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ISKCON 44 year veteran protests the ongoing corruption of management in the Phoenix temple, which he founded in 1996.

The IRS, the FBI, and the GBC

By the editors

ISKCON member and founder of all ISKCON temples in Arizona, protests the ongoing corruption of North American GBC member, ROMAPADA SWAMI, in front of FBI building in Phoenix.

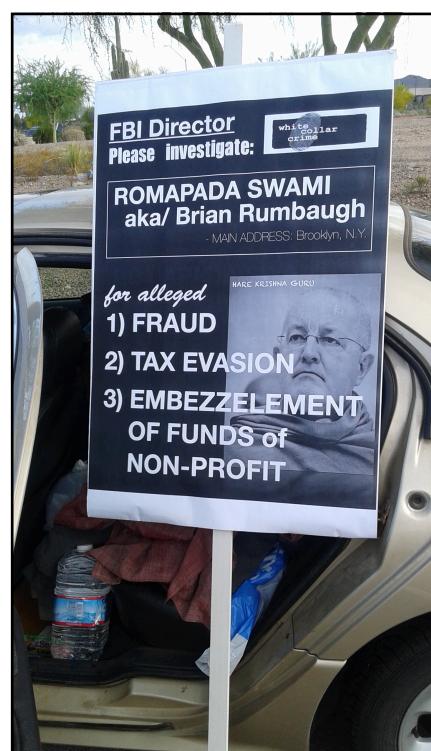
Executing his freedom of speech and rights to protest, long time ISKCON member Dasarath das, recently carried a sign in front of the headquarters of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), protesting the unethical and alleged unlawful activites of one Brian Rumbaugh, alias Romapada Swami, who is a senior member of ISKCON's Governing Body Commissioners (GBC) in North America.

Frustrated at his attempts to alert members of the international GBC Executive Committee and the lack of their concern and response concerning

ongoing corruption in North American GBC management and an ISKCON temple he started in Phoenix, regarding one of their senior members Romapada Swami aka/ Brian Rumbaugh, he has taken his serious complaints to the govenment level of the U.S.

According to a spoken to "special agent" of the FBI, they are extremely concerned when it is alleged, found, and proven, that some leader of a religious group, such as the Hare Krishna organization (ISKCON), would be using their non-profit status or cover, to engage in offensive or criminal activities of financial maleficence, that deprive the rights of other citizens and members of that religion accountability and justice.

Why the GBC itself operates without any accountability structure, is a growing concern of many members of the ISKCON religion, that has its roots in the bhakti faith of Hinduism.



STAY OF POWER AND CORRUPTION

By the editors

"Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power." - Abraham Lincoln

Although it has been proven with evidence, that the peaceful legitimate management of the ISKCON Phoenix temple by honest temple managers and previous GBC man, was overthrown by illegitimate, dishonest, and even illegal tactics lead by Romapada Swami and by the present temple president Prema Dhatri dasi, and their representatives, the international GBC executive committee supports their stay of power and thus the ensuing corruption of dishonest members of the North American Governing Body Commission.

THE CLAIM AND COMPLAINT

An audit has been stopped, and cover-up and lies perpetrated by the NA GBC EC; Romapada Swami travels to Phoenix and allegedly continues to make money off of the congregation; the TP Prema Dhatri has wrongly banned 21 devotee members from the temple, possible money laundering activities of the temple money and hers remains un-investigated, and her take over of the temple by illegal means back in 2006-7, has cast a grave concern and doubts of her character as a temple president by many of the congregation members; the unsolved chaos has cast doubts of the integrity and capability of ISKCON's GBC.



**Brian Rumbaugh, aka /
ROMAPADA SWAMI**

**ISKCON Phoenix temple president
Pratibha Somaiya, aka / Prema Dhatri**

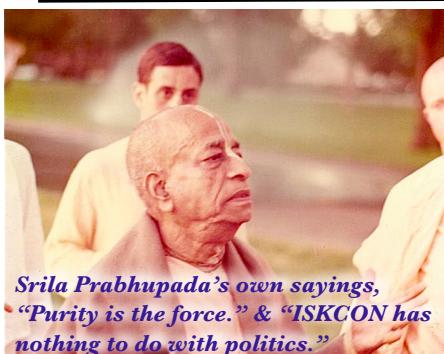
Still to date, the International GBC Executive Committee makes no move to remove her, or reprimand her guru and mentor Romapada Swami for his instigation of politics in the temple of Phoenix beginning back in 2006, which gave him access to the congregation and their financial support of the temple. His misrepresentation of information and fraudulent change of management techniques were clearly not in line with rules of GBC conduct. So what be the problem of correction? A GBC cover-up?

