

*Śrīla Bhaktivedānta Swāmī Mahārāja's*  
**LETTERS FROM AMERICA**

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*to Śrīla Bhaktivedānta Nārāyaṇa Gosvāmī Mahārāja*

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## INTRODUCTION

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“Our relationship is certainly based on spontaneous love. That is why there is no chance of us forgetting one another. By the mercy of Guru and Gaurāṅga may everything be auspicious for you. This is my constant prayer. From the first time I saw you I have been your constant well-wisher. At his first sight of me, Śrīla Prabhupāda also saw me with such love. It was in my very first *darśana* of Śrīla Prabhupāda that I learned how to love.”

*(Excerpt from Śrīla Prabhupāda’s letter 28 September, 1966)*

This booklet presents previously unpublished letters written by Śrīla Prabhupāda during his first years in America. They are parts of a long correspondence between Śrīla Prabhupāda and his *śikṣā* disciple and friend Śrīla Bhaktivedānta Nārāyaṇa Gosvāmī Mahārāja, a disciple of Śrīla Prabhupāda’s godbrother and *sannyāsa guru*, Śrīla Bhakti Prajñāna Keśava Gosvāmī Mahārāja. These letters are only a few of over two hundred that Śrīla Prabhupāda wrote, mostly in Bengali and Hindi, to Śrīla Nārāyaṇa Gosvāmī Mahārāja between 1965 and 1977. They were preserved in a separate folder which was just recently located. The Butler, Pennsylvania entry is the first letter on record that Śrīla Prabhupāda sent from America.

This is the first of three publications which depict Śrīla Prabhupāda’s association with other Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇava devotees. Letters from America portrays Śrīla Prabhupāda’s affectionate and candid relationship with Śrīla Nārāyaṇa Gosvāmī Mahārāja, which is not widely known. It reveals the service and support that Śrīla Nārāyaṇa Gosvāmī Mahārāja has offered for many years to his *śikṣā-guru*. This book offers vintage historical documents, as well as excerpts from Śrīla Nārāyaṇa Gosvāmī Mahārāja’s lectures and interviews. They concern explanations of the letters and his friendship with Śrīla Prabhupāda.

*Śrīla Bhaktivedānta Swāmī: My Śikṣā Guru and Priya Bandhu* contains Śrīla Nārāyaṇa Mahārāja's special memories of Śrīla Prabhupāda since their first meeting in 1946. Included are additional documents and many of Śrīla Nārāyaṇa Mahārāja's insights about Śrīla Prabhupāda's preaching mission. Additional historical documents and photographs are included as well. The third volume entitled *Our Śrīla Prabhupāda: A Friend to All* presents remembrances by other Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇava contemporaries who had Śrīla Prabhupāda's association. We hope that this valuable new material will enliven the hearts of all of Śrīla Prabhupāda's followers, helping us to increase our understanding of his transcendental personality, pastimes and teachings.

*The editors*

# LETTERS FROM AMERICA

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Śrīpād Nārāyaṇa Mahārāja,

Please accept my daṇḍavats, and also convey my daṇḍavats to Muni Mahārāja and all of the other Vaiṣṇavas.

By the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda, I have had so much work to do since I came to the West that although I was thinking to write you a letter, up until now I could not write. I came to stay here for one month, but if I can stay here longer, the work will be done well. Here, they are naturally attracted to Christianity, but they also like to listen to me. Since I came here, I have been lecturing every day either in a church, school, college, club, or society. Their English is a little difficult for me to understand because they pronounce words differently, and our pronunciation of English is difficult for them to understand. But the work has not stopped because of this. They don't dislike my English.

In the Butler Eagle Newspaper, which is one of the largest publications, they like my English, and together with my photograph they have printed this article: "In Fluent English Devotee of Hindu Cult Explains Commission To Visit West – A slight brown man in faded orange drapes wearing white bathing shoes stepped out of a compact car yesterday and into Butler YMCA to attend a meeting. He is A.C. Bhaktivedānta Swāmī, a messenger from India to the peoples of the West. A Hindu by faith, the learned teacher has translated Biblical literature such as Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam into English from ancient Sanskrit. He is now fulfilling a mission given to him by his spiritual master to enlighten English speaking people about their relationship with God."

I have explained in detail a short life history. Under my photograph, I wrote (in large letters): AMBASSADOR OF BHAKTI YOGA "Chanting the holy name of God is among the religious practices of A.C. Bhaktivedānta Swāmī, who arrived on Monday for a month's stay in the Butler area as a 'Missionary in the West.' Pictured in the apartment of his sponsor in the United States, Gopal Agarwal, the Swāmī is residing in the YMCA, and cooking his own meals at the Agarwal home. 'Every culture has religion,' he says. 'We are all engaged in service of



some sort; the highest service is to the Supreme Lord.’ The scholar-teacher has translated sixty volumes of Sanskrit scripture into English. Now, seventy years old, the appointed ‘missionary’ to the United States, was educated in India up to a Bachelor of Arts. He became a disciple in 1933, and received instructions until the death of his leader in 1936. He has severed all family ties, forsaking wife, children, and a business in Calcutta, to follow his beliefs.”

To cross the Atlantic Ocean took ten days. This great sea is usually full of storms and fog and is very disturbing. But by the mercy of Kṛṣṇa, there was no disturbance. The captain of the ship, the main officer, told me, “This kind of quiet Atlantic I have never seen in my life.” I told them that this is only by Kṛṣṇa’s mercy, nothing else. After the troublesome storm in the Arabian Sea, I knew that if I had had to face a storm like that again, I would die.

I am thinking that the preaching will be very good here. I am lecturing – some days for an hour and some days for one half-hour. The people of America are now tasting some new thing. This is the first time I have come to a foreign country, crossing twelve thousand miles. All here are outcasts (not followers of the varṇāśrāma-dharma system) yet I am never afraid to speak in front of them. For the first time in my life I delivered a speech in a church. The main thing is that I am alone and I am in my old age. Because of this, crossing twelve thousand miles in a ship, I became sick. I crossed the Bay of Bengal, the Indian Ocean, the Arabian Sea, the Red Sea, the Mediterranean Sea, and the Atlantic Ocean. I passed through Asia, Europe and Africa. I crossed these oceans and seas and became so sick. Due to my request, they served me vegetarian meals on the ship, yet I could not take them. I fasted continuously for eight to ten days. The *pitta* (fire) increased so much in my body thus I suffered terribly from colic pain.

Afterwards, the captain of the ship purchased an electric stove for me in Port Said. I then cooked for myself and took prasāda. If they hadn’t managed this stove for me, maybe there would have been no possibility of me reaching America. I could have died on the way, but instead Kṛṣṇa mercifully brought me here. Why Kṛṣṇa has brought me here, only He knows.

It is very expensive here. One room I found in the YMCA has a weekly rent of fifty-five rupees. This is a very, very expensive country. The laborers earn more than a gentleman in India. They are paid eighty to eighty-five or ninety rupees daily. Everybody has a motor car, since all the offices and markets are very far away. Every civilized person has one car, which costs ten thousand rupees each.



In India that same car would cost fifty thousand rupees. People drive the cars themselves, they have no paid drivers to do it for them. Nor do they keep servants. There are lakhs and lakhs of motor cars. When I came from New York to Butler, I saw that on two lanes, for five hundred miles there was a solid line of cars. There was no need of electric lights because there were so many cars. At night in the city the shops are lit up and it appears like daytime. There are so many bridges and flyovers (overpasses) that the cars never need to pass each other on narrow roads. Every motor car is generally going not less than fifty miles per hour. Many houses are twenty-five to thirty stories high. In this neighborhood, there are cottages built on small plots. The people are very civilized, but they are *ugra* (high-tempered, not polite or humble).

Today in New York, the Pope came. On television, everyone saw this. Television is an amazing thing. Just staying in one room, they can watch how the whole world is going on, and how they are all corresponding with each other. “The days are passed in vain work and the nighttimes in sleep.” Here people are generally non-vegetarian. Without meat they can’t eat anything. I have been taking *muri* (puffed rice) and peanuts with mustard oil. Somewhere I found mustard oil. Everything is available, but the price is so high. I purchased two hundred and fifty grams of mustard oil for five rupees. I had to travel to a shop twenty miles distance to get it. If you want to come to this country, reply to me.

*Swāmī Mahārāja*





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August 21st, 1966

Śrīpād Nārāyaṇa Mahārāja,

Please accept my *danḍavats* and also please take my blessings.

I think that now you are forgetting me. I will never forget you, but I see that you are forgetting me. How are you? I hope you are all *kuśala* (well and happy) in every way. Now I am staying at the above address. In the middle of September I think that my visa will be finished, so if the government allows I will try to extend it. Very good preaching is going on here. American boys are very beautifully chanting *Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare*. They are chanting loudly. They are eagerly hearing *Gītā* and *Bhāgavata-siddhānta*. They are also practicing *sadācāra*, leaving all bad habits. Also, they are taking Mahāprabhu's *mahāprasāda*. By doing this with their arms upraised, I remember Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura's prediction and become so pleased. Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura wrote very hopefully, "When will that day come when white people, that is Europeans and Americans, join with all others and loudly sing Mahāprabhu's *kīrtana*." So I can see that that day has come.

I am trying my utmost for this. I am also praying for your help and then it will be easier. So if I stay here longer, if they give permission, please send me the following things which I am listing here. You must buy these things and pack them. Book them from Mathurā Station. If you take this responsibility as I am writing you, you must purchase and then pack. After receiving your letter saying how many rupees are needed, then I will send you the money.

- 1) One pair of metal Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa Deities. Arms length (16")
- 2) Very beautiful dresses, ornaments, crowns. Three changes
- 3) Ten pairs of quality *karatālas* from Navadvīpa
- 4) Three good *mṛdaṅgas*
- 5) One *tamburā*
- 6) One good quality harmonium

- 7) Fifty *harināma mālās*, neckbeads, and beadbags
- 8) One book of *Sat-kriyā-sāra-dīpikā* (by Gopāla Bhaṭṭa Gosvāmī and Sanātana Gosvāmī)

If you can find any man who is expert in playing *mṛdaṅga*, then if you want you can tell him to come here, if he wants to come. If this man agrees to come, then please give him my address. (*See document A*).

Let me know what is the cost for all of this, and also what is the packing cost. I will send you that amount. As soon as I get your letter, I shall send you the money. So I hope this time also you will send all that I am wanting and you will help my effort. I have taken so much help from you, and I request that this time also you will help me in this preaching work. I will be so grateful to you. The *vigrahas* must be purchased either in Mathurā or Vṛndāvana. If it is possible, the *kholā* (*mṛdaṅga*) and *karatālas* should be purchased from Navadvīpa. Then in Calcutta my agent can ship it. I know that this will be some trouble, but still I know that you will send it. Receiving this letter, you must give your reply also. I am well.

A.C. Bhaktivedānta Swāmī

(*See document A*)









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(P.S. They are all my disciples and all their names are now Vaiṣṇava names.)

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James S. Greene  
Carl Yeargans  
Raphael Balsam  
Robert Leftkowitz  
Raymond Marais  
Stanley Moskowitz  
Michael Grant  
Harvey Cohen

Śrīpād Nārāyaṇa Mahārāja,

I received your letter, dated 20.9.66 on time. Our relationship is certainly based on spontaneous love. That is why there is no chance of us forgetting one another. By the mercy of Guru and Gaurāṅga may everything be auspicious for you. This is my constant prayer. From the first time I saw you I have been your constant well-wisher. At his first sight of me Śrīla Prabhupāda also saw me with such love. It was in my very first *darśana* of Śrīla Prabhupāda that I learned how to love. It is his boundless mercy that he has engaged an unworthy person like me, in fulfilling some of his desires. It is his causeless mercy to engage me in preaching the message of Śrī Rūpa and Śrī Raghunātha.

The preaching work is going very well here. I sent a copy of my description of this along with the letter. You may try to print it if you can, and you can copy it and give this news to different newspapers. Here the government is very cautious about preaching any other religion except Christianity. Therefore I am ordered to leave after staying for only one year. I am also ready to return, but my disciples do not want me to go. They are arranging to file a suit against this order of the government. Five hundred dollars will be spent, about Rs 4000/-. They are prepared to spend that much money. The above mentioned American gentlemen will hold a meeting tonight, and within twenty-four hours they will arrange a lawyer to be paid. So it seems I have to stay here longer, to fulfill the desire of Śrīla Prabhupāda. Even though they keep me in all kinds of comfort and convenience, still my mind is anxious to return to Vṛndāvana, and I am enthusiastic to see you all.

I am sending the description of the preaching along with this letter. One check for Rs 1500/- is also included. In the price list that you have given, the total comes to Rs 1544/-, but by mistake you have written Rs 1080/-. Anyway, I shall adjust more or less and send it to you later. Everything needs to be packed properly and sent to Calcutta or Cochin. Where to send, I shall write to you in the next letter.

My room is locked in Delhi. If you or any of your faithful preachers want to preach in Delhi, let me know. If you want to work in Delhi, you can use that room and preach. If you continue going to Delhi, then my publication work can be taken care of, under your observation.

You wrote to me, “You can engage me in any preaching work in India according to my ability. I shall always be ready to do so.” So I can preach wholeheartedly by your good wishes.

