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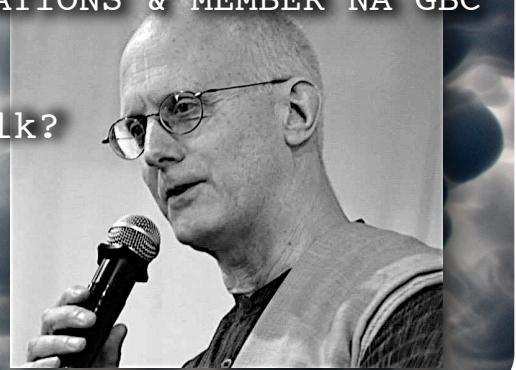
Winning Trust

- * INTEGRITY
- * HONESTY
- * ACCOUNTABILITY
- * TRANSPARENCY

DARK CLOUDS
OVER THE
AMERICAN GBC

GBC walking their talk?
Kindred Spirits?

ANUTTAMA DAS: ISKCON MINISTER OF
PUBLIC RELATIONS & MEMBER NA GBC



* GBC means Governing Body Commissioners

NORTH AMERICAN GBC REIGN OF TERROR CONTINUES....

**25 Indian devotees BANNED from the ISKCON Phoenix temple...for over 3 years!
Women and children “banned”! / Is this good PR for ISKCON’s “50 Years” Celebration?**



Anyone, but perhaps the members of the North American GBC (lead by ISKCON Communications Minister Anuttama Das/Nityananda Das/Kuladri Das/Romapada Swami/Tamohar Das/Malati Dasi/Badrinarayan Swami), know that to ban devotees from entering any of Srila Prabhupada's ISKCON temples, is NOT in any way supported by the Vaishnava or

devotional mood as established by ISKCON's Founder-Acarya Srila Prabhupada.

Yet that is what has been going on in the Phoenix yatra, initiated by the cunning and deceptive politics of members of the NA GBC executive committee. The rest of the GBC members have refused to ratify this injustice. Lies have been perpetrated by NA GBC executive committee members, false information of a never finished audit on the Phoenix temple president Prema Dhatri devi dasi and the temple itself, amidst rumors of money laundering.

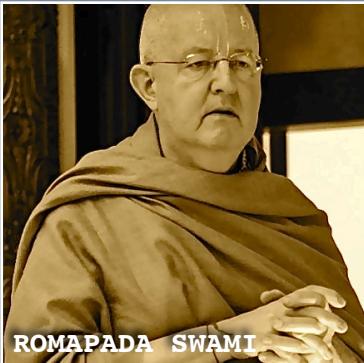
Why has this betrayal of powers by some GBC members, gone unanswered and unresolved? Since when has it become acceptable for GBC representatives to engage in such misrepresentation, and the ruining of ISKCON follower's spiritual lives?



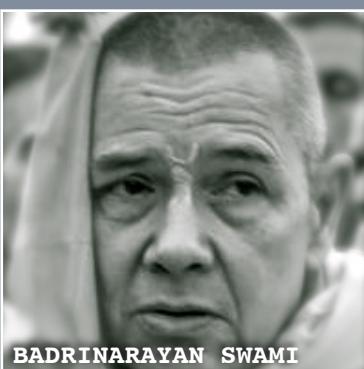
INNOCENT SPIRITUAL LIVES ABUSED
How would these members of the GBC feel, if they, their wives or children, had been banned from entering Krishna's temple? These innocent devotee's cries have been ignored much too long!

* While the pics of the child and woman are not the actual pics of the ones banned from the temple, they do represent the absurd injustice done by the NA GBC members to these innocent families

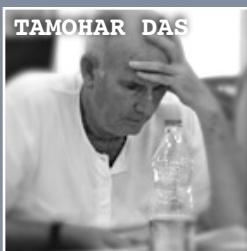
COLD HEARTS? OR JUST A NEW PARADIGM FOR ISKCON GBC LEADERS?



ROMAPADA SWAMI



BADRINARAYAN SWAMI



DISHONESTY PUNISHED?

Recently in Mayapur, before the yearly GBC international meetings, some protests and fights broke out against the GBC. Lack of GBC accountability and transparency were some of the reasons given by the protesting group, for their irregular behavior.

While we do not condone any kind of threatening reaction to GBC politics, perhaps Lord Caitanya is trying to send a message to the GBC: to get on track and STOP CORRUPTION!

IT IS PERHAPS PUTTING THEIR WORSE FACE FORWARD / BOTH IN PRECEPT AND PRINCIPLE

More years ahead, of GBC unaccountability?

