

ALFRED BRUSH FORD

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Dear Danavir Goswami (Dr. Dane Holtzman),

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

As chairman of the design committee for the Temple of Vedic Planetarium at ISKCON's world headquarters in Sridhama Mayapur, I would like to take this opportunity to personally acknowledge the service you rendered.

You conceptualized an entire research project with projections for budget and completion time. Then, putting aside all other responsibilities for one year; you moved to India and lived there from March, 2006 to March, 2007 traveling extensively to Bangalore, Mysore, Tirupati, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, Bengal, Mumbai, and Delhi, etc.

You personally gathered a team of over 100 persons and produced a highly-acclaimed 53-minute computer-animated DVD called *Vedic Cosmos* which may be of much help in designing a Vedic planetarium. For supporting evidence, you edited and produced four new, color-illustrated volumes of books (totaling 2,700 pages) with first-class Sanskrit and Bengali translations of Vedic texts. These efforts have brought consensus from several Vaisnava lineages and elicited input from Vedic astronomers.

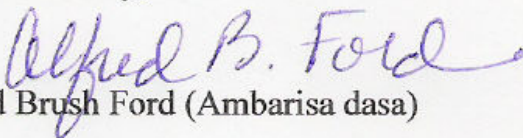
Your team supplied complete receipts and timely quarterly financial accounts, stayed within the allotted financial budget, kept communications clear and quick and accomplished exactly what you promised you would. Indeed, it is remarkable that what might have expected to take seven or more years, you accomplished in but one year.

As we draw near the time to construct the Vedic Planetarium, I do hope you will act as an advisor on Vedic cosmological issues. I wish you all success in offering educational courses on Vedic cosmology at Rupanuga Vedic College and at other universities worldwide.

Your work exceeded my expectations for the research project and again I thank you for your dedication to ISKCON. Please be sure to contact me if there is anything I can do to assist you in the future.

Hoping this finds you in the best of health.

Yours sincerely,


Alfred Brush Ford (Ambarisa dasa)