Here, fifteen educated boys have accepted discipleship from me (*sishawatho*). They have given up wine, meat, intoxication, marijuana, tea, coffee, eggs etc., and are honoring *kṛṣṇa-prasāda* given by me every day. They never knew how to take *dahl*, *capati*, rice, milk, and fruits, but now by eating such *prasāda*, they are quite happy and are always attentively doing their service. Therefore, when these young boys are fully ready, vast preaching will take place in these Western countries through them. I always remind them that I am old. “At any time I may have to say *namaskāra* to Yamarāja, so you all try to understand this Kṛṣṇa consciousness philosophy properly.” I think that they are trying to take this up properly. Otherwise, why would they spend Rs. 4000/- to Rs 5000/- to file a suit to try to

keep me here? Anyway, by the mercy of Kṛṣṇa and your good wishes and blessings, I feel no inconvenience. My health is also good. My only concern is that due to my absence from India my printing work is held up. Regarding this, if you can supervise a little, then I will have no worry. In Delhi, I have a householder disciple and there are also one or two others, but they have no experience with printing. If you can supervise, then Śrīman Candraśekhara and his son Candra Mohana will help you. I have a proper press, a supply of papers, and an arrangement with the officials, but no one to look after it. Let me know your opinion as soon as you receive my letter. There is a press in Mathurā, but it is not as convenient as Delhi. The books could be printed in America. The final printing is very good, but very expensive. It is also difficult to bring money from India, so the printing has to be done there. There is no doubt about it.

What you have heard about the temple is true. Sir Padampat from Kanpur is ready to spend as much as required to make a Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa temple in New York. But it was not possible for the currency exchange with the government of India. Half of the Śrīmad-Bhāgavatams I brought with me are distributed. Here, the high-ranking people consider Bhagavān's devotees to be insane. In the beginning I tried to associate with them. I became acquainted with the secretary of the governor and others; but seeing their demoniac nature I have focused my attention on the middle class – especially toward young and educated. Here the young educated *sampradāya* are disgusted with Western civilization. They are being ruined by taking marijuana and associating with women. The government does not care for them. They are sent to the Vietnam War by force. The political situation here is not good. This means that their future is not very bright. Because of this condition, Śrīman Mahāprabhu has come to this country. I am trying to give them the dust of His lotus feet and those who are accepting are feeling joy. They are accepting me with love, thinking that I can give them life. You will come to know all this news in the Joint Report.

A crosscheck is being sent. It will not be difficult to cash it if you have a bank account. Otherwise you can collect money with the help of Bon Mahārāja or other friends. Please reply to me as soon as you receive my letter.

*Nivedana* (I offer myself to you)  
*Śrī Bhaktivedānta Swāmī*

P.S. There is no need for any professional *mṛdaṅga* player. If there is any good devotee who wants to come, send me his name and address.

Enclosure—One check #: 0055445 for Rs 1500/- (rupees fifteen hundred)

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Śrīpād Nārāyaṇa Mahārāja,

Accept my daṇḍavats. I last wrote to you on 28th of September, and I also sent you a check for Rs 1500/-. I still haven't received a letter from you, and I am worried. Please make me happy by writing me a letter as soon as you finish reading this one. Please let me know if all the goods have been purchased. If you don't think that the money I sent is enough, don't buy the *tanburā* for Rs 200/. But the other goods should be packed properly, and you must send them to Calcutta. Along with the railway receipts send it by registered post to the following address:

M/S United Shipping Corporation  
14/2 Old China Bazaar St.  
Calcutta – 1

Send it to them with the train receipt, and forward it by registered post with acknowledgement. They will ship it and deliver it to the USA. Have you received a letter from the Scindia Steam Navigation Company? I am sure you will get one from them. I am eager to hear how you have progressed with this.

*(See document A).*

The preaching work is going on very well here. Someone wrote an article in the newspaper saying that, "In America people had the idea that God had either died or gotten lost, but Bhaktivedānta Swāmī, within three months, has explained to the atheist *sampradāya* that God is existing within *Hari-kīrtana*." This is all a glorification of Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Prabhupāda and is fulfilling his desire with "*vijaya vaijayanti*" (victory flag and garland). I am very insignificant, so whichever way he is guiding me, I am doing that. Write to me soon and make me happy.

A.C. Bhaktivedānta Swāmī





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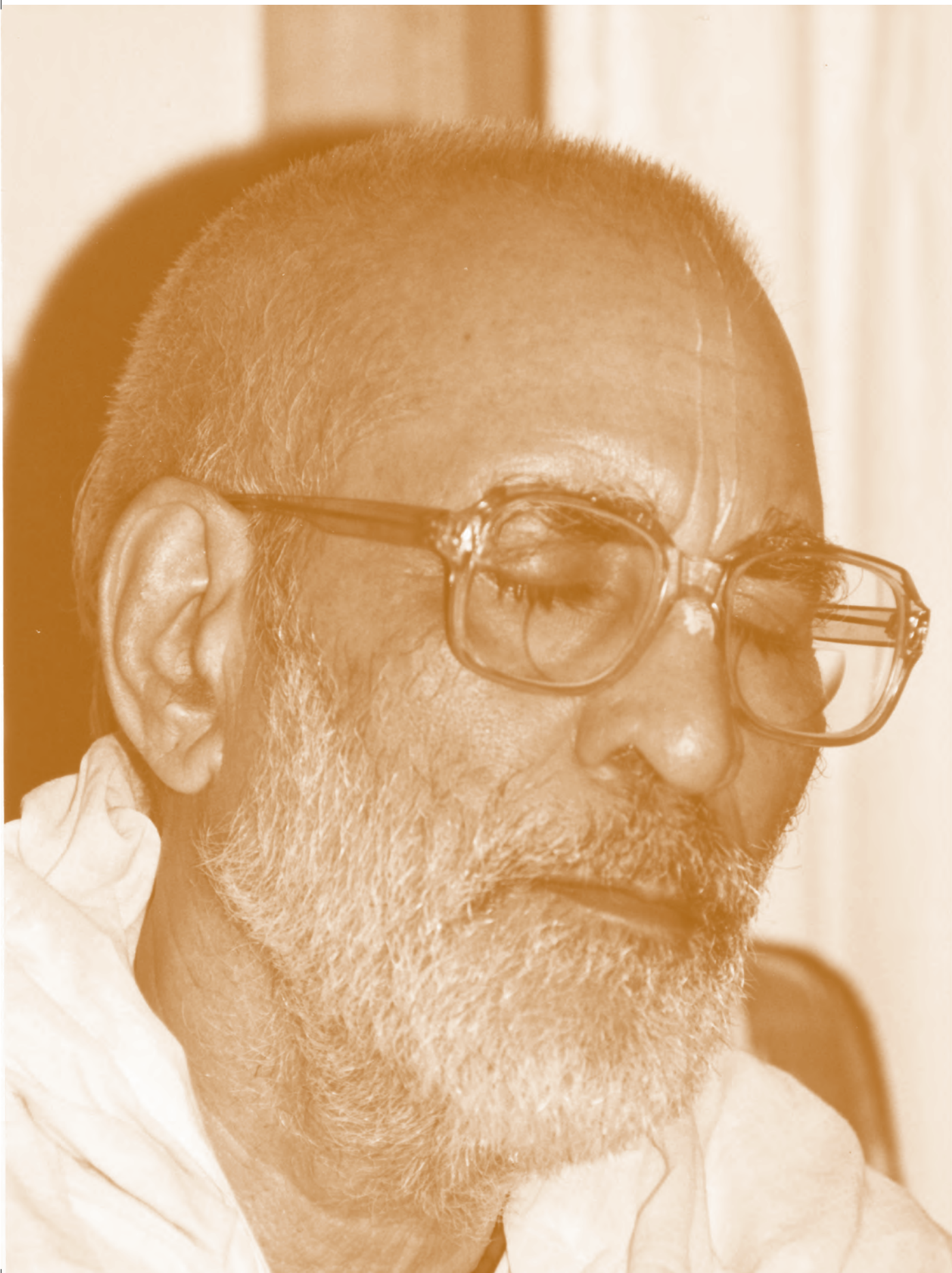
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“Śrī Śrī Guru Gaurāṅga Jayatho”

A.C. Bhaktivedānta Swāmī

26 Second Avenue  
Apt: B1R  
New York, NY 10003  
U.S.A. D/Nov. 19, 1966.

*Śrī Śrī Vaiṣṇava Carane Daṇḍavat nati Purvikiyam*

I am offering my *daṇḍavat praṇāmas* to the Vaiṣṇavas’ lotus feet and then I am writing.

Śrīpād Nārāyaṇa Mahārāja,

Upon receiving your letter dated 13.11.66 I came to know of all the details. I became very sad upon hearing of Śrīpād Bhikhu Mahārāja’s untimely passing away. How such an active, steady, strong and young man’s heart could fail is beyond my dreams. I am extremely sad. Moreover, he was a great helping hand for you. Everything is the desire of Kṛṣṇa. I hope your health is better now.

There is no need to bother Śrīpād Tirtha Mahārāja with the burden of any work. I sent him Rs 150/- eight months ago but so far it has not been possible for him to send anything. All are busy with their own work. In your previous letter I came to know that you are willing to help me, but from your current letter I see that this is difficult for you now. At present there is no need to send anything. Just deposit the Rs 1500/- in the Punjab National bank. I am sending a letter in the name of the bank manager. Kindly deposit that money and the letter in Vṛndāvana. If they tell you to send the pass book and the checkbook please send by Regd. Airmail. Otherwise they can send them themselves.

A visit should also be made to the Gosvāmī of Rādhā-Dāmodara temple. I sent them two or three letters but have received no reply. The bank was to pay Rs 5/- per month. I am desirous to know if they are receiving that money. Kindly write me a letter after inquiring about this.

If Trivikrama Mahārāja can send a *mṛdaṅga* and *karatālas* from Navadvīpa that is good. Otherwise I do not want to trouble you only for a *mṛdaṅga* (*khola*). I request you to write a letter to Trivikrama Mahārāja and if he can accept this



trouble and send them, then after receiving a letter from him I shall send him separate money.

I was very enthusiastic to learn in your previous letter that your help will always be available, but having come to learn from your present letter that you are not well, I am discouraged. Whatever happens according to Kṛṣṇa's desire is for the best. Make me happy by replying to my letter as soon as you receive mine and give me news of Vṛndāvana.

Yours,  
*Śrī Bhaktivedānta Swāmī*

A.C. Bhaktivedanta  
Swami

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December 15, 1966.

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A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami  
HOWRAH NEW YORK PORT (U.S.A.)

Via ~~Cable~~ Through  
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26 Second Avenue  
Apt. B1 Rear  
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December 15, 1966

*Śrī Śrī Vaiṣṇava Carane Daṇḍavat nati Purvikiyam*

I am offering my daṇḍavat praṇāmas to the Vaiṣṇavas’ lotus feet and then I am writing.

Śrīpād Nārāyaṇa Mahārāja

After receiving your letter of the 13th of November and hearing of your difficulty, I replied to you on the 19th of November. In that letter I instructed you to deposit Rs 1500/- into my account at the Vṛndāvana Punjab National Bank. If you have not deposited the money yet, please let me know if you have purchased the goods or not. I came to know that my disciple Candraśekhara from Delhi wrote you a letter. Candraśekhara sent me a copy of your reply to him. In that letter I came to know that foolish Candraśekhara had blasphemed you. Fools do not know how to honor Vaiṣṇavas. By your greatness, please excuse him. I haven’t instructed him to do such a thing. I only told him to visit you. Anyway, excuse his *aparādhā*. Candraśekhara is a good man, but out of foolishness he used bad words to you. You please forgive him and me by your good qualities.

If you have not deposited the money in the Punjab National Bank, you can arrange for the purchase of Deities (Śrī Vighrahas). They asked Rs 700/- for a pair of Deities. But if they accept Rs 1200/- for two pairs of Deities, buy them. Pack them properly in the box and sent it to my supplying agent (Bakeswar) how to write even I do not know. But write me like this. As—

A.C. Bhaktivedānta Swāmī  
New York Port (U.S.A.)  
Via Howrah through  
United Shipping Corporation  
14/2, Old China Bazaar St.

Soon after you receive my letter let me know what arrangement you have made. I hope you are all well.

Affectionately yours  
*A.C. Bhaktivedānta Swāmī*

*(See shipping document A & Candrasekhara document E).*



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Śrīpād Nārāyaṇa Mahārāja

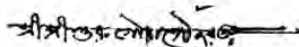
Accept my *daṇḍavats* in this letter. I received your letter dated December 21st and I came to know all the news. I received the passbook and checkbook from the Vṛndāvana bank. I received the receipts of the deposits. Everything is fine. But the particular work for which I sent the money has not been done. For that you are “lamenting.” I am also “lamenting.” I received an enthusiastic letter from Trivikrama Mahārāja and immediately I sent him Rs 200/- so he could send me one *mṛdaṅga*. I do not know what is Śrīla Prabhupāda’s desire. I have sent advanced money to everybody, but I have to lament that the work remains undone. I sent Rs 150/- to Śrī Tirtha Mahārāja five months ago, but still today I am sitting here and lamenting that I don’t have any *mṛdaṅgas* and *karatālas*. Kindly you write to Śrīpād Trivikrama Mahārāja that he should not give me a reason to lament. He should arrange to send the *mṛdaṅga* and *karatālas* as soon as he receives my letter. My lamentation is that if Śrīla Prabhupāda were alive, he would not have given me a chance to lament. When there is a war, the government stops all other work and makes a special arrangement to send weapons. There even may be some waste of necessary supplies in the war field, but still there is not a lack of supplies. The government pays special attention to that. When Bon Mahārāja went to London, Śrīla Prabhupāda sent Rs 700/- by telegrams every month for three years. This was thirty years ago. For my house rent alone, I pay two hundred dollars monthly, which is Rs 1500/-. Besides this, the electric bill, the gas bill, the telephone bill, and feeding fifteen people costs Rs 6000/- per month. In addition, Back to Godhead is being published. I have sent Back to Godhead to you in the first mailing. I did not expect any help in regard to this from my godbrothers. I only begged a little co-operation from them. Even in that I am unsuccessful. Certainly Śrīla Prabhupāda is helping me. Otherwise, how could an insignificant person like me have given two or four people a chance to become Vaiṣṇavas?



