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## PURUJIT DĀSA:

A FEW REALISATIONS ON THE DIVINE APPEARANCE OF HIS DIVINE GRACE  
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on the occasion of His Vyāsa-Pūjā day August 2019

by his insignificant servant Purujit Dāsa

Those familiar with the confidential knowledge of worship know very well that the river Ganges is worshipped by offering it its own water. Similarly, I can only describe the qualities of our spiritual master His Divine Grace A.C.Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda with devotion he himself had awakened in me. Without his mercy, the tight lock of my contaminated heart is difficult to open. Therefore I pray he will please kindly accept these attempts to glorify him just like a father accepts gifts from his children knowing well they have bought the gifts by taking from the father's wallet. Śrīla Rūpa Goswami condemns the creator for making him only one mouth and only one set of ears. He desires to have millions of ears and millions of mouth. Then perhaps he could relish the supreme taste of chanting the Hare Kṛṣṇa *mahā-mantra* to his full satisfaction. And as Śrīla Rūpa Goswāmī desires to have millions of ears and millions of mouths, similarly I desire to have all these to properly glorify the divine personality that has come to us and accepted us as our merciful spiritual master. His transcendental pastimes are ever the cause of curious inquiry in the groves of Vṛndāvana, in the most confidential quarters of Goloka, the supreme abode of the Lord and the supreme destination of the most perfect devotees. Every single one of his divine pastimes can be broken down into unlimited meanings and lessons for the conditioned souls and unlimited causes for spiritual ecstasies for the ever liberated *nitya-siddhas*. Just like a *cātakī* bird, which only takes water falling directly from the rain cloud, I wish to drink these droplets of nectar as they are generators of transcendental realization and spiritual advancement and I want to forever forget any other possible topics of discussion. Then the pangs of miseries brought upon me by the karmic reactions will not touch me.

In the *Bhagavad-gītā* Lord Kṛṣṇa says:

*janma karma ca me divyam  
evaṁ yo veti tattvataḥ  
tyaktvā dehaṁ punar janma  
naiti mām eti so 'rjuna  
(Bg 4.9)*

"One who knows the transcendental nature of My appearance and activities does not, upon leaving the body, take his birth again in this material world, but attains My eternal abode, O Arjuna."

For a serious student of the science of *bhakti*, this verse is significant. Unless we can relish the ever-attractive pastimes of the Lord, which are saturated with spiritual *ānanda*, it will be impossible to cast our glance away from the ever-hypnotizing pastimes of the material world so expertly tailored by the Māyā devi *śakti* potency to entrap, cover and enslave us in the vicious cycle of *bhoga* and *tyāga*. Lord Kṛṣṇa's sweetness can be tasted only by those pure hearted saints who understand and honor the Lord's supreme dominion over all that be at all times and at all places. The Lord is never bereft of his omnipotent and omniscient position of the supreme controller, despite the fact that great devotees like Mother Yaśoda bind Him with their devotional attitude and do not let Him escape from the grip of their unconditional love. The Lord is everywhere and in everything and there is nothing He is not, yet He engages in His personal *līlā*, His private and confidential amorous adventures full of spiritual mellows enacted for the pleasure of his pure devotees. He is *acyuta*, infallible and He never comes under control of His inferior material energy like the conditioned

souls do. The Lord never hankers for sense gratification because He is the reservoir of all-pleasure. Yet, the mundane speculators and self-proclaimed authorities on Vedic knowledge think of him as an ordinary man and impose meanings unto His divine *līlā* and His teachings. Because they do not engage in devotional service and refuse to bow down to the lotus feet whose reflection beautifies even the helmets of million headed Brahmās, the confidential knowledge of the Lord's transcendental position remains a mystery to them despite many of their failed attempts. No one can understand the Lord, unless the Lord reveals Himself to him by His sweet will being pleased with the devotee's humble attitude. Thus it is the devotional service to the Lord and its execution that constitutes the pinnacle of Vedic wisdom and that becomes the criterion to enter the highest Vedic truths. No one can cheat his way to the highest realms of existence if he remains a *seva-tyāgī*, the renouncer of devotional service.

