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- * NA GBC members continue their rant of banning innocent devotees in Phoenix
- * Phoenix GBC, Hari Vilas das: under investigation for unethical financial behavior, while more visible NA GBC offenders are excused or ignored
- * AN OFFERING OF HONESTY AND INTEGRITY, BY THE NA GBC EC for 2016



Another Devotee Couple Banned

By the editors

COMPETENCY IN GBC LEADERSHIP REQUIRES AN ABILITY TO BRING HARMONY AND PEACE

Members of the North American GBC executive committee are unfortunately proving again, that they lack the competency and skills necessary to bring harmony within ISKCON, and to a divided temple congregation, divided by their own corrupt politics, enacted almost ten years ago in Phoenix, Arizona.

As if to show to the world their inability and unwillingness at repairing and resolving their own guilt and aggression against 21 innocent devotees who have been banned for more than 2.5 years in Phoenix ISKCON, the NA GBC EC, composed of *Badrinarayan Swami, Romapada Swami, and Nityananda das*, have recently banned another devotee couple and family, from visiting the

temple. The banned devotees are disciples of Jayapataka Swami for many years, and have been major contributors to the spiritual stability of the temple congregation. Names are being withheld on request.

The wife was a regular pujari who has dressed the Phoenix temple Deities for more than ten years, and her husband has been a leader in temple congregational development since the beginning days of the temple. They are both very much loved by a large part of the temple congregation, and they have hosted many home *nama hatta* programs, for introducing new people of the Indian community to Krishna consciousness. The wife was also the pioneer to start a Sunday school for the temple community and later carried on her efforts using her own home to train many children in the songs and teachings of *Srila Prabhupada*. These wonderful devotees are responsible for bringing many to his lotus feet.

It is Romapada Swami, who in the year of 2006-7, planned and executed a coup to take over the temple, kicking out the legitimate GBC of Phoenix and its temple board, by lying to the Phoenix temple GBC Hridayananda Maharaj, and the temple board of directors. It is highly suspect, from information on Romapada Swami's alleged patterns of skimming large amounts of money from ISKCON for his own personal profit, that he had hatched a plot to give him access to more money of the Phoenix temple congregation. Efforts have been made to report him to both State and Federal authorities. Although complaints have been made to the international GBC executive committee, they have been lethargic in their duty of initiating a proper and public investigation of the NA GBC EC, concerning the ongoing claims of corruption and impropriety regarding the Phoenix temple, and complaints concerning money laundering and financial embezzlement by some of its leaders.

Shyamasundar dasa of Houston ISKCON, joins the attack against innocent devotees in Phoenix, Arizona

By the editors

Calling himself the new “acting” GBC for the ISKCON Phoenix, the temple president from Houston Texas, Shyamasundar dasa, has joined in on the aggression lead by the North American GBC executive committee (*Nityananda dasa, Badrinarayan and Romapada Swamis*), who have been banning innocent devotees from visiting the temple since 2013.

Continuing their arrogant and un-Krishna conscious tradition of banning devotees from ISKCON temples, devotees who have questioned the NA GBC’s authority on some temple management issues, **under the authority of the NA GBC EC, during a recent visit to ISKCON Phoenix, Shyamasunder dasa has proudly banned another family in Phoenix from visiting the temple.**

At least the NA GBC EC is making progress in something, although it would most likely be better for their own adverse karmic reactions, if like real gentlemen or real Vaishnavas, they would sit down to discuss, and also apologize for their mistakes that has lead to a continued pattern of corruption and



**Shyamasundar dasa
Acting GBC of
Phoenix?**

dishonesty regarding their mis-management of ISKCON Phoenix.

Interestingly, this time the devotee man who is the recipient of the new ban, probably knows more about the corruption and power politics lead against the Phoenix congregation by the North American GBC executive committee, than any other person. However, all this time he had decided to keep that information private without broadcasting it. This new ban is brazenly outlandish, for anyone calling themselves GBC representatives of Prabhupada.