The general people are all intoxicated and loafers. It is very popular here to impregnate women, and then take them to the doctor and give them an abortion. This is common. They have no lamentation for this. You cannot imagine from there, how difficult it is to make them accept good *sadācāra* (behavior according to scriptural injunctions). It is so much mercy from Śrīla Prabhupāda that these kind of “*kirāta-hūṇānandhra-pulinda-pulkaśā*” (lowborn) national people are taking up *sadācāra*. They are giving up illicit relationships with women, intoxication, marijuana, tea, coffee, everything. Having given up meat, they are eating *dahl*, *capati* and rice and are very happy. They *do kirtana* and *harinama* every morning and evening, and do *sandhyā* before Śrīla Mahāprabhu’s picture. To honor the *guru-varga*, as soon as they see me, they pay obeisances. I never expected so much. They are not foolish or inactive. Some are MA and BA, and are earning three or four thousand rupees per month. Most of them, at least two of them, give me all their money. That is why it is possible to spend so much. It is not possible to beg here. It is not possible to run a *matha* or temple if money does not come from earning. Here it is not possible to go from door to door to beg flour and rice. Without notice it is not possible to meet with any gentlemen. It is necessary to make an engagement beforehand. Along with all this inconvenience, in this faraway foreign country, I am working alone, helplessly. My only hope is Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura. I have no one else. In my house, my wife and son did not help me, so I left my home. I thought that godbrothers would help me, but even that I did not get. That is why, when you wrote in your letter, dated 20.9.66, “I will always be ready to serve you from India in any way I can,” and hearing this I was very hopeful. But in your letter 13.11.66, two months later, you wrote that Tirtha Mahārāja was coming to Vṛndāvana so “if you let me know by letter, he will arrange to send everything to me. Then I will give all of the money into his hand.” Thus I was forced to write you to deposit all the money in the bank. Otherwise there was no other reason. Anyway, forgetting all this, if you can help me from India, you will certainly attain the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda. In my old age I have to take so much risk, but not to fulfill any of my own desires. Śrīla Prabhupāda had desired this work, and I am trying to fulfill that desire according to my ability. Personally I have no ability. My only hope is Śrīla Prabhupāda. So if you help me in any way, know that it will certainly be all auspicious for you.

Yours,  
 Śrīla Bhaktivedānta Swāmī





TELEPHONE: 874-7420

April 14, 1967

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STANLEY MOSKOW  
MICHAEL GRANT  
HARVEY COHEN

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April 14, 1967.

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Robert Leftkowitz  
Raymond Marais  
Stanley Moskowitz  
Michael Grant  
Harvey Cohen

Śrīpād Nārāyaṇa Mahārāja,

Accept my daṇḍavats. I received your and Vinoda Kumāra's letters together on 6.4.67 on time. I read the letters the day before yesterday, and on 12.4.67 I have sent you three hundred dollars in rupees. Let me know as soon as you receive the money. I am sending you my Delhi and Vṛndāvana room keys, and some other keys along with my letter. I still did not receive any letter from Trivikrama Mahārāja. You had deposited Rs 1500 in my Vṛndāvana account. I sent a check of Rs 200 to the Vṛndāvana bank. If Trivikrama Mahārāja finds it difficult to cash the check, tell him to write on the back of the check, “pay to B.V. Nārāyaṇa,” and you can cash it. If he had returned the check to me, I would have cashed it and sent it back to him. Anyway, if he has not cashed the check, you take it and cash it. I have some money in Vṛndāvana, which I have not spent. Therefore the total is Rs 2250/- and there is Rs 200 to be deposited. Spend the money as follows:

1 harmonium (A) according to description					Rs 350/-
1 harmonium (C)	“	“	“	“	Rs 500/-
1 <i>sitar</i> (A)	“	“	“	“	Rs 250/-
1 <i>sitar</i> (B)	“	“	“	“	Rs 250/-
					<hr/> Rs 1375
1 <i>tanpura</i> (A)	“	“	“	“	Rs 200/-
1 <i>tanpura</i> (B)	“	“	“	“	Rs 250/-
2 <i>mṛdaṅgas</i> (the body should be made of tin according to Trivikrama Mahārāja's description)					Rs 150
					Rs 1975
10 pairs of good Navadvīpa <i>karatālas</i>					Rs 100/-
					<hr/> Rs 2075
Total					Rs 2450/-
					Rs 2075
Balance					<hr/> Rs 375/-

(See document A)

There is no need to purchase any warm clothes for Vinoda Kumāra. Here I have about four or five overcoats and warm chadars etc. There is no need to bring any bedding while traveling by ship. First of all, it is summer. Secondly, they will provide blankets, bedding and everything on the ship.

The *brahmacārīs* and I use very simple clothes here. I am sending you a photograph to show how I live here. I am making the Americans wear *brahmacārī* robes, and shave up. If a *brahmacārī* from India dresses as an American he will not be appreciated. So tell Vinoda Kumāra to come as a *brahmacārī*. There are enough overcoats and warm clothes here. If it is necessary, buy him one good blanket and one pair of shoes (not made of leather). That means do not spend more than Rs 100/- on him, including the journey to Calcutta. So out of Rs 375/-, if Rs 100/- is spent for Vinoda Kumāra, Rs 275/- remains.

Pack everything in Delhi and send it by goods train to Howrah station to my United Shipping Corporation agent (freight paid R/R). Register in the address of registered letter M/S United Shipping Corporation 14/2, Old China Bazaar St, Room No. 18, Calcutta.



Spend as you need for your transport to Delhi and for your two to four day stay there. Pack all books after making a list, and get 11 steel trunks packed. It means closing the box, locking it, stitching sacks around it and locking it with iron straps. On the top of each package write A. C. Bhaktivedānta, New York (via Howrah). Send a copy of all goods to the shipping agent R/R. Send one copy to me along with R/R. If Rs 275 is not enough to send these goods then do not buy the *karatālas*. Then Rs 100/- more remains. In this way if everything is done under your supervision I shall be very glad. I hope you will ever oblige me by helping in this way. Kindly send me my *mṛdaṅga* and *karatālas* that are in Vṛndāvana.

The key that is left in Vṛndāvana is the key to the kitchen. After you open the door of the room you will find a big key on the right side of the wall shelf. Open the door of my sitting room with that key. My *mṛdaṅga* and *karatālas* are in that room. There are *karatālas* in the kitchen also. Please get the room cleaned by Sorojini and give her one rupee. The bank is supposed to pay Rs 5/- to the Gosvāmī per month, but the Gosvāmī never wrote me a letter. Try to find out if he receives the money and make me happy by writing me as soon as you receive this letter.

*Kṛpā parthi* (I want your mercy)  
*Śrī Bhaktivedānta Swāmī*

PS. If it is possible send me *tilaka* and *agarbathi*.





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May 17, 1967

*Śrī Śrī Vaiṣṇava Carane Daṇḍavat nati Purvikeyam*

I am offering my daṇḍavat praṇāmas to the Vaiṣṇavas' lotus feet and then I am writing.

Śrīpād Nārāyaṇa Mahārāja,

I received your letter dated 11 May, 1967, and have become so much upset. In your letter you say, "You have given me some advice about good behavior for living in the Maṭha." Also in this letter you write, "There is no need for you to give me this advice." I could not remember where I have written this thing. So you must tell me in which letter I have written this and send me a quotation of what I said. Otherwise I am feeling very upset. Because in all the Gauḍīya Maṭhas, I think that you are the real *guru-sevaka*, so I always correspond with you and I always give my full love and affection to you.

If I was not thinking like this and putting so much trust in you, I would never have sent you my key and my money. I have so much faith and love for you. Why do you think that I am criticizing you? If you think this, it is like a thunderbolt striking my head. Please, I am requesting you to send a copy or quotation of that letter. Otherwise the pain in my mind will not go away. I never wrote to criticize you. This is contrary to the result I wanted.

I am making an inquiry at the bank. When you get the money, you must send me news of it immediately. If you send me your bank account number, I can send money to that account number in the future. Then there will be no difficulty.

Regarding Vinoda Kumāra. I sent you a copy of his first letter. Perhaps in the first letter Vinoda Kumāra didn't say anything about his clothes or maintenance, or that he wanted Rs 800/- or 1000/-. But now that he is asking, I and my trustees have become upset. You know that it is very expensive here. If anyone wants to stay here independently, it is impossible. To take a visitor's visa and then earn money by working is illegal. So as I informed you before, it must be handled carefully. If he comes on a visitor's visa, by Appointment on Probation, then perhaps in the future we can help him. If this is clear, then on this condition only he can come on the

visitor's visa. Otherwise he can come on an Alien Expert application, as a music master. He can apply at the Embassy for this. He can say, I want to earn money as a music teacher. If the American Embassy gives permission, then as an alien music master I have no objection. But not if he comes here with a visitor's visa and tries to earn money to send to his country. I have written about this matter before, and now I am writing again. So you must take care of this. There is such a difference between our country and America in regards to the rules and regulations of *mathas* and *mandiras*. Without permission, collecting one farthing here is not possible.

If, as a music master, he wants to stay here independently, his room rent, food and lodging will cost two hundred dollars per month. This is Rs 1500/-. Who will supply this money? That is my worry. Again I write that with a visitor's visa it is not possible to earn money in this country. If he gets the alien expert visa he can come and I have no objection. He can stay in our *matha* and earn money and have employment. He can do this. Write me whatever you decide. I hope all is well with you.

Yours,  
A.C. Bhaktivedānta Swāmī

श्री श्री गुरु गौरांग जयतः

26 Second Avenue # 81.  
New York N.Y. 10003 U.S.A.  
May 24, 1967.

श्रीमान नारायण महाराज ! हमारी दुनवत प्रदण कर, आपका 19.5.67 का पत्र  
मिला और पत्र पढ़कर बहुत ही खुशी हुई। मैं तो आपको सब समझा दे अपना  
पुन का जैसा समझता हूँ आप ! आपका लोत भाष का पत्र पढ़कर अत्यंत  
अत्यंत मर्माहृत हुआ था पर मैं उता सनय जैसे पिता पुन को खुश करने  
हूँ मैं तो आपको कैसे क्षमा किया हूँ। आपके विषय में मैं सब समझा दे उक्त  
धारणा रखता हूँ। आप भी कुछ पिता के जैसे मानकर यदि कभी बह भाषा में  
माहिती भी दे तो उसको सहने को। यदि कभी मैं आपको उद्देश्य भी दे तो  
आप उसे अभावश्यक न समझे उसे आपका मंगल होगा। घर में यदि कभी  
पिता पत्र का कगार भी होता है तो उसे पिता पुन का समर्थन कथा दूँ नहँ। सकता।  
नए पत्रों का म पढ़ है कि आप पत्र पाठ मात्र दिखि पोर कर सब  
। कलानों को प्याक करा दूँ। यदि आपके दिखि जाने में देर होवे तो पत्र पाठ  
आप श्रीमान श्री कृष्ण पुरित मेनेजर साहब को 4082 कुना दिलवलि। मर-  
चनमैरा गेट। रोड-6 में पत्र लिख दे कि आप आ रहे हैं; और। नैस,  
। नार खमें आप उधरे जावे गे उसे लिख दिसोए।  
आपके रुपैया देर से मिलने का कारण मैं कलकत्ता में श्रीमान  
बदावन जो रुपैया लिख - आपकी पत्र अनि को। देता हूँ। यदि मैं आपने  
तो उसका रुपैया खर्च करने का आप रुचकता है नहँ। रु। आपकी नो  
रुपैया (Rs 2250/-) भेजा है बट रुपैया से। रु। आप। और। 344 रु। का  
और। 17 तावे सब अच्छी तरह से प्याक करने में जो सरय होवे नहँ। रु। का।  
अध्यात ज्यादा से ज्यादा 300 रु। रुपैया। दिखि खर्च हो सकेगा। सब  
। न। तावे प्याक करा कर माल हाकर हुसन में माल गामे Freight Paid  
करके भेजिए एवं रेल रासीद निम्नलिखित ठिकाना में रोजेष्टर। उक्त स्वीष्ट  
पत्र के साथ m/s. United Shipping Corporation 14/2 Old China  
Bazar Street Room # 18 Calcutta 1. भेजिए। वे हमारा Shipping  
। न। तावे। उनके पत्र प्राप्त हुआ है। तां March 27, 1967) उनके पत्र में। रु। का।  
। क। तावे Howrah Station में बुक करा कर रेल रासीद उन्हें भेज दे और  
रु। का। तावे के एक लिख भी भेज दे। (आप उधरे रु। का। तावे का। तावे। रु। का। तावे।  
हमारे पूर्व पूर्व पत्र में दिखि। विषय में जो जो निर्देश दे चुका है उसे भी  
देख कर दिखि। कार्य पढ़ते समाधान। को। न। तावे। वादय चन्ना। दे। खा। दे। करने  
कि। आवरेयकता है नहँ। कलकत्ता में वादय चन्ना का एक भारी कम्पनी  
है m/s. Raychanda & Son उनको रुपैया भेजना है। अतः केवल 8000 लगभग  
दिलि। खर्च करने के लिए अपना पास रखिए न। तावे। 1850/- रुपैया नहँ बदावन  
में नतो रु। का। तावे जंच आप सावधान समझे वंरा बंक में हमारा। खाता में रु। का। तावे  
सरा दिखिए। बदावन में Punjab National Bank & M/s. 112 Saving Fund 2913 और  
। दि। नि। में The Bank of Baroda Limited, Chaudhri Chowk 5/8 up to 1452  
Dr.