Thus in all Vedic scriptures it is advised to all sincere seekers to approach a bona fide authority of the self-realized spiritual master, who is able to direct the student in devotional activities. Chanting the holy name, hearing the *sāstra*, worshipping the Lord with love and devotion, the spiritual master teaches by example how to please the Lord. By serving the Lord, the transcendental knowledge becomes immediately manifested within our hearts and thus we become eligible to transfer ourselves to the *sat-cit-ānanda* world. Who could then possibly refuse to hear about the pastimes of such an elevated bona fide spiritual master in favor of narrations about insignificant *jīvas*, who just like bubbles in ocean come and go without any benefit flushed out by the reoccurring waves of the temporary manifestation? Let us fill our mouths with and always speak of the eternal pastimes of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda. Let us fill our ears with the nectar of his pastimes. Let every action be a humble offering unto his lotus feet and let our lives find no other purpose than to execute the sacred mission of His Divine Grace, namely to spread this *saṅkīrtan* movement all over the world. Such is the sure path Back home Back To Godhead. No time to hesitate.

### **MAKHANCORA DĀSA:**

My dear Master, my dear father, my dear savior, dear Śrīla Prabhupāda!

On this blessed day of your Divine appearance I offer my respectful obeisances unto your lotus feet. You have appeared in this world first in Kalkata, then you appeared on the shores of America and still, today you appear in millions of homes around the world in form of your transcendental sound vibration. You flood the world with love of Kṛṣṇa, with joyful chanting, waves of dance and with Lord's mercy in form of delicious *prasādam*. Every day you somewhere make your appearance in some fortunate soul's life and set him on the path of liberation from the cycle of birth and death. Kindly make your appearance in my heart again and again, morning after morning, day by day so I can eternally repose under your lotus feet and humbly assist you in your mission entrusted to you by Lord Caitanya.

You constantly dance and chant the Holy names of Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa. You are an ocean of love of God. When you came to the West, both, the drunkards of Bowery as well as distinguished professors of celebrated universities and everyone in-between appreciated your presence, because there is no envy in you. What you did in the world pleased, still pleases and will please everyone who is open and receptive. Your activities are meant to deliver all the conditioned souls trapped in illusion and your mission is blessed and directly empowered by Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Who would object your divine intentions?

I offer my humble obeisances unto your divine lotus feet. You are the ocean of Vedic knowledge and with your pure discrimination you have kindly rendered the essence of that knowledge to us in form of your books and recorded talks. Your books are the *śāstra* for this age of Kali, they are the scripture for the following age and they bare the torchlight of pure God consciousness. They open our darkened eyes, fill our hearts with hope and ecstasy, they bring forward the highest truth as reality distinguished from illusion for the ultimate welfare of all. You are expert in Vedic study and you firmly, against all opposing elements, establish the principles of true religion for everyone to follow with joy and profound realization. You are worth taking shelter of because your only desire is to please the transcendental senses of the Lord and bring all others to the transcendental platform of giving pleasure to Kṛṣṇa .

I offer my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet. You clearly understand the desire of Lord Caitanya and means of executing it. You have explained His transcendental pastimes and qualities to the people of the whole world to take instruction and inspiration on their path back home, back to Godhead. Lord Caitanya introduced the chanting of the Holy Names of Kṛṣṇa as the only way to realize God and one's own self in this age of Kali and by flooding the world with transcendental songs about Govinda, Kṛṣṇa or Mādhava, Gopāla, Nṛsimha, Keśava, Rāma or Yaśoda-nandana you purify all the conditioned souls from reactions of their sinful activities. You gave us the process of purifying the innate spiritual bliss of the soul, the process of its expansion and pulled us out from the dark abyss of nihilism, atheism, voidism and impersonal liberation.

