



28 MAR 2006

Dearest James,

where to begin? How about at the beginning? You have been instrumental in shaping my outlook on life over the last 10 years (a whole decade!) since we first met in ^{late} February 1996. There are only a handful of people who have continued to have impact in my life continuously for that long. You are indeed one of my closest confidantes and best friends. You are truly one of "ONLY A FEW". Thank You for your ongoing exemplifying, steadfastness, personal resilience and insight into all the nuances that make personal growth the biggest challenge each of us has to grow through in our life.

You have left an indelible mark not only in my life but in the lives of our family members. Who can forget the heart-wrenching rendition of "WIND BENEATH MY WINGS" we all sang (led by FLORENCE & JOHN TICZON in Winnipeg) as a tribute to you. You have made a huge difference in the lives of many around the world -- I can attest to that from our INTERNATIONAL TRAVELS together to INDIA and beyond. May God Bless you with health, wealth, happiness and joy and long life for another 50 years so that you can connect with the rest of the world and bless them as you have blessed us! Happy Birthday my good friend and brother (29 MAR - ie tomorrow)

Love, Pankaj