"The previous GBC (in Phoenix) was unceremoniously removed from his position there by the NA GBC EC (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 Trivikram Swami, Feb., 2014

"What does it matter how we changed the management of the Phoenix temple. It is done." - Badrinarayan Swami, referring to how they lied and deceived the temple board members and the GBC

Callous about their injustices upon so many! Deaf ears to those devotees who care enough to call "foul" on their brand of NA GBC management!

ISKCON just might be in some serious trouble, if its members consider men like these, to in any way be representative of the ideals taught in *Krishna-bhakti*, and to such a degree, that they give them exclusive rights to vote for others to be in



"**PREMA DHATRI** was basically a business woman who had no previous temple or *sashtra* training, when she was pronounced by the NA GBC EC to be the new TP in Phoenix. She has, with the approval of the NA GBC EC (and especially her guru Romapada), divided the congregation, many of whom refuse to visit the temple because of her hateful treatment against those she has banned, as the incompetent NA GBC EC looks on." - ISKCON Life Member

their GBC group, and have no accountability to insure their fidelity to ISKCON or its members. This Phoenix GBC scandal, is proof of serious flaws in the present heirarchical structure of the GBC.

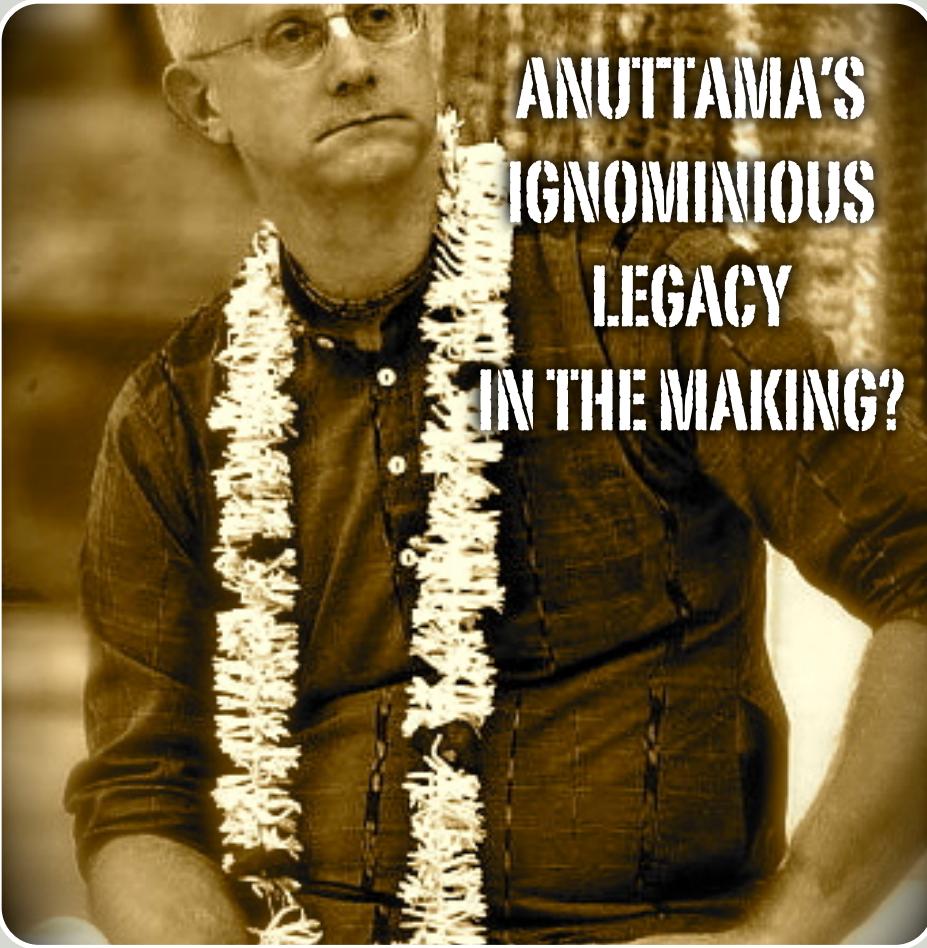
Recently, it was discovered that Romapada Swami lied and misrepresented facts before the entire GBC, concerning the sale of the Brooklyn ISKCON temple, saying that there was no buyer who had come forth interested in the property, when in fact, he and some other NA GBCs had already "sold" the building. Has the GBC of today become an institution where there is a complete loss of integrity? Will they not do the needful, to show that the GBC does not tolerate corruption in their own ranks?

"If you tell one single person what I have done, I will make it so that your ass will never be able to set foot in an ISKCON temple, for the rest of your life."

- Threat from an ex-GBC-guru to an ISKCON temple president

Prema Datri Dasi has decided to ban the innocent from visiting Phoenix temple, while GBC looks on in support. She even called the police 3X, on one elderly brahmin whom she banned, who had come to the temple just to have darshan.