I offer my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet. Back in India you were a director of a big pharmaceutical company and you held high positions. After you gave up your family life and adopted the renounced order of *sannyās*, you were even more respected in the Hindu society. Even Lal Shastri, the prime minister of India himself was blessed by having your *darśan* and received your translation and commentary on the *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* from your own hands. Unfortunate Gandhi didn't want to hear you and he ended up badly, just as you have warned him in your letter, which he never replied. The Indian Ministry of Education, libraries of Government institutions, they highly estimated your work... You were big in India. But you gave up everything just to fulfill the order of your Spiritual Master Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Gosvāmī Mahārāja, to preach in the West. In your pastime you have started your mission in an advanced age, when ordinary people are about to wrap up their lives, showing us that the soul transcends the body and that the body itself can become spiritual. You came to the Lower East Side of New York, into the Ghetto, into the den of Kali-yuga... you went to San Francisco veiled by the purple haze of narcotic frenzy... to Montreal and Boston of the sixties, full of unrest and discontent... you are indeed the Avatar of Kṛṣṇa's mercy and you have descended in your saffron robes into the black hole of sin. Having to cross over drunkards and the homeless, sleeping in their own urine to get to your loft in Bowery, you shone like an angel of light amidst the acid-heads, so-called Buddhist sex-mongers, hippies, freaks and outcasts of all kinds. Who can be more fallen than these folks? And who can be more compassionate than you? Just like the sun purifies a dirty place by its powerful rays, those wretched souls became purified by your association and turned into saints. May I one day desire to be purified like them.

I offer my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet. You always worship the divine couple Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa in the transcendental land of Vṛndāvan. New York is Vṛndāvan, East Village is Vṛndāvan when you are there. Now Fuengirola is also Vṛndāvan. You take Vṛndāvan with you, wherever you go and bring Vṛndāvan wherever your pure devotees bring you in your books, in your *mūrti* and in their hearts. That Elm tree in Tomkins Square Park is a desire tree from Vaikuṅṭha.

Under its roots are valuable jewels, because you sat and chanted Hare Kṛṣṇa there. Your books and words are desire trees full of fruits and flowers of love of Kṛṣṇa . By distributing this *prasādam* - Kṛṣṇa's mercy - you bestow upon the living beings the greatest boon of the goal of life.

I offer my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet, Śrīla Prabhupāda. You gave a frame to our irregular lives, which were being spoiled by wasting our energy in satisfying the animalistic propensities of eating, sleeping, mating and fighting over the temporary. You have shown us that human form of life is meant for the highest purpose of self-realization and that by executing devotional service one can become free from the pushes of material body and with controlled senses, meek and humble relish the meditation on the Supreme Truth, Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa.

I offer my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet. You went all around the world, spreading the Holy Names, crossing the hardest borders, giving people light of the Bhāgavatam. From opulent Geneva talking to professors to black Nairobi. Sometimes in Seattle where freedom means to consume without restriction, then in Brezhnev's red Moscow full of spies, where you hardly got some milk and sugar to make sweet rice for your worshipful Lord. Although merged in the ecstasy of Kṛṣṇa consciousness, you are always grave. But when you display your humorous feature, the ocean of transcendental bliss overflows its shores. No one can understand your mind, but you chalked out the plan clearly: always preach Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Everywhere.

I offer my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet. You teach us that service in separation is the highest devotional achievement. You are not present with us in this world of duality, but you are always with us in the realm absolute. We celebrate this *Vyāsa-pūjā* once a year as the day of your appearance in this world, but let us continuously, daily and eternally invoke your appearance in our minds, hearts and deeds. Where are you, Śrīla Prabhupāda? Are you in that "church" that your movement has, unfortunately, become? Are you in its opulent temples? Are you in its money-making power-struggle schemes?

No. You have embedded yourself into your transcendental books. You are present in your words of instruction and you are present in those who carry them on. I humbly beg your blessings, so I can have association of such pure devotees.

I also beg to offer my obeisances at the lotus feet of Śrīnivās Acārya by whose inspiration I was able to write this insignificant homage. In his prayers He glorifies the six Gosvāmīs of Vṛndāvan. You are an associate of the six Gosvāmīs. Their qualities are your qualities and your glory is their glory. You gave us books of Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī with your purports, you would look upon his *samādhī* while contemplating your mission in the West and you told us, that we are Rūpānugas - followers of Rūpa Gosvāmī. I hope you'll not find it inappropriate, but what can I say? I have no qualification and I feel that if I'd write on my own, I would simply commit an offence, as my mind is wicked and my heart full of dirt. Please, accept this paraphrase of Śrīnivāsa's wonderful prayers as my humble offering. I, Makhancora dāsa fall flat at your lotus feet. Kindly consider giving me their shelter.

All Glories to you, Śrīla Prabhupāda! Jaya!