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द्विजिमें कार्य समाधान करके तथा नक में रुपये जमा कराकर जब आप मुझे पत्र भेजेंगे तब मैं रुपये पुष्प चैक द्वारा Shankin + Sons को रुपये भेज दूंगा और वे सब बातें धर्म को भेज देने का प्रबंध करेंगे।

श्रीमान विनोद कुमार को हमने पहले 200 रुपये भेज दिया था क्लर्क और कारखाने के लिए न जाने कौन जितने नूतने आदि भेजे नही। यदि आप कृपया जिविकम सहाराज को reminder पत्र दे तो वही कृपा होगी।

श्रीमान विनोद कुमार के बिषय में बात यह है कि जब वे पहले पत्र लिखा था उसमें अपनी कि बातें खुलासा नही बतलाया। बाद में 200 रुपये का पोषाक चाहिए और इधर के Music master के लिये से रेंगे। माला तेलक धारण नही करेंगे यह सब जानेसे पहले ही बोल रहे हैं और इधर जानेसे न जाने और क्या क्या मांगा बैठेंगे जो कि हमारा सामर्थ्य का बरत है।

मैं इधर में भारतीय से लासो गुन इन्प्रिन्ट कर लेवाले अमरीकी बालक को अपनी बर्त में जैसे चाहता है चले गठन कर रहा है। इस हालत में भारतीय किता बालक को इन्प्रिन्ट करने में बहुत ही जवाबाने होगा। मैं इन्प्रिन्ट करने में असमर्थ होने का कारण अपने बाल बच्चे को छोड़ दिया। इधर जितने अमरीकी बच्चे हमारा साथ रहते हैं वह सब मस्सक मुलें कर रहे हैं माला मालक धारण करके निर्धामल आवाज को पालन कर रहे हैं। दर्शन का प्रपंचांग दुबसत प्रणम कर रहे हैं। सब बाले की शक्ति के साथ काम निर्याद हो रहा है। इस स्थिति में भारतीय बालक विशेष करके हमारे सम्प्रदाय के एव शिष्य माला तेलक धारण नही करेंगे और ब्रह्मचारी के वेश में हमारे साथ रहने में अस्वीकार करेंगे, यह सब बातें जानना अवगतिजनक होगा। मैं इसी बातें नही चाहता हूँ।

यदि विनोद कुमार हमारा दम से रहते आसक्त हैं। कम से कम 3 माहने पूरी आशा का अनुसार रहने का प्रस्ताव यदि मैं जमा करूँ कि यह बालक musical सो न चलावे में समर्थ है तो मैं सुद उनको musical class सुना दूंगा और Society उनके तो सब खर्च करेंगे। बाकी यह सब बातें सही नही। विशेष करके Indian View में मैंने कैसे कैसे पकड़ रखना करने बगैर कानुनी है। अतः मैं इसे आरको में बतलाया है। Musical Teacher का विवर वगैरे में लिखा। ठीक सट है व तो इधर आकर Society के सदस्य से हो बन सकती है। यह सब बातें विचार निमर्श करके यदि विनोद कुमार इधर जावे तो आ सकते हैं। अन्यथा Society उनको स्वागत करने में असमर्थ है। Society कि कहना है कि यह सब बातें पहले ही खुलकर लिखना था। अब आप जैसे उचित समर्थें वैसे करें। हमारी तरफ से जो कुछ बातें है वह सब appointment letter में लिखा है। यदि आप उसे नही देखेंगे तो क्वार देखा जाएगा। आशी है आप कुरान से हमें पत्र का जवाब की प्रतीक्षा में अवधि श्रीमान के लिये स्वामी



“Śrī Śrī Guru Gaurāṅga Jayatho”

A.C. Bhaktivedānta Swāmī

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D/ May 24, 1967

Śrīpād Nārāyaṇa Mahārāja,

Accept my *danḍavats*. I received your letter dated 19.5.67 and became very happy to read it. I always consider you as my son! But I had been very hurt to read a part of that last letter which had in it some harsh words. But now I have forgiven you just as a father forgives his son. I always have a very high opinion of you. If I ever chastise you with hard words, you tolerate it thinking that I am your old father. If I ever advise you, you shouldn't think it to be unwanted. Rather, it will be auspicious for you. In the house, if the father and son quarrel, it doesn't break the relationship between them.

After receiving my letter, I request that you first go to Delhi and get all the books packed. If you are late going to Delhi, then you should write to the manager of the temple, Śrīman Śrī Kṛṣṇa Pandit, 4092 Kuncha Dilwali Singh Ajmer Gate, Delhi 6, and let him know you are coming. Mention in the letter the date on which you will arrive there.

In the context of your receiving money late, I have written to Śrīman Vṛndāvana in Calcutta to come to you with money. If he comes then there is not need to spend his money but out of the Rs 2250 I sent to you, the expenses of coming to Delhi, staying there and packing the books in a box, can be met. That means that up to the maximum of Rs 300 only can be spent in Delhi. After getting the books packed, please send these goods to Howrah Station by freight train – marking them FREIGHT PAID. Send the railway receipt by registered post to:

M/S United Shipping Corp.  
14/2 Old China Bazaar St.  
No. 18. Calcutta 1

They are our shipping agents. I have received their letter dated March 27, 1967 asking us to send the books to Howrah and to send the railway receipt

to them along with a list of the books. (When writing to them please mention about their letter).

Whatever instructions I have given to you in my precious letters about work to do in Delhi, please take care of it. There is no need to buy the musical instruments. There is a very good musical instrument company in Calcutta, M/S. Dwarkin and Son. The money has to be sent to him. Keep only Rs 800/- with you for spending and the rest of the Rs 1850/- deposit in my account either in Vṛndāvana or Delhi.

Vṛndāvana Punjab – Punjab National Bank A/C no. Savings Fund 2913 or Delhi – The Bank of Baroda Limited, Chandni Chowk S-A A/C no. 1452

After finishing the work in Delhi and depositing the money, kindly write me a letter. I will then make a separate check to Dwarkin and Son, they will arrange to send the musical instruments.

Six months ago I sent Trivikama Mahārāja Rs 200/- to buy a *mṛdaṅga* and *karatālas*, but I don't know why he still has not sent them. I will be very grateful if you can send him a reminder letter.

About Vinoda Kumāra, this is the situation. In his first letter he didn't reveal his mind clearly. Then later he asked for Rs 800/- for clothes for himself, and said he wanted to stay as a music master. He refused to wear *kuntī-mālā* and *tilaka*. If he speaks like this before he comes here – who knows what he will ask for afterwards, that will not be within our capacity to supply him.

I am trying to build the characters of these American boys, who are *lakhs* more times more *tarpan* (servants of their own senses) than Indian boys. Then if an Indian boy enters this situation and also serves his own senses it will not make the atmosphere very peaceful. I had to leave my own family and children because I was unable to tolerate seeing them remain servants of their senses. All the American children who are staying with me have shaved their heads, have *mālā* and *tilaka* and always follow my orders. As soon as they see me they do *daṇḍavat praṇāmas* (obeisance). All the work is done very peacefully. In this situation, if an Indian boy, especially a disciple from our *sampradaya*, doesn't wear *mālā* and *tilaka* and doesn't agree to wear the robes of a *brahmacārī* – it will not make a peaceful atmosphere. I don't want such a thing.

If Vinoda Kumāra is ready to come here and live in my style, and follow my orders for six months, and if I then understand he is capable of running a musical

school, I may open a musical class for him. The society will spend everything for him. That's enough of this talk for now. Especially if one comes with a visitor's visa, he is not allowed to earn money as I have told you before. To make a visa for a musical teacher is not very difficult. With the help of the society, it can be made even after coming here. He must discuss and consider all of these points and then he can come. Otherwise the society is unable to welcome him. The society wants to say that he should have written all of these details before. Now do whatever you think is correct. Whatever we want to say from our side is written in the Appointment Letter. If you have not seen that, please see one. I hope everything is well. I am waiting for your reply.

*Śrī Bhaktivedānta Swāmī*

*[After writing this letter Śrīla Bhaktivedānta Swāmī Mahārāja sent another letter June 1st, 1967, informing Śrīla Nārāyaṇa Mahārāja of his serious illness. See document C].*







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June 14, 1967

My dear Narayana Maharaj,

I thank you very much for your letter dated June 7 1967 along with the letter of Sriman Rayrama (Raymond Marais). While replying you this letter I am feeling well. From the hospital I have been transferred to the New Jersey seashore and I am glad to inform you that I am improving daily, a little bit. The weakness is still continuing and sometimes I feel dizziness but the seashore breeze gives me much relief. My disciples here are Godsend, they are all more than my father and mother, and they are taking so much care for me that I shall never be able to repay the debts. I hope to survive by the prayers of the boys otherwise I would have died on the day when the stroke was so severe. All the boys in 3 branches in New York, San Francisco and Montreal, prayed for me to Sri Krishna and chanted the whole night and with vow they fasted and I am sure only for their prayer I am on the path of recovery. I cannot express my gratitude for their sincere love for me and I can only pray that Sri Krishna may bless them with advanced Krishna Consciousness. In the hospital they spent money like anything up to the extent of 600-700 rupees daily, so there is no dearth of care and treatment, but still I think Ayurvedic treatment is better for this kind of disease. After all only Krishna can help me; medicine is not sufficient. I thank you for your letter and consulting Giri Maharaj and other Vaishnavas. Your good wishes and all the Vaishnavas good wishes can only save me. Your letter also has given me sufficient strength. I am thinking of returning to India as soon as I get a little strength because by plane it will take at least 24 hours by the fast air line so I must have sufficient strength to fly that long a period and as advised by you I shall go directly to Calcutta and after consulting some good physician there I may come back to Mathura-Vrindaban. But I am sure if I can go back to Vrindaban the atmosphere will cure me. <sup>Immediately</sup> See the danger period is over by the grace of Lord Krishna.

So far as the Belhi books are concerned, you can arrange for their dispatch to Howrah station by goods train which runs every week and goes very fast. All the books should be listed in duplicate and one of them should be sent with the railway receipt to Messrs. United Shipping Corp. 14/2 Old China Shipping Corp. No. 18 Calcutta, 1, By Registered Post with Acknowledgement <sup>from</sup> me. The other copy of the list of books may be sent to me. The packing may be done very nicely and the steel trunks may be used for packing. If they are not sufficient to cover all the books, then wooden boxes should be purchased and packed nicely bound with iron straps. The steel trunks also should be strapped with iron straps.



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HARVEY COHEN

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In each and every packing box the following marks should be given:  
{ A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami  
New York (Via Howrah Station)

For the time being you can purchase some bottles of Chavanaprassa and Makradhvaja-purchase from Sadhana Ousadhalaya who has got branches in Chandni Chowk, Delhi.

In Fathe-Puri, Masjid no 32 there is a firm, SS. Brijbasi and Sons, please see them and enquire what they have done in respect of our orders for pictures for which we have sent 100 dollars—and let me know the fate of our order. From the amount rupees Rs 2,235 you will spend all that is required for performing Delhi affairs and the balance may be deposited in my SB account # 1452 with The Bank of Baroda Ltd. Chandni Chowk, Delhi. If I return to India money will be required or if I do not return the same will be paid by check to Swarkin and Sons who have already submitted their invoice for musical instruments.

I hope you will kindly do the needful as per my instructions and let me know by return mail. All the expenditure including your going to Delhi and coming back, postal, conveyance, everything, should be done out of my money.

Vinod Kumar may come here after he has duly received the passport and visa. I am replying his letter separately.

Hope this will find you in good health. Am awaiting your kind reply.

Your ever well-wisher,

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

*N. B. Sri Krishna Parvit, Chandra Sekhar + Vinod Kumar will help you in doing things nicely. Please make the R/R Freight Paid and send me the R/R along with the duplicate list of books.*

*AS*









26 Second Avenue  
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July 1st 1967

Śrīpād Nārāyaṇa Mahārāja

Gradually I am becoming well. Today is my best day, which is why I am writing you a letter in my own hand. I still have not received a reply to the letter I sent you on June 14th. I am very eagerly waiting to know if you have been to Delhi and if the books were sent or not. (*See document B & D*). In the meantime I have written a letter to Vinoda Kumāra. I haven't received any reply from him. I am worried about that also. As soon as you receive my letter, please kindly reply to me.

It is decided that I am going to San Francisco on Wednesday 5th July, and on July 9th there will be *Śrī Śrī Jagannatha Deva Rathayatra maha* festival. I don't know how successful it will be, but the program is settled. There were some plans for my return to India, but at present it is not possible for me to travel twenty-four hours by airplane. I am therefore going to San Francisco, which takes only six hours. It has been decided that I will stay on the beach by the sea. As soon as you receive my letter, please reply to the following address:

International Society for Kṛṣṇa Consciousness  
518 Frederick Street,  
California 94117

What happened to Vinoda Kumāra's passport? I have written him a separate letter, but there has been no reply so far. In this far away foreign country, with a very weak body, I feel some difficulty if I don't receive letters on time. I still don't feel fully strong, but I am writing to you in my own hand. I hope you will make me happy by responding as soon as you receive my letter. The work I have at hand will take two to three months to finish. I hope that by next September I may be able to return to India. If I obtain all of your blessings, I hope I will quickly finish my work and be able to return to Śrī Śrī Vṛndāvana dhama. I pray you all are well.

