated only short distances apart. Another hint of Germany’s importance is that the German Mark (currency) is one of the stablest monetary systems in the whole world. As you have said many times previously, the Germans are a very intelligent people. Now the only problem is to reach the people in large numbers, and this will be through SKP and new temples. Especially in main cities (Berlin, Frankfurt, Cologne, Munich, Stuttgart, etc.) all of which have a population of half a million to a million (except Berlin which had three million), but they are centers of industry, trade, art, travel and all have Universities.”

So he suggests that your assistance in Germany would be very much favorable. Do you think that for some time you can go to our German center and organize it very nicely in cooperation with other members. If so, then you decide for yourself and when you come here we shall talk further on this matter.

Regarding the small press which you have purchased, I do not think you can divert your attention for printing separately our message because that will require a separate energy and will not help in the

matter of selling our BTG. If they receive such pamphlets, they will not be inclined to purchase BTG. Whatever you want to publish, you can send it in an article form to Boston for being printed in BTG, and with your Sankirtan Party you may concentrate the selling of BTG as far as possible.

The xerox machine which you have purchased may be used for some other purposes because when you have invested some money, it must be utilized. In the BTG we are sufficiently printing pictures of our Sankirtan Movement. Do you think any special advantage will be there by printing separately something which may minimize the sale of BTG?

Regarding your question: you are right when you write to say that everything about us, tables, chairs, bricks etc. is originally emanating from sound vibration. This is also admitted in the Christian Bible wherein it is said that God said, Let there be creation. And there was creation. So, 'said' means it was sound vibration; but this sound vibration is not material sound vibration because before creation of material sky and sound, transcendental sound was there. So actually the transcendental sound is the cause of creation, but material sound is not transcendental sound. We have to receive transcendental sound through the transcendental channel, therefore, Vedas are called Sruti. That means transcendental sound can be received through the ear. And by hearing this transcendental sound through the ear our heart becomes spiritually purified, and we can realize at that stage the transcendental Name, transcendental Qualities, transcendental Form, transcendental Pastimes etc. That is the way of descending process.

Because everything manifested is creation of the original transcendental Sound, therefore, factually everything is spiritual. But being covered by material

cloud, we do not appreciate properly the spiritual nature of everything. The Krishna Consciousness Movement means gradually advancing towards that stage of spiritual realization. As such, the philosophy of *achintya veda veda tattwa* is perfect. Everything is simultaneously one and different from the Supreme. One in quality because the original source is the Spiritual Whole, and different in quantity. This quantitative difference becomes more and more separate by increase of material consciousness.

The next question: the body of a pure devotee is all spiritual and He is not different from His body. That is also a fact. The bodies of all living entities, even though they are not pure devotees, are not actually the bodies of the spirit soul. It is always separate from the spiritual body. The Vedic mantra confirm it by the sound vibration that this spirit soul is always non-attached with the material body. Therefore, we do not see the actual spiritual body of a pure devotee; but what we see, that is matter.

Just like the example is given of the shining moon covered by the cloud. When the cloud moves along with the peeping moonshine, it appears that the moon is moving. Anyone who has seen such movement of cloud in the sky must have this experience.

So, the moving of the cloud may appear to the layman's eyes as moving of the moon, but that is not a fact. Similarly, the moving of the body of a pure devotee is not the moving of the pure devotee. After all these are facts for the process of realization, but we can try to understand them as far as possible from the statement of authorized Scriptures through the version of the Spiritual Master or saintly persons.

Regarding dictophone: I can send you presently the tapes for Krishna and if Howard Resnick can work it nicely it will be a great help. But before purchasing the

dictophone you can hire it for a month to see how Mr. Resnick will work on it. Besides that, if you purchase a dictophone, you should do it through authorized dealers of Grundig. So if you are eager, on hearing from you, I shall send one tape and let me see how does it work.

I am eagerly waiting to see Srimati Himavati and yourself as early as possible. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

P.S. your letter addressed to Boston address is certainly missing.
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70-1-40 Los Angeles
23rd January, 1970
London

My Dear Shyamsundar,

Please accept my blessings.

Regarding George's money: Brahm-ananda talked with Gargamuni and informed him that one week ago the secretary of Mr. Klein's APTKO (?) record company called our temple and said that the check is ready for you, please come and pick it up. In response to this, Rishi Kumar went to that APTKO Co. and they wanted to give him a check for \$1,900. (19 hundred). Rishi Kumar said that we were expecting a check for \$19,000 (19 thousand). So the check was mistaken and he did not receive the check.

Then it is learned that two days ago the secretary of Mr. Klein phoned Brahm-ananda and submitted his regrets that the check was drawn wrongly as \$1,900, and he would call him again for delivering the right check. But up to now there is no news from them.

I do not know what is happening, but you may keep George informed about this fact, and if possible reply this letter.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
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70-1-41 Los Angeles
24th January, 1970
Boston

My Dear Brahm-ananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for a letter Dated 21 January, 1970 with enclosure of BTG and "Isopanisad."

Regarding BTG, I have already sent you my remarks in my last letter to you and it appears that it is not to the standard of Japanese printing. The cutting of the magazine is not uniform and the paper is lighter. Anyway, this is the first attempt, so there is nothing to be disturbed. Let us improve more and more, but we must always remember the standard of printing and also we should keep this motto in view that to have our own press means to do nicer work than the outside printers.

So far the first plates of "Isopanisad" are concerned, I am glad to say that the printing is very brilliant and the paper is very nice. Now if the cutting and binding becomes as good, then it will come out a first class specimen of our work.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
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70-1-42 Los Angeles
24th January, 1970

My Dear Ekandra das Brahmachary,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your good handwriting letter, and I am so pleased to learn that you

are joining the Samkirtan Party along with Birlhadra and Girish.

I shall always pray to Krishna for your spiritual progress and good health hundreds of times, and you be happy under the protection of New Vrindavan.

I am so pleased to learn that you are studying arithmetic so quickly. Five plus five is equal to ten. Two plus two is equal to four. So Krishna plus everything is Vrindavan. Do not forget Krishna, and you shall always be in Vrindavan.

Thank you very much.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

70-1-43

Los Angeles
24th January, 1970

My Dear Goursundar,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated 22 January, 1970 along with check for \$30. on my maintenance account.

I am so glad to learn that you have purchased the house with the help of Sriman Balabhadra Brahmachary. I remember the day when I forcibly pushed you towards Hawaii with a charge for organizing our Krishna Consciousness Movement of that island and in the neighborhood. Now by the Grace of Krishna you have purchased one house and preaching our cult and collecting \$50 daily. All these are very much engladdening to me. May Krishna bless you more and more, and turn Hawaii Island (dwipa) into Nabadwipa. So your center shall be called New Nabadwipa, and you shall celebrate Lord Chaitanya's appearance day most pompously.

I think in the month of March you can hold this ceremony gorgeously and install the Deity at that time.

Now I am in Los Angeles, and it will be not difficult for me to go to Hawaii any time you call me. For the time being there

is no question of retirement because things are just growing. It requires more pouring of water, so I do not think there is immediate prospect for my retiring. Therefore, as long as Krishna desires, I must go on working, but I am trying to give more time to my writing works.

I have received the overcoat-cloak sent by Govinda dasi who is so much kind and affectionate to me. I am using it daily while going on my morning walk, but the temperature here is not so acute, suitable for putting on the coat. Still, it appears very comfortable in the morning and I am enjoying it. I have also received the dried banana, 8 packages altogether and they are being fully utilized. For the time being she may not send any more of them, but I think if she prepares more of them in the sunshine of Hawaii and keeps them in stock, they will not go bad.

As you are always thinking of me, I am also thinking of you; and the best thing will be I shall go there by the next mango season because last time when I was there I could not get any mango. I think in the compound on the new house you have purchased, you can grow some fast growing vegetables. One of them should be the squash creeper which I found in the compound of our last Temple. Sudama and Govinda dasi were collecting those creepers daily and both the leaves and flowers are so nice.

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70-1-44

Los Angeles
24th January, 1970

Hamburg

My Dear Krishnadas,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 18 January, 1970, and thank you very much for your contribution of \$15 on my maintenance account.

When you presented your scheme for preaching work in the whole of Germany giving an estimate of population of important cities, it gave me so much pleasure. Just on receiving your letter I am already thinking of how to organize it, and have written letters to Hansadutta and Uttama Sloka etc., but Upendra is destined to go to Australia. I am glad to learn that Trivikram has joined you. So for the time being go on with your work as usual and consult with Tamal Krishna whom I am also writing in this connection. And try your best to spread the Sankirtan Movement through Germany. Regarding Deity worship: I am very much anxious to know how things are going on, who is taking care of the Deities, whether regular performances are being executed etc. I hesitated to install the Deities when I was in Germany on this account. Anyway, when the Deities are now installed there cannot be any scope of neglecting Them; that will be a great offence. Please, therefore, consult with Tamal how to manage things and if possible get some more assistance from London.

I have not heard from Vasudeva, Suchandra or Viswanatha and his wife Kunti Devi. Please let me know how they are getting along in Krishna Consciousness, and offer them my blessings and to all other devotees there.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-1-45

Los Angeles

24th January, 1970

Wheeling, West Virginia

My Dear Ranadhir,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 21 January, 1970. I am so glad to learn that your New Vrindavan is now expand-

ing with all good prospects. I also thank you very much for sending me a check on my maintenance account for \$50.

The most encouraging news is that the school is being very nicely organized. Another encouraging thing is that Kirtana-nanda Maharaj has now taken up actually the work of a Sanyasi and is preaching outside our Krishna Consciousness cult with great enthusiasm.

Now you can remember your last year's crying for \$300. I did not very much encourage that attitude because I thought it was that necessity is the mother of invention. Now you must be realizing how it was good for you that within one year you are purchasing two adjoining lands and everything is in advancing position. Now you have got a nice truck and the road is open directly from the main road on account of the side properties being purchased.

I thank you for sending me back the small book in Bengali which I was missing. Now you have this truck, and your activities will surely improve the expansion of our Vrindavan scheme. We shall hold our Janmastami ceremony in great pomp, and if by Krishna's Grace it is possible, I shall also go there. The cancelled check has no use for me, it was returned by the bank. Please do the preaching work more vigorously as Krishna has given you all facility.

The sixteen word MahaMantra is nobody's invention. There are authorized mantras in the different Puranas which are Vedic authorities. Especially in the Kali Santaran Upanisad it is stated that this sixteen word MahaMantra is the Holy Name of the Supreme Brahma for the deliverance of the fallen souls. Chaitanya Mahaprabhu chanted, Haridas Thakur chanted 24 hours, all the Goswamis and Acharyas chanted, my Guru Maharaj chanted, and following all these footsteps we are also chanting. So they are

authorized by disciplic succession, and all of us must chant at least 16 rounds daily to keep us fit on the Krishna Consciousness transcendental platform.

Amongst all our duties surely we must now forger to complete our sixteen rounds. We should not be carried away simply by the Krishna duties which is also regarded as good as chanting, but in all circumstances we shall not forget this duty.

I am very glad to learn that the small children are also increasing their dispositions and service attitude. Please get it recognized and increase the activities of the school more and more. All the devotees who desire to know may ask their questions to the elderly members but still they are open to write me for all their questions and there should not be any hesitation. I reply each and every letter that I receive, but sometimes it may be a little late due to pressure of work. But they should write; there is no checking. But it is better if simple questions are solved amongst yourselves in the Istoghosthi class. Every one of you must regularly read our books at least twice—in the morning and evening, and automatically all questions will be answered.

I hope this will meet you all in very good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
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70-1-46

Los Angeles
24th January, 1970

Paris

My Dear Woompati,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 21 January, 1970, and I have conveyed your good suggestion to Suridas and Jotilla to go to Hamburg. As Tamal is al-

ready informed of this fact, I am sure he will take this practical suggestion and do the needful.

Regarding antiques: we do not require of them in our Temple. For the time being don't spend money on antiques, better to try to expand our cult as far as possible with strenuous effort.

So I am getting good reports from all our centers. Now I will be very much pleased to have our own center in Paris as soon as possible. I am so much thankful to you for your sincere endeavor to spread Krishna Consciousness in the European countries.

I hope this will meet you in very good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
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70-1-47

Los Angeles
25th January, 1970

Boston

My Dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I have not heard from you since a few weeks. I hope you are well and everything is going nicely there.

Regarding tape transcription: many devotees are ready to help in this matter. I want to send daily one tape, and to finish one tape transcription and editing it takes about one week. Under the circumstances, if there are four or five men transcribing, then at least four finished manuscripts come out per week. Many devotees are ready to transcribe; like in Detroit there is Bhagavandas; in Buffalo, Rupanuga; in Berkeley, Hansadutta; as well as here, Devananda. But how to adjust things?

Do you think that their transcribing will help you, or do you want to transcribe

yourself? I wish that all copies, before finally going to the press, must be thoroughly revised and edited so that there may not be any mistakes especially of spelling and grammar or of the Sanskrit names. So how to finish it, I do not know. So give me your directions about this immediately. Whether I shall send the tapes directly to you or to other centers who are ready to help?

How many pages and up to which chapter is the *Krishna* book finished up to now? How many pictures are ready? If you can let me know all these points, it will be very nice.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-1-48

Los Angeles

27th January, 1970

Calcutta

My Dear Achyutananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 21 January, 1970, and it is very encouraging that you have very good ambition for developing our Mayapur center. Your present program that you are constantly engaged in Kirtan at about 40 places, that is very very good appointments. Our first and foremost business is to preach and by Krishna's Grace you have taken this task very seriously. It will have good effects, so continue this program.

Soffar the Calcutta land is concerned, your ambition to have a place like Mullicks Thakurbati, the pilgrimage of my childhood, is also my ambition. When I think of Radha-Krishna, I think of first the Radha-Govinda Vighraha of Mullicks Thakurbati because from my very childhood I am devoted to the same Deity; but at the

same time it is not an easy task to have such a big plot of land in Calcutta city at the present moment. Under the circumstances, if the small plot of land which is being offered can be had without any condition, then you can accept it. But if they make a condition that the land is offered for Deity worship, I do not think it will be feasible for you at the present moment because you are alone.

For proper Deity worship at least two men will be required for full time engagement. So I do not know how to solve this problem because you are alone. At the present moment you are living in the Temple of Madhav Maharaj and preaching outside, so you have no inconvenience. But if you are engaged in Deity worship alone, I do not know how you will preach; and if you want men, what is your suggestion for getting such men? We can accept the small plot of land for future development only, but if they make this condition that we will have to immediately take up the work as well as the Deity worship, I do not think it will be practical.

Regarding the Mayapur land: Paramhansa Maharaj has written that the side land, about five bighas, is available at the rate of Rs. 600 per bigha. So we do not mind to take each side lands if they are available at that rate, but one thing we must be assured that there is no inundation.

So whatever you do, you consult with Paramhansa Maharaj and request him to stay in Bengal until the land is purchased. You alone cannot manage things. When the land is purchased, send me a layout and I shall give you the plan for construction. I shall expect a report in your next letter.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-1-49

Los Angeles
27th January, 1970

Seattle

My Dear Gajendra das,

Please accept my blessings, I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 24, 1970 and I am so glad to learn that at the present moment you are president of the center; it is a great satisfaction to me. When a Krishna Consciousperson is elevated to a responsible position, he never becomes puffed up. Just like a tree when overladen with fruits becomes humble and lower down; similarly, a great soul in Krishna Consciousness becomes humbler than the grass and bowed down like the fruitful trees because a Krishna Conscious person acts as the agent of Krishna, therefore he discharges his duty with great responsibility.

You are very much welcome to write once in a month, and I shall be very glad to reply them point by point. I am glad to learn that everyone is busily engaged in Krishna's business and chanting 16 rounds and reading Srimad Bhagavatam regularly. This is our life. Here also I have introduced in the L.A. Temple 24 hour engagement. When Krishnakanti (Carl) returns, you will learn from him everything how this Temple is doing nicely.

Extend your activities to the University campus because the younger generation is our future hope. Bamboo while it is green can be bent and carved, but while it is yellow and ripe if there is any attempt to bend it, it cracks. Krishna is evergreen youthful Original Person and He gathers around Him all young boys and girls as cowherd boys and gopis in His eternal Vrindavan Leela. So try seriously to impress upon the young hearts and you will be successful. Try to get that fraternity house as soon as possible.

Your first question: are disciplic successions from Brahma and from Arjuna

different? No. Brahma's disciplic succession accepts Krishna as the Supreme Personality of Godhead and Arjuna also accepted Krishna as the Supreme Personality of Godhead. So that is not a new disciplic succession. Krishna says in the fourth chapter that I am again reintroducing unto you—so anyone who accepts Lord Krishna as the Supreme Personality of Godhead is to be understood as belonging to the same disciplic succession.

Balarama is holding a plow, that is His weapon. Jagganath is holding the Chakra, that is His weapon. Krishna's name is Chakradhar (dhar = carries) or One Who Carries the Disc. Balarama's name is Haladhar, the Carrier of the Plow (hala).

Your third question: why does Srila Narada Muni condemn Srila Vyasadeva for compiling the Vedic Scriptures? Sri Narada Muni was the Spiritual Master of Srila Vyasadeva. A Spiritual Master has the right to chastise his disciple any way He likes. A sisya or a disciple means one who accepts the disciplinary action given by the Spiritual Master. Even although sometimes a Spiritual Master chastises his disciple as a fool or rascal in fatherly affection, it does not mean necessarily that the disciple is a fool or a rascal. You will find even in the statement of Lord Chaitanya—He presents Himself as a fool designated by His Spiritual Master, but that does not mean that He was a fool. A sincere disciple feels it pleasurable when his Spiritual Master chastises him with calling him such names as fool and rascal. My Spiritual Master sometimes called me in that way and I remember that day always and feel transcendental pleasure.

By following His footsteps, you can approach Nityananda Prabhu. Nityananda Prabhu approached Jagai and Madhai at the risk of being personally injured and still He definitely delivered them. The world is full of Jagais and Madhais; namely drunkards, women-hunters, meat

eaters and gamblers, and we will have to approach them at the risk of insult, injury and similar other rewards. To face such reverse conditions of life and to suffer thereby the results of actions is considered as the greatest penance and austerity in the matter of spiritual advancement of life.

To sit down in a corner without preaching risk and to make a show of chanting Hare Krishna Mantra is condemned by my Spiritual Master and He has written a very nice song in this connection, which I am recording. The substance is that to become very dear to Krishna or Balarama or in other words to Lord Chaitanya and Nityananda is to take the task of preaching work very seriously at all risk. Please always remember this and you will be successful.

So I see in your letter that you are also being bold in Krishna's service in the matter of the preaching work.

You asked me to pray for the devotees, and that is the only business of my life.

Upendra is preparing for going to Australia.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-1-50

Los Angeles
27th January, 1970

My Dear Gurudas,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 19 January, 1970.

Yes. By the grace of Krishna, Gargamuni and others here are taking particular care of me and I am very much indebted to you all; not only here, where ever I go the same care is taken of me. Gargamuni is paying very exorbitant rent for the house

where I am living now. It is \$600 although the house is very comfortable and silent. But still so much rent I consider a luxury for me.

I am so much pleased to learn that your London Yatra activities are expanding and that Ksirodaksayee is very sincerely cooperating. Please offer my thanks and blessings for such cooperation.

Next year he has a proposal that he will take 40 of our select devotees from London to India in February, 1971. I am very much anxious for that trip. In that trip we shall travel all over India with Samkirtan Party and thereby we will recruit many Indian sympathizers for this movement.

I think at that time we will make our program in such a way that in the month of March we shall lay down the foundation stone of our center at the birthsite of Lord Chaitanya. So along with your other activities, you should prepare yourself for that purpose.

In the meantime, I am trying to purchase a plot of land there at the cost of somewhere near \$3000. We have got about 22 branches and on the average everyone should contribute \$150 for this purpose immediately. Big branches should contribute at least \$200.

It is so satisfactory to understand that you are preaching from house to house recruiting members for our London center. This was the procedure of Lord Chaitanya and Nityananda when they began preaching. I think the charity box system will be very nice success especially from the Indian store owners.

The manager of the airplane company offered us some place in Bombay, but you have not written anything about it. Is he serious about this?

You prepare now all kinds of nice films as far as possible and ask L.A. also to do this and other centers if possible, so when we go to India they will be very much appreciated.

I am so glad to learn that Chintamani song is going to be recorded in cooperation with George. Regarding George's money for my *Krishna* Book, I have not received any news from Brahmananda.*

Please send me Mr. Benarse's address in India.

The Krishna Consciousness Society will never experience any poverty stricken life because the members are so rich being constantly in association with Krishna; that while others may feel the pinching scarcity enforced by Maya, Krishna Conscious persons will feel the whole world full of enjoyment.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

*Yes thanks we have received the check Brahmananda phoned.

70-1-51

Los Angeles
28th January, 1970

My Dear Bhagavandas,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 24 January, 1970 with enclosure of the edited copy of transcription from tape #6.

Your editing is very good, I liked it very much. So shall I send you tapes or you may like to have copies transcribed first?

Whatever is suitable for you I shall do, but today I am sending another tape herewith. The edited copies should be four, out of which one may be sent to Boston, one to me and two may be kept by you for future reference. The original transcription copy also may be sent to Satsvarupa.

I am so glad that you are giving attention to selling our books, and you have got a good assistant also. You will be pleased to know that George Harrison has paid the entire expenditure (\$19,000) for printing

our *Krishna* picture book, and very soon I am going to send the MS to Japan. Our own press is now busy with other books.

Regarding your question: Santa Rasa devotee has got unflinching faith in Krishna as the Supreme Personality of Godhead, but he has not developed the tendency to serve Him. The service stage is in relation with Bhagavan, the Person. When service attitude is lacking, it is to be understood as worship of Paramatma or Brahman.

In Paramatma or Brahman relationship the emotion is of oneness, which is considered to be on the lower stage. In the Santa Rasa stage there is a chance of meeting a devotee by the Grace of Lord Krishna, and therefore, generally, the next birth is human being. Unless there is a great fall-down on account of various reasons, any transcendentalist, either personalist or impersonalist, if he makes regular progress in the regulative principles, even though he does not finish, the whole program, is sure to get his next birth in a good family—generally a rich man's or a pure Brahmin's—that is confirmed in the Bhagavat Gita.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wishner,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-1-52

Los Angeles
29th January, 1970

My Dear Ksirodaksayee,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 23 January, 1970, and I have noted the contents carefully.

I am so glad to understand that you have decided to dedicate your life for Krishna Consciousness Movement, this is the right way of perfecting our mission of

human life. Many men have dedicated their lives for many engagements in the name of philanthropy, altruism, nationalism, humanitarianism and so on, but all of them will be finished along with the end of life of this body. Our dedication of life or Krishna-ism, on the other hand, will continue eternally and give us eternal life, bliss and knowledge. Try to follow these principles and preach the message to the suffering humanity. This is my request.

I am so glad to learn that you are in charge of kitchen and food supply which saves 25 to 30% on food. That is a great service. To be extravagant is not recommended by Krishna in the Bhagavat Gita. He says, "Yukta ahara bihara." We should indulge in regulated habits; that is nice.

I am so glad that you are also looking after the accounts department. The five point plan: do it by consulting amongst yourselves, and I have already written to Gurudas about this. Someway or other, if you can secure that building worth £80,000, that will be a crowned success. In my next letter to Tamal I will write to him about the building fund.

Preaching in Hindi may be accepted by mutual consultation, but the point is that our Radha Krishna Temple in London is specifically meant for English knowing persons and I think the Indians know sufficient English. If you speak in Hindi and sing in Hindi, the English speaking Europeans and Americans may not derive the benefit out of it because none of them understand Hindi; but if you speak in English, every one will derive benefit from it. Therefore, I think English speaking should be encouraged.

Everyone comes to the Temple for some spiritual enlightenment, so why should a section of the audience be denied the benediction? The same thing applies for Hindi songs also. Hare Krishna Mantra is understood both by Hindi knowing and English knowing persons; other Hindi

songs may not be understood by the Europeans. I have no objection for Mirabai's songs, but I think Hare Krishna is the greatest common factor understandable by all people all over the world. The chanting is transcendental and quickly effective.

I am glad to learn that you are feeling in the Temple that Radha Krishna is dancing and you are being inspired by His Lordship to preach this Krishna Consciousness Movement to everyone. Now you have got a very good chance, Sri Sri Radha Krishna is very pleased upon you.

You have been for the last fifteen years in London, and you were sincerely working for advancement of your spiritual life. Now Krishna has given you a good chance, a good opportunity for preaching Krishna Consciousness to all classes of men without any discrimination.

In our Temple all Europeans, Indians, Mohammedans, Christians, everyone is welcome. And our presentation is so nice that everyone will be attracted to accept it because we are preaching love of God. Love of God is the prime function of all living entities, without any sectarian understanding.

Regarding the Hindi letter, I could not follow the Hindi script handwriting. If you send me either a typewritten copy or the English translation of it, that will be nice. As far as I could read the letter here and there, I understand that it is written by some Radheshyam Banka. Sometime in the year 1961 I was guest in the Gita Bagicha. At that time one boy was taking care of me. I think he is Radheshyam Banka. Anyway, my relation with the Gita Press and Hanuman Prasad Poddar is very much friendly. So letters to them should not be written about myself which may influence our friendship.

I could not gather why the letter was sent to me, therefore, I request you to send me if possible a typed copy of English

translation of it so that I can give you my proper reply to this. Keep good relations with Gita Press because they are good friends of ours. The preaching method of ourself is a little different only because we want to gather one's attention only to Krishna—that is recommended in the Srimad Bhagwatam and Bhagavat Gita.

In the Bhagavat Gita it is always stressed to Krishna by the words *aham* and *mam*. Similarly in the Srimad Bhagawatam the same stress is give from the very beginning—*Param satyam*, the Supreme Truth. If we divert our attention to worship other demigods, then our faith in Krishna will be flickering. We Gaudiya Vaishnavas, under the guidance of Lord Chaitanya, want steady attention for Krishna, not flickering. Therefore, in our line of thoughts and action there is no scope for worshipping any other demigods.

At last, but not least, I would remind you as to how you are organizing the prospective tour in India with forty of our devotees next year in February, 1971. Please organize this party from now so that it can be completed in due time by the end of this year.

Thank you very much for your service. I am praying for your long life and prosperity in Krishna Consciousness.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-1-53

Los Angeles
29th January, 1970

London

My Dear Tamal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I have not received any letter from you in several weeks. Gargamuni also has not received any letter from you. Of course, I am hearing indirectly that everything is going well

in our London and European centers. Still I would like to know from you what is the situation. I am expecting a report from you on all new developments in the activities of the centers there.

I hope this will meet you in very good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-1-54

Los Angeles
30th January, 1970

My Dear Chidananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 28 January, 1970.

Herewith, I am returning back the new beads duly chanted. The former beads may be kept with you and if some new boy comes and wants to chant, you may lend him the beads—not to be taken away by him, but to be used for chanting while he is in the Temple. Otherwise, you can keep them carefully and they may be used in some emergency.

I am so glad to learn that everything is progressing nicely in Vancouver, and you are proposing to sell 2500 BTGs per month. That is very much encouraging. You will be glad to know that we have now published our book, "Isopanishad," and I have mentioned your good name therein, acknowledging your contribution towards my book fund.

In my book fund, not only my disciples are contributing, but also others who are outsiders like Mr. George Harrison who has contributed the entire cost of publishing my book Krishna—the cost will be \$19,000. Now we have got our press and we propose to publish many books. Also, attempt is being made in Hamburg for translating all our literatures into French and German languages and to publish

them regularly.

So with increase of our activities by Samkirtan Movement if possible, try to save some money for my book fund.

Please offer my blessings to Ananda, Rudradas, Rabindradas and our new friend, Mr. John.

All glories to the Assembled devotees!!! Be happy and chant Hare Krishna Mantra.

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

70-1-55

Los Angeles
30th January, 1970

Boston

My Dear Jayadvaita,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 28 January, 1970.

I am very glad to learn that *Nectar of Devotion* is now completed. You have inquired about the quality number 63 of Krishna that He is surrounded by loving devotees can be explained as follows: When we speak of Krishna, Krishna is not alone. Krishna means His name, His qualities, His fame, His friends, His paraphernalia, His entourage—everything included. Just like when we speak of a king, it is to be understood that he is surrounded by ministers, secretaries, military commanders and many other people. Krishna is not impersonal, so in His Vrindaban Leela especially, He is always surrounded by the Gopis, cowherd boys, His father, His mother and all the inhabitants of Vrindaban.

Regarding your second question, Pyabhaichary, you have got 31 only out of 33. I think some of the brackets are not counted. So if the parentheses are removed from 'intoxication' and 'impotency' and they are also counted, the total of symptoms will come to 33. Simply add

commas after the preceding symptoms namely 'prestige' and 'impudence' respectively.

Regarding the third point: all kinds of mellow includes servitude. Therefore a mixture of servitude and parenthood is not incompatible. So Ugrasena's mellow is correctly written as mixed with servitude and parental affection and the statement in part IV should be corrected to state that a mixture of parenthood and servitude is a compatible one.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS:db

70-1-56

Los Angeles
30th January, 1970

My Dear Madhusudan,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 21, 1970, and I am so glad to learn that you have regained control of your mind and the tricks of Maya have finished. So by Krishna's Grace you have been saved from Maya's attack.

This appears to have been a very close call for you and the lesson should be taken well that if we deviate from the strict following of the regulative principles Maya is always ready to inject doubts to shake our faith in Krishna. So I am glad that you have recovered and I was praying for Krishna to save you.

So you can see the great necessity of following the prescribed duties of chanting regularly and following strictly the instructions of the Spiritual Master and the regulative principles. In addition to this everyone should go on the streets with Samkirtan Party as much as possible and preach this Krishna Consciousness Movement to his best ability for the benefit of all

people.

Please continue your efforts in Krishna Consciousness with great determination. Yes, Patience is a qualification in the successful execution of devotional service. So study our literatures, discuss philosophical points and problems with your God-brothers, and especially chant regularly sixteen rounds daily without offense and go on Samkirtan. We must always remember that chanting of Hare Krishna Mahamantra is our life and soul.

So you have got good facility, you are a sincere boy, you have got a good Krishna Consciousness wife, good association of devotees and good scope for spreading this movement in Washington. Always be engaged in Krishna activities and be happy. That is my desire.

Please try to understand the questions I have asked in my last letter to you, scrutinizingly, so that you may know to avoid being agitated by any trickings of Maya in the future.

Please offer my blessings also to your good wife, Kanchanbala. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your check for \$15.00 sent by _____

70-1-57

Los Angeles
30th January, 1970

My Dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 28 January, 1970.

In *Krishna* book we want solid 400 pages text matter and 52 pictures. If you have got 40 paintings complete, then still you require 12 pictures more. There are 14 pictures hanging in my apartment here. Whether the 40 pictures includes these

14? On the whole, for the first part of *Krishna* we want 52 pictures and 400 text pages—so whether they are complete? If not, you have to finish them as quickly as possible for sending them to Japan.

Regarding the tapes; I think the distribution to many centers is becoming puzzling. Therefore, I will send the tapes one to Boston and the other to Detroit alternately. I think that will solve the problem. So I will go on doing that, and you be in correspondence with Bhagavandas and do the needful. Regarding the demons' tilok: There is no necessity of putting Shaivite tilok on their foreheads, although most of the demons are like that. When there is particular mention that a demon is the devotee of Lord Shiva, in that case the Shaivite tilok may be marked.

Regarding titles of the pictures, I think Jadurany will be a nice judge. Otherwise, unless I see the pictures, how can I give titles for them? The pictures which I have got here I can give titles, or if I get photographs of the pictures which are being painted there, then I can give titles for all the pictures.

Regarding Sridhar Swami's article: I do not know what sort of article it is, but whatever it may be, the writer's name should be Swami B. R. Sridhar and not Sridhar Swami. Sridhar Swami is a different man. Besides that, there is no need of giving any short introductory note at the present moment. Whoever sends an article for publication in our paper, and if we publish such article, it is to be understood that the version of such article is not different from ours. There is no need of discussing Siksha Guru and Diksha Guru in this connection.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

70-1-58

Los Angeles
30th January, 1970

J.F. Staal

Professor of Philosophy
and of South Asian Languages
University of California, Berkeley
Berkeley, California

My Dear Professor Staal;

I thank you very much for your kind letter dated 23 January, 1970. In the last paragraph of your letter you have mentioned that you are not irritated at the chanting of Hare Krishna Mantra (like some people) but rather you like it. It has given me much satisfaction, and I am sending herewith a copy of our magazine, "Back to Godhead" issue number 28, in which you will find how the students liked this chanting of Hare Krishna Mantra although all of them were neophytes to this cult of chanting. Actually it is very pleasing to the heart and the best means of infusing spiritual consciousness or Krishna Consciousness into the hearts of people in general.

This is the easiest and recommended process in the Vedas. In the Brihad Nara-diya Puranam it is clearly stated that it is only chanting of the Holy Name of Hari that can save the people from the problems of materialistic existence, and there is no other alternative, no other alternative, no other alternative in this age of Kali.

Western culture is monotheistic, but they are being misled by the impersonal Indian speculation. The young people of the West are frustrated because they are not dilligently taught about monotheism. They are not satisfied with this process of teaching and understanding. This Krishna Consciousness Movement is a boon to them because they are being really trained to understand Western Monotheism under authoritative Vedic system. We do not simply theoretically discuss, but we

learn by the prescribed method of Vedic regulations.

But I am surprised to see that in the last paragraph of your letter you say, "it is an indisputable fact that the Bhagavad Gita (not to mention the Vedas) does not require such constant chanting." I think, however, that you have missed the following verse in Bhagavad Gita, apart from many other similar verses.

"Satatam kirtayanta mam yatantasca
drdhabratah
namasyantasca man bhaktya nitya-
yukta upasate." B.G. 9:14

The engagements of the Great Souls, freed from delusion and perfect in their realization of God, are described here: "Satatam kirtayanto mam"—they are always (satatam) chanting (kirtayanto) My glories, and "nityayukta upasate"—always worshipping Me.

So I do not know how you can say "indisputable." And, if you want reference from the Vedas, I can give you many. In the Vedas the chief transcendental vibration *Omkara* is also Krishna. Pranaba Omkara is the divine substance of the Vedas. Following the Vedas means chanting the Vedic Mantras, and no Vedic Mantra is complete without Omkara. In the Mandukya Upanisad, Omkara is stated to be the most auspicious sound representation of the Supreme Lord. This is also confirmed again in the Atharva Veda. Omkara is the sound representation of the Supreme Lord and is therefore the principal word in the Vedas. In this connection, the Supreme Lord Krishna says, "Pranaba Sarva Vedesu" (B.G. 7:8)—"I am the syllable Om in all the Vedic Mantras."

Furthermore, in the 15th verse of chapter 15, Bhagavad Gita, Krishna says, "I am seated in everyone's heart. By all the Vedas I am to be known; I am the Compiler of Vedanta and I know Veda as it is." The Supreme Lord, seated in everyone's heart, is described in both the

Mundak and Svetasvetara Upanisads; "Dwa suparna sayuja sakhaya . ." The Supreme Lord and the individual spirit soul are sitting in the body as two friendly birds in a tree. The one bird is eating the fruits of the tree or reactions of material activities and the other bird, the Super-soul, is witnessing."

The goal of Vedantic study, therefore, is to know the Supreme Lord Krishna. This point is stressed in Bhagavad Gita chapter 8, verse 13, where it is stated that by the mystic yoga process, ultimately vibrating the sacred syllable Om, one attains to His Supreme Spiritual Planet. In the Vedanta Sutras, which you have certainly read, the fourth chapter, fourth Adhikaran twenty-second Sutra states it positively; "Anavritti sabat . . ."—By sound vibration one becomes liberated." By devotional service, by understanding well what is the Supreme Personality of Godhead, anyone who goes to His Abode never comes back again to this material condition. How is it possible? The answer is, simply by chanting His name constantly.

This is accepted by the exemplary disciple, Arjuna, who has perfectly learned the conclusion of spiritual science from the Yogisvara, master of mystic knowledge, Krishna, recognizing Krishna to be the Supreme Brahman, Arjuna addresses Him: "Sthane Hrsikesa . . ." (B.G. 11:36)—"the world becomes joyful hearing Your Names; and thus do all become attached to You." The process of chanting is herein authorized as the direct means of contacting the Supreme Absolute Truth the Personality of Godhead. Simply by chanting the Holy Name, Krishna, the soul is attracted by the Supreme Person, Krishna, for going home, back to Godhead.

In the Narada Pancharatra it is stated that all the Vedic rituals, Mantras and understanding are compressed into the eight words; *Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna, Hare Hare*. Similarly,

in the Kalisantra Upanisad it is stated that these sixteen words *Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna, Hare Hare, Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama Rama, Hare Hare* are especially meant for counteracting the degrading and contaminating influence of this materialistic age of Kali.

All these points are elaborately presented in my book, *The Teachings of Lord Chaitanya*.

The process of chanting is, therefore, not only the sublime method for practical perfection of life, but it is the authorized Vedic principle and inaugurated by the greatest Vedic scholar and devotee (Whom we consider as an incarnation of Krishna), Lord Chaitanya, and we are simply following His authorized footsteps.

The scope of the Krishna Consciousness Movement is Universal. The process for regaining one's original spiritual status or eternal life full with bliss and knowledge, is not abstracted dry theorizing. Spiritual life is not described in the Vedas as theoretical, dry or impersonal. The Vedas aim at the inculcation of pure love of God only, and this harmonized conclusion is practically realized by the Krishna Consciousness Movement or chanting Hare Krishna Mantra.

As the goal of Spiritual realization is only one, love of God, so the Vedas stand as a single comprehensive whole in the matter of transcendental understanding. Only the incomplete views of various parties apart from the bonafide Vedic lines of teaching, give a rupturous appearance to the Bhagavad Gita. The reconciliative factor adjusting all apparently diverse propositions of the Vedas is the essence of the Veda or Krishna Consciousness (Love of God).

Thanking you once again,
Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
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FEBRUARY

70-2-1

Los Angeles
2nd February, 1970

Montreal

My Dear Dindayal,

Please accept my blessings. I am very glad to accept you as my disciple, and I am returning herewith your beads duly chanted upon by me.

Your initiated name is Dindayal das Brahmachary. *Din* means poor and *dyal* means merciful. Krishna is so very merciful to those who are very humble in their attitude engaged in the service of the Lord. Lord Chaitanya advised, therefore, one should be humbler than the straw and more tolerant than the tree and thus be seriously engaged in glorifying the Lord. This world is very awful. Anyone is ready to create some disturbance, especially they are very much apt to disturb Krishna Consciousness persons because that is the way of demoniac life. So, in order to protect us from all dangerous elements, we have to chant the Hare Krishna Mantra regularly being humbler than the straw and more tolerant than the tree. Then Krishna, Who is Dindayal, will bestow His Mercy upon us.

Please, therefore, chant regularly sixteen rounds of beads daily, always be engaged in Krishna work in an humble state of mind, follow the regulative principles of no eating of meat, fish or eggs, no intoxicants, no illicit sex life and no gambling or mental speculation and study our literatures and be strictly trained up in Krishna Consciousness with the help and guidance of Jaya Pataka Prabhu.

I am very glad that you are finding in

chanting of Hare Krishna the highest pleasure. If we follow the regulative principles and program as above that pleasure will go on increasing more and more. So chant Hare Krishna Mantra, and be happy. That is my request.

I hope this will meet you in very good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
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70-2-2

Los Angeles
2nd February, 1970

Montreal

My Dear Gopal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 28 January, 1970 along with a bank deposit slip. Please convey my thanks to Labangalatika dasi for her contribution.

Henceforward you send the checks direct to me, because most probably I am going to close the account in Montreal. The reason is that they have deducted \$10.08 as income tax because I am not residing there (non-resident). So I would like to keep that account for a little convenience, but if they charge such tax then what is the use of it?

I am very much thankful to you for your sending me the sweater, two pairs of shoes and a cap also. Thank you very much.

I hope this will meet you in very good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS:db

70-2-3

Los Angeles
2nd February, 1970

New Delhi

My Dear Hitsaranji,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated 24 January, 1970. I have written one letter to Srimati Sumati Morarjee of the Scindia Steam Navigation Company, and the copy of the letter addressed to her is enclosed herewith for reference.

If some of your men or the shipping agents' men will see her in Bombay (because I think the packages will be shipped via Bombay) then I am sure she will sanction free carriage of the packages. But I may instruct you, if somehow or other this Scindia Steam Navigation Company delays the matter, you may advise your shipping agents to dispatch without delay. We will pay the shipping charges here if your Trust is legally unable to bear the cost of sending the Murties to America.

Formerly, you informed me in your letter that the Birla Trust will bear the cost of carriage also for the four pairs of Murties which they have donated. So if they can bear the cost of shipping, why your Trust will be legally unable to do so? Anyway, my open advice is to you that if Scindia Steam Navigation Company does not agree, then you can ship the Murties for being carried to the following destinations at my cost. You will simply send me the shipping documents to the following addresses and we will arrange to clear them.

Shipping instructions:

- 1) 1 pair of Murties
ISKCON Temple
38 Beacon Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02134 U.S.A.
- 2) 1 pair of Murties to
ISKCON Temple
3720 Park Avenue
Montreal 18, Quebec
Canada

3) 3 pairs of Murties to

ISKCON Temple
1975 South La Cienega Blvd.
Los Angeles, 90034 California U.S.A.

I hope this dispatch process will clear the whole thing and you will kindly do the needful as early as possible.

At least may I request you to add with each pair of Murties, japa malas (big beads for chanting) 100 pairs with each pair of Murties.

Please offer my regards to Seth Jai Dayalji Dalmia. I know that you are always very busy, but still I shall request you as my beloved child to reply my letter at your earliest convenience. Thanking you in anticipation.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

N.B. You will be pleased to know that our next attempt will be to open our center in Sydney, Australia. We have already opened in Tokyo, Japan. The address is as follows:

ISKCON Temple
6-16, 1-chome, ohhashi
Meguru-ku
Tokyo, Japan

So we require many pairs of Deities. Already 24 centers are there, and the next attempt will be in Berlin, Copenhagen, Amsterdam, etc.

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70-2-4

Los Angeles
2nd February, 1970

Montreal

My Dear Jaya Pataka,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 23 January, 1970, along with the beads of Daniel Leboef. I have duly chanted the beads sent by him and his initiated name is Dindayal.

I am glad to learn that another branch in Toronto you are contemplating to open. This news I have received from Chidananda also. Certainly it is a good news, but we must always remember that once a center is opened, it cannot be closed at any time.

I am returning back one letter from Hem Chandar Bhargava and Co. I think you sent it by mistake to me. It appears the invoice of pictures which you have imported from India. You should not be unnecessarily embarrassed on the point of Raktak's marriage with somebody who is not initiated. Yes, I have received the deposit slip of \$50, and I am enclosing here with a separate letter to Gopal Krishna.

Regarding competition with Ramakrishna Mission and Yoga camps in Toronto, why should you be afraid of them? They are very insignificant organizations in the face of Krishna Consciousness Movement. Everyone says that what Ramakrishna Mission could not do in 80 years time, we have done many more times in three years time. So nobody can check this genuine movement of Krishna Consciousness by artificial means of bluff. Any sincere soul, serious in the matter of self-realization, will certainly be attracted by our Movement.

I hope this will meet you in very good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-2-5

Los Angeles
2nd February, 1970

Philadelphia

My Dear Lalit Kumar,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter along with Subal's. I am very glad to know that you are going to be married with Srimati Jam-

buvatidevi dasi, and I bless you—be happy with your good wife and jointly be advanced in Krishna Consciousness.

Yes, opening a center in Florida is our long contemplation, and I remember the letter when you and Sridham wrote me about this. Where is Sridhama now? I am very much anxious to know about his health. If he is there, please ask him to write me. Now, if it is possible to open a center in Florida, then you can think of it because now you will have the support of your good wife. But I think for a few days more you should take training in Philadelphia before you think of opening another center. That will be nice.

My open advice is that if any one can remain a Brahmachary, it is very nice, but there is no need of artificial Brahmacharies. In Bhagavad Gita it is stated that one who exhibits outwardly as self restrained, but inwardly he thinks of sense gratification he is condemned as *mithyacara* which means false pretender. We do not want any false pretenders in numbers, but we want a single sincere soul. There is no harm in accepting a wife and living without any disturbance of the mind and thus sincerely advancing in Krishna Consciousness.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-2-6

Los Angeles
2nd February, 1970

Madam Sumati Morargee Baisaheba,

Please accept my greetings. I hope you are doing well. Since a long time I have not heard from you. I hope this letter will find you in good health and devotional service of Lord Krishna. I hope you are getting my "Back to Godhead" paper

regularly, and you will be glad to know that the paper has increased in circulation by this time and we are printing 50,000 copies permonth.

Also you will be pleased to know that now I have got 24 branches—perhaps you have seen the list in our “Back to Godhead.” Our Indian Vaishnavas are helping me by contributing each one pair or more Radha Krishna Murtis for our different Temples. I would request you also to contribute one pair of Radha Krishna Murti and recommend some of your friends to do the same.

You will find in the enclosed copy of the letter that Dalmia-Jain Trust has contributed one pair of Murti, and similarly the Birla Trust has contributed four pairs of Murties. Now I request you to carry these Murties to America by your shipping line. The Murtis are being prepared in Vrindaban, under the direction of Sri H.S. Sharma, Secretary to Dalmia Jain Trust. The Murties are already packed and ready for dispatch, so on hearing from you, immediately they will be sent to your care for being carried by your shipping lines to the respective destinations; namely Boston, Montreal, New York and Los Angeles. So kindly send your instructions to the following address: H. S. Sharma, Dalmia Charitable Trust, 4 Scindia House, New Delhi.

Awaiting your early reply and thanking you in anticipation.

Yours in the service of the Lord,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-2-7

Los Angeles

3rd February, 1970

Hamburg

My Dear Jaya Govinda,

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

27 January, 1970. I have received a separate letter from Mandali Bhadra and the reply is also enclosed within this envelope.

Krishna has sent one nice German scholar, _____. Please give her satisfactory care, especially in the beginning because she is new and not accustomed to our Temple habits. I am also glad to learn that Suridas is also going to join you. Most probably Hansadutta with his wife also will go there. Krishnadas in his previous letter wrote me that there are good possibilities for opening various centers in Germany, and Hansadutta is experienced in organizing Samkirtan Party.

Please be in correspondence about German BTG publishing with Brahma-ananda. He is now staying in Boston and coming to New York every weekend.

Yes. We must have close cooperation between America and Germany for the successful publication of our BTG regularly in French, German and English languages. So now you are collecting a staff of translators in Hamburg and they are all very qualified to do the work. Please organize everything nicely so that the French and German editions may be prepared for printing at the same time as the English edition. But you must see that all work is thoroughly correct by mutual checking so that errors of spelling and grammar will not appear in the printing. I do not know the technical details, but I think your idea on standardized columns is very nice.

You said that your job is maya, but you must know that maya is illusion. As soon as there is absence of Krishna Consciousness—that is maya. But you are working just to help and push Krishna's interest; therefore, it is not maya. In the *Bhakti Rasamrita Sindhu*, Rupa Goswami Prabhupad has recommended anything dovetailed in Krishna Consciousness is real renouncement. The Mayavadis' renouncement with an ambition of becoming one with the

Supreme is called false renunciation. They renounce the world for a greater sense gratification. To maintain an ambition of becoming one with the Supreme is the top rank sense gratification; whereas a person in all kinds of apparently material works, but ultimately the beneficiary is Krishna, is in a greater position of renunciation than the Mayavadis. So do not forget Krishna in any circumstance of life and Krishna will save you from all pitfalls of material existence.

At least one hour daily you must fix separately for exclusive chanting. In our previous correspondence we discussed about your marriage, so I told you that there is no objection. If you are feeling too much disturbance, why not marry some German girl who may be greatly helpful to your Krishna Conscious activities. I recommend this for you. Last Saturday we had three marriages performed here in L.A.

The Nitai-Gour emblem is nice. Our first obeisances are to Guru and Gouranga; then we approach Radha Krishna. Perhaps while you were in India you have heard that we glorify in the following way: Guru Gouranga Chandarbika Giridhari. Four 'G's. So Guru-Gouranga you understand, and Chandarbika-Giridhari means Radha and Krishna. So you can make your emblem suitably according to space and convenience.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-2-8

Los Angeles
3rd February, 1970

Hamburg

My Dear Mandali Bhadra,

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

27 January, 1970. When you write to say that things are going well, it gives me immense pleasure. I am opening so many branches depending on you all my sincere students. I am also glad to learn that you are moving to the Temple, dedicating all your time to Temple activities and translation work.

I understand that your wife is not very much interested in our movement and I understand the cause you have written to say. Anyway, we will pray to Krishna to save her; that is our duty.

Yes. The boy, Mayurdhvaj, is a very nice Krishna Conscious child. Why his mother is checking him? Although in the beginning she was so enthusiastic? This is called in Vedic language *sva karma bhuk*, one is destined to undergo reaction of one's past life. This reaction can only be checked by Krishna Consciousness. So our duty is heavy, to induce persons to come to this platform of consciousness; and if we can save even a single soul from the clutches of Maya, the value of such act is millions of times better than fruitive actions or any kind of altruistic and philanthropic activities.

Trivikram is a very nice boy, sincere to Krishna Consciousness activities. In a previous letter, Krishna das asked me if Hansadutta and Himavati can go there. So I think this pair will be very much helpful in our German centers. Hansadutta is born in Germany but he came here in childhood, and Himavati is born in Germany but she is Russian originally. She knows how to speak in Russian language. So I have asked them to go there to help you in Samkirtan Movement and other Temple activities. Both of them are experienced in the Samkirtan Movement especially.

Our responsibility is to Krishna. If we think ourselves always in that position, then in any status of life we will be guided by the Supreme Lord.

I am very satisfied that another German scholar has joined our activities. She will be a great help to you. Yes. I sometimes think of your mother. She is a nice lady and has good potency for improving in Krishna Consciousness. From the child's mentality the mother's mentality is judged and vice-versa. Please keep in touch with your mother and it is your duty also to try to bring her into Krishna Consciousness when she is already inclined. I am glad that she is chanting sixteen rounds and observing the rules and regulations. That will surely help her. If possible, we can open a center in Berlin at the care of your mother.

I do not understand what was Mr. Lennon's article that was refused. Lennon and Ginsberg are helpful friends, but actually they do not understand our philosophy. So far Ginsberg is concerned, he promised before me that everywhere he would chant Hare Krishna Mantra, and actually he is doing it everywhere. So Ginsberg may sometimes be able to understand our philosophy in the future. We are trying to give them all facilities to understand this philosophy and it will take some time on account of their not following rigidly the rules.

BTG articles are generally seen by the editors, and it is better that we stress on our own philosophy than to indulge in some hodge-podge philosophy which is basically unauthorized. In our present BTG publication we are trying to follow this policy.

Upendra is already advanced for going to Australia, and in his place Hansadutta and Himavati, in my opinion, will be a nice replacement.

I have asked Devananda to give you a Deity worship chart because he is actually doing the job. I am so pleased to learn that you are trying to make Hamburg center as important as L.A. This center three years before, when I first visited, was in very

poor condition but for the last year, since we are regularly sending Samkirtan Parties, the situation has improved with great speed. Now we are negotiating for a property which has got a big church as well as a residential house attached, and let us see if Krishna will help us.

Our simple process of chanting and distributing Prasadum and selling BTG will surely make our Movement successfully advance.

In India, especially in Bengal and Orissa, there are millions of followers of Lord Chaitanya. In Mahastra a saint of the name Saint Tukaram was also follower of Lord Chaitanya and he has overflowed the whole Western India with Samkirtan Movement. So Samkirtan Movement in India in all the provinces is very much popular and anyone who is taking part in Samkirtan Movement is specifically devotee of Lord Krishna or Lord Rama. There is not a single Hindu in India who is not more or less Krishna Conscious. So far descendants are concerned, material nature is so strong that she does not allow anything to go on steadily. But sometimes we find that the descendant of Hiranyakasipu is Prahlad Maharaj and the second generation descendant of Prahlad Maharaj is Banasura.

So actually Krishna Consciousness is personal. Anyone who understands the philosophy is benefitted. It does not mean that a Krishna Conscious person has to leave a legacy as far as possible, but at the end it depends on a particular person's fortune to accept it or reject it. The point is very delicate. The example is given in the Upanisad just like manipulating a sharpened razor; if one is careful in plying the razor on the cheek there is clean shaving, but a little inattention makes the same cheek a bloody affair. So we have to remain very much careful in Krishna Consciousness and the method is also very simple—to chant regularly the beads and

follow the rules and regulations.

I am asking Hayagriva to send you the MS for Bhagavad Gita, and you can also write him directly to send a copy. Krishna's causeless Mercy is always there. If we take up that causeless Mercy a little seriously than further causeless Mercies are bestowed one after another unceasingly. Krishna is more anxious to bestow His benediction upon us than we are ready to take it. If we therefore sincerely engage our selves in Krishna Consciousness activities, certainly we will advance more and more by the causeless Mercy of the Lord. So by the Grace of the Lord you have got a very nice engagement. Try to execute this with all attention and then certainly you will feel transcendental bliss and your life will be successful without waiting for the next.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-2-9

Los Angeles
4th February, 1970

Berkeley

My Dear Hansadutta,

Please accept my blessings. I hope you have safely reached your place.

I have received letters from London that they are organizing World Samkirtan Party very seriously; therefore, it would be better if you go first to London and see how things are going on, then you may go to Germany if it is needed. They have asked me to send Vishnujan, but I think if Vishnujan goes from L.A. there is no second man to organize the street Samkirtan here. Practically, in his absence, his place cannot be immediately replaced. But if you go to London and join the Samkirtan Party, I think the vacancy there will be

filled up. So I shall be glad to hear from you what you decide to do.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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My Dear Bhaji Hanuman Prasad Poddar,

Please accept my humble obeisances. I beg to acknowledge receipt herewith of your letter dated January 26, 1970, addressed to London Temple, now redirected to me with enclosure of the copy of your former letter. I see that your former letter was addressed to me at the old address of Los Angeles Temple which we left two years ago; therefore, your former letter is missing. Anyway, I am very much pleased to get your inquiries about my activities, and within a week I shall prepare everything nicely and send to you.

I was in London from August through December, 1969, and there was our opening ceremony of Deity installation on the 14th December. Then I have come back to the States by the end of December. In the meantime, I beg to thank you very much for your kind interest in my humble service.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Yours in the service of the Lord,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Los Angeles

5th February, 1970

St. Louis

My Dear Sriman Anil Grover,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 2 February, 1970, sent through Sriman Vamandev. I am so glad to learn that you are an educated boy and coming to our Temple and trying to understand our Krishna Consciousness philosophy very seriously. It is very good sign. Try to continue this attitude; and whenever there is some question, you are welcome to put it before me, and I shall try my best to help you.

My life is dedicated for this purpose, and you have no cause for hesitation; but the process of putting questions is service and submission—that is the injunction in Bhagavad Gita. Questions should be put before a person to whom you can submit yourself and to whom you can render some service also—that is the way of self-realization.

The Krishna Consciousness Movement has a basic philosophy in view, which is propagation of the ideal of One God, one religion, one scripture, one hymn, and one human society. So far we Indians are concerned; we are ordered to preach the philosophy of Krishna Consciousness throughout the whole world, after personally realizing what it is. This means that as we have different types of limbs for different functions, but at the ultimate end all the different limbs of the body cooperate for the maintenance of the whole body. Similarly, if we accept the human society as one, then different sections of the human society may act differently for the one purpose of growth of human civilization.

You have said that you have come to this country for getting higher scientific education. That is very nice; but I think that if Indians would have come to this

country to give the people of this country higher education in spiritual knowledge, that would be the proper function of their section of the human society. If the people of this country have got higher technological and scientific education, they might go to India to teach them that part of knowledge; and Indians may come to teach them spiritual knowledge. To maintain proper balance of the society, both sides of education are needed.

If Western people are expert in technological knowledge, and if their natural tendency is to develop it, let them do it. But as far as we Indians are concerned, our people are naturally inclined for spiritual elevation. Therefore, even in these days also when there is Kumbha Mela at Prayag or any other place, or there is a particular function in some pilgrimage like Jagannath Puri, Vrindaban, Haridwar, etc., millions of people gather without any advertising. So these natural tendencies should not be disturbed, but the people of a particular section of the world should develop their indigenous talent and then exchange with others. So the Western people may give us their product, and we may give them our product; and by such exchanging policy, both of us may flourish in our civilized way of life.

Unfortunately, in India, at the present moment, our blind leaders are completely neglecting development of our indigenous talent. Therefore, India is in a position of misadjustment. I have got practical experience that some of the Indian students in this country directly criticize this Krishna Consciousness Movement; so I am very glad that you are giving some serious attention to this Movement, and I wish may Krishna bless you for your further advancement.

Now coming to the point of questions—your first question is: “What am I? Is the body itself matter, or spiritual soul, or a combination of both?” Answer: You

are eternal servant of Krishna. The body is matter. The spirit soul is different from the body—it is not exactly combination, but it is engagement. Just like if you put oil in the water, the oil does not mix up with the water. Similarly, soul does not mix with the material body; but due to our material consciousness, we are thinking that the movement of this body is movement of the soul. Therefore, when the body is destroyed, we think the soul is destroyed. That is stated in the Bhagavad Gita, that the soul does not die with the destruction of the body. With the destruction of one body, the soul transmigrates to another body, thus the bondage of material existence. Therefore, to train the soul properly to revive his original consciousness, or Krishna Consciousness, is the real purpose of human life.

Then, your second question, “If this body is pure soul, then why it gets engaged with worldly matter?” As explained above, the body is not the soul, it gets engaged with worldly matter due to its vitiated consciousness. Just like some of us are thinking that ‘I am American,’ or ‘I am Indian’—it is due to vitiated consciousness. The real consciousness is that I am eternal servant of Krishna. Or, it is just like a madman who thinks to himself that he is king, he is free to do whatever he likes, and talks non-sense; but a sane man laughs at him.

Our engagement in the matter is just like a madman’s activities. When one is treated by the treatment of Krishna Consciousness, he becomes relieved from all these designative engagements. When I feel as American or when I feel as Indian, and act accordingly, that is the cause of all sorts of anxieties and frustrations. Krishna Consciousness means to come to the pure understanding that one is neither American nor Indian, but he is eternal servant of Krishna, and thus engages himself in rendering loving service to the

Lord. This is his pure spiritual life.

As long as he does not come to that standard, he is supposed to be materially contaminated. Krishna Consciousness Movement means to engage our sense in the service of the Lord, just opposed to the materialistic way of life wherein the senses are engaged for sense gratification.

Your third question is, “As You have explained in “Two Essays”, that as body is covered by shirt and coat, similarly, soul is covered by mind, intelligence, and false ego—if it is so, then who are mind, intelligence and false ego? Who controls them?” The soul controls the mind and intelligence. When he is designated, he controls the mind and intelligence in one way; but when he is free from designation, he controls the mind and intelligence in another way.

In other words, when the soul is designated, for example, as American or Indian, he controls the mind and intelligence in that direction and acts for that particular nation. Similarly, when he is free from the designations and feels himself as the servant of Krishna, he controls his mind and intelligence for that purpose. That is to say, a soul is destined to use his mind and intelligence for rendering service to others because his original position is servant. A servant has to render service to some master, so when he is in designated condition of life, he accepts somebody as master which is Maya.

Maya is illusion. When a soul renders, therefore, service as American or Indian or any other designation, he accepts Maya as his master, because thinking oneself as Indian or American is illusion. Therefore, one’s perfect position of life is to render service to Krishna, and for that purpose control the mind and intelligence. So, the conclusion is, in either of his statuses of life, the soul itself is the controller of the mind and intelligence.

Fourth question: “Where does the

spiritual life lead us? How should people recognize whether we do take birth in our next life or not?" Answer: Spiritual life leads us to our original constitutional position free from all designations. This is explained in the Bhagavad Gita as *brahmabhuta* status. This *brahmabhuta* status means free from all anxieties, without any hankering or lamentation. At that stage only, one can think of universal brotherhood. And the next stage is to be engaged in pure Krishna Consciousness, and thus gradually be transferred to the spiritual world where there is eternal life full of bliss and knowledge.

In other words, the spirit soul, when he is fully liberated from material contamination or designation, he no longer transmigrates to another material body after death. He is transferred to the spiritual world for eternal residence in one of the spiritual planets known as Vaikunthas. The abode of Lord Krishna is the highest Vaikuntha planet, known as Goloka Vrindaban.

People must understand intelligently that they are transmigrating from one body to another at every moment. The body is dying at every moment, and the soul is transmigrating to another body at every moment—this is medical fact. The blood corpuscles are changing at every moment and new corpuscles are taking their place. The old order changes, yielding place to the new. This is going on continually. In this way, the soul is transmigrating from baby body to child body, from child body to boy body, from boy body to youth body. So, at the end, when the material of the body does not act very nicely, the soul has to take another material condition of body, giving up the present one.

The body is changing, but the soul is there. Everyone of us can remember our childhood body or past body. That past body is no longer existing; but I am exist-

ing now and I existed in the past, and therefore, I must exist in the future in spite of change of body. These things are nicely explained in the Bhagavad Gita, and we should take advantage of this knowledge.

Fifth question: "To achieve the goal of Krishna, should we pass our life through matter to spiritual life or direct to spiritual life?" The goal of Krishna can be achieved in a second if we simply accept the truth that we are eternal servant of Krishna. Although I am within this material body, I can immediately stop its material function simply by developing my Krishna Consciousness, which means to accept that I am eternal servant of Krishna.

Unfortunately, all the Karmis, Jnanis, and Yogis are thinking of themselves in different degrees that they are not servants of Krishna. Therefore, it is stated in the Bhagavad Gita that after many, many births of different activities under different concepts of life, when actually one becomes wise, he surrenders unto Krishna, understanding Vasudeva Lord Krishna is the Cause of all causes. But such great soul, accepting Krishna as the Supreme Master is very, very rarely to be found.

Fortunately, by the grace of Lord Chaitanya, the Krishna Consciousness revival is made very easy, simply by chanting the Hare Krishna Mantra. Therefore, I advise you to chant this sublime Mantra—Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare, and be happy in this life without any frustrations, anxieties, worries, etc. as you have mentioned in the first part of your letter. This is practical and very easy to perform. Try it sincerely, and your life will be sublime.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Los Angeles
5th February, 1970Gita Press
Gorakhpur

My Dear Bhaiji Hanuman Prasad Poddar,

Please accept my obeisances. I hope by this time you have received my acknowledgement dated yesterday for your letter dated 26 January, 1970. As you want to publish a comprehensive article about my activities in the "Kalyan," I think it is proper to give you a short history of my coming to the western world.

Sometime in the year 1922, when I was acting as manager of Dr. Bose's Laboratory Ltd., I was fortunate enough to meet my Spiritual Master, His Divine Grace Om Vishnupad Paramhansa Parabrahmakachary 108 Sri Srimad Bhakti Sidhanta Saraswati Goswami Prabhupad. On the very first meeting with His Divine Grace, He asked me to preach the message of Lord Chaitanya in the Western world.

At that time, I was a young man and a nationalist, admirer of Mahatma Gandhi and C.R. Dass. So I replied Him at that time, who would care for the message of Lord Chaitanya while we are a subject nation? In this way, I had some argument with my Spiritual Master, and at the end I was defeated. But at that time, because I was already married, I could not take His words very seriously.

In this way, I passed on as a householder, but, by the causeless mercy of my Divine Master, that order of preaching was impressed on my heart. I was initiated regularly in 1933 at Allahabad, when Sir Malcolm Haley, the then Governor of U.P., opened our Gaudiya Math branch there. Then, in 1936, my Spiritual Master left this world leaving a message for me that it would be better for me to preach in English language.

So I was thinking very seriously, and

then, as late as 1944 I started my paper, "Back to Godhead." Gradually, in 1954, I retired from my family life and began to live alone in Mathura Vrindaban. In 1959, I was awarded Sannyas by one of my Godbrothers, His Holiness B.P. Keshav Maharaj.

Then I began translating Srimad Bhagwatam in 1960; and, perhaps in 1961, I was your guest in the Gita Bagicha. You were very kind to help me partially for publishing my first volume of Srimad Bhagwatam through the Dalmia Charitable Trust. With great difficulty, I then published the second and third volumes of Srimad Bhagwatam until 1965, when I prepared myself to come to this country with some books.

With great difficulty, I was able to get the 'P' Form passed by the Controller of Foreign Exchange, and, somehow or other, I reached Boston on 17th September, 1965. I was thinking, while on board the ship "Jaladuttae," why Krishna had brought me to this country. I knew that Western people are too much addicted to so many forbidden things according to our Vedic conception of life. So out of sentiment I wrote a long poetry addressing Lord Krishna as to what was His purpose in bringing me to this country.

At that time, I was sponsored by a friend's son, Gopal Agarwal, who is settled up in this country by marrying an American girl, Sally. I was their guest, and I feel very much obliged to Gopal and his wife Sally for their nice treatment and reception. I was with them for three weeks in Butler, near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and then I came to New York. I was getting some money by selling my Srimad Bhagwatam, thus I was maintaining myself in New York. After some time, I rented one apartment at number 100 71st Street West, but after a few months, all my things—typewriter, taperecorder, books—were stolen. Then for some time one of

my students gave me shelter at Bowery Street.

I then rented one store-front and an apartment at 26 Second Avenue for \$200 per month, but without any source of income. I started my classes and sometimes, on Sundays, I used to chant Hare Krishna Mantra in Tomkins Square Park from three to 5 P.M. During this time, all the young boys and girls used to gather around me, sometimes poet Ginsberg would come to see me, and sometimes a reporter from the New York Times came to see me. In this way, the Hare Krishna Mantra chanting became very popular on the Lower East Side.

In this way, the younger generation became attracted, and gradually many branches were opened one after another. After New York, the next branch was opened in San Francisco, then in Montreal, then in Boston, and in Los Angeles. We have now the following centers in the States, Canada, Europe, Japan, and Australia: (see insert sheet A' following page 2).

My activities in London were begun as early as September, 1968. I sent six of my disciples there, all of them young couples, husband and wife, and none of them more than 26 years old. These boys and girls first started Sankirtan Movement in London and there were very nice reports about them. Even the "Times of London" printed one article with the caption "Hare Krishna Chant Startles London".

In London there are many Indians, especially Guzraties and Punjabies. All of them were astonished to see how American boys and girls were preaching Hare Krishna Mantra. They were invited to many centers both by the Indians and Europeans, but it was very difficult to find out a suitable house there in the midst of the city. My Guru Maharaj liked to start centers in the busiest part of a city. So, forty years ago, my Guru Maharaj at-

tempted to start a Temple there, but some-way or other it was not possible. Still, I cherished a strong desire to start a Temple in the heart of the city, and by Lord Krishna's grace these boys and girls rented a five storied house in the busiest quarter of central London, at 7 Bury Place, which is near to the British Museum, London University, Great Russell Street, and Bloomsbury Square. The British Museum is just a few stones on the left side of our Temple. Our activities are going on regularly in London. There are about 35 English and American boys and girls.

Regarding the number of ashrams, our Temples are already listed above. The Deity worshipped in the Temples are Jagannath Swami with Balarama and Subhadra, and Radha Krishna. When we first start a Temple, we start with Jagannath Swami. My Guru Maharaj recommended Temples of Jagannath in these countries, so I was inspired to establish first of all Jagannath Swami because He is kind even to the mlecchas. Then, when there is opportunity, I establish Radha Krishna Murti. So generally in all our Temples, Jagannath Swami and Lord Chaitanya Samkirtan pictures are invariably there, and gradually we are installing Radha Krishna Murties in each and every center. The program of the Temple worship is as follows: Early in the morning, before sunrise, there is Mangal Aratrik. At 8:00 a.m. there is dressing and decorating of the altar daily. Then, between 11:30 and 12:00 N., Bhoga Aratrik. At 5:00 p.m., opening of the door and Dhoop Aratrikas well as Boikalik Bhoga offering. In the morning we offer fruits and milk to the Deities, and at noon we offer rice, dal, chopatties, vegetable, milk, sweet rice, and many other varieties. In the Boikalik Bhoga Aratrik we offer fruits again. Then there is Sandhya Aratrik after dusk; and at 9:00 p.m. we offer Bhoga of Puri,

vegetable, milk, sweetmeats, etc. Then there is Sanyan Aratrik after which the Deity rests. This is the general program of worship. We decorate the thrones with profuse flowers, changing the dress and ornaments daily, and as far as possible the Deity platform and the Temple room are kept neat and clean always.

The devotees take bath twice daily.

The Government of U.K. has passed a bill to hand over the redundant churches to other religious sects, but the christian authorities want good amount of money for selling these properties. So none of the churches have we been able to acquire, on account of the exorbitant price, for which I have not got money to pay. But they are available. In London we saw a redundant church and also in Oxford. They are very nice for our purpose, but the negotiation is very slow. Some other churches are also available in other districts, but they can be purchased. The government has no such scheme to place these unused churches at our disposal.

How can we expect the government to give us any financial help, while our Indian government does not allow any money to be brought from India for this purpose? How can we expect financial help from another government? Our financial budget is managed by Krishna's Grace only. Undoubtedly we have huge expenditures—for example in our Los Angeles Temple we spend near about Rs 20,000 in our Indian exchange per month. But the devotees, boys and girls, somehow or other collect this huge amount, and by the Grace of Krishna, we have no difficulty.

In most of the centers our activities are in rented houses, only in Boston and Buffalo we have our own houses. In Boston we have got our own press, ISKCON Press, where our books and magazines are published partially. The major portion is printed outside our press especially in

Japan.

The government is neither encouraging or discouraging. sometimes the police department prohibits our Samkirtan Party when they go out in the street. In the United States this hindrance by the police is not very much, but in London they have practically stopped us. In Hamburg and Tokyo they are also not very strict. In the beginning we have difficulty everywhere. By now, as people in general are appreciating our movement—that we are devotees of the Lord, boys and girls of nice behavior and character—they give us as far as possible all concessions. The government draft board has accepted our Society as religious, so they are kind upon us. But, we do not get any direct financial help either from the government or big foundations. Neither have we been able to contact the richer section of the people.

Our initiation system is as follows: In our general thrice weekly classes we chant Hare Krishna Mantra in the beginning and at the end, and in the middle we speak on Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagwatam regularly. In this class we do not prohibit anyone to come within the Temple, everyone is welcome. The only thing we ask visitors to leave their shoes at a specified place and sit down in the Temple crosslegged. If somebody finds difficulty to sit down crosslegged, we offer him a chair. So out of the members of the audience who come regularly, when one becomes more interested he is invited to participate in the program of Krishna Consciousness daily life and study. After some time of appreciating our program and trying to understand our philosophy, when someone is very interested and recommended by the Temple Commander, for becoming initiated, I accept him and give him first initiation in the form of Hari Nam in a regular ceremony with fire-sacrifice. I chant Hare Krishna Mantra on the 108 beads and then the beads are

offered to the disciple with a change of name as Krishnadas. He is advised to strictly follow the regulative principles of 1. no eating of meat, fish, or eggs; 2. no taking of intoxicants including coffee, tea, and tobacco; 3. no illicit sex-life; and 4. no gambling or mental speculation.

In this way, after six months at least, when he is found habituated to the Vaishnava principles, then he is initiated for the second time with the sacred thread. This sacred thread ceremony is recommended in the *Hari Bhakti Vilas*, or the Vaishnava Smṛiti, by Sanatan Goswami. Sanatan Goswami recommends that by the initiation process one is elevated to the position of a twice-born (Dwijā). This is recommended under Pancharatrika Biddhi. Under Vedic Biddhi, a student is required to be a bonafide son of a Brahmin or twice-born, but according to Srimad Bhagwatam, if there are no regular samskaras beginning from Garbhadhanaone is considered as Sudra, but a Sudra can be elevated to a Brahmin's position by Pancharatrika Biddhi. This is instructed by Sage Narada to Yudhisthira in Seventh Canto of Srimad Bhagwatam as follows;

On this verse, Sridhar Swami has given His commentation that birth is not always the criterion of becoming a Brahmin, but the quality is most essential. In the Bhagavad Gita also the caste system is made by the Lord Himself according to qualities and engagements. In the Srimad Bhagwatam also it is stated as follows:

Kirata huna andhra pulinda pukkasa
abhira sumbha yavanah khasadayah
ye'nye c papa yadupasrayasrayah
sudyanti tasmai prabhavisnabe namah.
(S.B. 2/5/18)

So our initiation process is executed according to authorized regulative principles. This is the sum and substance of our initiation process. In the beginning, they are given Hare Nama and during sacred

thread ceremony they are given Gayatris and eighteen letter Krishna Mantra. The disciple chants daily the Gayatri Mantras thrice—morning, noon, and evening. The beads are chanted a minimum of sixteen rounds daily, or in other words, 27,648 Names daily.

I am enclosing herewith some printed copies of the rules and regulations, ten kinds of offenses, etc. which are regularly observed by the students.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Yours in the sevice of the Lord,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. So far the means of the books published are as follows:

3 volumes Srimad Bhagwatam League of Devotees \$16.00 (set)

1 paperbackm Bhagavad Gita *As It Is* Collier (Macmillan) \$2.95

1 hardback Bhagavad Gita *As It Is* Macmillan \$6.95

1 *Teachings of Lord Chaitanya* ISKCON Press \$5.95

1 *Sri Isopanisad* ISKCON Press \$1.00

1 *Nectar of Devotion* ISKCON Press \$5.95

1 *Krishna* ISKCON Press \$10.00

1 *Easy Journey to Other Planets* League of Devotees \$0.50

1 *Two Essays* ISCKON PRESS \$.50

Monthly magazine "Back to Godhead" ISKCON Press \$.50

French ed. "Back to Godhead" ISKCON Press

German ed. "Zuruck zur Gottheit" ISKCON Press

Some of these are being enclosed herewith, and the balance will be dispatched from New York along with books.

The management of our different centers is made by three officers; namely a President, Treasurer, a and Secretqry. They have got separate banking accounts in each center. The checks are signed by two officers out of three. Although in each

banking account my name is there as Acharya, and when I am in a center sometimes I sign the checks, still, usually I do not. I try to keep myself aloof from business transactions; but as far publications is concerned, I manage the book fund personally.

So our centers are managed financially by selling the books and magazines and by accepting some voluntary contributions from the public. Sometimes we manufacture incense and the visitors gladly purchase it. In this way we manage the financial affairs of our society. In London, however, we get some income by sales of "Hare Krishna Mantra" record and similarly in the U.S.A. we get some income by selling "Govinda" records and other similar records. From London the "Hare Krishna Mantra" record has world wide sales. This is managed by Mr. George Harrison, the famous English musician, who is my uninitiated devotee. This boy has paid me recently \$19,000 for publishing my *Krishna* book. The whole amount will be required for publishing the book in Japan.

The names of places where our centers are already established is given above. The photographs of our various daily activities—Kirtans, etc.—are also enclosed herewith.

I am very glad to learn that you want to publicize our activities for the young men in India, but I find that here the young men are very much inquisitive. I do not know why in India the young men are not so much inquisitive—maybe they are very much embarrassed to solve economic problems. Recently one Indian boy, he is a PhD at St. Louis University, has joined our St. Louis center, and the copies of his enquiries and answers by me are sent herewith for your perusal. So far European and American young boys and girls are concerned, they also send me many enquiries by letter and I answer them in

the same way, generally giving reference from the *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*. These students are very nicely combating elements opposing Bhakti school. There are hundreds of letters from them; and if you are serious to make some agitation among Indian young men, then on hearing from you, I can some of the letters for publication.

On the whole, the Godless world situation is not very satisfactory. People in this part of the world are feeling for this vacancy, but they do not know how to solve this problem. They think that by making people Godless they will solve the question—this is a utopian hope which will never be fulfilled. The Godless leaders of the society are blind themselves and their followers are also blind. So blind men leading blind men has no meaning. But practically I have experienced that this Krishna Consciousness Movement or to present the philosophy of the *Bhagavad Gita as it is* can solve all problems of the world. It is specifically the responsibility of the Indians after realizing the philosophy themselves, and I think if such realized souls go to various parts of the world and preach this Krishna Consciousness Movement in every nook and corner of the world, there will be aggregate renaissance. I would therefore request you to give your serious attention to this Krishna Consciousness Movement and help me as far as possible.

I want to start a center in India at the birth-site of Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu specially for accommodating non-Indian students for taking lessons in this great transcendental art. When Indian young men will see that foreign students from England, America, Canada, Australia, etc. are taking interest in the spiritual science left by the Acharyas headed by Lord Krishna, then naturally they will also take part. It will be a great expensive job, but still if one half the expense is borne by the

Indians I shall manage to send the other half from America and Europe. As your good self has voluntarily offered some service on account of this Krishna Consciousness Movement, I shall be very much pleased if you kindly consider this proposal.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours in the service of the Lord,

A. C. B. S.

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Los Angeles
8th February, 1970

Detroit

My Dear Bhagavandas,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 5 February, 1970, and as advised by you I am sending herewith the tape #14. Please transcribe it nicely, edit it, and send one copy to me and the others to Satsvarupa. The tapes after being transcribed must be sent to me directly otherwise I will be short of the stock of tapes.

Sriman George Harrison has certainly done an unique service by contributing \$19,000 for publishing my *Kṛṣṇa* book. When I was in London, he saw me four times and he was very submissive and devout and he was not at all proud of his very well-to-do material position. He has a reputation as a first class musician and he is considered to be rich or as they say one of the richest men in the world. Still he was not at all puffed up, but was humble, meek, polite, and devout. So all these qualities and his service to Krishna will certainly help him in his advancement of Krishna Consciousness. Thus I see that although he is not an initiated disciple, still he has been trying to help us in so many ways.

This change of his heart has been pos-

sible by the endeavor of Shyamsundar. Shyamsundar tried to win his friendship by all means and the result obtained thereof was offered to Krishna. In the London Temple the first class Italian marble throne worth about \$3,000 was also contributed by George through the service of Shyamsundar. So actually George's leaning towards Krishna Consciousness has been greatly influenced by Shyamsundar's endeavor. Srimad Bhagwatam recommends that we shall employ our life, money, intelligence, and words for the service of the Lord. So Shyamsundar employed his intelligence to bring George Harrison into the service of Krishna Consciousness and thus George's money has been employed in Krishna's service. This is the whole process of Krishna Consciousness—First of all one should dedicate his life for Krishna's service; that is very nice. If he cannot dedicate his whole life, then let him devote his money; if he cannot devote his money, then let him devote his intelligence; and if he cannot devote his intelligence also, then let him devote his voice in Krishna Consciousness by uttering Hare Krishna Mantra. Therefore Hare Krishna Mantra is the greatest common factor for self-realization. Please preach this philosophy whole-heartedly and Krishna will be very much pleased upon you.

The court case is very humorous, happy, and authoritative. The charge was "Chanting God's Name" for the welfare "of mankind." So what can be the charges? If a man is chanting God's Name for the welfare of mankind, how the learned judge can convict him with any charges? So he has done real justice by dismissing the case. This will be great evidence of our sincere activities and you can send copies to all the centers as well as to the editors of BTG for immediate printing. The copy which you have sent me I have redirected to India to the editor of

“Kalyan” a very influential religious paper. Perhaps you know the Gita Press. So you can send me also a few copies more.

This charge against Hare Krishna chanting is not very new. Even during Lord Chaitanya's days a similar charge was brought against Him by Char Kazi who later on converted to become His devotee. So chant Hare Krishna Mantra sincerely and seriously and Krishna will give you all protection. The house in contemplation appears to be very nice and within our means, so please try to get it as early as possible.

I am very glad that you have sent Jagadisha and his good wife to Toronto to help start a Temple there. By the prayers of all my beloved devotees like you I am keeping good health and I hope this will also meet you in cheerful health in Krishna Consciousness.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS:db

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Los Angeles
8th February, 1970

My Dear Yamuna, Mondakini, Ilavati, Jyotirmye, Dhananjaya, Digvijaya, Jotilla, Prithadevi, and Tamal,

Please accept my blessings: I am so much obliged for your loving presentation of sweets, balusai, handkerchief, painting, flower, simply wonderful, sacred thread, dhoop, and Gopi Chandan, and I have immediately tasted all the preparations so nice and distributed them to the devotees of the Temple. I have offered the handkerchief and dhoop to Radha Krishna, and placed the picture on the wall. Please organize this Samkirtan Movement under the leadership of Tamal, Mukunda, Shyamsundar, and Gurudas and be happy.

Hope this will meet you all in very good health.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
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70-2-15

Los Angeles
8th February, 1970

London

My Dear Daughter Ilavati,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your nice letter dated 28 January, 1970, along with your beads. I am very happy to accept you as one of my disciples, and I am returning your beads herewith duly chanted on by me.

As you are liking the London Temple atmosphere, please remain there to learn more about Krishna Consciousness from your Godbrothers and Godsisters there. Follow the rules and regulations and avoid the ten offenses in chanting the Holy Name, study the Scriptures like Bhagavad Gita *As It Is* and always stay engaged in Krishna's service. I am enclosing a list of rules for devotees and the ten offenses. Chant regularly sixteen rounds daily on your beads and be happy.

Ilavati is the name of the Goddess of the Earth. Do not forget Krishna, He will give you all protection, and your life will be sublime.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

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

70-2-16

Los Angeles
8th February, 1970

London

My Dear Daughter Mondakini,

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

Thank you very much. I am very glad to accept you as my disciple because you want to learn how to serve Krishna, and I am returning your beads duly chanted upon by me.

Please chant sixteen rounds of beads daily following the rules and four restrictions and avoiding the ten offenses in chanting the Holy Name of Krishna. Please learn our Krishna Consciousness way of life from the good guidance of the older devotees there.

I am so glad to learn that you are nicely appreciating the bliss of Krishna Consciousness and are endeavoring to become pure in this association. If you continue in this attitude you will progress more and more in your service. So chant Hare Krishna Mantra and be happy. That is my desire.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

N.B. Mondakini is the name of the river flowing through the heavenly planets. On this planet this river is known as Ganges. This water was kindly let down into this universe by the lotus foot of Krishna in His incarnation as Vamana.

70-2-17

Los Angeles
8th February, 1970

London

My Dear Mukunda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 2 February, 1970, and I have noted the contents. Regarding the big house, try to acquire this house according to my former instructions on hire/purchase system.

Regarding Temple management, I may inform you that Tamal Krishna may

help you how to organize, but if you make him stay in one place and he cannot move to other places then the idea on which he was left in London—that he should see the development of the centers in France and Germany—will be jeopardized. As our branches are increasing it is necessary that somebody shall move from one place to another for improving the particular center's activities. Besides that, you have also requested to send Vishnujana to London, but you know that whatever improvement has been made in Los Angeles is due to the Samkirtan Party going outside the Temple. Madhudvisa and Jayananda have gone to San Francisco, and Tamal has gone to London. So out of the four leading boys of the Samkirtan Party, three are already out. So the remaining one's, Vishnujana's, presence is needed here. Gargamuni and Stoka Krishna are engaged otherwise, so Vishnujana is taking care of the new devotees as well as Kirtan Party. If, therefore, he also goes away, I think that the management here will suffer.

Tamal has certainly got valuable talent in dealing with outsiders, particularly with regards to arranging engagements, but I think that some of you also pick up his talents and then he will be free to move to other places so that they also may utilize his service. There are pending many important businesses in France and Germany, but if Tamal cannot go there on account of London's business, then their business will suffer. I think, therefore, that Tamal's services and talents should be learned by you and he may be allowed to go at least for a month to Germany and Paris and then come back to London.

The whole idea is that he may stay one month in London and then go out for one month to Paris and Germany and then come back again to London. In this way, when things are going on smoothly everywhere, then he can devote more time in

London for other important things.

I have advised Hansadutta to go to London and then to go to Germany for organizing Samkirtan. I could not follow the meaning of the last line of your letter, "We look forward to the day when You grace us with Your Holy Instructions for Lord Chaitanya's Samkirtan." If you mean by this line about the World Samkirtan Party, then I may inform you that for this purpose you will have to wait for some time more. The purpose of World Samkirtan Party will be to establish a center in each and every city and village of the world. This idea is taking practical shape in various centers. Just like you started for London Yatra and now after one year it has taken a shape, similarly in Germany also it has taken a shape, but in Paris it has not taken as yet. Therefore World Samkirtan Party means to establish a center everywhere we go.

I do not mean a concert party or musical party that may go to a city, have some performances and collect some money without any permanent effect. For this purpose the World Samkirtan Party should consist of members who can impress spiritual ecstasy in the hearts of the people so that some of them may come forward and agree to establish a center where the Samkirtan party may go on continually.

From Krishnadas' letter it appears that in Germany there is good prospect for opening many centers. When you last went to Germany it was very effective. Why not first of all start a center in Paris and a few other centers in Germany and then think of the World Samkirtan Party on the basis of starting a center wherever you go. Both Tamal and yourself, Gurudas and Shyamsundar think over this idea, and in the meantime, as you are yourself a musical instructor, you can teach the newcomers in the Kirtan performances for future program.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. How is Janaki? Ask her to write me letter. I hope she is doing well. Offer my blessings to her and Malati. ACB
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70-2-18

Los Angeles
8th February, 1970

London

My Dear Tamal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 3 February, 1970, along with Mukunda's, Gurudas', and Shyamsundar's letters. I am replying all of them separately within this envelope.

Regarding Vishnujana, that is a common factor of all your letters, but you must know that the development of L.A. Temple was practically done by you four; namely yourself, Madhudvisa, Vishnujana, and Jayananda. Last year when I was in Hayworth Street, there was no Temple and sometimes we were chanting in the garage. Then gradually this Temple was secured and at that time I asked how much you could help out of the \$400 rent and with great difficulty you promised to help only \$100 from the Samkirtan Party. Now by the Grace of Krishna they are collecting more than \$100 daily. You know that the expenses of the Temple have gone up to \$2,000 per month. There are at least 30 devotees, and practically all old boys like you, Jayananda, Madhudvisa, etc. are not here. Besides that, Vishnujana is training all the new devotees who are coming. So Vishnujana himself also thinks his absence will be hampering in the Temple procedure. I am enclosing herewith Vishnujana's letter in this connection which will speak for itself.

You have written to say that you cannot go to Hamburg or Paris to organize their activities, but actually you were left in London for the purpose of organizing these three centers. If you stick only to London Temple then our former scheme will not be executed. I think, therefore, it is proper that you should devote your time for all these three centers and train the local management for being self-supporting. As you are helping London Temple, similarly you should help the Hamburg and Paris Temples also. I think that was our original plan, and you should not change the same.

I have received one letter from Krishнадas that there is good potency for opening many branches in Germany. I think, therefore, you should go to Germany at least for one or two months and see how things can be managed for opening more branches. I have therefore asked Hansadutta to go to Germany for this purpose. He has also got organizing power as he has well done in Berkeley. So with your cooperation I think in your absence he may be a great help in the German center. I have asked him to go via London. So these are the things for practical solution.

You have written to say that no one can deal with the devotees except Vishnujana; that is not a good proposal. There are so many old and experienced devotees in London; but for management of other devotees, if there is no one to look after them, that does not sound very good. For musical training I think Mukunda has sufficient knowledge. Anyway, for the time being, Hansadutta is going and Mukunda is there and you are also there. See if the World-wide Samkirtan Party can be organized without Vishnujana. For the present Vishnujana can not be freed from the Los Angeles engagements, but in future if somebody is trained up to take his place then I shall recommend him to go to London.

Regarding the court case of our Samkirtan Movement, there was a similar case in Detroit and the charges were creating disturbances, but the case was dismissed. I have asked Bhagavandas to send you the copy of the newspaper report, and I hope this will help you. The newspaper report heading was "Religious Group Wins Day in Court."

Regarding the six months contract for £250 per week from engagements in halls, colleges, clubs, etc., it is very good news. But one thing we must remember that we are not professional musicians or concert party. Our main business is to vibrate the Holy Name of Krishna everywhere so that the people will be benefitted by hearing the transcendental sound. The musical training is not so important as it is to keep ourselves spiritually fit in spiritual strength, that we should not forget. If we are in spiritual strength, there will be no scarcity of money; and the spiritual strength is that each and every one of us must chant the sixteen rounds of beads and follow the rules and regulations with great adherence.

In the meantime, I have received one box containing sweets, balusai, a handkerchief, a flower, simply wonderful, a sacred thread, Gopi Chandan, dhoop, and a painting, and three sets of beads from Monique, Evelyne, and Joelle. Later on I received their respective letters and recommendations of initiation from Yamuna devi, and I am sending the beads by separate mail duly chanted.

The information and date for Bhaktivoiva examination will be forwarded in due course.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-2-19

Los Angeles
10th February, 1970c/o Mendoza
Bronx, N. Y.

My Dear Ekayani,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your very intelligent letter dated 28 January, 1970. I am so glad to learn that you are taking very much interest in the Deity worship, and such activities must be accompanied with chanting of the Holy Name regularly. Actually chanting of the Holy Name regularly is our life and soul, and on the basis of such activities all other devotional services will sustain.

I am still more glad to learn that your mother is also taking interest.

Lord Jagannath can be dressed in yellow, Balarama in bluish color, and Subhadra in red color. That is usual, but any other color is not prohibited.

If your mother knows Spanish language she can be engaged in translating our literatures, and very soon we are going to publish our BTG in that language. So she can be a great help in that activity.

I have heard about Vamandev in his last news bulletin, and both of them are doing nicely there on account of being sincere to the Spiritual Master and Krishna. From the beginning I encouraged young boys and girls married and united together to preach Krishna Consciousness, and this process has proved practical. So when you are also married with a good devotee, you can do the same work and open a center in some place convenient to you. That will spread our Krishna Consciousness movement.

I always advise married couples that the male should be engaged in some work; but if somebody is busily engaged in our activities and therefore he cannot work outside, that is also nice. We do not press people to contribute, and even though we

do so, it is for the good of the contributor because everything is employed for advancing this Krishna Consciousness movement. The initiated householders are supposed to be Brahmins, and according to scriptural injunction a Brahmin can accept charity for employing the income in the service of the Lord. The boys and girls who chant in the street are also giving in charity the highest benefit to the people in general. So far such Brahmins or Brahmacharies or Sannyasis asking contributions is not against the law, actually that is the way of livelihood for persons who are not karmis.

Sometimes such persons in India go door to door for collecting alms. The whole idea is that one should not be a professional beggar for livelihood, but for Krishna's service this asking

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Avatars. Lord Chaitanya's Abode is described in the Brahma Samhit and it is called Svetadwipa. It is an extension of Goloka Vrindaban. Gokula means 'flocks of cows.' Go means cow and kula means flocks. Braja is not different from Vrindavan. Braja means the pasturing grounds and Vrindavan is the woods where there are many Tulsi leaves.

We do not find who is the mother of Subhadra, but she was one of Vasudeva's wives. So far putting kohl on the eyes of the Deities, that is not required. The Madhu demon was killed a very long time ago, in the beginning of the creation. The story may be found in one of the Puranas.

I am glad to learn that you are painting and have just finished one picture of Jasoda Krishna. This is a great talent of yours. Regarding taking a job after leaving school this summer, there is no need—rather you should stay at the Temple. You can take Prasadum etc. at the Temple and in that way Krishna will support you; you should not work outside, but you may live at home just as after working one returns

home at night. There are many qualified devotees, so you may choose an husband from among them. I am very happy to learn how you are eager to start a new center and have nice Deity worship, so you may follow the fine example of your sister in this way. That is very nice. Just develop your sincere attitude of serving Krishna and He will kindly provide all the necessities for further advancement in Krishna Consciousness.

Thanking you once more for your nice letter. Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-2-20

Los Angeles
10th February, 1970

My Dear Jayadvaita,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you very much for your letter dated 5 February, 1970. It is very much encouraging to see you are a good and scrutinizing editor. May Krishna bless you.

So far the vyabhicary symptoms are concerned, just now it is not possible to give you the two points missing because the reference books are left in London. So without waiting further for these minor discrepancies, you can finish the subject adding "etc." or do it at your best discretion as Kṛṣṇa will dictate from within you. I can rely on you.

Another point is I want to prepare a small pamphlet for *Kṛṣṇa* book, giving the description in nutshell with some important pictures. Can you prepare it in consultation with Satsvarupa, immediately? This is required very urgently. Add on the cover page the following words:

Kṛṣṇa

The Supreme rich, powerful, famous, and

beautiful Personality of Godhead without any material attachment is now available in book form (400 pages reading matter and 52 colorful illustrations) in first-class hardbound and woodfree paper printed. Those who have heard the "Hare Krishna Mantra" record as well as "Govindam" will do well by procuring this de-luxe book and keep at home as a great treasure.

Try to understand the basic principles of the great movement "Krishna Consciousness"

I have already advised Gargamuni to talk with Brahmananda and again I am giving you in writing that the *Kṛṣṇa* book, manuscript and pictures, may be submitted to Dia Nippon positively on 15 February.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

70-2-21

Los Angeles
10th February, 1970

London

My Dear Shyamsundar,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your two letters dated January 31 and February 3, 1970 respectively. Your attitude of humbleness and meekness in the service of Krishna Consciousness is the only qualification which can lead us to upper grade of Krishna Consciousness, and this is the version of Lord Chaitanya. Your service is appreciated not only by me, but all other members of the Society.

Recently I received one letter from Bhagavandas and the copy of my reply to that letter is enclosed herewith, please find. Now everyone has heard how

strenuously you induced George Harrison to contribute for our *Krsna* book. The delay of payment was not due to your so-called 'negligence,' but it was due to the tricks of the lawyer, Mr. Klein. Anyway, now we have got the money, let us forget the delay. I have received one letter from Dia Nippon and they have informed me that it will take at least 85 days for finishing the printing work completely. I am going to submit the manuscript and pictures.

Now, according to their calculation, we shall have the book ready by the 15th of May, 1970. Your suggestion to introduce *Krsna* book along with the new record is very welcome. When do you expect the release of the records? I think it must be before the 15th May, 1970. Under the circumstances, I wish to print a few thousands of a small booklet regarding *Krsna* book, with a few pictures, giving a short description of *Krsna* on the cover page—

Krsna

“The Supreme rich, powerful, famous and beautiful Personality of Godhead without any material attachment is now available in book form (400 pages reading matter and 52 colorful illustrations) in first-class hardbound and woodfree paper printed. Those who have heard the “Hare Krishna Mantra” record as well as “Go-vindam” will do well by procuring this de-luxe book and keep at home as a great treasure.

“Try to understand the basic principles of the great movement “*Krsna Consciousness*”

The above will be a sub-clause on the pamphlet.

I think if George writes a small forward, then we can include it along with other description in the pamphlet. I think if we issue such prologue pamphlet and put it within the paper cover of the album, we can expect some order from many cus-

tomers before the book is out of the press, and in that case perhaps we have to mention the price and delivery terms to save time. If the shopkeepers who will sell the records will send us order, we shall give them sufficient trade discount. So I shall be glad to hear from you how you like this idea. If you like it, then please let me know by return mail the latest date on which you will require them, so that I can arrange for that.

I am so glad to learn that you are always gazing on the Sri Murti in our Temple, and this is also very much helpful in advancing Krishna Consciousness.

I understand that you have now some changes in the posts of the officers, but one thing you must remember that Tamal has to move at least in the three main centers of Europe and therefore you three directors or founders must have to learn the ways and means of administration from Tamal so that in his absence you may not feel any difficulty. As we are increasing the number of our centers and as it is not possible for me to move, I am just trying to train three or four of the advanced boys to work as the superintendents of the centers. Now you will be glad to know that we have our branch in Australia also.

I am glad that your press release propaganda is going very nicely and I shall request you to include the names of our books and publications as far as possible. When such press releases are printed, send me the copies regularly. It will be a great advantage for us as well as for the people in general if the press reporters can ventilate the idea of one God, one religion, one Scripture, one Mantra, and one people throughout the whole world.

I have seen the list of “Hare Krishna Mantra” record distribution and I am surprised to see that Germany alone has taken 57,000 records. Therefore we should open more branches in Germany immediately. So Krishnadas has also written me

about this prospect and I have asked Han-sadutta to go to Germany via London immediately for this purpose and I have written to Tamal about this. For you this engagement of press propaganda, I think, is the best occupation, assisted by Gurus.

I am very glad to note that you have marked the secret weapon of Kṛṣṇa's beauty, and this weapon was introduced by Lord Chaitanya. In the Srimad Bhag-watam it is clearly said that Lord Chaitanya's Associates are the weapons for conquering over the influence of this age, Kali Yuga. Try to realize this fact more and more and you will be victorious in every field for pushing on our Krishna Consciousness movement.

I am so glad to learn that you wish to distribute the *Kṛṣṇa* book in Europe to the extent of minimum 2,500. It does not matter what it is, but you try your best—that is required. Regarding Rathayatra festival, I have already written to Achyutananda for the exact date which I shall send you as soon as possible. But you can make arrangement of this Rathayatra festival for taking place sometimes in the month of July. Last year it was a great pleasure for me to participate in the S.F. Rathayatra; so this year, if you invite me, certainly I shall go to London; but for transcendental competition with S.F. you have to introduce three Rathas as they are done in Jagannath Puri. But if it is difficult for many reasons, then you can accommodate all the three Deities on one Ratha.

Regarding the building, certainly it will be very nice to secure it for our central movement in London. I think the royalties which you may have for 200,000 "Hare Krishna Mantra" records may immediately be employed for this purpose.

Regarding yourstaying in London, you must do it by all means and utilize the facilities offered by George's cooperation.

Regarding World Samkirtan Party, we

can attempt for this great task if somebody comes forward to sponsor the trip. We cannot do it ourself. We must remain free from the side of financial responsibility. Whenever you feel some difficulty you may consult me. If there is possibility of such sponsoring agency, do try for it seriously.

Regarding George's request to supervise the work in his monastery, I think you should help him because he is our good friend and by that way you shall be able to utilize his telegraph machine, etc. This is a good plan; I completely approve of this.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. London center must also pay my monthly maintenance as others are paying.
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70-2-22

Los Angeles

10th February, 1970

London

My Dear Yamuna,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter undated and I was so glad to learn that you have defeated four of the whips of the Ramakrishna Mission by giving quotation from the Bhagavad Gita. It is a fact that all other institutions, never mind whether it is Ramakrishna Mission or philosophical speculators, nobody can stand our arguments and reason if we can support them by quoting Scriptures. So if we thoroughly study the books which we have so far published, as well as serve Kṛṣṇa in great devotion by following the regulative principles, we shall be able to defeat anyone who is not in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. So do it nicely, and everyone of you become great preachers.

Please write me occasionally about your activities and train the initiated girls to assist you in all respects.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-2-23

Los Angeles
11th February, 1970

My Dear Gurudas,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 4 February, 1970. Regarding Vishnujana's call to London, he has already replied in Tamal & Mukunda's letter with statement of Vishnujana himself. For the time being Vishnujana cannot be spared from Los Angeles. There are four experienced workers here, out of whom Vishnujana is one, and three have already gone outside. Under the circumstances, he can't go to London immediately, but I have advised Hansadutta to go there and if his service can be utilized in London, because in sankirtan he is as good as Vishnujana, then it is alright. Otherwise he will go to Germany. I can follow that Vishnujana's service is very much needed in London but he is as much needed in Los Angeles also. So how he can be spared for London at the cost of Los Angeles business? So far brahmacharies are concerned, majorities of advanced students are in London, so why they should be lacking in training to enthuse these new brahmacharies?

In the meantime I received one letter from Balmukund Parikh. The copy of the letter and the copy of the reply also is enclosed herewith for your careful consideration. From the spirit of the letter it appears that the Indian community in London will hesitate to cooperate with our movement because they are under the im-

pression that our members are not working outside for earning their bread, but they have taken to this sankirtan movement as means of livelihood. That will be a bad impression and will go against our movement. The court case is pending, and if somebody says against us, that here is a party begging in the street for livelyhood, that will be great blot. So as suggested by Mr. Parikh, why some of the new members may not take this work? Anyway, I do not know what is the actual situation. You consider this letter of Mr. Parikh very seriously and try to convince Mr. Parikh and other Indian members that we are not begging for livelyhood, but it is for expansion of the Krishna Consciousness Movement, and members who are free are working outside and giving the result of their work for Krishna Consciousness Movement. So you kindly reply this letter what you are doing in this connection. I hope this finds you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. Please secure the address in Jaipur (India) of the Sri murti manufacturers. You will get it from Mr. Goyil who donated the Radha Krishna deity in London Temple. Tamal and Mukunda knows the address of Mr. Goyil or you may have it in your office file. I want such murtis for other centers. Please therefore send the address immediately.

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70-2-24

Los Angeles
11th February, 1970
Boulder, Colorado

My Dear Harer Nama,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 2 February, 1970, and thank you very much.

Actually, Samkirtan is our life and soul, and if we execute this transcendental

business in all earnestness, then there will be no difficulty in any way. We should not pray to Krishna anything except to ask to engage in His service. If we are engaged in His service then automatically everything will be revealed.

Any foodstuff suspected to contain untouchable ingredients should never be used in the temple. Yogurt can be prepared in the temple, it is not very difficult. Boil the milk at night, put a little yogurt in it, and next morning you will find it full of yogurt. You can ask New Vrindaban, they are practically preparing all these things.

Please let me know how many members are there, what is your source of income, and what is your program of expenditure. I shall be glad to know these things. I would also like to know if the initiated devotees are chanting regularly sixteen rounds and following the regulative principles rigidly. This is very essential.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-2-25

Los Angeles

11th February, 1970

London

My Dear Balmukundji Parikh,

Please accept my greeting and I thank you very much for your kind letter dated 5 February, 1970. I have understood the spirit of your letter and your suggestions are quite welcome.

According to our Shastras, the brahmacharies, the vanaprasthas, and the sannyasins are allowed to collect alms and are considered as the children of the society,

which is composed of householders. In other words, our Vedic civilization is the most perfect community project. Only the grihasthas are supposed to earn money, especially the kshatriyas and the vaisyas, and the money is distributed community-wide. The community is divided into four parts, the brahmachary, the grihastha, the vanaprastha, and the sannyasin. Out of these four divisions, only the grihasthas are supposed to maintain the brahmacharies, the vanaprasthas, and the sannyasins. That is the whole program, which means if there are 100 members in the community, three-fourths of the whole number, namely 75%, are maintained by the one-fourth members, namely 25%. Our movement is for preaching the sankirtan vibration, so while the brahmacharies and vanaprasthas or the sannyasins take to this preaching work, the grihasthas or householders can maintain the temple and institution. In India, you have said, the temples are richest because the grihasthas support them. In this country also the householders support the churches. So for the inmates of the temple, namely brahmacharies or the priests (even though they are grihasthas, householders), they do not work outside. They are maintained by the outside grihasthas. But so far as our London Temple is concerned, it is not yet self-supported, although the expenditure is very high. I think you are also one of the important members of our London Temple, so you can suggest to the directors how the expenditures can be minimized. In the meantime, the householders, either Indian or European community, support the temple expenditures. The inmates of the temple may not take any collections from the street, so that will be great relief for them. We have no idea to go against the law of England, where begging is prohibited, neither are we beggars. You know very well that the six married couples

whom I sent from America are all respectable, educated, cultured American boys and girls, and how with great difficulty they maintained themselves in London and at the same time preached the sankirtan movement which was certainly very effective. At the present moment the London Temple has got some status and if you kindly induce especially the Indian community to give them some monthly subscriptions for the bare necessities of the temple management, the inmates of the temple will completely stop taking collections from the street sankirtan. So far in India the sankirtan party has still got the right to collect. In America also we are collecting but I do not know why English law should prohibit them. Anyway I shall request you to help Gurudas, Mukunda, Syamasundar, etc. to adjust the problem so that they may not be hampered in their advancement of Krishna Consciousness.

Regarding the last paragraph of your letter, I am very glad to learn that you are willing to join this movement full time. When I was in London there was talk of your accepting the sannyas order, and so far I remember Chaitanyas Dadi, your wife, gave you permission for this purpose. Now so far you are trying to qualify yourself, I think you are already qualified, by age, by experience, and by temperament. I think therefore you should join us wholeheartedly without delay. I am looking forward for that day, and I am pleased to learn that you are coming here in the month of April. By that time we may have a very new residence and church in Los Angeles which we are negotiating to purchase. The residential quarters consists of thirty rooms, so you will be very comfortable to live here with us, and I hope at that time you shall decide finally about joining us wholeheartedly.

What happened to the Birla negotiation for helping us in purchasing the big house of Bachubhai Patel? I shall be glad

to hear from you at your convenience. Thanking you again for your letter.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-2-26

Los Angeles
12th February, 1970

My Dear Vamandev,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 2, 1970, along with the letter from Sriman Anil Grover, your St. Louis newsletter, and one handbill.

I may inform you that by the grace of Krsna this mission of spreading Krishna Consciousness is being enthusiastically pushed on for the benefit of the whole world by the assistance of all my disciples, good souls like your self and your good wife. I am so happy to see that you have introduced our Bhakti Yoga or Krishna Consciousness classes in two universities, St. Louis University and Washington University. This is the real course of study for human beings and we should use such good opportunities to give the young collegiate boys and girls this education of spiritual science. So please conduct these courses diligently to influence the hearts of the students and encourage them to participate in your temple's activities as well as weekly classes at the universities.

I am glad to learn that your Sunday Prasadam love feast has grown to fifty persons attending and participating in our Krishna Consciousness Program, and also you are holding successful Kirtans in the highschoools. These young people are our future in Krishna Consciousness so try your best to convince them of the importance of this movement.

I have replied the letter from Anil Grover duly, and I hope these answers will

satisfy his questions. You may further encourage him to chant regularly on beads, follow the four restrictive principles, and study our Scriptures with your help. If this chanting is sincerely performed and the regulative principles strictly followed, Krishna will give intelligence in such way to remove all doubts and answer all questions of philosophy from within the heart of the devotee. This regular program is essential.

Please offer my blessings also to your wife, Indiradasi, and to the other boys and girls and devotees there. I hope this will meet you all in good health.

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

70-2-27

Los Angeles
14th February, 1970

My Dear Madhudvisa,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your two letters dated 10 and 12 February, 1970 respectively. I am glad to learn that you are early planning for the upcoming Rathayatra festival. In this connection, I have requested the exact date of the festival from India but it has not yet been replied, so you may plan for any suitable date between 20 and 31 July—even if it does not correspond, we have to arrange conveniently, that is allowed.

So far additions for this years Rathayatra, you may make three Rathas, one for each of the Deities. The rest of the details are already there, simply you may supply more money for festoons, decorations, flowers, bells, flags, etc. The Spiritual Sky is far away, but you just try to do it following Jagganath Puri Rathayatra. Jagganath Puri or wherever Rathayatra is performed is not different from the spiritual sky.

In the spring you may lead a very big

procession on Lord Chaitanya's birthday. This is a good plan to celebrate this great spring festival out of doors. So make this a very opulent procession with large Samkirtan Party and you may also celebrate in this way again with a procession on Janmastami day. These two important subjects may be observed in this way by all the three areas and similarly in other centers also.

Regarding your first question, a pure devotee is never under the modes of nature. In other words, no material laws apply on a devotee because he is fully under the direction of Krsna. So a devotee can continue his present occupation or he may change it if he likes. Krsna does not force a devotee because the devotee acts spontaneously according to the desire of the Lord; in this kind of loving service there is no question of force. Force is applied only when there is denial of Krsna. Just as the citizens of a state have freedom to follow the laws of the state, that is subordinate freedom, and the freedom of the living entities is also subordinate to Krsna. The clue is given there in the Bhagavad Gita that the living entities are fragmental parts and parcels of the Supreme Lord, this means that all the qualities of Krsna are therefore present in minute quantity in each of His parts and parcels. That is simultaneously one and different philosophy—the living entities thus have free will because they are parts of Krsna and Krsna has free will, but the free will of Krsna is Supreme while the freedom of the parts and parcels is minute. So if the living entity out of love subordinates his free will to Krsna that is his liberation. He is no longer forced to act helplessly, but he acts freely rendering loving devotional service to Krsna in every way. Then we have the practical conclusion from Krsna confirmed by Him in Bhagavad Gita (18:66), "Just surrender unto Me; and in return I shall protect you from all sinful

reactions. Therefore you have nothing to fear." In this way astral influences are also material and therefore they do not affect the devotee who has taken protection of Krsna's internal energy, by surrendering his life and soul in the service of the Lord.

Your second question about spacemen from other planets; it is stated in the Vedic literature that there are many planets where the inhabitants are more advanced than the inhabitants of this earth planet. So it is not unlikely that such people may have developed space travelling methods. They occupy higher posts in the creation of the Lord and so they may be considered as demigods in the same way as the president is specially empowered by the nation, but this does not mean that such spacemen are necessarily carrying the messages of the Lord, just as the business of the state employee is not to act as the state representative but he acts in his particular job.

Because Krsna know everyone's future does not remove our free will. Someone may commit a theft, and if I know that then I know that he will be captured and punished. That is knowing his future, but know that future does not mean that he had no choice not to commit the criminal act. There are two destinies for every one. One destiny is in Krsna Consciousness and the other destiny is in material consciousness, so if someone is in Krsna Consciousness then Krsna knows his future and if he is in material consciousness and acting in that way then Krsna also knows his future. In this way the free will is not affected by knowing the future of the living being, that is an erroneous conclusion.

In regard to praying to Lord Nityananda Prabhu I have written to you in my last letter that such prayer is quite appropriate. Our only prayer should be in the matter of desiring further development of devotional service and such

sincere prayer should be submitted not directly to the lord but through the media of His bonafide servitor or representative.

I am very glad to learn that S.F. Temple is doing very nicely in the street Samkirtan with transcendental plays. And your BTG sales are very encouraging to me. I have heard from Gargamuni that you are ordering 20,000 issues of BTG and this is very good news. Selling BTG means that our movement is increasing and our philosophy is being appreciated. Uttama Sloka is a very good devotee and I am also glad to learn that he is of great assistance to you in guiding the new devotees. He may remain there with my permission for as long as he may like, I know that he is very valuable as an expert Temple manager.

I have already sent Hansadutta to oversee the Germany center and help them be organized.

I am very happy to learn that you are arranging for opening another center in San Jose. From your letter I can understand that it will be a good start in spreading our Krsna Conscious-

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70-2-28

Los Angeles
14th February, 1970

Boston

My Dear Sachisuta,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 4, 1970, and I am glad to learn that you have now become steady in comparison with your flickering past life. The association of devotees is the most important element in learning Krishna Consciousness way of life. By association with undesirable companions we have learned so many bad habits and similarly

by association with pure persons or devotees we can become purified of our acquired bad habits. So constant association and working cooperatively with devotees is the prime and easy method to relearn our original good habit of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.

I am also very pleased to know that you are living happily with your good wife, and you are expecting a child in July. So now you must take especial care to raise the new child in such a nice way that he will become a pure devotee in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness; that is the responsibility of the parents, to see that their child is freed from the clutches of Maya.

It is good news that by joint agreement you are now established as a nice Kṛṣṇa Consciousness family in Boston center where you are working on the press. Please do persevere and make advancement in this Kṛṣṇa Consciousness movement. In this connection, I may inform you that now we are in need of devotees who are very well versed in the scriptures. The means of understanding the spirit of the scriptures is to chant regularly sixteen rounds daily without fail and follow the regulative principles rigidly. All our students must carry out these daily duties of regular chanting without offense of ten kinds, following the regulations, and studying our literatures, both in the weekly classes and individually, with close attention for thorough understanding of the transcendental subject.

Regarding your first question to explain the statement of Sri Isopanisad that "even though so many complete units emanate from Him, He remains the complete balance." In material things there is exhaustion and in spiritual things there is no exhaustion; that is the difference between matter and spirit. From one Kṛṣṇa there were 16,100 Kṛṣṇas in Dwarka, and each Kṛṣṇa is as good as the original Kṛṣṇa. Just like there may be 1000 candles, and

all of them light up from one original candle, but still they are of the same candle power as the original candle. Similarly, there may be hundreds and thousands of emanations from Kṛṣṇa the Supreme, but that does not mean that the Supreme One has diminished in potency, although all other emanations are equally potential.

Regarding your second question, what I said at the airport was that everything is not your's. Everything is Kṛṣṇa's; you are Kṛṣṇa's. I hope this will clear the misunderstanding.

If you simply chant your rounds daily as prescribed and stick strictly to the rules and regulations, all these questions will automatically be answered by Kṛṣṇa as Supersoul. You may refer in this connection to Bhagavad gita, (10:10), "To those who are constantly devoted and worship Me with love, I give the understanding by which they can come to Me." and (10:11), "Out of compassion for them, I, dwelling in their hearts, destroy with the shining lamp of knowledge the darkness born of ignorance." This process of understanding by devotional service is essential for developing Kṛṣṇa Consciousness and you all must follow this program assiduously.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-2-29

Los Angeles

15th February, 1970

Boston

My Dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 9 February, 1970, and I have also received the two tapes sent by separate mail.

I have sent a few tapes to Bhagavandas. He sends to you his edited copies and they

may be made final. I want two editings only, just to see if there is any grammatical or spelling mistake. Your present program of two editions first by yourself and then by Jaiadvaita is a nice arrangement. Jayadvaita has good knowledge.

In this connection, I may inform you that I have heard there is some difficulty for working on our press. I was talking yesterday with Gargamuni that the press will require an investment of great amount of money to keep it going on nicely, so please let me know what is the actual position. I understand there is some confusion about the press working and it is also understood that this confusion is due to my direction. I do not know what they mean by this. Yourself, Brahmananda, and Advaita are appointed as three directors of the press, and why there should be confusion on account of me? So many things daily I here from Gargamuni and he again speaks to Brahmananda, so let me know clearly what direction you want from me in writing.

I have written to Hayagriva to send the manuscript, typed or untyped for being submitted to Dia Nippon immediately. If Hayagriva does not send it immediately, I think the duplicate copy which is with you may be submitted. The number of pictures to accompany the 400 pages text is 52 (fifty-two) not 50 as you have written. I want that the manuscript and the pictures be submitted to Dia Nippon without delay.

You write very nicely, I have seen your articles. In that way you may take out so many purports from Srimad Bhagavatam and write nice articles upon them.

Yes, it certainly requires many leaders to manage the many affairs of a large scale institution, so you must train up whatever men you have got and try to manage this way. Now we are increasing, and with the increment we must make arrangement for carrying on very nicely. At the same time we should see that all the members are

chanting regularly, that is our strength, and following the regulative principles strictly. Maya is very strong. If we do not keep ourselves fit by chanting Hare Krsna, we may fall a victim at any moment.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-2-30

Los Angeles

15th February, 1970

West Bengal

My Dear Bapi,

Please accept my blessings. I am very glad to receive your letter dated 1 February, 1970.

Some years ago, when I was visiting your house, your father requested me to teach you Bhagavad Gita. I immediately agreed to this proposal, but later on your father changed his mind and he wanted to wait until your education would be finished. I am very glad to learn that in the month of May you will be finishing your Indian educational career and you propose to come in the States for your post-graduate education in engineering.

So I welcome you and when you come here you will be at liberty to stay in any one of my preaching centers. I have got now twenty-six different centers in Europe, U.S.A., Canada, Japan, and Australia beginning from Hamburg, Germany down to Tokyo, covering about 14,000 miles. Generally I stay in Los Angeles because the climate of this city is almost like our Bengal.

Regarding my help for your coming here, there are three ways. You may apply for acceptance at a university here. If you are accepted by a university, they can arrange a job for you. Then you may come

here by the university's arrangement as a foreign exchange student. Second: Another way is that if I can show a bank balance in your favor to the extent of \$12,000 to \$15,000 and because I am an immigrant and thus I sponsor you, you can come here as immigrant immediately as my relative. Now, for this bank balance, how you will arrange?

Another way is if you can spend about Rs. 25,000, you can come here at any time as a visitor at least for six months. When you come here, you can try for a suitable job in any respectable firm or whatever you like you may be free to move and search out within that period. but if you come as a visitor you will not be allowed to work here by law, but by arrangement everything may be done. So these are the three ways of getting you here, and whichever way you find suitable can be arranged.

You will be glad to learn that our Samkirtan Movement in the Western world is going on very successfully. Your fathers Spiritual Teacher, Mother Anandamayee, is very much fond of Samkirtan. So I wish that your father may send us mridanga (Khol) and kartals for this great Samkirtan Yajna. Mother Anandamayee has got many rich followers, if some of them send us this khol and kartals for our different centers all over the world—Europe, American, Canada, Japan, Australiathen it will be a great cooperation. I hope you will ask your father to do this service for Lord Kṛṣṇa or Lord Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu Who foretold that in every city, town, and village of the world His Holy Name would be celebrated, and we are trying in our humble way to spread this message.

I hope this will find you in good health, and thanking you once more for your attention.

Yours affectionately,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-2-31

Los Angeles

16th February, 1970

Sriman George Harrison

c/o Apple Record Co.

London

England

My Dear George,

Please accept my blessings. I am so much obliged to you for your valued cooperation in spreading my movement of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness throughout the whole world. I beg to acknowledge receipt herewith of your contribution of \$19,000 (nineteen thousand dollars) for publication of my book, *Kṛṣṇa*, now going to the press within the week.

Please note that every farthing of this money will be employed in the service of the Lord, and the Lord is so kind and grateful that He will bestow upon you benediction at least ten times more than that you have done for Him. It does not, however, mean that Lord Kṛṣṇa is like a business man, and He bestows benediction when He is profited by our service. The Lord is full in Himself; He does not require our service, but if we render service unto Him in love and devotion, such action enriches our very existence.

The example in this connection is given that when a man decorates his face, he does not feel much enjoyment because he cannot see his own face. But he enjoys his beautiful face when it is reflected on the mirror. In other words, when a living entity, by rendering service to the Lord, feels happy, the Lord enjoys the situation.

Under the pressure of illusory energy, especially in the age of "Kali," all the people of the world are unhappy; but I am sure if they take to this simple chanting of the Holy Name of the Lord

Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa
Hare Hare

Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama
Hare Hare

under the guidance of Lord Caitanya, certainly they will be happy.

I know that both you and John are very good souls. Both of you are pledged to do something for the peace of the world. By the grace of Kṛṣṇa, you have already realized to some extent about the necessity and importance of Hare Kṛṣṇa movement in the world. Similarly, if John also does so, it will be a great event.

John and his wife were very kind upon me when I was staying at Tittenhurst Park as their guests. I always prayed for them to Kṛṣṇa for understanding this great movement. Please inform him this message on my behalf. I have dreamt something very nice about John which I shall disclose in proper time. In the meantime, please ask him to cooperate with this movement as you are doing, and he will be very happy.

Please try to understand the philosophy of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness in a nutshell: Every living entity has a dormant propensity to love somebody other who is very excellent in his opinion. Everyone of us therefore wants to love somebody else, attracted by his different varieties of opulences. Somebody loves some other either on account of riches, power, popularity, beauty, knowledge, or renunciation. But this loving propensity for somebody else is fundamentally meant for the supremely rich, powerful, popular, beautiful, wise, and unattached Lord Kṛṣṇa.

Everyone is hankering after loving the Supreme Personality of Godhead, but none of them has the right information. By Kṛṣṇa Consciousness movement we want to broadcast this information that if anyone reposes his loving propensity upon Kṛṣṇa, he will immediately feel full satisfaction, as much as he feels full satisfaction by supplying food in the stomach. Otherwise, everyone will be frustrated.

Please try to understand this simple philosophy by critical analysis, and I hope by the grace of Kṛṣṇa you will be a great

servant of His in fulfilling His desire that He may be known by His Holy Name in every village and every city all over the world, and thus the people will become happy.

Hope this will meet you in good health and shall be very much pleased to hear from you.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-2-32

Los Angeles

16th February, 1970

Honolulu

My Dear Goursundar,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 10 February, 1970, and I am very glad to learn that you are planning to celebrate the appearance day of Lord Caitanya with a nice ceremony and installation of the Deities at the grand opening of the New Nabadwip Temple.

I will be very happy to come to Hawaii New Nabadwip for this occasion if you will make all the necessary arrangements for my passage, etc.

Regarding the tax exemption from the Internal Revenue Service, I understand from Gargamuni that it is already filed and you may apply as a foreign incorporation in the state of Hawaii. I have asked him to send you all the necessary papers in this connection as well as an explanation of procedure for filing for state tax exemption. I hope this information has by now reached you and you will immediately do the needful.

Hope this will meet you in good health, and please convey my blessings to Govindadasi and all the boys and girls there.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-2-33 Los Angeles
16th February, 1970
London

My Dear Shyamsundar,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your very interesting letter dated 11 February, 1970. In the meantime, I have sent you one letter which I hope you have received by this time.

Herewith please find one cover addressed to George Harrison, and I hope you will deliver it with my blessings. I am very glad that his service is effectively working on him, and that is the way of realization, Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.

The description of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness movement in London gives me a great pleasure with hope and interest. Lord Caitanya was also checked in His Samkirtan movement by the then police officer, and He led a procession of one hundred thousands of men to the house of the Kazi. So I think Lord Caitanya is planning a situation which will help us in pushing the Kṛṣṇa Consciousness movement throughout the whole world. I therefore request you all to chant Hare Kṛṣṇa mantra very rigidly sixteen rounds a day and thus be fixed up in your spiritual strength and everything will come out successful.

The cover of George Harrison is open, and after reading it you can close it and deliver it to him. So far his contribution is concerned, I shall duly acknowledge it as I do usually in the *Kṛṣṇa* book also. Besides that, I wish to put his good name on the dedication page of devotional service.* I would have done this in the *Isopaniṣad*, but this book was already printed. I hope you like the letter which I have addressed to George.

Hope this will meet you in good health. Offer my blessings to Malati, your

daughter, Saraswati, and all other boys and girls at the Temple.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

*"Nectar of Devotion"

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70-2-34 Los Angeles
17th February, 1970
Washington, D.C.

My Dear Kṛṣṇadevi,

Please accept my blessings. I am very much pleased to read your letter dated 13 February, 1970, and thank you very much for your appreciation. Now I see that in our society the girls are more intelligent than the boys.

The way of discussion with Dr. Staal requires a little bit of knowledge in the shastras which is called *siddhanta*. In the *Caitanya Caritamṛta* it is said that nobody should be neglectful of the *siddhanta* because by *siddhantic* conclusion one becomes firm in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. So these *siddhantic* conclusions are being mentioned in all my books, and the boys and girls in our Kṛṣṇa Society should now give more attention for studying the books very attentively. And to get the strength, one should chant the beads sixteen rounds without fail. In this way, when the devotee is constantly engaged in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness, at that time, Kṛṣṇa will give all intelligence from within how to make steady progress in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.

I hope in Washington center you will ask all the boys and girls to follow this method, because henceforward we will have to face many scholars and philosophers to stabilize our Kṛṣṇa Consciousness movement.

I have received the Uher tape recorder, and Devananda will try to use the machine

according to Dinesh's instructions.

Please convey my blessings to all the boys and girls in Washington Temple. Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-2-35

Los Angeles
17th February, 1970

Boston

My Dear Sridama,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 12 February, 1970, and I am very glad to know that you are doing well in Boston Temple.

I did not know where you were staying and I was very much anxious about your health, so I wrote to Subal and he has conveyed my message to you. Now I am relieved to learn that you are engaged in cooking and your injury is healing nicely. I am also feeling very well here in Los Angeles. Gargamuni has rented a nice house with a sunny compound for me, and I am being attended by two good boys, Nanda Kumar and Devananda.

Hope this letter will meet you again in good health, and thank you for your sincere service.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-2-36

Los Angeles
17th February, 1970

Tokyo

My Dear Sudama,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 3 February, 1970, and I have also received

the copy of the article printed in the *Japan Times Weekly*. I am so glad to learn of your successful activities in spreading our Kṛṣṇa Consciousness movement in Tokyo.

The potency of spreading Kṛṣṇa Consciousness is everywhere the same. That was experimented by me in your country, where I came alone without any support; and Kṛṣṇa is so kind that He has sent me so many boys and girls like you. Lord Caitanya said that every village and town on the surface of the world will know the message of the Samkirtan movement. This very statement affirms that in every village and town all over the world there are many candidates who are awaiting this message.

Please therefore work very seriously. Chant your daily beads regularly. You have got a very nice devotee wife, she will help you in all respects. So try to follow the footsteps of the disciplic succession, and everything will come out successful.

In London there is some clashing between the police and our men, but the reaction is in our favor. Probably there will be a great agitation in this connection, and the whole world will know automatically the importance of this movement.

Goursundar has intended to call me at Hawaii during Lord Caitanya's birthday, somewhere by the end of March 1970. Similarly, whenever you are also nicely established, you may also call me and I shall be very glad to visit your center.

By the by, I may request you that you may take quotation of our BTG for printing 100,000 (one hundred thousand) copies per month from some of the leading printers in Tokyo.

I am happy to learn your plans for celebrating Lord Caitanya's appearance day, and please make the meeting very successful.

Hope this will meet you in very good health. Please offer my blessings to your

good wife, Cintamani, and to all the other boys and girls there.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Los Angeles
18th February, 1970

New Vrindaban

My Dear Kirtanananda Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am so glad to receive your letter dated 12 February, 1970, along with your check for \$50., and thank you very much for this.

Your touring in different places and preaching Kṛṣṇa Consciousness is fulfilling my dream. May Kṛṣṇa bless you on and on for being engaged in such exalted work. In the Bhagavad Gita, last portion of eighteenth chapter, it is said that nobody is dearer to Kṛṣṇa than anybody on the earth except the person who is engaged in preaching the most confidential philosophy of life, namely surrendering unto Kṛṣṇa, leaving aside everything material or spiritual.

In the Vedic literature there are many recommended processes for spiritual realization, and Lord Kṛṣṇa says that all of them can be avoided and if one is simply engaged in the transcendental loving service of the Lord that is the highest perfection platform.

There is a great future for this Kṛṣṇa Consciousness movement in every part of the world, and I am getting such indications from every where. So please continue these activities by travelling on your good truck, assisted by some sincere devotees like Jadunandan and others, and I am sure you will be successful in your mission.

Now I am hopeful that our New Vrindaban will be an exact replica of Vrindaban in India. I think it was ordained by

Kṛṣṇa that you went there, took your Sannyas order of life in the presence of Rupa Goswami and Jiva Goswami, and now you have got the opportunity to execute their will. Perhaps you may remember that after you accepted the Sannyas order many hundreds of people congratulated you, and you were looking so beautiful at that time that some of them were murmuring that this Sannyasi is looking exactly like Sri Caitanya. So all those utterances are the blessings of Sri Sri Radha Damodar Jew.

So carry on this work more enthusiastically and you will feel more and more jubilant in transcendental bliss. So far I am concerned, because our relationship is father and son, so nobody will be more satisfied than me by seeing your successful preaching work. Nobody in this world likes to be defeated by somebody else, but the father when he is defeated by the son feels more pleasure. Therefore, I may once more request you to try your best to construct New Vrindaban an exact duplicate of Vrindaban, and that will give me the highest pleasure.

Side by side, please try to introduce our books in the different university curricula, and that will be another success. I have information from Gargamuni that major portions of my *TLC* are not yet sold. Of course such literatures are not meant for ordinary public, but I am sure if you try to introduce in the university circle; and I have got many testimonials of my books and thus they can be introduced without any difficulty.

By the by, I may inform you that you desire me to go to New Vrindaban during Janmastami days, and I suggested to organise a fair within our campus. Do you think it is possible to do so within such short period? But if you can do so, either this year or next, I am sure many people will come to see such fair, and that will be a great impetus for developing the

land. The most important thing is easy transport.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever will-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. Our Isopanisad is now published. This excellent book of God-Consciousness should be introduced as study book for school and college students because it is so nicely explained about God-Consciousness. Any sincere gentleman serious about knowing God-Consciousness must read this book. A little education will make every one aware what is meant by God. It is a challenge to the atheists, agnostic, sceptics and gross materialists. Please get this book in quantities from Boston and try to introduce it. ACB

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Los Angeles
18th February, 1970

Hamburg

My Dear Kṛṣṇadas,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 14 February, 1970, along with \$15. maintenance costs, and I thank you very much for this.

I think Hansadutta and Himavati are already on their way to Germany. Most probably they will reach Germany directly; if not, they may go via London. Anyway, Hansadutta's presence in your center along with Himavati will certainly enhance your spiritual activities. Both of them are sincere devotees and senior members. If he agrees, I think he can be made the president because he is the seniormost amongst you. In outside Samkirtan Party he will be a first class asset, and for Deity worship Himavati will be second to none. So try to utilize their service properly and increase the movement more

and more in Germany.

Germany is a good field for expanding this movement because practically I know the largest number of 'Hare Krishna Mantra' records have been sold in Germany; and from your report it also appears that their response is very encouraging as you have sold so many BTGs in one day.

Regarding your jewelry engagement, you must finish the examination very satisfactorily first. Things which have taken for so long time must be terminated in good result and the same may be offered to Kṛṣṇa. Kṛṣṇa is ready to accept service from all directions, and our Kṛṣṇa Consciousness movement is particularly meant for this purpose. So when you pass your examination, then we shall consider what to do next.

I have received the photograph of the Deities and it is very nice. Decorate the throne with as many flowers as possible, and the columns of the throne may be wrapped with flowers and leaves if possible.

Lord Caitanya's Appearance day falls on March 22, that is on a Sunday. The devotees should fast until evening, when there is a ceremony and offering of a small amount of Ekadasee preparations. The next day, the devotees should celebrate amongst themselves with a small scale feast. You may hold the celebration open to the public on the following Sunday. The preparation to be offered specially on this occasion is *bhuni kichri*: Fry equal parts dal and rice in ghee and messala. Add two times water as dal and rice, and add vegetables (if you use more ghee, use less water). Cook it until it is dried and the rice is soft.

I am very glad to learn that Michael and Henning are both very sincere boys, and Henning is an expert carpenter. If they go to London to help Shyamsundar with building the Rathayatra car, that will be a great service. Please offer them my

blessings; and the more they become enthusiastic in Kṛṣṇa's service, the more they will feel transcendental bliss and become advanced in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.

It will be very nice if you can make some jewelries for my Deities—two sets of crowns, necklaces, bangles, and earrings, and a flute for Kṛṣṇa. The flute should be this size and on the end it should have a head like this, I think you may have seen some picture. Devananda will make some drawings of the other jewelry and send to you.

Hope this will meet you in good health. Please offer my blessings to all the boys and girls in our Hamburg center.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

My Dear Shivananda,

Please accept my blessings. Since a long time I have not heard from you, but I am glad to learn that you are doing your duties nicely. I always remember your smiling face and submissive attitude. Be blessed by Kṛṣṇa and be happy.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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P.S. I think that many of you may go to London to participate in the Rathayatra festival there. That will be very nice.

70-2-39

Los Angeles

18th February, 1970

France

My Dear Woomapati,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 14 February, 1970, and I am so much glad to note how nicely you are realizing the importance of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness movement. This is Kṛṣṇa's grace; so work sincerely and seriously, and thus Kṛṣṇa from within will reveal everthing confi-

dential.

Actually the whole world problems can be solved by this movement, that is a fact, but people are so much involved in Maya's activities that it takes some time to come to the right conclusion. But, if our preaching method is carried on in order, certainly it will be very much effective. So you are intelligent and one of the oldest members in the Society, and gradually Kṛṣṇa is giving you better intelligence also; and thus push on the missionary activities as fast as possible.

I came to your country completely in helpless condition and Kṛṣṇa is so kind that He has picked up some serious students like you; and my only hope is that even if I die these missionary activities will go on. And to keep yourself on the standard spiritual strength, please do not neglect the sixteen rounds chanting and following the regulative principles. Try your best, and Kṛṣṇa will help you in all respects.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-2-40

Los Angeles

19th February, 1970

Detroit

My Dear Linda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your nice letter dated 10 February, 1970, and I am very glad to note how you are eager to understand this science of devotional service to Kṛṣṇa or Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.

Regarding your questions about the difference between the picture of Kṛṣṇa and the Deity, Kṛṣṇa is equally there in both these forms. Kṛṣṇa is so kind that he agrees to appear, for the benefit of the

conditioned souls, in eight different kinds of forms. Such form is called *archa* or the form of the Lord manifested through material agency as metal, earth, wood, painting, stone, jewel, drawing, and mind. The *archa* is accepted as incarnation of God, and is worshiped by regulations. Generally the installed Deities are so worshiped and the regulative principles should be strictly followed in regard to Them.

I am very happy to learn that you are finding the Detroit atmosphere so blissful, and actually the more you engage yourself in the sincere service of Kṛṣṇa, the more you will find yourself always blissful.

So far your dreams are concerned, it is very nice that you are thinking about Kṛṣṇa Consciousness even while sleeping. Kṛṣṇa is so nice that we want to remember Him even more than twenty-four hours daily. Regarding instructions from the Spiritual Master, there is no need of taking instructions spoken in dream while the Spiritual Master is still present. Lord Jagannath is very kind, and He can also appear in mind in His own form, so why not in your dream.

I hope that you are trying to follow the regulative principles and that both you and your husband are chanting your beads regularly daily. These two duties are essential for advancement in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness, and if they are made the center of our activities, then Kṛṣṇa will begin to answer all questions from within how to become further advanced in His loving devotional service.

Please offer my blessings to your husband, Michael. Hope this will meet you both in good health and Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.

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

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70-2-41

Los Angeles
19th February, 1970

Boston

My Dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 13 February, 1970.

Please do not be disturbed by second hand information. Just continue your editing as you have been doing nicely.

I hope you have been receiving the transcriptions and edited versions of Kṛṣṇa tapes which I have sent to Bhagavandas. I have not received any copies from him, still I have continued to send him tapes, and I have sent some to you also.

I am now delivering some lectures every Sunday at the L.A. Temple and the series may be called 'Sinful Activities and Their Resultant Reactions.' They will be transcribed here weekly, and sent to you for editing.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
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70-2-42

Los Angeles
19th February, 1970

My Dear Suchandra,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 8 February, 1970, and I am glad to learn that you are trying to make your service more perfect, that is most encouraging to me.

It is most important that our activities be regular or, in other words, on a schedule. Everyone should chant his beads sixteen rounds daily without fail and follow the regulative principles strictly. These

basic Kṛṣṇa Conscious duties are essential to be performed regularly, and they will give you the necessary strength of spirit to keep always fixed up in devotional service. As soon as a devotee is regularly engaged in this way, always engaged in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness, Kṛṣṇa will reveal the whole spiritual science from within the heart of such sincere devotee.

This program of chanting and following the rules and regulations will give you spiritual intelligence for understanding the Bhagavad gita and our other scriptures also. In this connection, I think that since you have some difficulty in reading our English edition of Bhagavad Gita As It Is, you can study more easily from the copies of Mandali Bhadra's German translations of the same. Perhaps you can assist him in some respect also by proofreading his work. So you may inquire from him in this way.

It is said in the Srimad Bhagavatam that this devotional service is so powerful that even if a devotee occasionally falls down from the standard there is no loss for him. If he is sincere, he will automatically rectify his error and Lord Kṛṣṇa immediately purifies him from within. This is stated in the Bhagavad Gita also, that for the devotee Kṛṣṇa gives all protection, and there is never any loss for him. But if one is not engaged in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness, there is no gain for him in any position of material life.

So we must stick firmly to the chanting of the Holy Name and following the rules. This will keep us from being tricked by Maya. But there is no question of disappointment for some temporary bewilderment. We are all new and weak in this Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. Just as everyone in the hospital is diseased, and although they are trying to become well there is a chance that anyone of them may relapse, but that does not mean that the hospital should be closed. It is now our

business to struggle with Maya, and when we win out by Kṛṣṇa's grace that is to regain our natural healthy life of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. So there is no case of disappointment.

I am very happy to know that so many young boys and girls are now becoming attracted to the Hamburg Temple. I can understand that there is great interest in Germany for Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. So continue to push our Samkirtan movement more vigorously so that the people may become more and more attracted by this transcendental sound—Hare Kṛṣṇa—and that will be the greatest service to bring them the true welfare and happiness of life.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

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

70-2-43

Los Angeles
20th February, 1970

Poona, India

My Dear Jagannatham Prabhu,

Please accept my humble obeisances. I am so glad to receive your letter dated 10 February, 1970, re-directed from my New York center. Perhaps you are the eldest amongst us now living as disciples of Srila Prabhupada. You are now eighty-one years old, and I am only seventy-four. Therefore I am your younger brother and I shall always expect blessings from you.

So far your son is concerned, last year when I was in Los Angeles I invited your son to come and see me; and if he comes to me, surely I shall try my best to bring him into our line of devotional service. I am sure if he sees me it will not be difficult to convince him about this Kṛṣṇa Consciousness philosophy because after

all he is your son. I do not know his present address, otherwise I would have called him here directly. But if you ask him immediately to see me, it will be very nice. He can live with me in my personal apartment or in the Temple for as many days as he likes. There will be no difficulty. Surely he will be very much influenced by seeing our Temple activities and street Samkirtan movement in the city. So please ask him to see me immediately.

So far our publication is concerned, I give you below the names of the books and magazines with their prices and weights for calculating postal charges.

Srimad Bhagavatam (First Canto—3 volumes) \$16.00 (set of 3)—

(Vol. 2 weights 22lb. 6 oz.)

Bhagavad Gita *As It Is* (Paperback) \$2.95—

Bhagavad Gita *As It Is* (Hardback) \$6.95—11lb. 3oz.

Sri Isopanisad \$1.00—7 1/2 oz.

Easy Journey to Other Planets \$.50—3 1/2 oz.

Teachings of Lord Chaitanya \$5.99—2 lb. 1/2 oz.

Krsna \$10.00—2 lb. 15oz.

Nectar of Devotion

\$5.95—2 lb. 1/2oz.

“Back to Godhead” (magazine)

\$.50 (\$5.00/year)—5 1/2oz.

Postal rates as follows:

Air Other Articles (AO)—First 2 oz.

\$.60, Each additional 2 oz. or fraction \$.30

Air Parcel Post—First 4 oz. \$1.70,

Each additional 4 oz or fraction \$.80

Surface—First 2 lbs. \$1.10, Each additional pound or fraction \$.35

Within the U.S.A., our price includes postal charges, but outside U.S.A. the charges are extra. We are issuing “Back to Godhead” by numbers and not by month.

You are so kind upon me, and as your

younger brother I shall always be ready for your service. So please treat me as your humble servant. Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours affectionately,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-2-44

Los Angeles
20th February, 1970

My Dear Tamal,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 15 February, 1970, and noted the contents carefully. My first request to you is to take from Mr. Goyl, the gentleman who donated the Sri Murties, the address of the manufacturer or supplier of the Murties. I know that the Murties were supplied from Jaipur, India, but I do not know the address of the supplier. So please take it from him and please send it to me immediately.

All other points in your letter are completely agreed upon by me, and please execute the program accordingly. We must follow our own principles. We can go anywhere to perform the Samkirtan, but the process in which we execute the performances should be strictly followed; namely first of all we chant and dance, then we deliver a short lecture on our philosophy, try to advertise our books and magazines and sell them, then at last we again chant and dance and conclude the meeting by distributing Prasadum. Generally we must have at least one hour time if not more for functioning this program.

So far we are concerned, every one of us must chant the beads according to the vow and follow the regulative principles in all departments of our activities, and this will give us spiritual strength to convince the audience about our aims and object. Some one of us in each and every

center must be well versed in the Shastras so that he can meet scholars and philosophers, and if need be convince them about our movement and philosophy with great strength.

I am so glad to learn that our London Temple decoration is being improved day by day, and Deities have got nice dresses and ornaments.

So far Ksirodaksayee is concerned, or anyone else who is newcomer, should be allowed some concession. And after some time when he is accustomed to our principle, then we can make the screw tight. I think this point will be sufficient hint to deal with him.

Brahmananda and Advaita have come here yesterday, and I am giving them advice about our future press activities. They have already printed Isopanisad paperbook very nicely and the price is also very cheap. You may ask Boston to send you copies for sale there in London.

Please see that the French and German issues of BTG are published as soon as possible. I hope Hansadutta has met you by this time, and when you go to Germany along with him I think he may be situated as the president of the center being the seniormost member. I am so glad to learn that you expect to open another center in London in the hippy quarter as soon as possible. When I was in London I went to Oxford and there was a very successful meeting. Therefore I think Oxford will be a good center for our activities.

Please offer my blessings to all the boys and girls there, and keep me informed of your further progress. The *Kṛṣṇa* manuscript is already handed over to Messrs. Dia Nippon Co. for printing.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

70-2-45

Los Angeles
21st February, 1970

My Dear Daughter Manmohini,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your nice letter dated 18 February, 1970, along with your beads for chanting and a pair of lovely flower garlands. Thank you very much.

I have immediately offered the flower garlands to Radha and Kṛṣṇa and they are so nice looking. I am very happy to accept you as my disciple and I am glad to know that you are praying to Lord Kṛṣṇa only that you may always remember that your position eternally is to serve and take shelter of His transcendental lotus feet. So I am returning your beads duly chanted by me, and your spiritual name is Manmohini Dasi. Manmohini is another name of Radharani and Manmohini dasi is the maidservant of Radharani. Now please chant Hare Kṛṣṇa mantra and be sublimely happy.

You know that as my initiated disciple you must chant regularly sixteen rounds of beads daily and follow the four restrictions; namely no eating of meats, fish or eggs; no illicit sex life; no taking of any kinds of intoxicants; and no gambling or mental speculation. If you stick to these principles and chant the Holy Name avoiding the ten offenses in the matter of chanting you will become steady and rapidly advanced in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.

I am very pleased to note that you are nicely engaged in preparing Bhoga at the Boston temple and you are also going on Saṅkīrtan. Please study very carefully all our books and learn our philosophy with the help of our many experienced students there in Boston, and remain happy in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness under the care and guidance of Sriman Satsvarupa and Sriman Brahmananda as you are their younger sister.

I am enclosing herewith one sheet

listing the 26 qualifications of a devotee, the ten offenses to be avoided in chanting the MahaMantra, and standard practices for initiated devotees.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-2-46

Los Angeles

21st February, 1970

London

My Dear Shyamsundar,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 16 February, 1970, along with "Govindam" record. I have heard it played on a record player and, although the machine was not very good, still I enjoyed the transcendental vibration very much.

Regarding Yugoslavia, the communist country, if they are anxious for our association why not take this opportunity immediately. The communists are first class disciples of Kali; therefore our attention should be more upon them because of their serious materialistic fever. So you can make immediately correspondence with the Yugoslavian friends, and as Tamal is going there very soon, he can immediately open a center with the cooperation of local people. So, with George's recommendation letter, if somebody goes there, I am sure it will be a successful attempt. Actually I am very much eager to start a temple in the communist country.

Regarding civil-disobedience movement, I do not think there is need of it. Our people have been arrested on the charge of blocking the pedestrian path; so if some friends give evidence that we did not actually block the way, then the case will certainly be dismissed as you said that the members of the public were in sympathy

with us. Our people are still going with Saṅkīrtan Party, so government does not prohibit us so far Saṅkīrtan is concerned. Therefore, civil-disobedience on this ground would be unnecessary.

But I will suggest one thing—that you can organize a mass Saṅkīrtan procession on the Advent Day of Lord Caitanya, 22 March, 1970; that day is also Sunday. Therefore if George and John Lennon both lead the procession, that will be a great service. Because of their presence many young men especially will join the procession. And if you carry flags, festoons, and pictures in that procession, starting from a big park like Hyde Park or St. James' Square and then pass over some important streets, especially the residential quarters, that will be a great success. In that procession, you can distribute our literatures of various kinds—books and magazines also. I think that will be a great successful program.

I have already written a letter to George and it is sent through you. In that letter I have suggested the importance of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness movement, so if George elaborates this idea in his foreword that will be very nice. The suggestions I may repeat again, that every living entity has a dormant propensity of love for somebody else. That is exhibited not only in human society, but also in the animal society. That love is exhibited primarily in five kinds of relationship—especially as master and servant, as friend and friend, as parents and children, and as lover and beloved. This stock of love in every living entity is dormant eternal love for Kṛṣṇa, but because the living entity has forgotten Kṛṣṇa since a very, very long time, even before this creation was manifested, therefore all of us are misplacing that dormant love in a perverted way. Therefore there is always frustration. Even so-called 'sincere' love between lover and the beloved or husband and wife or even parents

and children are so many instances of frustration. Therefore the only remedy for this repeated frustration of our life after life is revival of original Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.

As soon as we revive that love of Kṛṣṇa in any one of the five primary relationships, as we have constitutional aptitude, immediately we become happy. This is the fact, but it requires little time to come to this point by the prescribed method as we have to undergo patiently a treatment for the cure of our disease. Therefore this Kṛṣṇa Consciousness movement is the only solution for all kinds of frustrations and problems.

You can give this idea to George as well as explain your practical experience plus his practical experience also, then a nice foreword may come out. While he has given me contribution of \$19,000 for publication of my book, *Kṛṣṇa*, I think he has not done it foolishly. He is very intelligent boy, therefore I am sure he has also some practical appreciation of this Kṛṣṇa Consciousness movement. But my above suggestion that if George and John lead the procession, on Lord Caitanya's Birthday, that will be very, very nice.

Regarding the small booklet, *Jaiadvaita* from Boston has sent me two pages writing which I am enclosing herewith. So with additional alteration of this idea, plus your idea, if you write a suitable introduction, then we shall print them with some pictures on nice paper as many copies as you require for putting them within the paper covering of the records, and that will be a good introduction. But one thing, I must warn you in this connection that these records are distributed amongst teenagers, therefore the language and presentation should be suitable for their understanding. I think you will understand me right in this connection. So, after writing the pamphlet and if possible getting it edited amongst

yourselves, you can send the copies one to me and one to Boston for printing. So this is my idea, now you can work upon it as you think it fit.

Yes, before your travelling around Britain, if these pamphlets are distributed, I am sure very easily you will be able to sell our *Kṛṣṇa* book. The U.S. centers will act according to your direction without fail in this connection. I am expecting your next longer letter as mentioned in your letter under reply.

Thanking you, and please convey my thanks to Malati for her nice letter. I shall reply it in due course.

Regarding the court case, I am sending herewith one news cutting how they were released in Detroit. Regarding the exact date for celebration of Rathayatra Festival, it is on the 5th July until the return journey of Lord Jagganath on the 14th July. Before Rathayatra, on June 19, there is a ceremony of bathing Lord Jagganath after which Lord Jagganath falls sick with fever from too much bathing. Then He takes rest and no one is allowed to visit, but He reappears on Rathayatra day.*

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

*This ceremony you can observe by bathing a small deity on the day participated by all devotees. But there is no need of closing the temple for fifteen days. ACB
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70-2-47

Los Angeles
22nd February, 1970

My Dear Bali Mardan,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your very encouraging letter dated 18 February, 1970, and

I have noted the contents carefully. It is also very much pleasing that you have liked the company of Upendra, and both of you combined together will surely carry successfully our Australian Yatra.

I am very much pleased with your behavior in the matter of progressing our Kṛṣṇa Consciousness movement. You took up very seriously my desire for opening a center in Australia, and you volunteered to take up the responsibility. So all these things are very much encouraging. In our Kṛṣṇa Consciousness movement the first qualification required by the devotees is enthusiasm. Then work it out patiently and with conviction that it will surely be done. But at the same time we must be very, very strict in following the regulative principles and completing the sixteen rounds chanting. Our dealings should be very clear with others and we must always keep company with devotees.

Please do not hesitate to write me at least once fortnightly so that I may be kept informed of the activities.

Upendra said that the Australian public does a great deal of reading and there is good chance for selling our magazines and books. Immediately after publication, in L.A. they are selling Isopanisad up to 40 copies per day. Perhaps because it is only paperback. Henceforth we shall issue many such books with pictures on the covers. Upendra has seen it, and if you like, send orders to Brahmananda immediately for dispatch from Boston.

You are doing so much for fulfilling the desire of my Spiritual Master so you are indirectly the representative of my Guru Maharaj. He has been helping me in this matter by sending so many young boys and girls, otherwise who would help me in this mission while I came here empty handed and without any friend. I can only Pray to Kṛṣṇa to take care of you, otherwise I cannot repay your sincere service in my mission.

Please offer my blessings to Upendra, and I am awaiting to hear from you again.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

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

70-2-48

Los Angeles
22nd February, 1970

Washington, D.C.

My Dear Damodara,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 15 February, 1970, along with a check \$15.00 for my maintenance account. Thank you very much for it.

I am very pleased to learn how things are going on very well in Washington center and that you are nicely celebrating the various Advent days of our great Acāryās. But I am especially glad to know of your very successful work amongst the students. This is very encouraging to me. I know that the young people of your country are all eager to take up this Kṛṣṇa Consciousness movement, simply we must sincerely present our program to them in such a nice way by chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa, dancing, speaking something about our philosophy, advertizing and selling our literatures, and distributing Prasadum.

In this connection, I may inform you that in order to maintain our status of spiritual strength, everyone of us must very rigidly chant daily sixteen rounds without fail and follow the regulative principles strictly. This is essential for understanding our philosophy clearly and for being able to impress Kṛṣṇa Consciousness in the hearts of others; so our sincerity in this respect is most important, and all such duties should be observed regularly by everyone. I hope that you will

see that all the boys and girls there are following this process, and studying our literatures carefully.

Hope this will meet you in good health, and please convey my blessings to all the devotees of Washington center.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-2-49

Los Angeles
22nd February, 1970

Boston

My Dear Pradyumna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 18 February, 1970, along with one sheet enclosure, and I am very much pleased with your work. The minor mistake which you committed on the first verse of *Isopanisad* I marked, but I ignore it as very insignificant. I am very glad to know that you are so much repentant even for this insignificant mistake, and that will push you forward further in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. Please be happy and work on with steady and firm determination.

I have read the transliteration of *Bhagavad Gita* verses, but I think you have to do it very carefully because there are some mistakes in some of the verses. But I am sure in your next reading they will be all corrected.

So your next compositions shall be *Bhagavad Gītā As It Is*, revised and enlarged edition. Please do it nicely.

Your attempt to work on *Brahma Samhita* is very nice, do it carefully. Regarding the first chapter, eighth verse: the manuscript is correct "Saumadattis tathaiva ca." I have compared the text with *Gita Press* edition as well as *Baladev Vidyavhusan's* edition.

Please offer my blessings to your good wife, Arundutti, and be happy in Kṛṣṇa

Consciousness. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Please inform Satsvarupa that I have received his letter. I have consulted with Brahmananda, and I think things are going on nicely.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-2-50

Los Angeles
22nd February, 1970

Boston

My Dear Rukmini,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your gift of *Lugloo Mahaprasadam* and the enclosed kind note from you, and I thank you very much for these. I have immediately tasted these *lugloos*,* and I can understand also how you are happily advancing in the service of Lord Kṛṣṇa, they are prepared so nicely.

I am so happy to know that you are finding Kṛṣṇa Consciousness to be the sweetest thing in life, and actually it is so. Please continue your good service attitude more and more and be certain to chant daily the sixteen rounds of beads duly, and Kṛṣṇa will surely bless you with better and better intelligence for advancing your Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. Always be sincere and eager to perform your duties allotted by the Lord to you and be successful and joyful in your life.

Thanking you once more, and hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. So far sending these offerings after first offering them to Lord Jagganath and Sri Sri Radha Kṛṣṇa, that is alright.

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*This is *Luddu*.

70-2-51

Los Angeles
23rd February, 1970

Boulder

My Dear Harer Nama,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 17 February, 1970, and I have noted the contents. I enquired about your temple's financial condition just to know if you are doing well without any difficulty, there was no other cause for this enquiry.

I am very glad to learn that three new boys have joined with you and are living at the temple. These new boys should be taken care of very nicely. We should always remember that we are in the kingdom of Maya and her influence is very strong. So, unless we are very, very careful in our dealings, there is always chance of falling down. Please therefore chant regularly the sixteen rounds beads and follow the regulative principles; and teach the new boys by practical example, and try to preach Samkirtan as far as possible.

We have our new book, 'Isopanisad,' published. It is very attractive and instructive also. Try to get them from Boston center.

I am very glad that your good wife is now for some time taking example of devotional service from Silavati and others in our Los Angeles temple. The program here in the L.A. temple is very nice and I am sure she will benefit from such good association in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.

Please offer my blessings to Dinabhanu, Neal, and all the others there in Boulder center. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

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70-2-52

Los Angeles
23rd February, 1970

My Dear Hayagriva,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 14 February, 1970, and have noted the contents carefully. I am very glad to know that you have sent the final manuscript of *KṚṢṆA* book to Brahmananda and that it now reads very well. Thank you very much.

Regarding the chapter end tags, that information has already been sent to you with my last letter.

It is correct that Nanda, Kṛṣṇa, the gopas, gopis, etc. left Gokula to move to Vrindaban. There is no discrepancy because the whole area of Mathura is known as Vrindaban. Every place there is known as Vrindaban, but there are different quarters.

Some of the Gopis were detained, not allowed to go to Kṛṣṇa, we accept that the Gopis danced with Kṛṣṇa anyway, and they went in their spiritual body. Whatever was detained was material body.

Regarding the speeches of Brahma and Nagapatni to Kṛṣṇa, that is not their quoting, that is my quoting—therefore it is called the Bhaktivedanta purport. But it is not incompatible, as you have suggested, because the Ghagavad Gita existed long before.

Regarding your change of the title to "Kamsa Begins His Persecutions," it is alright. I am enclosing herewith a preface which I have written for the *Kṛṣṇa* book. Please edit it nicely and send one copy of the edited version back to me, and another to Brahmananda for printing.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

ACBS:db

70-2-53

Los Angeles
23rd February, 1970

My Dear Shama Dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 19 February, 1970, with your embroidery work on my Guru Maharaj's picture.

Women are by nature endowed with many artistic tendencies, and from the Vedic age we find that high grade women and girls were highly qualified in sixty-four arts. Srimati Radharani was fully qualified in those arts, and therefore, by Her super-excellent transcendental qualities, she could charm Kṛṣṇa who is the charmer of the three worlds. One of the Principal Gopis was Shyamadasi, and you are supposed to follow the footsteps of Shamadasi.

I am very much pleased to note that you are feeling happiness in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness activities along with your good husband. Please remain in that spirit and chant Hare Kṛṣṇa sixteen rounds regularly, both husband and wife, and develop New Vrindaban. Next summer if you hold Janmastami gorgeously, as I have already suggested to Kirtanananda Maharaj, surely I shall go there.

Please ask Hayagriva Prabhu to finish the Bhagavad Gītā *As It Is* with full explanation and text, and as soon as it is finished I shall send you some new tapes which you shall work husband and wife conjointly and you will be very pleased.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-2-54

Detroit

Los Angeles

24th February, 1970

My Dear Bhagavandas,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 22 February, 1970, with recommendation for initiating Jeanne Clausen. I have immediately chanted the beads and sent them enclosed herewith by Air Mail. Devananda will inform you of this matter by phone tonight after 9:00 p.m. So there will be no difficulty.

I have all my blessings for the girl for being married to Nara Nayaran, for whom I was very much anxious to get him a good wife. So I have full sanction for his marriage, and you can perform the ceremony on my behalf. I am sure under your care they will be trained as good husband and wife, following your example, and be happy in life in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.

I am enclosing the beads with flowers of my blessings for Nara Narayan and Dinadayadri Dasi on the occasion of their marriage. The spiritual name of the girl is Dinadayadri Dasi. Dinadayadra is Kṛṣṇa, and Dinadayadri is Radharani. So Dinadayadri Dasi means the servant of Srimati Radharani and Lord Kṛṣṇa.

Hope this will meet you all in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:db

70-2-55

Scindia House
New Delhi

Los Angeles

24th February, 1970

My Dear Hit Sharanji,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to remind herewith of my letter dated February 2, 1970, in which everything was clearly

described. In your letter dated January 24, you informed me that two pairs of Murties were to be received by the 5th of February, but I have not heard anything whether any one of the pairs has already been dispatched.

Along with my reply I forwarded a copy of the letter to Srimati Sumati Morarjee, and I do not know what is the result. Anyway, if you have not received any reply from Scindia Navagation, there is no need of waiting.

So kindly enlighten me what is the situation.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-2-56

Los Angeles

25th February, 1970

London

My Dear Shyamsundar,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 22 February, 1970, and noted the contents carefully.

In the meantime I have posted another letter in which I have given hints how George can write the foreword. I want that he may write the foreword by his personal experience, otherwise, I could write one for him if he so desires.

Regarding authorized songs, you may inform George that authorized songs means the songs which were sung or composed by self-realized Acaryas. It is an injunction in the Vaisnava regulations that unauthorized songs or statements should never be heard. The comparison is given that milk, although very nutritious food, if it is touched by the tongue of a serpent, it acts like poison. So I am giving herewith a few lines of authorized songs which you may deliver to George. They are as follows:

1. Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa
Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare
Hare
2. Hari Haraye Namah Kṛṣṇa Yādavāya
Namah
Yādavāya Mādhavāya Kesavāya Namah
3. Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa
Kṛṣṇa Hay
Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa
Kṛṣṇa Hay
Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa
Raksa mām
Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa
Pāhi mām
Kṛṣṇa Kesava Kṛṣṇa Kesava Kṛṣṇa Kesava
Raksa mām
Rāma Rāghava Rāma Rāghava Rāma
Rāghava Pāhi mām

So these songs were sung by Lord Caitanya Hirṇya-śeṣa, therefore they are the most authorized songs.

I am very glad to learn that he has given up composing nonsense songs, it is a great advancement of his spiritual life. But as he has got the aptitude for writing songs, I shall be very glad to give him many such themes of songs on which he can write in his own language and expression. I am giving below one theme:

“My Dear Lord, I have simply wasted my privileges of human form of life. This life was meant for understanding Kṛṣṇa Consciousness and the pastimes of Lord Kṛṣṇa with Radhārāni, but I did not take care of this important business of life. Therefore I have not only wasted my valuable time, but also I have willingly drunk poison for committing suicide. My heart is always in blazing fire because of my association with material sense enjoyment, and I did not fix up my mind in the Kṛṣṇa Consciousness movement which is imported directly from the Kingdom of God. This Kṛṣṇa Consciousness movement is inaugurated by Lord Caitanya and

Lord Nityananda Who are Kṛṣṇa and Balarama respectively. They have descended very kindly to reclaim all fallen souls of this age of whom the typical examples are the two brothers Jagāi and Mādhāi. Now, forgetting all mistakes that I have committed in my past life, I humbly surrender unto You, my Lord Kṛṣṇa the Son of Nanda Maharaj, and also to Srimati Radharani the daughter of king Vrisabhanu. So both of You are present together, and I fully surrender unto You. Please do not reject me as I have no other shelter except Yourselves.”

Perhaps you have heard, and George has also heard, my song on this theme, “Hari Hari bifale janama gnoyāinu . . .” So if George can compose a nice song in his own words, and sings, I am sure it will be an epoch making incidence. There are many hundreds of thousands of such themes, and if he wants to introduce such songs propitious for pushing Kṛṣṇa Consciousness movement, that will be very nice.

The transcendental vibration OM is also authorized, but is specifically sung by the impersonalists. Although there is no incongruity, still because we are preaching the personal feature of God, we shall not chant Hari Om.

Regarding the castle which George has acquired, certainly it can be turned to a nice Kṛṣṇa Consciousness ashram, and you can help him your best in the same pattern as you have developed our 7 Bury Place. But I do not know whether George will like to install Radha Kṛṣṇa Murties in that ashram. In case he likes to do so, then you and your wife, Malati, will have to take care of the Deities as nicely as possible. I do not know in which way George wants to conduct this ashram, and on hearing from you further on this subject, I can give you nice plans. Our general plan is always the same—chanting, dancing and distributing Prasadam. This program

can be reduced or enhanced according to one’s financial equipment. If George is actually prepared to spend 50% of his income, and thus become a typical example to other European householders, then I shall be able to give him a plan for organizing this ashram so much so that it will be very, very attractive to everyone.

As you say that George wants to invite famous people from all over the world to come there and get Kṛṣṇa Consciousness, in that case, we shall cooperate with him with full vigor. And if George believes in my potency to spread God-consciousness, then it will be a full program of cooperation.

So I am glad that you are going to Paris, and just try to find out a suitable place for our temple there. Regarding *Kṛṣṇa* book, our printing cost will be \$2.00 per book, so we have no objection if you can sell at \$6.00 per copy. But here the opinion is that such a nice book with so many pictures, priced at \$10.00 is very cheap. So I think if we keep the price \$8.00 that will be nice. And so far selling in Europe by yourself, we can discount the price up to 40% and you can sell in your own way. But how it will be possible that the price is printed \$8.00 here and \$6.00 in Europe? That will be very much contradictory. Another process is to paste a small label for the European equivalent of \$6.00 over the printed price of \$8.00.

Regarding Mayapur center, when the building will be constructed there, probably your valuable service will be required. Let us hope for that auspicious moment.

Yes, I am sure that when George takes seriously into Kṛṣṇa Consciousness, he will do many things desirable out of his own accord, because Kṛṣṇa is sitting in everyone’s heart and thus when a devotee is willing to serve, He gives dictation from within. So when George will help establish temples, it will be a great achievement.

I have already acknowledged that the "Govindam" record is very nice, and I am sure it will be appreciated. Devananda also has liked it and says that the sound will be very attractive to the young people especially.

Regarding the presentation of "Govindam" as well as other mantras, the vibration is always pure. I will give the theme and if the sound is Westernized that does not matter. But another point is that this specific sound of Kirtan as I sing is also another introduction of art that can be intermingled with Western art, and such combination will certainly be appreciated. But so far I know that the Kirtan tune is a specific presentation of Gaudiya Vaisnavas and this tune is appreciated all over India as unique. They say that the Kirtan tune is the specific gift of Bengal, and that is a fact. So why not utilize this tune in the Western countries under the able guidance of such expert musician as George?

If you arrange, I will certainly come during Rathayatra. You will have to arrange for passages for at least two men, coming and going.

I am very glad to learn about the activities of your nice daughter. I am sure she will be a great devotee and great preacher also in future. I want that on this Kṛṣṇa culture the whole world can be united.

Our Caitanya Almanac is being published. In the meantime, I am sending you one sheet. Keep it carefully for guidance. I think it is better to keep it with Yamuna because she is in charge of Deity worship.*

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

*I have received one letter from Yamuna and she requires the list.

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70-2-57

Los Angeles
26th February, 1970

Detroit

My Dear Dinadayadri,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 22 February, 1970, together with your beads and recommendation from Sriman Bhagavan-das for your initiation.

I am very glad to accept you as my initiated disciple, and I have already returned your beads duly chanted upon by me. Your spiritual name is Dinadayadri Dasi. Please be very careful to follow the four basic restrictive principles of no eating of meat, fish or eggs, no taking of any kind of intoxicants, no illicit sex-life, and no gambling or mental speculations. Always chant at least sixteen rounds of beads daily without fail, and be happy in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness life.

I am very happy to know that you are to be married with Sriman Nara Narayan and this is very nice. Both of you please accept my full blessings and sanction for your marriage. Work together for your mutual advancement in Kṛṣṇa's service and be increasingly joyful in your Kṛṣṇa Consciousness life. This is my desire.

Please take continued guidance from Bhagavandas and from your good husband and from other senior devotees and learn our philosophy very nicely.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-2-58

Los Angeles
26th February, 1970

Honolulu

My Dear Gousundar,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to

acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 24 February, 1970, together with your air flight ticket. So far Devananda is concerned, he must accompany me. Two Brahmacharies, Devananda and Nanda Kumar, are attending me 24 hours in so many ways, so if I go to Hawaii at least one of them must go with me.

Another thing has developed in the meantime, that we have made contract to purchase a nice church here, costing \$225,000; and the down payment has to be made \$50,000 within the month of March. So there is a great strain to collect this \$50,000 from many sources including from my book fund. Therefore, even if I go to Hawaii, I will have to come back within a week because in my absence the transaction for purchasing the house may suffer.

Under the circumstances, why don't you postpone for a future date when the mango season will be current. I do not think it is advisable in this stage to spend about \$300 for a short period for our going and coming back. So I hope you will consider the present situation and let me know what is your decision.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:db

70-2-59

Los Angeles
27th February, 1970

Sri Gaudiya Math
New Delhi, India

Revered Sripad Aranya Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your kind letter dated 17 February, 1970, and I am so much encouraged by your kind appreciation of my humble activities in the

Western countries.

Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's foretelling that in every city and village on the surface of the globe His Holy Name will be known, is now coming to be true by His Will; and there is nothing wonderful because it was the desire of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. I am just trying to follow the instructions to my best capacity under the guidance of His Divine Grace Srila Bhakti Siddhanta Sarasvati Goswami Prabhupad, and things are coming nicely.

At the present moment the preaching work is going on from Hamburg to Tokyo, crossing over the two big oceans, Atlantic and Pacific, covering 14,000 miles on the Northern side and again from Tokyo to Sydney, Australia, covering another 5,000 miles. I am enclosing herewith a newspaper clipping published in Sydney, and you will appreciate very much how Sriman Bali Mardan Brahmachary, who is a graduate of the New York University, is nicely working there since the last fortnight. In the meantime, I have sent another assistant, Sriman Upendra das Adhikary, to assist him.

In the beginning of my preaching work in the Western countries, I thought that some of our men from India should come here because I came here alone, single handed, without any men or money. By the Grace of Lord Caitanya the young boys and girls enthusiastically joined me while I was chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa Mantra in the public parks. In this way, the whole Society has been organized and incorporated under Religious and Societies Act in different countries like U.S.A., England, Canada, etc., and things are improving slowly but surely.

Outside our Society, people are appreciating our movement gradually, and you will be pleased to know that they are also contributing for various activities of the Society. Perhaps you have heard the name

of George Harrison, the celebrated musician of England. He has contributed nearly about two lakhs of rupees, the entire cost of publishing the first part of my book, *KṚṢṆĀ*. Similarly, just the day before yesterday, one boy has contributed 15,000 rupees for my book fund. We have got in many places our own buildings, just like in Boston where we have got our own press, ISKCON Press, in Buffalo, in Detroit, and just yesterday, on the Advent Day of Srila Prabhupada Bhakti Siddhanta Saraswati Thakur, we have completed the negotiation for purchasing a big church property worth 20 lakhs of rupees.

I am very glad to learn that although you are 60 years old, you are enthusiastic to help me in this great preaching work. Of course, in spiritual activities there is no barring even in old age because I am also 74 years old but still working by the Grace of Lord Kṛṣṇa. If you want to help me, there is great need of your valued service.

To get you here in the States would immediately require about 12,000 rupees minimum because if we sponsor you to come here, we have to send you a return ticket by Air, and there are other expenditures also. You have stated in your letter that I will have to arrange for your coming here, so immediately the Society will not be willing to spend so much money outright without knowing how you shall be utilized for our Society's work.

But even in India, as proposed by you, you can enroll some subscribers for our publications as you say in your letter that there is great possibility for this work. Another work is that we require many first class mridangas and kartalas and Radha Kṛṣṇa Murties either from Vrindaban (brass) or Jaipur (marble), and I shall be glad to know if you can help us in this respect. In the meantime, I am advised to dispatch two copies of "Back to Godhead" by Air Mail Post to your present ad-

dress in New Delhi. Please try for it New Delhi because it is the place where only educated and enlightened Indians are staying in hundreds and thousands, and I think if you work steadily, it will be possible to enroll many thousands of subscribers. So in your next letter if you kindly let me know how you can help me in the above mentioned suggested program, we shall think of our future activities.

Sriman Jaya Govinda Das is now in Hamburg, Germany, in charge of our German publication department (Magazines and Books), and Sriman Achyutananda Brahmachary is still in India and is trying to develop a center at Sridham Mayapur. At the end, I may inform you that the American boys and girls are wonderful, and they are cooperating with me with great sincerity and thus Kṛṣṇa is blessing them with advanced Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.

Hope this will meet you in good health, and awaiting your early reply.

Yours in the service of the Lord,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:db

70-2-60

Toronto

Los Angeles

27th February, 1970

My Dear Jagadisha,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 21 February, 1970, and have noted the contents carefully.

I am glad to learn that after deliberation between Jayapataka and Raktak, you have been asked to become the president of Toronto temple. The idea is that whoever is competent to manage affairs will accept the post of president by mutual consent. Our main business is to be fixed up in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness by keeping

steady in the prescribed duties of devotional service. So I have got all approval for your being elected president; that is nice.

I am also glad to learn that already you have got a temple and enthusiastic and eager devotees there. This is very encouraging. Please push our Samkirtan movement and improve the program of Deity worship as the centers of your activities, and see that all the devotees remain steady in their execution of daily chanting of sixteen rounds of beads and strict adherence to the four principles of spiritual life and all other regulative principles, this will keep them strong in Spiritual power. And you may note that when these regulative duties are performed, and the devotee becomes fully absorbed in Kṛṣṇa activities, Kṛṣṇa as Super-soul will dictate from within the answers to all questions and will give the needed intelligence to progress more and more in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.

Please see that the program for studying our literatures is also undertaken very seriously by all the devotees there. Everyone of us must become thoroughly acquainted with our philosophy, so that our preaching work may be carried out nicely.

There is no harm if the devotees chant in the temple during the time when the Deities are resting. You may have heard that here at L.A. Temple, they are holding Kirtan and chanting 24 hours in the temple, and the program is very encouraging to all the devotees. Of course, that is only possible in a very large center such as L.A.

Regarding what to do with the eyes while on Samkirtan, your suggestion to look into the faces of people and try to convince them of the sincerity of our movement is best. There is no need of artificial things like seeing the spirit soul. We talk, and we talk on Kṛṣṇa topics—that is all. When we chant, we must concentrate

our mind on the sound vibration and in that way everything will be revealed one after another; the form, qualities, pastimes, etc. of the Lord. And this is the way of cultivating spiritual realization.

Regarding your questions concerning the spirit souls falling into Maya's influence, it is not that those who have developed a passive relationship with Kṛṣṇa are more likely to fall into nescient activities. Usually anyone who has developed his relationship with Kṛṣṇa does not fall down in any circumstance, but because the independence is always there, the soul may fall down from any position or any relationship by misusing his independence. But his relationship with Kṛṣṇa is never lost, simply it is forgotten by the influence of Maya, so it may be regained or revived by the process of hearing the Holy Name of Kṛṣṇa and then the devotee engages himself in the service of the Lord which is his original or constitutional position. The relationship of the living entity with Kṛṣṇa is eternal as both Kṛṣṇa and the living entity are eternal; the process is one of revival only, nothing new.

Astanga Yoga is better than Karma Yoga and Jnana Yoga is on the level of Astanga Yoga. But the Bhakti Yoga is the ultimate goal of all Yogas. In other words, Karma Yoga, Jnana Yoga, and Astanga Yoga by proper execution culminate in Bhakti Yoga. So far yogis who meditate on the Paramatma form of the Lord within their hearts, if they see Him in that way actually they become pure devotees, but if they do not perfect the process they may remain on the lower level of incomplete realization or Paramatma realization.

I am happy to learn that your Samkirtan party is very successful. If you have some extra money, you can contribute to the book fund because I am contributing to purchase a large church here to the extent of 20,000 dollars; and try to send the maintenance charges to me regularly.

Please offer my blessings to your good wife, Laxmimoni, and to all the other boys and girls there in Toronto center. Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:db

70-2-61

Los Angeles

28th February, 1970

Agent

Bank of Baroda

86 Chandni Chowk Branch

Mohan Mansion

Delhi-6, India

Dear Sir:

Re: My savings bank account No. 1452

With reference to your letter No. FEX. 22/-277, I beg to inform you that your Calcutta office denies to have received any amount from your transfer of Rs. 6,000 as per your debit note dated 22.1.70. Their letter Number is SB/34/1109, dated 18 February, 1970.

Kindly enlighten me immediately why they have denied to have received the money from you. Please treat this as urgent, and oblige.

Thanking you in anticipation of an early reply.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:db

70-2-62

Los Angeles

28th February, 1970

Manager

Bank of Baroda

India Exchange Branch

Box 313

Calcutta-1, India

Dear Sir:

Re: My savings bank account No. 29/12802

I beg to thank you for your letter number SB/34/1109, dated 18 February, 1970. Please let me know how the certificates should be duly discharged by me.

If there is any discharge form, please send it to me, which I shall fill up and return.

Regarding transfer of Rs. 6,000 from your Delhi Branch, I have got already a debit note from your Chandni Chowk Branch, Delhi, dated 22 January, 1970, and I am surprised that you write to say, even after a month, that the amount has not been received by you.

I do not know how things are being managed in this way. Kindly let me know, therefore, immediately what is the fate of this Rs. 6,000 transferred from your Delhi Chandni Chowk Branch.

Awaiting your early reply, and thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:db

70-2-63

Los Angeles

28th February, 1970

My Dear Hit Sharanji,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. DJT/, dated 21 February, 1970. In the meantime, I have sent you one reminder dated 24 February, 1970, in this connection. So as advised previously, I may again repeat the same that if Scindia Steam Navigation Co. has not as yet replied my letter or your letter, then the Murties should be dispatched without delay by other freighters through the shipping agents Messrs. Cox and Kings. I shall arrange for clearing the goods at the destination.

I may once more give the following list for dispatch of the Murties, and please

note the corrected Boston address.

1 pair of Murties to
ISKCON Temple
38 North Beacon Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02134 U.S.A.

1 Pair of Murties
ISKCON Temple
3720 Park Avenue
Montreal 18, Quebec Canada

3 Pairs of Murties to
ISKCON Temple
1975 South La Cienega Blvd.
Los Angeles, California 90034 U.S.A.

I hope by this time Syt. J. Dalmia has come back from South India. I am sending by separate air mail one copy of my new publication, Sri Isopanisad, as my complimentary present to Sethji. Please acknowledge receipt.

By the by, I may inform you that we require many pairs of Deities, but the Vrindaban manufacturer, Ramnath murtikar, is very slow. Under the circumstances, I would prefer ready made marble Murties from Jaipur. One gentleman, Mr. Goyl, donated our London Deities—42 inches high Kṛṣṇa and Radharani proportionately shorter. The photograph of London Murti is sent herewith. Will you kindly take the trouble to find out someone in Jaipur who can supply us such Murties regularly.

So I shall be glad to hear from you in this connection. Thanking you in anticipation.

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

P.S. We have sent our representative to Australia, one Brahmachary and one householder, for preaching work, and the first installment of newspaper cutting is sent herewith. Please present it to Sethji.
A.C.B.

70-2-64

Los Angeles
28th February, 1970

Manager
Punjab National Bank, Ltd.
P.O. Vrindaban
District Mathura, U.P.
India

Dear Sir:

Re: My savings fund account No. 2913 with you

Replying your letter No. 464 dated 2 February, 1970, addressed to my London Temple and now re-directed to me here, I beg to inform you that when you received Rs. 33, 705.86 I submitted a note of purpose in which it was stated that the money was meant for purchasing books and securing a small piece of land. You may find out this note in our file.

So out of this money immediately a consignment of books worth Rs. 13,000 and odds was sent to U.S.A., and then again these eight cases under reference were sent. So there is no more balance of books to be received against this amount of Rs. 33,705.86. There is no more pending order.

Now I beg to draw your attention to my letter dated 13 January, 1970, in which I requested you to transfer Rs. 5,500 to your Calcutta Branch at Brabourne Road for credit of my savings fund account No. 2595. I have not heard anything either from you or your Calcutta office. Please let me know what is the fate of my instruction in this connection. Also kindly let me know what is the balance in my account at present.

Thanking you in anticipation of an early reply.

Yours sincerely,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

70-2-65

Los Angeles
28th February, 1970Manager
Punjab National Bank
Brabourne Road Branch
Calcutta-1, India

Dear Sir:

Re: My savings fund account No. 2595

I beg to inform you that on 13 January, 1970, I advised your Vrindaban Branch to transfer Rs. 5,500 from my account there to my account with you as above mentioned.

Kindly let me know if you have received the money and credited it to my above account. Also please let me know what is the present balance.

Thanking you in anticipation of an early reply.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:db

70-2-66

Los Angeles
28th February, 1970

Boston

My Dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I am just now in receipt of five tapes collected from Detroit. So I think all the tapes that were sent to Detroit and Boston are now within your jurisdiction. In the meantime, I also sent you L.A. Tapes #12, 13, and 16, and today I am sending #17. This means all the tapes recorded in L.A. are now in your custody. So instead of sending tapes anywhere else, the tapes will go regularly to Boston.

Now what I want is that one tape in two days must be finished for being composed. This does not mean that one tape has to be finished so quickly, but the arrangement should be made in such a way that after some time the process will produce at least fifteen tapes completely in one month or 30 days. The process should be in the same way as I have suggested for painting of the pictures. The process is like this:

Suppose on Monday you receive the tape number 17, let it be transcribed in two days by someone "A." Then in the next two days (days 3 and 4) someone "B" edits it. Then in the next two days (days 5 and 6) another "C" edits it for the second time. Then Mr. "D" gives it the diacritical marks, and then it is ready for composing.

With diacritical marks, one copy should come to me for my record. The idea is that this #17 tape takes 7 days to the point of composition. In the meantime, tape #18 is coming into the process just in the same order. So I receive the final copy of tape #18 just 2 days after receiving tape #17 copy. If you follow this process, then ultimately we shall be finishing one tape in two days.

Now, if we finish 15 tapes in a month, it comes to near about 300 pages per month. Therefore, very safely we can calculate that every 2 months we produce a book. Or, in other words, in every year we produce 6 books. We wish to print at least sixty books, so it will take ten years. So if you go on under this process, then at least we can hope to finish 60 books by that time. And the time allowed is quite reasonable.

I have talked already about this with Brahmananda, and he says that it will be done. Anyway try to process the work in the above way and let me know how far it is feasible.

MARCH

70-3-1

Los Angeles
2nd March, 1970

Detroit

My Dear Bhagavandas,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 21 February, 1970, together with the edited copies of KṚṢṆA . . . I like your editing very much, you have done it very nicely. I have also received the tapes which you sent to Satsvarupa for re-recording, that is a good program. But we have experienced some difficulties in sending tapes to several centers, and therefore we have now agreed to make the process central by forwarding all tapes to Boston for complete processing there according to a regular schedule.

The personal form of Maya is Durga and her different extensions like Bhadra Kali, Chandica, etc. In the Brahma Samhita it is described that she is all powerful in this material world, but she acts as shadow of Govinda. In Bhagavad Gita also she is described as assistant in the material affairs. The direction is from the Lord, and she executes His will. As such, when a devotee is fully surrendered to Kṛṣṇa, Maya does not disturb him anymore, under the direction of the Lord. So Kṛṣṇa is always Supreme.

The pradhana is the ingredient part of material energy. Yes, the Maya is covering all the material energies. Therefore one who is materially advanced, covered with riches, covered with learning, covered with fame or covered with any material opulences, is understood to be covered with Maya. Srila Bhaktivinode says, *jada*

vidyā saba māyār baibhava “the material opulences are expansions of Maya’s influence.” As such, according to Vedic process, one voluntarily renounces the material opulences.

The Goswamis left their government service, and there are many other instances. Bharat Maharaj left his kingdom and Lord Buddha left his kingdom—these are all different attempts to get out of Maya’s influence. But our philosophy is that things employed in Kṛṣṇa’s service have no more influence of Maya. Therefore it is called *cinmoya* or spiritual; spiritual means complete knowledge. One who can follow the instructions of Isopanisad can understand that nothing belongs to Maya, but everything belongs to Kṛṣṇa. This knowledge is Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. Regarding the end of devotees of Lord Jesus Christ, they can go to heaven, that is all. That is a planet in the material world. A devotee of Lord Jesus Christ is one who is strictly following the ten commandments. Now just like in the commandment “Thou shalt not Kill” this is a moral instruction for the sinful man. Similarly Lord Buddha also emphasized *ahimsa paramadharma* “the highest religion is non-violence.” So these instructions are for the sinful men. When one is pious, instead of being sinful, he is promoted to the higher planetary systems like Janaloka, Mahaloka, or Tapaloka and they are above the planet Svargaloka. So persons who are cleansed of sinful life become eligible for spiritual life. From the instructions of Lord Jesus Christ we find that the stress is given to make men free from sinful life—such as “Thou shalt not kill” “Thou shalt not

covet”—like that. Therefore the conclusion is that the devotees of Lord Jesus Christ are promoted to the heavenly planets which are within this material world.

Thank you for the copies of the newspaper clipping of the court trial, and I think these several copies are sufficient. Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:db

70-3-2

Los Angeles
2nd March, 1970

London

My Dear Gurudas,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your two letters dated 20 and 26 February, 1970, respectively, and I am so glad to learn that you have been elected president for this year. In India, when there was congress election among the executive members, each year a person was elected president. I think this system may be followed in our institutions also. Of course it will depend on the local situation, but in a round if each person is given the chance of managing the whole affairs, that means everyone becomes responsible officer.

Another thing is that so long I have been receiving different questions from the students, now I think all these questions should be answered by the presidents locally. So you study all our books very nicely, and all the doubts and questions may be answered by you locally. In case of difficult questions, it may be referred to me. That will give all the presidents the chance of being skillful in solving the doubts and problems of the local students. I hope you will like this idea.

Regarding the three boys whose letters accompany yours, and whom you have recommended for initiation, I am sending

their beads duly chanted by separate post. The initiation requires some Guru daksina, so during the time of initiation, the disciple must collect some alms and present it to the Spiritual Master. That is the system.

I have received the slides formerly when you wrote that there were four slides, but I received only two. This time there are seven slides. They are very beautiful, and I thank you very much.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-3-3

Los Angeles
2nd March, 1970

London

My Dear Yamuna,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 17 February, 1970, and have read the contents with great interest. We are not impersonalists, under the circumstances we have got varieties of perception in the matter of discharging devotional service. In Rupa Goswami's "Siksamṛta" it is stated that advanced life in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness means one should be always very much anxious to calculate whether every moment of his life has not been utilized in devotional service. This is called feeling of being afraid for misusing time.

One should be very careful to estimate how every moment of his life is being utilized in the service of the Lord. The Goswamis were very much advanced in this line of action, and therefore about them it is said "*nidra hara bihara vijito*" that means one who has conquered over eating, sleeping, and mating. The idea is to save more time from this materialistic business and utilize it for Kṛṣṇa's service.

When our anxieties are how to utilize

life in that way, that stage is *abyarthyā ka-latvam* "utilizing life without spoiling it." The next stage is *nāmagāne sadā ruci* "attraction for chanting the Holy Name always" and *pṛiti tad basati sthale* "feeling of pleasure in living in the Temple or in the place of pilgrimage." So I am very glad that you are gradually coming to that stage; continue it carefully. Try to realize it yourself and teach the method to all your younger brothers and sisters.

Kṛṣṇa Consciousness means full cooperation with Kṛṣṇa, and Kṛṣṇa means with all His entourage. We should always remember this. Just like when we speak of a tree, it includes the root, the trunk, the branches, the leaves, the flowers—everything. Therefore to love Kṛṣṇa means to love Him along with all His Name, His fame, His qualities, His entourage, His abode, His devotees, etc.

Now I have sent you one copy of all celebrations in the current year of Caitanya Era 484. I hope you have received it through Shyamsundar by this time. It will be published in calendar form, but I have sent you one copy in advance.

You must all find time to write some articles for publishing in "Back to Godhead." That is culture. Regarding the devotees, I am very very pleased to learn of their sincere and enthusiastic endeavors in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness, this is most encouraging to me. Now guide them carefully so that they may be engaged further in our program of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness movement activities. So far management is concerned, you have to do it amongst yourselves because it is not always possible for me to give direction from such distant place.

Regarding an assistant Pujari, Ilavati may be trained to assist you, but she may not conduct *Arca* without being *dvija*. The system is that only one who is qualified with Gayatri initiation may directly worship the Deities (i.e. bathing, offering

bhoga and aratrik, cooking for the Deities, etc.). But she may assist you by helping in all other respects. If for some reason you are unable to perform aratrik, there are other devotees, initiated brahmins, who can make the offerings there.

Please offer my blessings to all the new devotees and all the other boys and girls at London Temple. Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-3-4

Los Angeles
3rd March, 1970

Manager

Bank of Baroda (Calcutta Branch)

P.O. Box No. 313

India Exchange

Calcutta-1, India

Dear Sir:

Re: My S/B account No. 29/12802
with you

In continuation of my letter dated 28 February, 1970. I beg to enclose herewith the true copy of letter No. FEX.22/-277 of your Chandni Chowk, Delhi Branch. I am sure you have received Rs. 6000 (Rs. Six thousand only) transfer as stated by your Delhi Branch.

Please transfer immediately Rs. 5000 (Rs. Five thousand only) to savings account No. 8/16578 United Bank of India Ltd., 157/B Dharmatalla Street, Calcutta-13 in favor of M. M. De (Mathura Mohan De) and send me the debit note here.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:db

70-3-5

Los Angeles
3rd March, 1970

My Dear Mr. DDD,

Please accept my blessings. I have just received your nice letter together with pictures drawn by you. Thank you very much. I am so happy to see how you are drawing the activities of Kṛṣṇa and His devotees the Pandavas and Jagannatha das Babaji. And I am glad to see that your letters are drawn nicely also.

It is very encouraging to me that you are regularly chanting your twenty rounds of beads daily. Be careful never to decrease but increase the number and you will become more strong in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. So continue to tend your Deities first-class and be happy in Kṛṣṇa's service.

I am very glad to know that you are learning your arithmetic in school, but I do not know if you are staying at New Vrindaban for study because your letter is sent from Montreal, Canada.

You have written that you are sending seventy dollars for my book fund, but I have not received the seventy dollars enclosed with your letter. Has it been sent by separate mail? Please let me know what has happened to it as soon as possible.

Always remember Kṛṣṇa Who is your dearest friend and always serve Him just to please Him, and He will give you all intelligence how to be a first-class devotee. Just try to learn all about Kṛṣṇa, chant Hare Kṛṣṇa, and you will be a great preacher of our Kṛṣṇa Consciousness movement.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

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70-3-6

Los Angeles
4th March, 1970Scindia House
New Delhi, India

My Dear Hit Sharanji,

Please accept my blessings. I hope you have received my letter dated 28 February, 1970.

In the meantime, I have received a reply from Srimati Sumati Morarjee in which I understand that she has already replied to your letter regarding the dispatch of the Murties.

Now, through the forwarding agents, Messrs. Cox and Kings, you can arrange to ship all the Murties through Scindia Steam Navigation Co. to different places as already directed.

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:db

70-3-7

Los Angeles
4th March, 1970Scindia House
Bombay, India

Madam Sumati Morarjee Baisaheba,

Please accept my greetings. I thank you very much for your letter dated 26 February, 1970, and noted the contents. You will be pleased to know that recently we have opened a center in Sydney. The newspaper-cutting is sent herewith.

I am also enclosing herewith a picture of the Deities in our London Temple. These Deities were donated by one London Devotee, Mr. Goyal, and they were purchased from Jaipur. The Deities contributed by Dalmia Jain Trust and Birla Trust (5 Pairs) are made in Vrindaban, 24

inches high brass Deities, but these London Deities are made of first-class marble from Jaipur, and they are 42 inches high.

So any one of these patterns may be supplied by you, and I shall be glad if you kindly send me a list of prospective donors of such Deities from Bombay. There are many Vaiṣṇava respectable gentlemen in Bombay, and they can cooperate with my mission.

For the present, I have a plan for opening 108 centers all over America, Europe, Canada, Japan, and Australia. I have got at present 26 centers. I have sent some of my devotees in Germany where people are more interested in this Hare Kṛṣṇa movement. You will be pleased to know that simply in Germany alone our "Hare Krishna Mantra" record has been sold to the extent of 57,000 copies.

You write to say that the copy of the letter addressed to Mr. Sharma was enclosed with my letter, but I do not find it. Anyway, I hope you have already instructed your Calcutta office to carry these Deities to different places of the U.S.A.

You will be pleased to know that my latest publication is 'Sri Isopanisad' and I am sending one copy for your perusal. I hope you will feel interest in reading this book.

Your ever well-wisheer,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS:db

70-3-8

Los Angeles
4th March, 1970

My Dear Tamal,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 1 March, 1970.

I am glad that you have gone to Germany along with Hansadutta and his wife, and I am so pleased to learn that things are

being arranged nicely—that is my satisfaction.

Marriage or no marriage, that is not our problem. If we find it suitable that by marrying one will be able to serve better, than by not marrying, then one must marry—that is our principle. So as you are thinking that accepting Jyotirmayee as your wife you will be happy and your duties in Kṛṣṇa consciousness will be enthused, then I have got all sanction, and you do it.

I know that all my spiritual children are doing very nicely as Grihastas, and similarly I hope you shall be doing better after your marriage.

Organization of the European centers and the World Samkirtan Party later on—for these two reasons I called you in London. Now Mukunda, Hansadutta, yourself, Kṛṣṇadas, Woomapati, Janardan, Suridas, etc., all of you are tested devotees, now do everything nicely in full cooperation. Always remain engaged in Kṛṣṇa's service, then there will be no misunderstanding.

See that the French and German BTGs are nicely done—that is my ambition. Jai Govinda must marry the girl Sadanandini. It is already advanced, and I do not think it can be changed now. So he can immediately call her from New York by sending her passage money to Hamburg. Then get them married immediately in your presence.

On the first of April we are going to our new church property which is being purchased at the cost of \$225,000, payable in twelve years, and \$50,000 down payment. Please keep me informed about your progressive march in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.

While you are in Germany, please see that Vasudeva is given all facilities for his painting work. He is a very good painter and very enthusiastic, so make arrangement that he can devote full time to his

painting and may not feel any inconvenience in his work. He can begin immediately to paint pictures on the many different subjects as you know. I will write to him separately, in the meantime do the needful.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

70-3-9

Los Angeles

4th March, 1970

Gita Press

Gorakhpur, India

My Dear Bhajji Hanumanprasad Poddar,

Please accept my obeisances. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 26 February, 1970, and I am glad to know that you have liked my detailed letter of 5 February, 1970, with enclosures. The books are already on the way.

Regarding my permission for issuing a detailed account of my work in a book form by some kind friend, it is very much welcome. I have asked my London office to send you more pictures and newspaper-cuttings in this connection. This book will enthuse me as well as the whole Vaiṣṇava society. I can see that this Kṛṣṇa Consciousness movement has such a vast potency that by its philosophy the whole human race can be united politically, socially, religiously, and culturally. If important personalities like you will kindly join with my activities, I am sure it will come out successful and India will be culturally united with the whole world.

For the present, I have got ambition to start at least 108 centers. My disciples are already scattered from Hamburg to Tokyo, and from Tokyo to Sydney. And more youngsters are joining us daily in this movement. By the grace of Kṛṣṇa this So-

ciety is purchasing a very big church estate on the Venice Boulevard, one of the important highways of Los Angeles, and we shall remove there next April. When we go there, we shall be able to invite many important men of the city and try to convince them about our high philosophy. The atheist class of men foolishly inquire 'Where is God?' And we present them Kṛṣṇa—here is God, and if you have got sense and intelligence just try to understand Kṛṣṇa, whether He is not God.

So in India also we have to do many things because very recently, by the propaganda of the politicians, the younger generation has become victimized to become God-less. So the hankering after peace and prosperity in the world in a Godless concept of life is simply an utopian dream. People must take to God-consciousness and surely they will be happy in all respects.

By the grace of Lord Caitanya, the method of self-realization is made very easy and universal by chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa mantra. It is being effective practically. So let us join together to expand this great mission of Lord Caitanya Who predicted that everywhere as many cities and towns and villages are there on the surface of the globe, His Holy Name would be glorified on account of His transcendental gift to the fallen souls of this Kali Yuga.

The Dalmia Jain Trust and Birla Trust have given us 5 pairs of Radha Kṛṣṇa Murties for installing in our different centers. Sriman Hit Sharan Sharma is dispatching these Murties, and the Director of Scindia Steam Navigation Co., Srimati Sumati Morarjee, has kindly consented to carry them on their ships. If you will also recommend some of your Vaiṣṇava friends to contribute such Murties, it will be very much encouraging. Or if you give me a prospective list of gentlemen, then I can directly request them for this cooperation.

Hope this will meet you in good health, and thanking you once more for your kind interest in my activities.

Yours in the service of the Lord,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-3-10

Los Angeles
6th March, 1970

My Dear Malati,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 17 February, 1970, and have read the contents carefully. I am so glad to hear from you after so long time.

It is not surprising that you feel the competition of maya very keen because we are in the midst of an ocean of Maya. Just as if, when you are in the ocean, you say 'Oh, there is water all round'—that is ocean. So you must have a boat very strong, and Kṛṣṇa is the nicest boat to carry you over the ocean of Maya. The ocean will reduce to become a pit left by the hoof of a cow by the grace of Kṛṣṇa, and it may be crossed over without any care. And after crossing the ocean, the devotee shall go to the abode of Kṛṣṇa where there is no more danger. That is the mission of our life, and that is Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.

I am very happy to know that your daughter Saraswati is growing up nicely under your care. To see that the child is raised in full Kṛṣṇa Consciousness is the proper management of householder life. And when your good daughter is no longer to be so cared for by you, then you will get enough time to chant Hare Kṛṣṇa. Both mother and daughter can sit together and chant hare Kṛṣṇa.

Regarding your thoughts of grand Rathayatra festival, this year there must be a very grand procession of Rathayatra, and ask Shyamsundar to induce George to

lead in the procession. Shyamsundar has asked me to go there, so if I am not very seriously engaged, I must go. But if George and John join in the procession, it will be a great success.

I have heard how the new devotees are all executing their devotional services very enthusiastically and with sincerity and humility. Yes, I have asked them to take instruction from you, one of their elder God-sisters. Whatever you have learned—you are one of the old students—whatever you have gathered by experience, you must hand them over to the new students. This is called *parampara*.

Please offer my blessings to Saraswati Dasi. Will you send her to our school in New Vrindaban when she is little older. The school is developing nicely there under the headmastership of Hayagriva Prabhu.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:db

70-3-11

Los Angeles
6th March, 1970

Buffalo

My Dear Nityananda Das,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 1 March, 1970, along with your beads and request to become my initiated disciple. I am glad to learn that you are already progressing nicely in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness and actively engaged in leading Samkirtan Party at Buffalo Temple.

So I am very happy to accept you as my bonafide initiated disciple, and your spiritual name is Nityananda Das. One who is desiring to have the eternal bliss of association of Lord Kṛṣṇa by devotional service must be the sincere servant of

Nityananda Prabhu, and in that way win His grace. Therefore your name is Nityananda Das, servant of Lord Nityananda. I have chanted your beads duly, and they are returned herewith. I am also enclosing one sheet of standard practices for devotees, for your reference.

Please follow the regulative principles strictly, and chant daily sixteen rounds of beads regularly without fail. This is the essential process for dissolving the clouds of illusion or Maya; and when the cloud of illusion is removed, then we can understand Kṛṣṇa Consciousness perfectly and that is the highest perfection of human life. So be fixed in devotional service, chant Hare Kṛṣṇa mantra and be happy. I am waiting to hear of your further progress in spreading this Kṛṣṇa Consciousness movement for the benefit of all concerned.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:db

70-3-12

Los Angeles
6th March, 1970

Hamburg

My Dear Vasudeva,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 20 February, 1970, along with an enclosed photograph of one painting of the Spiritual Master rendered by you. In the meantime, I have received also one painting of my Guru Maharaj Srila Bhakti Siddhanta Saraswati Thakur. Both these paintings are very, very good, and I am therefore requesting that you be able to devote yourself full time in developing this great talent of yours. There are many paintings required not only for our Tem-

ples, but for illustrating our books also. So I think this work will be more than ample and you will be happy in this work.

I have noted your enthusiasm for painting, but I learn that there is need of many adjustments so that you may be able to execute the work properly. I have written therefore, in this connection, to Tamal Kṛṣṇa to arrange for your working conveniences before he leaves Germany.

I am also very pleased to learn that the Deities are now receiving proper service and you are developing a great love for Them. Please continue your sincere service with even greater vigor, and your love will grow increasingly more. Actually when this dormant love for Kṛṣṇa is aroused in the heart of the devotee, there are for him no more problems of life. So continue to chant regularly Hare Kṛṣṇa and be happy. Your nice service attitude is most encouraging to me.

Thanking you once again, and hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-3-13

Los Angeles
7th March, 1970

Manager

First National City Bank
686 Broadway near Great Jones Street
New York, N.Y. 10012

Dear Sir:

Re: My account No. 0400688633 with you

Kindly transfer my all balance in the above account to the Bank of America, Pico-La Cienega Branch (308) at 8501 West Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, California 90035, for credit of my checking account

No. 3081-61625.

The pass-book is sent herewith. Please expedite the matter and oblige.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS:db

70-3-14

Los Angeles
7th March, 1970

Buffalo

My Dear Rupanuga,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 1 March, 1970, in which you have given your recommendation that Mr. Nico Kuyt be initiated by me. So in accordance with your recommendation, I have accepted him as my bonafide disciple, and I am returning his beads herewith duly chanted.

I am glad to learn how the students are friendly toward the devotees although they are generally depressed and rebellious. So Kṛṣṇa Consciousness is so nice that it can pacify even the most rebellious person because it appeals to the soul.

Regarding your questions; yes, Rama-devi is the *sandhini* attribute of *chit-shakti* because her function is for creation, and the jivas are members of the *sambit* attribute of *chit-shakti*. The demi-gods are included within the species of human life. Most of the Spiritual Masters are situated in Madhurya rasa, but not all of them.

I am very glad to learn that Nityananda Das (Nico Kuyt) is currently leading your Samkirtan. Please keep him nicely advancing in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness under your guidance, and help him to learn our philosophy very well.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS:db

70-3-15

Los Angeles
7th March, 1970

My Dear Trivikram,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 2 March, 1970. Now I think because Himavati is there, she will be first-class caretaker of the Deities, and you can be relieved. So I have no objection if you come back to the States if there is no other urgent necessity for you there.

So you can consult in this connection with Kṛṣṇadas and Hansadutta, and with their consent, you can come back. But if there is any urgent necessity for your presence there, you may wait a little more and then come back.

I know as you expressed your desire in London, that you are very much anxious to come back to the States; so you can do so at your earliest convenience.

I do not think that Hansadutta is pressing you for marriage. Marriage is a concession for a person who cannot control his sex desires. Of course it is a difficult job for the boys in this country because they have free access to intermingling with the girls. Under the circumstances, it is my open order for everyone that everyone can marry without any artificial pose. But if somebody is able to remain a Brahmachary, there should not be any cavassing for his marriage.

But at the mature age say after 50 years old age, everyone should separate from wife. Married life does not mean that one should continue to live with wife throughout the whole life; at a certain stage, say between 20-25 years, one may accept a wife, live with her to the maximum age of 50 years, and then there should be no more sex relationship—stringently. And at the mature old age, say 65-70 years, everyone must accept the renounced order of Sannyas; if not in dress, then in action positively.

Our students, either Brahmachary or Householder, are being trained up for constant engagement in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness service without any personal interest. This is perfect order of Sannyas. So if everyone is trained up in this line of action, all of us are Sannyasins in all circumstances. This is explained in the Bhagavad Gita that anyone who is not after the result of any action, but simply he acts as a matter of duty for Kṛṣṇa, he is a factual Sannyasin and Yogi.

So whatever status of life we may accept, this principle of working for Kṛṣṇa as a matter of our duty, without being attracted by the result,—should be followed by us.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-3-16

Los Angeles
8th March, 1970

My Dear Shyamsundar,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 3 March, 1970, along with the 'Govindam' record. The record is so nice that I am playing it at least once in a day and it is giving me transcendental pleasure with tears in my eyes. I am sure this record will be the first-class 'hit' as already opined by the experts.

Certainly this has come out so successful because of George's sincere effort in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. I am so pleased that he is advancing towards perfectional stage of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness; and your association will greatly help. Try to convince him to avoid the four principles of sinful life and chant Hare Kṛṣṇa mantra as much as possible, then he will find everything is successful in his life.

I think on account of this record, many people, at least from different parts of Europe, will come to see our Temple. Many tourists also may come there. So you do not take it as gloomy, but you should welcome them in our Temple. Regularly try to sell our books and magazines to them. So far taking away the shoes is concerned, you can make the following arrangement: just after the entrance door, arrange for a movable railing so that anyone willing to enter the Temple room, but who does not like to take off his shoes, may be allowed to enter the door but stand near the railing and see the Deity from that place. Anyone willing to go inside the railing boundary must have to get out of his shoes. And exactly by the side of the Altar another railing may be fixed up. This railing should stand between the Vyasasana and the Altar.

So anyone who may come must be well received, informed about our activities, and when we publish a little pamphlet which is in preparation, it may also be distributed to each and every one of the visitors.

I have not heard anything from you about the small leaflet to be prepared for putting along with the 'Govindam' records. Are you preparing it or not? or do you think it is necessary or not?

The next song you may record is *Jaya Jagadisa Hare*:

Kesava dhṛta dasabidha rupa

Jaya Jagadīśa Hare

And we shall make a children's book with ten pictures of Kṛṣṇa's different appearances (Dasāvatara) and a short story or explanation for each. Now we have just received part of the manuscript of an abridged version of KṚṢṆA especially meant for children.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. What happened to the manjirao

imported from India through Lloyd's Bank. Ask Mukunda to write me about this. ACB
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Los Angeles
9th March, 1970

Sri R. D. Birla
Industry House
Churchgate Reclamation
Bombay-1, India

Dear Sri Birlaji,

Please accept my greetings. I have received one letter from Sri Balmukund Parikh of 78 Woodstock Avenue, London, N. W. 11, and the copy of the letter is enclosed herewith for your perusal.

Perhaps it may be known to you that in the Western world I am preaching the cult of Krishna Consciousness strictly on the Vaisnava principles, and I have established already 26 centers as listed on enclosed sheet.

I want to establish many Radha Krishna Temples in all important towns and countries of the Western World. I am not only establishing Temples, but I am creating the devotees of the Temples. There are many thousands of disciples in America, Europe, Canada, Japan, and Australia. So I am in need of many pairs of Radha Krishna Murties, and from the letter of Sri Balmukund Parikh I learn that you are interested to donate such Murties for being installed in different parts of the Western countries.

I understand that four pairs of Murties have already been donated by your Trust through correspondence with the Secretary of the Dalmia Jain Trust. But I want many hundreds of pairs of such Murties. Generally in our Temples we install 24 inches high brass Murties or 42 inches high marble Murties. A picture of our London Deities is sent herewith for your inspection.

Thanking you in anticipation of your early reply.

Yours in the service of the Lord,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
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Los Angeles
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Columbus, Ohio

My Dear Hayagriva,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 4 March, 1970, along with the edited copy of the Foreword to KRṢṂA. Thank you very much. The few alterations of dates is approved by me, so it is alright.

Regarding your question do the Vedic histories refer to this planet only. No. Vedic history means of this universe. Our history begins from the beginning of the creation because the creation takes place with the birth of Brahma from the abdomen lotus flower of Lord Visnu. Then Brahma gradually creates. He begets so many sons known as Prajapatis who are supposed to be the generators of living entities, and therefore the history begins from Brahma. In the Bhagavad Gita this is confirmed in the 15th chapter. It is said there that the root of this big universal banyan tree is on the top; therefore history begins from the top.

Yes. This planet comes later on. We can take the idea from the tree—the tree grows gradually, and the different fruits, branches, and twigs gradually appear. Therefore it is to be understood that this planet has grown later on. Besides this we understand that although the planet was later on grown up, it was covered with water—*pralaya payodhi jale* merged into the water after devastation. Then gradually it emerges from water. That we can experience, that gradually land is coming

out of the oceans. Because of its being merged into water, it is natural to conclude that the beginning of life was aquatic. This is confirmed in Padma Purana that the species of life evolved from aquatics to plants, vegetables, trees; thereafter insects, reptiles, flies, birds, then beasts, and then human kind. This is the gradual process of evolution of species of life.

But we do not accept Darwin's theory. According to Darwin's theory, homo sapiens came later on, but we see that the most intelligent personality, Brahma, is born first. So according to Vedic knowledge, Darwin or similar mental speculators are rejected so far the fact is concerned.

I am so glad to learn that the Gita is going on nicely. Perhaps you know that Mandali Bhadra wants to translate into German, so as you finish one chapter you may send one copy to him immediately for being translated into German.

Mayapur is the birth-site of Lord Caitanya. It is a small villager You cannot find it on the map, but near Calcutta you may find the place 'Nabadwip,' and Mayapur is part of this Nabadwip district. So far your planning to go to India, not only you, but I think several others, including Kirtanananda Maharaj and other advanced students, will go to India for preaching Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. That will be a lesson to our so-called "secular" government. I came here with this purpose, so you have to fulfill my desire. I think it is coming to be true by the will of Lord Caitanya.

Achyutananda is getting good opportunities to move amongst enlightened circle in Calcutta, so if some of our advanced students go to India for this purpose, that will be a great achievement. I am thinking of that plan always. In the meantime, let us publish as many books as possible within this year. I wish to go to India for this purpose in the beginning of next year.

So far life-size Deities are concerned, even if you do not go, that can be imported. We have got addresses of supplier, and if you give me the size of the Deity you want, that can be imported. In the meantime you try to construct some temples in New Vrindaban. I want to publish one catalogue of our ISKCON movement, giving pictures of all important centers and especially of New Vrindaban. This idea I gave you long ago when I was in New Vrindaban. I have advised Brahma-nanda also in this connection. So get this catalogue printed as early as possible.

Another important thing is our theistic school in New Vrindaban. If you can establish a nice educational center, I know many parents of your country will be glad to send their children in New Vrindaban. But we have to create a nice atmosphere and educational system there. Satyabhama is very much enthusiastic in this connection. So you organize this institution systematically.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
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70-3-19

Montreal

My Dear Gopāl Kṛṣṇa,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 3 March, 1970, and have noted the contents.

Regarding publication of French 'Back to Godhead,' for the present you are doing very excellently. My point is that BTG in French language must come out even irregularly. So you are fulfilling my desire in that way. So far our Paris center

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is concerned, it is not yet started. At last Shyamsundar and George Harrison have gone there to find out a place. It may be by the grace of the Lord the center will be started now.

There are many big schemes about our European preaching work, specifically advancing the Samkirtan movement and publishing our literatures, but nothing has yet taken a practical shape. Under the circumstances, whatever you are doing is for the good. So until something practical is taking place in Paris, you continue to do this work—that is a great service to the Lord. I am very much pleased with your endeavor.

Now, regarding sending me money, I thank you very much that you are always eager to spend for Kṛṣṇa, and Kṛṣṇa will give you more and more opportunities to utilize your hard earned money for Kṛṣṇa's service. Now the office which you are holding appears to be very nice, so I do not think you can get a better job in India. But somehow or other, if you get a chance to return to India on official business of your present employer, that will be very nice.

Regarding our Indian centers, we are experiencing some bright glimpse because in Calcutta, as informed to you by Achyutananda, we may get a nice plot of land. So you can save money as much as possible for constructing buildings or Temples in India. The money saved in this connection either may be kept by you under separate fixed deposit in the bank, or may be sent to me for future utilization. I have sent money already to Achyutananda for purchasing a piece of land in Mayapur—that is not yet completed. Under the circumstances, no more money should be sent to India directly by you.

I am very glad to learn that you have prepared one long article for sending to the "Illustrated Weekly of India." That is very nice, and if possible write some fur-

ther articles, either in Hindi or English, for being published in India.

Perhaps you have already noted that I have closed my account with the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. So whatever money you want to pay me may be sent by direct check in my favor. You do not require to spend any more money for Deity, because Deity is already coming—everything is arranged in India. You simply see that Temple worship and other things are going on regularly and nicely.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-3-20

Toronto

My Dear Rudradas,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 27 February, 1970, and have noted the contents carefully. I am very glad to learn that you are finding the atmosphere congenial in the new Toronto center. I think your valuable services will be put to good account there in the matter of pushing our Samkirtan movement. I have heard that there is very good potential for spreading Krishna Consciousness movement in Toronto especially among the large younger population. So I think this will be a good field for you to work enthusiastically in cooperation with other good devotees like Jayapataka, Raktak, and Jagadisha.

When I learn that you are selling many BTGs and are receiving nice support from the community, I am very much encouraged. Now we have published our *Iso-panisad* and you must try to sell it as far as possible. I have tried to explain in this

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book the preliminary knowledge of God-consciousness so any layman who reads it will be able to understand our Kṛṣṇa Consciousness movement to their great benefit. If you simply present our program before them with great sincerity of purpose, they will be influenced by the seriousness of our Krishna Consciousness movement, and you can further impress them to join with us.

I am also glad to note that you are making practice of keeping in mind various important verses from our scriptures. This is the approved process *mahajana jena gato sapanthah* to "follow in the footsteps of the great authorities in Krishna Consciousness like Narada Muni and our other Acaryas. Now we are requiring our students to be very well familiar with all our literatures so that we may present our philosophy before even the most educated persons. This is very important as our movement is now growing and attracting greater notice.

Regarding sleeping, there is no need of confusion on this subject. At this stage, if we do not take sufficient rest, we shall fall ill. There is no need of forcing the matter. So one should take rest enough to keep in good health. Sleeping two hours out of 24 is a later natural development. For the present, take six hours sleep at night, that is enough; and if necessary, take another hour during the day. If chanting rounds at night is not a disturbance of your daily schedule, then it is alright. But by perseverance at rigid following of devotional service your demands for extra hours sleeping will automatically diminish.

Lord Nityananda is Guru. He can instruct us, but ultimately it depends on the disciple. A doctor may say 'Do this,' 'Do not do this,' but if the patient does not follow the prescription, what is the result? Similarly, Nityananda Prabhu will hear the prayer of an insincere rascal, if that rascal actually wants to change his condi-

tion. One must agree not to be a rascal any more, then his rascaldom can be reformed. Jagai and Madhai begged the Lord for His mercy and they were prototype rascals, drunkards and debauchees. Lord Caitanya told them first you stop your nonsense activities, then I will accept you. So a rascal may be accepted provided he agrees to stop his nonsenses. Otherwise, how can one expect to be reformed if he does not agree or like to be reformed. To be reformed, he must agree to the reforming process.

In this connection, in order to remain fixed in spiritual strength, always be sure to chant the prescribed sixteen rounds of beads daily without fail. This is essential for insuring your spiritual progress.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
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Los Angeles
10th March, 1970

My Dear Japanese brothers and sisters,

Please accept my greetings. It is a great opportunity that Sriman Sudama Das Adhikary, one of my American students, has gone to your country to spread the gospel of Krishna Consciousness under superior order. The original order is from Lord Chaitanya Who appeared 484 years ago at Nabadwipa, a district in Bengal, India, as Lord Buddha appeared at Gaya, a district in Behar, India. We, the followers of Vedic culture, accept both Lord Buddha and Lord Chaitanya as incarnations of God, as both of them are stated to be so in the authorized Vedic scriptures.

The original Personality of Godhead is Krishna. Perhaps most of you who are present in this meeting have heard the

name of the famous book "Bhagavat Gita." The teachings of the Bhagavat Gita were given to Arjuna by his friend and philosopher Lord Krishna 5000 years ago, and since then the cult of Krishna Consciousness is historically current in India. Most of you know that the people of India worship Lord Krishna as the Supreme Personality of Godhead in many millions of Vedic temples, some of them more than two thousand years old.

But factually this Krishna Consciousness is coming down through a chain of disciplic succession from a time some millions of years ago because the first student of this cult was Vivasvan, the present predominating deity in the Sun-globe planet. Later on Vivasvan taught this philosophy to his son Manu, who again taught this philosophy to his son, King Iksaku, who ruled over this earthly planet. The original Kshatriya kings were all descendants from King Iksaku, the father of the dynasty in which Lord Ramachandra appeared. That is a long history comprising a period covering not less than 40 million years according to Vedic scriptures. Lord Krishna also appeared in the same family a little more than 5000 years ago; and because the cult of Krishna Consciousness became broken in course of time, Lord Krishna again re-established the same formula by teaching His dear friend Arjuna for benefit of the entire human society.

Four hundred and eighty-four years ago Lord Chaitanya preached this cult of Krishna Consciousness in a simple and practical way so that everyone can take it without any trouble and thusly become happy in this life as well as in the next. The purpose of Krishna Consciousness is to love Krishna or God. We have a general propensity to love someone else, which is the basic principle of living condition. Nobody can live without loving somebody else besides himself. This loving

propensity for someone else is present in every living being. Even an animal like tiger has this loving propensity in dormant state, and what to mention of the human kind. But the missing point is where to repose our love so that everyone can become happy.

At the present moment, the human society has been educated to love his country or family or one's personal self, but they have no information where to repose the loving propensity so that everyone can become happy. Because the basic principle of love is that both the lover and the beloved or object of love and the lover must be happy by loving activities of the living being. In the primary stage a child loves his parents, then his brothers and sisters, and thus, as he grows up daily, he begins to love his family, society, community, country, nation, or up to the point of loving the whole human society. But the loving propensity is so expansive that even by loving the whole human society the loving propensity is not fulfilled on account of its imperfection. This loving propensity can be fully satisfied when it is reposed in Krishna, and that is the sum and substance of this Krishna Consciousness movement.

My dear brothers and sisters, do not therefore consider this movement as sectarian or meant for any particular nation or community. In the Bhagavat Gita, which is the basic principle of this Krishna Consciousness movement, Lord Krishna says that He is the seed giving father of all living creatures. There are many millions of species of life as aquatics, trees, plants, reptiles, insects, birds, beasts, and human races. All of them are living entities as the spirit soul, but they are present before us in many varieties of forms and dresses. A learned man is he who sees all living entities on equal category, never mind whether a living entity is highly cultured intelligent man, or a cow,

or a dog, or an elephant, or even a dog-eater, who is considered to be low in the human society. These things we learn from authoritative Vedic scriptures.

The idea is that our loving propensity expands as vibration of air and light expands, but we do not know where it ends. The Krishna Consciousness movement teaches us this science how one can love everyone of the living entities perfectly by an easy method. We have failed to bring in peace and harmony in the human society even by such big attempts like the organization of United Nations because we do not know the method. The method is very simple, but one has to understand it in cool head. The method is simple and natural, and this movement teaches you how to do it. We teach all men to love Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead. If you learn how to love Krishna, which is very easy, then immediately you love every living being simultaneously.

It is like pouring water on the root of the tree, or supplying foodstuff in the stomach. This method of pouring water on the root of the tree, or supplying food stuff in the stomach, scientific, practical and universal, experienced by everyone of us. Everyone of us knows it very well by practical experience that when we eat something, or in other words when we put foodstuffs in the stomach, the energy created by such action is immediately distributed throughout the whole body. Similarly, when you pour water on the root of the tree, the energy created by such watering is immediately distributed in the whole tree, never mind how great it is. But it is not possible to water the tree part by part, neither it is possible to feed the different parts of the body separately. One who does not know this method is missing the point.

At the present moment the human civilization has advanced very much to live comfortably so far our material necessi-

ties are concerned, but still we are not happy because we are missing the point. Simple material comforts of life are not sufficient to make us happy. The vivid example is America, and not to mention of other countries. The richest nation of the world having all facilities for material comforts, is producing a class of men completely confused and frustrated in life. I have dealt with them very intimately, and I have found out that the cause of their unhappiness is not material want, but it is insufficiency of spiritual comforts.

What is true for the Americans is also true for all other nations. Other poorer countries are trying to be happy by imitation of American ways of economic development. But such imitators are missing the point that in America, side by side, a dissatisfied class of men are growing with great rapid speed. This is also true in other countries; and the root cause of this dissatisfaction is that our dormant loving propensity has not been fulfilled, although we have much advanced in materialistic way of life.

When I first visited Tokyo in 1967 on my way back from India to the U.S.A., my impression of the city of Tokyo was that it is a replica of New York. My dear Japanese brothers and sisters, I think I am right if I say that you are trying to be happy by imitating the material opulences of America. But I must say that you cannot be happy in that way. This does not, however, mean that I am condemning the way of material advancement of life. We do not condemn any way of materialistic life, but we simply request everyone to learn how to love Krishna. This is the missing point. You live in any way as it may be suitable for your comfortable life, but side by side you learn the art of loving Krishna. At present we are utilizing our propensity of love by inventing so many ways, but factually we are missing the real point—Krishna. Or in other words, we

are watering all parts of the tree, but we are missing the root of the tree; or we are trying to keep our body fit by all means, but missing the point of supplying food-stuff in the stomach.

Please therefore try to understand this Krishna Consciousness movement. I have sent there three of my young students to preach this sublime cult in Japan. Please co-operate with them and you will be happy. We do not want any remuneration for this service because we have engaged ourselves in the service of the Lord and we love each and every living being as part and parcel of the Lord. Neither we are sentimentalists without any background of philosophy and knowledge. We have got immense treasure-house of knowledge and philosophy. We have got our books B.G., T.L.C., Bhagavatam, Isonipisad, etc. being published also with monthly magazines. But at the same time, we educate the mass of people by a simple process namely chanting the holy Name of Krishna. It is not at all difficult; even a child can take part in this holy chanting and derive the sublime benefit. Please therefore chant the mantra

Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna
 Krishna Hare Hare
 Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama
 Hare Hare

and thus be happy. Thank you very much.

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

70-3-22

Los Angeles
 12th March, 1970

My Dear Chandanacarya,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your nice letter of appreciation. The kindly words that you have used in this connection are very much pleasing, but all the credit goes to my Guru Maharaj. He asked me to take up this job as soon as I met Him in 1922; un-

fortunately I was so worthless that I delayed the matter until 1965, but He is so kind that by force He engaged me in His service; and because I am very much worthless, therefore He has sent me so many of His nice representatives—the beautiful American boys and girls like you. I am so much obliged to you that you are all helping me in the discharge of my duties towards my Spiritual Master, although I was so much reluctant to execute it. After all, we are the eternal servants of Kṛṣṇa, and by the Divine Will of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakur we are now combined together, although originally we are born in different parts of the world, unknown to one another.

This is the way of Kṛṣṇa transaction; so let us, with great enthusiasm, preach this cult all over the world and make the people happy. They are missing the central point, Kṛṣṇa, and our duty is to remind them—then everything will be alright. So follow the path chalked out by our predecessors, and success is sure.

I am very much pleased to learn that the Columbus center has been nicely organized since you have gone there and things are going on nicely. In the meantime, I have received news from Boston that Aravinda alone cannot make the layout business very quickly. I think, therefore, if you sometimes go there, help him in this connection, and again come back, that will be very nice. If you so desire, you can remain in Boston and take up the charge of layout business. And sometimes you may go with Kirtananda Maharaj. That will be nice.

Now we are growing, and if we work co-operatively, our strength will also grow, and then the mission will not be checked in its progress.

Hope this will meet you in good health.
 Your ever well-wisher,
 A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Los Angeles
12th March, 1970

San Jose, California

My Dear Chitsukhananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 10 March, 1970, along with the check for \$50, and thank you very much for the same. I am pleased to see the newspaper clipping from San Jose State College newspaper, and learn that the students are already attending your Bhagavad Gita class at the Experimental College.

I am also very much pleased to have your report of progressing the public interest in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. The secret of success will depend on yourself keeping on the spiritual strength by regularly chanting and following the regulative principles, and side by side you have to act on preaching the gospel, and it will go on without any impediment.

I was so pleased to learn that the police officer was afraid of being converted and therefore he asked you to go, but with full support for your Samkirtan activities. It is very nice.

I am sorry to learn that Chandrabali is not there, and she is living with her uncle. Do not be worried, she will come back; and if you give me her address, I shall write to her.

Krishna will give you timely a suitable place, don't worry about it. Our leader, Sanatan Goswami, was living underneath a tree, and He was keeping His Deity, Krishna, hanging on the branch of the tree, wrapped up in a cloth—and still He was always engaged in the service of the Lord. So place or no place, we must go on with our preaching work. Please keep me informed about your progress, and offer my blessings to all the boys.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

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

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Los Angeles
12th March, 1970

Hamburg

My Dear Hansadutta,

Please accept my blessings and offer the same to Srimati Himavati. I am so glad to learn that both of you have safely reached your destination.

Now work with great enthusiasm and ask Himavati to take care of the Deities very, very nicely. Both of you have seen in L.A. how much they are careful about Deity worship. We have to make our steady progress, keeping both sides in balance; namely the Pancharatriki Biddhi and Bhagavat Biddhi. The Pancharatriki Biddhi is *Arca* or Temple worship, and the Bhagavat Biddhi is to preach by chanting and distributing literature. Although chanting is quite sufficient to cover all the Biddhis, still to keep ourselves pure and sanctified, we must observe the rules and regulations of Pancharatriki Biddhi.

Our London Deities are certainly very, very nice; and everyone is captivated by seeing the smiling face of the Lord. It is very enchanting. Now everything is there and you are also experienced, therefore go on opening branches as many as possible and preach Samkirtan movement to your best capacity. Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Thakur entrusted the responsibility to my Guru Maharaj, and He also in His turn empowered us to do the work. Similarly, I am requesting you, all my European and American students, to spread this movement city to city and village to village and make all people of the world happy. Actually they are missing the central point—

Kṛṣṇa, therefore they are unhappy. Let us inform them about this missing point, and certainly they will be happy.

Regarding the \$1800, please immediately transfer the money to my checking account No. 3081-61625, Bank of America, Pico-La Cienega Branch (308), 8501 West Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, Cal. 90035. I will have to issue a check for \$20,000 by the end of this month, so I want as much money as you can send. There is no question of straining yourself, but try to help us because purchasing that nice church property is a great responsibility—but the property is worth purchasing, as you have all seen it.

Regarding World Samkirtan Party: now the best of my students interested in Samkirtan; namely Mukunda, Tamal, and yourself, are now in Europe, so I hope in the near future you shall organize a very grand World Samkirtan Party and make a tour all the world over. And if you like, I can also go with you.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Los Angeles
13th March, 1970

Gita Press

Gorakhpur, India

My Dear Sriman Bankaji,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you very much for your kind letter dated 23 February, 1970, addressed to my London center and now re-directed to me. I left London sometime by the end of December, and since then I am staying here which is my headquarters. Here we have got the biggest center for training preachers, and the climate here is quite suitable for us (Indian).

I exactly remember you that you kindly took care of me when I was guest of Sri Hanumanprasad Poddarji sometime in the years 1961 or 1962. I shall remember those days. I beg to convey my thanks again that you have remembered me even after so many years.

I thank you very much also for your kind appreciation of my humble service in the cause of Krishna Consciousness movement. I think every Indian is responsible for spreading this movement all over the world. That is the order of Lord Chaitanya in pursuance of the dictum of Lord Krishna. Lord Chaitanya says that anyone who has taken birth as a human being in the land of Bharatvarsha should sanctify his life, taking advantage of the Vedic culture, and then distribute the knowledge for welfare activities of the rest of the world.

As you are personally assisting Sri Poddarji, it will not be difficult for you to understand how much Vedic culture is important for the human society. Vedic culture is perfect knowledge, and without that knowledge, a human being is a polished animal in different degrees. This Vedic knowledge is summarized in the Bhagavad Gita, which is the cream of all Upanisads. The Lord personally says in the Bhagavad Gita that the purpose of Vedic knowledge is to understand Krishna. And Krishna can be understood by His devotee who has been fortunate to have a little fraction of the Lord's mercy. Bhagavatam says, "My Dear Lord, one who has a little bit of mercy of the rays of Your lotus feet can understand You a little bit. So far others are concerned, they may continue to speculate on You, still they are unable to know what You are."

In the Bhagavad Gita also the Lord says to Arjuna, "I shall teach you the philosophy of the old system of Bhagavad Gita because you are my dear friend and

devotee.” This is the secret of understanding Lord Krishna or to enter into the confidential part of Vedic knowledge.

The preaching of Bhagavad Gita has been going on both in India and abroad, but almost all of them on the speculative background without any knowledge of devotional service to the Lord. Many Swamis before me came in the Western countries, and they say that nobody could act so wonderfully as I am doing. Perhaps it is right. But I do not know how such things are happening. The only reason that can be adduced is that I am presenting Bhagavad Gita as it is.

In the Bhagavad Gita, Krishna is the Supreme Personality of Godhead. The living entities are His eternal parts and parcels. The duty of the part and parcel is to render service to the whole; as much as different limbs of the body are engaged to render service to the whole body. These things are very simple to understand, but when they are presented in a round about way, simply by jugglery of words, it becomes cumbersome, and the desired result is not achieved.

Lord Chaitanya advised that everyone of the Indians should go outside and, carrying His order or following His footsteps, one should preach *Kṛṣṇakatha*. The *Kṛṣṇakatha* is Bhagavad Gita as well as Srimad Bhagavatam. If you split the word *Kṛṣṇakatha*, then it becomes Krishna’s words or words spoken about Krishna. So Krishna’s words are directly Bhagavad Gita, and words spoken about Krishna is the Srimad Bhagavatam. I think the Society to which you have referred in your letter under reply, namely Vishwa Hindu Parishad, should take up this message of Lord Chaitanya if they are actually serious about doing something for the Vedic culture which is known as Hindu culture.

Actually there is no such word as “Hindu” in the Vedic literatures. The “Hindu” name was given by the Moham-

medans with reference to the river Indus or Hindus, from Sindhu. So the Vedic culture is not for any sect of country, it is meant for the whole human society. In other words, Vedic culture is also known as *Sanatan Dharma* which means “eternal function of the eternal living entities.” Krishna is eternal, and we all living entities, being parts and parcels of Krishna, are also eternal. And the reciprocal exchange of love between the two eternals is called “eternal occupational duty” or *Sanatan Dharma*.

I am very glad to know that you are very much anxious to co-operate with my movement in the Western world. And if you kindly do so, it is not only welcome, but also Krishna will be very much pleased upon you and bestow His blessings. If your friends who are “educated and ambitious band of young workers” will agree to follow my direction, I think they can render a great service to the human society. We should not any more think in terms of Hindu society. If we limit ourselves to Hindus, then there will be many competitors like the Christians, Mohammedans, Buddhists, and so on. But if we preach the philosophy of Krishna Consciousness in right earnest, it will be accepted throughout the whole world.

And that is practically experienced during the last three or four years. There are thousands of my disciples, European and American; their background is not Hindu culture, and still they are accepting this Krishna Consciousness philosophy. Some of my students are from the Mohammedan sect also; but all of them conjointly are chanting the Hare Krishna mantra, dancing in ecstasy, honoring Krishna Prasadam, and happily living on Vedic principles; namely as Brahmachary, Grihastha, Varnaprastha, or Sannyas, not to mention their personal dealings in the matter of four kinds of prohibitive

regulations; namely no illicit sex, no intoxication, no meat eating, and no gambling.

So we have to train the whole younger generation at the present moment by the simple method recommended by Lord Chaitanya, and then this movement, Krishna Consciousness will spread all over the world.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-3-26

Los Angeles
13th March, 1970

My dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for sending me the transcribed copies of two tapes #17 and #18, and I see it is well done. Although there are some minor mistakes in spelling of the proper names, that is not a problem. In my next letter I will point them out and give the correct spelling.

So offer my thanks to all the boys and girls who are working so hard for my Guru Maharaj's sake. Certainly He will be very pleased and bless you all for making your Krsna Consciousness life very successful.

I have already written to Chandanacharya to come back and help in the matter of layout. Brahmananda is already there; and please see that everything is managed nicely and at least one book is published every two months. We do not need to publish a large number at a time, but what I want is that all the manuscripts which are ready for printing may be published without further delay. That will give me much satisfaction.

Your article published in the college newspaper is very nice regarding the eclipse. . . If we stick to our principle, certainly very soon we shall be recognized as

a bonafide institution; and who can give better information than us in the matter of Spiritual understanding?

The first volume of KRSNA may be delivered with pictures to Dia Nippon. I do not know whether it shall go directly to Japan or through their N.Y. office, that is up to Brahmananda. So as soon as possible, please deliver to them—it is already delayed.

Regarding missing tapes, Devananda has written to both Detroit and Buffalo and he has sent you a letter also in this connection. So very soon you should be receiving the delinquent tapes from Detroit and Buffalo and then see if any are actually missing. If they are missing, I shall have to record them over again.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

70-3-27

Los Angeles
13th March, 1970

Tokyo

My Dear Sudama,

Please accept my blessings. I am so glad to receive your letter dated 7 March, 1970. I have received your tape yesterday, but without waiting for this tape, I have already recorded a speech and several songs also. The tape is already dispatched to you by air mail. Please acknowledge receipt. The typed copy of the lecture also you will find along with the record.

Yes, because the transcendental sound vibration directly appeals to the soul, therefore everyone will take it if the vibration is made by a pure devotee. We should therefore try to fix up our mind to remain in our spiritual position by chanting and following the regulative principles. Both in our American and European centers things are improving, and I hope you shall also do the needful.

I am very glad to learn that you have engaged one older Japanese lady for translating our lectures. This is a great opportunity that you have got a good translator. Give her sufficient work for translating, and certainly she will turn to be Krishna Consciousness. Regarding your projected study of all aspects of Japanese language—writing, reading, and speaking—for spreading Krishna Consciousness to all the Japanese speaking people all over the world, that is just our program, and you should do this without fail. As you have written that Tokyo is the largest city in the world and there is no limit to the scope of our preaching work there, your work there is very important to spread our mission.

I am so pleased to learn that you have held several successful kirtans and also you were on the T.V. program. So now we are in the news and people will be inquiring more about our movement, so your progress in preaching Lord Chaitanya's message in Tokyo is very much encouraging to me, and I am so happy to note your sincere determination in this matter. When you are able to find out a house for inviting interested persons to live in our Krishna Consciousness community, that will be very much helpful.

Please offer my blessings to your good wife, Chintamoni Dasi, and to Bhurijana who is your valuable aide, and to all the other boys and girls there. Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-3-28

Los Angeles

14th March, 1970

Montreal

My Dear Labangalatika,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to

acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 5 March, 1970, and please let me know in which bank you have deposited the money and on what date. I advised in my previous letter that I have closed my account for the timebeing in Montreal, so all money should be sent to me here.

Anyway, if you let me know the name of the bank and the date, I will recover it. Henceforth, all money sent to me should be sent directly to me.

I have received word from Satyabhama that your son is doing nicely in New Vrindaban and is gaining strength in devotional service. So you are very fortunate. Krishna has blessed you with a very good devotee son. Take care of your son, and take care of Krishna and you will be happy. You are a nice devotee in the service of the Lord and that will make you always happy.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-3-29

Los Angeles

14th March, 1970

New Vrindaban

My Dear Satyabhama,

Please accept my blessings and offer the same to your good husband Paramananda. I am very glad to receive your letter dated 28 February, 1970, along with the first part of the condensed version of KRSNA book.

Regarding the organization of our theistic school at New Vrindaban, I am happy to know that you are now proceeding with regular classes. So it is better late than never, and now it will develop nicely. You are an educated and understanding devotee of Lord Krishna. Now Krishna will see your sincere co-operative efforts

and He will provide all necessary facilities for continued growth of our educational center. I know the atmosphere in New Vrindaban is very, very nice, and the children will surely benefit greatly in their advancement of spiritual life. So please do it carefully, and I am certain that when we are fixed up there, many parents will like to send their children for education in our New Vrindaban school.

I am so glad to know that the boys are being taught 4 to 5 hours daily by the combined teaching of yourself and Devakinandan. Of course their spiritual progress is natural because of the good association of devotees and their good fortune to be in the service of the Deities. I am so much encouraged to learn how they are becoming purified and elevated in Krishna Consciousness, and are just like spiritual gopas. That is very nice. Mr. DDD and Ekendra also are very good boys, so see that they may be trained up well because they are our future Krishna Consciousness society.

I am very happy to learn that your son is growing strong and blissful. That is good news. And that you desire to raise many such souls in Krishna Consciousness is very nice proposal. We need as many Krishna Conscious men as possible, trained from the very beginning of their lives, to carry on our mission and purify the society.

Regarding the condensation of KRSNA book, I have read it and it is very nice. Try to work on it as time permits; and in the meantime, you can have some xerox copies made, then later on we shall find opportunity to print it.

You write to say that Paramananda is always thinking of me and he is working hard to develop New Vrindaban transcendental community. That is very good. I know Paramananda is a very good soul, and you together are good combination. So do everything enthusiastically to de-

velop our New Vrindaban scheme and advance forward in Krishna Consciousness life.

I hope this will meet you all in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-3-30

Los Angeles
15th March, 1970

My Dear Achyutananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 10 March, 1970. In the meantime I have received the package of books very timely. Devananda told me that there was only one post balance, so it arrived very timely. Thank you very much.

Regarding the Bhowanipur plot, I have already advised you in this connection. It may be transferred as unconditional gift to the Founder Acarya, ISKCON: A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami.

I am also very glad to understand that Mr. Ashok Mitra, along with his children, are singing along with your Kirtan. And thus I think many others will also join. Sriman Ashoke Mitra has donated one khol and one portable typewriter to you, and this is a sign of his service to Krishna, and thus surely he will make progress. You will be glad to learn that here in the States also many influential people and organizations are becoming very interested in our Krishna Consciousness movement, and one invitation for speaking before such a group is enclosed herewith.

I understand that there was some press interview, and in future also whenever there is press interview, you can remember the following points which will help you to make a clear understanding of our Krishna Consciousness movement.

Try to convince in the meeting that the difference between animal society and human society is that the human society has in some form the ideals of Krishna Consciousness or God Consciousness. That is religion. Religion without God Consciousness has no meaning. And God Consciousness means that we are eternally related with Him. He is the Father, and everyone of us is the part and parcel or son. He is the Supreme Leader, and we are subordinates. He is the Supreme Maintainer, and we are completely dependent on Him.

Whatever we possess, including our body and our self, everything, belongs to Him. When one is completely in sense of this fact—he is God Conscious. And unless a living entity becomes God Conscious, he cannot be happy. So this is our propaganda. There is no question of sectarianism. Every religion should have this aim in view. But that system of religion which teaches development of God Consciousness is first-class. We have to estimate by the result, and not by the formalities. So this movement, Krishna Consciousness, very quickly develops this God Consciousness, and it is very easy to adopt it.

But, at the same time, we must remember that a sinful man cannot develop God Consciousness. The four pillars of sinful life are: 1) illicit sex, 2) animal killing or animal eating, 3) indulgence in intoxication in any form, and 4) take to the life of gambling. We therefore request all religious institutions to check their followers from the reactions of these four principles of sinful life. That will pave the way of developing God Consciousness, and thus all the people will be happy.

It is not a question of following this religion or that religion. It is a question of philosophy of life. Our Krishna Consciousness philosophy is practical,

easier, and based on sound reasoning and philosophy. We place it before impartial, thoughtful men of the world, and we are certain that they will find it sublime.

As you have desired that some Brahmacharies would go immediately to help you for developing the Calcutta and Mayapur centers, I have decided to send immediately at least two nice Brahmacharies to help you there. I have seen the rough diagram of the proposed Bhowanipur Temple, but I suggest that in some corner of the house there must be a garage, because in future I wish that you American boys should live elegantly to the tradition of your great country. But at the same time you shall preach the Samkirtan movement, becoming humbler than the grass and more tolerant than the tree as instructed by Lord Chaitanya.

The plan suggested by you that the ground floor be the hall, etc. is quite nice, and I think you may see the plan of the Chaitanya Research Institute which may help you.

Regarding Mayapur land, I understand that _____ Ali is in problem for keeping the money. I understand that he wants to invest the sale money to purchase another suitable land, but he has no such land in his view at present. Therefore he does not wish to sell the land. This plea is not very sound argument. But in this connection, he may be informed that why he should keep the sale money at home? He can make a fixed deposit of the money in a bank at Nabadwip, and he will get interest also. Then when he may find some land, he can withdraw the money.

Anyway, if he is not willing to part with his land, you can arrange to purchase the land of Yayabar Maharaj or any other available land. We do not mind if it is not on the roadside. If the land is interior, but cheaper and of bigger area, we shall prefer that.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-3-31

Los Angeles

15th March, 1970

London

Dear Sri Balmukundji,

Please accept my blessings, and offer the same to your good wife. As advised by you, I have already written letters to the Murti makers as well as to Birlaji and Jaipuriaji. Actually my mission is to establish hundreds and thousands of Temples like the one which I have established in London and other places. And I wish that every Indian who has a little love for Krishna may co-operate with me in this attempt.

Please try to understand this Krishna Consciousness movement as very, very great. The people are missing the point—love of Krishna, and if somehow or other they can revive their lost consciousness and be fixed up in Krishna Consciousness, all questions and problems of the world will be solved very easily.

So I would again request you to take up the preaching work of this great movement. It does not matter whether you accept Sannyas order of life or not. You can preach this Krishna Consciousness movement even along with your good wife, and why not this procedure? My disciples are only children. If they can preach this Krishna Consciousness movement husband and wife together, without having any background of Vedic culture, why not an experienced gentleman like you with full knowledge of Vedic culture preach this movement? If you take up this work in right earnest, I am sure you will feel transcendental bliss.

I thank you for your assurance that you are coming here very soon, and I shall await your arrival with great interest. If possible, come along with your wife also.

Regarding Birlaji and Jaipuriaji, I think if you also write to them, because you are personally known to them, it will be very nice, and induce them to supply these Murties because that will be a great co-operation with our movement. Anyone who will co-operate with this movement will be transcendently benefited. Please try to convince them of this point, and oblige.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-3-32

Los Angeles

15th March, 1970

c/o Mendoza

Bronx, N. Y.

My Dear Ekayani,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you very much also for your nice letter dated 24 February, 1970, and thank you very much also for your kind appreciation of Guru, that is very nice.

I am very much pleased to know that you are chanting at least the prescribed number of rounds daily and studying our literatures so carefully. Especially for girls this is absolutely necessary, and that will uplift you position in Krishna Consciousness. So stick to rigidly following the regulative principles and Krishna will keep you more and more engaged in His service, then your life will be always happy.

All this is good news that you are very studious and always busy. I am so much encouraged to hear how you are preaching in the school. That is very nice, and that is your first-class engagement. Prahlad Maharaj, in his childhood, was doing this. As

soon as he got some opportunity, he would preach among his class fellows. His class fellows would be astonished to hear him, and they would ask Prahlad, "My dear Prahlad, where have you learned these things. We have got the same teachers, so where have you been taught this?" They were inquisitive, so Prahlad informed them that his Spiritual Master was Narada Muni and he was taught while he was in the womb of his mother.

So just imagine how much powerful is spiritual instruction that it was effective even while the child was in the womb. Similarly, if you chant and read, you will also be powerful to preach, and whoever will hear will be converted. That is the way of spiritual life.

You are not poor. Of course one should be humble, but a devotee is not poor. Your attitude, however, is that you are poor and humble is nice. But one who is in Krishna Consciousness is the richest person. What value have these material riches got? But when it is engaged in Krishna's service, it is spiritualized.

Regarding your question where is the Gayatri mantra in the first verse of Srimad Bhagavatam, I have explained in my purport to the first verse that the Gayatri mantra "Dheemahi" is purposely invoked by Srila Vyasdeva. This explanation is given on page 53, and in the verse, the mantra concludes the sloka *param satyam dheemahi*.