### **PARAMAHANSA DĀSA:**

Jay Śrīla Prabhupāda! It means all glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to the most exalted *jagat-guru*, the *guru* of the whole universe. Praiseworthy can be only a great personality. And today is

a day when we are remembering the appearance day of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda. Day when the pure devotee came here, by his causeless mercy, to deliver all the fallen *jīvas*, spirit souls. Let us praise and remember our dear Śrīla Prabhupāda.

Thanks to you Śrīla Prabhupāda I have got a chance to come closer to the perfection, to the understanding about the Supreme, about who am I and about our relationship and relationship with others. We are eternal servants of Lord Kṛṣṇa. That is our *dharma*, the essence of the spirit soul.

If our hands are bound by rope, we disentangle ourselves. But Śrīla Prabhupāda is always here to help us to get rid of the tight knot of material bondage. Only one who is already liberated can save us. Śrīla Prabhupāda is showing us the direction how to reach the Supreme abode of Lord Kṛṣṇa. If I am lost in the forest and do not have any information of directions I will never reach the way-out from the forest. But Śrīla Prabhupāda is calling, go here, now go there. He wants to take back home back to Lord Kṛṣṇa as many souls as possible because out of his unlimited compassion for us. He knows how all the spirit souls, the servant of Lord Kṛṣṇa, are blissful when serving the Lord. He came to teach us what we have forgotten long time ago. Since time immemorial.

Let us praise such a spiritual master, the deliverer of the most fallen. Thanks to you I am now here in the association of the devotees, recently residing in Fuengirola, and thanks to your mercy we can serve our dear Lord Jagannātha-Baladeva-Subhadra Deities. Without you I would not be able to enjoy the service of cooking for the Deities and dress Them. The most relishable moments of my day.

Your servant Paramahansa Dāsa.

All glories unto you Śrīla Prabhupāda!

### **KṚṢṆA KIŚORA DĀSA:**

In this, the most auspicious day we celebrate your transcendental appearance in this world I offer my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

Your lotus feet are the only way we to attain pure devotional service, after many lives somehow or rather I have received your mercy and have been accepted to serve you with submission, let me be your servant life after life without anything in return but your causeless mercy.

Even when you are not physically present you live in your instructions, so I shall take them like my live and soul, you give guidance through your books so every devotee who sincerely want to surrender unto you, must take guidance from your *vāñī*.

“The disciple and spiritual master are never separated because the spiritual master always keeps company with the disciple as long as the disciple follows strictly the instructions of the spiritual master. This is called the association of *vāñī* (words). Physical presence is called *vapuḥ*. As long as the spiritual master is physically present, the disciple should serve the physical body of the spiritual master, and when the spiritual master is no longer physically existing, the disciple should serve the instructions of the spiritual master.” (SB 4.28.47 purport).

There is no doubt you are empowered for Krishna to distribute the holy name all around the world. As it is said in the purport of the CC Madhya 10.136

"An authorized spiritual master empowered by Kṛṣṇa can spread the glories of the holy name of the Lord, for he has power of attorney from the Supreme Personality of Godhead."

You are distributing the nectar of Krishna in the form of the holy name and benefiting the most fallen and rotten souls in this material universe. It is only through you that we can receive the benediction of Kṛṣṇa.

*yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādo  
yasyāprasādān na gatiḥ kuto 'pi*

By the mercy of the spiritual master one receives the benediction of Kṛṣṇa. Without the grace of the spiritual master, one cannot make any advancement. By your grace the Vedic knowledge is revealed to us as it is stated in the *Śvetāśvatara Upaniṣad* (6.23).

"If one has unflinching faith in the Supreme Lord and the spiritual master, the essence of all Vedic knowledge is revealed to him."

Also mentioned in the SB 3.24.13

"The order of the father or the order of the spiritual master must be carried out without hesitation, with an immediate yes. There should be no argument. That is real service to the father and to the spiritual master. Viśvanātha Cakravartī Ṭhākura has stated that the order of the spiritual master is the life and soul of the disciples. As a man cannot separate his life from his body, a disciple cannot separate the order of the spiritual master from his life. If a disciple follows the instruction of the spiritual master in that way, he is sure to become perfect. This is confirmed in the *Upaniṣads*: the import of Vedic instruction is revealed automatically only to one who has implicit faith in the Supreme Personality of Godhead and in his spiritual master. One may be materially considered an illiterate man, but if he has faith in the spiritual master as well as in the Supreme Personality of Godhead, then the meaning of scriptural revelation is immediately manifested before him."

