

## INTRODUCTION

“Our relationship is certainly based on spontaneous love. That is why there is no chance of us forgetting one another. . . . 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 a letter by Śrīla Prabhupāda dated September 28, 1966.]

This booklet contains seventeen previously unpublished letters written by Śrīla Prabhupāda during his first years in America. They are part of a long correspondence with his friend and *sikṣā* disciple Śrīla Bhaktivedānta Nārāyaṇa Mahārāja, a disciple of Śrīla Bhaktiprajñāna Keśava Mahārāja (Śrīla Prabhupāda's Godbrother and *sannyāsa-guru*). These letters are only a few of over two hundred that Śrīla Prabhupāda wrote, mostly in Bengali and Hindi, to Śrīla Nārāyaṇa Mahārāja between 1965-1977. The Butler, Pennsylvania entry appears to be the first letter that Śrīla Prabhupāda wrote from America.

Upon request, Śrīla Mahārāja donated most of this large collection for delivery to Śrīla Prabhupāda's iography, but somehow the letters never reached their destination. Several devotees in Mathurā had read them before they were handed over, but unfortunately photocopies of the originals were never made. The letters in this booklet were preserved because they had been stored in a separate folder which was just recently located. There is still hope that the others will some day be recovered..

This booklet is the first of a series of publications portraying some of Śrīla Prabhupāda's friendships with his Godbrothers and Godnephews. The letters in Volume One document a deeply affectionate relationship which is not widely known. It also reveals the extensive service and support that Śrīla Nārāyaṇa Mahārāja offered to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Volume Two contains extensive interviews in which Śrīla Mahārāja explains the letters and shares his insights and memories of Śrīla Prabhupāda since their first meeting in 1947. Volume Three contains interviews with other Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇavas who were Śrīla Prabhupāda's contemporary associates.

We hope that this precious new material will enliven the hearts of all of Śrīla Prabhupāda's followers, and help to increase our understanding of his transcendental personality, pastimes and teachings.





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Śrīpad Nārāyaṇa Mahārāja,

Please accept my *daṇḍavats*, and also convey my *daṇḍavats* to Muni Mahārāja and of the all 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 BHAKTIYOGA** "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 Swāmīji 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 outcastes (not followers of the *varṇāśrama-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 very 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 gentlemen of 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 distant to get it. If you want to come to this country, reply to me.

Swāmī Mahārāja





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August 21st, 1966

Śrīpad Nārāyaṇa Mahārāja,

Please accept my *daṇḍavats* 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 their lives are becoming successful (*danyati dhanyā*). When they do *kīrtana*, dancing with their arms upraised, I remember Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Thakura's predictions and become so pleased. Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Thākura 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 good quality *karatālas* from Navadvīpa
- 4) Three good *mṛdaṅgas*
- 5) One *tambura*
- 6) One good quality harmonium
- 7) Fifty *harināma mālās*, neckbeads, and beadbags
- 8) One book of Sat Kriya Saratdipika (by Gopala Bhatta 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.

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 in either Mathurā or Vṛndāvana. If it is possible, the *kholā* (*mṛdaṅga*) and *karatāla* 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





“Śrī Śrī Guru Gaurāṅga Jayatho”

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ĀCĀRYA: SWĀMĪ A.C. BHAKTIVEDĀNTA

Sept 28, 1966.

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

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

Śrīpada 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. With 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 my 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 whole-heartedly 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-prasādam* given by me every day. They never knew how to take *dahl*, *capati*, rice, spinach, 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 is 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 towards the 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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26th Oct 1966

Śrīpad Nārāyaṇa Mahārāja,

Accept my *danḍavats*. I last wrote to you on the 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 *tambura* 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.

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 vaijayantī*" (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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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.

Śrīpad 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 Śrīpad 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 Śrīpada 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 on Regd. Airmail. Otherwise they can send them themselves.

A visit should also be made to the Gosvāmī of Rādhā-Ḍāmodara 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 be happy by replying to my letter as soon as you receive mine and give me news of Vṛndāvana.

Yours,  
Śrī Bhaktivedānta Swāmī



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Replied  
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A.C. Bhaktivedānta  
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December 15, 1966.

