

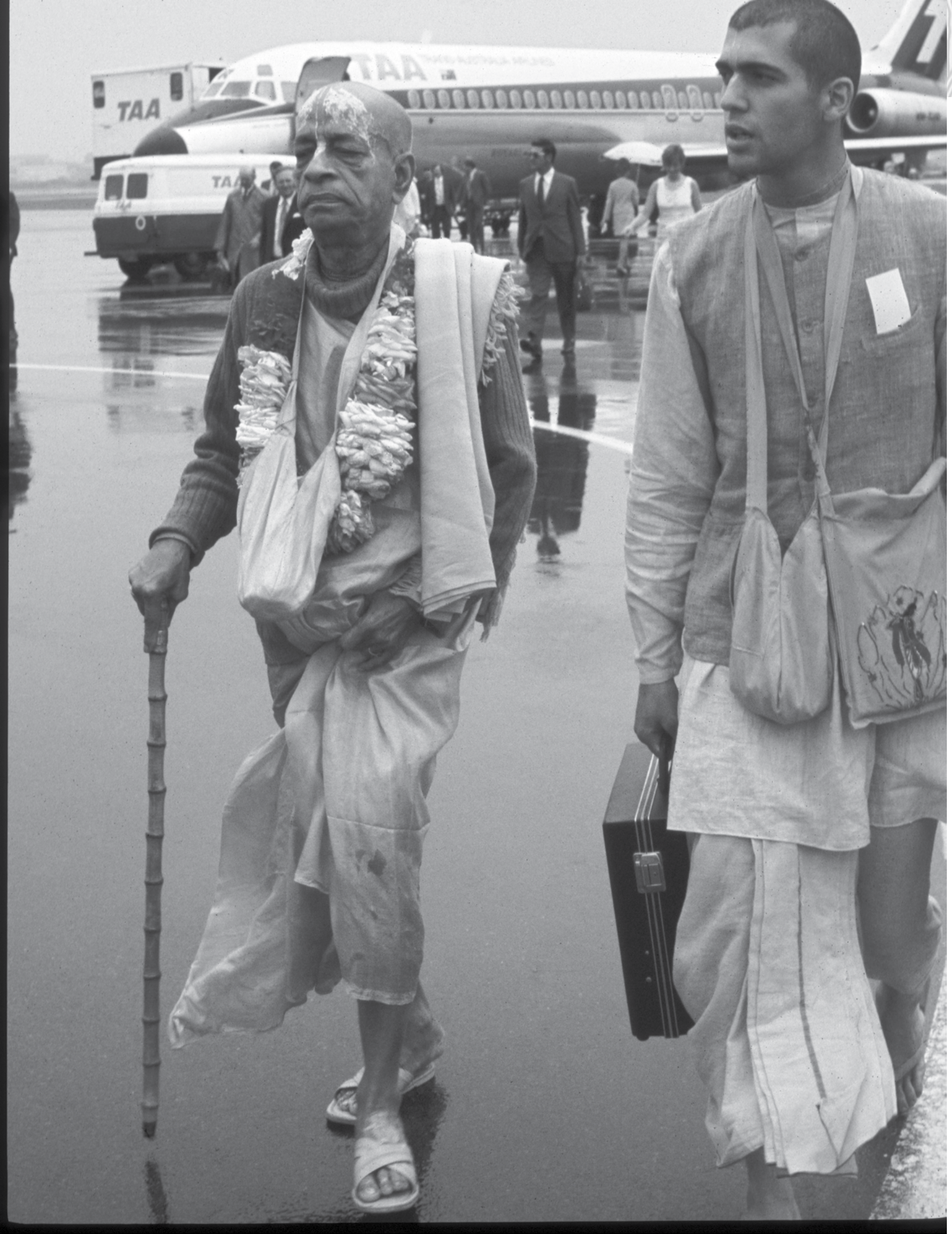
Śrīla Prabhupāda Said . . .



1

My father was a pure devotee of the Lord, and when I was only four or five years old, my father gave me a couple of forms of Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa. In a playful manner, I used to worship these Deities along with my sister, and I used to imitate the performances of a neighboring temple of Rādhā-Govinda. By constantly visiting this neighboring temple and copying the ceremonies in connection with my own Deities of play, I developed a natural affinity for the Lord.

(Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 1.12.30, purport)



2

I met my spiritual master, the late Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Goswami, in 1922, and he desired me to preach in the foreign countries in the spiritual movement started by Lord Caitanya for enlightenment of all materialistic men all over the world.

(Letter to Mr. Nakano, 18 April 1961)



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During the time of my Guru Mahārāja’s passing away, his last instruction to me was that “You try to preach whatever you have learned from me in English, and that will do good to you and the people who will hear you.”