Phoenix temple president - Pratibha Somaiya (Prema Dhatri dd / disciple of Romapada Swami); allegedly falsifying "State documents" inserting her name as TP, without vote of previous board of directors; suspicion of money laundering involving temple funds; became subject of an audit by Jagajivan and Hamsarupa; GBCs Badri and Nityananda das said audit was completed and no suspicion of foul play found; Jagajivan replied that the audit findings were inconclusive as the NA GBC EC stopped the investigation. NA GBC EC chairman Nityananda das, refused to show audit results to members. Integrity gone?



ANUTTAMA'S IGNOMINIOUS LEGACY IN THE MAKING?

Srila Prabhupada Says



"GBC must mean that by his managing, there is not any complaints....What will happen when I am not here, shall everything be spoiled by GBC?Our Society is like one big family and our relationships should be based on love and trust."



"They should learn how to behave like real Vaishnavas," remarks the NA GBC chairman, Nityananda das, about banned devotees, while he himself lied about the results of an audit on the Phoenix TP. Caught in a serious GBC deviation!

Future generations will see how these men introduced sordid politics into the GBC

We, the editors of this newsletter, believe that ANUTTAMA DAS (Geofrey Walker), is greatly responsible for the injustices against the innocent devotees being banned from the ISKCON Phoenix temple. His department of ISKCON Public Relations is supposed to help insure and care that things like this don't happen. The banning of 25 innocent devotees from the Phoenix temple has been a grave injustice on behalf of members of the NA GBC, one that mars the good name of ISKCON's Founder-Acarya.

By approving the ban, ANUTTAMA DAS has joined ranks of other NA GBC members - to hurt these devotees, stifle their spiritual lives, alienate them from ISKCON, and alienate even more devotees worldwide who hear about their atrocity of banning innocent families from going to the temple. He has shown no feelings whatsoever of remorse, or even concern.

What kind of image of the GBC is he trying to promote to the public, as head of ISKCON Public Relations?

Can the bad behaviour and intimidation tactics of the NA GBC, be pleasing to the Supreme Personality of Godhead? Does it echo the teachings of Sriman Mahaprabhu Lord Caitanya, who taught that a devotee should be the servant of the servant of the servant?

These banned devotees have done no wrong. But the wrong that any GBC member does in abusing his position or power, has heavy karmic reactions, as stated by Srila Prabhupada himself: " So those who are GBCs, they should be very, very careful to administer the business of ISKCON. Otherwise they will be punished. As the post is very great, similarly, the punishment is also very great." - *Srila Prabhupada lect 1974*

GBC OR XYZ?	HONESTY	COMPETENCY	SERVICE	STRUCTURE
<p>"Their politics have become an embarrassment to devotees who want to see honesty in GBC management"</p> <p>- ex-GBC man</p>	<p>Misrepresentation of facts by any GBC member should not be tolerated, transgressors expelled from GBC!</p>	<p>There are better ways to diffuse discord, based on love and trust! But w/o implicit honesty, how can one trust the GBC?</p>	<p>Any GBC member must act only out of service to ISKCON and the devotees. Personal ambition by any member is a disqualification.</p>	<p>PRABHUPADA: "I have not got much stock in such centralized management or organization." <i>-letter 1/9/73</i></p>

NOTICE:

THE INTERNATIONAL GBC CHAIR-PERSONS, HAVE BEEN WRITTEN BY SOME TEMPLE AUTHORITIES ABOUT THE GRAVE INJUSTICE OF THEIR CONDONING THE BANNING OF 25 INNOCENT DEVOTEES IN PHOENIX, WITH NO REPLY OR CONCERN SHOWN BY THE GBC TO DATE.

SRILO PRABHUPADA WOULD CERTAINLY BE OUTRAGED BY THEIR MISMANAGEMENT AND OFFENSES TOWARDS THESE VAISHNAVAS. BELOW ARE ONLY SOME FACES OF THE DEVOTEES WHO HAVE BEEN ABUSED BY THE NA GBC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.



LETTER FROM SRILA PRABHUPADA:

I also understand that immediate actions are going to take place even prior to my permission, and that, also, "without divulging to the devotees!" I do not follow exactly what is the motive of the so-called GBC meeting, therefore I have sent the telegram which you will find attached herewith, and I have received the replies as well. Under these circumstances, **I AUTHORIZE YOU TO DISREGARD FOR THE TIME BEING ANY DECISION FROM THE GBC MEN UNTIL MY FURTHER INSTRUCTION.** You manage your affairs peacefully and independently, and try to improve the spiritual atmosphere of the centers more carefully. (April 8, 1972, to all TPs)