

"Gentlemen, the offering of such a homage as has been arranged this evening to the Acharyadev is not a sectarian concern, for when we speak of the fundamental principle of Gurudev or Acharyadev, we speak of something that is of universal application. There does not arise any question of discriminating my Guru from yours or anyone else's. There is only one Guru, who appears in an infinity of forms to teach, you, me and all others." -- Srila A.C. Bhakti Vedanta Prabhupada - The Universal Teacher, 1936, Bombay

"The Vaisnava is ready to honor all men without distinction of caste, because they are all filled with the energy of God. See how universal is the religion of the Bhagavat. It is not intended for a certain class of Hindus alone, but it is a gift to man at large, in whatever country he is born, and in whatever society he is bred. In short, Vaisnavism is the Absolute Love binding all men together into the Infinite Unconditioned and Absolute God. May peace reign forever in the whole universe in the continual development of it's purity by the exertion of the future heroes, who will be blessed according to the promise of the Bhagavat with powers from the Almighty Father, the Creator, Preserver, and the Annihilator of all things in Heaven and Earth." -- Srila Bhaktivinode Thakur - The Bhagavat 1869, Dinajpur, West Bengal

All Glory to Sri Guru, Who so mercifully manifests in an infinity of forms. In order to really help us all to truly help each other! In respectfully affectionate glorification of Srila Bhakti Kanan Giri Maharaja on the 60th Anniversary of his Holy Appearance Day, we can't but feel naturally compelled to remember how upon reading an original Sanskrit composition of Srila Bhakti Rakshaka Sridhar Maharaja entitled Srimad Bhaktivinoda-viraha Dasakam (Prayer in Separation of Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur), Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakur Goswami Prabhupada commented: "Now I am confident that we have at least one man who is qualified to uphold the dignified standard of our Sampradaya."

It has been a great honor to have been mercifully allowed to have the holy acquaintance of Srila Bhakti Kanan Giri Maharaja, since just after I joined the temple at 17, nearly thirty-five years ago. From very the start witnessing his happily enthusiastic, unflinching dedication to serving the Lotus Feet of his much beloved Gurudev and the Vaishnavas was very inspirational. Throughout the years his happily enthusiastic, unflinching dedication to the Service of Sri Guru and Gauranga Mahaprabhu has continued to be an endless source of inspiration to all those who may be so fortunate to have his holy acquaintance. May many sincere seekers and devotional stalwarts be so very fortunate as to have a Teacher who is so highly qualified to uncompromisingly uphold the dignified standard of Srila Bhakti Siddhanta Saraswati Thakur's Sacred Legacy on behalf of

Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu for the sake of the suffering jivas!

Just as true devotional wisdom naturally succeeds itself, the high quality and deep substance affectionately manifest by living saints of Srila Bhakti Kanan Giri Maharaja's outstanding devotional caliber are always the true essence of Divine Succession into perpetuity. For the pleasure of the predecessor Acharyas. And real benefit of souls suffering in within the blazing conflagration of materialistic existence.

Humbly,

-- Jagabandhu Das

All Glories to Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga

Dear Srila Giri Maharaja,
Please accept our dandavat pranams on the auspicious day of your appearance.

We have known of your service to our beloved Srila Guru Maharaja, Srila Bhakti Rakshak Sridhar Dev Goswami Maharaja, for nearly 30 years, as being his first sannyasa disciple. In March 2009 you made freely available to one and all the divine realisations of Srila Guru Maharaja, by publishing on your web site over 900 recordings of his sweet, deep and grave, nectarine lectures. Up until that date some of us had been swapping and copying tapes, others had kept those tapes locked away, but you opened the treasure store house for everyone. We are extremely grateful and appreciative of this magnanimous service.

As Srila Guru Maharaja said on 30th-31st December 1981, referring to Gaurasundara Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu:

'I am giving you the clue, the key of My storehouse. You can come and loot, loot, plunder there. But it is infinite. As much as you plunder it, it will increase and increase. No want is possible.'