*Vasamvad* (Gratefully)  
*Śrī Bhaktivedānta Swāmī*







*Reply*

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July 12, 1967

My Dear Narayana Maharaj,

Please accept my dandabats. I thank you very much for your letter dated July 3, 1967. I am very pleased that you have so kindly dispatched the books from Delhi. I am now staying at the following address:

c/o Bodes Paradisio  
Alameda Patio  
Stinson Beach, California

I have come here for recuperating my health. It is a very nice place. The building is most aristocratic, and just situated on the sea beach, Pacific Ocean. I hope I shall be able to get sufficient strength here and I expect to return to India by the next month of September.

I understand that you have already spent Rs. 402 out of Rs. 2235, so out of the balance you can spend as follows: to the Vrindaban Gosain, I wish to pay him Rs. 100 in ~~advance~~. That is to say you can purchase some rice, dahl, and wheat worth Rs. 100 and deliver them for Sevapujah of Sri Radhaamodar. But if grains are controlled and you cannot purchase on open market, then you can pay him cash Rs. 50, and take a receipt from him. You can also keep with you Rs. 50 to be paid to him at the rate of Rs. 5 per month until I return. I think until I return you can go to Vrindaban once in a month, and get my rooms cleaned by Sarozini, and pay him Rs. one for cleaning and taking care of my outside veranda. So, you can spend your coming and going charges, pay to Gosain Rs. 5 and to Sarozini Rs. one per month. After this expenditure the balance remains Rs. 1733.



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If Vinodkumar has secured his passport and "p" form, then let him purchase two best harmoniums. I think he can purchase from Dwarkin and Sons at the cost of 556 Rs. each. So, get one bank draft for Rs. 1110 in favor of Messers Dwarkin and Sons, Esplanad, Calcutta, payable in Calcutta, and let Vinodkumar take this draft deliver to Messers Dwarkin and Sons and take delivery of two harmoniums. Out of the balance money he can take Rs. 75 for his going to Calcutta for some pocket expenses on the ship. From the balance money he can purchase siter and tampoura from Calcutta according to his choice. I think this arrangement will be approved by us all.

I am very much eager to return to India for a change, but at the present state of health it is not possible. Vinodkumar must bring the medicines while he is coming here.

I have sent \$100, that is Rs. 750, to Trivikram Maharaj for purchasing khole and kartal. Vinodkumar must go to Nabadwip while going to Calcutta and take delivery of the khole and kartal. All these things must be very nicely packed and brought with him as his personal luggage. I thank you very much once more for the trouble you are taking for me. This is all for Srila Prabhupada's service. Finally, do not mind all the trouble which I give you occasionally. Let us cooperate for propagating Krishna Consciousness all over the world. The Delhi-room may be kept as it is until my further advice.

Yours sincerely,

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

*Enclosure :- 1*



A.C. Bhaktivedanta  
S.N.M.

~~Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu~~

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California U.S.A.  
July 14, 1967,

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“Śrī Śrī Guru Gaurāṅga Jayatho”

A.C. Bhaktivedānta Swāmī

C/O P/M Stinson Beach  
California U.S.A.  
July 14th, 1967.

Śrī Śrī Vaiṣṇava Carane Daṇḍavat nati Purvikeyam

I am offering my daṇḍavat praṇāmas to the Vaiṣṇavas’ lotus feet and then I am writing.

Śrīpād Nārāyaṇa Mahārāja,

I am very happy to receive a letter in your own handwriting dated the 8th of July. I have received all of your letters and I have replied to each. I hope you have received them. I am worried that Vinoda Kumāra still has not received his passport and “P” form. If he still hasn’t received the passport, deposit the rest of the money in the Vṛndāvana Bank. It is very possible that I will return to Vṛndāvana in the upcoming August. After, if Kṛṣṇa keeps me alive, I will come back here. I had planned to preach so much here. But all the work is postponed due to my health deteriorating. Certainly the disciples are doing their best but they need to learn a lot. It is all possible if Kṛṣṇa bestows His mercy.

At present I am anxious to return to Vṛndāvana. Here I stay in a palatial building. There are always four of them ready to serve me, and there is no want of *prasāda*, lodging or any care. However, I still feel that my broken *kutira* without any opulence, bathing in the Yamuna, *darśana* of the temples, and the ripped cotton quilt of the Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇavas are so very sweet. Being so far from Vṛndāvana I am realizing its *māhātmya* (greatness). Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu said, “As Kṛṣṇa is to be worshipped so is Vṛndāvana.” Now I am somewhat realizing that. As Kṛṣṇa is sweet, Vṛndāvana is similarly sweet. You bless me so that I can return to Vṛndāvana. I am old now. I am not afraid to die, but if my life air passes away in the lotus dust of the Vaiṣṇavas in Vṛndāvana then that would be very blissful. As soon as I am well I want to return to Vṛndāvana. Then, if I feel better I will return here and preach. The foundation of preaching has become good here. In the future, even if I do not come, any sincere Vaiṣṇava can come and do *hari-kīrtana* here.

Among the three branches I am willing to install Śrī Śrī Rādhā Kṛṣṇa in Montreal (Canada). The Deities will arrive there at the end of this month. I shall then go to Montreal. And if I am alive I shall reach Delhi, directly via London and Moscow. I shall let you know on time.

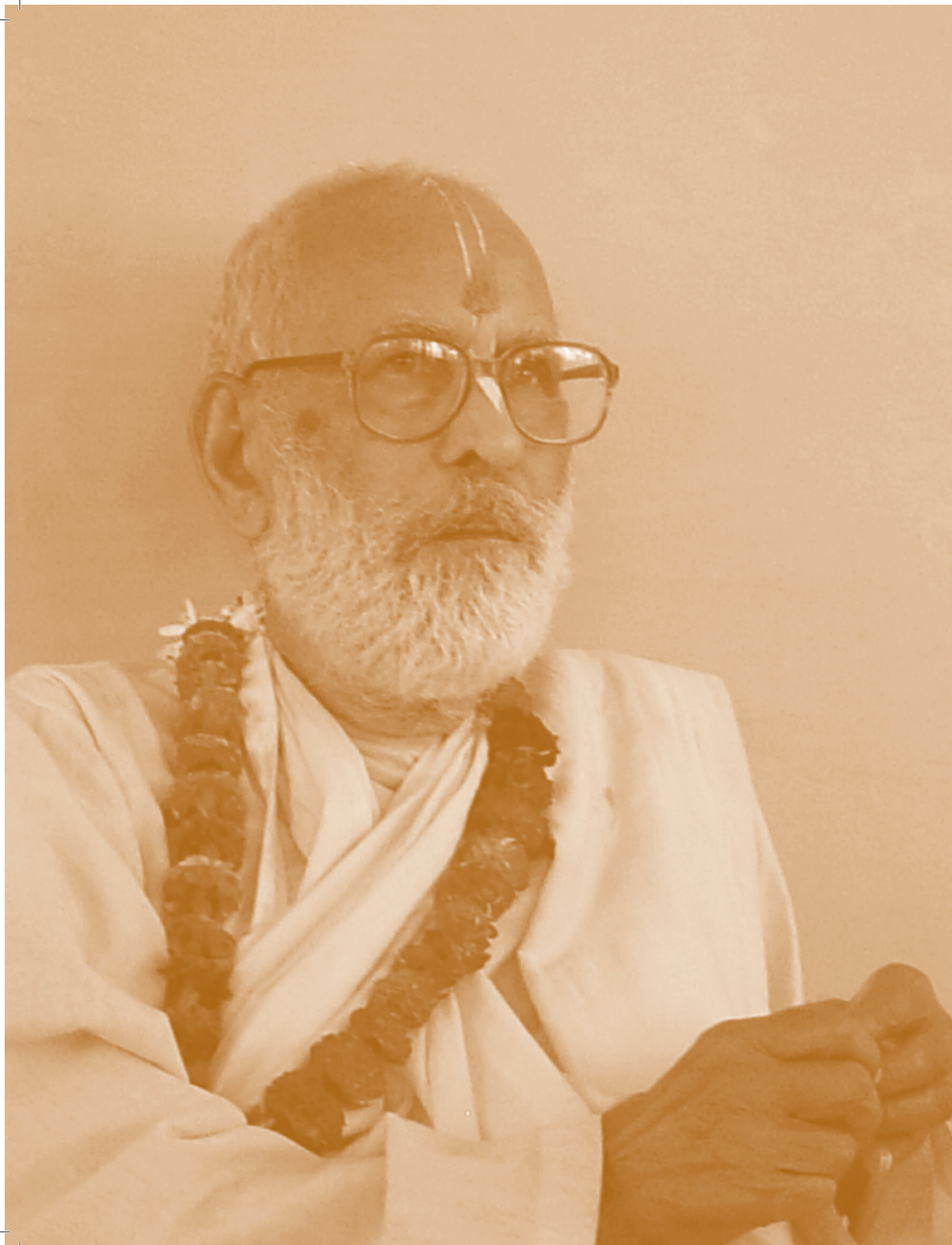
In Delhi there are many books in the almirah. If you could send those, it would be good. Anyway I shall write you later about this.

I have replied to the United Shipping Corporation accordingly – no worry. I hope you are well. Write to me about Vinoda Kumāra. You wanted to know about my health. “As in a broken house with only fireflies for light, as long as it lasts, is good.” I was not supposed to survive the stroke that attacked me, but Kṛṣṇa somehow kept me alive. With the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda and his Ṭhākura Kṛṣṇa’s desire, I am still alive. You should know that this is a wonder. Every moment the signs of my health change. Only Kṛṣṇa’s mercy is keeping me alive. Gradually life is coming in my dead body and there are some improvements. That is why I am writing to you in my own handwriting. You are a sincere Vaiṣṇava. Kṛṣṇa will certainly listen to you. You pray to Kṛṣṇa that before dying I will be able to have *darśana* once more of Vṛndāvana.

*Vasamvad* (Gratefully),  
Śrī Bhaktivedānta Swāmī







*“Śrī Śrī Guru Gaurāṅga Jayatho”*

A.C. Bhaktivedānta Swāmī

Bodes Pardisio  
July 15, 1967.

*Śrī Śrī Vaiṣṇava Carane Daṇḍavat nati Purvikeyam*

I am offering my daṇḍavat praṇāmas to the Vaiṣṇavas’ lotus feet and then I am writing.

Śrīpād Nārāyaṇa Mahārāja,

If Kṛṣṇa desires I will reach Delhi or Calcutta next week, so you have no need to spend any money. If Vinoda Kumāra gets his passport, he must wait for my letter. Only one disciple will come with me. The cost for one ticket is Rs 50000/- (fifty thousand rupees), so I am now a little bit worried. For now don’t spend whatever rupees you have left. Wait for my letter.

*Vasamvad (Gratefully)*  
*Śrī Bhaktivedānta Swāmī*







This letter was originally written in Bengali by Śrīla Bhaktivedānta Swāmī Mahārāja on the occasion of the disappearance of Śrīla Bhakti Prajñāna Keśava Goswāmī Mahārāja. It was addressed to Śrīla Bhaktivedānta Trivikrama Goswāmī Mahārāja, one of the prominent disciples of Śrīla Bhakti Prajñāna Kesvava Mahārāja. It was then translated into Hindi by Śrīla Bhaktivedānta Nārāyaṇa Mahārāja and printed in the Śrī Bhāgavata Patrika magazine in December 1968. The following is the English translation of that letter.

*All glories to Śrī Guru & Gaurāṅga*

Seattle, Washington  
October 22, 1968

I offer my humble prostrated obeisance at the lotus feet of all the Vaiṣṇavas.

Śrīpād Trivikrama Mahārāja,

Yesterday I received your letter dated October 12, and its contents were heart-breaking. Kindly inform me of the details of the sudden disappearance of Pūjyapāda Mahārāja (Śrīla B.P. Keśava Mahārāja). I had a very long-standing intimate relationship with Śrīla Mahārāja. When I used to visit Śrīdama Māyāpura, I was taken care of by Śrīpād Narahari Dādā and Śrīpād Vinoda Dādā with great affection. They were my extremely loving friends. Also in Calcutta, the senior Tīrtha Mahārāja, Professor Niśikanta Sannyal and Vasudeva Prabhu, were very dear to me. Afterwards I used to visit and associate freely with Śrīpād Śrīdhara Mahārāja as if we were the closest of family members. Except for Śrīpād Śrīdhara Mahārāja, all of the above-mentioned Vaiṣṇavas have gradually disappeared. Our time is also approaching, so it will be best to have the opportunity to serve Śrīla Prabhupāda as long as possible.

I have a very close connection with the Gauḍīya Vedānta Samiti. Yourself, and particularly Śrīpād Vāmana Mahārāja, are well aware of the fact that I am one of

the three persons who founded Śrī Gauḍīya Vedānta Samiti. We had conceived the idea of the formation of Śrī Gauḍīya Vedānta Samiti at Bosapada Lane, Calcutta, even before Śrīla (Keśava) Mahārāja accepted *sannyāsa*. Within a few days of the formation of the Samiti, Śrī Narottamānanda Brahmācārī (presently Tridaṇḍi Swāmī Śrī Śrīmad Bhakti Kamālā Madhusūdana Mahārāja) separated himself from the Samiti. At that time Śrīpād Vāmana Mahārāja, who was then a *brahmācārī*, visited our home at Sītākānta Banarji Lane. He made me the chief editor of the Bengali magazine, Śrī Gauḍīya Patrika.

Respecting the order of Śrīla (Keśava) Mahārāja, I started writing articles for the Gauḍīya Patrika regularly. Śrīla Mahārāja greatly appreciated whatever I wrote. Thereafter, I was also appointed as the president of the Hindi magazine, Śrī Bhagavata Patrika, and many of my articles were published in that. Afterwards I could not submit articles due to lack of time. Now I have become a resident of foreign lands and I have to travel twenty thousand miles every year.

The greatest compassion of Śrīla Keśava Mahārāja was to make me a *sannyāsī*. I had taken a vow that I would never accept *sannyāsa*, but Śrīla Mahārāja forcibly gave it to me. He would certainly have been most pleased today to see the success of my preaching. Last year I visited him in Calcutta along with my disciples, and despite being bedridden, he was very pleased to receive us. I have complete confidence that both in his manifest presence and after his disappearance, he must be very pleased to see my widespread preaching of the message of Śrīman Mahāprabhu in Western countries like America, Canada, England, Germany and Hawaii (Honolulu), situated in the Pacific Ocean, as well as eastern countries like Japan (Tokyo) and so on.

I was a staunch *gṛhamedī* (one whose thoughts are absorbed in household affairs). Śrīla Prabhupāda used to come to me in dreams from time to time and call me to renounce family life and come along with him. The dreams would frighten me and make me think that I would have to accept *sannyāsa*. I didn't have any desire to take *sannyāsa*. But upon the repeated insistence of Śrīpād Nārayana Mahārāja, Śrīla Keśava Mahārāja bestowed boundless mercy upon this unwilling and blind person, by forcibly giving me *sannyāsa*. It seems that this desire of Śrīla Prabhupāda's was transmitted into his heart, and it was thus that my *sannyāsa* was accomplished.

So I am eternally indebted to Śrīla (Keśava) Mahārāja. Therefore, immediately after receiving your letter, I organized a *viraha-sabhā*, an assembly at the Seat-

the temple to honor his disappearance. I am sending the condolence resolution of the meeting along with this letter. Kindly accept it as our *śraddhāñjali*, or humble homage. In my other centers (the list is enclosed), particularly London, Hamburg and Honolulu I have given instruction to arrange a *viraha sabhā* and offer *śraddhāñjali* homage likewise.

You will be glad to know that under my guidance I have formed three *sankīrtana* parties comprising American youths and couples. One such party is currently traveling to all cities in America and I am also with this party. The second party of six devotees is performing *kīrtana* at different places in London. The Indians living there are amazed to see them. They have given up their homeland and come all the way to the Western world to attain wealth and reputation, but the Americans are performing *harinama-sankīrtana*. Somehow the preaching activities are going on very nicely. I am interested to know what kind of constitution you are forming. In this matter you will receive my complete cooperation, because I am a man of constructive ideas. I do not like destructive policies.

It was the desire of Śrīla Prabhupāda and Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Thākura that Americans perform *kīrtana* in Śrīdhama Māyāpura, and that opportunity has now come. Unfortunately, those who have intruded in Māyāpura consider it to be their personal property.

These days others are restricted from visiting that place. Śrīla Keśava Mahārāja used to deal with these *guru-tyāgīs* (those who renounce their *guru*) and *guru-bhōgīs* (those who enjoy the property of their *guru*) with sword in hand. Anyway, last year he mentioned that he would arrange five acres of land for me in Śrīdhama Māyāpura. You were present at that time. If you help me in this matter, I intend to make an *asrāma* in Māyāpura. American boys and girls can visit and stay there and receive proper training. By our cooperation, preaching activities can be done very nicely. Therefore, I am eager to know the details of your constitution.

I am going to Montreal tomorrow. From there I will go to Sante Fe (New Mexico) and then to Los Angeles. I am sending the addresses of our various centers along with this letter. We are executing a plan to build New Vṛndāvana on three hundred acres of land. Kindly reply to the Los Angeles – Hollywood address as I will be staying three days in Montreal, seven days in Santa Fe and almost one month in Los Angeles.

*prativite ache yata nagaradi grāma*

*sarvatra pracara haibe more nama*

Preaching can be spread extensively throughout the world on the basis of this system. I think that you will make your constitution directly in accordance with the above prediction. I hope your bhajana is going on nicely.

Your obedient servant,  
*Śrī Bhaktivedānta Swāmī*

P.S. If you have any nice photograph of Śrīla Mahārāja, then kindly send it to me. I will get a life size oil painting made of it and along with a picture of Śrīla Prabupāda, I will place it in my prominent centers, particularly New York, Hollywood, London and so forth.



ABOUT ŚRĪLA BHAKTIVEDĀNTA  
SWAMI MAHĀRĀJA'S LETTERS

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Śrīla Swāmī Mahārāja wrote to me every few weeks from 1965 until 1977. I think it is because of the special nature of our association, going back to 1947, that he wrote me like this, unique to all others. He established a deep relationship with me, treating me just like his own son, more than his own son. He treated me with more familiarity than he could his *dikṣā* disciples. He is my friend, my very dear friend. He is my *śikṣā guru*.

I was assisting him in his preaching work. In one letter he wrote, “In all Gauḍīya Maṭhas, I think that you are the real *guru-sevaka*. So I always correspond with you and I always give my full love and affection to you.” He regarded me in this way, having faith and love for me. He was always giving me inspiration, saying, “You are a very good boy, a good devotee. You are a good *guru-sevaka*.” (*Letter of 17 May 1967*).

Swāmī Mahārāja encouraged me in all ways. Calling me very near to him, he would share so many things. When he was first in India, when he was preaching in America and later when he returned to India, he would tell me all that happened, how he preached and what his realizations were. As he explained in his letter, by allowing me to serve him he helped me. That was my good fortune. He always told me, “You have helped me and you should continue to help me. You should come to me more and more.” Of course, I am not really helping him. Really I am not, but I have the privilege to serve him. I always wanted to serve him, then and now. (Letters of 30 December 1966; 24 May 1967)

We would always address him as ‘Swāmījī.’ He had received the title ‘Bhaktivedānta’ from the assembled devotees of the Viśva-Vaiṣṇava Rāja-sabhā. Śrīla Bhakti Prajñāna Keśava Mahārāja then gave him the name ‘Swāmī’ as his *sannyāsa* name. This is one of the 108 authentic *sannyāsa* names. ‘Swāmī’ means one who controls all his senses. My Gurudeva saw that he was so strong and qualified in this way. We call him Swāmī with ‘jī’ for showing special respect. This is not a familiar name. It is for offering greater respect. His disciples call him Śrīla Prabhupāda, but since we are accustomed to calling Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura ‘Śrīla Prabhupāda’, to avoid confusion we call him Śrīla Swāmī Mahārāja or Swāmījī. This is a very respectful, affectionate name.

You may notice Swāmī Mahārāja’s signatures at the end of several of his letters. I wrote in one letter to him, “Why are you not accepting the name you were given at *sannyāsa*? Why do you include ‘A.C.’, which represents your *grhastha* name?” I was speaking out to him, thinking that perhaps this is not right. He told me that in America, in India, and everywhere, he is already known by the name A.C. Bhaktivedānta Swāmī. I still did not agree. “Madhvācārya, Rāmanuja, and Viṣṇusvāmī left their family names, accepting only those names their *sannyāsa gurudevas* had given them.” Swāmījī tried to satisfy me, but I was not satisfied. Then he began to write to me signing some of his letters only ‘Bhaktivedānta Swāmī.’ Please know that he had affection and care for me. When anything would happen which I could not understand, whether I was right or wrong, I would give a strong position to him in my letters. I think he was remembering this when he signed some of his letters to me.

Most people do not know that he had written so many letters to me. In those early years we did not worry so much about the letters from Swāmījī. Śubhānanda Brahmācārī, Premānanda Brahmācārī, and other devotees read his Bengali aerograms. There were a few in English also. Most of the later letters from the 1970s were sent from America – New York, California, and later from all over the world. He was writing about how the new centers were going on, how the preaching was, and all these subjects. He wrote explaining so many details. Most of them were written in Bengali by his own hand and a few he personally typed and signed. They were private letters, not typewritten by any secretary. If anyone says he did not write these letters, they are saying a false thing.

Our Premānanda Brahmācārī sent ten or twelve original aerograms to one disciple of Gopāl Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja (Sandipani Muni dāsa), to be used as evidence for the court case in Bombay. Soon afterwards Satsvarūpa Mahārāja asked me to give the whole collection of letters to him for his research for Swāmī Mahārāja’s biography. I promised to show them all. Premānanda prabhu gave them into the hand of one ISKCON *brahmācārī* who said he would deliver them to Satsvarūpa Mahārāja. Later we discovered that the letters had not reached their destination. We do not



know the name of that boy who took the letters, but we had faith that he would deliver them. In those days, I had to keep my own files and we didn't record the letters or make copies. Now they appear to be lost, but all are hoping they can be returned.

Swāmījī wrote to me, "I will never forget you, but I see that you are forgetting me." Because I had not written for some time, in this sweet manner he was joking. When a Vaiṣṇava meets or talks with another in a loving affectionate mood, they speak in this way. He says, "You have forgotten me. I have not forgotten, but you have forgotten." He is showing Vaiṣṇava etiquette. It is not that anything was wrong, but he is showing loving affection. (*Letter of 21 August 1966; 28 September 1966*)

Sometimes it seemed in his letters that Swāmījī was demanding, "You do this. Now you do that." He considered me one of his own. I also speak to all my *brahmacārīs* like this. "What you want to do tomorrow, you must do just now, today. And what you want to do today you should do just this minute. Even yesterday it should have been done." He was fully absorbed in serving Kṛṣṇa. He could not delay a second. That is why he wrote to me so forcefully. I am a *baddha-jīva* (conditioned soul) so I was not able to run along with him at the speed he was going. I was like *śakti-hīna*, I was weak. I could not go as fast as he. Swāmījī was going so quickly. He was writing his letters and telling me like this. (*Letters of 19 November; 30 December 1966*)

Swāmījī requested me in each letter to do so much service for him. I sent large quantities of his books, deities for his new temples, *mṛdaṅgas*, and other instruments. Also I found specific medicines, *tilaka*, and other things he wanted. For some time I sent him ten kilos of Mathurā perā, his favorite sweet, every month. We sent many shipments, including large numbers of crates for him, first by train to Howrah station, then by cargo ship to America. I shipped from many places, including Navadvīpa, but mostly from Mathurā and Delhi. Some of those freight receipts are still here. (*See documents A&B*)

Swāmījī wrote some letters concerning Vinoda Kumāra. He was the son of a Mathurā-vāsī woman who was a disciple of Śrīla Śrauti Mahārāja and

was very near and dear to us. Vinoda Kumāra was expert in music. He played *mṛdaṅga*, harmonium, *vīṇā*, and so many instruments. His voice was very nice. Swāmījī explained in one of his letters that if I could not personally go there, then I should send a *brahmacārī* or anyone I could find to help him with singing and *kīrtana*. I told Swāmījī I would send this boy, and he was satisfied with the idea that Vinoda would go. His mother also requested me to send her boy to America. Swāmījī wanted him to become like a *brahmacārī* with shaven head and *dhoti*, but unfortunately, he would not accept this. We tried to arrange his going in so many ways, but he was not suitable. We have heard that this Vinoda Kumāra now lives somewhere in Bombay. (*Letters 19 November 1966; 30 December 1966* – document F)

In one letter Swāmījī gave me some advice and I wrote back strongly. This was a small thing, insignificant. Our relationship was like that, even with love and affection we would quarrel sometimes. Like quarreling amongst friends. One friend may say, “Oh, you are killing me. I am dying.” Joking somewhat in this way. When there is love, an occurrence may come to separate them, but it can never separate.

I don’t know whether others will understand this or not. Some of Swāmījī’s disciples might not reconcile it. They may argue, and they may not hear the explanation properly. People might see that you have published a quarrel, as if someone has done something wrong. Our relationship is based on affection, as he said in his letters. Only from the outside there may appear to be a problem, not from the inside. We never thought further about that. See how the continuation of the letters is going on. It may be that our understanding of a few of each other’s words was not correct, a misunderstanding. And he has told like this. There was never any problem between us. (*Letters of 17 May 1967; 24 May 1967*)

Candraśekhara dasa and his son lived in Delhi. Swāmījī wrote to me suggesting that I get their assistance in the work I was doing for him there. I had been supervising the care of Swāmījī’s rooms, both in Vṛndāvana at the Rādhā-Dāmodara temple and at the Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa temple in Chippiwada. When Swāmījī was away in America, Candraśekhara dasa sometimes helped with that service. He was helping, but only a very little. Because he was a

business-type, he and his son didn't have much time to help me manage. There were some difficulties working with him. I never took any account of this, but Swāmījī very kindly wrote apologizing to me about that trouble. (*Letters of 28 September 1966; 15 December 1966* – document E).

In many of his letters, Swāmījī expressed concern that his disciples be properly trained. I remember one incident in particular when he wrote that he was very sorry for Kīrtanānanda dāsa, who had gone out of order. Swāmījī wrote, “I am anxious about what they will do after I leave, if they are doing this now. So I am very, very worried. I told Kīrtanānanda that I knew he was doing some things against my *siddhānta*. In order to preach Kṛṣṇa consciousness he wanted to adopt some things from Christianity. But I said, ‘I don’t want this. I want my pure *guru-paramparā* teachings.’ I wanted him to go to London, not America. But he defied my order and went to America instead.” Swāmījī was telling me, “If I am alive and they are not obeying me now, I am so worried about what they will do after my departure.”

Around 1980 ten or twelve letters were loaned for the ISKCON court case in Bombay. They were very wonderful, detailed letters from Swāmījī. The lawyer presented them as prime evidence to the Bombay court. The ISKCON devotees requested me to travel from Mathurā to Bombay eight or so times to testify in Swāmījī’s favor. One of his sons was trying to sue ISKCON, wanting its material assets. He claimed that Swāmījī was not a real *sannyāsī* because he was a *vaiśya* and not a *brāhmaṇa*. He said that since Swāmījī was a businessman, he was entitled to his father’s inheritance. I testified that Śrīla Swāmī Mahārāja took *sannyāsa* initiation in our Keśavaji Gauḍīya Matha and that I had performed the fire *yajña* and Śrīla Bhakti Prajñāna Keśava Mahārāja, my *gurudeva*, had given him the *daṇḍa* and *mantras*. It was all bona fide. I had to testify as their expert witness that according to the *siddhānta* of our line, Swāmī Mahārāja was certainly included in that same line. I gave many arguments from Sat-Kriyā-Sāra Dīpikā, the Vedas, Upaniṣads, and Purāṇas. If anyone from any caste does *bhajana*, giving up material life and all bogus things to become a servant of Kṛṣṇa, then he is qualified to take *sannyāsa*. Thus the

case was won by *śāstra* and by the evidence of those letters from Swāmījī.

Swāmī Mahārāja asked me many times to come with him and his disciples to preach. From very early on, even before he went to the West, he would ask me. But I could not go then. My Guru Mahārāja had ordered me to look after the Mathurā Maṭha and to preach and translate books in Hindi. In his letters from America, Swāmījī again invited me to assist him. He also wanted other *brahmācarīs* to be sent, but none were suitable at that time. In one letter Swāmījī explained how any sincere Vaiṣṇava could come there and do *hari-kīrtana* and help continue his preaching. This is because all bona fide Vaiṣṇavas are serving the same mission of Caitanya Mahāprabhu. (*Letters of 4 October 1965, 14 July 1967 and numerous later ones*).

In Śrīla Swāmī Mahārāja's final days he called for me and in everyone's presence requested me to assist his disciples in all respects after his disappearance. He is my *śikṣā* guru. Therefore, I consider it my duty and religious principle to follow his order by helping all devotees who come to me. In 1936 Swāmījī got the order from his *gurudeva* to preach in English in the West and it took some years to happen. So also I am fulfilling Swāmījī's order to me now, after twenty years.

I regret that we do not have all of the original letters from Swāmī Mahārāja to share with everyone. But I feel fortunate to have had that association with him before he was known to ISKCON and the whole world. We spent much time together over many years, before most of his disciples were born. Swāmījī performed miracles in preaching the message of Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura and Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Only an empowered devotee upon whom Kṛṣṇa bestows His mercy – no common man – could ever preach like he preached. He established hundreds of temples and preaching centers everywhere. Each country, city, mountain retreat or dense forest he visited became a sacred place. He wrote translations and commentaries on authentic Vaiṣṇava books, which have been further translated into practically every language of the world. He sent those books door-to-door, even to remote villages, to enlighten all people. We are overjoyed to bear witness to the glory of Swāmījī. He was a touchstone and wherever he went, all iron he touched became gold.



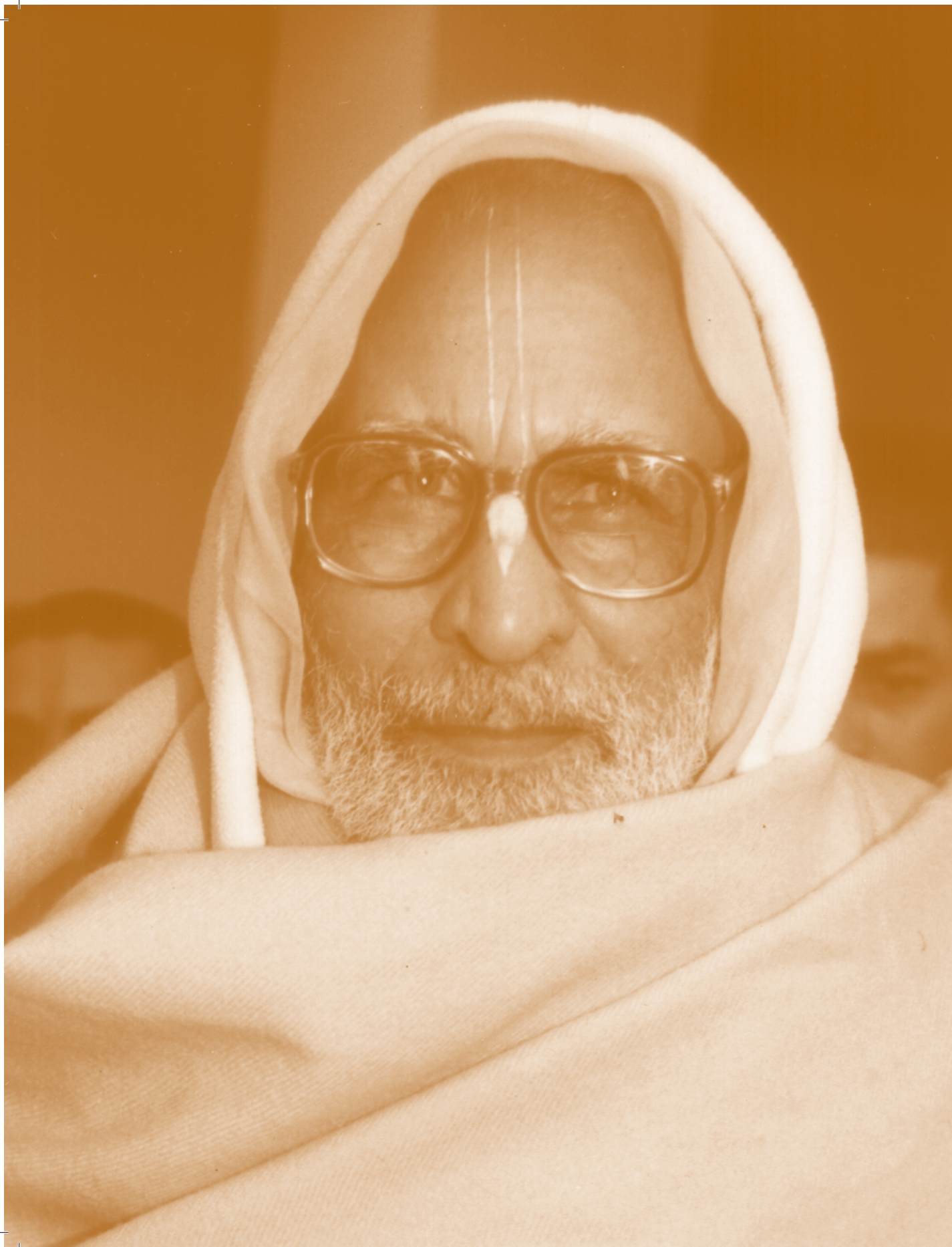
Not gold but *cintamāṇi* itself. I have many more memories I want to share with you about his glories, which you may not have heard. I pray that everyone can know and deeply realize the full glory of Śrīla Śrī Bhaktivedānta Swāmī Mahārāja.



DOCUMENTS FROM ŚRĪLA BHAKTIVEDĀNTA  
NĀRĀYAṆA GOSWĀMĪ MAHĀRĀJA

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




## DOCUMENT A

Śrīla Nārāyaṇa Mahārāja's records and receipts for shipments to Śrīla Prabhupāda.



**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT**  
**MONEY RECEIPT**

Received of 2146 the sum of £ 5.00 for freight on goods the value of £ 10.00

Received of 2146 the sum of £ 5.00 for freight on goods the value of £ 10.00

Description of goods or other particulars	Amount of Bill		Station from or to	R. N. No.	Date				Total
	Paid	Due			Day	Month	Year		
<u>2146</u>									

Note.—(1) This receipt for freight must not be given if required by the  
 of consignor or other freightman liable to add.  
 Trade Surveillance.

(2) Class and description of cargo must be—  
 R.R.—2146—

For Insurance Witness signature  
 Witness of not more than the initial witness  
 presented to the Post and Telegraph Code  
 for which no responsibility is due.

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## DOCUMENT B

Shipping documents for items sent to Śrīla A.C. Bhaktivedānta Swāmī Mahārāja in America.

*copy to S/S United Shipping Corp.  
at Calcutta  
3-7-57.*

FROM: Swami B.V. NARAYAN  
Rachabjee Gauriya Math  
MATHURA ( U. P. )

TO: Mr/s United Shipping Corporation  
No. 14/2 Old China Bazar Street  
CALCUTTA - 1 (W/Bengal)

Dear Sir,

Subject :- DELIVERY OF BOOKS

As per Swami A.C. BHAKTIVEDANTA'S letter of International Society for Krishna Consciousness 1 N.C. 26 Second Avenue NEW YORK NY 10003 (USA). I am sending 14 boxes of books by Railway which has been booked on 29 Jun '57 to you for onward transportation to SWAMI A.C. BHAKTIVEDANTA NEW YORK (USA).

2. It is further added for your information that these books are being sent in reply of your letter which was addressed to aforesaid SWAMIJEE on the 27th Mar '57.

3. List of books and Railway Receipt No. 82166, dated 29 Jun '57 with freight charges are attached herewith for your further necessary action pl.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully  
*Swami B.V. Narayan*  
( SWAMI B. V. NARAYAN )

Dated:- 3-7-JUL-57

List of Articles which have been sent to SWAMI A.C. BHAKTIVEDANTA, NEW YORK (USA) from BHINI by SWAMI B.V. NARAYAN MAHARAJ on the 30th Jun 1967.

Box No.1. Sri mad Bhagwanan (English Versionly Part- III. 65, books.  
BY : A.C. BHAKTIVEDANTA SWAMI

Box No.2.	- do -	Part-III. 65, books
Box No.3.	- do -	Part-III. 65, books
Box No.4.	- do -	-do- 65, books
Box No.5.	- do -	-do- 65, books
Box No.6.	- do -	-do- 65, books
Box No.7.	- do -	Part-III. 75, books
Box No.8.	- do -	Part-III. 65, books
Box No.9.	- do -	Part-III. 65, books
Box No.10.	1) Sri mad Bhagwanan English BY : N. SWAMUP BHANU CHARI	Byram-4, Stand - 3.
	2) " " "	Byram-4, Stand-4, 5, 6.
	3) " " "	Byram-4, Stand-7, 8, 9.
	4) " " "	Byram-4, Stand-10(A).
	5) " " "	Byram-4, Stand-10(B).
	6) " " "	Byram-4, Stand-10(C).
	7) " " "	Byram-7, Stand-11, 12.
	8) Sri mad Bhagwanan (Hindi, English, Garabhar)	Pt.-I.
	9) " " "	Pt.-II.
	10) Mahabharat Pt.-I	
	11) - do - Pt.-II	
	12) -do- Pt.-III	
	13) -do- Pt.-IV.	
	14) Valmiki Ramayan Pt.-I.	
	15) - do - Pt.-II.	
	16) Vishnu Purana.	
	17) Sri mad Bhagwan Gita (Shankar Vanga).	
	18) Bhakti Bhawarthy Sindhu (Bharanagar).	
	19) Sri Brahmantra Bhawarthy (Baldar)	
	20) Sri mad Bhagwanan (Bharanagar) Pt.-I.	
	21) - do - Pt.-II	
	22) Sri mad Bhagwan Gita (Baldar Bhawarthy).	
	23) - do - (Radm-Krishna) Pt. I	
	24) Philosophical Formulas	
	25) Sri Chaitanya Shikshamita.	
	26) Samgrha Vyakharan Bhawarthy	
	27) Chaitanya Bhagwan Gita.	
	28) Sri mad Bhagwan Gita in Pictures.	
	29) Bhagwanan in Pictures.	
	30) One Block (Bhagwanan).	
	31) Cover of Bhagwanan.	
	32) One Photo of Sri Prabhupad.	
	33) One Block of Swamiji and Shastriji.	
	34) One Block of Signature of Shastriji.	
	35) Sri mad Bhagwan Gita (Bridhri).	
	36) Mahabharathi Anubhavartha	
	37) Registered Book of Numbers.	
	38) Account Book.	

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- Box No. 11. Sri mad Bhagwatam Part. - III. 65. books.  
BY: A.C. BHAKTIVEDANTA SWAMI
- Box No. 12. 1) - do - Part. - II. 80. books.  
2) and two bundles of covers of Bhagwatam
- Box No. 13. Sri mad Bhagwatam BY A.C. BHAKTIVEDANTA SWAMI. Pt. - III. 53. books  
one bundle of covers & Pamphlets of Bhagwatam.
- Box No. 14. Covers and Pamphlets of Bhagwat.

Dated:-  
3rd JULY '67.

Swami B. V. Narayan  
( SWAMI B. V. NARAYAN )

Total expenditure = Rs. 100/-





## DOCUMENT C

Rough draft of a letter written by Śrī Nārāyaṇa Mahārāja to Śrīla A.C. Bhaktivedānta Swāmī Mahārāja.

ALL GLORY TO HIS DIVINE MAJESTY AND NAME  
 THIRD INTERVIEW  
 Bhakti Vedanta Movement  
 NEW GURUDEVARMA SOCIETY  
 KATHMANDU  
 June 7, 1967

Standard Permit in your letter.

Parafrasey a comment on Sri Kṛṣṇa Raj.

I was distressed to receive your letter of June 1, 1967. As soon as I received your letter I rushed to the hospital and consulted all my medical physicians. There are many physicians here but there is no complaint here. One of them seems to be the expert but he has gone to Kathmandu and his return is not yet certain. None of the physicians is willing to give prescriptions without first examining you personally. Every one wants to examine the present position of the disease. None of the physicians is willing to go to America. I also don't consider it a favorable proposition.

I am not happy with the situation and also the one of the person



ALL GLORY TO SREE SURE SHIBU AND GAURANGA

(TRIDANDASWAMI)

*Bhakti Vedanta Narayana*

SREE SAUDHYA VEDANTA SOCIETY

SREE KESHAVJEE SAUDHYA MATH  
MATHURA (U. P.)

Date..... 19 ..

All of them advised that you should consult  
some Homeopathic or Allopathic Physician  
of U.K. and after some recovery you may  
return to India. In my opinion, best  
Ayurvedic treatment is done at Calcutta and  
we have there an expert Ayurvedic  
Physician. In case you return to India  
please go to Calcutta. Guni Mahaya and  
others have the same opinion. Bani Mahaya  
has gone to Bombay and his advice could  
be sought.

I was going to Delhi yesterday morning  
to get your things but in view of your  
illness I postponed by visit and I shall make  
arrangements after receiving your second  
letter. Vinod is preparing to come



ALL GLORY TO SRIE SREE GURU AND SAURANGA

TRIDANDASWAMI

Bhakti Vedanta Narayana

SREE SAUDITA VEDANTA SOCIETY

SREE KEMANJEE SAUDITA MATH  
MATHURA (U.P.)

Date..... 19 ..

to you after completing a formalities of this  
passport as early as possible today.  
I am writing to Shriman Khandrahan (Master  
of 1st Ashram) I consent the Ayurvedic physician  
and send some medicine to you. How are  
feeling now, ~~please~~ inform. Please inform  
me immediately about your present condition.

Yours faithfully

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A.S.





## DOCUMENT D

Copy of a letter by Śrī Nārāyaṇa Mahārāja to Śrīla A.C. Bhaktivedānta Swāmī Mahārāja.

Copy to Swami Mahatma on 3-7-67  
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TRIDANDASWAMI  
*Bhakti Vedanta Nityagana*

SRIS GAUDIYA VEDANTA SOCIETY  
3333 KESHAVJI BAHUWA MATH  
MATHURA (U.P.)

Dated 3rd July 1967.

Prapujya Charan Swamijee,

Dandavat Pranam at your Lotus Feet.

I have already sent a letter to your Feet on 27th June, 1967. Vinode Kumar has returned to Mathura on 1st July, after booking the luggage (Books in 14 boxes) to New York through Howrah, United Shipping Corp., Calcutta, on 29th June 1967. Today on 3rd July, I have sent the Railway Receipt and the list of books to the Shipping Corp., Calcutta.

Lock and keys of your Delhi room have not been given as yet to Shrikrishna Pandit as the remaining goods are there. If you think better to give the lock and key to Pandit Ji, please write me to do so. Of course, Pandit Ji is very good soul. He helped me much in sending the books to you. Please permit me to deposit the remaining sum of balance in your account at Vrindaban Bank. It is rather difficult to deposit at Delhi. Vinode is asking money for Railway Ticket for Calcutta etc. and food expenses in ship. Please let me know as to how much money will be required for these purposes and how much money will have to be given to him. I have already given him ₹35/- for preparing Pass Port. In Delhi too I have spent some money for his pass port, etc. He is writing a separate letter to you.

Yesterday I had gone to Vrindaban, Cleared your room and gave Re.1/- to Sarojini. I also met Goswami Ji of Radha Damodar. He told me that he has received about ₹15/- from Vrindaban Bank till now. He also told me to request you to send some money (about ₹100/- to ₹200/-) as his condition is very thin. His brother of Kanpur has filed a regular suit against him regarding Damodar Temple.

I have brought your Wridang and two pairs of Kartals to our Mathura Math. The Wridanga has already been destroyed by worms and rats.

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ALL GLORY TO SRIE SREE GURU AND MAURANGA

TRIDANDY SWAMI

*Bhakti Vedanta Navayana*

SREE GAUDIYA VEDANTA SOCIETY

SREE KESHABJEE GAUDIYA MATH

MATHURA (U. P.)

Dated..... 19 ..

2

I am herewith sending the list of books,  
the duplicate letter to Shipping Corpn. and expendi-  
ture charg herewith. Please write about your health.

Awaiting your kind reply,

Yours obediently,

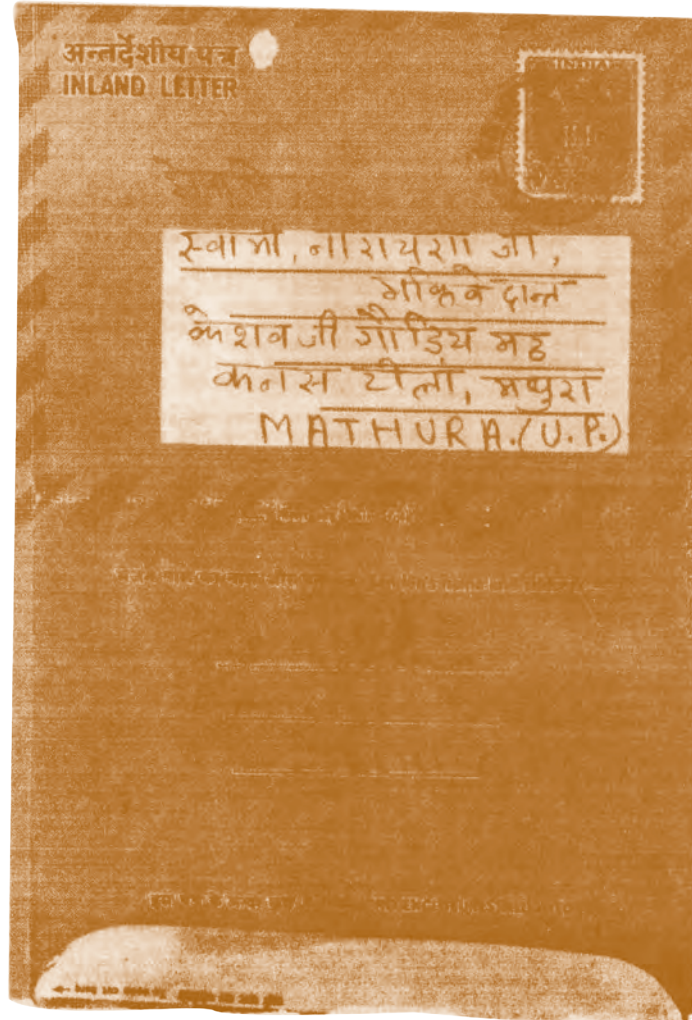
Vaishnabdasanudas  
Swami B.V. Narain.





## DOCUMENT E

Hindi letter by Candrasekara about Śrīla Nārāyaṇa Mahārāja asking him to vacate Śrīla Prabhupāda's room in Delhi and send the contents to America.



स. नं. २३७, जाली गुरुवारी  
श्री. म. म. म. म. म. म. म.  
२२-६-६७ देहली

प्रति स्वामी जी,

पत्र आपका आया। आपने लिखा  
है कि आप का रहे है २३-६-६७ को। मैं  
स्वामी जी का पत्र आया है कि आपकी  
देहली का कर्मचारी स्वामी न करें, जब  
उन्होंने लिखा तो आप जाना। इसीलिए  
मैं कह रहा हूँ। कि आप अपनी लड़की  
देहली कर्मचारी स्वामी करने को मैंसे  
जो आपकी उताह है। मैंसे थोड़ा है।  
परन्तु मैं प्रमाण

आपका सचक  
म. म. म. म. म. म.



## DOCUMENT F

Introduction letter by Vinoda Kumāra to Śrīla A.C. Bhaktivedānta Swāmī Mahārāja regarding his invitation to America.

2162 Campbell Nagar  
Mumbai  
10.10.1967

Respected Swamiji

Bandawat Pranam (in) your holy feet  
As desired by Swami M.V. Narayana Maharaj  
under instruction from you I am prepared to  
come to New York and offer my services.

For ready reference I may also state here  
my qualifications which are in brief as follows:-

1. I have passed the matriculation exam.
2. I am a bachelor of Indian Music from  
Gandharva Sanshodhan Mandal of Bombay (Class)
3. I can sing on a number of instruments  
such as Khol, Tabla, Sitar, Violin, etc.  
Tanpura etc. I have also some knowledge of  
Bengali Bhajan of Gopabandhu Swami.
4. I have passed Diploma Exam of Fine Art  
from F.S. Art School of Bombay.
5. I am familiar also with Staff Notation  
through which also I can teach  
Indian songs.

I belong to a Bengali family and am  
residing in Campbell Nagar at Mumbai.  
I am a pupil of Srīmad Keshava Mahārājī  
my mother Śrī. Smt. Smt. Smt. and her sister  
Smt. Hemlata Ghose has been the pupils of  
Srīmad Srauti mahārājī of Gondiya Math  
and Srīmad Prthupad respectively.

If you think that I shall be of great  
service to you (I wish I am fully confident)  
and in case you like to call me there kindly  
arrange to get the passport and the permission

from the Reserve Bank.

If you send me C/o Swamishir. Narayan Matarajji  
saying I may purchase some inst. instruments here  
and bring them with me to New-York, I would  
also like to bring with me an idol of Lord Krishna  
& Sri. Racha.

I shall proceed further to the matter only  
on getting information from you.

Yours  
affectionately

Venod Kumar





# DOCUMENT G

Record of Śrīla A.C. Bhaktivedānta Swāmī Mahārāja's accounting.

Expenditure

## A. C. BHAKTIVEDANTA SWAMI.

Office:  
Sri Radha Krishna Temple,  
2839, Chhota Wala Khasra,  
Post Bag No. 1844,  
DELHI-4.

Account no of  
Paryaji Material Bank.  
2913

25. 7. 67	-	Payable + Rentier etc = Rs 5.00	
26. 7. 67		Reckons -	1.00
27. 7. 67	}	Rs. Doctor to medicine	10.00
		milk - 2 Kilo -	4.00
		Mishri	1.50
		Bananas	1.50
		Fruits	1.00
28. 7. 67		Mantra	1.50
		Reckons to Doctor	1.00
		Pay to Doctor	4.00
		Reckons	1.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>40.00</b>

28.10. — milk + 1/2 kilo. —

516.00	516.00
7.35	35
<u>3612.</u>	<u>2580</u>
180.60	1548
<u>3792.60</u>	<u>18060</u>

1600  
 Vinode Kumar for Pass Port - 25.00  
 Taxi for Delhi (2 tickets) 14.50  
 Best ticket from Mathura 2 tickets } 9.50  
 with 1st class train  
 Bus + car for train at Delhi - 15.00  
 500  
 Kooli wala . . . . . 2.25  
 water proof paper - . . . 15.00 380  
 Paker . . . . . 30.00 25  
 Kooli (First Time) . . . 16.00  
 Bazar for fooding - . . 10.00 405  
 Prush + ink . . . . . 9.00  
 Jute . . . . . 32.00  
 3 Four Boxes - . . . 24.00  
 fans . . . . . 4.00  
 Sula etc . . . . . 2.00  
 Railway Booking charge - 116.00  
 Rent Mookip Clerk - 10.00  
 (also) Bullack cart + kooli - 25.00  
 Railfan 1 Ticket & night - 14.00  
 Vinode Rakshon fair + Bus 8.00 8  
 Vinode pooling etc . 15.00 2  
 cost of Vinode + kooli 36.00 23

English titles published by  
Śrīla Bhaktivedānta Nārāyaṇa Gosvāmī Mahārāja

<i>Arcana-dīpikā</i>	<i>Śrī Navadvīpa-dhāma-māhātmya</i>
<i>Beyond Nīrvāṇa</i>	<i>Śrī Navadvīpa-dhāma</i>
<i>Śrīmad Bhagavad-gītā</i>	<i>Nectar of Govinda-līlā</i>
<i>Bhajana-rahasya</i>	<i>The Origin of Ratha-yātrā</i>
<i>Bhakti-rasāmṛta-sindu-bindu</i>	<i>Our Eternal Nature</i>
<i>Bhakti-rasāyana</i>	<i>Our Gurus: One in Siddhānta,</i>
<i>Bhakti-tattva-viveka</i>	<i>One in heart</i>
<i>Brahma-saṁhitā</i>	<i>Pinnacle of Devotion</i>
<i>Śrī Bṛhad-bhāgavatāmṛta (Vol. 2.1)</i>	<i>Śrī Prabandhāvalī</i>
<i>The Butter Thief</i>	<i>Śrī Prema-samputa</i>
<i>Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu – The</i>	<i>Śrī Rādhā-kṛṣṇa-gaṇoddeśa-dīpikā</i>
<i>Original Form of Godhead</i>	<i>Śrī Rāga-vartma-candrikā</i>
<i>Śrī Camatkāra-candrikā</i>	<i>Śrī Rāya Rāmānanda Saṁvāda</i>
<i>Confidential Secrets of Bhajana</i>	<i>Rays of Hope</i>
<i>Dāmodara-līlā-mādhurī</i>	<i>Śrī Saṅkalpa-kalpadrumaḥ</i>
<i>Śrī Dāmodarāṣṭakam</i>	<i>Secret Truths of the Bhāgavatam</i>
<i>The Distinctive Contribution of</i>	<i>Secrets of the Undiscovered Self</i>
<i>Śrī Rūpa Gosvāmī</i>	<i>Shower of Love</i>
<i>The Essence of All Advice</i>	<i>Śrī Śikṣāṣṭaka</i>
<i>The Essence of Bhagavad-gītā</i>	<i>Śiva-tattva</i>
<i>The Fearless Prince</i>	<i>Śrī Ślokāmṛtam</i>
<i>Five Essential Essay</i>	<i>Śrī Ślokāmṛtam-bindu</i>
<i>Śrī Gauḍīya Gīti-guccha</i>	<i>The Soul of Book Distribution</i>
<i>Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇavism versus Sahajiyāism</i>	<i>The Speciality of Gift of Śrī Caitanya</i>
<i>Gaura-vāṇī Pracārīṇe</i>	<i>Mahāprabhu</i>
<i>Śrī Gīta-govinda</i>	<i>Śrīmad Bhakti Prajñāna Keśava</i>
<i>Going Beyond Vaikuṇṭha</i>	<i>Gosvāmī – His Life and Teachings</i>
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