Regarding the statement in Bhagavad Gita (17.6) that those who are parched the Supersoul within the body, Krishna cannot be parched, but one who observes fasting irregularly gives unnecessary trouble to the soul; and the soul and the Supersoul sitting together or the soul being part and parcel of the Supersoul, indirectly it is parching the Supersoul. The idea is that one should not unnecessarily give trouble to the soul or Supersoul. That is the business of the demon.

Regarding Ballaba Sampradaya, that

is a different Ballaba than the younger brother of Srila Rupa Goswami.

I am very glad to know that you are so eager to start a center when you get married. That is very nice. We want to open hundreds and thousands of centers in every town village, neighborhood, and everywhere. And we want to show ideal householder life also. If one pair of nice Krishna Conscioushouseholders are there, so many people derive benefit out of their behavior. So when you decide to marry we shall find out a suitable devotee husband for you.

Yes, you can make nice children's books, and in this connection, you can correspond with Satyabhama who is already working on a condensed version of KRṢṂA book. And you should continue your painting, then with love and devotional practice your pictures will become all attractive because of the bonafide transcendental subject matter. However, in the meantime, you write to say that you have painted Mother Yasoda light blue color. Please let me know where you have received this information. Yasoda and Nanda Maharaj should be colored as Indians are generally of a light brown, tan like wheat.

Regarding Svetadwipa, the information is given in the Brahma Samhita, Svetadwipa, the Abode of Lord Caitanya, is a special portion of the same spiritual planet, Goloka Vrindaban.

I am so pleased to know that you are carefully caring for your Deities and that you chant before Them always when at home. So the Lord is very kind upon His sincere devotees, and He will provide more and more opportunities for such a sincere devotee as you to advance in serving and remembering Him at all times.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-3-33

Los Angeles
15th March, 1970

London

My Dear Gurudas,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 8 March, 1970.

At first, I must thank you very much for your slides and the viewer, which I enjoy whenever I find some time. The pictures of London Temple immediately get me there, and I enjoy your company. So I can understand that everything is going on well in London Temple. The service of the Lord should be so nicely executed that Radharani will bestow upon you blessings, raising Her right hand palm. You have got a very nice wife, a devotee and intelligent. So both husband and wife combined together please see that the Temple service is being executed regularly and nicely, and thus make your lives happy and successful.

Side by side, both of you should train your junior brothers and sisters in the service of the Lord, so that in case both of you go for preaching work, the scheduled program of the Temple may not be hampered. We should follow two important lines, namely the *Pancaratriki Bidhi* as well as *Bhagavata Bidhi*. The *Bhagavata Bidhi* is preaching work, and Samkirtan, and *Pancaratriki Bidhi* is Temple worship of the Deities. The Temple worship will keep us sanctified, and when we shall preach in sanctified, pure heart, the preaching will be immediately effective. So we have to follow the two parallel lines simultaneously for successful execution of Devotional service.

Regarding George Harrison, I am sure he will improve now in Krishna Consciousness. Krishna Consciousness is developed only by service. So he has very willingly and gladly served Krishna in many ways. The recent 'Govinda' record,

which your good wife has sung along with you, is certainly super-excellent, and it has become so nice because of George's attention upon it. So whenever this nice boy comes to our Temple, please receive him very nicely. Give him Prasadam and if possible talk with him about Krishna, and thus he will advance more and more in Krishna Consciousness.

When I remember all of you in London, as well as George Harrison, I become very happy because the combination is very much hopeful. I am so glad to learn that George has said, "I don't want to make nonsense records any more." This version of George I consider very valuable. His popularity and his great talent can be very nicely utilized by producing such nice records as 'Govinda,' instead of producing something nonsense. In our Vaisnava literature there are hundreds and thousands of nice purportful songs, and if those songs, under George's supervision, are recorded, I think it will bring a great revolution in the record making business.

So when he says that he does not wish to produce nonsense this does not mean that he has to close his business. On the other hand, he will get greater opportunity for producing finest transcendental records which are still unknown to the world. When you meet him again, you can talk with him what I am speaking to you in this letter. My special thanks are due to your good wife, Srimati Yamunadevi. Her singing songs of Krishna Consciousness, and Krishna will certainly bless her and you all.

Please offer my blessings to all the boys and girls, and be happy. You will be pleased to know that Achyutananda is also doing very nicely in Calcutta. He is moving in very enlightened circles of Calcutta, and somebody is giving us a plot of land worth Rs. 80,000 for constructing a Temple there. When the Temple is constructed, I shall ask you to go there with

your wife and preach Krishna Consciousness amongst the Indian community. Sometimes you desired to go to India, and Krishna will fulfill your desire to a greater extent. Krishna's service is so nice. Keep this faith always in mind and serve regularly—your life will be sublime.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. Please send more beautiful slides in plain cardboard frames.

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70-3-34

Los Angeles
15th March, 1970

My Dear Harer Nama,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 3 March, 1970, and I am very glad to know that you six boys are pushing our Krishna Consciousness Samkirtan movement in the Boulder-Denver area. Please work co-operatively and do it nicely.

Regarding your several questions; yes, it is best to get all such points cleared up so that our understanding may be firmly fixed up in our philosophy. The best process is to rigidly execute one's prescribed devotional duties regularly, and to study the books and literatures very carefully in the company and guidance of experienced devotees. The essence of our program is to chant daily Hare Krishna mantra at least sixteen rounds without fail, and thus one remains strong in spiritual life.

So far chance is concerned, I think you have been wrongly advised to burn the cumin seeds and chilies until they are very black. The chilie should be added to the hot ghee just after the cumin seed begins to darken in color, and both of them should become brown, but not black or burnt. I think this adjustment with a little

trial will improve the dahl for offering to the Deities.

But I see that you have many such questions about our philosophy. Under the circumstances it would be very good if you come to Los Angeles for some time to learn these questions and answers in the daily classes here. This is a good opportunity to clear up any doubts or misunderstandings, and the best program is if you come here for study. I am personally lecturing here weekly especially for our devotees.

Regarding Neil's study of Sanskrit, I am very glad to learn of his seriousness to study, and we need many such Sanskrit scholar devotees. When it is convenient, he may study with Pradyumna in Boston, and there are Sanskrit courses at the university there also. In the meantime, for his studies, Manva Dharma Shastra is not bonafide. The Hitopadesh is alright for study.

Yes, I will visit Boulder temple, so please inform me what is the best time. And when you come to Los Angeles, you can advise me in particular how I should come there.

Hope this will meet you in good health. Please offer my blessings to all the boys there with you in Boulder.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

70-3-35

Los Angeles
15th March, 1970

Philadelphia

My Dear Subal,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 12 March, 1970, and I am so much pleased to learn about your gradual progress and success in preaching work. You are a sincere devotee, and Krishna will give you more and more chance for preaching His glory.

I am very glad to know that you have arranged a nice meeting in the National Conference of Christians and Jews. I am sending herewith copies of my address to the Japanese people, as well as the preface to my book, KRSNA. They will help you to have some clear idea of our Krishna Consciousness Movement. You know them all, and still this will be a great help.

Try to convince in the meeting that the difference between animal society and human society is that the human society has in some form the ideals of Krishna Consciousness or God Consciousness. That is religion. Religion without God Consciousness has no meaning, and God Consciousness means we are eternally related with Him. He is the Father, and everyone of us is the part and parcel or son. He is the Supreme Leader, and we are subordinates. He is the Supreme Maintainer, and we are completely dependent on Him.

Whatever we possess, including our body and our self, everything, belongs to Him. When one is completely in sense of this fact—he is God Conscious. And unless a living entity becomes God Conscious, which is his constitutional position, he cannot be happy. So this is our propaganda. There is no question of sectarianism. Every religion should have this aim in view. But that system of religion which teaches development of God Consciousness is first class. We have to estimate by the result, and not by the formalities. So this Movement, Krishna Consciousness, very quickly develops this God Consciousness, and it is very easy to adopt it.

But at the same time, we must remember that a sinful man cannot develop God Consciousness. The four pillars of sinful life are: 1) no illicit sex, 2) animal killing or animal eating, 3) indulgence in intoxication in any form, and 4) take to the life of gambling. We therefore request all re-

ligious institutions to check their followers from the reactions of these four principles of sinful life, and that will pave the way of developing God Consciousness, and thus all the people will be happy.

It is not a question of following this religion of that religion. It is a question of philosophy of life. Our Krishna consciousness philosophy is practical, easier, and based on sound reasoning and philosophy. We place them before impartial, thoughtful men of the world, and we are certain that they will find it sublime.

Hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-3-36

Los Angeles
16th March, 1970

Montreal

My Dear Gopal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your check of \$100 for my book fund account and thank you very much for it.

I have received information from the Scindia Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. that the pair of Deities, 24 inches high, weighing about 50 kilograms the pair, will be arriving in Montreal sometimes by the end of May 1970. They will be delivered by the Montreal Agents of the company. The Deities will be carried by the vessel "Jaladhan." So you may note this, and you have to prepare a bigger throne for accommodating the larger Deities.

When the large Deities are installed, the small Deities should be worshipped as *Vijaya Vighraha* which means this pair of Deities may go outside the Temple in a small car as they have made in L.A. This car was made by Nara Narayan, so he can give you the idea. This *Vijaya Vighraha*

may be taken out with Samkirtan Party, not always, but conveniently. In due course of time, I shall let you know the details.

Your Temple will save about \$400, including the price and freight of the Deities from Vrindaban, India. This money may be contributed to my book fund.

I have just heard from Gargamuni that you would like to print future issues of French language BTG in a small size about the size of our "Two Essays." So if you think that this will help increase the sales, then do it with my approval.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-3-37
Boston

Los Angeles
16th March, 1970

My Dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of the edited copy of tape #19. I shall reply the points listed by Pradyumna in a separate letter.

I have received information from the Scindia Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. that the pair of Deities, 24 inches high, weighing about 50 kilograms the pair, will be arriving in Boston sometimes by the end of May 1970. They will be delivered by the New York Agents of the company. The Deities will be carried by the vessel "Jalapalaka." So you may note this, and you have to prepare a bigger throne for accommodating the larger Deities.

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Your Temple will save about \$400, including price and freight of the Deities from Vrindaban, India. This money may be contributed to my book fund.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. I am enclosing a note for Pradyumna herewith, please find, and also a poem to be published in BTG. Your tapes have daily been received.

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70-3-38

Los Angeles
17th March, 1970

My Dear Suridas,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 15 March 1970, and noted the contents with great satisfaction. In the meantime, I have also received one copy of your first Parisian BTG. So while we are waiting for regular edition of French BTG, you may try to improve this small publication and sell it as far as possible. That is very nice. I have also received one similar letter from London, and I have sent the reply to Gurudas, and the copy is enclosed herewith so that all of you may follow the same instructions and open hundreds of Temples in Europe combinedly.

Mukunda, Tamal, yourself, Shyam-sundar, Gurudas, and if possible, George, as well as Hansadutta and all your better halves just make a very rigid plan for opening centers in every nook and corner of the European countries. I am arranging with Indian sympathizers to get some nice Deities like those in London. So try to install Deities and centers as many as possible.

Actually the modern human society is in need of Krishna relationship, so as soon as they will come in touch with our movement, surely they will feel very happy. So kindly execute this responsibility to your best capacity, and Krishna will be very happy upon you.

Your combination with your good wife, Jotilla, is very good, and now with greater enthusiasm execute Krishna activities as I have advised Gurudas also. We must be fully equipped, and the preaching work by pairs of husband and wife will be a unique example to the world. Formerly the Acaryas were generally all Sannyasins, but Lord Chaitanya, in His instruction to Roy Ramananda, who was a confidential devotee of Lord Caitanya, but a householder and responsible government official, Governor of Madras, has given open instruction that it does not matter what is the social or ecclesiastical order, if one is fully in Krishna Consciousness, he can act as Acarya. So all you boys and girls who are now married, follow this instruction of Lord Caitanya, and show vivid example to the world how man and woman can be united, not for sense gratification but for the service of the Lord.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

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

70-3-39

Los Angeles
17th March, 1970

My Dear Tamal,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 13 March, 1970, and noted the contents with great satisfaction. I received one similar letter from London, and I have sent the reply to Gurudas, and the copy is enclosed herewith so that all of you

may follow the same instructions and open hundreds of Temples in Europe combinedly.

Mukunda, yourself, Shyamsundar, Gurudas, and if possible, along with George, as well as Hansadutta and all your better halves just make a very rigid plan for opening centers in every nook and corner of the European countries. I am arranging with Indian sympathizers to get nice Deities like those in London. So try to install Deities and centers as many as possible.

Actually, the modern human society is in need of Krishna relationship, so as soon as they will come in touch with our movement, surely they will feel very happy. So kindly execute this responsibility to your best capacity, and Krishna will be very happy upon you.

Your marriage with Madri Dasi is a good news, and now with greater enthusiasm execute Krishna activities as I have advised Gurudas also. We must be fully equipped, and the preaching work by pairs of husband and wife will be a unique example to the world. Formerly the Acaryas were generally all Sannyasins, but Lord Caitanya, in His instruction to Roy Ramananda, who was a confidential devotee of Lord Caitanya, but a householder and responsible government official, Governor of Madras, has given open instruction that it does not matter what is the social or ecclesiastical order, if one is fully Krishna Conscious, he can act as Acarya. So all of you boys and girls who are now married, follow this instruction of Lord Caitanya and show vivid example to the world how man and woman can be united, not for sense gratification, but for the service of the Lord.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
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70-3-40

Los Angeles
18th March, 1970

Manager

Bank of Baroda (Calcutta Branch)

P.O. Box No. 313

India Exchange

Calcutta-1, India

Dear Sir:

Re: My S/B Account No. 29/12802
with you Through M. M. De

Kindly refer to my letter dated 3
March, 1970.

It is understood that the transfer of Rs.
5000 to the savings account No. 8/16578
with the United Bank of India Ltd., 157/B
Dharmatalla Street, Calcutta-13, in favor
of M. M. De, is under process of being
sanctioned by the Reserve Bank.

Please transfer at least Rs. 1000 to the
above account without delay, pending the
Reserve Bank's sanction. And after being
sanctioned, you can transfer the balance
of Rs. 4000.

Thanking you in anticipation, and
oblige.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

Sriman M.M. De

Calcutta, India

My Dear Buro,

Please accept my blessings. I am in
due receipt of your letter dated 14 March,
1970, and noted the contents. I have not
received any of your letter dated 13
March, 1970. When I receive that letter
also, then I shall reply in detail. In the
meantime, you can take this letter to the
banks, and do the needful.

Yours affectionately,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-3-41

Los Angeles
19th March, 1970

Boston

My Dear Dinadayadri and Nara Narayan,

Please both of you accept my bless-
ings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your
note dated 30 February, 1970, along with
one check for \$100 to my book fund ac-
count, and thank you very much.

I am very happy to learn that you are liv-
ing and working together happily as Grihas-
thas. Now use this opportunity of household
life, not for sense gratification, but for mu-
tually working to perfect your Krishna Con-
sciousness. I am also glad to note that you
are eager to bring up many souls in Krishna
Consciousness, and that is a very encourag-
ing and responsible program. Just one good
soul fully developed and firmly convinced
in preaching Krishna Consciousness can re-
claim so many fallen souls for going back to
home, back to Godhead. And the best way
to prepare such Krishna Conscious souls is
to train them to up from their birth to follow
the principles of Krishna Consciousness.
This is possible by good association of devo-
tee parents, so you must keep always fit in
spiritual strength by following the regulative
principles faithfully and chanting the sixteen
rounds of beads daily without fail, then
Krishna will give you more intelligence how
to engage yourselves more and more in His
service, and your lives will be sublime.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-3-42

Los Angeles
19th March, 1970

Columbus, Ohio

My Dear Hayagriva,

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

12 March, 1970, along with a poem "All glories to Sri Gurudeva . ." etc. This poem and your many other writings give me the impression that you are naturally thoughtful and philosophical, and thus I am very much hopeful that in future you can give to the world many nice things presented to the understanding of the thoughtful men in this age.

In that way, I wanted you to live with me and be engaged in writing such things, getting ideas from me. But we will have to wait for a few days more, and then I shall ask you to leave completely from your present occupation in the university.

At present, you patiently work there and get as much money as possible for developing New Vrindaban. As I recommend to every householder, if you spend 50% of your income for Krishna's business in developing New Vrindaban, and a similar amount is collected by Kirtanananda Maharaj, I think there will be no need of financial help from other centers. I have inquired yesterday of Gargamuni whether he has any response to his appeal for money to other centers, and he said there was none. So I don't think other centers will be able to help another center for developing. Each center has to manage its own affair independently.

But I think if Kirtanananda Maharaj as well as you try to introduce our books for study in the university classes, especially in the religions department, that will be very nice and you can get good income out of that. Kirtanananda Maharaj has already introduced to one college, similarly Brahmananda has also introduced in some college, and in each place they have sold more than 40 copies of TLC. So the potency is there because these books are not ordinary literature, being based on Vedic philosophy they are in a way a new line of thoughts to the Western world. And those who are really interested in spiritual understanding surely will appreciate. But

for this introduction I don't find anyone just competent except yourself and Kirtanananda Maharaj. So you can think over this matter and Krishna will show some way out.

Another thing is that there is a 90% chance of my going to India early next year. When I go, if you accompany me I will very much like it, provided you are free.

Now for New Vrindaban, if there is no immediate necessity for purchasing the side properties, you just wait for another year, and keep in a separate bank deposit for this purpose, and similar amount collected by Kirtanananda Maharaj. In this way, in one year I think you can accumulate this 5000 to 7000 dollars or even it is a little less, at that time, I shall try to complete it somehow or other.

Our next attempt would be to present the brochure with all different pictures of our centers to the foundations and attract their attention. Our program is sublime. Our philosophy is practical and authorized; our character, the purest; our program, the simplest; but our ultimate goal is the highest. Similarly, we have to convince people of your country. They are intelligent, well to do, and receptive. Why not try this program combinedly, yourself, Kirtanananda Maharaj, and Brahmananda.

I think in New York there are so many foundations offices. If you all three or four together, you can add also Subal, it will be nice combination. If the foundations understand that actually you are doing something nice, then the financial difficulties for developing our various centers will be over.

Please offer my blessings to Shyamadasa, and I hope this will find you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-3-43

Los Angeles
19th March, 1970

My Dear Jaya Gopal,

Please accept my blessings. I have not heard from you since a long time. I hope you are doing well. You are a very sincere worker, and Krishna will bless you. I will be glad to hear from you.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

70-3-44

Los Angeles
19th March, 1970

Boston

My Dear Patita Uddharan,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for the six volumes of our BTG magazines which you have bound up and sent to me. You have done it very nicely, and I am keeping them installed in my bookshelf for convenient reference.

I do not think it is necessary to make any slip-cases as you have nicely offered. But in future, the magazines may be bound up by the full year and you may enclose in the binding also an index for the year's articles. Soon our BTG will also be printed in other languages, and it will be nice if you can also bind these in similar sets as the English BTGs.

I am very glad to know that your pen is inspired to create, because we are in need of many intelligent writers who can express our Krishna consciousness philosophy nicely just following exactly the transcendental words and purports of our vast Vedic scriptures according to the previous Acaryas of our Gaudiya Vaisnava Sampradaya. And if you continue to work in this writing and publishing of our literatures with steady enthusiasm and sincerity, your success in Krishn Consciousness is certain. Therefore to keep your spiritual strength, always observe the reg-

ulative principles strictly and chant at least sixteen rounds of beads daily without fail. This is essential for understanding our philosophy practically to advance in Krishna Consciousness. And we should always avoid mental speculations.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-3-45

Los Angeles
20th March, 1970

Boston

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 17 March, 1970, and noted the contents. In the meantime, I have also received your note dated 18 March, 1970, along with the new set of beads for Nityananda Das. I do not know how they have been lost from the packet in the mail. But I have duly chanted this new set, and they will be sent securely wrapped.

Regarding printing of KRSNA on the cover and Title, it should not be "KRSNA Book," but it should be "KRSNA" in large type on the first line, that is the Title, and on the second line, by way of adjective, "The Supreme Personality of Godhead" should be printed in smaller type.

Regarding the salesman's statement that the printing would take 8 months, so we cannot wait for 8 months. They have given reference in their letter No. ODC-UMIS-L/70-115, dated 5 February, 1970, as follows; "we would like to show you our rough schedule of typesetting, Printing and binding.

Typesetting—45 days

Printing—20 days

Binding—20 days"

So that is a total of 85 days or in other

words about 3 months. Now why are they asking so much time?

Therefore do not accept a new schedule, which may be 8 months, because we have already received the schedule from Mr. Haru Kugimoto, who is head of their Overseas Division, and his word should not be overruled by that of a salesman.

Regarding picture pages, sections of 8 pages together is not nice. The pictures should be just at the appropriate place of description in the text. There are many modern glues which will not loosen for a very long time, so glueing is not a problem. I think that this method of inseting the picture pages is best, and even better if they can be each protected by a leaf of waxed paper also. That will be best. So do what ever you think is best for getting the book ready (printed) as soon as possible.

Regarding the almanac, all your subjects included are approved by me. So there is nothing to add, just see that it is finished printing before Lord Chaitanya's Appearance day.

I have received the new issues of *Easy Journey*, and I have very much appreciated the color picture on the cover. It is very much improved. Please offer my thanks to Advaita and his assistants.

I think all our books can be printed in such small booklets, part by part, and they will be easily saleable. Take for example TLC. If we issue part by part like that, it will be about 5 books. So people will easily buy, and our purpose will be served. Discuss the idea with your colleagues.

Somehow or other, we shall overflow the market with Krishna Conscious literature. That will create our prestige, and being cheap distribution, many people will learn our philosophy. Another point is that while BTG is delayed, you can sell these.

I am very glad to learn about New York's situation. New York must have a

nice Temple as Los Angeles as soon as possible. That will be prestige for New York City. *Next* weekend, you can transfer my bank money, as addressed by you personally.

Regarding color pictures in *Nectar of Devotion*, this will be nice because Advaita has improved. Even the quality of *Easy Journey* will do, but I hope he will improve more. Please offer my thanks to Advaita and all the others for taking so much trouble for Krishna Consciousness literature.

The address which you have received from Readers Digest is not the same address as I gave you, but whatever it may be, they are a large agent, and you can open correspondence as our distributor in India and settle terms. Send them some selected copies of BTG.

Thank you for the enclosure of the picture printed in 'Horizon' Magazine, it is very nice. Was there any description printed along with the picture?

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS:db

70-3-46

Hamburg

Los Angeles
20th March, 1970

My Dear Kṛṣṇadas,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 19 March, 1970, and have noted the contents.

Yes, I a very glad to learn that Hansadutta and Himavati have arrived with Tamal Krishna, and they have in such short order set up a good program of activities. So now your Deities are being cared for

under Himavati's direction, and Samkirtan Party is more successful led by Hansadutta and Tamal. Now with this good organization please continue to work combinedly for spreading our Krishna Consciousness movement throughout Germany. You have said that there is such great scope for preaching there, so I am very hopeful that you will be very eager to carry out this preaching work, starting many new centers.

Our first business is this preaching work, especially to organize centers, and you write to say that now this spreading potency will be utilized, so you should join wholeheartedly in this program. If you think that the time spent for studying 2 1/2 years more can be better used immediately to push our Krishna Consciousness movement, then you can turn your efforts in this direction. That will be very nice.

Thank you very much for sending the article, which appears to be very nice. Unfortunately, none of us is able to read it. And thank you also for the enclosure of \$15 as contribution to my maintenance fund.

Please offer my blessings to Jaya Govinda and Sadanandini for their being united in Krishna Conscious service. When I first saw this girl in Buffalo, I wanted her to get married with a nice boy, and I am happy that Jaya Govinda is chosen for this purpose by Krishna. So I think they are very nice combination, and let them work jointly with great enthusiasm. I think both you and Shivananda should marry some German girls if they are Krishna conscious.

Please offer my blessings to all the other boys and girls there in Hamburg center. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-3-47

Los Angeles
20th March, 1970

Boston

My Dear Pradyumna,

Please accept my blessings. I have received your questionnaire note for tape No. 20, and the answers are as follows:

1. Pg. 9 line 14 you can make it *Kārtikeya*.

2. Pg. 9 line 15: In my Srimad Bhagavatam it is written Sri Sailam. At that time it was known as Sailapura, and now it is known as Solapura. It is still a pilgrimage in Mahar, and because Balaramji was traveling in South India, this is Solapura is in South India.

3. Pg. 9 line 18; yes, Dravidadeśa is correct.

4. Pg. 9 third paragraph: Bvankatachaila is incorrect. It should be *Vemkatala*.

5. Pg. 10: paṇḍa is correct

Please offer my blessings to your good wife, Arundhuti. I hope you are both in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

N.B. Regarding point #2: you can put the present name "Solapura" and then in parenthesis (Sailapura).

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70-3-48

Los Angeles
20th March, 1970

Boston

My Dear Rukmini,

Please accept my blessings. Very, very much thanks for your ludoos. They are very, very tasteful, and we have eaten with great relish. Still they are in stock, and I shall go on eating.

Deity worship means to be very, very clean. You should try to bathe twice daily. The Deities should never be approached

without having bathed first and changed to clean cloths after passing stool, etc. Keep teeth brushed after each meal, fingernails clean and trim. Be sure that your hands are clean before touching anything on the altar or the Deities. And cleanse the Deity room, altar and floor daily thoroughly. Shine the various Aratrik paraphernalia after Aratrik. This is described in the booklet for pujaries written by Shilavati Dasi. The idea is summit cleanliness—that will satisfy Kṛṣṇa.

Regarding your dream, it is a great blessing to you that Kṛṣṇa warned you. So you should never be negligent. Always be careful, then in due course you will feel the Bhava.

Please offer my blessings to your good husband, Baradraj. I hope both of you are in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:db

70-3-49

Los Angeles
20th March, 1970

Boston

My Dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 16 March, 1970.

Regarding your question about the art department, for the present we should finish the pictures for KRSNA first. Then, if there is opportunity, they can print pictures for *Nectar of Devotion*. Both are required, but most important is KRSNA. It is better to have pictures in all our books, as many as possible.

I have received two copies of Easy Journey, and Advaita has done this picture cover and it is very much advanced. So he can print pictures in NOD. The printing of Easy Journey is very encouraging. I think that the second part of KRNSA

should be printed in our own press.

Yes, be engaged always in Krishna's duties, and you all members, husband and wife, family, friends, brothers, and sisters, all combined will feel transcendental bliss.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-3-50

Los Angeles
21st March, 1970

Honolulu

My Dear Goursundar,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 3 March, 1970, and have noted the contents.

Since you have requested me so often to go to Hawaii, I must go, there is no doubt. It only remains for you to let me know when is the best time for my coming there. Of course the mango season is best, so please inform me so I can make out my schedule, and you can make all arrangements.

Do you have the pictures of Prahlad which you painted some years ago? I think they may be published in BTG, but they have been missing.

Please offer my blessings to Govinda Dasi and to all the boys and girls there in New Nabadwipa.

Hope this will find you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:db

70-3-51

Los Angeles
21st March, 1970

Boston

My Dear Nara Narayan,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter

addressed to Gargamuni dated 'nil,' along with a new set of beads. I have conveyed the letter to Gargamuni after learning from it that you have lost your original set of japa beads and request me to chant on these.

So I have duly chanted them as you have desired, and they are returned herewith enclosed. However, in future, please be very careful to keep these sanctified beads. You should be more heedful. Now be sure to chant at least the prescribed sixteen rounds daily without fail, avoiding the ten offenses to the Holy Name, and thus advance in spiritual strength.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-3-52

Los Angeles
21st March, 1970

Buffalo

My Dear Nityanandadas,

Please accept my blessings. I have just received one note from Brahmananda which informs me that your original set of beads was lost in the mail and did not arrive in the packet with your letter of initiation. Brahmananda has sent one set of new tulsi beads, and I have duly chanted upon them and I am sending them to you enclosed herewith.

I hope you are doing well in Buffalo under the guidance of Rupanuga Prabhu. Please be sure to chant at least sixteen rounds of the Holy Name daily and be happy.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:db

70-3-53

Los Angeles
24th March, 1970

My Dear Mukunda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 17 March, 1970, with enclosure, and it is very satisfying that you have introduced Samkirtan Party procession in the public streets and parks on the occasion of Lord Caitanya's Birthday.

It is a good addition to my missionary activities, and I thank you very much. In the London streets, introduction of Ratha Yatra procession, as well as Lord Chaitanya's Birthday ceremony procession, and in the most important part of the city, a Radha Krsna Temple—all these things are great achievement of your London Yatra party, and personally I feel a great credit for me because by such activities my Guru Maharaj is certainly very pleased upon us. So whatever progress we are making by the grace of Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Goswami Maharaj, we must stick to them and make further progress. I am enclosing herewith two pictures of our new church buildings, which we are going to purchase at the cost of \$225,000; down payment, \$50,000. The whole debt has to be cleared off by twelve years. So the management here has taken a great burden upon themselves, and similarly I am awaiting the days when London Yatra party, headed by you, will have a similar achievement in London.

What happened to that application you submitted for the old Oxford church? I think these Christian people do not like our advancement in the preaching work. Nevermind, we shall depend upon Krsna and march on progressively.

I have received word that English citizens can fly to Australia as immigrants, and the cost is only \$20 per person. So under the circumstances, you can send some Brahmacharies to help out our new center

in Sydney. This will be best because the British government will bear the expense of their transportation. Also you can help them out by sending them the papers of ISKCON, Ltd. from London, so they can immediately incorporate as a Commonwealth branch. The Sydney address is as follows: ISKCON Temple, 26 Horderns Place, Potts Point, N.S.W. 2011.

Regarding the manjiras, I am surprised that the custom duty is cent percent. I do not know what does it mean. The whole consignment is worth £50, and they want to impose the simliar amount as custom duty. In India, although our country is advertised to be very poor, the custom duty is not more than 30% on such articles. I think there is some misinformation about this consignment. Please enquire scrutinizingly.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:db

70-3-54

Los Angeles
25th March, 1970

Manager
Bank of Baroda
India Exchange Branch
P.O. Box No. 313
India Exchange Place
Calcutta-1, India
(URGENT)

Dear Sir:

Re: My Savings Bank A/c No. 29/12802

Replying your letter No. SB/34/ , dated 14th March, 1970, I beg to reply as follows with reference to the last paragraph of your letter under reply:

1) Duration of my stay in U.S.A. is as present from 29th December, 1969. Before that, I was touring in Europe. (The

duration of my stay outside India in my Passport is up to 9th June, 1971.)

2) My last departure from India was on 13th December, 1967.

3) The "P" Form No. and Reserve Bank of India Permit No. is as follows: EC. CA Pass 4599/2-67, dated 18th November, 1967, approved.

4) My Passport No. I-276896

5) Purpose of visit is missionary preaching of Bhakti cult.

You have received my letter dated 3rd March, 1970, but you have not mentioned anything about my letter dated 28th February, 1970.

In the meantime, I have also sent another letter dated 18th March, 1970.

Kindly reply these letters at your earliest convenience and oblige.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:db

70-3-55

Los Angeles
25th March, 1970

Goleta, California

My Dear Rebatinandan,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your nice letter dated 18 March, 1970, along with a check for my book fund paid by blessed Roy Richard. I am enclosing one letter to him herewith, which please hand over to him.

From the description of your letter it is to be understood that things are going very nicely in your center. Our line of action is very simple, and if you stick to the principles, then success is sure.

Regarding your question about the various demoniac species of life: the Lord's condemnation, although appearing to be very harsh, is not so. The Lord being Absolute, His condemnation is as good as His blessings. Whenever the Lord or anyone of His pure devotees condemns

somebody, it is to be taken as blessing. You know that the great sage Narada condemned the sons of Kuvera to become trees, but as a result of this, they were able to see Lord Kṛṣṇa which is very difficult even for the great mystic yogis.

You have been a little bit perturbed that the demons are eternally condemned, and I thank you very much that you have been compassionate with the demons. That is the sign of Vaisnavism. The Lord may condemn the demons, but because the Vaisnavas are there, there is ample chance for the demons to become blessed by the devotees of the Lord. The devotees of the Lord are so powerful that each and every one of them has the power of delivering many demons, even condemned by the Lord. The preaching work of Krishna Consciousness Movement is specifically meant for delivering the demons. Therefore, if you remain faithful to the Lord, you shall be able to deliver many such demons.

So there is no cause of being disappointed because of the demons being condemned by the Lord. It is the duty of the devotee to deliver them. And the Lord is so powerful that through His pure devotee anyone can be delivered, never mind how he is fallen or condemned. I think the answer of your question is now clear and you can do the needful.

I have gone through the newspaper articles sent by you, and they are very important. Continue to work like this in cooperation with Dininath Prabhu who is a very good devotee. Prabhavati's husband, Harer Nama, is here in L.A. now.

Please convey my blessings to all the Prabhus there working under your good direction.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:db

70-3-56

Los Angeles
26th March, 1970

Scindia House
New Delhi

My Dear Hit Sharanji,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your copy of the letter to Sri Trivedi, dated 9th March, 1970.

In the meantime, I have received a letter from Sri Trivedi that he has arranged to dispatch the three pairs of Murties to different places, but I do not know if Sri M. L. Chand of Dalmia Cement Ltd. has already handed over the Murties to the care of Sri N. M. Trivedi.

Then, what about the other two pairs of Murties? Are they already delivered to you? If so, you can dispatch them similarly for Los Angeles. Besides that, Srimati Sumati Morarjee of Bombay has agreed to donate some Murties herself, as well as through some friends. She wants to know the price of the Murties and the place from where they can be had. It is understood that you have already written to Jaipur about the cost of marble Murties. I hope by this time you have received the cost. If so, kindly inform me as well as Srimati Sumati Morarjee because we require immediately at least one dozen Murties for different places.

We require at least one pair of Murties exactly like that of London, for which you have got the picture, for our Paris center. Kindly therefore enlighten me on the above subject by return post, and oblige.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. I have received one letter from Sethji acknowledging my book, Sri Isopanisad. Please convey my regards for him.

ACBS:db

70-3-57

Los Angeles
28th March, 1970

Boston

My Dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 26th March, 1970, along with transcription of tape #23.

Regarding opening of a branch in Providence, Rhode Island, it is very encouraging. Both Nandakishore and Sri Dhama are nice devotees and I am sure they will be successful in conducting the new center. It is a good news for me. To open a center for us is not very difficult job. Simply the devotees who volunteer their service must be very serious and sincere.

Both Sri Dhama and Nandakishore are good administrators of Prasadam which is our peak medicine for driving away Maya; so I have all blessings for them. Let them chant Hare Kṛṣṇa and distribute Prasadam, and things will come very quickly.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-3-58

Los Angeles
28th March, 1970

London

My Dear Shyamsundar,

Please accept my blessings. Since a few weeks I have not received any letter from you and I understand also that some of you have moved to George's place. I shall be glad to know what is the program there.

It was also informed to me by Woomapati that all of you along with George were in Paris for some television engagement. Did you find any suitable place for our

Temple in Paris?

I am therefore very much anxious to hear from you and I shall be glad therefore if you reply in detail by return post.

I learn also that Murari and his wife have also gone to London, but he is staying with you. How are Malati and your nice daughter, Saraswati? Please offer my blessings to George.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-3-59

Los Angeles
29th March, 1970

Detroit

My Dear Daughter Hladini Dasi (Linda),

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your nice letter dated 26th March, 1970, asking to become my initiated disciple in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness and also your beads for chanting. I am very glad to know that you are strictly observing the rules and regulations of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness faithfully and now I am very glad to accept you as my initiated student. I am returning your beads herewith duly chanted by me.

Your initiated name is Hladinidevi Dasi. Lord Kṛṣṇa's Pleasure Potency is called Hladini, so this spiritual energy of Kṛṣṇa's pleasure potency, Hladini, is Srimati Radharani Who is always increasing the transcendental pleasure of Kṛṣṇa by Her super-excellent loving devotional service. Radharani is the most confidential servant of the Lord and Hladini Dasi means the servant of Radharani. So please always be engaged in chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa mantra at least sixteen rounds daily and work sincerely and eagerly in the service of the Lord observing the regulative principles and thus be happy.

I am also pleased to know that you will be married with Sriman Mahananda in

Kṛṣṇa Consciousness and that you offer your children to Kṛṣṇa is very, very nice. May Kṛṣṇa bless you both to work combinedly for mutually advancing in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness more and more.

I have written to Mahananda that my suggestion is that after some time training in Detroit with Bhagavandas you can try to expand our activities by opening a branch in some suitable place. That will be very nice. So please chant Hare Kṛṣṇa and be happy, that is my desire.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Los Angeles
29th March, 1970

My Dear Mahananda (Michael),

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter requesting initiation, dated 26th March, 1970, along with your beads for chanting, and I am very happy to accept you as my initiated disciple. Your initiated name is Mahananda Das. I have chanted your beads duly, and they are herewith returned to you.

I am very pleased to know that you have been strictly living according to our Kṛṣṇa conscious way of life in the matters of daily chanting sixteen rounds, following the four basic restrictive principles, and working hard in Kṛṣṇa's service. Please continue to live in this way and the success of your life in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness is assured. Always chanting the Holy Name, Kṛṣṇa, observing the regulative principles, and working in the service of the Lord are the essential program for advancement in spiritual strength.

You have written one interesting line, that Maya seems to have a special interest

in you. So it appears that you are intelligent enough to detect the tricks of Maya; that is very nice. We should always remember that Maya or darkness and Kṛṣṇa or the Light are existing side by side. So if we keep ourself always in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness or in the Light of Kṛṣṇa Sun, hardly there is any chance of being covered by darkness or Maya.

But a little inattention may cause our falling down into the clutches of Maya. The path of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness is compared in the Vedas with a sharpened razor blade. If you carefully manipulate it, the blade helps by clean shaving; but a little inattention causes a bloody cheek. So this example we should always remember and carefully manipulate the blade of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.

I am pleased that you are so enthusiastic in spreading Kṛṣṇa Consciousness, so as soon as you find opportunity you try to expand our activities by opening a branch.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

70-3-61

Los Angeles
29th March, 1970

My Dear Rupanuga,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 24th March, 1970, and it is very encouraging.

When Brahmananda came here, I discussed with him that we have now opened so many branches and they should be properly maintained. As I am personally here in Los Angeles, and because Kṛṣṇa has now given us a very nice church, it will be possible for me to look after the business here to be the ideal for other

centers. The church building is very excellent. I am sending herewith two pictures. We have already paid the advance money, \$50,000, out of \$225,000. Your contribution is very much welcome.

I was to advance \$20,000 as loan from my book fund, but Gargamuni has arranged not to take from me more than \$11,500. So whatever contribution is received from other centers will go for repaying the loan taken from me and from other centers.

Regarding moving with Samkirtan Party, as Kirtananda Maharaj is doing now, it will be another impetus for pushing forward our mission. Please do this business very nicely. Caitanya Mahaprabhu also did like that and He presented Himself as a merchant in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness selling the transcendental commodity in exchange of eagerness of the people. If people simply become faithful to the understanding of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness, that will be the price for our transcendental commodity, Hare Kṛṣṇa Mantra.

As you are having many engagements, it is very much encouraging. The clippings which you have sent are very nice. You are going to about a dozen colleges in different places and that is very much encouraging also.

I have all my blessings for Jagajjanani Dasi and Prahlanananda Das for being married under your care. Train this couple for opening a new branch in one of the places you are now visiting with Samkirtan Party. Try to open as many branches as possible and manage to see them that they are going on nicely. That is my request.

Please offer my blessings to your good wife and all the Prabhus there in Buffalo Temple. I hope this will meet you in good health.

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

70-3-62

Paris

My Dear Woomapati,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 26th March, 1970. I have also received the newspaper cutting in which the picture of George has come out and it appears to be very nice because he has taken to chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa Mantra along with you. Actually he has done some service to the cause of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness, therefore he must make progress in his spiritual advancement. The heading 'An Anti-Alcoholic Beatle at Maxim's'—does it mean that George has given up alcohol? Anyway, I am pleased with his dealing with us and I pray to Kṛṣṇa that he shall make more and more advancement in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.

You have written to say that French people are eager to understand Vaisnava philosophy, and the summary of Vaisnava philosophy is as follows:

God is a person like us, but He is all-powerful with all opulences in full. The living entities are His eternal servants. There are varieties of living entities that have inherited the opulences of God in different degrees. There are two kinds of nature, the spiritual nature and the material nature. The living entities belong to the spiritual nature and being part and parcel of God they have all the qualities of God in minute proportion.

There are innumerable living entities both in the spiritual world and in the material world. The spiritual world is far, far greater than the material world. As such, the number of living entities living in the spiritual world is many more times greater than the number of living entities living within the material world. The living entities, when they try to lord it over the God's property, forgetting their constitutional

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position to remain as eternal servant of God, they are given the material world to act according to their desires.

In such endless varieties of desires the living entities are seen in varieties of bodies beginning from Brahma, down to the most insignificant insect. In this way, when someone is fortunate, he, by the grace of Spiritual Master and Kṛṣṇa, revives his Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. And if he makes progress under the direction of the Spiritual Master, then he revives his original Kṛṣṇa Consciousness in full and thus he regains his position in the eternal Kingdom of God.

So you know very well all these facts, and while preaching you have to explain all these things nicely. Then you become a good preacher. Now you try your best in this line of preaching work and be successful as you have taken birth as a human being. Our Vaisnava philosophy is in summary the *Teachings of Lord Chaitanya*. You read them very carefully, word to word, and immediately begin translation into French language so they may be published in French BTG as well as in future they may be published in a book.

I think Janardan is very busy in preparation for his Ph.D. because I have also

not heard from him for a long time. So let him continue his studies. There is no need of disturbing him at present. Better both you and Suridas take up this translation work seriously. I think there are some devotees in Montreal who can also translate into French language. Anyway, arrange for this work immediately, without waiting anymore.

You have not written anything whether you have been able to find out a suitable place for our Temple. It was understood that when George goes there, he would help us in this matter. So I shall be glad to know how far you have been successful in this connection. It is all Kṛṣṇa's grace that you have been favored with some publicity and more people are coming weekly for Kirtan. It is very much satisfactory, and I hope Kṛṣṇa will help you more and more.

Please keep me informed about your further progress and offer my blessings to all the boys and girls there.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Los Angeles
1st April, 1970

Hope this meets you in good health.
Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

My Dear Arundhuti,

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

If you have got extra time, I encourage you to learn Sanskrit along with your husband. So far your movement is concerned, in pregnancy, you should strictly not ride on cars or any conveyance until your delivery, neither should you dance also.

So you stick to the composition work, and according to Brahmananda's program I understand you will have enough work to do now. Actually, the composition work was taken from August 1969, but still they are not yet completed. If you have no other composing work to do, then you may begin to compose Srimad Bhagavatam, Second Canto, immediately.

Regarding the Sushruta Samhita, I have no information about this. Sushruta Samhita is a big book of medical science, it is not able to be understood by ordinary laymen. I do not know why you bother about this, but if somebody helps you from this book, I have no objection.

Hope this will meet you in good health.
Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

My Dear Pradyumna,

Please accept my blessings. I have just received one check of contribution from Brahmananda and I understand that you have contributed \$500, so I thank you very much for this.

May Kṛṣṇa bless both you and your good wife.

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Los Angeles
1st April, 1970

My Dear Gurudas,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 24th March, 1970. I understand that the Lord Chaitanya's Birthday procession was very, very nice and similarly in San Francisco also they took out a procession in the street, and it is understood that 4000 to 5000 people participated. So this is another introduction to our Kṛṣṇa Consciousness Movement.

Regarding the court case, such kinds of case will come and go. We have to go on with our transcendental business. It is very encouraging that Samkirtan Party is going twice daily, that should be continued. Other things will be adjusted by the grace of Kṛṣṇa.

I talked with Gargamuni, you can immediately begin the incense business. It is not very difficult and you can do very nice business in London. From Holland you can get very good scents. Holland is a great center of manufacturing essential oils.

One thing, all other centers print the Acarya's name on the letterhead of their stationary—you should also do that. And every center contributes \$15 monthly towards my maintenance fund, so you also try to contribute this monthly. Besides that, in your book list I don't find the name

of Srimad Bhagavatam. You should have all the books in stock always. If you have not got any Srimad Bhagavatams in stock, just order them from Brahmananda. Also, I have not heard anything from Kshirodaksayee in some time. So let me know how he is doing.

Hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

My Dear Mukunda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 21st March, 1970. The *kartals* have not yet reached here.

Yes, I am going to the newly purchased church Temple and when I go there by Sunday next, I shall try to teach the local boys in the way of performing *Samkirtan* in a circle. I shall send to you the sound production with photographs if possible, and instructions also.

I am awaiting the arrival of the *kartals*.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-4-3

Los Angeles
1st April, 1970

My Dear Hansadutta,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 27th March, 1970. I have duly received your \$300 transferred from Germany and I understand that you are transferring another \$1,500 to my account. The mail strike is already over. I am enclosing herewith a letter for Himavati, giving her instruction.

So far *Samkirtan* is concerned, I am so much pleased to learn that you are taking *Samkirtan* as your life and soul. There is no doubt about Kṛṣṇa's being pleased very much upon those who are engaged in such *Samkirtan* Movement, that is admit-

ted by Lord Kṛṣṇa in the *Bhagavad Gita* and *Caitanya Caritamrita*. Some of the best students like you, Tamal, Mukunda, Shyamsundar, and Jaya Govinda, are all now in Europe. Now you form a strong party for opening centers as well as organizing the *World Samkirtan Party*.

This *Samkirtan Party*, backed by literatures and books, will certainly bring in a great change in the modern civilization. Godless civilization can never be happy. Therefore as soon as they become Kṛṣṇa conscious, they will feel practical happiness without any doubt.

I am so glad that *Shivananda* is going to be married with a German girl; and similarly, Kṛṣṇadas may be also married. My *Guru Maharaj* created some *Brahmacaries* and *Sannyasis* for preaching work, and I am creating all *Grihasthas*. This means that we have to adjust things in favor of circumstances in the matter of pushing Kṛṣṇa Consciousness Movement forward.

By correspondence, I am trying to secure a great quantity of *Deities* and *mridangas* from India, so we must utilize them by opening various center, which means we must have sufficient manpower, and this will depend on your *Samkirtan Party*. Then everything will go on nicely.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-4-4

Los Angeles
1st April, 1970

Hamburg

My Dear Himavati,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 25th March, 1970. Yes, the same things are going on. I am trying to change diets and sometimes fasting. But after all, it is old body, so dizziness is not unnatural. Regarding herb teas

for colds and sore throat, up to now I have no such complaint, so they are not necessary.

I am very, very glad that you are taking care of the Deities with great attention and enthusiasm. Regarding your questions: the Deities should be polished before Their morning bath. Make a thin paste of fuller's earth and lime juice and rub this mixture on Their bodies and then bathe them and then dry and buff Them with a small towel for the purpose. You can make one very nice bed and place it to the backside of the throne, and you can make night clothes. So after the last Aratrik at night, you can change to Their night clothes for taking rest. Because They are small Deities, They may be lain on the bed with some pillows (because the base may raise Their feet up); if this can be arranged it will be nice.

Yes, Their crowns and jewelry should be removed both at night and while resting at noon, but wigs may stay on and Kṛṣṇa should always hold His flute. It is nice if you can provide some heating arrangement for cold weather. Also different weight clothes for warmer or colder weather is good. Your idea for a thin curtain around the throne is very good. *Regarding Radharani's smiling, that is not imagination—so she must smile. Let this be an impetus to your increased service.*

Radha Kṛṣṇa topics are for both liberated and conditioned souls, but conditioned souls should not much discuss about the loving affairs between Radha and Kṛṣṇa because sometimes they misunderstand Radha and Kṛṣṇa as ordinary boy and girl. So this should be discussed with advanced students, not with ordinary men. Yes, you make the throne very plush and comfortable and gorgeous like a bedroom. You are welcome for these questions, since you are engaged in Their service, you must know everything thoroughly.

I am very glad to learn of you eagerness to help open new centers in Munich,

Amsterdam, and Berlin. But unless some responsible devotee takes charge of the Deities, you should remain in Hamburg. Hansadutta may alone go for preaching work with the others. I think there are enough brahmins there, so if one cannot be engaged fulltime, they should divide the duties amongst themselves—one takes the morning, another one at noon, and another in the evening, or like that. So unless they are trained up, you should not go. Deity worship is for old and experienced students; it is not good for new students to be given sacred thread. This Deity worship is exclusively for advanced students.

Regarding taking Lord Jagannatha to your next center, that will not be very good because you already do not have enough devotees to engage in Arcan. Unless there is a Deity worshipper available, we may worship Panchatattwa and Guru. That can be done by all initiated students whether they are once or twice initiated. Before an altar with pictures of Lord Caitanya Panca-tattwa and Acaryas, everyone can offer Aratrik and Bhoga.

Yes, it is nice that you are worshipping Lord Caitanya along with Radha Kṛṣṇa. That is alright. Lord Caitanya should be placed to the right side of Kṛṣṇa. There is nothing special for His worship, but you may continue as you are doing now. The order of worshipping is first Spiritual Master, and then Lord Caitanya, then Radha Kṛṣṇa (as in the mantras or Bunde aham prayer).

Your confidence to do whatever you are instructed by the Spiritual Master is very encouraging. Yes, this is the method of the Vedic injunction, staunch faith in Spiritual Master and Kṛṣṇa makes one perfect in spiritual understanding.

Hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
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Los Angeles
1st April, 1970

London

My Dear Lilavati,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 23rd March, 1970. So I am glad to learn that your daughter and Shyamsundar's daughter are learning Kṛṣṇa Consciousness very nicely. The program was that you would go to New Vrindaban for training children—never mind, you can do it there also.

So far George's house is concerned, it was formerly learned through Shyamsundar that he also wants to have a Kṛṣṇa Consciousness center there. If he gives us a place there, just like Lennon gave a place in his garden, then you can start a similar temple there under your supervision. But unless there is some tangible program there, I think you should not divert attention in starting a new center there.

We have to organize this London center very solidly, so at least on Sundays all of you should come there and manage things. Anyway, conjointly you shall manage the London center and Samkirtan—that should not be neglected.

Regarding George's center, if he opens it very nicely according to his position, then on hearing from Shyamsundar I shall give direction how to do it. I have already written Shyamsundar about this, and I am awaiting his reply. The conclusion is that you are so many advanced disciples now in Europe, including Hamburg, London and Paris. Now you should organize the Samkirtan Movement in Europe by opening as many centers as possible from town to town at least. So do it conjointly and that will give me very much satisfaction.

Hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

70-4-6

Los Angeles
2nd April, 1970

Boston

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 27th March, 1970, and have noted the contents. In the meantime, I have received your letter dated 30th March, 1970, along with the two checks for \$1,592.02 and \$256.00. Thank you very much for them. So now when you require money for printing our books, inform me and I shall send you the check. And you may send all checks of money not expended on printing and money from book sales to me.

Regarding printing of the books, now you are managing these things in Boston. I want just that the books may be printed somehow, somewhere; that is all. So do it as you see fit, there is no need of checking with me. I give you full responsibility in the matter, but only if there is some critical point it may be referred to me.

So far the preface, dedication, acknowledgement for Nectar of Devotion, I shall supply you with these in due course of time. I do not think they are immediately required since you can print the other parts of the book first as you have decided.

Regarding a cover picture for *Krishna Consciousness-the Top-most Yoga*, I think you can make a picture of a devotee sitting cross-legged chanting japa before Radha Kṛṣṇa Deities.

I have read the letter from Raman Publications Magazine. So when you receive the copies of their publications, send them to me, and then I shall decide what to do.

I am very glad to know that both Boston and New York centers are blissfully engaged. Now just see things go on nicely.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Los Angeles
2nd April, 1970

St. Louis

My Dear Vamandev,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 29th March, 1970. The newspaper portion is very encouraging. They have devoted so much space for describing ourselves. Although there are a few misquotations, nevertheless, it is a good publicity.

I am so much pleased with your wife and yourself and I can simply praise you how wonderful you are. Both you and your wife are setting good examples how Kṛṣṇa Conscious Grihasthas or householders should live for Kṛṣṇa. You are practically experiencing that there is no difficulty in household life if people are in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. So please stick to your principles very nicely and the program which you are following is already very nice—lecturing in the university, having classes in your apartment, distributing Prasadam—all of them are very, very nice. Please offer my blessings to Indira, and go on with your program, and Kṛṣṇa will give you all opportunities.

We have purchased a new church building here, and you will be glad to see the picture enclosed herewith. So gradually in your center also one day we may have our own buildings because everything is possible if Kṛṣṇa desires.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-4-8

Boston

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. When I was going to Europe via New York, I asked you to pick up some file 'Vrindaban' ('Radha Damodar Temple') and you picked it. I told you that this file is very important and keep it carefully.

I am not finding this file with the consignment of books. Please try to find out where is that file, it is very important.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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P.S. Please send immediately 1 or 2 sample copies of B.T.G. to the following address. She is a prospective customer.

Srimati Hemanta Kumari Chowdhurani
c/o Sri Priyanath Chowdhuri
Collegepara
P.O. Balurghat, West Dinajpur
West Bengal
India

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Boston

Los Angeles
5th April, 1970

My Dear Pradyumna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 31st March, 1970, and in the meantime I have received one small tape record. Your teaching of Sanskrit pronunciation has been very much successful. I was just thinking of teaching our students the pronunciation of the Sanskrit verses in the Bhagavad Gītā, Śrīmad Bhāgavatam, etc. and by Kṛṣṇa's will you have already begun this. It will be a great help for me if the students are taught to pronounce in

Sanskrit vibration. It will be another effect of transcendental sound vibration.

But we should always remember that our aim is spiritual realization, so in such classes in the beginning there must be Kirtan and at the end also there must be Kirtan. And they should not only pronounce the verses, but they should also understand the meaning and purport of each verse, then it will be grand success.

If possible, you can make another complete tape for use in other centers. You should make several copies and perhaps Dinesh can help you in this connection. Then distribute these specimen tapes to all centers and they may be asked for the charges.

About word endings, when we speak about sabdharupa it is just like the sabdarupa is gunin or svamin, but when we actually articulate, we speak the nominative form. In the place of gunin we speak guni (nominative form). So the nominative part of speech is used when we articulate, not the pratipadika. That is usage. Similarly in the matter of atman, we should speak atma. So I do not know what the scholars in this place want to have. You can make your own discrimination.

Do you think you shall require all these books? Of course I have no objection if you keep these as reference books, but we should always remember that we have to give more stress on our spiritual side than the scholastic side. But at the same time, if our books are presented in a scholarly way, that will be very nice. So you use the best part of discretion and do the needful.

So far grammar is concerned, one has to learn Sanskrit grammar for at least 12 years, then he becomes an expert grammarian. In India, those who are Sanskrit scholars studied in the beginning, from 5 to 15 years—that is for ten years continually—and they study grammar thoroughly. When one is expert in grammatical rulings and formation—that is to say:

sabda, dhatu, sandhi, samasa, prakaran, vidhan, pratyaya, adhikarana—after this they study nyaya. In this way, when one is expert in 10 to 12 years, that is by the age of the 17th year, a student becomes very much expert and any departmental knowledge he can master in 1 to 2 years. But you need not become such a scholar. You require simply to understand Sastras Bhagavad Gita, Srimad Bhagavatam, etc. and chant Hare Kṛṣṇa Mantra as much as possible. The thing is if you give more stress on scholarly line, other devotees will try to imitate you. Already your wife has expressed such intention, and as soon as we try to be scholars, our devotional line will be slackened. These points are to be kept in view always.

Yes, I was missing the two volumes of Srimad Bhagavatam of Cantos 3; 7, 8, 9. So keep them with you as reference, or conveniently send them here.

I think in the very near future you will be required to move from center to center to teach this verse vibration. So in each center, by hearing your tapes and by your personal presence they will become very expert in pronouncing the Sanskrit verses.

Regarding your last point that you shall try to learn the various literatures very carefully and present everywhere in classes and books, that is very good. This is a nice idea and if you can do it, it is great service and Kṛṣṇa will bless you. I am sure you will be successful in this attempt, but don't forget to chant sixteen rounds regularly. then you will get spiritual strength more and more.

I do not know much about Mukundadasa, but I think Jiva Gosvami did commentation on Bhakti-rasamrita sindhu and that is accepted by my Guru Maharaj.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-4-10

Los Angeles
7th April, 1970Sri R. C. Dhruva
Secretary to Sri R. D. Birla
Industry House
159 Churchgate Reclamation
Bombay 20, India

Dear Sri Dhruva,

I beg to thank you for your letter dated 28th March, 1970. I am so glad to learn that Sri Birlaji feels that there is a need for an imposing Hindu temple in London.

The minimum expenditure for such a temple will not be less than £1,000,000. So far I have met with the Hindus in London, they are not very rich. Most of them are engaged in service and some of them are doing business, but still it will be difficult to raise this £1,000,000 from the local Hindus. If, however, Sri Birlaji assures to contribute 50% of the expenditure, I think I shall be able to raise the balance funds somehow or other.

I know there is difficulty for transferring money from India, but if Sri Birlaji contributes the money in India, I think I shall be able to utilize the money for London temple. program. I have already established one Radha Kṛṣṇa temple in the most busy part of the city at 7 Bury Place, just adjoining the British Museum. This temple is situated in a five story rented (on lease) house, and many devotees are coming to see the Deities from distant places. So by the grace of Lord Kṛṣṇa it is going on.

So far my preaching work is concerned, I am not giving much stress on the immediate construction of the temple, but wherever it is possible I am renting a suitable house and starting a center immediately. As already informed in my previous letter, I have now got 28 temples or centers in different parts of the world, namely; Europe, America, Canada, Japan, and Australia.

Regarding marble murties of Radha Kṛṣṇa contributed by Sri Birlaji, I may inform you that Srimati Sumati Morarjee, Director of Scindia Steam Navigation Co., has kindly agreed to carry all the murties by her different ships to different parts of the world. I think Sri Birlaji has his own shipping line also, therefore this carrying will not be a problem. I am sending herewith again the picture of our London murties, and I am requesting Sri Birlaji to contribute at least 4 pairs of murties: one to Paris, France, one to Honolulu, and two to Philadelphia, one of which will be for our New Vrindaban temple.

Recently we have purchased a big church property consisting of four different houses, namely; the lecture house, the temple house, the Acarya residence, and the quarters for the devotees both male and female, along with a small garden and parking land for the visitors' cars. Enclosed please find two pictures of this temple house, as well as I am enclosing some of the pictures of our Philadelphia activities where one American boy and girl, devotees, were married under the ministerial guidance of the local President. You will understand from the informations that this Krishna Consciousness movement is a major revolutionary renaissance specifically delimiting social and religious conception of life based on authorized Vedic culture.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS:db

70-4-11

Boston

Los Angeles
7th April, 1970

My Dear Giriraj,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 25th March, 1970, recommending

Michael to be initiated. I have duly initiated him and his beads chanted by me are returned herewith. His initiated name is Madhavananda Das.

I am very pleased to note that you are feeling everything is going on nicely in Boston due to the nice devotees. You are also a very nice devotee, so together work to make Boston center even nicer for the satisfaction of the Lord.

I have received your beads also, and I am returning them to you duly chanted. Now please increase your enthusiasm for pushing on this Kṛṣṇa Consciousness movement and Kṛṣṇa will inspire you with all intelligence for serving Him as much as you engage yourself with sincerity and devotion. Therefore to keep advancing in your spiritual power always be sure to chant at least the prescribed sixteen rounds of beads daily. This is the fundamental program for advancing more and more in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.

I do not know just what has happened to your old beads, but you should keep your beads always very, very carefully, they are your direct link with Kṛṣṇa.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:db

70-4-12

Los Angeles
7th April, 1970

Honolulu

My Dear Daughter Govinda Dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 2nd April, 1970, and I am very much pleased for the nice sentiments you have expressed therein. But you should always

remember that whatever we are doing, it is in the parampara system beginning from Lord Kṛṣṇa, down to us. Therefore, our loving spirit should be more upon the message than the physical representation. When we love the message and serve Him, automatically our devotional love for the physique is done.