Let me always be engaged in your service without any material motivation and carry out your instructions without hesitation.

"The son or disciple should accept the words of his spiritual master and father without hesitation. Whatever the father and the spiritual master order should be taken without argument: "Yes." There should be no instance in which the disciple or the son says, "This is not correct. I cannot carry it out." When he says that, he is fallen." (SB 3.24.13)

Jaya Śrīla Prabhupāda, the most magnanimous personality!

"He reasons ill who tells that Vaiṣṇavas die  
When thou are living still in sound!  
The Vaiṣṇavas die to live,  
and living try To spread the holy name around!"  
(Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura)

I cannot pay you back but at least let me be like a dog of my spiritual master.  
"He lives forever by his divine instructions, and the follower lives with him."  
Śrīla Prabhupāda *Jagat-guru kī Jaya!*

Śrīla Prabhupāda *Patita-pāvana kī Jaya!*

### **ATRI DEVĪ DĀSĪ:**

To my spiritual master Śrīla Prabhupāda, please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet, you are our spiritual father and we are at your service.

Thank you for guiding us in the path of the spiritual knowledge and never leave us alone, each time we sing your name, read your books, or preach we think of you, you have done all the work preaching this Kṛṣṇa consciousness all over the world, you live in your instructions, and have done such a big mission and effort so we can get the transcendental benefit.

The knowledge is there, but without you we could not even reach it, your character has been always of humbleness and mercifulness toward your devotees. Thanks to you after all the knowledge you have given us nobody should be afraid of falling down again into this material world, you left many instructions for all kind of people, so they can awake his eternal relationship with Kṛṣṇa, and go back to home back to Godhead, you are always with your devotees, you live in your instructions, Thanks to you my spiritual master for take me as you disciple and guide me in the path to go back to Kṛṣṇa.

Śrīla Prabhupāda *kī Jaya!*

### **BHAKTA MAX:**

All glories to his divine grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda!

I offer my respectful obeisances to my My dear Spiritual master, the divine and effulgent Śrīla Prabhupāda. How fortunate we are to have taken birth at this time in history, to execute the glorious Saṅkīrtan mission of the Supreme personality of Godhead Caitanya Mahāprabhu, propagated by Śrīla Prabhupāda. How fortunate we are to have such an incredible spiritual master, who extinguishes the fire of material existence for so many tens of thousands of people and continues to spread his majestic influence across the world in every town and village despite his physical absence. Because the spiritual master is the master of the Spirit, he is eternally present in the hearts of his disciples and in his instruction. The spiritual master and his instruction are non-different, and so, Swami Prabhupāda, you are always raining down on us oceans of mercy through your *vāṇī*. How fortunate we are to hear and associate personally with you through the vast mountains of knowledge you have detailed in your books, lectures, conversations and letters. You have disposed more mercy than one can cover in a lifetime. The whole worlds esteemed academia recognizes your erudite scholarship, and your books are in universities, libraries and homes across the globe. Said books are the law books for the next ten thousand years, detailing everything we need to survive materially and advance spiritually, a complete guide to our journey back Home, back to Godhead.

How fortunate we are that, despite the fact that we chose to come to this material existence, you come here to purify us and remove the veil of ignorance by which we are now covered. You appear in the hearts of the devotees that surrender unto you, and You have come to deliver the fallen souls of this Kali Yuga out of the miserable wheel of existence, and you expertly guide your disciples into pure devotional service. You have given the most comprehensive and easy program for

spiritualizing our existence, so many wonderful concessions, like chanting only a measly 16 rounds. Simply by following your bona-fide instruction we can escape the cycle of birth and death. My prayer is that I will kick out all other nonsense and simply completely surrender unto you, to serve you life after life. Your kindness is unfathomable, your moonlike smile melts the devotees, and your quick and perfect wit smashes the opposition. You have firmly established the Supreme Personality of Godhead Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu, and you will bring about the Golden age of this Yuga. By your causeless mercy uncountable souls will return to their original eternal position, and by the same absolute mercy we will spread your name and fame in every book and cranny of this universe. All glories to the lotus feet of our magnanimous and all-perfect, swanlike spiritual Master A.C Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda.