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My dear Ramana,

I am writing this letter to you on the day which happens to be the auspicious birthday of Shri Gundeve Professor R-V. Ranade. It is really a happy coincidence that you showed your great love & regard to him on his Purnyati Day (or days from 17-6-72 to 21-6-72) by serving all his devotees with sincerity & a smile on your face, & that today, on his birthday, I have taken the pen to write to you - my very first letter to you. Really, my wife & myself are very much pleased to read the detailed account written by Professor Mahantlalji & Dr. Krishnachandra, of the celebration of the Purnyati festival, which you, your father, your friend ^{Rajen} Rajen & Durgaprasad & everyone of the great gathering of the devotees, have conducted so nicely, & with so much joy, unity, love, peace & enthusiasm. Verily, has your father turned the house into a temple of God; & I feel proud to write that we are grateful to each & every person who has visited the temple & worshipped the Great God, & thereby increased our faith & devotion. Please do remember that the Gurm never dies, that service done unto him is service done unto God, that the Gurm is one just as God is one, that meditation on the Name of God (& contemplation on his Form, when one becomes fortunate to see it) are the only real worship, & the means of attaining to perfection, & that diseases, difficulties, dangers, & failures in life are so many blessings in disguise, if they are believed to be sent by God himself (& not by one's past Karma). So, kindly

do not allow your faith & devotion to dwindle by talking about spiritual matters with those who do not believe in God. I write very much to every one of those who meet for the Sunday spiritual meetings & on days of Purnyatithi, but I have no time to do so. Those, then, to whom I have not been able to write should kindly not be offended. Please convey my congratulations to Lali Durgat, Rajendra, children of Dr. Mohanlal & of Kanharadai for their success in their respective examinations, & say to them that I wish to them all good luck in future also.

I hear that my two lectures in the University of Poona are now published, though I have not received any copy - I might get it here, or after we return to Jodhpur by the end of July - With my best wishes, yours affectionately

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