I am so very glad to learn that Srimati Tulasi Devi has favored you so much. If you can actually grow this Tulasi plant, and I am sure you will do it, then you must know it for certain that your devotion for Kṛṣṇa is testified. I was very much anxious to introduce this worship of Tulasi plant amongst our Society members, but it has not become successful til now, therefore, when I hear that you have got this opportunity, my pleasure does not have any bounds.

Please take care of the Tulasi plants in the following way. This is the best season for growing Tulasi plants. From 15th April to 15th June is the best season for growing this plant. Now I understand that the seedlings are coming out, so the whole spot if possible may be covered by some net because the seedling stage creepers being very delicate are sometimes eaten up by the sparrows, so we have to give a little protection from attack of the sparrows. All the devotees should pour water atleast once in the morning before taking prasadam. The watering should not be very much large in quantity, but it should be poured just to keep the ground soft and moist. Sunlight also should be allowed. When the creepers are grown at least 7 inches high, then you can take them out from the planting soil and transplant them in a row in a different place. Then go on watering and they will grow like anything. I think this plant cannot grow in cold countries, but if the plants are dispatched from your place and if the devotees take care of the plant with a little care in a flower pot, then it may grow.

Tulasi leaf is very, very dear to Viṣṇu. All Viṣṇu-tattva Deities require profusely Tulasi leaves. Lord Viṣṇu likes garland of Tulasi leaves. Tulsi leaves mixed with sandalwood pulp and placed on the lotus feet of the Lord is the topmost worship. But we must be very careful that Tulasi leaves cannot be placed on the feet of anyone else except Lord Viṣṇu and His different forms. Tulasi leaves cannot be placed even on the lotus feet of Radharani or on the lotus feet of the Spiritual Master. It is entirely reserved for being placed on the lotus feet of Kṛṣṇa. We can place, however, Tulasi leaves in the hands of Radharani for being placed on the lotus feet of Kṛṣṇa, as you have seen on the Govinda Album.

I am giving you herewith three mantras for Tulasi Devi as follows:

vrindāai tulasī devyai priyāai
kesavasya ca
viṣṇubhaktiprade devi satyavatyai
namo namaḥ

This is offering obeisances, bowing down (pancānga pranām). And when collecting leaves from the plant, the following mantra should be chanted:

tulasya mṛta janmāsi sada tvam
kesavapriyā
kesavārthi cinomi tvām barada bhava
sobhine

Then the mantra for circumambulating the Tulasi tree.

yāni kāni ca pāpāni brahmahatyā
dikāni ca
tāni tāni praṇaśyanti pradakṣiṇāḥ
pade pade

So there are three mantras, one for bowing down, one for circumambulating,* and one for collecting the leaves. The collecting of leaves should be done once in the morning for worshipping and for putting on the plates of foodstuff to be offered. On each bowl or plate there should be at least one leaf. So you follow and practice these Tulasi affairs and you try

to distribute your experience to all the other centers, that will be a new chapter in the history of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness Movement.

Regarding your tape recorder which was laying with me, you will get it very soon back. It is now being carried by Chitralekha, wife of Upendra, who is going to Australia via Hawaii, and she will deliver the machine to you. I am very glad you have repaired your dictophone and you are anxious to work on it. For the time being I can send you tapes of my lectures which you can transcribe either directly or through the dictophone, as it is convenient. Both yourself and Goursundar or any other educated boy or girl can edit the transcriptions for being printed. For the present I hope you will be glad to do this work because you are always anxious to see me speaking something. I am sending the tape by separate mail, so immediately begin work. If you find this work of transcribing from recorded tapes interesting, you will have ample opportunity to work on this. There are many tapes like this in New York, Boston, and maybe in other places also.

Regarding installation of the Deities for which you are preparing, I wish to go there as soon as there are many Tulasi leaves grown. You are trying to grow mango very soon, but it will be better if you can grown soon the Tulasi leaves. This is more important than growing mangos. So you give your best attention for this purpose and as soon as you inform me that there is a regular bush of Tulasi plants, then I shall immediately start for Hawaii and install your Deities. I think this will satisfy you.

In the meantime, I am also inviting you, both husband and wife, to see how this Temple has become very nice—better looking, better facilities—than all other centers. I am sending you herewith one copy of the picture.

Please offer my blessings to Goursundar and all boys and girls there, and I hope this will find you all in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

*3 times round the plant both morning and evening.

70-4-13

Los Angeles
8th April, 1970

His Holiness Swami

B.S. Turya Shramy Maharaj

Sri Radha Gobinda Gaudiya Math

Village, Jagada nandapur

P.O. Dal_____ (Burdwen)

West Bengal, India

My Dear Turya Shramy Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances. I am in due receipt of your kind letter dated 23rd March, 1970, addressed to our New York center and now forwarded to me here.

You will be pleased to know that we have got twenty-six centers all over the world, namely; Europe, America, Canada, Japan, and Australia. Of all the centers this Los Angeles center is my headquarters. The temple house is recently purchased by us at a price of \$225,000 corresponding to our Indian exchange of 22 lakhs and 50,000 rupees. Out of the 26 centers, in three centers we have got our own premises. In Boston we have got our own press in our own house which was started last October, 1969 at a cost of 9 lakhs of rupees. I am sending herewith one picture of our present headquarters in Los Angeles at the above address.

By the grace of Śrīla Prabhupad the preaching work is going on nicely and the most important factor is that I have got a number of youthful American and European disciples who are helping me very

seriously. As you know the western boys and girls are educated and trained up in practical life.. They are spreading this movement better than any Indian could do. So whatever success is there, it is due to them; I am simply instrumental in giving them direction. They are very kind upon me and offer me the best facilities of comfort. So things are very satisfactory here.

I have published English translations and commentaries on the following books: *Srimad Bhagavatam*, *Bhagavad Gīta*, *Sri Isopanisd*, *Nectar of Devotion*, *KṚṢṂA*, *Teachings of Lord Chaitanya*, and *Easy Journey to Other Planets*. Our magazine 'Back to Godhead' is published 100,000 per month. I have advised my assistant who is in charge of the magazine in New York to send sample copies to Srimati Hemanta Kumari Chowdhurani, as advised by you.

In the beginning we had to accept some advertisements in our magazine to meet the expenditure, but at present we do not accept any advertisements. The whole magazine is full with transcendental message, even on both sides of the cover page.

I understand that when the first mridangas were sent, you very kindly helped my former sister. So if you have got time, you can help us by sending as many mridangas as you can because we require them for our Samkirtan movement all over the world. If you can help us by supplying mridangas and Nabadwip made kartals it will be a great service to the cause.

In our various centers (26) everywhere there are at least 30 to 40 devotees. Some of them are householders and some of them are Brahmacharies. I don't encourage very strictly increasing the number of Brahmacharies and Sannyasis because in this country men and women are very freely intermingling. Therefore I am encouraging householder's life strictly restraining them from sinful activities principally

based on the following four points: 1) no eating of meat, fish, or eggs 2) no illicit sex-life 3) no taking of any kind of intoxicants including coffee, tea, and tobacco 4) no gambling. So this scheme appears to be successful, and in most cases the Grihas-thas are preaching very satisfactorily.

Last December I have established our London temple at 7 Bury Place in a five story building, and it has become a great attraction because people from distant places come to see this temple. Our Radha Kṛṣṇa Temple has become very popular because of two record albums published by Mr. George Harrison who is a world known musician. This young boy is very much sympathetic with our movement and he has very kindly contributed 2 lakhs of rupees for publishing my book, KRṢṂA.

So things are coming out very successful although slowly, and your good cooperation is earnestly solicited.

Thanking you once more for your letter.

Yours affectionately,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-4-14

Los Angeles
9th April, 1970

Boston

My Dear Pradyumna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your special delivery letter dated 6th April, 1970.

Regarding the prayer verses, I have sent you immediately the Bengali prayer book and you will find all the prayers of Acaryas' there. I have also sent you one copy of Panjika which will help you to find out the list of names of Acaryas' Appearance and Disappearance Days. If you can, you can prepare conveniently the Panjika or ISKCON Almanac for next

year, but not now, you have got many engagements, this is for leisure hours.

Regarding the new prayer addition "Namaste s̄arasvate devau. . .", I think you can change the word 'devau' into 'deve' to make it compatible with s̄arasvate. 'S̄arasvate' is locative, so you can change the word to 'deve' to make it fit, or it can be made 'devam'. 'Devam' is the accusative singular and 'deve' is the locative singular, so both can be used, but I think 'deve' will be most fitting word.

Regarding your tenth point, the word 'Rādhāramaṇahari' is one word compound, therefore it is correct. Regarding your 9th point, the exact verse is as follows:

samāsritā ye padapallavamplavāri
mahatpadam punyayaśo murāreḥ
bhavambudhir vatsapadam param padam
padam padam yat bipadam ne teṣām

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meaning or a person who has taken shelter of the lotus feet of Lord Murāri (Kṛṣṇa), which are the shelter of all great souls and are famous for being the reservoir of all piety, this great ocean of material existence shortens like the pit-hole created by the foot of a calf and for him the supreme abode of the Lord is quite fit place for living, but not this miserable material world where there is nothing but danger in every step.

Regarding your 11th point, the line should read

'jagannātha-svāmī nayana paṭhagami bhavatu me.'

Yes, it is just a line for repetition of a great verse prayer for Jagannātha-svami, but I do not remember the whole verses just now, neither do I remember immediately where it can be found. For the present you be satisfied with this one line. Regarding ___ tipadika sabda, I consulted grammar and it is correct to mention the first case ending or nominative case. The authorized injunction in this connection is as

follows:

abhidheyamātre prathamā
pratipadikārtha langa parināma
vacana mātre pratāma

Translation: The sound which indicates a particular subject or word should be the first case ending or nominative case.

So in your last correction of Kṛṣṇa tape number 27, on page 11 you have mentioned 'Sannyasin', 'Gosvamin', 'Mayavadin', 'tridandins', 'svamins', etc. They should be corrected without "n"s like 'Sannyasi', 'Gosvami', 'Mayavadi', 'tridandis', etc. So in future, only the first case endings should be used, not the sound, that is the rule.

Regarding your other arrangement, I have already replied you in my last letter, and as you are trying your best to make our preaching propaganda as most authoritative on the Vedic culture, Kṛṣṇa will certainly help you. I think the book which I have sent you will help and the balance Kṛṣṇa will teach you. We should always remember at the same time that we want to understand our business only and not try to become very scholarly because time is very short. But some of us, as you are trying may proceed on as far as possible on the scholastic way.

I think the scheme of publishing Sri-mad Bhagavatam chapter-wise decently is good, so that it will keep all of you engaged and the press going on. When all the chapters of the canto are printed, they can be assorted in one book form for hard bound publication. The size of the book must be symmetrical of my present Bhagavat editions—that is to say 6 1/2 inches by 9 1/2 inches. I think the present composition of the NOD is not to my standard; so whatever is done is done, but the Srimad Bhagavatam must be to the standard size. If the books are printed in standard size (6 1/2 x 9 1/2), then the chapter pamphlets may be easily bound into a hard cover when all the chapters of the canto have

been printed.

Regarding your 8th point, I am enclosing a corrected xerox copy of the text for aratrika prayer by Srila Bhaktivinoda Thākura, please find.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS:db

70-4-15

Los Angeles
10th April, 1970

Manager
Equitable Savings Bank
Fairfax and Beverly Boulevard
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

RE: My savings account No. 12410
with you.

Please note that my new address is now at
3764 Watseka Avenue
Los Angeles, California
90034

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS:db

70-4-16

Los Angeles
10th April, 1970

Providence

My Dear Sri Dama,

Please accept my blessings. I am so pleased to receive your letter dated 4th April, 1970, and I am very glad to read the contents.

I am very glad that you are going to marry Man Mohini Dasi and I have got my full sanction and blessings for this unity. Nanda Kishore and his wife and yourself and your wife, four together, organize the center in Providence which is

already wonderful and by your propaganda of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness it will be heavenly.

As soon as a center is open and my disciples conduct it nicely, it gives me Vaikuntha bliss. Vamandev is doing very nicely in St. Louis, and I am sending herewith some pictures of his activities. So Bali Mardan and Upendra are doing in Sydney also. All these newses are to me life-giving ambrosia, so the more you open branches, the more I increase my duration of life. Therefore, if you all my students want me to live for some days more, go on opening nice branches as many as possible.

Be happy in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness and keep me informed about your activities. Thanking you once more. Hope this will meet you in good health.

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

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70-4-17

Los Angeles
10th April, 1970

My Dear Yamuna,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your burfi. It is so nicely made. Lest it go out of stock, I am eating only a very little quantity daily. But how you have made it, if you send the formula, maybe Nanda Kumar or Devananda may be able to prepare it.

I hope you re taking care of the Deities with greater attention, and teaching your younger God brothers and sisters to follow the Arcana bidhi. As we open many branches, we shall require many devotees like you to take care of the Deities very nicely.

So be happy in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness

and I shall pray to Lord Kṛṣṇa for your greater achievement in devotional service. Thank you very much.

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

My Dear Mukunda,

Please accept my blessings. I have received the kartals, but it is completely hopeless. The man has cheated us cent per cent, but there is no way to rectify it and we shall wait for future to get the right thing.

I hope everything is going on nicely in your temple, and please keep me informed regularly of the activities. I have not heard from Shyamsundar for a long time. I sent him one letter of which I have not received any reply as yet. Please remind him.

Please offer my blessings to all the devotees.

You ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

70-4-18

Los Angeles
11th April, 1970

Calcutta

My Dear Achyutananda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 6th April, 1970. Just before receiving this letter, I have sent another letter to you dated 9th April, 1970.

Who told you that I am a citizen of America? I cannot even apply for citizenship unless I have stayed here legally for at least five years. I am admitted here as permanent resident so that I can go to India and come back again without any visa or passport for this country. There are many Indian business people also who come and go from India and U.S.A. and vice

versa. So at my present status I can come and go to and from India without any passport or visa—that is my position.

My India citizenship is valid. If I adopt U.S. Citizenship, then I renounce my Indian nationality. So at the present moment I am full Indian national. In technical language I am known in the Immigration Department as 'alien', not as citizen. So you can inform this to Mr. Ghosh.

You wanted to take citizenship of India. So why don't you take it? What is the difficulty in this matter? Cannot Mr. Ghosh help you in this connection?

You have written nothing about the Bhavanipur land. I shall be glad to hear from you what happened to this transaction.

I think you will have to take a formal sanction from the Reserve Bank of India on my behalf, and Mr. Ghosh knows it well. It is necessary to take sanction, I have enclosed herewith the application which you may use if necessary.

I have already advised Brahmananda to send you books and magazines by surface freight, and that will be easier to distribute our books and literatures locally.

You have written to say that they must also write to Madhav Maharaj. I cannot understand what do you mean by this. They are not known to Madhav Maharaj, so how they can write directly to Madhav Maharaj? Neither I wish to overburden Madhav Maharaj with further addition of my disciples in his temple. This is a very delicate point. Better you can ask Madhav Maharaj whether he is willing to receive further members of our camp in his temple.

Therefore, I wanted that when we get our own place, the Brahmacharies may go.

Regarding long visa, as you say that you can arrange or advise how they shall apply for it. Sriman Nanda Kumar Brahmachary and Jaya Pataka Brahmachary are ready to start. So I do not know what to do

in this connection. I do not think that writing to Madhav Maharaj for their accommodation from here will be right thing. Better verbally you can ask him whether he will allow two other Brahmacharies to stay there.

The procedure is quite admitted that you do not accept invitation in the fashionable meetings and you lecture exclusively. That is very nice. You do not allow anyone to touch your feet—this is very good attitude—but if they want to insist on touching your feet and there is no other way to avoid it, you can simply remember your predecessor Acaryas and Spiritual Masters and accept them and return namaskar with folded hands. That is the Vaisnava etiquette.

I hope all points enquired by you are cleared, and now you can do the needful.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS:db

70-4-19

New York

Los Angeles
11th April, 1970

My Dear Rishi Kumara,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 6th April, 1970, together with two checks for \$1015.79 and \$150 respectively and thank you very much.

New York is the best city of your country, therefore the prospect of preaching in New York City is especially very great. I began my preaching life in this city, therefore I have got some special attraction for New York. I wish, therefore, that a fitting and imposing temple may be situated in New York. I understand that you are trying your best to secure a house, so in consultation

with Brahmananda you can do it very earnestly.

Regarding Samkirtan Parties in New York, Kṛṣṇa will provide devotees, don't be worried. Kṛṣṇa can provide anything and everything within a moment, but He waits to test a devotee. And when the devotee comes out successful from the test, He gives him all opportunity for devotional service. So everyone of you should go on with the Samkirtan Party and gradually Kṛṣṇa will send more and more devotees to join you.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:db

70-4-20

Los Angeles
11th April, 1970

My Dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 1st April, 1970. I am very glad to know that you are busy now in the press assembling the new book *Krishna Consciousness the Topmost Yoga*, that is very nice. I am sending \$2,400 next week as Advaita has requested.

Regarding the proposed marriage of Man Mohini and Sri dama, Yes, I have already sent Sri Dama sanctioning this marriage and offering my blessings. Subal has already got practical experience, he has performed two marriage ceremonies and he has sent me a xeroxed copy of the procedure which I have approved. I am enclosing herewith one copy and you can perform the wedding in your temple. Everyone, at least all the presidents, should be experienced in performing marriage ceremonies.

I am also glad to learn that you are engaging Viswa Karma to construct an enlarged altar for the new Deities. That is very nice. Then when the Deities arrive

you can send the \$400 to me here for my book fund. Regarding the pictures from the first volume of KṚṢṆA, they should be all sent here and I have advised Brahmananda in that connection.

Regarding your first question, there is no difference of the svayamvara ceremonies of Droupadi and Laksmāna, they were almost alike. The only difference was that the fish was covered with a cloth in the case of Laksmāna, but the fish was naked in the case of Droupadi.

Regarding your second question, when blood stands for some time it coagulates and the coagulum subsides leaving the serum or water. So the lakes then become full with water.

Regarding the third question, generally these airplanes are constructed in the shape of a swan with wings and beak and tail, etc. and on the back they put a dome like on a chariot for sitting and driving. I have drawn you one picture to convey the idea, please find it enclosed herewith. You are at liberty to make many questions like that. So long I can, I must make answers to your questions, but when I fail, I shall ask you to excuse me.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

70-4-21

Los Angeles
11th April, 1970

Philadelphia

My Dear Subal,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your two letters dated 30th and 31st March, 1970.

Regarding religion, not only at present, but also in the past, all of them are described as pseudo-religions. The Bhagavat has condemned such pseudo-religion

in the second verse of the first chapter, first canto. Under the spell of material energy, man is forgetful of his eternal relationship with God. They create some religion to derive some material benefit as they create political organization for mutual undisturbed sense gratification. So religion is also a part of that concept of life. As such, in most of the religions you will find some instruction on morality and goodness, and God consciousness is superfluous.

So except Kṛṣṇa Consciousness or Bhagavat Dharma or religion of the Bhagavata, any other system of religion is only pretension, that is the fact. It is not therefore surprising that your impression of the meeting of the Jews and Christians, where you had opportunity to speak, was that they were lacking so much in God-consciousness. So far we are concerned, our principle is to live with God as actual fact, and not to make God a supplying agent. Our process is different because we want to supply God everything—whatever we have got and whatever we have not got.

Regarding your need for men, Kṛṣṇa will give you many assistants, don't worry.

I have ordered for you big Radha Kṛṣṇa murties for which you will have to donate \$400 to my book fund. All centers are selling our literatures very nicely, you also try for it. Whether you have got sufficient stock of all our books—Bhagavad Gita, TLC, Srimad Bhagavatam, Easy Journey, etc.? If not, then get them from Brahmananda.

I have not yet received the package of matched cloths which you have sent, but when it is in my hand I shall properly utilize it as directed by you.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

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

70-4-22

Los Angeles
12th April, 1970

My Dear Shyamsundar,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 9th April, 1970, with enclosure of George's introduction to KṚṢṆA. Please convey my thanks to him.

Regarding your staying in George's place, the first consideration is that in our temple there is no ample accommodation for all the Grihasthas. In that sense your staying in George's place with family is welcome, but your separation from the Society's activities is not very favorable. Either you should create another center in George's place or you should find out some place from where you can regularly join with the activities of our temple.

I think Lilavati and Murari are feeling little perturbed on account of this. They are very much fond of temple activities. I understand that George has got a nice chapel in his house and he is also anxious to develop his Krishna Consciousness, so it is not necessary that he has to become my formal disciple, but in order to develop his Krishna Consciousness, he should give us some opportunities to develop a duplicate temple in Oxon. Our staying in John's Tittenhurst garden was a failure because John wanted to utilize the labor of our men without giving us proper facilities for developing the temple.

Regarding how George may continue his meditation, that meditation may be done by keeping one picture of Krishna, keeping his mind concentrated on the picture of Krishna and softly chanting the Hare Krishna Mahamantra as long as he likes. That will complete both his meditation and Krishna Consciousness perfectly according to the last verse of the sixth chapter of Bhagavad Gita which says, "And of all yogis, he always abides in Me

with great faith, worshipping Me in transcendental loving service, is most intimately united with Me in Yoga, and is the highest of all.”

But I do not know whether he is following the four regulative principles. That will help him very rapidly. So for the time being you remain as you are and you also do the same thing, and if possible as suggested by you, Murari and Lilavati can open a center in Oxford. Oxford is a good place for our Krishna Consciousness movement. Formerly when I was there, we saw an old church for the purpose of purchasing it. I think Mukunda had some correspondence about it.

Besides that, what are you going to do about Ratha Yatra? Both you and Murari are good carpenters. So I shall be glad to learn what is your program about Ratha Yatra.

Regarding your need of engagement, then you have to join Samkirtan Party. Your aptitude is to be engaged in constructing something for Kṛṣṇa. The best thing will be to engage yourself in carving Lord Caitanya's statues. That will be good engagement for you even in George's house.

Is it not possible to have a small temple in George's house so you can engage in temple worship? That is necessary. If there is a small temple there, then you and your wife and others can be nicely engaged. I think George does not require to become my formal disciple because he is already more than my disciple. He has sympathy for my movement and I have all blessings for him. He can easily spare that chapel for developing it into a nice Krishna Consciousness temple. We do not want any proprietorship right, but we want simply to utilize the nice place into a nice temple.

Our men will take charge of maintaining the temple, so what is the objection about his sparing this nice place for turn-

ing into Krishna temple. My idea is that you six boys and girls who have gone there remain there and help George as far as possible, but you maintain a regular temple there so that people may come see an ideal place of worship and surely that will be a great advantage for George and the visitors who come there.

I have received one letter from Munich, the copy of which is enclosed herewith. If George simply spares that chapel to us it will be a great service to the neighboring people and visitors. We shall turn the chapel so nicely that everyone who comes to see will be Krishna conscious person.

Yes, I always think of your little girl, she is so nice. Sometimes I think that I left my home leaving aside all children and grand-children, and Kṛṣṇa is giving another batch to whom I am becoming attached. But this attachment is nice because the center is Kṛṣṇa. I always narrate the story of your daughter when she was dancing on the platform of the law college and she obliged all other law students to imitate her dancing. Anyway, just raise this girl in full Krishna Consciousness and she will be a great preacher when she is young.

During Ratha Yatra ceremony I will suggest that Lord Jagannatha be carried from London to Oxon in Their chariots and in procession and Lord Jagannatha live for 8 days from the 5th to 14th July at the chapel house of George. And for eight days there should be continued festivals which means Kirtan and distribution of Prasadam. During this 8 days time, George should invite all his friends and guests and they should be informed about the necessity of Krishna Consciousness movement. The chapel house should always be nicely decorated with leaves, flowers, and lights; and then after completion of 8 days stay, Lord Jagannatha shall return back in procession to London

temple. I think George can afford to expand for this whole week celebration at his house. That will be practical understanding of Krishna Consciousness. You can suggest this idea to George on my behalf.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

70-4-23

Los Angeles
12th April, 1970

Dear _____,

I thank you very much for your letter . . .

As you have liked to know more about the temple, the worshippers, and the scriptures, I beg to inform you that this Krishna Consciousness movement is based on the Vedic scriptures. Veda means knowledge and there are two kinds of knowledge—one mundane and another transcendental. Vedas are considered to be originally transcendental because they are coming from the platform which existed before the creation. This transcendental knowledge was impregnated in the heart of the first created living being, and then he distributed the knowledge both for material and spiritual purposes.

This Vedic knowledge was stated in the Atharva Veda. Later on, just on the beginning of this millenium, the Kali yuga, Vyasadeva, who is the supreme authority of Vedic knowledge, considering the degraded condition of men in this age, divided the whole Veda into departmental knowledge and some of his disciples were entrusted with a particular type of departmental knowledge. In this way the whole Vedic knowledge developed into four Vedas, 108 Upanisads, 18 Puranas, then summarized in Vedanta Sutra, and then again to benefit the less intelligent class of

men like women, workers, and the degraded descendants of the higher class he made another fifth Veda known as Mahabarata or the great history of India.

The original Bharata and modern India are not the same. The original Bharata means the whole earthly planet. Gradually being sectioned, the modern India is only a fractional part of the original Bharata. So the knowledge is distributed in so many departmental Vedic knowledge, but the whole process is aiming at God-realization.

The living entities within this material world are supposed to be rebellious conditioned souls who disregarded the order of the Supreme Lord, and they lost their spiritual kingdom. It is something like Milton's idea of 'Paradise Lost.' This material world is created, developed, maintained, produces many byproducts, then gradually dwindles, and at last it is dissolved or annihilated. The spirit souls or living beings, are by nature eternal. This condition of life for the living beings are by nature eternal. This condition of life for the living beings, namely to go through repeated births and deaths, is unnatural for him. Therefore the whole Vedic knowledge is devised to regulate the life of the living entities not in the animal form of life, but in the human form of life, so that he can fulfill his material desires, but at the same time he becomes elevated to his original spiritual position. This process of evolution from the lowest aquatic life up to the stago of brahminical culture is delineated in the whole Vedas. This is called knowledge, and when one is liberated from the material contamination, the same knowledge further advanced becomes transcendental knowledge.

This process of elevating oneself from different platforms of understanding to the highest status of life is called religion. According to Sanskrit language, religion is not a kind of faith, but it is a prescribed

form of duties to be discharged by respective human society, ultimately rising to the platform of Krishna Consciousness or God-consciousness. The first class religion is therefore that which teaches human being love of God because religion means to understand one's position in relationship with God. This God-realization also depends on three phases of life. When God-realization is there distinguished from material realization, this is called liberated stage of transcendental enlightenment.

The next stage is to realize God everywhere in His localized aspect, and the highest stage of God-realization is to know Him as the Supreme Person—all powerful, full of all riches, all reputation, all beauty, all wisdom, and all renunciation.

For the further understanding of this religious process I would recommend you to read our three books namely *Sri Isonpanisad*, *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*, and *Easy Journey to Other Planets*. When you have finished them, you can read *Srimad Bhagavatam* and *Teachings of Lord Chaitanya*. Besides these we have many other books and our 'Back to Godhead' magazines, in which we are fully describing about this religion only. So you read them one after another, and whenever there is a question you may write to me and I shall be very glad to answer it as far as possible.

I am so pleased to learn that you are so impressed with our activities and you are so eager to learn about religion. Thank you very much.

70-4-24

Los Angeles
14th April, 1970

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your two letters dated 4th and 7th April, 1970, respec-

tively. So as desired by you, I am enclosing herewith check No. 108/11 for \$2409.00 in favor of ISKCON Press, so please do the needful.

Yesterday I received one newspaper, the Daily Californian, in which the whole correspondence between Dr. Staal and me is published, and they are very interesting. So if we get one small booklet printed under the caption 'Krishna Consciousness Movement is Genuine Vedic Way: a cogent discussion between A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami, Acarya: International Society for Krishna Consciousness, and Dr. J. F. Staal, Professor of Philosophy and South Asian Languages, University of California, Berkeley.' This pamphlet will help us in our propaganda to convince people that we have not manufactured something new in the name of Krishna Consciousness. Anyone who will read this exchange of correspondences will be convinced that we hold authority.

Still in your country people are under the impression that this movement is another edition of the Hippie movement. I think publication of this pamphlet and distributing them very liberally especially amongst educated circles, business men, and foundation authorities will do a great deal of help. You can consider and let me know your decision. I am enclosing one copy of the newspaper printing for your reference herewith.

Regarding the preface to NOD, it will be about 10 to 12 pages double spaced typewriting. On Sunday I have dispatched one reel, tape #31 KRSNA, in which up to point 20 there is KRSNA matter and after that, I think up to point 35, there is the first portion of NOD preface. so you can get it immediately transcribed. The second part of the preface I am sending herewith already transcribed. So you join together these two portions and compose as Preface. You can leave one page for dedication. In my next mail I shall send

the matter of dedication.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-4-25

Los Angeles

14th April, 1970

San Francisco

My Dear Madhudvisa,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you very much for your descriptive letter dated 6th April, 1970, introducing a new chapter in the history of your country—Lord Caitanya's Brithday ceremony publicly demonstrated. Please try to serve the foretelling of Lord Caitanya in this way, and as you write to say that 5,000 people danced without being requested, this is the genuine proof about the authenticity of Krishna Consciousness movement.

My students who are so kindly cooperating with me, if they rigidly stick to the routine work chalked out by me, namely chanting the prescribed rounds, observing the regulative principles, attending temple lectures and going out with Samkirtan Party, then without any fail our movement will go ahead.

I understand from the letter of Bahulasva as well as from your letter that police and public both have appreciated this transcendental procession. The general public of Berkeley had a bitter experience that whenever there was a large gathering like this, inevitably there was political upheaval, protest, and window-breaking, and a general havoc. But this unique procession has convinced them that our men are very nice and they can organize a great crowd without any violence. That is a fact: if people actually want peace and tranquility, they must support this move-

ment wholeheartedly, and we shall execute our prescribed duties very seriously and sincerely. In this way if we are given chance, I am sure we will enact a new chapter in the history of the Western world. Please therefore always pray to Kṛṣṇa to give you strength and protection, and go on with your duty straight forward.

I am so pleased to learn how the crowd gave their attention to your street play. This is transcendental entertainment. And to distribute Prasadam sumptuously to the crowd is strictly in our Vedic tradition. Now the police have given you permission for continuing the program of festivals throughout the summer, so you get this permission positively. That will serve our purpose in many ways. If the people do not put any hindrance to our routine work, surely we will be able to render a great service to the state.

Another thing, whether Locandas can make a nice statue for placing in the sanctuary of this place? If he can, please send him immediately to do it immediately.

It is very encouraging to learn that you are so enthusiastic to sell BTG. I consider sale of BTG so valuable because in the beginning I worked for BTG day and night alone in India. I still remember the hardship for pushing on this BTG. In the beginning, when I was householder, I did not care if somebody paid or not paid; I used to distribute liberally. But when I left my household life and I was living alone sometimes in Vrindavan and sometimes in Delhi or sometimes travelling for pushing on BTG, they were very hard days. Therefore, when BTG will be published not in hundreds of thousands, but in millions, that will give me great solace.

Please offer my blessings to Uttama Sloka and his new wife. He is a very good devotee. May Kṛṣṇa bless them to work together happily for their mutual advancement in Krishna Consciousness. I am so glad to know that your three centers have

so nicely cooperated jointly to celebrate this festival. Please offer my blessings to all the boys and girls there.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-4-26

Los Angeles
14th April, 1970

Paris

My Dear Tamal,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 6th April, 1970, and I am so glad that you are now married with Madri Dasi. Please accept my blessings both of you and be happy and preach Krishna Consciousness.

Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu did not give much importance to the Vedic system of varnasrama which is very important for mundane people because Krishna Consciousness is above everything. So any suitable position in the order of our life is good if it is utilized for Kṛṣṇa's service. You thought that with a wife you will be more enthusiastic, so Kṛṣṇa has given you a nice wife, now you move in the European countries and try to promote centers as many as possible.

Today I received one letter from Yamuna that the Amsterdam people are very much anxious to have a center of Krishna Consciousness movement there as soon as possible. So when you are expected to return back to London? or do you want to remain in Paris for some time?

Recently I have drained out of my book fund \$14,000, so Hansadutta wanted to pay me another \$1,500. If he sends me the

money it will be a great help to my book fund. Another point is that three couples from our London temple are living in George Harrison's place, but is far away from our temple. If they cannot join regularly with the temple activities, then there might be some disturbance within. I learn that Murari and Lilavati are feeling like that. Have you any correspondence recently with London? Or you may have correspondence with Gurudas to adjust these things. As far as possible all the devotees should live together. To live in the association of devotees is a great strength. So you try to adjust things in that way as far as possible so the devotees may live together.

Here in L.A. this new temple is being renovated in so many ways. For me they have allotted a completely separate building consisting of four big rooms up and down, with a newly constructed bathroom. So I am feeling very much comfortable here and the boys are taking care of me more carefully than I require. So I hope you will be happy to know this. Similarly, all the boys are very busily engaged in beautifying the temple room. When you come here, you will appreciate everything. All the devotees, male and female are expected to move into these buildings in about 10 to 12 days.

Brahmananda is taking care of publication, so things appear to be nice everywhere. Damodar came here from Washington, and they have got a nice house there which may be purchased next year. Now your first business is to see Paris center organized very nicely and see the BTG published in French and German languages.

Please offer my blessings to all the boys and girls there. Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-4-27

Los Angeles
15th April, 1970

My Dear Shyamsundar,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 11th April, 1970.

Regarding your further statement in the matter of George's introduction, I think as he is not settled up in his conclusion, he wants to change it, either we should wait for his final decision or it may not be added. For the time being I am holding its publication. In the meantime, I hope you have received my yesterday's letter.

Regarding the presence of God, both the theist and atheist have practical experience in two different ways. They are as follows: The atheist is hypocrite that he says there is no God. There is presence of God both for the theist and atheist. The vivid example of this presence of God both before the theist and atheist simultaneously is Lord Nṛsiṅhadeva. Lord Nṛsiṅhadeva appeared before the atheist Hiranyakasipu as Death and He appeared before Prahlad Maharaj the theist as the Benedictor of Blessing.

So God has two features of appearance—to the atheist He appears as Death and to the devotee-theist He appears as the Supreme Beloved. The hypocrite atheist says that he does not believe in God, but he cannot say that he does not believe in death. Our definition of God is that He is great. That the atheist does not believe in God means that nobody is greater than him—he is 'God' himself, but he is enforced to believe that Death is greater than him. In other words, Death is the representation of God before the atheist.

The atheist theoretically can deny the presence of God, but the presence of God in form of Death is present before him despite his flouting. You have seen the picture of Lord Nārayana—He has got four

hands, two hands are for the atheist and two hands are for the theist. For the theist-devotee the Lord has the Lotus-flower or blooming peace and prosperity, and the Conch-shell dissipating all inauspicity by its vibration. But for the atheist there is the big Club for hammering on the head of the atheist, or separate the head of the atheist by the sharpened edge of the Disc.

In the Bhagavad Gita the Lord says that He descends in every millenium to give protection to the faithful and to annihilate the miscreants. So God has got always these two features of His authority, namely protection and death.

So the atheist is hypocrite himself when he says that he does not believe in God. He has to believe in God in the form of Death. A criminal hypocritically says that he does not believe in the Government, but a civil citizen abides by the law of the Government. The Government is present therefore both for the criminal and for the law abiding citizen. To the criminal the Government is present as force of law and order, putting the criminal in the prison house and giving the civil citizen all facilities for peaceful life.

So in both the cases how one can say that he has not seen God? Death is Krishna—mṛtyuḥ sarvahas ca aham (B.G. 10:34). "(Also) I am Death who takes away everything." The atheist is liar that he does not see God. God is there for him as Death. But the atheist is so stubborn and obstinate that although he is very fearful of Death who will take away all his arrangements for sense gratification he lies that he does not see Him, and in the end he even attempts to resist Death, but he is killed as easily as anything and there is no doubt about it.

This appearance of God as Death before the atheist is also the kindness of the Lord. Both God's killing and protection are the same because He is Absolute, but His mercy is shown to the atheist by

killing and His mercy is shown to the theist by protecting; so both are seeing God in different features. This is the practical demonstration of the presence of God, it is everyone's practical experience to see Death. There is never any question of the presence of God, only the lying rascal atheist tries to cheat by saying that he does not see God. He tries to cheat others to believe that he is 'God', but he himself cannot deny God when He comes before the atheist in the form of Death.

Regarding the presence of the soul, it is experienced by everyone as the living force or consciousness which gives the body life. So long the living force remains within the body, the life symptoms are exhibited. When at the last stage of a man's life the doctor is feeling the pulse and then the beating stops, he says, "He is gone now." Who is gone? The complete bodily machinery remains, but the living soul has left it and the machinery stops working. It is the soul that has left. The soul was there and its presence is known by the life symptoms and when the soul departs its absence is perceived by the stopping of the exhibition of life symptoms by the body. Just as a machine is working so long the current is introduced into it and as soon as the electricity is removed the machine stops functioning. We know that there is electricity in the machine and that is making the machine run and we also perceive that the electric force is absent when the machine has stopped running. In this way the presence of the soul may be perceived directly by any thoughtful man.

I think these will clarify the points for you.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. I am enclosing herewith the Preface of Kṛṣṇa which will _____ the whole thing.

70-4-28

London

My Dear Gurudas,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 6th April, 1970, and the informations therein are all very encouraging. It appears that under your management everything is going on systematically. So by the grace of Kṛṣṇa both your wife and yourself are endowed with great responsibility. Kindly manage things very intelligently and always feel yourself completely dependent on Kṛṣṇa's protection.

BTG is my life and soul. Please therefore try to distribute BTG as many as it is possible. I started this magazine in 1947 in my householder life. I was spending Rs. 300 to 400 at the time (\$300 to 400 in your exchange), and I was distributing this magazine without any consideration how much I was getting in return. Practically the whole money was spent without any return. Practically the whole money was spent without any return. But ten years after, from 1954 to 1959, the struggle was very hard because at that time I had no money and alone I was editing, publishing, and securing money for publication. So it was a great struggle. My ambition was that I would publish BTG in huge quantity so that people may understand transcendental blessings of Lord Caitanya.

Now, since I have come to your country, I have entrusted the matter to my beloved American boys and girls, and I wish to see that this magazine is published and distributed in the American way like 'Readers Digest', 'Life' etc., published in millions and distributed all over the world. Actually the position of BTG should be more important than any mundane magazine because it contains the quintessence of human necessities.

You can immediately transfer my

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16th April, 1970

maintenance fund to Pico-La Cienega Branch (308), Bank of America, 8501 West Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90035; account No. 3081-61625. (Checking)

So far incense business is concerned, you can do very nicely as they are doing it here. Gargamuni will co-operate fully in this connection, and both Jivananda and Mukunda are very intelligent boys. So do it nicely.

Regarding Sanskrit class, it is very encouraging that Mr. Parikh is helping you in this connection, but the chief aim for learning Sanskrit would be how to pronounce the Sanskrit verses especially in our published books just like you have already chanted the Govinda verses in the record. Similarly all the verses you have to chant combinedly and melodiously along with musical instruments, and it will be a great charm to the people of the world. When we shall lead our World Samkirtan Party at that time if we can demonstrate the chanting of the mantras as they are stated in Isopanisad, Bhagavad Gita, Srimad Bhagavatam, Brahma Samhita, that will be our unique position. Therefore the main aim of this Sanskrit class should be how you can learn this chanting in the proper accent. It is not our aim to become a Sanskrit scholar.

Regarding the three couples staying with George, I think if there is no contemplation of starting a new Radha Kṛṣṇa temple there, simply to take advantage of staying there is no good. Temporarily we may take advantage of it, but as soon as possible the devotees must live together and execute our Krishna Conscious business in right earnest. So I hope you shall altogether consult and do the needful. Not a single moment should be wasted—that is very important thing. We shall not act anything which has no connection directly with Krishna Consciousness business.

Regarding Digvijaya and Pritha, if you

have decided to get them married as fit match, then I have all my blessings and sanction.

When Trivikram comes to this side, my books which I have left in my room may be sent along with him.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
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Los Angeles

16th April, 1970

London

My Dear Yamuna, and Gurudas

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 11th April, 1970.

You were very much anxious to worship Radha Kṛṣṇa Deity and you took one pair from Mataji. At that time I advised you to wait. Now when the pair of Deities were taken by Mataji again and you were little bit sorry, but Kṛṣṇa is so kind upon you that He has come to you again in a better position and now you can engage yourself in His service heart and soul.

Both mongal aratrik and sundar aratrik can be changed according with sunrise and sunset. We are not concerned with the time, but with the sun's movement. Sundar aratrik may be performed one half to one hour after sunset. So the decoration of the temple room and offering Bhoga to the Deities should be done as nicely as possible as it is within our capacity. This is the sign of love. So I am confident of your love for Kṛṣṇa and do everything nicely for His pleasure. Whenever it is necessary you are quite at liberty to ask me for direction.

These classes of Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam as you are now holding must be continued very rigidly. About

holding Sanskrit classes, the special stress should be given to chanting the mantras in our books. I have given specific instructions in this connection to your husband, and if Sanskrit class is to be held, it should be mainly for this purpose. We should simply expend our time for development of Krishna Consciousness. To become a scholar of Sanskrit is not our business. You say that 15 to 40 students are attending. Are they outsiders? My point is anyone who will attend the Sanskrit class must be interested for chanting the mantras (in our books Iso panisad, Bhagavad Gita, Srimad Bhagavatam) and not for any other purpose. And before and after the class there must be Mahamantra chanting.

I am arranging how the Gayatri mantra should be given to the advanced students. You can simply let me know how many of our students are fit for this purpose. Unless one is strictly following the first initiation process and following the regulative principles, one should not be recommended for the Gayatri mantra.

Yes, I agree with your point, unless we have fixed up our preaching work in London very nicely, we should not attempt for going a long distance outside London. Regarding the prospected opening of a temple in Amsterdam very soon, do it, that is my desire. Also, I have already informed Tamal about these things.

It is very encouraging that you are receiving 10 to 30 letters of inquiry and they should be properly replied. Who is doing this work? This is very important business to enlighten so many people when there are so many inquiries. All informative literature should be supplied to them and request them to read our publications especially BTG. One xerox copy of such letter was sent to me by Gurudas and I have replied the same, the copy of which is sent herewith. I think this copy will help you in answering similar other letters.

I have already instructed Gurudas

about the couples staying at George's place. Please see to it.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-4-30

Los Angeles
16th April, 1970

Boston

My Dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 14th April, 1970, along with the transcription of tape #30 KRSNA. Thank you very much.

Regarding permission to marry Man Mohini and Sri Dama, I have sent you one letter dated 11th April which I hope you have received by now. So in that letter I have already informed you that I have written to Sri Dama sanctioning his marriage and offering my blessings. I also enclosed one copy of procedure for the marriage ceremony to be performed by yourself in your temple. If you have still not received the letter and copy, ask Subal to send you one by air post. His instructions for performing the ceremony are personally approved by me.

Please offer my blessings to Srimati Jadurani and to all the other boys and girls there.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. What has happened to the Caitanya Almanac which was to be printed? Brahmananda said it would be a little delayed, but I have not heard anything further is several weeks. Is it still being done? What is the situation?

P.P.S. My Dear Pradyumna, Please accept my blessings. I have just received

KRSNA tape #30. Why are you still putting in 'sannyasin' etc? I have written you that the 'n's should be left off e.g. 'sannyasi,' that is the first case ending should be used.

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70-4-31

Los Angeles
17th April, 1970

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 14th April, 1970, and I am very much encouraged to learn that things are going on there very nicely specifically in the printing department which is now the most important department in our Society.

Regarding George's introduction, it is now definitely decided not to be published. We have already mentioned his contribution in the preface and that is sufficient for the present.

Regarding Devahuti, sometime before I had some discussion with her that she will go to India and help in constructing our temple there. So now we are getting our land there and if she is able to help in this connection, then her going to India will be a great service to Krsna. I understand that she has many American lady friends, and if she approaches them, then we can build at Mayapur a place for retired American ladies to live there peacefully in Krishna Consciousness.

Yes, if the BTG can be published in the States it will be a great facility because we can print every month. So try to get things done very smoothly by mutual arrangement, and that will give me great satisfaction.

In KRSNA chapter #87, on page 4, the last line, it is said, "known as *budbuvasa*, which is manifested by Govinda." I do not know what is this editing. The correct word is *Bhurbhuvarsvar* as it is in the

Gayatri mantra and everybody knows it. This 'budbuvasa' is an extraordinary word, neither it is Sanskrit nor English, so how it has avoided the vigilance of the so many editors? So if none of the editors knew this word, why was it pushed? There should be no such negligences like this, nothing uncertain should be pushed. Now what other discrepancies there may be like this? Or what is the use of such editing? Everything must be done very carefully and attentively.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. Tape will follow

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Los Angeles
17th April, 1970

Toronto

My Dear Jaya Pataka,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 10th April, 1970, and I am glad to learn that you have been provided sufficient funds for your travelling. You should take a long visa and Achyutananda will arrange for that, so you write to him and arrange for it and then go. Don't take the short period visa, it is simply botheration.

Everything should be done in dollars. Indian rupees the government will not allow to come out of the country. Besides that, you make arrangements that you can remain not for some months, but for some years. We have got a great deal of work there. So first make everything clear by correspondence with Achyutananda, and then start.

Looking on women is not an impediment to spiritual progress, but looking on women with a view of sense gratification is detrimental. The actual fact is that attachment for sense gratification is not at

all congenial for spiritual progress. In this country intermingling with women is very easy, and sometimes our mind becomes agitated. Therefore we have to take little precaution and the best precaution is to raise oneself in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. Lord Caitanya said that His mind becomes agitated even by seeing a wooden model. By seeing women, if one's mind is agitated, that is quite natural. If you take the words of Lord Caitanya that His mind is agitated by seeing a wooden model, then what to speak of us by seeing actual women.

The real fact is therefore that we have to check ourself by advancement of Krishna Consciousness. But if it becomes too difficult for us, then one should get himself married and thus check his sex disturbance, and peacefully prosecute Krishna Consciousness. But if one can avoid sex life and the attachment is overturned for Krishna Consciousness, his position is very laudable. So there is no need of becoming hypocritic; better one can get himself married and be peaceful.

To make noise in front of the Deity means talking nonsense or indulging in useless topics of conversation. Chanting of Hare Kṛṣṇa mantra is never prohibited. In the *Nectar of Devotion* you will find all these prohibitions and try to follow them.

Yes, if you live in India it will be better facility that you have some preliminary knowledge of the local language. This was recommended even for big British officers who used to go to India either for business or for political purposes. I was a student in the Scottish Churches College and 90% of our professors were Europeans. All of them learned Bengali just to understand the local language. Although all of them were speaking with us in English, still they could understand Bengali nicely. Achyutananda has already learned Bengali, so I think for preliminary knowledge in Bengali there will be no difficulty for you.

Whatever the Spiritual Master gives in His own hand, it should be accepted immediately as His grace. In the beginning in New York I was cooking myself and was distributing at least one or two chapoties to all my disciples, at that time not less than a dozen. Gradually, Kirtanananda Maharaj took charge of the cooking and learned the art very nicely from me, and he educated all others how to make our present Prasadam. So in the beginning I was cooking, so there is no objection to take from the Spiritual Master. It is a question of love that sometimes I cook, you eat and sometimes you cook, I eat. Our Krishna Consciousness movement is based on complete fellow feeling and love, but there is a word *maryada* which means respect which should always be offered to the Spiritual Master and elderly members.

Yes, Srivas Acarya is incarnation of Narada Muni and Haridas Thakur is incarnation of Lord Brahma, therefore sometimes Haridas Thakur is called Brahma Haridas.

Regarding the Hindu centers in the foreign countries, none of them are bona-fide. There is a similar hodge podge center in London. Actually Hindus and non-Hindus everyone is at the present moment out of touch of the real science of spiritual knowledge. Everyone is going under some religious badge only, so it is very difficult to deal with them unless they are very much serious to understand the science of God. Everyone of the Hindu community in the Western world has got some very good feeling for me because superficially they are seeing that I am spreading Hindu religion, but factually this Krishna Consciousness movement is neither Hindu religion nor any other religion. It is the function of the soul. So even though the Indian Hindus are very much inclined in my favor, so far I have experience it is very difficult to turn

them into pure devotees. The difficulty has become more acute on account of Ramakrishna Mission's preaching that any opinion about religion is alright. But our philosophy is different, we do not accept any opinion which is not advised by Krishna. So unless one is very fortunate, never mind whether he is Hindu or non-Hindu, one cannot take to the Krishna Consciousness movement and accept its bonafide principles.

Regarding the proper dress, Achyutanda has advised Nanda Kumar to embark the plane wearing western clothes but to be sure to disembark wearing a dhoti.

Regarding our books, yes, they are being printed in our press and they will come out very shortly. The books are being written specifically for my students and I am so glad to learn that you read them so carefully. The words are ambrosial because they are not my personal words, they are instructions of my predecessors and I am just trying to administer them to my best knowledge. That is the way of Parampara system. We have nothing to manufacture, but simply carry the message as a faithful peon. That will be effective. One should be very sincere to his Spiritual Master and Kṛṣṇa simultaneously. Then everything comes out successful. That is the verdict of the Vedas and Lord Caitanya.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-4-33

Los Angeles
17th April, 1970

My Dear Balmukundji,

Please accept my greetings. I thank you very much for your letter dated 11th

April, 1970.

The Secretary of Sri R. D. Birla has replied my first letter, and I have also replied that asking him to supply immediately four pairs of Sri Murties, but so far I have not received confirmation. But I received no reply from Jaipouriaji, so I shall wait a few days more for his reply and then I may remind him.

I am very glad that the Kenya Indian friends are sympathetic with our Krishna Consciousness movement, so in future we may be able to take up the charge of the African Temples provided the Hindus or Indians fully co-operate with us. Actually this Krishna Consciousness movement, as you know it very well, is not specifically for any sect. Krishna is not for the Hindus only, He is for everyone, even for the animals.

Hindus generally are not so liberal, but Lord Caitanya is very liberal and he embraces anyone from any corner of the world provided he takes to the service of Krishna. This is a great missionary activities, so I am trying to execute this mission to the best of my capacity and if my Indian brothers, at least those who are outside India, will join with me and act according to my direction which is strictly on the Vedic way, then there will be tremendous success of this movement.

Your goodself are an influential gentleman both in London and Kenya, similarly Sriman Becharbhai G. Patel, and Birlaji etc. are willing to contribute substantially, so why not join together in this Krishna Consciousness movement and construct an unique and imposing KṚṢṆA temple in London, the most important city of the world. If you agree to this proposal, then I am prepared to work personally along with you for this temple construction work.

I am very glad to learn that you have begun to teach Sanskrit pronunciation to

our students. Please see that they can pronounce very nicely the Sanskrit verses in Bhagavad Gita, Srimad Bhagavatam, Isopanisad, and Brahma Samhita, and teach them to chant conjointly as they chant Hare Krishna Mahamantra. In your class, the chanting of Hare Krishna Mantra must be done in the beginning and at the end. That will keep the spirit of the temple.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

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

70-4-34

Los Angeles
17th April, 1970

Tokyo

My Dear Sudama,

Please accept my blessings. I am very much anxious to hear from you about your activities. I sent you one tape record as desired by you and I hope you must have received it. So you please keep me informed about your activities at least once a fortnight.

In the meantime I have received some quotations of Japanese printers, sent by you. One of them is replied as per carbon copy enclosed, and if possible try to see them if they are agreeable.

Please enlighten me by return mail how you are making progress in our movement, how the Japanese people are responding. Naturally I am very much anxious to know that.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

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

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70-4-35

Los Angeles
18th April, 1970

Berkeley

My Dear Bahulasva,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 10th instant, and the information therein is very encouraging.

I understand from your letter that people have been well impressed, so this is a good opportunity for advancing our missionary activities. Actually we are creating the most peaceful persons in the world. Krsna is so nice that anyone who takes to Him becomes the first-class peaceful man. You can know from the example of Arjuna how much peaceful he was. He did not mind to forgo his claim, and he remained non-violent and peaceful. Personally he was not in favor of fighting, and whatever he did was only to satisfy Krsna.

Yes, that is a very nice proposal that you may combinedly San Francisco, Berkeley, and San Jose hold festivals throughout the summer, so do it. Whatever you do by combined consultation is approved by me.

Regarding Paramatma Das, I think he should simply push on with his school work as much as it may be necessary and the remainder of the time he may spend with the devotees in our Krsna Conscious activities. Certainly he is feeling some inconvenience due to the poor association at the karmi school but this is not a permanent situation. In the past many of our devotees like Leelasuka, Kanchanbala, Indira, etc. in New York, Saradia in Boston, some others in Buffalo, and in other places also have finished up their required education in the public schools in spite of continuous feeling of disturbance by the non-devotee students and faculty. So if he finishes up his education in this way remaining under your care at the temple, then the unwanted association will not be

harmful, just see that he is strictly executing his prescribed duties and that will keep him strong in spiritual life.

Please increase the sales of literature. That is our great Samkirtan—Brihat Mridanga. The correspondence with Dr. Staal published in the Daily Californian was very much interesting, so we shall publish it in our BTG.

I am very glad to learn how you are improving the temple with new altar, proper Vyasaṣana, etc. I have already ordered Radha Kṛṣṇa Deities for you, and when they arrive they will be installed.

Please offer my blessings to all the boys and girls there.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. By the by, I understand from Hansadutta's letter that he has advised from Germany to dispatch \$1,500 from Berkeley for credit of my account here. If it is not yet done, please do it.

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70-4-36

Los Angeles
18th April, 1970

Manager

Bank of Baroda

India Exchange Branch

P.O. No. 313

India Exchange Place

Calcutta-1, India

Dear Sir:

Re: My savings account No. 29/12802

Kindly refer to your letter No. SB/34/1759, dated 14th March, 1970, which I have replied duly dated on the 25th March, 1970.

I hope by this time you have received sanction for transferring Rs. 5,000 from my above account to the United Bank of India Ltd., 157/B Dharmatalla Street,

Calcutta 13, for credit of savings account of Sri M. M. De.

Please therefore transfer the account on receipt of this letter.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:db

70-4-37

Los Angeles
18th April, 1970

Hamburg

My Dear Bertl,

Please accept my blessings. I am very much glad to receive your letter because sometimes I was thinking of you. You are a very intelligent boy, so I was impressed by your talking when you were walking with me on the street of Hamburg.

You have got a strong tendency to accept the Buddha philosophy, but you should know it also that if you want to accept Buddha philosophy you should act practically for this purpose. Lord Buddha was the embodiment of renunciation. He was in the princely order, grown up very luxuriantly, and he accepted the order of a mendicant, devoting his whole time to meditation. I meet many people who talk of Buddha philosophy, but their practical life is different.

Our philosophy is that we must apply in practical life what we believe. In this age no other philosophy or process of self-realization will be practical and effective as Krishna Consciousness is. So I would request you to come and live with our devotees in Hamburg and join the Samkirtan Party, try to understand the philosophy, eat with them, sleep with them, talk with them, and chant Hare Krishna. I am sure you will be happy and will be relieved from the present disturbances of your mind.

I would have been glad to ask you to come here, but I do not know whether it is possible for you to come here. But if you live in our temple in Hamburg, I am sure you will be happy.

If you have got any drugs habit you must give it up. The drug habit is killing the soul of the younger generation in the Western world. So if you live with the devotees, you will get strength to give up this bad habit, and if you live separately you will never be cured of your present diseased mental condition.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:db

70-4-38

Los Angeles
18th April, 1970

My Dear Hansadutta,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 12th April, 1970, and the informations are very encouraging. The more you worship the Deity very nicely, all of you will feel very nice and peaceful spiritually. Therefore this point should be very much carefully attended.

Similarly in London Yamuna is also doing nicely, and all the wives of our students should be especially trained up for Deity worship and cooking, and when possible they should go outside on Samkirtan Party with their husbands and others.

I am glad that you have advised Berkeley to send me \$1,500 which I hope I will receive very soon. It will be a great help. Recently I have paid out of my book fund \$11,500 for purchasing the church and \$2,500 for printing *Krishna Consciousness: the Topmost Yōga* book, so \$14,000

has been drained out and it must be filled up as soon as possible. The next big payment for KRSNA will be about \$20,000. Now we have to make brihat mridanga propaganda along with Samkirtan Party. Please organize to translate all our literatures into German language through our expert students. As you have got some rudimentary knowledge in German, try to make it more perfect so that you can see how things are going on.

Regarding Krishnadas's marriage with Heidi, it cannot take place. From hygienic point of view, the boy should be at least five years older than the girl. If the boy is weaker, then then the progeny will be weaker sex or females and the man will get still weaker. So Krishnadas may not be married immediately because he is too young and he can wait even up to five years and become a strong brahmachary. But if a suitable girl is there, not more than 15 to 16 years old or utmost 17 years, he can be married to her. I think he should wait for his marriage.

In the meantime, find out some other boy for Heidi, she should be married immediately. I am glad that she is a good translator, and let her be blessed by translating our literatures.

I have received the letters of Neal, Heidi, and Stephanie, and their beads have arrived today. I have duly chanted their beads and will return them by separate post. At the time of initiation, it is incumbent that the disciple should collect some alms and offer it to the Spiritual Master.

Please offer my blessings to Himavati for her nice engagement, and be happy in advancing Krishna Consciousness.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:db

70-4-39

Los Angeles
18th April, 1970

My Dear Jaya Govinda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 14th instant, and I am very happy to learn how both you and your good wife are determined to be more and more dependent on Kṛṣṇa. That should be your mode of life, and that will advance you to success. Always think of Kṛṣṇa, always hear of Kṛṣṇa and always speak of Kṛṣṇa and nothing else, no idle talkings. Both your wife and yourself are Kṛṣṇa Conscious so you will have good opportunity to be always engaged in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.

For the time being there is no question of going to India, but if we get a good place there and a nice branch there, then I may ask you to go there for some time, but your headquarters will always be in Germany.

Both husband and wife learn how to work on the composer machine because we have to print so many things in German language as we are doing here in English language.

Yes, when you are out of your station you can carry these Deities, but so long you are in Hamburg you will have very little time to arrange separately for worship. When a householder is not in touch with the temple, then he can have separate worship at home.

Regarding printing our literatures in Germany, in your last letter you wrote to say that you could do it there, but if there is no question of your doing it, forget it. Regarding the composing machine, yes, I have heard that Brahmananda is helping you out in this connection.

Regarding jobs for householders, there is no confusion. If your whole time is needed for Samkīrtan Party there is no need of working in a Karmi firm. Actually all our devotees are supposed to be

brahmins. A brahmin's business is to preach the glories of the Lord, to learn the essence of Vedic knowledge—Kṛṣṇa Consciousness—and to teach others of the same knowledge. And for living condition, whatever they get in the form of contribution from others, they can live barely to keep the body and soul together, and the balance spend for Kṛṣṇa.

My Dear Sadanandini, I wanted you to have a very good husband, and I hope you are completely satisfied with Jaya Govinda. Kṛṣṇa has given you a very good husband, so be happy in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.

Hope this will meet you both in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

70-4-40

Los Angeles
19th April, 1970

Sydney

My Dear Bali Mardan,

Please accept my blessings and offer the same to Sriman Upenra. Your informative letter dated 'nil' is encouraging. For the service of Kṛṣṇa you are already in the jail for a few hours, so if possible try to put this movement as cultural instead of religion.

Actually we are presenting the culture of Bhagavad Gita. The Bhagavad Gita is well known all over the world and it is widely read by scholars and philosophers especially. The religionists never read Bhagavad Gita. I have never seen a priest of other religion reading this book, but there are many scholars and philosophers all over the world who read Bhagavad Gita regularly. Even politicians and professional men read Bhagavad Gita, just like

one Dr. Rele in Bombay. He also presented commentary on Bhagavad Gita on the basis of medical science. I heard that Professor Einstein, the greatest scientist, was regularly reading Bhagavad Gita, and later on he became practically God-conscious. By scientific research he appreciated the wonderful cosmic manifestation and as a scientist he admitted that behind this there is a very great brain and that is God.

So practically it is not a religious study and we are presenting Bhagavad Gita as it is. Anyway, you are getting chance to preach amongst the students and that will be very nice program. Kirtananda Maharaj is now moving amongst the students in various schools, colleges, and universities, and getting good response. Many students are already attracted to New Vrindaban and at the weekend there are about 20 to 30 outsiders regularly. So even though the local law is prohibitive, for chanting on the street, you can take advantage of the educational institutions. We are not concerned with any particular place or situation, but we take the opportunity of chanting and speaking wherever it is possible.

I understand that one of our students, Tirthapada Brahmachary, is going to your place.

Regarding book sales, you should always keep several copies of each of our literatures in stock, so if you do not have them you can make arrangements with Gargamuni. Especially you should have a good stock of Isopanisad and Easy Journey, they are selling as easily on the level of BTG.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-4-41

Los Angeles
19th April, 1970

New Vrindaban

My Dear Robert and Karen,

Please accept my blessings. I am very glad that you have come to our Vrindaban retreat and try to remain there for some days. Attend our classes and routine work, and I am sure you will find the place very nice.

The truth within this material world is relative. The Absolute Truth is outside the relative world. Just like when a child is born, he is relative—he is born by his father. Then you go on researching and you will find that his father is also born of his father and so on. In this way if we go on searching out the Absolute Truth, you will find Him, the Supreme Person, not imperson. Just like the child is a person, therefore the agent or the truth which begot the child is taken without any hesitation as a person. Therefore the Absolute Truth cannot be imperson—that is a fact.

Impersonalism is only a solace for the frustrated. When we are frustrated by the relative personalism of this material world, we try to find out, in material way, the opposite number. Just like a patient who is suffering in diseased condition tries to find out something opposite number. So this is a long course, explanation, but actually impersonalism cannot give us the answer to our eternal search after peace. So far we are convinced from the Vedic literatures, God is a Person exactly like you are a person, I am a person, but His personality is very great, full with six opulences, and none of the living entities beginning from the highest like Lord Brahma down to the ant, nobody can be on the equal level with God. These things are all explained in our books, and I would request you to read these books especially the recently published Isopanisad.

There are many impersonalists within

our experience who renounced this world to merge into the impersonal existence, but being baffled there they come down again to the material world to find out engagement as altruist, philanthropist, communist, etc.. So there is no stand on impersonalism, but there is steady stand in Bhakti cult because in this cult God is there, the devotee is there and the devotional service activities are there, and when they are joined together that makes us able to stand on the Absolute platform.

The physical activities in Vrindaban are not material activities. Just like Arjuna, in the beginning he declined to fight, and Krishna apparently induced him to fight. But does it mean that Arjuna after understanding Bhagavad Gita became a violent fighter? If that is the result of understanding Bhagavad Gita, then no gentleman would read it ever. Therefore the real thing is that in Bhakti cult the activities appear to be like those of the Karmis, but actually they are all devotional service. In New Vrindaban everyone is engaged in Krishna's service, they have no interest in material activities, but they are always ready to act anything for Krishna's sake.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-4-42

Los Angeles
20th April, 1970

Boston

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 18th, April, 1970, with copies of printing.

KRSNA, the Reservoir of Pleasure and Other Essays is so much attractive I think this book will be sold like hot-cakes. I am very much satisfied with this printing work. Although some of the pictures are

not on the perfectional stage, on the whole it is done very nicely. I understand that you are going to print further 50,000 copies of this book from another printer. I think this book will be sold by hundreds of thousands. Anyway all the samples that you have sent are all satisfactory.

I have no objection if *KRSNA* book is made to the 6 1/2 x 9 1/2 size, but a picture book as suggested by the Japanese people looks nice in a little larger size. So I have no objection to any size, which ever size you think will be nice for the market you can do in your choice. The blown up page of NOD looks very nice, so you continue this process in the matter of NOD.

Now as there is some demand for our books, you over flood the market with big and small books as many as possible. Here in this temple last night they sold six copies of TLC. Now the elderly people are coming to purchase our books. I understand also that you are getting good many orders. The sample BTG issue is also very attractive. So manage things to the best of your capacity and Krsna will bless you all and give the proper intelligence also.

The cover picture of the book *KRSNA, the Reservoir of Pleasure and Other Essays* is so attractive That it bears the meaning of Attractive, Krsna. Thank you very much.

I hope you have received by this time my cheque for \$2409, and I understand from Gargamuni that you are going to send me a counter cheque for \$5000.

This ISKCON Press insignia is very appropriately drawn. It bears the real meaning of mridanga or press and mridanga are two parallel lines.

The one Japanese printer has quoted for 10,000 copies of books, at a cost of less than \$9,000, so why not print our First Canto Bhagavatam from there? I have asked them if they would give free delivery to our ports at that price, so if

they agree, I think the First Canto Bhagavatam may be printed there.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. There are some editorial mistakes in the blueprint of The Topmost yoga. I am giving herewith a note Pradyumna. Please send my Bengali small prayer book.

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70-4-43

Los Angeles
20th April, 1970

Washington, D.C.

My Dear Madhusudan,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated 14th April, 1970, and the check for \$15 which I have received with great pleasure.

I am very glad that you are appreciating the transcendental benefit out of Krishna Consciousness Movement. Actually this is the prime benediction for human society. My Guru Maharaj used to say that there is no scarcity of anything within this world, the only scarcity is people are not aware of Krishna Consciousness. The whole world is suffering for want of this great benediction. Therefore by the grace of Lord Caitanya if we have understood the value of this movement it will mean a great lot as it is stated in the Bhagavad Gita that even a little performance of Krishna Consciousness activity will save the human society from the greatest danger of life.

I am very glad to know that you are trying to understand this philosophy, now combinedly, husband and wife, preach it all over the world, at least in your great country.

My Dear Kanchanbala,

It is so much pleasing to me that you are so carefully reading Srimad Bhagavatam. We have discussed many things in that book—social, political, religious, cultural—and if you young boys and girls understand them properly, I am sure your preaching work will bring in a great change in the entire human society.

I am very glad also to know that you are engaged as Pujari there. Try to learn this art of Arcan very nicely. You can consult in this connection Himavati, Yamuna and also Sheelavati. I wish that all our girl devotees be expert in the matter of Arcan and cooking. The temple and altar should always be very clean and decorated with flowers and incense. We shall touch the Deity altar and Deity in very clean condition, after taking bath and washing mouth nicely. Practice washing hands after eating and wash with soap and water after toilet. Cleanliness is next to Godliness, so this point should be very carefully observed, then you will advance very quickly to the perfectional stage of Krishna Consciousness.

Regarding you preaching work in the schools, colleges, and universities, try to attract the students, they are our great future hope and they will take up this matter very quickly because the students are not very much contaminated.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:db

70-4-44

Los Angeles
28th April, 1970

Boston

My Dear Pradyumna,

Please accept my blessings. I have just received the blueprint copy of *KRSNA*,

the Reservoir of Pleasure and I have begun to read it through. But I notice that there are some points you should correct before the final printing. I have already noted you the injunction that you should change the *pretipadika artha* to first case ending instead. *Sannyasin* should be printed *Sannyasi*, etc. So please correct these.

Another point is that there are some errors in the English also. On page 2 it should read . . . decided to kill his sister, Devaki.' but it has become sisters, plural. Then, what does it mean?: 'The Lord's compromise was that He had Vasudeva propose . . .'. This does not seem to be very clear or at least it is very awkward expression. So please see that the editors make a very careful final proof reading before printing the final copies.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:db

70-4-45

Los Angeles

21st April, 1970

Montreal

My Dear Gopal Krishna,

Please accept my blessings. Thank you very much for your letter dated 16th April, 1970, with an enclosed cheque for \$15 on the temple account in India, Mayapur. Thank you very much for your first contribution.

I am very glad to learn that you are doing spiritual activities very nicely and you are always alert to see whether you are committing some offense. This is a very nice attitude. In rendering service to Lord Kṛṣṇa and His representative the Spiritual Master, we should always maintain this fearful attitude which means careful attention. This attitude will advance you progressively in Krishna Consciousness.

Regarding the French edition BTG, your attempt is coming to be successful and the present copy looks very nice. Regarding Sanskrit, you can learn it in your leisure time. For Indians it is not difficult to learn Sanskrit.

So, whether you have decided to marry in this country or in India? I think you can marry some girl in the Western country who is in Krishna Consciousness, but if you want to marry in the presence of your parents in India, that is a different thing. In our Society there are many nice girls, so if you decide to marry here, then I can ask somebody to correspond with you. What is your age at present?

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:db

70-4-46

Los Angeles

21st April, 1970

London

My Dear Gurudas,

Please accept my blessings. I have just made arrangements for marble Deities to be made for our centers. They will be manufactured just to the standard of our London Deities. I have opened negotiations with one Jaipur Murti maker, and in this connection he has requested a photograph accurate for his manufacturing purpose.

So please send a full size photograph without any dress up to:

Sri Surajnarain Natha

Mool Chand Ram Chand Natha

Marble Quarries, Factory Owners and Contractors

Khazanewalon Ka Rasta

Jaipur-1, (Rajasthan)

India

Please take this photograph of the Deities

without Their cloths on and send it immediately by air mail to the manufacturers. Please treat this matter as urgent. Thank you very much.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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P.S. You can send the negatives and one print here to me also.

70-4-47

Los Angeles
21st April, 1970

Boston

My Dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 17th instant.

I am glad to know that you are about to enlarge your altar and throne to accommodate the new Deities. However, you should not put the Vyasa-sana in the rear as they are doing in L.A. L.A. has got a different arrangement, than you have got in Boston temple. So you can put the Vyasa-sana along the side of the Temple room and that will be nice. I also think that you cannot make the same arrangement as L.A. for separate doors for each of the three altars, so simply expand your present altars to fit the new Deities. on the basis of the old style.

Regarding organization of the artists, there is no need of wasting time for learning the art from study of texts. We should always remember that our time is very short. I think our artists should be satisfied with whatever they have learned already, that is sufficient. They should be simply be engaged in painting pictures always, and that will teach them the art sufficiently.

In the beginning I was seriously corresponding with Indian friends to get some good mridanga players, but when I found it too difficult to get a man from In-

dia some of my students were given the rudimentary lessons in playing and simply by practice they are pulling on Samkirtan Party everywhere. My Guru Maharaj used to say that in a foreign land where you cannot speak the language with the natives very nicely, what do you do when there is a fire in your house just to get their help? In such emergency one has to express himself somehow or other to his foreign friends and get their help to extinguish the fire. But if he wants to learn the language first and then talk with the foreign friends to get help, then everything in the meantime would be finished. Similarly if we have to learn and then paint, it will be a long term affair. But immediately we want so many pictures for all of our books, so all the artists may always be engaged in painting works and that painting itself will gradually teach them how to make things nice.

Regarding how the art department should be organized, that is to be managed amongst themselves. I do not know the technical details, I want only that they may be always engaged Now it is up to them how to manage these things. As you have suggested, you may make any suitable arrangement and that is approved by me however you make it fit. The only thing is the artists must be always engaged fulltime in their painting work.

You may inform Devahuti and the others that I am always satisfied with their work. I am satisfied only to see that everyone of us is always engaged in his respective duties. As the teacher wants to see that the students are engaged in their handwriting work. Who is writing good hand, that is a secondary question. The teacher's duty is to see that everyone is engaged in handwriting work. So if all the artists are always engaged in painting, that will satisfy me, and that will gradually make them experienced for making good paintings.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-4-48

Los Angeles

21st April, 1970

Tokyo

My Dear Sudama,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your nice letter dated 15th April, 1970, and noted the contents with great satisfaction. Today I have received the copy of BTG sent by you. Thank you very much. I have also seen the pictures and I can guess from these pictures that your activities are going very nicely. You have done good by sending duplicate copies to Brahmananda for publishing in BTG.

So from your account and pictures also, the program of the 29th appears to have been very nicely executed. I am so very glad to learn that you have some boys coming regularly and two of them are now living with you. Get some Japanese disciples and then you will feel stronger in preaching work.

Regarding your temple house, gradually as you work, as you are presently doing, the Japanese center will be another Dvarka undoubtedly.

You should keep your aim for publishing Japanese BTG. That is the immediate need of your studying Japanese language, and that is immediate task. If the Japanese boy can translate it and you can see the final reading, that will be nice.

I am always glad to know that you are faithful in the matter of discharging the prescribed duties of devotional service like regularly chanting your prescribed rounds. This simple program will keep you fit in spiritual strength, and such

regular chanting is your foot hold in Krishna Consciousness.

Regarding your Government grant of missionary visas, it is very good news. Also the leaders in L.A. have already purchased their own temple at the above address.

Please offer my blessings to your good wife, Cintamani, Bhurijana, and all the other girls and boys there.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-4-49

Los Angeles

22nd April, 1970

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. Regarding the *Topmost Yoga*, in the blueprint there are many mistakes. I am pointing out some of them as follows:

Page 2 “. . . decided to kill his sister.” not sisters, because only Devaki was there.

“The Lord’s compromise was that He had Vasudeva propose to the brother-in-law. . .” This sentence is obscure. The actual fact is Vasudeva made a compromise and said to his brother-in-law, “such and such”.

Then everywhere there is yogins, go-svamins, sannyasins, etc. in many places. The “n” is not required—that I have already informed Pradyumna.

On page 17 there is a word “enfuriated”; this is a spelling mistake, it should be “infuriated”.

Then on page 48: “on the bank of the Ganges near Didbee”. This is not “Did-bee”, it is “Delhi”.

On page 49 there are so many "goscavams," but there should be no "N".

In this way I have read the book sporadically, not very minutely. I think it should be gone through once more very carefully and all the mistakes that are still existing there should be corrected. If the books are printed with spelling mistakes and other mistakes, that will be a discredit for our publication. So please see that editorial work is done very nicely.

Have you got any information of the Prahlad pictures? *Puruṣottam got them here last year when I was living at Hayworth Avenue. I thought that the pictures were left here, but Dayananda has no information and nobody can tell where they are. So if you can say if it was returned to New York again, where is it now?

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

*I want to publish our book on Prahlad Maharaj with these pictures. ACB

70-4-50

Los Angeles
22nd April, 1970

Tokyo

My Dear Sriman Minoru and Kenji,

Please accept my blessings. This is the first time I am addressing to some of my Japanese friends and admirers and I am so glad to receive your nice letters. Sriman Sudama Das Adhikary has gone to your country carrying the message of Bhagavad Gita and I am so glad to learn that you two boys are co-operating with him in this great mission.

I am very glad to learn also that you are feeling joy while chanting the mantra Hare Krishna. Yes, it is exactly like this. If anyone chants this mantra in good faith

and in simple understanding, then surely this transcendental vibration will act immediately in spiritual bliss. Please therefore continue to chant this mantra as many times as possible throughout the day and night. I do not think there is any inconvenience or loss on your part if you do so all the time. Even when you are walking, you can softly chant Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, or even when you are on the bus going to somewhere you can also chant. When you are working with your hands you can also chant and when you are resting or going to take rest you can also chant. Even in your toilet room while taking bath you can also chant. In this way there is no limitation or restriction for chanting this Holy Name of God, Krishna, and His Energy, Hara. In doing this business there is no loss, but there is very great gain which is transcendental realization.

At the present moment everyone of us is in gross misunderstanding of bodily consciousness and this situation is also present in the animal kingdom. The four necessities of bodily concept of life; namely eating, sleeping, mating and defending, are common in the human form of body or animal form of body. In the human form of body we get a chance for our self-realization and we should utilize this opportunity very seriously.

There are many things to be described in this connection and most of them you will find in our many books already published, but this Krishna Consciousness movement is a great benediction for the human society without any discrimination between man to man. At the present moment, the human society is split up by different material interests, but if they try to understand this Krishna Consciousness movement with a little seriousness, many of our artificial problems will be solved.

The Hare Krishna movement is so potential that it can do more than what is

attempted by the United Nations organization. So I shall request you to cooperate with Sudama and try to push on this movement in your country and everyone will appreciate if we present things a little carefully, although it is very simple. The program is already being executed under the supervision of Sudama and your valued co-operation will encourage him very much.

Whenever you feel any difficulty to understand our philosophy you may inquire from Sudama, and if there is still difficulty you are welcome to send your inquiries to me and I shall be very much pleased to satisfy you.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
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70-4-51

Los Angeles
22nd April, 1970

Sydney

My Dear Upendra,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you very much for your letter dated 20th April, 1970, with newspaper clippings enclosures, and they are all very encouraging.

Don't worry about your wife, she is trying to get immigration visa and Madhud-visa is helping her. In the meantime, I am enclosing herewith a copy of the police officer's letter to me and I hope this will help you to get police permission for Samkirtan.

We are the best peaceful group in the world and we are trying to bestow upon the people the supermost knowledge for the humanity. Everyone should cooperate with us, but unfortunately this is the age of Kali and people are not very much eager to accept genuine things, so don't be dis-

appointed. Do as you are doing now and Krsna will help you without fail. To face difficulty in the course of preaching work is a kind of austerity. These difficulties do not go in vain. The more we face difficulties, the more we draw the attention to Krsna. So in that way we shall be prepared to meet all kinds of difficulties in our preaching work. Such attempt gives us a lift on our progressive march in Krishna Consciousness.

In my last letter to Bali Mardan I have already written that I was very much anxious to hear from you. Now this letter has given me much relief. Thank you very much that you are working so hard for this movement, and surely Krsna will reward sufficiently for your transcendental labor. Be blessed and preach.

I shall send you very soon detailed photographs of our new temple room and I think you will very much appreciate it.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bahktivedanta Swami
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70-4-52

Los Angeles
23rd April, 1970

Bombay

My Dear Sri Birlaji,

Please accept my greetings and blessings of Lord Krishna. I thank you very much for your kind letter dated 17th April, 1970. You have rightly pointed out that people are becoming more materialistic in this age on account of their forgetfulness of Krishna Consciousness.

Actually there is nothing like materialism. Materialism means forgetfulness of Krishna or God. We are preaching therefore Krishna Consciousness. In the Srimad Bhagavatam it is said that the first-class religion is that which teaches love of

Godhead. At the present moment, one professes a type of religion, but does not develop real purpose of religion, namely love of Godhead—that is materialism.

Materialism does not mean that one has to possess so many things, the actual fact is one may be a perfect transcendentalist of spiritual man by possessing the whole world, and one may be a gross materialist without possessing a farthing. So this distinction can be made on the basis of consciousness. When one is Krishna Conscious, possessing everything in the world, he is perfect spiritualist, and one may have renounced everything in the world, but lacking in Krishna Consciousness he is a gross materialist. In my recent publication of *Isopanisad* I have tried to explain this fact on Vedic authorities, and I am sending by separate Air Parcel one copy of *Isopanisad* and I hope you will read this book conveniently with interest.

Regarding London temple, I can appreciate very much that your goodness is anxious to have an imposing temple in London, so in my next opportunity I shall take up this matter more seriously and I shall let you know in due course.

Regarding the two pairs of marble murties, I do not know where you have ordered them. I hope you must have ordered them from Jaipur because in that city there are many good artisans for manufacturing such murties. But kindly see that the facial expressions be as nice as the bust I have sent you of our London Deities.

In this connection, I may inform you that I have some correspondence with a Jaipur marble dealer, and they have agreed to supply the murties less 20% off their catalogue price. Their catalogue price for 40 inches high marble murties is Rs. 2300 per pair, and they have agreed to give us 20% discount, so I am sending a copy of the letter. If you think it is favorable, you can do the needful.

I am very glad to know that you have

sent some copies of *Bhagavad Gita* in Hindi and English, and I shall see to it as soon as they are received here.

With my best wishes, I beg to remain
Yours in the service of the Lord,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-4-53

Los Angeles
24th April, 1970

Friar Park, England

My Dear Shyamsundar,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 20th April, 1970.

Regarding George's foreword, you write to say that certainly there will be no more changes. Do you mean that the changes which you have already suggested in your letter dated 11th April with quotation from Swami Vivekananda are to be added? We cannot add any quotation from Swami Vivekananda. In your letter of April 11th you have asked me to insert "What right has a man to say he has a soul if he does not feel it, or that there is a God if he does not see Him?" Do you mean I have to put in my *KRSNA* book all this nonsense quotation? This man (Vivekananda) has no understanding either of soul or of God and still he has posed himself as a Swami to mislead so many innocent persons.

Understanding of the existence of soul is the beginning of teachings of *Bhagavad Gita*. If one has no understanding of the soul and God, he is no better than an animal because animals cannot have any idea of the soul or God. So how can I add these nonsense quotations?

George's foreword as it was originally sent can be published with little editorial changes, but in no case can the quotation from Swami Vivekananda be placed in my book. You have already admitted in your

letter dated 11th April that it hurts you to see this change, quoting a rascal like Vivekananda, so please let me know clearly what you want me to do. If you think that George's foreword will help the selling of the books, then it may be published as it was originally sent.

I am glad to learn that George is chanting now Hare Krishna with you, and that will make him advanced. You write to say that George is still not convinced that there is not something beyond the form or body of Krishna. He is thinking that beyond Krishna there is an unmanifest God. These are all vague questions. I think by unmanifest God he means impersonal Brahman. This is quite natural for persons who try to understand God by their own endeavor.

God cannot be understood by such ascending process of speculation. You can give a common example how God cannot be understood by ascending process/ Take for example that there was one Mr. John who was the great-grand-father of the great grandfather of George. So if George wants to know about this Mr. John, his forefather, is it possible for him to know about Mr. John by speculation? He has to know about Mr. John by family history spoken by his father or grandfather. Similarly, God is the Supreme Father, so if anyone wants to know about God, he must try to understand Him through the history of creation. This is called *Parampara* system. This Bhagavad Gita is spoken by God Himself, and that is the best source of knowing about God. He cannot be known by our limited exercise of the senses. The difficulty of understanding God as person is that as soon as there is conception of person we think of God as a person like us. Therefore, in the Vedas, the personality of God is described in different ways which are distinct from our personalities.

The Veda says that God has no legs or

hands, but still He accepts all the sacrificial offerings. He has no eyes, but He can see everywhere—past, present, and future. He has no ears, and still He hears everything that you are talking. He knows every nook and corner, but nobody knows Him, what He is. He has nothing to do, and nobody is equal to or greater than Him. He has got immense potencies and therefore everything in His creation is performed as perfectly as anything. In the Bhagavad Gita also there are many statements confirming the above Vedic descriptions. So when Vedas say that He has no hands and legs, He has no eyes, He has no ears, but still He can accept our sacrificial offerings and He can see everything, these statements clearly indicate that God has hands and legs, but they are not exactly like ours. In the Bhagavad Gita you will find that Krishna says "I am sitting in everyone's heart, and from Me one remembers, forgets, speculates, and so on."

His name is Hrisikesa which means the Master of All Senses. We are exercising our senses, therefore, according to His direction. In that sense, if every living entity is working under His direction, then all the legs and hands which are existing all over his creation are His legs and hands. We are simply instrumental. When the Veda says that He has nothing to do, it means that He has so many hands and legs that personally He has nothing to do. It is not very difficult to understand that a big business man is sitting in his room and thousands of workers are engaged in different activities under his direction. So practically the business man's brain is working, but when we see the business man alone in the room we see that he is not working. So we have to understand God from authoritative sources by spiritual education by being trained under the experienced guidance of a self-realized personality, otherwise how we can understand such

vast subject matter delineating about God?

So George's question that there is something beyond Krishna is answered by Krishna in the Bhagavad Gita that there is nothing superior beyond Himself. Krishna is the original Cause of all causes. This is the fact. If He wants to know the subject matter clearly, then he should be prepared to receive the knowledge from the right source, and if he wants to consult such persons who have no knowledge of the soul or God, then how can he learn about the transcendental subject matter? If he is serious to know about these things, then he must know it from the proper channel. You cannot learn music from a carpenter. If you want to learn music, then you have to approach an expert musician. So how he can learn about God from persons like Vivekananda who had no preliminary knowledge of the soul, even? So best thing is if he is serious to know about God, tell him to begin reading Vedic literatures, and we have published our *Isopanisad*. Let him seriously read this book and whenever he has to question, he can ask from us, but he should always remember that he should try to know about God from a person who is in touch with God, not from a speculator.

You have asked me to disclose my dream about John, so I beg to state the incidence as follows. I dreamt that John took me in a place at Calcutta and he was showing me a house, a big palatial building, which formerly belonged to a very rich man, and he was a famous musician also. I think therefore that John was previously that man to whom that house belonged, and now he has taken birth in England. It is quite possible that he has inherited his past musical talent, and because that man was very liberal and charitable, so he has acquired some wealth also, and now in this life if he prop-

erly utilizes his talent and wealth for Krishna, then surely he will achieve the highest perfection of his life.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-4-54

Los Angeles
25th April, 1970

My Dear Jagadisha,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 20th April, 1970, along with a Canadian money order for \$278, and thank you very much for this.

I am very glad to know that your Maha-samkirtans with coordination of Buffalo are so successful. Please continue this program as you have suggested and surely Krishna will see that your more vigorous efforts to spread His movement are successful more and more.

Regarding Brijbasi posters, just take out pictures portraying Krishna with cows, with Gopis—just Krishna pictures, no pictures of demi-gods. Those pictures are alright.

Regarding your questions about how and from where did the conditioned souls fall, your first question if someone has a relationship with Lord Kṛṣṇa on Kṛṣṇaloka, does he ever fall down? The souls are endowed with minute independence as part of their nature and this minute independence may be utilized rightly or wrongly at any time, so there is always the chance of falling down by misuse of one's independence. But those who are firmly fixed up in devotional service to Kṛṣṇa are making proper use of their independence and so they do not fall down.

Regarding your second question, have the conditioned souls ever seen Kṛṣṇa?

were they with the Lord before being conditioned by the desire to lord it over material nature? Yes, the conditioned souls are parts and parcels of the Lord and thus they were with Kṛṣṇa before being conditioned. Just as the child must have seen his father because the father places the child in the womb of the mother, similarly each soul has seen Kṛṣṇa or the Supreme Father. But at that time the conditioned souls are resting in the condition called *susupti* which is exactly deep sleep without dream, or anesthetized state, therefore they do not remember being with Kṛṣṇa when they wake up in the material world and become engaged in material affairs. I hope this will satisfy your questions.

Please offer my blessings to your good wife, Laxmimoni, and to all the other girls and boys there.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedant Swami

70-4-55

Los Angeles
25th April, 1970

Tokyo

My Dear Sudama,

Please accept my blessings. Regarding Tosho Printing Company, what has happened?—it is very urgent.

I have not as yet received any reply whether these people are agreeable. I want to settle up this thing, so let me know definitely about their decision taken from them in writing. If our regular printing is done there, whether you will be able to supervise it? Either yourself or Bhurijana Prabhu, if you take this responsibility, it will be a great help. If you so desire, Brahmananda can also go there for some time to train you how to do this press management.

So kindly reply this letter. I am very

much anxious to hear from you.

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

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P.S. Try to introduce Japanese B.T.G. as soon as possible.

70-4-56

Los Angeles
26th April, 1970

Hamburg

My Dear Himavati,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated sometime April, and I am so glad to learn that you are making advance in Krishna Consciousness as it is scheduled. It appears that you are on the attachment platform, this is very good. The next platform is ecstasy, and then pure love of God. So stick to your duties at the present moment, and when it is convenient you can go with the Samkirtan Party, but never neglect the *Arcan* regulation at any cost. If you have no time, you are not required to go with the Samkirtan Party. Your first business is to take care of the Deities. Practically you see that everyone is appreciating your Deity worship and Srimati Radharani is smiling, so it is a great credit for you, so continue this engagement.

Regarding going together with Hansadutta on Samkirtan Party, no, there is no need of specifically helping Hansadutta because you are now engaged in direct service to the Lord, and it must be understood that this service is your specific duty.

I do not think you require a child for the purpose of example. You had one child, and by the desire of Kṛṣṇa the child did not stay. Now you can forget of any child. Just do the present service with great care and affection, that will be your best service to Kṛṣṇa. Better to accept Kṛṣṇa as your child, and He will never

leave you like material child, He will stay with you for ever.

For raising children in Krsna Consciousness, you will get many opportunities to do so. When I was householder, I was just taking care of one or two children, but after retiring from my household life Krsna has given me chance to raise so many nice children for raising them to Krsna Consciousness. So instead of desiring to raise a bodily child to Krsna Consciousness, if you stick to this service, Krsna will give you many children for that purpose.

I am so glad to hear of Hansadutta's determination to become Krsna Conscious. The determination is difficult, Krsna Consciousness is not difficult—Krsna Consciousness is natural. One knows how to love another, so instead of loving so many others, one can very easily take to the business of loving Krsna—this is determination. That much is required, otherwise Krsna Consciousness is not difficult.

Regarding your question, a sinful person, never mind what kind of sinful man is he, is taken in subtle body to the place of Yamaraj, and there he is trained up in a particular type of suffering. As soon as he is trained up, he is given a particular body by which he can endure such sufferings.

You write to say that you look forward to that day when sense gratification will become simply insignificant, and yes that is the stage of pure Krsna Consciousness when our only desire is to be serving Krsna with no personal considerations whatsoever.

You want to do whatever is necessary for spreading this Krsna Consciousness Movement, so that desire will help you, and you will be able to serve my cause surely.

You ask how is it possible to actually become Krsna's servant; yes, it will be possible. Go on with your engagement,

and it will be possible. Patiently go on.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

My Dear Hansadutta,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 22nd April, 1970. Til now I have received none of the amounts mentioned by you. So far Berkeley amount is concerned, I understand that they are going to purchase a house, so it will be utilized for that purpose. So far the other amount, I have not yet received any intimation from the bank.

I thank you very much for your kind appreciation of my humble activities, and you always pray to Krsna that the remaining days of my life may be thus engaged in executing the orders of my Spiritual Master. So far you are concerned, I request all my spiritual sons and daughters to help me in this great adventure, and if you all help me, I am sure I shall be successful.

Now our next program will be to lead a Samkirtan Party round over the world. It is already advertized in India from mouth to mouth that I am coming there next year with forty disciples. So I think we must keep this program in the beginning of our next year. There is already invitation in Africa. One party may go from London via other countries to Bombay, and another party may go from here via Japan to Calcutta, and then they will meet together.

We have been offered a very nice place in central India. I am negotiating with the proprietor of this place, and if by Krsna's grace we get this central place in India, then from this center you can go to any extremity of Indian boundary and it is the same distance of about 1000 miles.

All my best students are now in Europe, in pairs. Yourself, Mukunda, Jaya

Govinda, Shyamsundar, Gurudas, Tamal, etc., you are all advanced and selected, now your program will be to recruit many sincere souls from European countries, and open branches. Your desire for opening a center in Copenhagen may be suspended for the time being unless we recruit some members from Europe because all the best students have already gone there, so it will be difficult to send men from America at the present moment. In America also we have to open so many branches, so I think you should not expect any more members from America for organizing European centers.

Now you should recruit men for our purpose from Europe as many as possible, in France, Germany, England, etc. All of you do everything conjointly, and at the same time try to organize the World Samkirtan Party. Always be in touch with Tamal, Mukunda, Woomapati, Shyamsundar, etc., and perform Ratha Yatra ceremony in London very gorgeously this year because all of you are there.

Woomapati has already selected the French girl, Ilavati, as his wife, so I am sanctioning this marriage because it will be help for the French language work. So for Haripriya Dasi Krsna will give very soon a nice husband. Best thing will be for her a German husband who can help us in our German language work.

It is very encouraging that you are selling an average of 180 BTGs per day, and just try to increase as much as possible. Regarding what to do about local authorities checking your Samkirtan activities in the streets, just show to the police officer how peaceful we are. They should give us help to encourage such peaceful activities. We should not take any action in angry mood. Lord Caitanya has advised to become more humble than the grass and more tolerant than the tree, and be ready to offer all respects to others while not caring to accept any respects for oneself.

As far as possible we will try to follow this principle, and Krsna will help us in all respects.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-4-57

Los Angeles
26th April, 1970

Paris

My Dear Woomapati,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letters dated 14th and 21st April, 1970, respectively, and I am very glad to receive good news that your Krishna work is going on nicely.

You have selected your bride, Ilavati, who I think is a French girl, so I think this marriage will be nice. But our all selection should be with a view to serve Krishna, that we must not forget in any circumstance!

The other point is that all my best students are now in Europe. Yourself, Tamal, Mukunda, Hansadutta, Shyamsundar—all of you are in now double strength, so please do things very enthusiastically and organize the world Samkirtan Party because in India the people are already expecting us next year. Also open as many branches as possible.

So it is very good that now all the devotees can take Prasadam together. All the devotees must keep together, that will be an extra strength.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-4-58

Los Angeles
27th April, 1970

Washington D.C.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS:db

My Dear Mahananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 20th April, 1970, along with a cheque contribution for my book fund of \$150, and thank you very much for this. I have also received the picture of an 'Angel' printed in the Detroit newspaper, and it is a great credit how our men are appreciated by the people.

Your appreciation of our Krishna Consciousness Movement is very nice, and if you will carry this practical philosophy to the people of your great nation you will know the result for sure that this movement is the solution to all the problems of life. So I am glad that you are now going to our Washington center with your good wife. Please work there combinedly with great enthusiasm in advancing in Krishna Consciousness. I am very glad also that you and Hladini Dasi are now married in telok by Sriman Bhagavandas. Please take my blessings for your spiritual marriage, and be happy in Krishna Conscious life.

Regarding your questions are the Spiritual Master and the Grand Spiritual Master consciously aware of the prayers of a sincere devotee who prays in love to Them?—the answer is that no conscious prayers go in vain. They are transmitted positively. But one thing you must know that any prayer you offer to your Spiritual Master and Superior Spiritual Master, all of them are conveyed to Krishna, so no sincere prayers go in vain. We shall always offer such prayers to Spiritual Master, Superior Spiritual Master, Vaisnava Acaryas, Lord Caitanya, and at the end Radha Krishna, that is the system.

70-4-59

Los Angeles
27th April, 1970

Buffalo

My Dear Rupanuga,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 22nd April, 1970, along with enclosure of one check for \$200, and thank you very much for this.

The moving Samkirtan Party was programmed long, long ago, even when I was in India. When there was talk about preaching amongst our God-brothers, I used to say to my God-brothers that when I would begin preaching I shall take two trucks, one for Samkirtan Party and one for carrying requisites, and I would go from village to village throughout the whole world preaching Lord Caitanya's message. So the time has come as per my dream, by the grace of Krsna you are carrying on this program. Please therefore organize this moving Samkirtan Party as you are already doing from one school or college to another. If we can rightly impress the Krsna Consciousness idea in some intelligent student's heart, it will be of great service. Perhaps sometime after, I will request you and Kirtanananda to go to India and execute this program in the student community there.

I am negotiating with a gentleman in India to get the management of a very old Radha Krsna Temple, and if this negotiation is successful, we will organize a very nice preaching center in the center of India. From this part, any side extreme boundary is not more than 1000 miles. I think that will be a very nice preaching

center. So try to recruit more members for our Society because we have to open many centers, and from each center we shall organize this moving Samkirtan Party. That will be nice program for executing the will of Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu.

I am very glad to learn that you are visiting the near about centers—keep them alive by such visits.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedānta Swami

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70-4-60

Los Angeles

28th April, 1970

San Jose

My Dear Chitsukananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 23rd April, 1970, and I am so much encouraged to learn of your activities in the San Jose area. I have noted the newspaper clippings, and they are very favorable comments. I am especially happy with the article placed by you in the Red Eye, it is very nice presentation of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness in nutshell. I have also received the cheque for \$50, and I beg to thank you very much for this.

Regarding your first question, who is the speaker of Iṣopanisad? the speaker is the Vedas personified. In the Vedic age a disciple heard from the Spiritual Master messages which were coming down in disciplic succession, so a disciple, whatever he heard from his bonafide Spiritual Master, would recite. The Vedic mantras are known as *Sṛuti*, to hear from authoritative source and then repeat it, chanting. So there is no question of who wrote it, it is said that no human being has compiled them. Later on, before the beginning of

Kali Yuga, all Vedic mantras were written in books, most of them were done by Śrīla Vyāsadeva Mahamuni and his different disciples.

Regarding your second question, in reference to Iṣopanisad mantra 15, should a devotee ask the Lord to reveal Himself the answer is yes. Unless the Lord reveals Himself, the devotee cannot see Him, He reserves the right of being exposed or not being exposed. The *yoga maya* curtain is always covering the Lord, and in the Bhagavad Gita the Lord says, "I am not visible to everyone." Even in the material world, a man in the position of Presidentship is not visible to everyone. So one has to qualify himself by devotional service, then God will reveal Himself. So this Iṣopanisad mantra is an appeal by the devotee to move the veil of *yoga maya* or the glaring effulgence of Brahma so that the devotee can see Him face to face. The idea is one has to transcend the material conditions as well as the Brahma effulgence, then one can see the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Here the word 'face' means the Absolute Truth is a Person. That is the most important point, that God is ultimately a Person.

Regarding the disturbing groups of 'Christians' so-called, that is alright. Let them follow Lord Jesus Christ. Regarding their dogmatic insistence, everyone thinks like that, so if one is not prepared to advance more, it is better to avoid them. If one is limited by some formulas only, he is described as an animal which is bound up by the chain of the master and cannot move beyond the length of the chain. So we are concerned with persons who are not chained by anything.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedānta Swami

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70-4-61

Los Angeles
28th April, 1970

My Dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 24th April, 1970.

Yes, publish the Bengali poem which I am sending herewith. Get it transliterated by Pradyumna. The meaning is as follows:

My Dear Lord Kṛṣṇa, You are so kind upon this useless soul, but I do not know why You have brought me here. Now You can do whatever You like with me. 1

But I can guess that You have got some business here, otherwise why should You call me here which is demoniac. 2

Most of the population here is covered by ignorance and passion modes of nature, and I do not know how they will be able to understand the transcendental message of Vasudeva. 3

But I know Your causeless mercy can make everything possible because You are the most expert mystic. 4

Therefore, I am simply praying for Your mercy so that I can be able to convince them about Your message. 5

All living entities have become under control of the illusory energy by Your will, and therefore, if You like, by Your will they can also be released from the clutches of illusion. 6

If You so desire, I wish that You may deliver them, and only by Your such desire all of them will be able to understand Your message. 7

“The words of Srimad Bhagavatam are

Your incarnation, and if they receive it in submissive aural reception, repeatedly, then they will be able to understand your message. 8

In the Srimad Bhagavatam, First Canto, Second Chapter, verses 17 through 21, it is said

Anyone who gives aural reception to the transcendental message about You, which are always auspicious, by hearing and chanting, for him You become special well-wisher, and thus remaining within his heart You clear up all inauspicious understanding. When such inauspicious understandings are almost clear, at that time one realizes the importance of devotional service. In that stage of understanding, the influence of the modes of ignorance and passion becomes almost nil, and the resultant action of passion and ignorance cannot anymore attack the heart, and thus he becomes joyful being situated on the platform of goodness. When he thus becomes jubilant on account of awakening the modes of goodness by dint of devotional service, at that time he becomes liberated from material contamination and is able to understand the science of God. In this stage of liberation all misgivings in the heart, or bondage of material network, becomes cut into pieces, and he is elevated from all sorts of doubts in the science of God. At this stage the result of past activities becomes vanquished because of his realization of the Supreme Lord. 9-13

This is the process of becoming liberated from the influence of the modes of ignorance and passion, and thus they can become freed from all inauspicious things accumulated in the heart. 14

But because I am very unfortunate, unqualified, and the most fallen, therefore I am seeking Your benediction so that I may be able to convince them about this (Kṛṣṇa Consciousness). 15

Somehow or other, You have brought me here to speak about You. Now it is up to You to make me a success or failure as You like. 16

You are the Lord of the whole creation, so if You like You can make my power of speaking as suitable as they can understand. 17

By Your causeless mercy only my words may become transcendently pure, and I am sure when such transcendental message is penetrated in their hearts certainly they will feel englanded, and thus become liberated from all unhappy conditions of life. 18

I am just like a puppet in Your hands, and You have brought me here, now You can make me dance as You like. 19

I have no devotion, nor I have any knowledge, but still I have been designated as Bhakti Vedanta, now if You like You can just fulfil the real purport of Bhakti Vedanta. 20

The most unfortunate, insignificant beggar, Bhaktivedanta Swami, on board the ship 'Jaladutta, Commonwealth Pier, Boston, Massachusetts (U.S.A.), dated 18th September, 1965.

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

70-4-62

Los Angeles
29th April, 1970

Vancouver

My Dear Chidananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 27th April, 1970, and have noted the contents carefully. I have referred the matters

concerning Ananda, temple management, etc. to Gargamuni, and He will advise you further in this matter.

In the meantime, I invite you to come visit me here in L.A. for a week or so, then you can speak with me directly. So please try to come here at your earliest convenience, and that will be very nice.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS:db

70-4-63

Los Angeles
29th April, 1970

Boston

My Dear Pradyumna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 'nil.'

Regarding your questions about the calendar-almanac:

1. *Herāpañcamī* is correct (9 July 1970).

2. When there is an important Dvadasi, the Ekadasi fasting is transferred on the Dvadasi, and this is called Mahadvadasi. The 26th October, 1970, is actually Dvadasi, so the fasting is observed together, or Ekadasi fasting is disregarded, and the Dvadasi (Mahadvadasi) fasting is taken as important.

You were give this *old* Panjika just to consult the names and spelling only. The dates are different, so whatever date I have given, that is correct. Why you are searching Byanjali Dvadasi in this last year's Panjika? What I have given is from this year's Panjika, so everything will not collaborate.

3. The word is _____. That is called

Oḍana-Ṣaṣṭhi and the date is 14th December, 1970. That is correct even if you do not find it in the dictionary. The dictionary may not have every word.

5. 7th February, 1971—Varaha-Dvadasi, I have explained the position in regard to #2.

6. So far determining Ekadasi it is counted 11 days after the full moon and 11 days after the new moon, but sometimes it so happens as you have noted one day later. However, what I have given is correct.

The Panjika which I gave you is old Panjika, our calendar is for this new year.

Regarding the Prayer book, I did not ask you to transliterate this—somebody else has underlined, I have not underlined it. I have received both the prayer book and the panjika also with your letter. Regarding your work on the Staal Correspondence, locating references to chapter and verses and adding appropriate translations after the Sanskrit, that is alright as you have done it

On page 13 of Three Essays, *manā-ṣiṇaḥ* is the correct word.

You must always ask the Lord's grace to make you in the right position. It is not for your sense gratification, it is for the Lord's service. For the Lord's service we can ask for His grace and mercy a hundred times, but for our sense gratification we cannot pray or ask anything—that is pure devotion.

I have also received a note from you, and regarding KRSNA chapter 31, page 4, top, the word *Hrdaya* is correct.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

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

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of the text proof for BTG #32. I am looking through it now,

and will return it to you soon.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS:db

70-4-64

Los Angeles
30th April, 1970

Boston

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 26th April, 1970.

Regarding printing KRSNA book in Japan because the printing details are difficult here in this country, that was my former decision. In the beginning I decided like that.

Regarding NOD, I am sending here with the dedication as desired by you.

The program of hard bound books to be printed in Japan, and soft bound printed on our own press is a nice suggestion. So far printing is concerned, I have just received the French BTG, and it is very nicely done, so convey my thanks to Uddhava and Advaita especially. In this way if we can print on our own press, it will be very nice.

Regarding travelling, a Sannyasi's name is Paribrajakacarya, that is the beginning of Sannyasa. In the beginning one is ordered not to stay more than three days at a place, but at the Paramhansa stage, one can stop moving, but that is not compulsory. So I have made my headquarters at L.A., that is a fact, still I may go in an emergency outside (not ordinarily) for a few days, and then come back to my headquarters.

There is a gap of some transcriptions—tapes numbers 12 through 16, KRSNA, so please get them done. I shall be slow in making further tapes till I get them back.

Please give this instruction to the editors.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-4-65

Los Angeles
30th April, 1970

My Dear Jaya Pataka,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 21st April, 1970.

Achyutananda has written me that he will arrange for your visa for two years at least, but I learn that you have not heard anything from him til now. So unless you are assured that your visa has been made for at least two years, and he has got his own apartment, don't start. It is not required to take permission from Madhava Maharaj to stay at his place. It is not our business to become anymore burden to him.

I have already sent Achyutananda money for our own land, so first we must have our own land or apartment, then our devotees can go there. On the whole, he must first of all arrange for staying somewhere in our own place, otherwise it will be very difficult because India is very overpopulated, especially Calcutta.

Regarding your questions how to offer

respects to Sannyasis. Every Sannyasi, even if you see a Mayavadi Sannyasi, offer him your respects—there will be no harm. As you have observed we shall follow Lord Caitanya's instruction that we give all due respects to others regarding their position, but there is no need of always associating with each of them. Even if one is Vaisnava, but not of good character, we can give him the Vaisnava respect, but we cannot associate with him.

Regarding how to act when there is a choice of either attending Aratrik ceremony without bathing first or bathing and thus missing attendance at the Aratrik ceremony, the answer is that the rules should be followed as far as possible. If it becomes necessary, simply wash your feet, and when possible also wash the face, head, hands, and rinse mouth with water.

When you will go to India, most probably you will have to go to Bombay, and how you will have to go to Bombay that I shall let you know later.

I beg to thank you for your nice appreciation of our discipic succession of Vaisnava Acaryas. This is the right understanding of the Spiritual Masters that they are glorious by simply delivering the transcendental message of Kṛṣṇa as it is.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

MAY

70-5-1

Los Angeles
1st May, 1970

Boston

My Dear Sriman Kenneth,

Please accept my blessings. I am so glad to receive your letter dated April 1970, and I am so pleased to learn that you are chanting Mahamantra Hare Krishna.

It is very much pleasing that you acknowledge the gifts of Krishna. Krishna is the Supreme Father, and all living entities in all different forms are His sons. He is maintaining everyone. He is supplying food, clothing, shelter to each one of His sons, but those who are Krishna Conscious, they admit the gifts of the Father, and thus try to please the Supreme Father by service.

Unfortunately, the demons do not even acknowledge the gifts from Krishna, and they talk nonsense that there is no God, God is dead, I am God, and similar things. So as you are acknowledging your obligation to Krishna, as well as chanting the Hare Krishna Mantra, so I hope Krishna will give you more facilities so that you can become perfect in this very life. It is very easy to achieve such success simply by chanting the Hare Krishna Mantra, and let us not miss this great opportunity.

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

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70-5-2

Los Angeles
1st May, 1970

Boston

My Dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 28th April, 1970, along with a note from a boy in Spain. I have replied the boy, and the letter is enclosed herewith, please forward it to him.

I am very glad to learn that you have the Prahlad pictures in your safe custody because I want to print up many small books with text accompanied by illustrations, and the first one may be of Prahlad Maharaj. Sometime ago you wrote me that you wanted some new topics for writing subjects, so I think you can begin by compiling information from my past lectures on Prahlad Maharaj, then add the pictures and print it. Then you can do many other such books like this. Some other books may be about Dhruva Mahahraj, Ajamil, etc., and I am sure these stories with their very significant purports will make very successful books, and they can be very easily sold. So if you can begin on this project and arrange everything carefully, that will be very nice.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

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

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70-5-3

Los Angeles
1st May, 1970

Paris

My Dear Tamal,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 26 April, 1970, and I am so pleased to note the contents which are exactly befitting your name Tamal. Perhaps you know Tamal is a nice tree in Vrindavan, and because the color of the tree exactly resembles that of Kṛṣṇa, therefore Srimati Radharani always used to take rest underneath the Tamal tree when she was feeling separation from Kṛṣṇa.

So for European activities, I have sent you there, and for its nice organization I am counting upon you very much. You have so kindly written to say, "Please order me in any way Your Grace desires, everything I have including myself belongs to You, and Your Grace may do with me as You wish." So it is my desire that in Europe you will kindly occasionally visit the three countries—England, France, and Germany—and see that the things are going very nicely.

In England your suggestion to open a few other Temples in big cities like Birmingham, Manchester, and Liverpool, is very much welcome. For constructing Temples in England, especially in London, I have got very good support from a very rich man in India. Not only he, but also many others will be ready to pay for our construction such Temples, but I want the Temples should be constructed by the local natives—that is our success. If I bring money from India and construct a Temple here in a Western country, that is not very creditable. Now this Temple of Los Angeles is completely undertaken by your countrymen and that is a good credit for me.

Anyway, if I go to India for some days, I am sure I shall be able to collect a con-

siderable amount of money for this purpose, but I wish that people from this part of the world should be sympathetic with my movement. This means good organization to convince the people of the Western countries that we are doing something which is very, very much beneficial for everyone, and especially for this part of the world.

Regarding a place in Paris, you write to say that there is accommodation, but you are in want of money. If this is a fact, then immediately find out a nice place for our Paris center, and if you let me know how much you require, then I may try for it. But I am very much hopeful from your statement that in Paris we have got very good prospect of organizing this movement. Simply by your request only so many young boys and girls joined—this is a very good sign. I have information from reliable sources that in France this Kṛṣṇa Consciousness Movement has very good chance.

So far translating our literatures, if you simply send the matter, our press will immediately give you so many books. You can print books in small sizes and distribute them profusely. Small books like 'Easy Journey to Other Planets' and 'Isopanisad' will be very quickly sold more than the larger volumes of TLC and Srimad Bhagavatam. So if Suridas and Woomapati engage themselves five hours for translating work, there will be no difficulty to publish our French language books immediately. So arrange for this.

I have received one copy of the latest French BTG, published from Montreal. It is printed in our ISKCON Press in Boston, and they have done it very nicely. If for the present this BTG published from Montreal can be useful? I am sending by separate air mail one copy which you can examine, and if you think they are useful for your purpose, you can immediately

ask them to send you as many copies as you need.

Your suggestion for Murari's opening a center at Amsterdam is very much welcome. His wife, Lilavati is very intelligent and both of them can do the preaching work very diligently in that place, so try to give effect to this proposal.

Regarding this Temple, actually it is simply Kṛṣṇa's grace that we have such a nice place very suitably arranged for our all purposes. Both the devotees and myself are living very comfortably, and the Temple is in the center between us. The kitchen is very nice and the frontage with a small garden space, as well as sufficient place for parking, on the junction of very important roads—all these facilities make the position of this building unique. Besides that, the banks, stores, laundry, medical house, everything is within easy reach, so we must consider this as Kṛṣṇa's gift.

Regarding the appointment of Suridas to the post of president, that is a very good proposal. He is intelligent, sincere devotee, and similarly his wife is also.

Regarding your question about annamoya, pranamoya, etc. Yes, they are different stages of consciousness. Different living beings are situated in different consciousness, Some are satisfied in the matter of eating and sleeping, they are on the annamoya stage. Pranamoya means those who can simply survive in the struggle for existence. Manomoya means philosophical speculation. Jnanamoya means self-realization, vijnanamoya means application of that stage in practical life, and when there is the right perfection of life that is anandamoya stage or Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.

So by the grace of Lord Caitanya, in this age our movement is giving directly the anandamoya stage, and anyone can visit our Temple and see how our students are in blissful life. Naturally they are in jolly mood by chanting, danc-

ing, and taking Prasadam. Your regular chanting of Mahamantra and reading of books will keep you always fit for pushing on this movement. This formula should be rigidly followed by everyone of us.

In conclusion I may inform you that Achyutananda has given publicity in an important newspaper that next year I am going to India with forty students, so for the next year we have got sufficient margin of time—eight months—so what do you think? Shall we be able to have our World Samkirtan by that time? That will be very nice. All our selected students like yourself, Hansadutta, Mukunda, Shyam-sundar, Woomapati, etc. along with their wives, and some of the students from here may join, then we can go to India via Africa, and then after a few days in India, we can come back via Japan, So you have to consult over this matter also because it is already advertised in India.

I have also just received the second copy of this letter sent by you.

Hope this will meet you in good health. Please offer my blessings to Woomapati and his new wife Ilavati Dasi, and to all the other boys and girls there in Paris center.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
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70-5-4

Los Angeles
3rd May, 1970

c/o Mendoza
Bronx N. Y.

My Dear Ekayani,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your encouraging letter, dated 8th April, 1970, and I am so happy to note your steady enthusiasm to work harder in Kṛṣṇa's service. So this enthusiasm is very good sign, and if you

continue to become more and more enthusiastic to be always strictly engaged in devotional service while observing carefully the rules and regulations, Kṛṣṇa will surely bestow upon you full success in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness and thus your life will be happy and successful.

Regarding the color of Balaramji, He is colored like milk white with little bluish tint and rosy luster. Our idea of whiteness is of the milk foam. Regarding whether ivory is offerable to Kṛṣṇa, yes, ivory is pure. Although it is a bone of an animal, still it is as pure as the conch shell which is also the bone of an animal.

The six armed form which Lord Caitanya disclosed to Sarbabhouma Bhattacharya had two hands of Lord Ram Chandra, two hands of Kṛṣṇa and two hands of Lord Caitanya. Perhaps you have seen the picture in our New York temple which was brought from India by Kirtananda Swami.

Your question why Lord Shiva was ordered to appear as Sankaracarya and teach the Mayavad philosophy to turn the people to atheism and thus increase the population, that nobody can understand. If Kṛṣṇa desired Lord Shiva to do like that, so he had some plan which we need not understand. He is the Supreme Lord, and He is maintaining the huge universal affairs, so how does He do things and for what purpose He does them, it is very difficult to understand. Just like He planned the battle of Kurukṣetra and He induced His friend, a great devotee, Arjuna, to kill. So why does He plan to make others atheist, it is known to him.

Our business is to glorify Him always, either He plans to dance with the Gopis, or He makes a plan to kill others on the battlefield of Kurukṣetra, or He plans to do something which is not very good from materialistic point of view. Our only business is to remain steadfast devotee to Kṛṣṇa in all conditions. That is the instruction

given in Śikṣastak, wherein it is said, “My Lord, whatever You like You can do, but unconditionally You are my only object of worship.” That is pure devotion.

I am so glad to learn that there are two very nice women devotees now coming to the Temple regularly, and please offer them by blessings for advancing in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. Take care of them nicely so that they may learn our program of Kṛṣṇa Conscious life very nicely. Let them chant regularly and follow the four basic principles and they will become firm in their faith in Kṛṣṇa. If you recommend, I shall initiate them, so you can send sets of new beads with their letters and some donation for the book fund. The standard form is that the initiate collects some alms by begging and offers it to the Spiritual Master as *daksina* or presentation.

That is nice if you get that land in Miami and open a center there. You are intelligent and eager devotee, ready to spread Lord Kṛṣṇa’s teachings, so do it. That will be very good, it is an excellent proposal.

So as you say the deep Southern part of this country is virtually untouched, but I think Kirtananda Maharaj has gone to several places there, and he has been very successful. So try to attract the students, they are our great future hope, and they will take up this matter very quickly because the students are not very contaminated.

The first two lines of the song ‘Hareye Namah Kṛṣṇa’ were sung by Lord Caitanya and His followers, but the other lines of song were composed later on by Śrīla Narottam Das Thakur.

Yes, fix up your mind on Kṛṣṇa and everything will come out nice—be sure of this fact. Study scripture, always chant, love Kṛṣṇa—and that is the success of life.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-5-5

Los Angeles
3rd May, 1970

London

My Dear Lilavati,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 28th April, 1970, and the report of our Samkirtan Movement in London is very much encouraging.

I think each couple of our students may try to open a branch in England. Our first branch of London Yatra was opened by Mukunda, Gurudas, and Shyamsundar and their wives. They tried very hard, and now our London Temple is nicely situated. Similarly many other Temples can be opened in places like Amsterdam, Birmingham, Liverpool, Manchester, etc..I have received report from Tamal that preaching in Paris is going nicely. In one day they recruited about 14 devotees simply by requesting who will join this Kṛṣṇa Consciousness movement. So you all also recruit members, English boys and girls, in that way. Our Movement is a declaration of war against Maya, that you can understand very well, so we have to recruit many fighting soldiers,—so do it vigorously.

I am glad to learn that the children are feeling very well in open atmosphere, so let them enjoy life for some time.

George has rendered some valuable service, so Shyamsundar is trying to do some good to him. This is our duty, anyone who has rendered a little service to Kṛṣṇa should be given all facilities to take it up seriously.

Regarding your question, Yes, Kṛṣṇa is always increasing in so many ways, so there is no question of decrease. The verse in question stating that Kṛṣṇa is devoid of increase and decrease is from Sri-mad Bhagavatam and it is given with specific reference to the devotee. The purport is that if Kṛṣṇa gives himself to any

one of His devotees, although He is Purna or the Complete Whole, still there is no decrease in Him. Similarly we may give to Kṛṣṇa everything, but still He is not increased.

Please offer my blessings to all the boys and girls there. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-5-6

Los Angeles
4th May, 1970

San Jose

My Dear Chitsukananda,

Please accept my blessings. I hope everything is going on well in your center.

As each and every ISKCON Center is my life and soul for preaching this movement, I hope you are doing your best to conduct the regular routine duties of the Temple—chanting regularly the beads, observing the restrictive regulations, taking Samkirtan Party to the streets, and selling our magazines and books.

Now at the present moment, I am concentrating my energy in this Los Angeles Center as ideal for all other centers in respect of Deity worship, Arotirik, Kirtan, and other necessary paraphernalia. As I have curtailed my moving program, I wish that you may come here at your convenience and stay here for a few days and see personally how things are going on; and by meeting with me personally for necessary instruction, I hope simultaneously in all Centers the activities will be of the same standard.

Hope this will meet you in good health, and more when we meet.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-5-7

Los Angeles
4th May, 1970

London

My Dear Guru Das,

Please accept my blessings. I hope everything is going on well in your center.

As each and every ISKCON Center is my life and soul for preaching this movement, I hope you are doing your best to conduct the regular routine duties of the Temple—chanting regularly the beads, observing the restrictive regulations, taking Samkirtan Party to the streets, and selling our magazines and books.

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Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
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70-5-8

Los Angeles
4th May, 1970

Boston

My Dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I hope everything is going on well in your center.

As each and every ISKCON Center is my life and soul for preaching this movement, I hope you are doing your best to conduct the regular routine duties of the Temple—chanting regularly the beads,

observing the restrictive regulations, taking Samkirtan Party to the streets, and selling our magazines and books.

Now at the present moment, I am concentrating my energy in this Los Angeles Center as ideal for all other centers in respect of Deity worship, Arotirik, Kirtan, and other necessary paraphernalia. As I have curtailed my moving program, I wish that you may come here at your convenience and stay here for a few days and see personally how things are going on; and by meeting with me personally for necessary instruction, I hope simultaneously in all Centers the activities will be of the same standard.

Hope this will meet you in good health, and more when we meet.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
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70-5-9

Los Angeles
4th May, 1970

Tokyo

My Dear Sudama,

Please accept my blessings. I hope everything is going on well in your center.

As each and every ISKCON Center is my life and soul for preaching this movement, I hope you are doing your best to conduct the regular routine duties of the Temple—chanting regularly the beads, observing the restrictive regulations, taking Samkirtan Party to the streets, and selling our magazines and books.

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and by meeting with me personally for necessary instruction, I hope simultaneously in all Centers the activities will be of the same standard.

Hope this will meet you in good health, and more when we meet.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-5-10

Los Angeles
4th May, 1970

St. Louis

My Dear Vamandev,

Please accept my blessings. I hope everything is going on well in your center.

As each and every ISKCON Center is my life and soul for preaching this movement, I hope you are doing your best to conduct the regular routine duties of the Temple—chanting regularly the beads, observing the restrictive regulations, taking Samkirtan Party to the streets, and selling our magazines and books.

Now at the present moment, I am concentrating my energy in this Los Angeles Center as ideal for all other centers in respect of Deity worship, Arotrik, Kirtan, and other necessary paraphernalia. As I have curtailed my moving program, I wish that you may come here at your convenience and stay here for a few days and see personally how things are going on; and by meeting with me personally for necessary instruction, I hope simultaneously in all Centers the activities will be of the same standard.