We wish you all good fortune for your future preaching programs in the line of Srila Guru Maharaja and Srila Govinda Maharaj.

Your well-wishers from the UK,

-- Vamsi Vadana das, Trilokanath das, Kundalata dasi,
Tapanandini dasi, Japamala dasi (from Canada)

Until 11 March 2009

*we struggled to swap and copy those tapes divine
 Then suddenly the polished gem arrived - fully revealed
 By Giri Maharaja, that which had been covered and concealed
 900 tapes began to flow along the audio airwaves
 Explaining to each and everyone the nectar we crave
 How long they worked on this we do not know
 But constantly now new hearts are being lit and set aglow
 His kindness is much and manifold
 He has freely given for everyone to download
 Recordings of Bhakti Rakshak Sridhar Maharaja every word and whisper
 Tapes cleaned by Bhakti Kanan Giri for it to sound crisper
 We now know where New Jersey is on the map
 Because Maharaj gave us pure seva undeservedly right into our lap
 (poem by Vamsi Vadana das)*

om ajnana-timirandasya jnananjnana salakaya
 caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri gurave namah

vancha-kalpatarubhyas ca krpa-sindhubhya eva ca
 patitanam pavanebhyo vaisnavebhyo namo namah

Although I normally would be cautious about sharing my unworthy thoughts among the August Assembly of Vaishnavas, nevertheless I shall put pen to paper in order to celebrate the appearance day of Srila B.K. Giri Maharaja, for the satisfaction of the swanlike devotees as well as my own purification.

From personal experience, having known Maharaja some 25 years, I can attest, and let all the world know it, he is cent per cent sold to the Magnanimous Mission of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, as taught by Srila Bhaktivinode Thakur, implemented by Srila Siddhanta Saraswati Prabhupad, spread worldwide by Srila Bhaktivedanta Swami Maharaja and nurtured by Srila B.R. Sridhar Maharaja and his beloved Srila B.S. Govinda Maharaja. Not only did he turn his back on a life of exploitation of the material plane, so difficult to do, but showed an ability to appreciate the salient points of the teachings of his Gurudeva, Srila Swami Maharaja Prabhupada. Thus, after Swami Maharaja wound up his manifest earthly pastimes, plunging the devotees into confusion and despair, Srila Giri Maharaja, taking to heart the order of his Guru to associate with and serve the Advanced Vaishnavas, found his way to the ashram of Srila Sridhar Maharaja, the Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math, where, like so many other stalwart devotees at the time, he found great comfort and inspiration.

When, due to past unfortunate politicizing of his Guru's institution he was ordered to sever his association with a saintly devotee, he neglected that order and instead took the Holy Vows of Tridanda Sanyasa from Srila Sridhar Maharaja, indeed he was the first Westerner to do so. He then went out to spread the good news of "Positive and Progressive Immortality", despite numerous setbacks and opposition. Srila Giri Maharaja was so staunch, and he may be angry with me for telling this, yet, unpleasant details aside, I will say that he was ready to offer up even his physical life for the order of Guru and Gauranga.

Since those hectic days and up to the present time, Srila B.K. Giri Maharaja has stayed true to the instructions of his Gurus and is a fitting conduit of the teachings coming from that plane, inaccessible by mental speculation, that can only be effectively delivered by a self-realized soul. Srila Giri Maharaja is such, and sincere seekers should take the opportunity to hear his Krishna-Katah, without reservation, and with great enthusiasm. We are grateful for his presence among us and wish him all success and health in the years to come.

Srila Bhakti Kanan Giri Maharaja Vyasa Puja Mahotsav Ki Jai!!!

Humbly,

-- Krishna-Balaram das

Dear Giri Maharaja,

Please accept my most humble obeisances on this most auspicious day of your vyasa puja.