The year 2016 is the 50 year mark celebration of the institution of ISKCON, which its Founder-Acarya His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada said was established on the principles of “love and trust.” The members of the NA GBC EC have shown that there is no love or trust


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 - ANONYMOUS



in dealing with the ensuing and now expanding problem regarding the ISKCON Phoenix temple, a problem they themselves designed by their own insidious plans of deception, dishonesty, and intrigue, bypassing the honor and proper duties of a GBC member.

One would also think, that in honor of the 50 year celebrations which will take place throughout the ISKCON world next year, that the NA GBC EC would want to show their proper and better side of overseeing ISKCON in North America, and release the ban of oppression against the innocent devotees in Phoenix suffering at their hands. So far, with the devotee family they just now banned, that does not look promising. To be accountable, they would also have to remove the TP and her husband, who they installed by illegitimate means.



<http://RomapadaSwamiExposed.org>

Romapada Swami's alleged activities of embezzlement of funds from a non-profit have been reported to the F.B.I. If the international GBC executive committee does not care to conduct a serious investigation, perhaps the Feds will. He won't be the first. He should have thought twice before he bullied and lied his way into Phoenix! Devotees from temples RS oversees, are requested to report suspicious financial fraud to their local IRS & FBI offices. Temples deserve GBC members that are not thugs or liars.

GBC member Hari Vilas under investigation, suspended from GBC duties

By Dasarath das



Hari Vilas das

For more than three months, the previous GBC of Phoenix and Seattle, Hari Vilas das, who had threatened to break the legs of one of the banned Phoenix devotees, who is 75 years old, if he tried to again visit the temple, has now himself been suspended of all GBC duties, pending an investigation into his own questionable financial matters. The only problem with an investigation being carried out by the GBC of one of its own members, is that if they choose to, they can cover up the results of their investigation, or say something else about

the results to make a guilty person appear to be “clean.” This happened last year concerning the NA GBC EC’s claim of doing a financial audit on the Phoenix temple and its temple president. They claimed the audit was finished and that the TP was as “clean as a whistle.”

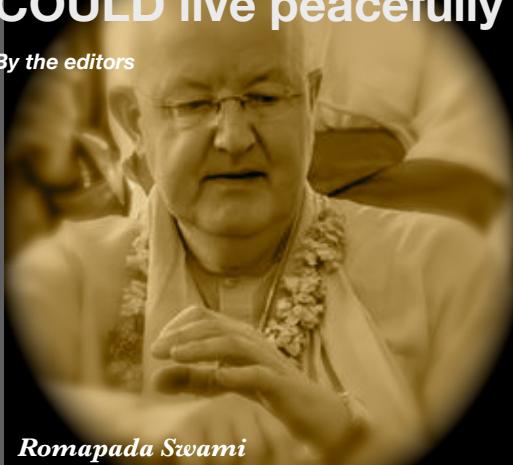
However, later it was discovered that they stopped the audit, and spread more lies to cover up their mistakes of corruption.

Has the GBC become that far gone? How do they suppose that this is pleasing Srila Prabhupada? Could the suspension of Hari Vilas be a diversion concocted by Romapada Swami, to divert an investigation on himself? These are questions that will inevitably arise as long as the GBC remains unaccountable. Is it too much to ask that we want GBC reps to be honest, if not competent also?

Dishonest, proud, arrogant, or just unqualified and incompetent to be true GBC representatives? Are there not enough pure brahmanas, who would NOT resort to politics, lies, and chaos? Surely there are.

The NA GBC EC: destroying the house in which the whole world COULD live peacefully

By the editors



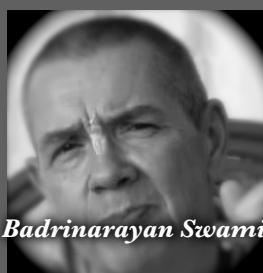
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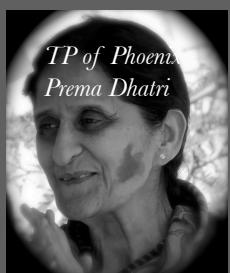
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TO DESTROY A VAISHNAVA'S
GOOD QUALITIES**

**SO BE AN "ACTUAL" BIG
DEVOTEE, AND SKIP THE "E"
AND LET IT "GO"**

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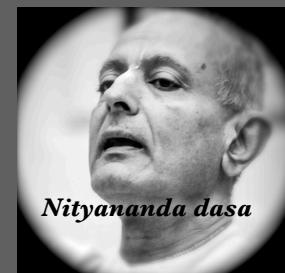
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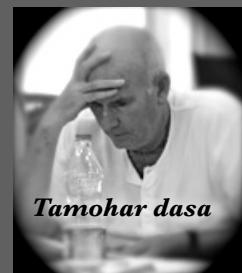
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Prema Dhatri**



**Kuladri das /
GBC minister of
legal enforcement**



Nityananda dasa



Tamohar dasa

Members of the North American GBC, who committed fraud of information to the Phoenix temple Board of Directors, the legitimate GBC of Phoenix Hridayananda Mahary, to the worldwide body of devotees, and to other members of the GBC. The true stories of thier promotion of deception and lies regarding their taking over the temple by unethical means, and paving a road for Romapada Swami to have access to donations from the congregation, can be seen on the website: <http://watchdogbulletin.org>. Is it too much to ask for pure representation in the highest leadership in ISKCON?

In the official website of the Governing Body Commission (GBC) of ISKCON, Srila Prabhupada is quoted as saying, “So there is no question of changing GBC. Rather one who is competent, he can be selected to act by the board of the GBC.” From the actions regarding their implemented corruption, in connection with their “overseeing” the management of the Phoenix temple, the above devotees in positions of the NA GBC, have continually demonstrated that they are NOT qualified nor competent.

It is not acceptable to lie and deceive, nor adjust Srila Prabhupada instructions, such as centralizing the temples in North America for more power-control-politics. They have no such authority, yet have taken the liberty, unchecked by the

International body of GBC members, to do basicly whatever whimsical thing they desire, even if it means banning innocent devotees from participation at the temples, devotees who know that the GBC in the case of the Phoenix temple politics, is in the wrong. No justice / No Love / No Trust.

It is not acceptable to use politics and dishonesty in GBC management, and it surely would not be acceptable by ISKCON's Founder-Acarya Srila Prabhupada. The above men should honorably step down from their GBC posts, but because they have become corrupted by absolute power, they can't. It is therefore up to the international GBC body to remove them and give them some different serice, or in case of neglect of duty on behalf of the GBC, the temple presidents can retify. For more information about the corruption and how it started, see <http://watchdogbulletin.org>.

NEWS

PROMOTING ACCOUNTABILITY IN GBC MANAGEMENT

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"When somebody does not agree, you try to get them out by calling the police. This is never to be done."

Letter to Mukunda 11-6-73 from Srila Prabhupada

"I do not at all approve of such plan. Do not centralize anything. Once before you wanted to do something centralizing, with your GBC meeting, and if I did not interfere, the whole thing would have been killed. The Krishna consciousness Movement....is not for making beaurocracy."

SP Letter to Karandhar: 12/22/72

"The members of the North American GBC team and their agent, Kuladri dasa, have successfully centralized almost all of the ISKCON temples in North America. The properties now all belong to ISKCON Mayapur, they have placed one of their own as a Board of Directors on each property, and given themselves the power to replace the temple president at a whim. It is a waiting "time bomb" before someone will challenge a certain temple legally, and they will all come down. Why would anyone in their right mind, choose to do impose this kind of structure? Makes you wonder who are they really working for.

- anonymous attorney

PRIVATE CRIES OF GBC CORRUPTION ANCHORS INABILITY TO TRUST ISKCON'S LEADERSHIP

By DISCIPLE OF SRILA PRABHUPADA

Devotees want to trust in the leadership of ISKCON. We are ultimately all followers of Srila Prabhupada, who is an actual Acarya, one who teaches by example. The GBC have to unreservedly do their jobs properly, or get off the seat. They MUST keep themselves and the leadership of ISKCON pure and free of politics. Ultimately, they cannot police themselves. No one can. That is what is meant by the common sense saying, "Power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely."