Hope this will meet you in good health, and more when we meet.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-5-11

Los Angeles
6th May, 1970

London

My Dear Gurudas,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your letter dated 30th April, 1970, and I have noted the contents carefully. I have also received the list of all the cities and towns in England, and thank you very much. It is my desire that you open a center in each and every one of these places, and that will help to fulfill the prophecy of Lord Caitanya that His Holy Name will be sung in every city and town all over the globe.

I am so glad to learn that things are going on nicely in our London Temple. The most important point in this letter is second time initiation of some of the devotees, specifically Jai Hari Das Brahmachary, Jyotir Mayeedeve Dasi, and Mondakinideve Dasi. So I am sending herewith the sanctified Gayatri Mantra Tape and papers for holding the ceremony, as well as a sacred thread and special instructions for the devotees with the Gayatri Mantra.

Now what we have to do is to hold the Gayatri Mantra ceremony according to the instruction paper, then at the end teach Jai Hari personally how to count on the finger divisions. Then play the Gayatri Mantra tape for him, and let him repeat the Mantras along with my vibration, word-to-word, and then hang the Sacred Thread on his neck as usual. The girls don't require Sacred Thread, as you know, but they simply can responsively chant the Gayatri Mantras. In each individual case the instruction should be given and the mantra re-played.

This Gayatri Mantra function should be held amongst the devotees only.

While Trivikram is coming here, the books which I have left in London—one

large Bhagavatam, one small Bhakti-Rasamrta Sindhu, and maybe other books—he may bring here. So I am awaiting his arrival along with the books very soon.

Please offer my blessings to Srimati Yamuna Dasi, and to all the other devotees there in London.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-5-12

6th May, 1970

New Vṛndavan

My Dear Kirtanananda Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 3rd May, 1970, and beg to thank you very much for your kind sentiments. Yes, if it is any credit for me, that is what you have written that I tried to give aural reception to the words of my Spiritual Master, Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Goswami Maharaj, and thus I tried to engage my tongue in repeating the same words without any change. Actually I am the most unworthy servant of His Divine Grace because I delayed to execute His order by so many years. But it was better I began late than never, and therefore He has kindly sent to me so many young hearts to cooperate with me in this great Movement. Please therefore continue your good cooperation, and I am sure great things will happen without delay.

Regarding New Vṛndavan activities, I think whatever you are doing is approved by me. As you are acting very sincerely in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness, Kṛṣṇa is dictating from within your heart, so there is nothing to be disapproved.

Regarding purchasing the property

next to the schoolhouse, I have taken information from Devananda that this land is not directly attached to our present property, but the only advantage is that it is on the roadside, and we can engage it in so many ways. So if Kṛṣṇa is giving us the chance to purchase it, let us take advantage of the opportunity.

But from strategic point of view, as we are expecting to purchase Mr. Snyder's property next year, he may be still tighter. But the advantage of being on the roadside in future will be of great use, there is no doubt of it.

Here in L.A. we are decorating the Temple room very nicely. As I am inviting everyone to come here and see, I think you should also once come here and see the Temple room so that you can erect in New Vṛndavan in the same style. It is not very difficult, but it looks very gorgeous.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-5-13

Los Angeles

8th May, 1970

Detroit

My Dear Bhagavandas,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 3rd May, 1970. Regarding the check which you have sent, Gargamuni says that he has not yet received it.

I am so pleased to see how you are carrying our Samkirtan program amidst the demonstrations of the people. This news paper clipping which you have sent is just portraying the point of our business, and I have made xeroxes and am distributing them to various parties as example of our work. This Samkirtan Movement of Lord Caitanya is most practical and authorized,

so such incidents are to be expected, but this is a great credit for our propaganda efforts.

I have already dispatched to you by separate mail, an invitation to visit our L.A. center and meet personally with me at that time. So I am expecting to meet with you when you can come at your convenience, and then we can discuss such questions as you have asked as well as any others you may have.

Please offer my blessings to your good wife Kṛṣṇa Bhamini and your son Vaiṣṇavas and all the other Prabhus there.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-5-14

Los Angeles

9th May, 1970

Boston

My Dear Candanacarya and Baradraj,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 4th May, 1970, along with a nice tape of 4th Samkirtan and solo song.

So it is very nice. Lord Caitanya has introduced a very nice system of self-realization through arts and songs. Both of you are expert in singing and musical science as well as painting work. Now by the grace of Kṛṣṇa your talents are being utilized in His service. That is what we require in Kṛṣṇa Conscousness. We do not require to qualify very extraordinarily to serve Kṛṣṇa. Kṛṣṇa is Self-sufficient, He does not require anyone's service, but still the more we render service unto Him the more we become happy.

The example is given in the Srimad Bhagavatam that the decoration on the face of a certain person is not seen by him,

but when he sees his face on the mirror he enjoys. In other words, whatever we offer to the Lord, it is actually enjoyed by us. Just like we prepare so many delicious foodstuffs for Kṛṣṇa, but we eat the Prasadam remnant of foodstuff offered to Kṛṣṇa. The whole idea is that everything should be offered to Kṛṣṇa, and afterward we shall enjoy the effects.

You have painted so many pictures of Kṛṣṇa, and when you see to the pictures you enjoy and at the same time Kṛṣṇa is pleased. Similarly the foodstuff prepared for Kṛṣṇa actually we partake for it, but at the same time Kṛṣṇa is pleased. Those who are cooking for themselves and eating them without offering to Kṛṣṇa cannot enjoy such blissful life like the devotees.

By serving Kṛṣṇa we are not the least loser, but we are simply gainer more and more transcendently. Keep this point always in front, and work for Kṛṣṇa and be happy.

I have received some luddos from Boston without any note, but I think it is sent by Rukminidevi, so please offer her my thanks and blessings.

Be happy and chant Hare Kṛṣṇa.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-5-15

Los Angeles

9th May, 1970

London

My Dear Gurudas,

Please accept my blessings. I hope by this time you have received my letter dated 6th May, 1970, along with papers, tapes, etc.

I have received one letter from Balmukund Parikh, the copy of which is enclosed herewith. It is understood that he is

introducing something new in the name of teaching Devnagari script. The prayer of the Spiritual Master as he has quoted has no use for us, it is completely impersonal. This prayer immediately must be stopped.

Another thing is he asked me about Aurobindo's estimation. This means that he gradually wants to introduce Aurobindo philosophy. All these things do not sound very nice.

Please let me know what is the necessity of learning Devnagari script. We are transliterating all our books—Srimad Bhagavatam, Bhagavad Gita, Brahma Samhita, etc.—in Roman type, So why you should waste your time in learning Devnagari script?

So I am very much anxious to know what is the actual situation because I can scent that Mr. Parikh wants to introduce something in my absence which is completely against Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. I hope you will understand me right and reply this letter by return mail what is the actual situation.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-5-16

Los Angeles
9th May, 1970

Boston

My Dear Patita Uddharan,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 24th April, 1970, along with the typical examples of hard bound editions of Sri Isopanisad, and thank you so much for them.

This binding work is so nicely made. You have done it very well, and I am completely satisfied. I very much appreciate your efforts in our ISKCON bindery, and if such binding is done we will have sure success with our books.

So you can bind our books in this way, and although it may go slowly just now it is being done very nicely. Then in future you may be able to do our binding here instead of in Japan. You write to say that these are some nice typical examples of your binding work, so it is a great credit because these books any man would be proud to have. I beg to thank you once again for your kind appreciations and excellent work.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-5-17

Los Angeles
9th May, 1970

Boston

My Dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of Kṛṣṇa tape transcriptions # 13, 32, and 33, and 34, along with your note from the art department.

Regarding the Vedas personified, they should be drawn just like you have seen some pictures of great sages. They are young in appearance like perfect Vaiṣṇavas, and they may be shown with tilak and Vaiṣṇava markings in that way.

So such pictures are definitely required and please have them execute the subjects appropriately as they have so nicely done thus far.

In the meantime, I hope you have by now received my last letter inviting you to visit L.A. Temple at your earliest convenience, and I shall be very glad to see you then.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-5-18

Los Angeles
9th May, 1970

Paris

My Dear Tamal,

Please accept my blessings. I hope everything is progressing well with you in Paris.

I am enclosing herewith the copies of two letters which will speak for themselves. Please immediately let me know what is the actual situation regarding this matter.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-5-19

Los Angeles
10th May, 1970

Sydney

My Dear Bali Mardan and Upendra,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated by Post 5th May, 1970.

So it is very encouraging that people are coming to the extent of 40 heads, and they are trying to understand the importance of this great movement, and any sane man will be able to understand that. But I do not know why our students who are supposed to be the leaders of this movement will fight amongst themselves for supremacy. Our whole process is of surrendering.

We are taught to address others as Prabhu. Prabhu means master; and the leader of the masters is called Prabhupada. So if the Prabhus have surrendered to the Prabhupad, why there shall be such mentality of occupying the superior position? This is contradictory.

Kindly stop this unnecessary misunderstanding. Both Upendra and yourself are competent and experienced, so please adjust your disagreement amongst yourselves. It is my request. As a matter of fact, as you are the pioneer in taking all risks to go to Australia, naturally you shall be considered as the leader, but a leader's position is also very grave and responsible. A leader has to lead others very tactfully and intelligently. Kindly therefore do not quarrel, but go on with your duties progressively.

I can understand very well that Upendra is feeling very much disturbed on account of Chitrlekha's absence, it is quite natural, but what can I do? I have arranged for \$500 also, but the Australian Immigration detained her for a technical reason. This is already informed in detail to Upendra by Madhudvisa, as I understand. So this is the position.

In the meantime, things should run on as it is, and if there is any need of change, we shall consider about it when Citralekha goes there. Please try to organize the new center as nicely as possible even at personal inconvenience—that is real service. Kṛṣṇa is sitting in everyone's heart, He knows everything what to do, so depend on Him and do your duties patiently. Maya is very strong, and we are liable to fall down at any moment. We have to gather our strength by chanting the beads sixteen rounds regularly and praying to the lotus feet of Kṛṣṇa for guidance.

I hope both of you will kindly follow my instruction and forget if there is any accidental disagreement.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-5-20

Los Angeles
11th May, 1970Scindia House
New Delhi

My Dear Hit Sharanji,

Please accept my blessings. I have not heard from you in some time. I hope you are doing well. I am anxious to know what happened to the other two pairs of Deities. These two pairs of Deities are immediately required for Paris and Berlin.

So I will be very much pleased if you dispatch them immediately to Scindia Steam Navigation CO. as you did last time.

Kindly treat this as urgent, and let me know what is the situation.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-5-21

Los Angeles
13th May, 1970

My Dear Balmukundji,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated the 6th instant, and noted the contents.

In my last letter I advised you that your Devnagari Lipi class should begin by chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa Mantra, but if you find the time is short, then instead of reciting the Guru mantra quoted by you which is of impersonal nature, you can chant the following verse which we do along with others.

Saksād haritvena samasta śāstrai
Ruktastathā bhābyata eva sadbhīh
Kintu prabhoryah priya eva tasya
Vande guroh sri caranāravindam.

The verse quoted by you is not approved by us.

Regarding your inquiry about Aurobindo, I may inform you that Aurobindo does not belong to the Bhakti school. He is more or less a dry philosopher, mental

speculator, with some mystic ideas. We are simply concerned with pure devotees, so we have nothing to learn from Aurobindo.

One practical estimation of Aurobindo, I know that one of the important disciples of Aurobindo, Dilip Roy, tried his best to induce one English devotee, Professor Nixon, later on Kṛṣṇaprem, to become a disciple of Aurobindo, but Kṛṣṇa prem never agreed to this. On the contrary, Dilip Roy later on became influenced by Kṛṣṇaprem and he left Aurobindo āśram and is now chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa Mantra at Poona. So you can judge yourself what is my estimation of Aurobindo.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-5-22

Los Angeles
13th May, 1970

Boston

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 9th May, 1970.

Regarding the dummy BTG, I compared with the Japanese BTG, and it appears that the present one is quite inferior. The price is higher and the subscription card is not to be included, and the size is smaller also. So considering all these points it is inferior to the Japanese BTG. Now because there is no alternative we must get them printed here, but as you are going to Japan, I think you will be able to find out some printer who will be regularly supplying.

You have asked me to send you a cheque for \$4,500, but this is for the first time you have asked me to pay on account of BTG, and this point I have already explained to Gargamuni. So far I understand

from Gargamuni that you misunderstood me that I want to take the management of BTG I never meant like that, neither I have got any time to tax my brain in that way. So you shall continue the management of BTG, and ISKCON Press is meant for that purpose.

Formerly when it was in the hand of Rayarama he was managing separately, then it came to your hand and the management is going on, but you never asked me for any payment in the matter of BTG. So I have asked GARGamuni to send you back the cheque which I understand you sent to him on this account for \$5000. So I am simply interested in the book distribution, and whatever collection is made in this department may be paid to me either by you or by Gargamuni; and when there is question of printing books certainly I shall pay as I have been doing—that will simplify the matter.

When you come here I will talk with you further on this matter, but what I want is that I may not tax my brain in the management of many departments.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS:db

70-5-23

13th May, 1970

My Dear Sripad Damodar Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 8th April, 1970, which was addressed to my New York office. I am so sorry to learn that there is assort of conspiracy by some of our God-brothers as not to give me a place at Mayapur. I do not wish to argue on this point, but according to your advice I have already sent a telegram to Achyutananda Brahmacharya and an urgent 1 letter

also requesting him to purchase the land of Javed Ali almost a fortnight ago, but I have received no reply til now.

So I do not know what to do in this connection. The money is there, the sanction is there, the land is there, and still if it does not take place, I shall understand it that this is not the desire of Srila Prabhupada. In the meantime, I have also advised my previous son, Sri M.M. De, to see you in this connection, and if possible to purchase the land in his name for the time being. So if he sees you, then please help him in purchasing the land.

I am sorry that you wrote me several letters before in English, but they did not reach me due to postal strike. Now I have made my World Headquarters at the above address in our own building which we have purchased very recently at a cost of 20 lakhs of rupees. So in future you can address me at the above destination.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Yours affectionately,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

70-5-24

Boston

13th May, 1970

My Dear Pradyumna,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 8th May, 1970, and I have seen the synonyms of Brahma Samhita verses. It appears that it is nicely done, but if I have to see it scrutinizingly, it will take some time.

In the last portion of your letter you write to say, "I need to have this back immediately for publication in the upcoming issue of BTG." So I can advise you that you can publish it as it is, and if there is any discrepancy we will rectify it in future. The policy of the BTG should be always writing articles which can be

understood by people in general. Vedic literatures like Brahma Samhita may be published in separate books, but assimilated ideas may be published in BTG.

I am sending herewith back the notes on tape #14 Kṛṣṇa.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-5-25

Los Angeles
14th May, 1970

c/o George Harrison
Oxfordshire, England

My Dear Shyamsundar,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 7th May, 1970, written on Hare Krishna stationery of George Harrison. My hearty thanks are to George Harrison because now he is chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa so enthusiastically. May Kṛṣṇa bless him more and more, and he may advance in Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

So as suggested by you I am deleting the words "of the famous Beatles", and simply putting his name and his present transcendental change by chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa. In the Preface the one paragraph is being replaced by the following words, suggested by him. "If there is a God, I want to see Him. It's pointless to believe in something without proof, and Krishna Consciousness and meditation are methods where one can actually obtain 'God perception'. You can actually see God, and hear Him, play with Him. And He is actually there, actually with you."

Regarding your invitation to visit you in England, in this connection you can read my circular letter recently sent to all the Presidents. But when there is absolute necessity, there will be no difficulty.

It is very encouraging to hear that you have converted the very nice chapel to a splendid Temple and you have arranged to hold public kirtan one night a week in Henley. Please continue to expand these developments because the outlook is very bright. Yes, the village folk are not so much contaminated. The great English poet, Mr. Cowper, said, "Town is made by man, and village is made by God."

So if from your center the surrounding villages are drawn to the attention of Kṛṣṇa consciousness simply by the distribution of Prasadam and chanting of Hare Kṛṣṇa Mantra, it will be a great success. It is not necessary always to be officially initiated, but if they participate in the group chanting of Hare Kṛṣṇa Mantra and taking of Prasadam weekly or daily as it is possible, that will fulfil our mission.

Thank you very much for sending me the two Apple posters for 'GOVINDA', it is a very good advertisement and I have suggested that it may be shown in the temple bookstore here. I have noted the french newscippings also and they are very much encouraging, so I am satisfied that everything is going on well there.

Regarding your question about the term 'unmanifest' in the Bhagavad Gita 8/21, there are two words in Sanskrit—*aparakata* which means "unmanifest" or "non-manifest" and *prarakata* which means "manifest". Kṛṣṇa's Lila in Vṛndavan is *prarakata* or manifest Lila, and the same is going on eternally in the spiritual realm which is known as *aparakata* or non-manifest. Actually Kṛṣṇa's planet and Kṛṣṇa's pastimes are going on eternally, and the same is manifested before the conditioned souls at certain intervals, that is to say once in one day of Brahma, exactly as the sun is visible for 12 hours once in a 24 hour cycle of day and night. When the sun is visible it is called *prarakata*, and when the sun is not visible that is called *aparakata* or unmanifested. Non-manifested therefore

does not mean there is no existence, but the terms are used in relation to the visibility or non-visibility to the limited conditioned souls.

Kṛṣṇa by His causeless mercy manifests Himself along with His form, name, qualities, entourage, and pastimes in order to attract the conditioned souls to the eternal blissful life of knowledge. Thus by understanding Kṛṣṇa in His manifest Lila one is attracted to His eternal Lila, and that is the highest success of life which is explained in the latter part of the verse

yam prāpya na nivartante
tat dhāma paramam mama

“Going, no one ever returns from that, My Supreme Abode.”

Please offer my blessings to Srīman George and all the other Prabhūas there. I am marking that George has the serving spirit, and that is making him advance gradually.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedānta Swamī

ACBS:db

70-5-26

Los Angeles
15th May, 1970

My Dear Tamal,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 11th May, 1970, and noted the contents.

When you go to London making plans for World Sāmkīrtan, you may take into consideration of the proposal made by Mr. Parikh. He said that from Kenya there is invitation for our group to perform Kīrtan there. So if we go, a group of at least 25 heads, they have already agreed to pay for return journey and accommodation there. So on your way to India you can perform Kīrtan in some important cities of Europe, and then go to Africa, Kenya.

From Kenya you may go to South Africa. In this way you collect funds there from Indians and proceed to Bombay. In Bombay some of my friends will receive you very nicely, and from Bombay you gradually travel all over through other provinces namely Guzarāt, Rājasthān, Central India, Northern India, then Behar, and then reach to Bengal. In Bengal we then start our own Temple at Mayapur, and some of the devotees may live there in batches. Some batches go, some batches come.

I am so pleased to learn that there are so many interested French persons joining our Movement in Paris. Regarding the two new couples who are serious to learn this Kṛṣṇa consciousness, please take care of them nicely, and make them devotees.

Please see that the French and German editions of BTG are published as soon as possible, that is one of my dreams. And then we take the books and publish them in French and German languages. My Guru Maharaj liked the publication of books very nice. He liked publication of books more than construction of Temples.

Regarding Womapati and his wife moving very soon to Hamburg for composing on the new composing machine, that is very nice, the arrangement is good. Let them work hard for translating and composing, and his wife may also be engaged in this work.

Regarding your question about Lord Jagannāth and Lord Kṛṣṇa, Jagannāth is Kṛṣṇa. Kṛṣṇa's childhood up to His 15th year He lives in Vṛndāvan. Rādhārānī is His childhood friend. But Kṛṣṇa, after returning to His father's home at Dvārka, came to see Kurukshetra during some solar eclipse. At that time His sister Subhadrā and brother Balarama also came in a chariot, and this incidence is worshipped as Jagannāth Rāthā Yatra. The conclusion is that Jagannāth And Kṛṣṇa is the same.

So Kṛṣṇa when He is with His brother and sister, He is Jagganath, and when He is with His village girl-friends that is Radha-Kṛṣṇa with Gopis. So Whomever you worship, it is the same, but if you like to worship Jagganath you can continue it and it is as good as worshipping Radha-Kṛṣṇa. Kṛṣṇa has so many forms, and which ever form you worship it is all the same, but you should worship that form which you like most

Regarding the means of worship, our Vaiṣṇava process is first offer respects to the Spiritual Master, then Lord Caitanya, and then Lord Kṛṣṇa. Vyas is the Spiritual Master, therefore the Spiritual Master is the representative of Vyas. Therefore the Spiritual Master's seat is called 'Vyasasana'.

Please offer my blessings to your good wife, Madri Dasi, and to all the other Prahus there in Paris.

Hope this will meet you in good health.
Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

70-5-27

Los Angeles
16th May, 1970

Detroit

My Dear Bhagavandas,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your contribution of \$200, sent through Gargamuni. Thank you very much.

I hope everything is going well with you in Detroit Temple. Perhaps by now you have received my invitation to you to visit our L. A. Temple at your convenience.

Please offer my blessings to your good wife, Kṛṣṇa Bhamani Dasi, and your son, Vaiṣṇavas. I hope this will meet you all in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-5-28

Los Angeles
16th May, 1970

My Dear Gurudas,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letters dated May 8th and 14th, 1970, respectively. Previous to this I received one letter from Yamuna dated 8th May, 1970.

Regarding the letter dated 8th May, you write therein "the enclosed are humble offerings from all of your disciples here," but I have not received any enclosures.

I am very glad that Trivikram is helping you there, and he may stay as long as he likes. Rather I would like him to stay there to assist you. So regarding my books, you may keep them packed, and when he comes back he can bring them, or if I require them urgently I will write you, for the present there is no haste.

It is very good news that you have now received permission for the Rathayatra festival and Murari and Shyamsundar are constructing the Ratha. But I do not know if you are preparing three Rathas. In San Francisco they are preparing three Rathas this year.

If Mr. Dindayal is impressed, and he wants to start a nice Temple of Radha-Kṛṣṇa in the British Guinea, certainly we will be very much pleased, but the Temple should be on the principle of our London Temple which is not for any particular sect of persons but for all human beings. Anyone who takes to Kṛṣṇa Consciousness is welcome—that is our mission.

Regarding the proposed trip to Kenya, the next step I have already advised to Tamal in this connection. I understand he is coming to London very soon, and you can discuss with him. But one thing is that Mr. Parikh was talking of this Samkirtan Party to Africa since a very long time. There is no direct correspondence with us. It is

difficult to say how it will be a fact in future.

Regarding requirements and recommendations in the Vedic system of selecting partners for marriage, there is a Vedic system, but that cannot be done here. It should be made under the guidance of the guardians and the selection should be made on the basis of astrological equilibrium. So it is not possible to introduce such system in the present age. The only selection is that both the boy and the girl should be Kṛṣṇa conscious, and the boy may be older than the girl at least by 2 to 5 years.

Your first question about the jiva's form with particular reference to Bhagavat Gita 8/18 purport "during the nighttime they have no form." "During the nighttime they have no form" means there is no material form. The simple understanding is as we are transmigrating from one material form to another, so actually in this material world we have no fixed form. Similarly when we are spiritually perfect we develop the spiritual form to live eternally in the spiritual world. In the spiritual world there are exactly the same things as we see here; namely the land, water, trees, birds, beasts, human beings, etc., and all of them are spiritual as all the varieties here are material.

So these things can be understood when one is advanced in self-realization. The real form of the living entity is eternal servant of Kṛṣṇa. Now this spiritual form is developed when he enters into the spiritual world.

Regarding your second question, "Where in our scriptures is there mention of Lord Jesus Christ as recognized and what is the purport?"—We do not find in the scriptures Lord Jesus Christ's name. There is mention of Lord Buddha's name which is described in our Srimad Bhagavatam. So far we are concerned, we have all our obeisances for Lord Jesus

Christ because His whole life was devoted to the service of the Lord.

With reference to your letter dated 14th May, I am surprised how you allowed Mr. Parikh to sit on the Vyasasana. You know that Vyasasana is meant for the representative of Vyasa, the Spiritual Master, but Mr. Parikh does not come in the Parampara to become the representative of Vyas, neither he has any sound knowledge of Vaiṣṇava principles. I understand from your letter that sometimes discussions on Aurobindo philosophy are done by Mr. Parikh from the Vyasasana, so I am a little surprised how did you allow like this. I think you should rectify immediately all these mistakes as stated by you in the last two lines of your letter, "I think the best thing to do is stop his class. Nonsense ought not to be tolerated."

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
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Hamburg

Los Angeles
16th May, 1970

My Dear Shivananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 11th May, 1970, and noted the contents. Thank you very much for your contribution from yourself and your wife of \$8, I have placed it in book fund account.

Regarding your question how to engage yourself, you may travel from University to University and preach as you suggest, or you may go and work. For local work or engagement you consult with Hansadutta and Tamal as they are in charge of the Hamburg management. After all we have to fix up our Hamburg Temple still more.

Regarding your staying back during Rathayatra, I think that is just a nice arrangement because someone must remain with the Temple during the absence of the others. Also since you are having some trouble with the immigration because of draft, and you already got a nice German wife, the best thing will be to make your headquarters there in Germany. So in this way manage things nicely in consultation with Hansadutta, and Kṛṣṇa will provide you with ample opportunities according to your sincerity to spread His Movement. Just try to make our Kṛṣṇa Consciousness Movement strong in Germany and you will also automatically become strong in such devotional service or Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.

Please offer my blessings to your good wife.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. So far your taking German citizenship, as I have hinted above, it is a good idea, so you try for it.

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Los Angeles
17th May, 1970

My Dear Yāmunā,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your very nice letter dated 8th May, 1970, and noted the contents with interest. Thank you for your determination. For the way in which I am trying to expand I require so many sincere assistants.

So the program which you have listed for the students and your daily schedule are very nice, and your schedule is fully approved. Just see that everything—Aratrik, Bhoga offering, etc. is done strictly on time. When every moment

one is engaged it is called *avyarta kālatavam* which means not to spoil even a single moment of life without Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.

I am so glad to learn that you are regularly observing the listed holidays in our Caitanya almanac. The roaring kirtan, offering feast to the Deities with special preparations is our simple mode of celebration, and there is no special other program, this is standard, and that is our festival.

It is good news that Srīman Tīrthapada has also engaged one carpenter to help rebuilding our London Temple house. As he is giving service, gradually he will come to Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. His giving service is his qualification. As we accept valuable metal like gold from a filthy place, similarly we should allow any Karmi to work for Kṛṣṇa.

Regarding Rathayatra, Jagganath starts on the second day of the moon, and on the fifth day there is no meeting, but there is some controversy with Lakshmi's servants and Jagganath's servants—that is Herapancami. Jagganath returns back on the tenth day of the moon.

Thank you very much for the silver for sweetmeat preparations and also the milk massala of ginger base; I have kept it for future use as you have suggested.

Yes the Bṛhat Saman is meant for the demigods—devotees are demigods,—but people are not so advanced that they can sing Bṛhat Saman so nicely in this age, therefore Hare Kṛṣṇa Mantra is recommended to be chanted without diversion. You have already mentioned *yajñānām Japaya jna'smi* on the head of your letter, that the Hare Kṛṣṇa Mantra is the best yajna sacrifice.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Los Angeles
19th May, 1970

My Dear Dinesh,

Please accept my blessings. I understand from Devananda that you are in immediate need of the Sony machine, therefore I am sending it through Satsvarupa. You can take it from him, and when you have finished your business or you have got a similar or better machine, you can return it to me.

I wanted to keep this machine only for the reason that the mechanical arrangement is easier. The other machine which you have supplied is undoubtedly of superior quality as I see that a few tapes recorded on this machine have come out very nice, but there are several practical defects also. Sometimes the tapes become twisted. Anyway, it is working and Devananda is handling it. If it goes on like this I may not require the Sony machine.

So Satsvarupa is returning to Boston today (Tuesday), and you can get the machine from him as soon as you go there. I understand that you are also expected there within a few days.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Los Angeles
20th May, 1970

Buffalo

My Dear Tejios Das,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 13th May, along with your set of beads for chanting and request to become my initiated disciple.

So I am very glad to accept you as my initiated student, and your spiritual name

is Tejios Das Brahmachary. *Tejios* means powerful. In the Srimad Bhagavatam, Parikṣit Mahara pointed out to Sukadeva Goswami that Lord Kṛṣṇa is Tejios or the Incomparable Supreme Powerful, Personality of Godhead. I am returning your beads enclosed herewith, duly chanted upon by me.

Please follow the rules and regulations for advancing in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness beginning with strict observance of the four restrictions, and chant daily the prescribed number of sixteen rounds on the beads, and you will grow strong in spiritual strength. Study our literatures with the cooperation of your God-brothers and sisters in Buffalo, and any questions you may have may be submitted to Srimad Rupanuga for answering. So in this way always find some engagement in Kṛṣṇa's service and you will be supremely happy and successful in your life.

Always follow the prescribed program of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness as it has already been established by the Spiritual Master, and thus executing your prescribed duties in the loving service of the Lord He will reveal himself to you in proportion to your sincere efforts to satisfy Him only. So now you are Kṛṣṇa's servant, and if you give your life completely over to Him, He (Tejios) the All-powerful Lord will protect you from all dangers in all circumstances. Please always chant Hare Kṛṣṇa Mantra without offence and be happy.

Now please take the good opportunity to learn how to practically prosecute Kṛṣṇa Consciousness Movement so that you may help start new centers for expanding our program to every nook and corner, village and city. This is our business, to carry the message of Lord Caitanya to every person for his ultimate welfare. Help Rupanuga in the Buffalo Temple or otherwise as he may advise you to do, that is the best program for now—to become very well trained up in Kṛṣṇa

Consciousness—and then you can preach.

I am enclosing herewith a sheet listing the standard practices for devotees and the qualifications of a devotee for your reference.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

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

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and the balance of Rs. 4,000 may now be transferred on the strength of the above statement.

Yours sincerely,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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c.c. Mr. M. M. De

70-5-33

Los Angeles
21st May, 1970

Manager
Bank of Baroda
India Exchange Branch
Post Box No. 313
Calcutta-1, India

Dear Sir:

Re: My Savings Bank Account No. 29/12802

With reference to your letter No. Sb/34/2978, dated 5th May, 1970, I beg to inform you that Mr. M. M. De is my second son. When I left home, as a dutiful father I left some money for my family as future provision, So practically the money belongs to my sons and daughters, and I never thought that in future it would be difficult to transfer the money, otherwise I would have distributed the money while leaving home.

So the purpose of the remittance you have asked to send is to transfer their money to them. I hope this particular will be sufficient.

I advised you to transfer Rs. 5,000 to the savings bank account of Mr. M. M. De with the United Bank of India, Dharmatalla Street Branch. I understand that you have already transferred Rs. 1,000,

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Los Angeles
21st May, 1970

London

My Dear Yogesvara, Gurudas, Digvijaye, Lesley, Yvonne, Jyotirmayee, Paul, Prithadevi, Purnananda, Tom, Lena, Dhananjaya, Inga, Mondakini, Tirthapada, Trivikram, Yamuna, and Jai Hari,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you all very much for your Aksoy Treetiya card. This is the new years day of the appearance of Satya Yuga. Satya Yuga means the age when people did not know anything except the Absolute Truth or the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

In Srimad Bhagavatam we begin our reading by offering of obeisances to the Supreme Truth Satyam Param Dheemahi, so those who are strictly on the Bhagavat line or in Kṛṣṇa consciousness actually they are living in Satya Yuga age.

Our London Temple is replica of Vaikuntha, so live there peacefully, chant the regular beads, and follow the regulative principles.

I am so much thankful to you for your respective presentations—they are as follows: one golden cup, mysore sandal soap, some scent in snuff box, one picture of London Radha-Kṛṣṇa Deities and one xeroxed interview report. So I shall be glad to know what is the contents and its formula in the box, then I can use it as snuff.

I beg to thank you once again for these gifts. Hope this will meet you all in very good health in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

P.S. Where is Mukunda & Janaki please inform.

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21 May, 1970

Manager

Security Pacific Bank

Culver City Branch No. 94

Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Re: My account No. 836-237 with you

Please transfer \$3,600 (Three thousand, and six hundred dollars) to the First National Bank of Boston, Brighton Avenue Branch, in favor of account No. 516-5642, ISKCON Press, and charge the same to my account as above mentioned.

Yours sincerely,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Los Angeles
22nd May, 1970

My Dear Goursundar,

Please accept my blessings and offer the same to Govindadasi. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 19th May, 1970.

Formerly I thought I shall go along with Brahmananda, but later on I am sorry I was obliged to disappoint you on account of feeling not very enthusiastic to travel. Another point is that I am engaged in finishing the KṚṢṆA book, and if I go even for 15 days, the progress will be halted. Another point is that in this new Temple Presidents from other centers are coming almost daily, and up to the end of

May there are already engagements. So all these combined together hold me for the time being not to leave station; but don't be disappointed, as soon as I get opportunity I will come to you.

In the meantime, if yourself and Govindadasi both come here, it will very much engadden me. Brahmananda is going to Japan via Honolulu, and you will talk with him about improvement of our New Nabadwip scheme, and we will cooperate with you in all respects. If you want more hands, that will also be given. And if both of you think that my presence also is very necessary, I don't think it is now very necessary, I shall not hesitate to go immediately.

On the whole, all you experienced and advanced students have to manage things very nicely, and if you occasionally come to me here for consultation and necessary instruction that will be easier for me and I can devote my time in finishing the books.

You sent three tickets out of which two are returned herewith, and one will be utilized by Ananda. Ananda is a very nice boy, silent worker, I think he will be of great help to you. For further talks you will have good opportunity meeting Brahmananda.

I shall be also very glad to know how Srimati Tulasi Devi is growing, and please send some Tulasi seeds to me here.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Los Angeles
22nd May, 1970

New Vr̥ndavan

My Dear Hayagriva,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 16th May, 1970. I am very glad you are

coming here by the 6th of June next, and it will be a great opportunity to discuss at that time about New Vṛndavan, and other affairs.

Your remark on the student demonstration is quite appropriate. Śrīla Bhaktivinode Thakur said that materialistic knowledge is another expansion of the influence of Maya. The result of material education is that the living entity forgets his own identification and takes to the business of a particular type of body which is given to him by the grace of Maya. The Vedic education means one has to understand his real identity as brahman or the spirit soul. Unfortunately the modern educational system is so defective that everyone is educated to accept this body as self. At the present moment they have no clear idea of identification, so much so that even a person who is partially advanced about the importance of the soul does also improperly identify himself with the Supreme Brahma.

So Kṛṣṇa Consciousness Movement is meant for defying both classes of men; namely the karmis and the jnanis or yogis. That is our mission. Now among our students those who are advanced should take up this matter more seriously, and the Movement which you have started may not be stopped for want of adequate preachers—that is my request to you all. I am very glad to know that Kirtanananda Maharaj has now taken up this matter seriously and is preaching. Similarly I expect our advanced students like you, Rupanuga, Bhagavandas, Brahmananda, etc., may be seriously engaged now for preaching this cult.

Yes, I have received the tape as well as your 'Chant' booklet. I am sorry they were not acknowledged earlier. I have asked Boston to send you the KRṢṂA tapes for part II. They are already edited, and it is nice, still you can have a final glance over it. After your final editing is

the work retyped by Shamadasi.

If I go to Vṛndavan, I will go during Janmastami festival there to see how Kirtanananda Maharaj has arranged. We have to make program that the Janmastami ceremony is held in New Vṛndavan with great pomp—as much as the Rathayatra festival is to be performed in San Francisco. Similarly I propose to have great festival in Honolulu which is now New Nabadwip. This festival is to be observed during the Advent of Lord Caitanya's birthday. In this way the students should meet in these different important places at least 3 to 4 times in a year so that the work in different centers may go on uniformly.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
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Toronto

My Dear Sriman Murthy,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter dated May 17th, 1970, but I am very sorry to learn that you have been victimized by a rascal who claims to be Lord Kṛṣṇa. You are an educated boy, and I am surprized how you have been so befooled as to accept an ordinary man as Kṛṣṇa. Anyway, Kṛṣṇa has saved you by causing your failure in the examination, otherwise you would have been more entrapped by the spell of this so-called 'Kṛṣṇa'.

Kṛṣṇa's further mercy upon you is exhibited that you are now living in our Temple. Our different centers are specially meant for reclaiming sincere souls to understand Kṛṣṇa Consciousness, and

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22nd May, 1970

if you are more serious about Kṛṣṇa Consciousness then you should not only read our books and literatures with due care, but also if possible you should come here and live with me for some time.

You have mentioned about your dilemma between Kṛṣṇa and your parents, and in this connection I may inform you that parents are available in any kind of birth. Either you take your birth as a human being or as an animal, there is a set of parents. But Kṛṣṇa is available in the human form of body, so Kṛṣṇa is more important than the parents. So do not miss the opportunity of your present human form of body. Try to understand Kṛṣṇa, and make you life successful.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Los Angeles
23rd May, 1970

Gita Press
Gorakhpur, India

My Dear Bhajji Hanumanprasad Poddar,

I beg to thank you very much for your letter dated 15th May, 1970. I am very glad to learn that some article has been published in your esteemed paper 'Kalyan' regarding my activities, and I thank you very much for this. I have not seen the article as yet because if you have sent the specimen copy by ordinary post, then it will take about four months to reach here. If therefore you send me one copy by air mail, it will be a great pleasure for me.

Regarding the translation of *Kṛṣṇa Consciousness*, I think the following lines either in Bengali or in Hindi will be alright.

Yours in the service of the Lord,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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P.S. As you have asked for my suggestion,

I would request you to formulate a scheme so that our Indian brothers interested in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness may join this Movement and send many preachers all over the world. There is a great necessity of qualified preachers. So far Kṛṣṇa Consciousness philosophy is concerned, it is now tested by my last three years experiment that this philosophy will be accepted in any part of the world irrespective of caste, creed, color, and language.

Besides that, many of my students are eager to go to India, but I have no place of my own in India to accommodate them. If suitable place can be obtained, at least 40 American and European students may immediately go to India and preach this cult in colleges, schools and universities, and other public meeting places. I will be glad to know if you can help me in this matter.

By separate air mail I am sending several news articles, out of which my talks with Dr. J.F. Staal, Professor of Philosophy and of South Asian Languages, University of California, Berkeley, will be very much interesting to you. So we are gradually being appreciated by all classes of men. The above picture is our newly purchased building as I informed you before.

A.C.B.S.

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Los Angeles
23rd May, 1970

Detroit

My Dear Sri Govinda Das
(Bob Lindberg),

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your very nice letter dated 21st May, 1970, along with a set of beads.

I am very glad to note your humble attitude, so keep this nice state of serving mood and your success is guaranteed in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.

So I am very happy to accept you as my

initiated disciple, and your initiated name is Sri Govinda Das Brahmachary. I have chanted your beads duly and I am returning them to you enclosed herewith. Please continue as you have been following the regulative rules and principles strictly and always chant sixteen rounds of the Holy Names daily.

It is very good that you are presently engaged in assisting Bhagavandas by taking care of the treasury and distributing incense, you may continue to expand this engagement and at the same time learn thoroughly our Kṛṣṇa Consciousness philosophy and how to apply it practically. You can take all help from Bhagavan das in these matters, he is a very qualified devotee.

Therefore do not waste even a moment of this rare opportunity of human form of life. Chant Hare Kṛṣṇa, be always finding out some engagement in the service of the Lord, and be happy, and by the grace of Kṛṣṇa you will be freed from all contaminations of this material condition and become fit for realizing the highest perfection of life, Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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P.S. I am enclosing herewith one sheet listing the standard practices for a devotee and also the qualifications of a devotee.

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Los Angeles
24th May, 1970

Sri Chaitanya Research Institute
Calcutta

My Dear Sripad Govinda Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances. I beg to thank you for your kind letter dated 14th May, 1970, and noted the contents. I last met you sometimes by the 11th or

12th of December 1967 at Mullick's Radha-Govinda Temple, and then I started for U.S.A. via Japan sometimes on the 13th December, 1967. When I was staying in a hotel of Tokyo I immediately sent my arrival news to Sripad Tirtha Maharaj offering my respects therein to you, but on my return to San Francisco from Tokyo I did not receive any letter from you although my return address was given in the letter which I wrote from Tokyo. Anyway that is a long distant topic. I am very pleased to receive your letter as I was expecting at every moment. I hope by the grace of Srila Prabhupada you are doing well.

I am so glad to note that you remember the auspicious day sometimes in 1944 when I started my 'Back to Godhead' magazine. I think in the first issue you wrote some article also, and you took the trouble of going several times to the Saraswati Press for supervising the printing work. It is a great pleasure to remember those days of cooperation. You rightly remember that His Holiness Bhakti Saranga Goswami presided over the meeting in which our revered Kesav Maharaj also participated.

But at that time on account of my selecting Goswami Maharaj to preside over the meeting, Sripad Tirtha Maharaj (then Kunjada) and Bon Maharaj also refused to accept my invitation. Anyway, by your blessings 'Back to Godhead' although passed through many difficulties is doing well. First of all it was published in Calcutta, then in Allahbad, then at Delhi. In this way at last it has come to U.S.A. and my American disciples are taking care of this transcendental magazine. You will be glad to know that we are printing now 125,000 copies English edition, and 15,000 copies each of French and German editions. These are coming out every month, and very soon, maybe from the next month, we will issue a similar quantity in Japanese language.

We have got now 30 centers, and in each center the devotees are going to the streets of London, Hamburg, New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Tokyo, etc, and they are selling 'Back to Godhead' and other books very nicely. The magazines are sold in each center at the rate of 100 to 400 copies daily, and the price is \$.50 per copy which is in Indian exchange Rs. 3.50.

Since I have come here we have published many books like *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*, *Teachings of Lord Caitanya*, *Sri Ispanisad*, *Kṛṣṇa Consciousness: the Topmost Yoga System*, *Nectar of Devotion*, *Kṛṣṇa*, and several essays; and I have already sent one copy of *Bhagavad Gita As It Is* to Sripad Tirtha Maharaj, I hope you have seen it, it is published by Macmillian Company.

So things are going on by the grace of Srila Prabhupada, but I am getting older, naturally the energy is not so strong, but still I hope to prolong as you all Vaiṣṇavas are praying to Srila Prabhupada that by His grace my life may be prolonged and energy safely guarded.

So far I see on the list of complimentary copies of 'Back to Godhead' your good name is there as well as Sripad _____ Maharaj and Sripad Tirtha Maharaj, so I think you must all be receiving regularly the copies as they are published. Sometimes they are delayed by accidents like postal strikes, otherwise your copies are regularly dispatched.

Yours very affectionately,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS:db

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Los Angeles
25th May, 1970

My Dear Upendra,

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

15th May, 1970.

I know you are sincere servant of Kṛṣṇa, so sometimes we may do something which is not very congenial, but Kṛṣṇa is so kind that one who is engaged in His transcendental loving service is correctid immediately from within as Kṛṣṇa is sitting within everyone's heart. So you have gone there with a great responsibility on behalf of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, and try to convince people about the importance of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness, that will make everything nice and in order.

You have asked so me specific mantra; there is no other greater mantra than Hare Kṛṣṇa. Srila Bhaktivinoda says, "When I chant Radha Kṛṣṇa or Hare Kṛṣṇa all my dangers are gone immediately." So which other mantra can be more effective than Hare Kṛṣṇa.

So far responsibility is concerned, there is an action in *Bhaktirasāmṛta Sindhu* to be executed by the devotee which is called *Kṛṣṇa arthe akhila ceta* which means to take all kinds of responsibilities for Kṛṣṇa's sake. Sometimes I also think that let me go back to Vṛndavan, in that peaceful situation, to live without any responsibilities; still, in this old age, I take the responsibility of managing our quite a big Institution now, and I have to reply so many letters from different centers to give them instruction. As an old man I can take relief from this work immediately, but for Kṛṣṇa's sake I am pulling on even though there is sometimes personal inconveniences. So let us act in that way all together for Kṛṣṇa's sake.

Regarding using our Temple for marriage ceremonies for the Hindu community, if they contribute something to the Temple they can use the Temple and perform the marriage with their own priest, but we cannot take responsibility for marrying others who are not initiated by us.

I beg to thank you also for the nice picture. I have kept the picture on my table, it is very nice. May bless you Gopal Kṛṣṇa.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

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

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Los Angeles
26th May, 1970

Detroit

My Dear Bhagavandas,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 21st May, 1970, along with the letters and beads from Roger and Bob. I have accepted them as my initiated disciples as you have recommended, and their beads and reply letters have been dispatched on Sunday May 24th, I hope you have received them by this time. Please continue to see that these two nice boys and all the other devotees there are following rigidly the scheduled program of regulated activities in devotional service, chanting the rounds, attending classes and studying our philosophy as well as going on Samkirtan, etc.

I beg to thank you very much for the check of \$200 which you have sent to Gargamuni. I am very much pleased to learn that \$50 of this check was collected by the two new students as *guru daksina*, that is the proper execution of the initiation function so everything is complete to the Vedic standard.

I have also received the newspaper clipping enclosed by you, it is a nice picture. The newspapers are beginning to appreciate our Movement more and more and that is an index of popular feeling.

I am very happy to hear that you are expecting to visit our Los Angeles Temple sometime soon, so it will be a great pleasure to speak with you then. I am looking

forward to your arrival.

Please offer my blessings to your god wife, and all the other devotees of Detroit Temple. Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
ACBS:db

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Los Angeles
26th May, 1970

My Dear Jadurani,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 'nil' regarding paintings for the KṚṢṂA book.

We have now received the full set of paintings for the first volume of KṚṢṂA book, and they are all very, very excellent. So your art department is doing very nicely, and surely the production will improve even more by the grace of Kṛṣṇa. You are all being inspired just how to portray the Lord and His associates for the devotees' eyes, so everyone who sees to these transcendental pictures will turn to become devotees—that is our aim.

Yes, when Kṛṣṇa and Valaram were students of Sandipuni Muni they may be shown with shaved heads and sikhas, kunthi, etc., just like our brahmacaries.

The personified Vedas are just like great sages in appearance. Some of them may be looking like Vyasa, Valmiki, Narada, etc. Some of them are older and some of them are younger, some of them have full hair like Vyas because they are householders and others are brahmacary—but they are all great souls, highly elevated in transcendental science, or Paramhansas. So as you suggest these pictures will be needed for illustrating the long portion of text describing their prayers to Garbodaksayee Viṣṇu. This is a very important chapter, and if possible it

should also be very appropriately illustrated. So you are very able to choose out suitable subject matter for the pictures, then execute them carefully for Kṛṣṇa's satisfaction.

If you are requiring any other informations like this, please write your inquiries to me and I shall be glad to give you the proper direction.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-5-45

Los Angeles
27th May, 1970

Paris

My Dear Tamal,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 21st May, 1970, and noted the contents carefully.

Regarding the Sanskrit class, I think it was only a plea, but he wanted to teach us something other philosophy. Our Temple is meant for our men, and we may have our own discussions amongst ourselves, no outsider needed. It is definitely concluded that we have not got to learn anything from any outsider beyond the jurisdiction of Gaudiya Vaiṣṇava philosophy. Our philosophy is established on sound ground of the conclusion arrived at by Vyasa-deva down to Jiva Goswami, Visvanath Cakravarty, Bhaktivinode Thakur, etc.

The other day one Indian boy came here to take permission for chanting some bhajan, so I indirectly refused. Try to understand our own philosophy described in so many books, but I cannot allow you to

hear from the mental speculators without any solid knowledge.

So it is very encouraging that London Temple is being managed by one pair of husband and wife very nicely. Similarly each pair should take care of a center; and if you love me at all, then all of you try your best to open at least 108 centers during my lifetime.—that is my special request. At the same time, we must be very careful to see that every center is going properly. Our possessing own building is not so important as it is important to see that everything is going on nicely in order.

Yesterday I received one very important magazine 'Kalyan' from India in which the editor has described about our activities so nicely, but at the end it has been remarked whether in future the standard shall continue. Of course we are not very much concerned with the future; at least in our presence who are the floating members of this Society we should like to see things going on properly.

You have described Their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Kṛṣṇa at London Temple as wonderful. Yes, that is the test of standard service. If we see the Deities in very pleasing mood, that will certify our service unto the Lord. So everywhere we shall see the Deities in such pleasing mood. As soon as we see the Deities in a different mood we must immediately understand our discrepancies.

Regarding your proposed agreed upon program to send each householder couple to a different European city to open a center there, and then having the center firmly established, join the World Samkirtan Party is very good. This program is approved that first we establish some more centers. My missionary activities are especially meant for the Western countries. To go to India is a secondary question, the primary thing is that we establish our institution firmly in the Western countries. So when we are

sound in our preaching work in the Western countries, that news automatically goes to India as it is already publicized.

So if Kṛṣṇa desires, we may go to India next year with our party, but I will prefer if George takes the responsibility of this touring party. If he is serious about it, I can give my suggestions about how it will be done.

As you have listed the prospected cities with the respective couples of householders to go there, these programs are very encouraging. In England there are some very important cities like Manchester, Liverpool, Glasgow, etc. so these may be gradually incorporated in your program.

Regarding the members comprising the World Samkirtan Party, on the whole I wish that 40 members will go, one half from Europe and one half from America or as it may be suitable, there is no definite restriction.

So far the proposal of the Karachi Gujurat Hindu Union and the Brahma Samaj to take our devotees to Africa, if they give return fare we will go to Africa, but I am not very much hopeful of the Indians there. They may be of the same type as they are in England. The difficulty with the Indians is that they are under the impression that they know everything and they have not got to learn anything from us, but factually most of them have lost their original culture and they have to learn so many things from this Kṛṣṇa Consciousness Movement.

Regarding decreasing the number of copies of KRSNA book ordered by Shyamsundar, no, Shyamsundar must sell at least 2,500 KRSNA books, that is already decided. He can sell them at the best price, it does not matter whether it is the price mentioned on the book cover.

So if you want to see a Spanish edition of BTG, then you go to Spain and open a branch, then we get Spanish edition also—it is not difficult. It is very good

news that several new boys and girls have joined the Paris Temple, so utilize all these newcomers—whatever capacity they have got try to utilize it for Kṛṣṇa's service—that will be good for them and good for us.

Regarding your two questions, the first, Sri Gadadhar is expansion Radharani and Srinivas is the expansion of Narada Muni, or in other words they are the internal and the devotional energy respectively. The second question, Yes, Rupa Goswami is a Gopi by the name of Rupanjanari, but not all the six Goswamis of Vṛndavan are Gopis. The following is a list of some of the principle Gopis, the first eight are called *Astasakhi*:

1. Lalitā
2. Visākhā
3. Suciṭrā
4. Campaklatā
5. Rangadevi
6. Sudevi
7. Tungavidyā
8. Indurekhā
9. Rupamanjari
10. Ratimanjari
11. Labangamānjari
12. Rasamanjari
13. Manjumālī
14. Kasturikā

etc. You can sing individually the names of the Gopis, there is no harm, but when we sing the prayer "Sri Radha Kṛṣṇa padan sahaḡuna Lalita Sri Visakha nitamsca" this includes them all.

Please offer my blessings to your good wife, Madri Dasi, and all the boys and girls at Paris center.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

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

70-5-46

Los Angeles
28th May, 1970

My Dear Advaita,

Please accept my blessings.

Regarding the printing of the *Nectar of Devotion*, when Brahmananda was here, he informed me that the printing and bookbinding, everything, would be finished within two weeks, but in the meantime I received one paper bill through Gargamuni for \$2,042.40 and another bill for \$423.32. Formerly you submitted the statement for 20,000 copies of *Topmost Yoga*, and again you decided to print another 10,000 copies for which another bill was submitted; so the total amount, \$2465.72, has just now been telegraphically transferred to your ISKCON Press account No. 516-5642, in the First National Bank of Boston, so you can do the needful.

For future guidance you will please submit your quotation statement as you have done for the first 20,000 copies of *Topmost Yoga*, and that will be nice. You submit your statement including all expenditure. There is no need of sending me the parties' bills. I will transfer the money to ISKCON Press account immediately. That will be easier for me. When you send so many bills, it puzzles my brain. Please send the statements of *NOD* and the second printing of 10,000 copies of *KC:TY*.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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70-5-47

Los Angeles
28th May, 1970

Boston

My Dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings and offer the same to Srimati Jadurani and others.

I am so pleased to learn that you are satisfied to see the Los Angeles Temple situation. Actually it is very, very nice to our purpose, and if we can maintain the standard of the Temple atmosphere certainly anyone who will come here will be influenced by the spiritual effect.

As I have already said many times that we have to maintain two lines parallel; namely the path of Srimad Bhagavatam and the path of PancaratikiSrimad Bhagavatam is the path for Paramahansas, and Pancaratra path is for the neophytes. So the Temple worship is necessary for the beginners so that by following the regulative principles such devotees become more and more purified and thus gradually come on the platform to understand Srimad Bhagavatam. So we shall always keep these principles in view and maintain our centers on this standard.

Recently I have received one 'Kalyan' magazine in which our activities in the Western world have been very much appreciated. Especially they have appreciated my strong injunctions on the point of following the four prohibitive regulations. So after describing our activities, the editor has remarked in one place that things are going certainly very nicely at present, but it is God only Who knows how it will continue in the future. This means that the Indians, or the rigid followers of Vedic principles, are doubtful about my American and European students about their sticking to all these principles. So it is a God sent warning for us so that we may not deviate from the above mentioned two lines of action and thus become subject to criticism by the opposing elements.

In India there is already a party who are prepared to criticise my activities in the matter of offering sacred thread to the so-called mlecas according to their calculation. But actually whatever I am doing here, of course giving consideration to the local situation, all of them are strictly in

the line of our predecessors and direction of Sanatan Goswami. Therefore my request is that all of you be determined to maintain this standard which is not very difficult to follow that I have introduced.

I am so glad to learn that you are trying to compose at least 800 pages per month. That will enliven me very much to write more and more books for you. I have received some photographs of London Samkirtan on the Advent Day of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu, so publish them in BTG.

The copies of the police commissioner's letter are very much encouraging, so this will be documentary evidence for executing our missionary activities. If you quote the actual wordings of the specific laws mentioned in the letter, then it will be helpful to other centers also. Actually we do not want to disturb the law and order of the state, that is not our business, but the Vedic principle to receive contribution from the devotees has to be allowed. Properly speaking, we preachers are not supposed to work, therefore we have got the right to take contribution for executing our activities.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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P.S. Has Dinesh taken delivery of the song tape-recorder?

70-5-48

Los Angeles

28th May, 1970

Manager

Security Pacific Bank

Culver City Branch No. 94

Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

Re: My account No. 836-237 with you

Please transfer \$2465.72 (Two thousand, four hundred, and sixty-five dollars, and seventy-two cents) to the First National Bank of Boston, Brighton Avenue Branch, in favor of account No. 516-5642, ISKCON Press, and charge the same to my account as above mentioned.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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JUNE

70-6-1

Los Angeles
2nd June, 1970

Tokyo

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I was so much anxious to hear from you in letter. Sometimes when there are many letters I think how I shall reply, but if I do not get letters from you I become still more discomfortable. So you please send me a letter at least once in a week, that will give me a great pleasure. Naturally I am anxious to know how different centers are working, and when I get good reports from them it gives me great solace.

I thank you very much that the work with Dia Nippon is going nicely. Gargamuni said that they want to increase price for printing the pictures one side. There is no need of such arrangements, there is no harm to do it as you have got it in TLC. I have received the blueprint from Uddhava and I have already corrected 180 pages and sent it to Boston, and the balance will be sent tomorrow. So there is no anxiety for this.

Here presidents from other centers, like Hayagriva, Rupanuga, and Kirtanananda Maharaj, etc. are staying in this Temple. Kirtanananda Maharaja yesterday played the church organ very nicely. We are going to have another meeting this evening with organ playing. So everything is going nice in this center, and perhaps you remember the park which they have constructed, it is very, very nice.

So you have gone to Japan, make perfect arrangement for our printing work—BTG, Srimad Bhagavatam, etc., and let me peacefully write books. I wanted the

help of an editor. In the present Kṛṣṇa book everything is done nice, but there are many mistakes, but on the whole the work is nice. So if our books are regularly printed and the magazines are regularly distributed, and occasionally you visit the centers, that will be very nice program.

So far possibility of opening centers, it is now definitely ascertained that there will be no difficulty to maintain a center anywhere on the basis of present procedure. The only thing required is that we have to create some nice devotees and expand opening of centers. Gargamuni is very much enthusiastic on this point, and he has recently opened another center in San Diego. Rupanuga also informs that there is possibility of opening many other centers. He was recommending Chicago as a very nice place for opening our center. So kindly you all together help me in these missionary activities and open at least 108 centers—that will satisfy me—and complete the publication of Srimad Bhagavatam.

May Kṛṣṇa bless you for long life, and engage yourself in this Kṛṣṇa Consciousness movement.

Hope this will meet you in good health.
Your ever well-wiser,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
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70-6-2

Los Angeles
2nd June, 1970

My Dear Sudama,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 29th May, 1970, and I am very glad to

know that your preaching work is going on nicely. Please take advantage of the stall at the San Francisco Pavillion, and try to distribute the 'Peace Formula' literature which you have sent to me as well as the card which you have also sent to me. Your plan to distribute French, German and English editions of BTG from the pavillions of those countries is very good idea.

Brahmananda is there so jointly make some solid plan. I understand that in Japan there is good possibility of spreading our movement, and the Japanese boys are chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa Mantra very nicely. I think for the Japanese to pronounce Sanskrit language is easier than to pronounce English language; but this mantra is universal, anywhere you go everyone will be able to chant this mantra.

I am so engladdened to learn that arrangements are being made to print Japanese BTG immediately. Please do it as soon as possible.

Amogha Das Brahmachary and Satya-brata Das Brahmachary have already started this morning. So already you are three there, and Brahmananda and these two Brahmacharies—now you are strong six, and by preaching you will gather another six times six Japanese people and preach Kṛṣṇa consciousness in as many cities of Japan as possible and distribute literature. The small books also can be translated into Japanese.

I have seen the footnote in the Japanese paper you have sent, and it is very nice. If possible you can import from India kholes, mridanga, and kartals. We have already ordered through Messrs. Dwarikin and Son superior quality kholes and pakhwaz, so when we receive them if they are satisfactory, then I will place order for your center.

The more you progress in preaching work, Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu will give you more facilities in this connec-

tion. By His grace you have got determination and you have got a nice wife and nice assistants—please do the work enthusiastically.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

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

70-6-3

Los Angeles
3rd June, 1970

My Dear Madhavananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your nice and encouraging letter dated 18th May, along with your gift a check for \$150 in appreciation for your initiation, and thank you so very much for this.

I am very glad to learn that things are going on very well in Boston. Boston is one of our major centers for the large missionary work of Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement, so there is always an abundance of Kṛṣṇa conscious activities going on. It is very good that you are finding this atmosphere of avid service to the Lord to be so congenial. It is the sign of advancement in Kṛṣṇa consciousness that the devotee does not care for any nice varieties of material engagements based on sense gratification but he finds increasing pleasure in those places where the service of the Lord is being carried out with enthusiasm.

So you take the good opportunity to study well our literatures and how to apply the philosophy of Kṛṣṇa consciousness practically in daily working and help us to spread this transcendental message to all the people of the world. That is our desire. So your humble and sincere effort is needed to be applied for executing this program to the best of your capacity.

My Guru Maharaj used to say that everything is already supplied by Kṛṣṇa; all

the ingredients of different varieties already are there; there is no lack of anything in this world. The only thing that is lacking is Kṛṣṇa consciousness. So Kṛṣṇa is supplying us with all facilities, so there is no question of scarcity of anything. Simply we must become Kṛṣṇa conscious and conscientiously apply our energy to utilizing all facilities in the matter of pleasing Kṛṣṇa or devotional service. We should always be very careful to avoid uti-

lizing any of the facilities available for our own sense gratification, but we should use everything for the satisfaction of Kṛṣṇa only.

Thanking you once again.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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