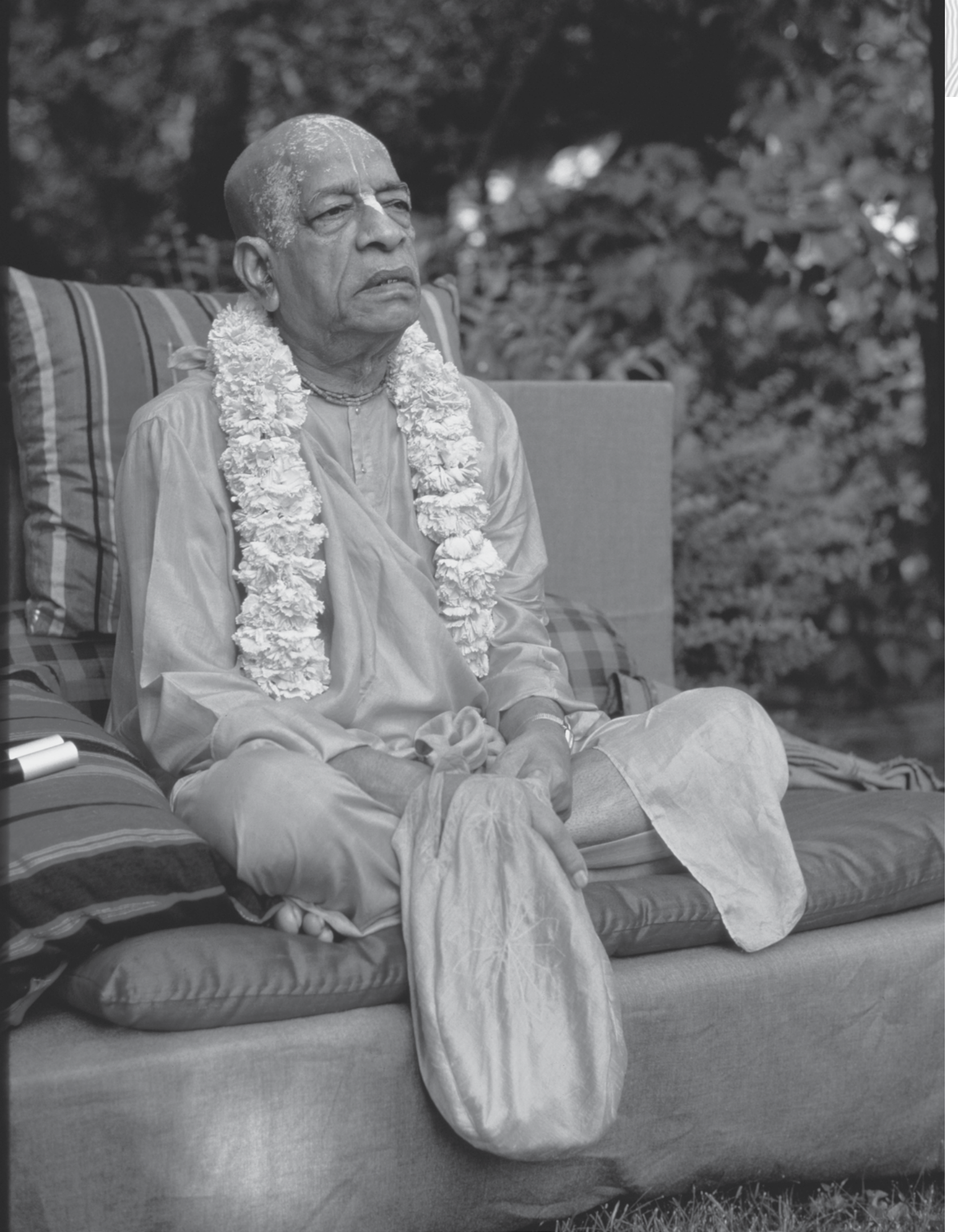
(Letter to Rāyarāma, 12 June 1968)



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The other day there was a question in class—one Indian boy asked whether I am happy. So I answered him that in India I left my five children, but here, although I came alone, Kṛṣṇa has given me hundreds of nice children. So I told him to just compare practical happiness. So I am not at all inconvenienced under the care of my children here.

(Letter to Brahmānanda, 6 May 1969)



5

Although I had immense opportunities to indulge in the four principles of sinful life because I was connected with a very aristocratic family, Kṛṣṇa always saved me, and throughout my whole life I do not know what is illicit sex, intoxication, meat-eating, or gambling. So far my present life is concerned, I do not remember any part of my life when I was forgetful of Kṛṣṇa.

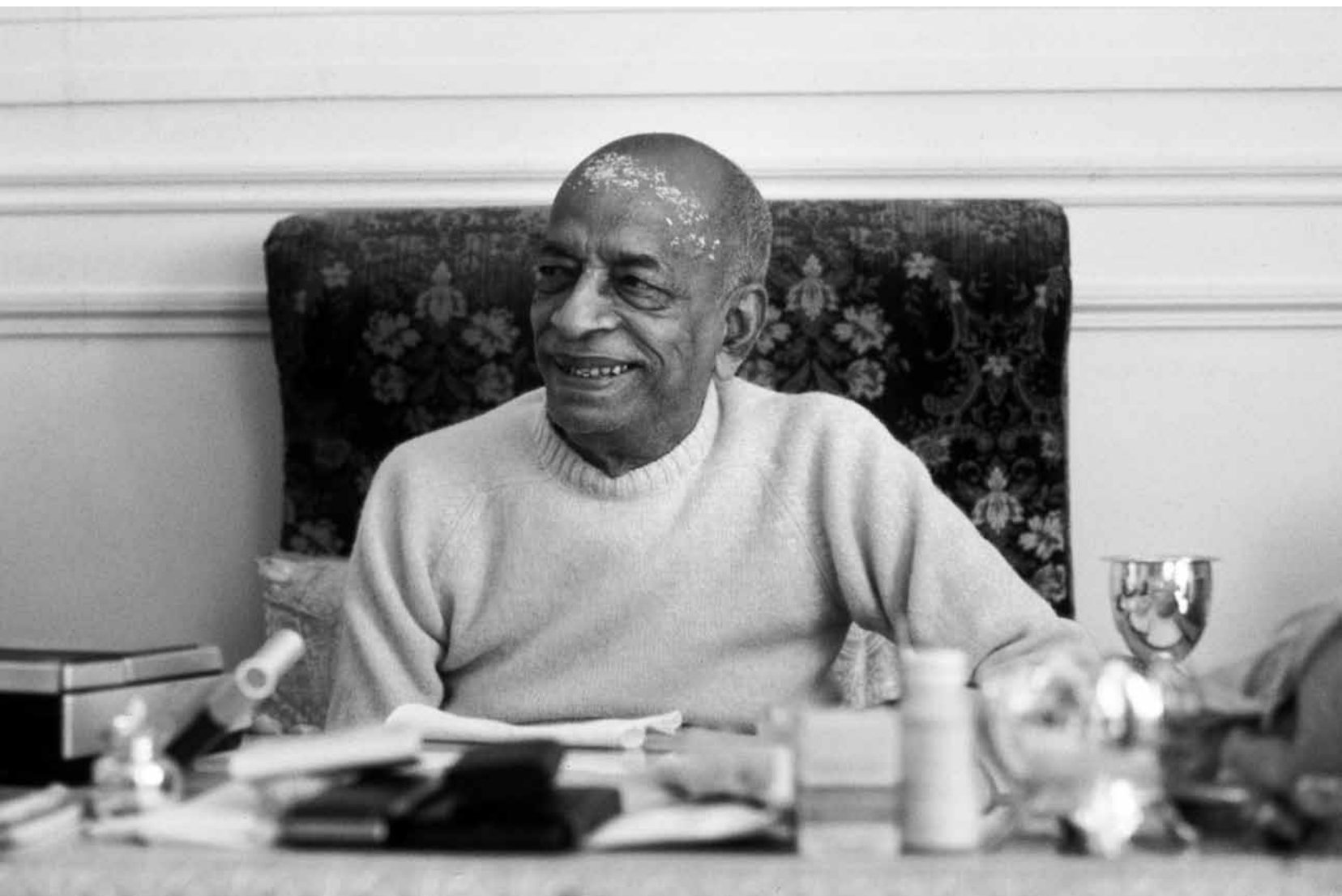
(Letter to Tamāl Krishna, 21 June 1970)



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It is only because Kṛṣṇa has somehow or other given me such assistants as yourselves that I have got any success. I appreciate your helping me in this way; you are more to me than my own daughters.

(Letter to Yamunā and Pālikā, 22 December 1971)



7

I have got always time to answer the letters of sincere souls because my life is dedicated for their service. So you are always welcome to send your inquiries. And I shall always try to enlighten you to my best capacity.

(Letter to Christopher, 13 July 1968)



8

Every one of us has got a certain amount of good energy derived from Kṛṣṇa, and when that energy is employed under the expert direction of the spiritual master, one's life becomes successful. That is the secret of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. The spiritual master must be a bona fide representative of Kṛṣṇa, by disciplic succession, receiving orders from the superior, and the disciple must agree to abide by the orders of the spiritual master. This is the simple method of spiritual advancement; if you remember this principle it will be very nice.

(Letter to Nathan Baruch, 7 August 1968)

**All glories to
Śrīla Prabhupāda!**