The following are statements made by some present leaders, GBCs, or ISKCON gurus, acknowledging the presence of corruption within the GBC itself. Srila Prabhupada would know what to do in this case, of how to eliminate this grave threat of harboring corruption in ISKCON's highest leadership. It is amazing and noticeable, however, that the other leaders in ISKCON, the international body of temple presidents, are silent and allow this corruption to decay our trust in ISKCON's leadership, and gradually decay even ISKCON itself. There needs to be decisive action, either within the good of the GBC, or at the next level of management in ISKCON - the temple presidents.

THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ARE TRUE AND WERE GIVEN TO A DEVOTEE IN CONFIDENCE, BUT GIVEN THE PRESENT SITUATION OF SEVERE ABUSE BY SOME MEMBERS OF THE GBC, NAMELY BY THE NA GBC EC, THE DEVOTEE HAS COME FORWARD TO SHARE THE CRIES FOR HELP.

"Our leaders must be above suspicion."

"Whatever a great man does, the common men will follow."

"So you are one of the chief men of this institution. Kindly maintain your behavior to the standard, so that others will follow and the whole thing may go on nicely."

- HIS DIVINE GRACE SRILA PRABHUPADA

From Indradyumna Swami: "We all know there's corruption in the GBC, but if you quote me on that, I will probably have to deny saying it."

From Guru Prasad Swami: "Of course there is corruption in the GBC, but what makes you think that you are the one that is going to fix it?"

From Nityananda das, NA GBC EC

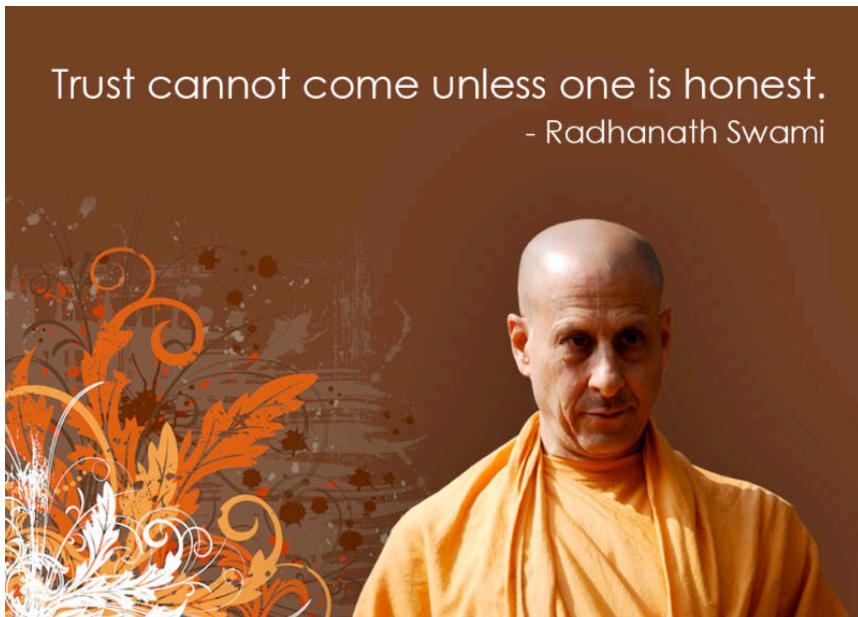
Chairman: "I would expect some corruption in the GBC. It is the material world. It is kali-yuga."

(What do you think Srila Prabhupada would say, if N.d. said this to his face?)

From Hridayananda Maharaj: "This scandal of wrongfully changing the GBC and temple management in Phoenix, was the work of Romapada. He does such things which usually backfire in his face."

From Trivikrama Maharaj: "The previous GBC (in Phoenix) was unceremoniously removed from his position there by the NA GBC executive committee because of the speculation that he would allow the temple to be taken out of Iskcon. There was not proper procedure followed for this drastic step and it has set a terrible precedent."

Trust cannot come unless one is honest.
- Radhanath Swami



"No honesty means that one is not a brahmana. Dishonesty is cheating - the cheaters and the cheated."

- Srila Prabhupada

