

His Divine Grace
Srila Prabhupada
Founder-acarya of
ISKCON

WELCOME to our independent monthly newsletter, addressing some of the issues
that help shape our ISKCON future in North America

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*** 21 innocent Indian congregational
devotees remain “banned” and humiliated by
N.A.GBCs, from entering the Phoenix temple!



the WATCHDOG bulletin

NEWS PROMOTING ACCOUNTABILITY IN GBC MANAGEMENT

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Prabhupada on GBC

“GBC does not mean to control a center. GBC means to see that the activities of a center go on nicely. I do not know why Tamala is exercising his absolute authority. That is not the business of GBC. The president, treasurer and secretary are responsible for managing the center. GBC is to see that things are going nicely but not to exert absolute authority. That is not in the power of GBC. Tamala should not do like that....it is a fact that the local president is not under the control of the GBC.”

(Srila Prabhupada letter to Giriraj, August, 1971)



His Divine Grace A.C.
Bhaktivedanta Swami
Prabhupada, surrounded by
two of his GBC men.

The disregard of honesty and integrity by some members of the GBC and their agents, shows the gradual acceptance of the derugulation of purity in GBC leadership and the infiltration of kali-yuga. Bureaucracy, centralization, the prohibiting and punishment of ISKCON members to question or find fault in GBC leadership, banning and excommunication, these are all signs that the simple formula of temple management and GBC leadership as established by Srila Prabhupada, is being attacked and replaced in favor of materialistic, alien models and material consciousness, that enable GBC leaders to control more than they should, without any accountability in their own ranks. In this issue of the Watchdog Bulletin, “Integrity and the GBC”, we will attempt to illustrate some stark examples showing the deviant direction of some GBC members, the casualties being the more honest devotees who simply wish to mainstay the direction of management as taught by ISKCON’s Founder-Acarya: Srila Prabhupada.

The following paragraph is taken from the GBC website:
<http://gbc.iskcon.org/>: “Those in the spiritual line of authority should preach and behave in such a way that they nourish and protect their dependents’ faith in pure devotional service, in our sampradaya, in Srila Prabhupada, and in ISKCON, including its management. Spiritual masters also have the added responsibility of nourishing and protecting ISKCON’s managers’ faith that they (the spiritual masters) are fit representatives of the spiritual line of authority. If the spiritual masters act in a contrary way, they will erode the faith of others.”

So what happened? Why do GBCs think they can lie at work, misrepresent facts, and still imagine that they are fit to remain a GBC club member? I remember when Anuttama das became this year’s GBC chairman and he wrote an article where he stressed the GBC body moving ahead with integrity, not succumbing to mistakes of the past.

If the GBC, either personally in the behavior of one member, or through the collective votes of many GBC members, functions through a different *modus operandi* than that given to us by Srila Prabhupada, are the devotees of ISKCON obliged to follow?

Anuttama das - 2014 GBC chairman



Transgressions Of Gbc Duty and Authority

MAFIA TACTICS USED BY NORTH AMERICAN GBCS AND THEIR AGENTS

“Love and trust”, two qualities that Srila Prabhupada said his Hare Krishna Movement was based on, is being eroded and replaced by some questionable patterns of some GBC members. The following are factual interplays of members of the North American GBC and their agents, who have for some unknown reason, decided to introduce politics and principles of corruption into the devotional lineage of the GBC, which is supposed to act as pure representatives of His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada, or as he put it, as “the watchdogs” of our ISKCON Society. At the beginning of his becoming the GBC Chairman for this year of 2014, Anuttama das writes a letter to the public and ISKCON devotees, that INTEGRITY is key in moving forward and not committing mistakes of the past. But according to the following stories, there appears to be still some serious questions of INTEGRITY in the GBC.

Some Previews

HARI VILAS DAS / GBC OF PHOENIX AND SEATTLE TEMPLES

“If you try to come back to the temple here in Phoenix, I will break your legs” - *said by Hari Vilas to a 75 year old Indian devotee, who he and a few other devotees suggested that something may not be quite right in the temple’s accounting; responsible for the BANNING of 21 devotees from the temple, including women and children. (see page 3-6)*

GUPTA DAS / LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE NORTH AMERICAN GBC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

“If you help any more temples create their own bylaws, I will tell some of your big legal clients that you are a Hare Krishna devotee, which may cause you to lose your support.” - *alleged threat to a Prabhupada lady disciple, who is a lawyer and who was trying to help a few devotees and temples legally, who were at odds with the N.A. GBC. (see pages 7-8)*

NITYANANDA DAS / NORTH AMERICAN GBC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

“The Investigation did not find any factual information that would support the broad number of allegations made by Prayag Misra and a few of his supporters from the Phoenix area who lodged the complaint.” - *email to Phoenix temple president and her husband; it was however later found out that the audit was STOPPED, and the study “inconclusive”, making this statement by Nityananda das look suspicious of a “cover-up.” As to this date, no audit has continued. (see page 9-10)*

BADRINARAYAN SWAMI / NORTH AMERICAN GBC AND MEMBER OF NA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Badri: “Let’s not worry about who said what to who” ...to which Hridayananda Maharaj replied, “Prabhupada did in fact worry about flawed procedures, which he often saw as a form of ‘politics’. My main concern is that proper procedures were not followed. I was given false information in two ways”. (see page 11-13)

KULADRI DAS / LEGAL ENFORCER FOR NORTH AMERICAN GBC

“He lied to the secretary of the board of Directors of the temple, then lied to Hridayananda Maharaj, the GBC of Phoenix, to install their new regime ; ‘off the wall’ tactics, sidestepping all proper GBC procedures.” (see page 7)

GROSS GBC TRANSGRESSIONS - ONE BY ONE

Mafia Tactics Used By North American GBC Members and Their Agents



#1 Hari Vilas das - N.A. GBC member:

2003 - his wife “blows the whistle” and he becomes subject of a secret GBC investigation for alleged regular viewing of “porno” movies; there was no reprimand of his GBC status or outward probation or punishment at the time, and it was business as usual. He is now on a short waiting list to receive *sannyasa* initiation from Romapada Swami.

2006 - becomes GBC of Phoenix through a coordinated, unethical “*coup*” campaign launched by Romapada Swami, Kuladri, and Badrinarayan das. (Go to <http://watchdogbulletin.org>, *September newsletter*, for more details of the unethical takeover of the Phoenix temple).

2013 - bans a 75 Indian congregational devotee, Dr. Misra, from visiting the Phoenix temple, orders the temple president to get a legal court “restraining order” against him. Even after the charges were proven false and the restraining order was overturned by a superior court, each time Dr. Misra has tried to visit the temple to have *darshan*, he is threatened by the temple president who informs Dr. Misra that he has been “banned” by the GBC. **The TP, Prema Dhatri (Pratibha Somaiya) then calls the police to have him removed. This has happened at least four times! Hari Vilas has also physically threatened Dr. Misra, saying that he will “break his legs” if he attempts to again visit the temple. Under Hari Vilas' direction, 20 other Indian congregational devotees in Phoenix, including women and children, have also been banned and humiliated, for just supporting Dr. Misra in court.** Being banned from the temple of their choice, the banned devotees in Phoenix have been forced to worship and hold regular programs outside the temple. They have been still been associating with ISKCON *gurus*, they observe the regulative principles, fasting on *Ekadasi*, attending *Hari nam*, have *Bhakti Vriksha* classes, *Srimad Bhagavatam* classes, *Tulasi Puja*, *Srimad Bhagavad Gita* classes, worshipping cows at a *GOSHALA* started by them, and are preparing for the next step: initiation by a bonafide spiritual master. It appears that the banning started, after several of the banned devotees, who were on a committee to view the Phoenix temple accounts, discovered what appeared to be some type of “money laundering” between the temple finances and the TP and her husband’s personal business accounts. Some time after they brought it to the attention of the TP Prema Dhatri, one by one, they found themselves banned from visiting the temple.

2014 - Hari Vilas blocks the finishing of an audit on the Phoenix temple and personal bank accounts of the TP, ordered by the N.A.GBC executive committee. The devotees overseeing the audit say that their findings were inconclusive and that they needed more time to finish their research, but Hari Vilas stopped the investigation, explaining that too much time and money had already been spent. The N.A. GBC EC chairman, Nityananda das, as well as Badrinarayan Swami, advertised that the

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audit was completed and nothing was found in the audit to incriminate the Somaiyas. This of course was not completely true, as the report was stopped by Hari Vilas and the N.A. GBC EC, and was therefore inconclusive. The TP's innocence cannot be proven until the audit is continued and finished.

Pragosh das, a disciple of Srila Prabhupada who lives in New York, had this unbiased comment to share on the politics dealing with the Phoenix ISKCON temple:

"The so called 'crimes' of Dr. Misra appear as at worst, some kind of misunderstanding.

The present punishment does not seem to fit the crime. Not at all.

There simply HAS TO BE something else underneath all of this. But this is not even hinted at here. Why the GBC and TP would respond so is too, too mysterious. At least to me.

His removal from the scene MUST involve SOMETHING else besides what is explained as the cause of all this. Likewise banning all who might have supported his efforts in court.

It all simply stinks of something else. Usually when a person is treated in this fashion - it is because they are, or threaten to become a serious 'THREAT' to the PTB and especially as it pertains to these authorities' good standing with local laws.

I cannot imagine it otherwise. In short - HE MUST KNOW SOMETHING that they do not wish to risk him speaking of within earshot of the temple.

Of course nowadays such suppression is useless. We can send out a letter to any point on the globe in an hour. So again - the whole thing appears to be most amazing.

As all iskcon centers are incorporated as 501C3's - they have an obligation to open the books to the public if challenged in some way as to their conduct in this regard. At least that is my understanding - though I can be wrong."

SUMMARY

How can someone who threatens to do bodily harm to another devotee, to an elderly gentleman 75 years old, be acceptable as an honest and accountable member of the GBC? Here we see Hari Vilas has been all the time, using the language and tactics of a thug, with no regard for *Vaishnava* respect or etiquette or even respect for the law, in physically threatening someone like Dr. Misra. Nor does he seem to be concerned about the "stain" he is making by his actions, on the GBC itself, and on the name of his own spiritual master. Has tremendous ego clouded his vision? Can it be assumed or suggested that Hari Vailas das, who as recent as in 2014, exhibited this kind of narcissistic and unethical behavior in banning so many devotees, is truely qualified to be awarded the *sannyasa* title? How can such hypocrisy go unanswered, must less be rewarded? Perhaps he should look within himself, seriously appraise his own worth and motives, and rethink about his request of being given *sannyasa*. There is always tomorrow, after showing real humility, pridelessness, and non-violence. **Integrity!!!**

The editors of the *Watchdog Bulletin* suggest that this person Hari Vilas das, be removed from his position as GBC of Phoenix, and reprimanded also for his transgressions, perhaps even removed from the GBC altogether. He, along with the North American GBC Executive Committee, should make a very humble written apology to the innocent familes whom they have conceded and approved to humiliate and ban from the Phoenix temple, **banned now for more than 400 days!** This is an unspeakable offense to the innocent devotees who were banned, and an even more unspeakable offense and unprecedeted action against Srila Prabhupada's name, by a small group of devotees who appear to be misusing the position and power of the GBC.

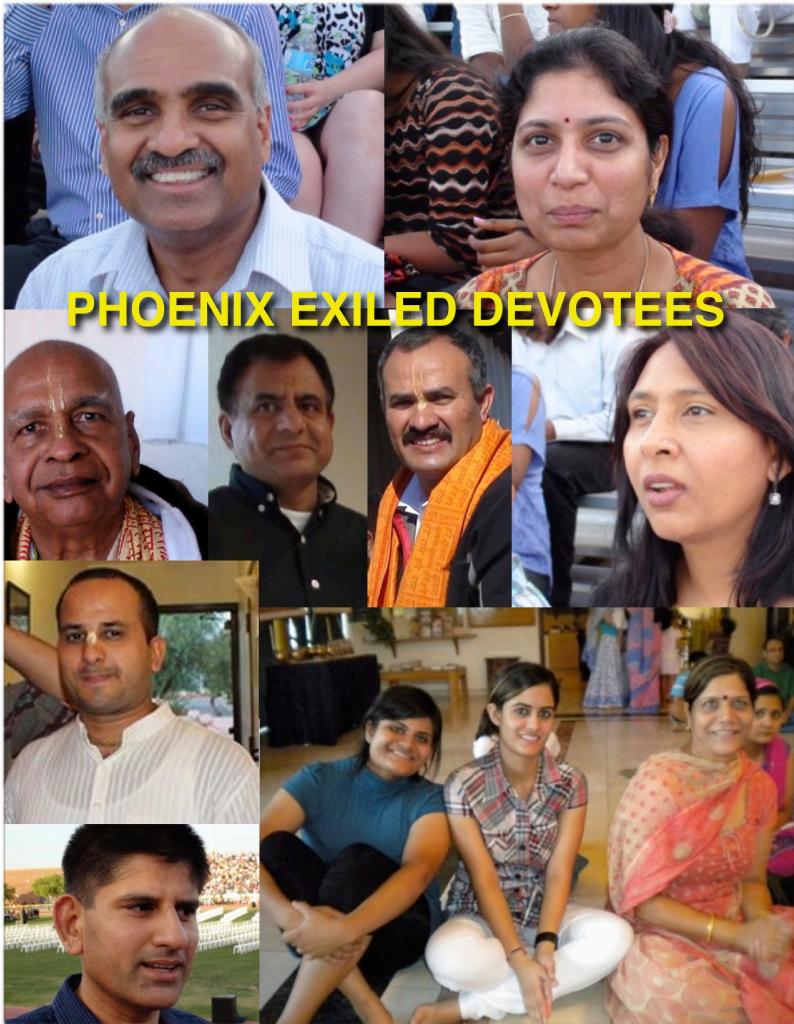
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The editors of the *Watchdog Bulletin* also suggest, that since the TP of the Phoenix temple, Prema Dhatri, took control of the temple by unethical means, allegedly submitting illegal documents to the Corporation Commission of Arizona, crossing out legal names of Board of Directors and inserting her own name (there remains copies of the document she submitted, as well as an affidavit by one previous BOD member stating she changed the names of BOD without permission) which would be against Arizona State law, and although supported by the N.A. GBC EC in one of their “unethical moments,” Prema Dhatri and her husband should be removed from their postions as temple president and vice president. That would be the proper atonement and rectification for following such false procedure, and pave the way for unity and cooperation of the congregation.

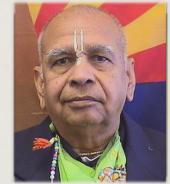
Below are photos of some of the “banned” devotees of the Phoenix temple congregation. Their pucca character can be validated by both the temple president of Tucson, Sandamini devi dasi, and Ganapati Swami

BANNED NOW FOR MORE THAN 400 DAYS!



RAM PRASAD DAS or RUPANUGA DAS - well known lifetime devotee of ISKCON, banned from the Phoenix temple for showing up in court in support of Dr. Misra.

Dr. Misra, previously Communication Director of ISKCON Phoenix - threatened by GBC Hari Vilas who would break his legs if he tried to come to the temple.



"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." - email from HH Trivikram Swami Feb. 2014

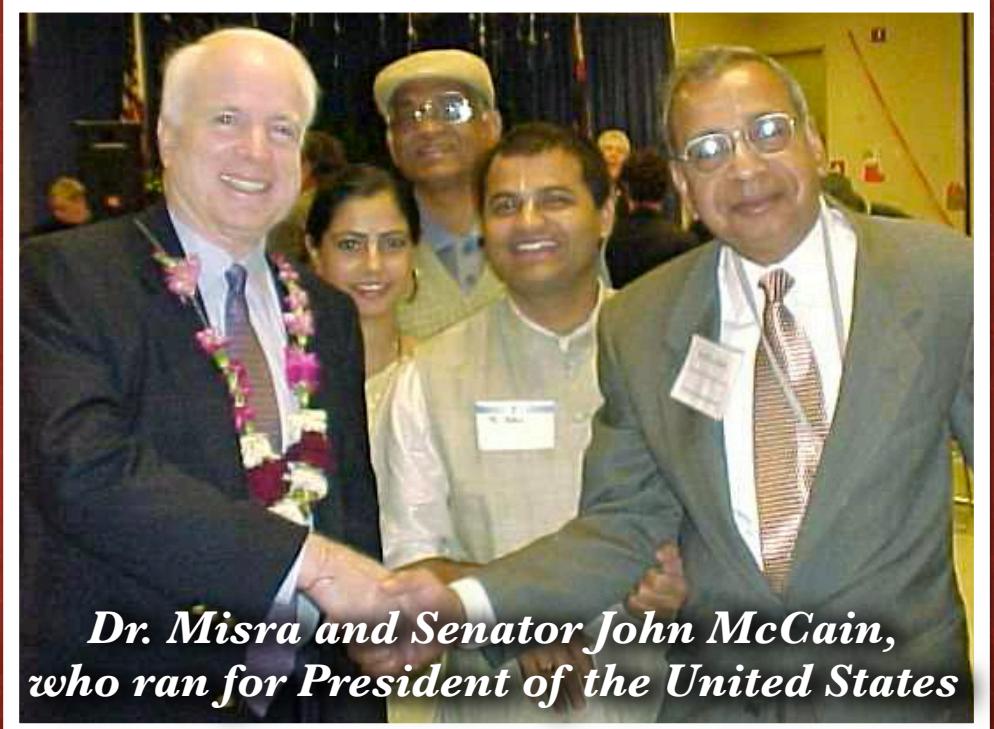
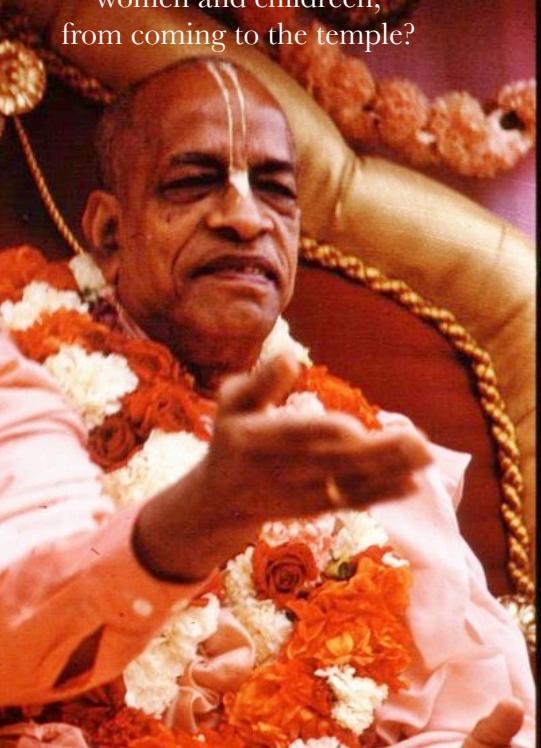


Some of the banned devotees having Sunday program in their own home.



***Dr. Misra, falsely accused!
Wrongfully banned!
Banned now for 650 days,
by an angry and confused Seattle GBC!***

Would Srila Prabhupada BAN
Dr. Misra and 20 other devotees,
women and children,
from coming to the temple?



**ATTENTION Temple Presidents & world-wide leaders of ISKCON,
please help us stop this injustice! Contact your GBC representative.**

#2 Gupta das - Legal counsel for N.A. GBC:**The Accusation**

by Dasarath das



A few years ago, a lady disciple of Srila Prabhupada was telephoned by the legal representatives of the North American GBC Executive Committee, Gupta Dasa (aka/Joseph Fedorowsky), who subsequently threatened to call her clients and disclose to them that she was a Hare Krishna devotee, if she did not back down from voluntarily helping certain devotees and temples who were having some differences or legal disputes with the N.A. GBC EC, over the N.A. GBC EC's proposed "centralized" temple bylaws, for example. The threat by Gupta of disclosure of her religious preference, could very well affect her client relationship as their legal adviser, and could also subsequently affect her professional livelihood as well. Dharini devi dasi, an attorney, had just finished helping us in the Tucson temple, drafting our own bylaws that complied with the necessary elements of ISKCON. Members of the N.A. GBC EC and Kuladri didn't favor her helping us, as they were at the time peddling to the N.A. temple presidents, their own much more constrictive bylaws, giving the local GBC much more control and power over temple presidents than ought.

The alleged "bullying" of this *Vaishnava* devotee by Gupta Dasa (Joseph Fedorowsky), who is a legally and duty bound attorney of California and acting attorney representing the N.A. GBC EC, appears to have had an impact in the decision of Dharini Devi dasi. She immediately told myself in a telephone call, that she could no longer "stick her neck out" for me, or for anyone else who had problems in dealing with the N.A. GBC. After all, she explained, when it comes down to it, she had to make a living! At the time of her discussion with me regarding Gupta's call, she referred to this as "mafia tactics" by Gupta, and possibly by some members of the NA GBC who he works for. I am not the only one she disclosed this incident to. A well respected disciple of Srila Prabhupada, Laxmi Narasingha prabhu, was also informed, and there may have been others she confided in.

Dharini requested me at the time, that I not reveal this unfortunate incident to anyone, of Gupta's calling her with his threats. She seriously feared what damages Gupta or some other member(s) of the N.A. GBC (by whom he is employed) could do which might affect her personal life, her livelihood as an attorney in the State of Oregon, and her financial stability. No talks since then have transpired between myself and Dharini, and as far as I am aware of, all devotees or temple entities she was attempting to help with legal advice and even sometimes acting as an independent mediator for discussions between N.A. GBC members and dissatisfied devotees, have completely ceased.

Reasons for the disclosure to the GBC

A woman's legal rights were violated, with alleged threats issued by a legal representative of the N.A. GBC. Would anyone think that Srila Prabhupada would condone such a gross offense being committed, no less than by the N.A. GBC itself? Is this the road to GBC integrity that GBC chair person Anuttama das is referring to?

This harassment of a senior lady disciple of Srila Prabhupada, is a gross transgression of duty and trust that has been placed in the NA GBC EC members and their legal counsel, and **should NOT be tolerated an iota**, by any Prabhupada disciple, much less by a member of the GBC.

After reading an account on [Dandavats.com](#), about discussions that had then transpired at the 2012 GBC meetings in Mayapur Dham concerning accountability within the GBC , (article entitled "2012 Annual General Meeting for ISKCON's Governing Commission"), I could not help to reflect on what injustice was done to this innocent and long time *Vaishnava* and member of ISKCON, and by someone who is supposed to represent the law as well as the GBC. It reflects very badly on the entire GBC body, and exhudes the absence of GBC accountability.

As a return of a favor to someone who stood up for me and our temple at a time in need, I have decided that it is of utmost importance to bring this matter before the International GBC body, and most especially to members of the *Vaishnavi Ministry*, to give them the opportunity to halt this kind of unethical tactics, whomever it is coming from, and especially if it was actually initiated by some member(s) of the N.A. GBC.

Dharini has been a member of ISKCON since 1974, and there is absolutely no justification, legal or otherwise, for this kind of intimidation by a legal representative of the GBC. No one, myself or Dharini included, wants to live in fear of threats by persons who are supposed to represent the highest honesty and ethics of Krishna consciousness, but who resort to techniques of the lowest caliber, as in this case.

Dharini knows nothing of my presenting this complaint before you, and her reasoning to keep it secret is disclosed herein. For the benefit of the greater good and strengthening of the pure leadership of ISKCON, I feel it necessary however, to bring this matter to the attention of the international GBC members, which may initially be an embarrassment to her. Some of us however, have to become a rallying point for the cleaning up of such corruption in the GBC. And some of us have to watch our brother's and sister's backs. Such acts of aggression and threats carried out by a legal agent of the N.A. GBC is an embarrassment not only to the full GBC body, but would be a greater embarrassment to Srila Prabhupada, who demanded full purity and honesty in all dealings of the GBC. Thank God such behavior doesn't permeate all the affairs of GBC management. **Integrity!!!**

Connected Abuses of GBC Power

This is all shocking behavior on behalf of a GBC representative, and it appears to discredit the publicized statements in the above reference to the 2012 Dandavats article, and on the new GBC website, that "in our ISKCON GBC there is a sincere move towards accountability and pure leadership, and a definite move from whatever may have been wrong or have been marred GBC management in the past". My only intention of raising this issue between Gupta Dasa and Dharini Devi Dasi is to point out the presence of the same continued lack of accountability and unethical tactics that have been used in the past by some of our leaders, and that have been carried out by the same N.A. GBC members or agents in regards to our Phoenix Arizona temple since 2007 up until the present. In that regards, two thirds or more of a whole congregation have been alienated by such GBC politics.

Did Gupta Act Alone?

Gupta is an employee and legal counsel of the N.A. GBC EC. As such, it would be assumed here in the above case of Dharini Devi Dasi, that Gupta would not stand to personally profit or benefit from making an "independent" alleged threat of disclosing her religious beliefs to her clients, and thus potentially damage and affect her ability for her livelihood. As he is an "employee" of the N.A. GBC EC, some member(s) of the N.A. GBC must have likely been a party to his unethical actions. It will be interesting to see what kind of story they will possibly come up to cover their tracks. The GBC has no right, requesting any legal representative to resort to threats and intimidation.

A legal question may also be raised here. If Dharini's claims of mistreatment are correct, was Gupta's alleged actions of intimidation and threats directed towards Dharini Devi dasi, a gross violation of attorney ethics upheld by the State of California? And if so, would any involved member(s) of the North American GBC Executive Committee also be implicated in unethical and possibly illegal behavior in this matter? Shouldn't we have have devotees, lawyers or whatever, who have higher and proper standards of ethics, acting as the Society of ISKCON's governing body? Penalizing those who were directly responsible or instrumental should not out of the question, but rather expected by a GBC that is accountable for their members.

NOTE: This formal complaint was sent to members of the Vaishnavi Ministry and some GBC leaders, on August 10, 2014. Their concern and response, was NO ANSWER!

#3 Nityananda das - N.A. GBC EC chairman:

Why would a GBC person, especially the newest member of the North American GBC, not be totally honest in reporting to the devotees of ISKCON and other members of the GBC, any and all information under his responsibility? Straightforwardness, not duplicity, is the quality of a brahmana.

Nityananda das has also fully endorsed the “ban” of 21 devotees, writing publicly that they should learn to behave like “good” *Vaishnavas* like the temple president and her husband. That is a very strange statement by an authority figure in ISKCON, especially when the way that they became the ones in charge of the Phoenix temple was to be party to the lying and deceipt of the N.A. GBC EC, and submit “fudged” documents to be filed in State records. Again, an unusual standard of “duplicity,” encoded and accepted in GBC policy and behavior. **Integrity!!!**

The following is a email from Nityananda das, regarding the audit that he was responsible to organize on the accounts of the Phoenix temple and the personal and business accounts of the TP and her husband:

North American Executive Committee
International Society for Krishna Consciousness
Founder-Acarya His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada

Executive Committee: Nityananda das, Chairman, Mukhya devi dasi,
Romapada Swami, Nanda Suta das

Novemeber 1, 2013

Dear Prema-dhatri devi dasi and Radha Madhava Prabhu,

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

After an accusatory email from Prayag Misra was widely circulated on the internet by irresponsible leaders six months ago, the NAGBC began an investigation. The NAGBC appointed a special investigator* to determine if the allegations were **factual** or baseless. You were fully cooperative and submitted financial records of the temple as well as your personal financial information for the years 2010, 2011 and 2012 for examination by a CPA. **The investigation did not find any factual information that would support the broad number of allegations made by Prayag Misra and a few of his supporters from the Phoenix area who lodged the complaint.** We commend you for your patience and Vaisnava tolerance in the face of these false accusations.

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Your servant on behalf of the NA GBC EC,

Nityananda das, Chairman
Hari Vilas das, GBC Phoenix

*The investigator is a certified, career professional who has performed this service for secular projects and leaders worldwide. In addition to his qualifications he has vast investigative experience within ISKCON.

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COMMENT: Nityananda das was very secretive about who was actually doing the audit, saying at one time that whoever it was used to work for the FBI. When asked about seeing the results of the audit for conformation of its conclusion and being “up and up,” he replied that it was privileged GBC information and he could not show a hard copy report. So, we would just have to trust in “his word” on the outcome.

Somehow, it was found out who did the audit, the secretive “devotee” (who had never worked for the FBI but helped them get some information once, according to him). The devotee would not release the confidential information on the Phoenix audit, but also it was found out that Jagajivan prabhu was the new head of an investigative committee on corruption and in talking briefly to him at L.A. *Rathayatra*, he said that the audit had been stopped by Hari Vilas, who gave some excuse about it taking too long and too much money, and that the research done on the accounts were so far - **INCONCLUSIVE!**

What an embarrassing discovery, for the chairman of the North American Executive Committee chairman, caught in the act of misrepresenting the truth!

Was it that Nityananda das did not think anyone would find out they stopped the audit? Maybe Krishna wants to reveal the corruption of the GBC, the N.A. GBC that is. In his email letter above, Nityananda das uses the word “factual”, BUT THERE IS NO “FACTUAL”, at least not coming from them.

Where do we go from here? When is enough lies enough? What kind of ISKCON do these devotees want? A kind of hierarchical structure, where the GBCs cannot be punished for lying to the devotees, and where they can keep that job, going to three meetings a year, flying all over the place, and they don’t have to be “factual” or accountable? What happened to *satyam*? What happened to the purity code in the GBC?

Sorry Nityananda das, and anyone else on the GBC who likes to decieve and want the rest of the devotees to accept such hypocrisy, but that is not the Hare Krishna Movement, and that is not the GBC, at least not the “real” GBC. Purity is the force, not dishonesty and deception.

CONCLUSION

The written statement copied above and penned by both Hari Vilas and Nityananda das, goes against what the Corruption Investigation Committee of the GBC, lead by Jagajivan prabhu has determined, that the investigation was actually “inconclusive.” **The N.A. GBC EC aborted further auditing** necessary to get a real and **factual** determination of the accounts, denying the appeal of the auditor for further investigation. This was NO WHERE stated by Nityananda das or Hari Vilas. Rather as the email below states, “the investigation did not find any **factual** information that would support the broad number of allegations”. This false revelation is irresponsible and has all the elements of a **COVER-UP** by the N.A. GBC Executive Committee. Please note WHO is a member of their Executive Committee and who was behind the dishonest take over of the Phoenix temple - *Romapada*!

Separate statements by Nityananda das

“I would expect some corruption in the GBC. It is the material world, it is Kali Yuga.”

.....and,

“If you are going to be cheated, it is best to be cheated by a devotee, because then, it all goes to a devotee!”



***NTYANANDA DAS
NA GBC EC chairman***

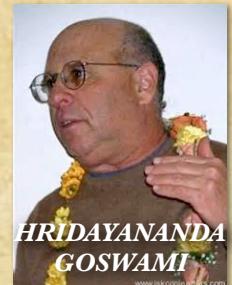
#4 **Badrinarayan Swami (Badri) - NA GBC member:**

Srila Prabhupada said that you can find fault with the black spots on the moon, but that does not stop its beauty for reaching out to the world. Similarly, almost everyone has faults (except a pure devotee), yet everyone has some good qualities also. However, when someone uses the title of GBC to commit offenses to other devotees, thinking that they are above the GBC law or otherwise, and uses any kind of twisting the truth to get what they want, that is all indicative of some serious kind of *NONSENSE* going on. So here's our next victim of corruption - **Badri**.

The following letter of correspondence between Badri and Hridayananda Maharaj shows what kind of ethical fortitude this person lacks, and how much lying he is willing to do, for himself, and for his position. Putting on the dress of a *sannyasi* doesn't necessarily change one's heart and direction of ethics. Judge for yourself:

>> Subject: Re: AZ GBC
 >> From: "Hrid" <hrid8@ivs.edu>
 >> Date: Thu, March 12, 2009 6:13 am
 >> To:"Badrinarayan Dasa" <bnarayanan@earthlink.net> (more)

>> Dear Badrinarayana Prabhu,



>> Jaya Srila Prabhupada. When I began my service as GBC for Phoenix, I found there a terribly politicized situation, a community divided, with strong feelings on various sides. Together with other devotees, I worked to depoliticize the situation. The picture you present below represents in fact only one extreme side of this conflict.

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 >> Badri: From the discussions I have been party to, there has been frustration felt in the Phoenix community for a long >>time. The narrations I have heard are that while grateful for the help getting started from the Tucson temple, Phoenix >>was still being run in large part as a satellite of Tucson rather than being allowed the freedom to grow into its own >>independent ISKCON community, with the ability to develop local programs and initiatives to serve the local devotee
 >>community and outreach to the general public in Phoenix.

>> HDG: My main concern is that proper procedures were not followed. I was given false information in two ways: >>1. I was informed that the leaders of ISKCON Phoenix, by consensus, wanted a change of GBC. This >> was grossly inaccurate and misleading. I was told that the motive of this change was to arrange a GBC who >>could visit Phoenix more often. I was told nothing more. I suggest that ISKCON Resolve or another body >>investigate this matter thoroughly. As far as I know, the GBC did not investigate the situation in Phoenix before >>reaching this conclusion. Certainly I was not consulted, nor were other leading members of the Phoenix >>community.

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 >> Badri: There were concerns raised about Dasarath prabhu's on-going deep involvement. There were concerns that >>Phoenix was being set up so that collections from Phoenix could be funneled towards the Sedona project. There was >>concern about the quality of new local leadership proposed...were they being selected for their spiritual strength and >>ability to develop a community or more for their willingness to be compliant to the desires of Dasarath prabhu and >>his personal preaching plans?

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>> HDG: Why wasn't I informed of these concerns? Why weren't other Phoenix leaders in good standing, with >>differing views, given a chance to voice their views?

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 >> Badri: Hearing all these concerns and after research concluding that they had strong elements of truth, the NA GBC >>searched for a GBC member who had the time and inclination to give the Phoenix temple the attention it needs and >>deserves to avoid the concerns and achieve the goals listed above. Hari Vilasa prabhu was the best available >>candidate. (**COMMENT: who uses the threats and tactics of a THUG; very smart choice indeed! HV also banned Nara Hari das from giving classes in the Honolulu temple, and kicked out Govinda Datta from being temple President there, because GD would not be HV "yes man" but wanted to run the temple independently).**
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>> **HDG: How thorough was the research, if so many of the leaders of ISKCON**

>> **Phoenix, including the GBC and regional secretary, were not even**

>> **consulted, nor given a chance to express a view? Why was the**

>> **investigation conducted secretly and selectively?**

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>> Badri: Now Hari Vilasa prabhu is duly in place,

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>> **HDG: Not so duly, since the procedure was flawed.**

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>> Badri: that assignment being confirmed at the GBC meeting just concluded in Mayapur. He has shown an eagerness to work with the local devotees and to develop a spiritually strong team focused on developing and serving the Phoenix community. As an indicator of the potential for success, he has developed a good team, with significant successes, in Seattle.

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>> HDG: I like Hari Vilasa and I am not opposed in principle to his doing the work. **I am extremely opposed to the procedure followed. I am further concerned about the fact that Prabhupada adamantly objected to centralized management and it seems that such centralized management takes place in the Northwest USA. There is also anecdotal >>evidence that similar centralization will take place in Phoenix.**

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>> **Badri: Let's not worry about who said what to who** but rather let's get on with the business of serving the conditioned >>souls and developing a thriving community in Phoenix.

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>> **HDG: Prabhupada did in fact worry about flawed procedures, which he often saw as a form of 'politics.' This would certainly include concealing intentions and motives from the local GBC**, who despite his imperfections, worked in

>> good faith to serve ISKCON in Phoenix. Prabhupada also worried very deeply about centralization.

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>> With best wishes,

>> Your servant,

>> Hridayananda das Goswami

COMMENT: NOTE Badrinarayan's statement towards the end of his email: "let's not worry about who said what to who." In other words, **Badri das does not at all object to lying and deceit**, if it helps him or the NA GBC EC achieve their personal goals. Corruption wins in this case, and **the Phoenix temple remains a divided community with what appears to be dishonest GBCs running the affairs!** This must be a disgrace to Srila Prabhupada's name, how the GBC can allow politics and corruption to enter his Movement, crafted by a few individuals who do not know how to represent the pure devotee nor conduct themselves like honest brahmanas. Thus they show that they have no respect for the entire GBC body, nor the rules by which govern them.

Also please note that the man they put in as GBC was Hari Vilas, who has been noted for his "thug like" tactics in management (e.g., as he threatened to break the bones of a Phoenix congregational member whom he banned from the temple, if the member tries to visit for darshan). **Integrity!!!**

MORAL OF THE STORY: Can liars be trusted, even if they are wearing the hat of a GBC? Actually, the way the N.A. GBC EC deceived and lied to the ISKCON world and Phoenix temple congregation, proves that they are not qualified to be in their positions and should be removed by a responsible International GBC body who cares about what image and GBC management ethics they are presenting to the world. The GBC says that they are sworn to integrity and transparency. Here is a chance to prove it! As Iskcon law states below:

APPENDIX: From the ISKCON Law Book 8.4.8.6

Culpable Falsehood Before The GBC

A person who commits perjury (intentional falsehood) while asserting something or testifying something before the GBC or a body representing the GBC is to be corrected with a suitable remedial measure.

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Next, we go to a time and place, maybe four to five years ago, when I found out through one of the ISKCON Foundation heads, that Badri was inappropriately taking some of the donations that were coming into the San Diego temple, that were being given to help pay off the settlement of the Robin George legal case. I approached the matter of confronting Badri through the help of ISKCON Resolve and Braja Bihari das. So anything I say here can be corroborated by him.

It was *Rathayatra* time again in L.A. I was away from the temple and called my friend Govinda Datta, who remarked to Badri who was standing nearby, that Dasarath was on the phone. Upon hearing my name, he grabbed the phone from Govinda Datta and yelled into the phone, “Dasarath, you are maligning my name. I swear before all the Deities of the world that I never took any money from the Robin George case.” He then gave the phone back to Govinda Datta.

He even wrote an email, that the person who revealed or claimed that he had wrongly taken money, was “like a goat who would eat anything, and like a madman would say anything,” quoting Canakhy Pandit. When I told my informant of what Badri said, he replied that he was not the only witness who knew about Badri stealing money from the Robin George case, but that the secretary of the ISKCON Foundation was the first one to find out, and gave me her phone number.

When I called her she did confirm that indeed Badri had been caught taking money that was not his to take, although she didn’t recall how much it may have added up to over the months. When Badri heard that there was a second witness, he totally changed his story and in an email wrote thus, “Oh, that was 20 years ago. I can’t remember.” My questions for him, and his answers, were at the time being sent by me to the chairman of the GBC. They however, did nothing about the matter and life goes on, and this GBC man got away with it. **Integrity!!!**

So this man, Badrinarayan das (now a Swami), was willing to blame and call an innocent person who had nothing to do with Badri’s lying and stealing and his nonsense, a “goat and a liar”, but was not man enough to own up to his own defects and untruths. This is what is wrong here, this is what is dangerous here, that there are certain men in the GBC of ISKCON, who think nothing of lying and deceiving, when the average unknowing young devotee thinks that these men are the example of *dharma* and truthfulness. Later on, Badri did notify the devotee from the ISKCON Foundation and apologize, but it was only under the pressure of his discovery of “2” witnesses to Badri’s skimming funds.

Now, these same men have attacked 21 innocent devotees in Phoenix, and have banned their participation in the temple and in Lord Caitanya’s *sankirtan* Movement. Just imagine what is their position, these dishonest handful of GBCs. What lies or truths are they going to tell the sannyasis and temple presidents of this Movement, when the subject of this newsletter comes up? Most probably more lies and trying their best to “sweep it under the rug.” All these men who are the subject of this website, are directly responsible for, or condoning, the banning of innocent devotees from visiting the temple in Phoenix. **Integrity!!!**

COMMENT:

The purpose of this *WDB newsletter* is not to point out someone’s faults, but to show and to try to prove to some extent, that there is some serious and deep rooted corruption in the highest level of management in our Hare Krishna Movement. It is also to show, through all the examples here, just who some of those corrupt individuals are, and how unfortunately, lying seems to be their accepted GBC policy.

That is very unfortunate. We expect to find such a rampant quality as dishonesty and deception in mundane politics, but not in the GBC. After all, Srila Prabhupada said that truthfulness is the last standing leg of religion in the *kali-yuga*, and that it is being eroded, more and more, “by the lawyers lying in the courts,” and sadly, now also by the lying of the N.A. GBCs, as illustrated in this newsletter.

This is a major problem for the GBC body - the lack of integrity and no accountability in the GBC, not one that is impossible to solve, but one that needs reconciliation. The timetable of discussion for this one? How about the very next International GBC meeting!!!



Badrinarayan das (Swami)

#5 Kuladri das - Legal Enforcer for the N.A. GBC:

Known as the “executor” of the 2007 *coup* to take over the Phoenix temple and change management, by means of lying and deception.

It was Kuladri who lied to Hridayananda Maharaj that the Phoenix temple Board of Directors do not want him to be the GBC there any more, and could he please sign an already drawn up resignation paper. He then went to the acting secretary of the temple Board of Directors, and said that Hridayananda Maharaj does not want to be the GBC there any longer, and would he sign a paper saying that the Board accepts his resignation. Both sides were lied to, successfully carried out by Kuladri. Later, so as to lie again, the N.A. GBC EC members convinced Hridayananda Maharaj to sign a paper saying that the whole episode was a “misunderstanding.”



Ironically, Kuladri das has the title called “Legal Enforcer”. He uses that name to convince the N.A. temple presidents to sign some temple bylaws that give the GBC absolute control over the temple and management. **This is called centralization.** Prabhupada said in a letter to Karandhar year ago, that such a move would “ruin everything.” It is a mystery why anyone who claims to be a GBC or an agent of the GBC, would do something that goes against our spiritual master’s desires. Kuladri must be very proud to know that he helped divide a congregation in Phoenix. Politics, lying, and a fat pay check for doing so. **Integrity!!!**

#6 Tamohar das - N.A. GBC member:

Tamohar was the N.A. GBC EC chairman, when the *coup* was being orchestrated by Romapada Swami to take over the Phoenix temple in 2006, and Tamohar at that time, conceded to the lying and deception bonanza. **Integrity!!!**

#7 Romapada Swami - N.A. GBC member / acting Guru:

The revelations and statements by devotees in the following website may shock you. It is an *expose* on some very questionable money lending business by an ISKCON sannyasi, a venture that the Swami appears to be trying to hide and misrepresent the extent of his involvement. It is also an *expose* of this man’s lack of honesty as a *brahmana*, a *guru*, and as a member of the GBC.

<http://RomapadaSwamiExposed.org>

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

There are many good devotees, leaders, and GBCs in ISKCON. Unfortunately there seems to be a bit of an “underworld” in the GBC here in North America, as this newsletter reveals some of the crazy and lying schemes carried out by some North American GBC members. **Integrity!!!**

We hope to see serious improvements on the topic of accountability in the GBC. Faith in the leadership of ISKCON depends on it. Politics should have nothing to do with ISKCON, and nothing to do with the GBC. And always - “**PURITY IS THE FORCE.**” All glories to Srila Prabhupada.



"This is just old news, to a new audience"

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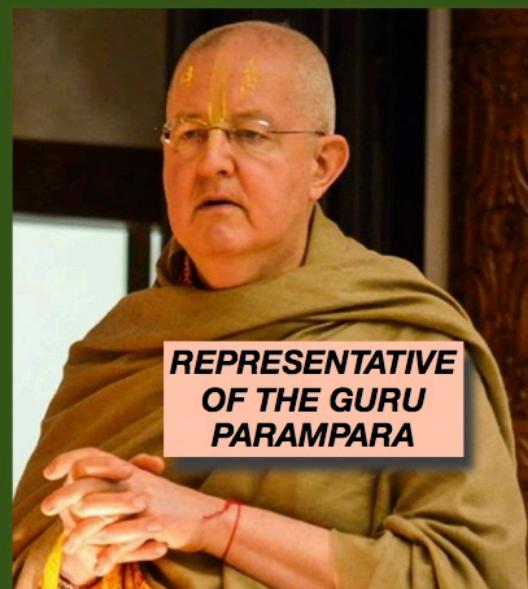


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one of the three gates
leading to hell**

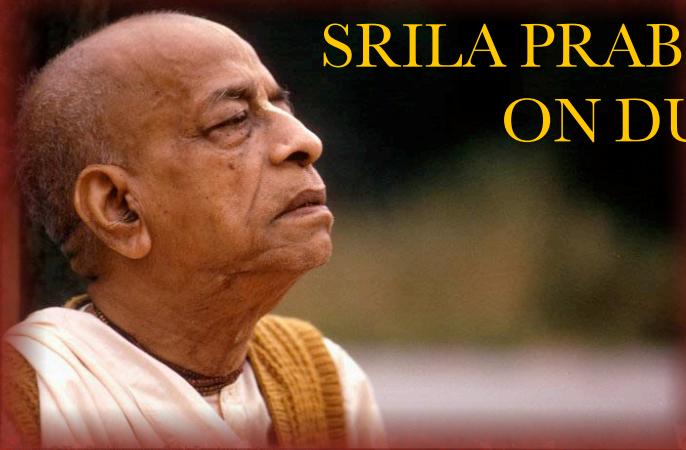
For dubious blessings, please give
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**DOES ANYONE EXPECT AN ISKCON SANNYASI
GURU AND GBC LEADER, TO CONDUCT HIS
OWN PRIVATE LENDING BUSINESS WITHIN HIS
OPERATION OF JURISDICTION, MAKING
PROFITS FROM DEVOTEES, DISCIPLES,
INDIANS, & TEMPLES, AND ALLEGEDLY
DEPOSITING IT IN HIS OWN PERSONAL BANK
ACCOUNT? ISN'T THAT A TRANSGRESSION OF
TRUST, DUTY, AND SANNYASA DHARMA, AND
POSSIBLY NOT EVEN LEGAL?**



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SRILA PRABHUPADA QUOTES ON DUTY OF GBC



“Practically I am traveling all over the world, fixing what the GBC have destroyed.”

- conversation, *Srila Prabhupada to Citsukhananda das*

Srila Prabhupada wasn't a conditioned soul like us: he didn't commit mistakes, didn't have imperfect senses, wasn't illusioned, and didn't have the tendency to cheat others. That is part of the definition of an actual liberated soul. What follows is a definition, in Srila Prabhupada's own words (no improvement needed), of the GBC's duties:

"**GBC does not mean to control a center.** GBC means to see that the activities of a center go on nicely. I do not know why Tamala is exercising his absolute authority. **That is not the business of GBC.** The president, treasurer and secretary are responsible for managing the center. GBC is to see that things are going nicely but not to exert absolute authority. That is not in the power of GBC. Tamala should not do like that.

The GBC men cannot impose anything on the men of a center without consulting all of the GBC members first. A GBC member cannot go beyond the jurisdiction of his power. We are in the experimental stage but in the next meeting of the GBC members they should form a constitution how the GBC members manage the whole affair. **But it is a fact that the local president is not under the control of the GBC.** Yes, for improvement of situations such as this I must be informed of everything."

(Letter to: Giriraja – London 12 August, 1971)

"...I have heard from Jayatirtha you want to make big plans for centralization of management, taxes, monies, corporate status, book-keeping, credit, like that. **I do not approve of such a plan. Do not centralize anything. Each temple must remain independent and self-sufficient. That was my plan from the very beginning, why you are thinking otherwise?** 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. **Do not think in this way of big corporation, big credits, centralization – these are all nonsense proposals.** Only thing I wanted was that books printing and distribution should be centralized, therefore I appointed you and Bali Mardana to do it. Otherwise, management, everything, should be done locally by local men. Accounts must be kept, things must be in order and lawfully done, but this should be each temple's concern, not yours. (to Karandhara 22 Dec, 1972)

\$50 question: What should a devotee or temple authority do, if the GBC tries to force someone to do something that was against Srila Prabhupada's clear instructions? (answer hint: guru, sadhu, sastra)