I have always known your good self to render sincere and pleasing service to all of our divine preceptors including Srila Prabhupada, Srila Guru Maharaja and my beloved Gurudeva Srila Govinda Maharaja.

In addition, you have gracefully engaged and guided many devotees in their service to the math. Under your guidance you allowed me to render responsible service for many years by arranging the NY programs. Even when I was serving in India you engaged me from afar in the seva of repairing and maintaining Gurudeva's heater, which you kindly supplied for his comfort during the cold months in India. I am eternally grateful and indebted to you for such guidance, association and opportunities for seva.

I hope this day finds you in the best of spiritual and physical health. I know that our Gurus are all smiling down on you and pleased with your continued service.

Your friend and servant,

-- Anatha Bandhu das Vanachari

To Srila Giri Maharaja, who has shown the world the glories of the Chaitanya Saraswat Divine Gaurdians.

I am overjoyed to observe the appearance day and to celebrate your service to the devotees!

Without people like yourself this planet is bereft of hope and meaning.

But you have come here as a bright light to dispel the darkness...

The worldwide preaching on the internet is descending to all the fallen souls and offering the relief they need!

What you are giving to the living entities is of the highest value and I cannot understand the causeless mercy that has connected me to that.

Even though I cannot fully understand how I got so much fortune by getting your divine connection, I celebrate this day by thanking you again and again for showing unconditional love and mercy on this lowly and fallen soul.

Your Aspiring Servant,

-- Satajit das
Russia

To His Divine Grace Srila Bhakti Kanan Giri Maharaja:
An offering for His Divine Appearance Day...

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

Dear Gurudeva;

Please accept my humble obeisances...

I have nothing to offer you but a few words and my abilities are poor at best, but my intentions I can send with this.

I am thankful for your mercy and compassion and your willingness to help me who is so unworthy. My procrastination has kept me away from the devotees and Guru's mercy until now. Please hold my mind and my heart close to the feet of Sri Sri Nitai-Gaura so that my impurities will burn away...

Your most unworthy servant;
Jagannath Mishra Das

Dear Srila Giri Maharaja:

It is most rewarding to express obeisances on this Day of your Appearance.

Humbly,

Bhakta Carlos & Gadaira Gauranga das

All Glories to Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga

All Glories to the appearance day of Srila B.K. Giri Maharaja,

Dear Srila Giri Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your holy feet, I hope you are in

good healthy, we send our best regards in this day of your appearance, each one of my family send appreciated hug and our well wishes, please accept our humble affection and we pray for your good healthy and your blessing to the devotees.

With my humble love and affections,

Arjuna dasa & Family

"He's more than just a good one."
March 8, 2011

"Help!" said a buzzard, with a measly cry.
"What's a jiva to do?"

Reply—"What, when, where, why?
Is your service to die,
or deplete to a useless power also?"

Overcome with myself and my own fretting thoughts, that's all,
not talking to B.K. Giri Maharaja.
My master man has a plan from A to Z.

He knows right from wrong,
his seva strong,
advising service that will not deceive you.

For many had theft,
from their own right and left,
coercing their own mixed up feelings.

"I, B.K. Giri won't cheat
the Guru's lotus feet,
nor his older or younger disciples."

He cares beyond words,
beyond karma or show,
he is genuinely here for your welfare.

A poor bugger I am,
but he's the right man,
for being the "Zone One" Acharya.

With all doubts aside,
a simpleton, I cried
"Thank God I can still render service."

Because why?
B.K. Giri supplies the right service.
That can't be denied, it's a step in the right direction.

-- Srimati Lila Sundari Devi dasi

All Glories to Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga

All Glories to the appearance day of Srila B.K. Giri Maharaja,

Dear Srila Giri Maharaja,

It has been my distinct fortune to have your association since 1989.
Since that time you have been very patient with me and extremely
dedicated in developing the service life of anyone you came into contact
with. This is a rare and valuable thing. I bow my head at your feet with
all the humility at my command.

-- Gokulananda das