Śrī Śrī Vaiṣṇava Caraṇa Dandavat nati Purvikeyam  
I am offering my *danḍavat praṇāmas* to the Vaiṣṇavas' lotus feet and then I am writing.

Śrīpad 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 Candrasekhara from Delhi wrote you a letter. Candrasekhara sent me a copy of your reply to him. In that letter I came to know that foolish Candrasekhara 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 *aparādha*. Candrasekhara 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 *Vigrahas*). They asked Rs 700/- for a pair of Deities. But if they accept Rs 1200/- for two pairs of Deities, buy them. Pack it properly in the box and send 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





“Śrī Śrī Guru Gaurāṅga Jayatho”

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Śrīpad Nārāyaṇa Mahārāja!

Accept my *danḍavats* in this letter. I received your letter dated December 21<sup>st</sup> 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 “regretting.” I am also “regretting.” 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 regret that the work remains undone. I sent Rs 150/- to Śrī Tirtha Mahārāja five months ago, but still today I am sitting here and regretting that I don’t have any *mṛdaṅga* and *karatālas*. Kindly you write to Śrīpad Trivikrama Mahārāja that he should not give me a reason to be regretful. He should arrange to send the *mṛdaṅga* and *karatālas* as soon as he receives my letter. My lamentation is that if Śrīla Prabhupāda was 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. After thirty years everything costs ten times more. 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 regards 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 this kind of “*kirāta-hūṇāndhra-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*, *capātī* and rice and are very happy. They do *kīrtana* 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 maṭha or temple if money does not come from earnings. 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 the 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 Ṭīrtha Mahārāja is 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 to 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 taken so much risk, but not to fulfill any of my own desires. Śrīla Prabhupāda had desired this work, and I am trying to fulfil 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





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Śrīpada 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 300 x 77 is 2,250, that is two thousand two hundred and fifty 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, "paid 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 200 is to be deposited. Spend the money as follows:

1 harmonium	(A) according to description	Rs 350/-
1 harmonium	(C) " " "	Rs 500/-
1 sitar	(A) " " "	Rs 250/-
1 sitar	(B) " " "	Rs 275/-
		Rs 1375
1 tānpura	(A) " " "	Rs 200/-
1 tānpura	(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/- Rs 2075
Total	Rs 2450/- Rs 2075
Balance	Rs 375/-

There is no need to purchase any warm clothes for Vinoda Kumāra. Here I have about four to 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 of the 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 to 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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Śrī Śrī Vaiṣṇava Caraṇa Dandavat nati Purvikeyam

I am offering my *dandavat pranāmas* to the Vaiṣṇavas' lotus feet and then I am writing.

Śrīpad 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. How can 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 that account number money 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 Rs 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 visitors 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 maṭhas 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 maṭha 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

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May 24, 1967.

श्री श्री गुरु गौरा गौ जमतः

श्रीमान नारायण महाराज! हमारी दुबई प्रकृति, आपका 19.5.67 का पत्र मिला और पत्र पढ़कर बहुत ही खुशी हुई। मैं तो आपको सन सम्पादक अपना पुनः का जैसा सम्भक्ति है आप! आपको तबत था का पत्र पढ़कर प्रशंसित अत्यन्त मनीषा हुआ था पर मैं उतासमय जैसे पिता पुत्र को क्षमा करते हैं मैं तो आपको जैसे क्षमा किया हूँ। आपके विषयमें मैं सन सम्पादक उक्त धारणा रखता हूँ। आप भी बड़े पिता के जैसे मानकर यदि कभी बड़ भाषा में शालिनी भी दे तो उसको सहने को। यदि कभी मैं आपके उद्देश्य भी दे तो आप उसे अनारथक न समझे उसे आपका भंगल होगा। इसमें यदि कभी आपका पत्रका कगार भी होगा तो उसे पिता पुत्र सम्बन्ध कथा हूँ नह। सकता।

मैं पहली काम यह है कि आप पत्र पाठ मात्र दिखि पोर कर सन कताओं को प्पाक करा हूँ। यदि आपके दिखि जनेमें देर होने तो पत्र पाठ आप श्रीमान श्री कृष्ण पालित मैनेजार साहब को 4092 कुंवा इलेवना साहब नजमेरा गेट दिखि-6 में पत्र लिख दे कि आप आ रहे हैं और मैं सन आप खमें आप उधर जाने में उसे लिख दिया हूँ।

आपके रुपये देर से। मालिक का कारण मैं कलकत्ता में श्रीमान बदायन को रुपये लिख- आपका पत्र उगने को-1-1-1-1 है। यदि वे जाना तो उसका रुपये खर्च करने का आप शकता है नह। उसको भी रुपये (Rs 2250/-) भेजा है बट रुपये से इल्ल जा। और का उधर उधर का और 1-1-1-1 सब जाड़ी तरह से प्पाक कथे में जो सरय होने नह। कभी। अद्यतन ज्यादासे ज्यादा 300 रुपये दिखि खर्च हो सकेगा। सब कतावे प्पाक करा कर माल टाकरा हुसन में मालगामा में Freight Paid करके भेजिए एवं रेलरसाद निशालिखित ठिकाना में रेलिहार (उक खर्च पत्र के साथ m/s. United Shipping Corporation 14/2 Old China Bazar Street Room # 18 Calcutta 1. भोजिए। वे हमारा Shipping लिखत है। उनसे पत्र प्राप्त हुआ है तां Mared 27, 1967) उनके पत्र में लिखा कि तावे Howrah Station से बुक करा कर रेल रासिद उनके मन दे और सब कतावे के एक लिख भी भेज दे। (अगर उधे उधे उधे कतावे उधे उधे उधे उधे)

हमारे पूर्व पूर्व पत्र में दिखि विषयमें जो जो निर्देश दे चुका है उसे भी देख कर दिखि का कार्य पहिले समाधान कालिए। वादय भन्नादे खरिद करने का आवश्यकता है नही। कलकत्ता में वादय भन्ना का एक भारी कथाना है m/s. Dewankin & Son उनको रुपये भेजना है। अतः केवल 800 लगभग दिखि खर्च करके कालिए अपना पास रखिए अर्थात् 1850/- रुपये चोरे बुदायन में नता छोडिमें जंदा आप सावधान सम्भके अहा बंक में हमारा खाता में जमा करा दिजिए। बुदायन में Punjab National Bank A/c No Saving Fund 2913 और दिखिमें The Bank of Baroda Limited, Chaudhri Chowk 5/8 A/c No 1452

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 दिग्नि में कार्य समाधान करके तथा नक़ में रूपैया जमा कराने पर जब आप सुके पत्र भेजेगे तब मैं रूपैया पुस्तक चैक द्वारा D. Wankin + Sons को रूपैया भेजुंगा और वे सब बावप पुस्तक को भेज देने का प्रबंध करेगे।

श्रीपाद जिविके मरदारान को ६ माहने पहले २०० रूपैया भेज दिया था सुदंग और कराल के लिए न जाने क्यों जिविके मरदारान आदि भेजे नही। यदि आप कृपया जिविके मरदारान को reminder पत्र दे ली वही कृपा होगी।

श्रीमान विनोद कुमार के विषय में बात यह है कि जब वे पहले पत्रादेश था उसमें अपनी बालिका के बारे में खबर आनी वक्त था। बाद में २०० रूपैया का पोशाक चार्ज और इधर के Music master के तारिके से रहेगी। माला तिलक धारण नहीं करेगी यह सब आनेसे पहले ही बोल रहे हैं और इधर आनेसे न जाने और क्या क्या मांग बैठेगे जो कि हमारा सामर्थ्य का बश है नही।

मैं इधर में भारतीय लोको गुन इच्छित करनेवाले अमरीकी बालिका को अपनी बश में जैसे चाहता हूँ चरित्र गठन कर रहा हूँ। इस हालत में भारतीय किसी बालिका को इच्छित करने में बहुत ही अनासे होगा। मैं इच्छित करने में असमर्थ होने का कारण अपने बालबच्चे को छोड़ दिया। इधर जितने अमरीकी बच्चे हमारा साथ रहते हैं वह सब मस्तक सुर्जन कर रहे हैं एवं माला तिलक धारण करके निर्धामत आशा को पालन बर रहे हैं। दर्शन मात्र पंचांग दुर्जनत पूजा कर रहे हैं। सब वांछे की शक्ति के साथ काम निर्वह हो रहा है। इस स्थिति में भारतीय बालिका विशेष करके हमारे सम्प्रदाय के एक शिष्य माला तिलक धारण नहीं करेगी और ब्रह्मचारी के बश में हमारे साथ रहने में अस्वीकार करेगी, यह सब वांछे जन्म अनासे जनक होगा। मैं ऐसी वांछे नहीं चाहता हूँ।

यदि विनोद कुमार हमारा दंग से रहते आसकते हैं। कमसे कम ३ माहने हमारे आगत का अनुसार रहने का प्रश्न यदि मैं समझता कि यह बालिका musical सो ली चलाने में समर्थ है तो मैं सुद उनको musical class सुना दूंगा और Society उनके लो सब खर्च करेगी। बाकी यह सब बातें अभी नही। विशेष करके १९४२ में आनेसे किसी प्रकार खर्च करना बगैर कानुनी है। यह मैंने कौ दफे आगत में बतलाया है। Musical Teacher का विषय बश में है नही। लो सुद है व लो इधर आकर Society के सदस्य बनसकती है। यह सब बातें विचार निमर्श करके यदि विनोद कुमार इधर जावे तो आसकते 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 समझे वैसे करे। हमारी तरफ से जो कुछ बाने है वह सब appointment letter में लिखा है। यदि आप उसे नहीं देखे है तो एकबार देखिएगा। आशी है आप कुशल से होंगे। पत्रका जवाबकी प्रतीक्षा में।

“Śrī Śrī Guru Gaurāṅga Jayatho”

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D/ May 24, 1967.

Śrīpad Nārāyaṇa Mahārāja,

Accept my *daṇḍavats*. I received your letter dated 19.5.67 and became very happy to read it. I always consider you as my son! But I was very hurt to read a part of your 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 no 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 a 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/Ś 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 previous 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 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 Dwarika and Son, they will arrange to send the musical instruments.

Six months ago I sent Trivikrama 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 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* (obeisances). All the work is done very peacefully. In this situation, if an Indian boy, especially a disciple from our *sampradāya*, 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



fully Rptd. on 2.7.67. M.V.M.

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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. ~~See~~ <sup>immediately</sup> 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.~~ <sup>House</sup> No. 18 Calcutta, 1, By Registered Post with Acknowledgement. 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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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 Chavanaprasa and Makradhva purchased from Sadhana Ousadhalaya who has got branches in Chandni Chowk, Delhi.

In Fathe-Puri, Masjid no 32 there is a firm, S.S. 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 him later 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 Pandit, 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.*

*A.C.*





26 Second Avenue,  
Apartment B1R  
New York 10003 USA  
July 1st 1967

Śrīpad 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. 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 dhāma. I pray you all are well.

Vasārhvad

(Gratefully),

A.C. 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 ~~cash~~. That is to say you can purchase some rice, dahl, and wheat worth Rs. 100 and deliver them for Sevapujah of Sri Radha~~amodar~~. 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 payed 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 deliv~~e~~ 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 sitar 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 propogating Krishna Consciousness all over the world. The Delhi-room may be kept as it is untill my further advice.

Yours sincerely,

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

*Enclosure :- 1*





“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 Caraṇa Dandavat Purvikiyam

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

Śrīpad 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 *kuṣīra* without any opulence, bathing in the Yamunā, *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 Radha 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.

Vasānvad

(Gratefully),

Śrī Bhaktivedānta Swāmī



“Śrī Śrī Guru Gaurāṅga Jayatho”

A.C. Bhaktivedānta  
Swāmī

Bodes Pardisio  
July 15, 1967.

Śrī Śrī Vaiṣṇava Caraṇa Dandavat Purvikiyam

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

Śrīpad 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.

Vasānivad

(Gratefully),

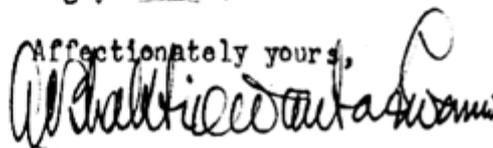
Śrī Bhaktivedānta Swāmī

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July 19, 1967

My dear Narayan Marahij,

I am leaving New York via Air India on Saturday 22nd., and arriving in New Delhi Palam Airport on Monday 24th, 7:30 a.m. If should receive this note before that time, it would be nice if you could arrange to receive me there. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Affectionately yours,  


A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