One would think that the spiritual management board of GBC members, purportedly dedicated to "pure" devotional service to the Supreme Lord, would be more interested to regain its image of honesty and integrity, rather than support or condone a confusing stance of duplicity and double standards

for some of its own North American GBC members. It has been suggested that the best solution would be to try and reverse the long road of mistakes and misconduct of its own members, by putting back the previous and legitimate management of the temple.

Since when does the GBC have the right to fool the devotees and the congregation, and deceive the public that supports ISKCON, by covering-up corruption in the Phoenix ISKCON temple and supporting the ongoing corruption of the NA GBC EC management? Do they truly believe they are representing ISKCON's Founder-Acarya by choosing this road of inaction?

**ABSOLUTE POWER
CORRUPTS ABSOLUTELY**



I DO NOT MIND

By DASARATH DAS

There seem to be many of you out there, that are afraid to speak up about, and against corruption in ISKCON, especially if it is referring to some members of the GBC itself. Maybe you don't care, or are afraid of your service being taken away, or salary withdrawn, (although Srila Prabhupada would not give anyone salaries in ISCON in exchange for "service"), or a few of you maybe are too looking for some "promotion" in exchange for adherence to an unaccountable authority and conveniently looking the other way when it may become necessary.

What happened to courage? Honesty? Accountability? What happened to chastity to the mission and purity of

ISKCON and ISKCON's GBC leadership? What happened to integrity of the independently minded leaders that Srila Prabhupada created, the temple presidents? I for one don't mind, sticking my neck our for Prabhupada, for ISKCON, even though my actions are being greeted with intimidation and threats by the NA GBC EC. Even if all of you are in one of the categories listed above, I don't mind doing all of your jobs of duty - in trying to help keep Srila Prabhupada's mission of GBC management correct, even if it means I or my service in ISKCON will be threatened by the same corrupt team or handful of GBC members that are under question and discussion herein.

For more amazing stories of Romapada Swami's authoritarian rule, go to <http://RomapadaSwamiExposed.org>.

For viewing copies of alleged forged corporation documents, go to <http://watchdogbulletin.org>. (Jan.2015 WDB issue).

Two weeks ago, I sat across from what they call a "special agent" of the FBI,

I DON'T MIND (*con't*) if it helps to initiate accountability in the GBC

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and gave him whatever evidence I have gathered, from many different devotee sources, about the corruption, embezzlement of funds, fraud, etc., of one of the leading members of the ISKCON GBC. The next day, I did the same at the IRS office. I am referring to certain actions being carried out by one of ISKCON prominent GBC members, Romapada Swami, aka/ Brian Rumbaugh of New York. The following claims and charges against Romapada were discussed:

1) There has been evidence, and withholding the truth on Romapada Swami's side, of him making many loans of significant amounts, to temples and devotees, charging the entities and individuals interest like a bank, and depositing the money into his own private bank account, somewhere which he refuses to disclose. He has denied this loaning, but proof in reports is there, that he has been doing this for decades, thus amassing a lot of personal wealth off of ISKCON. If he has not reported his earnings to the IRS, it would be criminal, what to speak of not reporting the same to the GBC. It should be noted that this so-called guru has lied about this fact of his loan business, and denied to me and others that he has ever loaned money to anyone. In case you do not know, a liar cannot be a bonefide guru, nor a bonefide GBC member.

2) Romapada Swami has been reported to ask or force treasurers and accountants of at least one ISKCON temple Towaco, NJ, and most likely others, to take checks he has received in good faith from donors to ISKCON, and demand that he be given the temple money, money belonging to the Deities, in cash, without any record or paper trace, and without reporting his earnings to the IRS. This was reported by these good and honest devotees to a devotee friend. They knew this to be wrong and illegal and were bewildered what to do as Romapada is both a guru and the GBC there. It should be noted that on the date of March 14, 2007, Romapada Swami had replaced the temple financial management team, also put in place his own hand picked treasurer management overseeing the millions of dollars, which will be collected to build the new Towaco ISKCON temple. The taking, skimming, or stealing of temple money, as he has been reported to have done, has been reportedly going on for many years. This is what is called embezzlement of funds. Taken from an organization he represents, what to speak of a religious non-profit organization, is highly illegal, and if found guilty by a court of law, carries a jail sentence.

3) He has become the initiator of politics and illegitimate GBC procedure in changing the management of the Phoenix temple, back in the year 2006 or 2007, manufacturing lies and deception to the legitimate temple board of directors and GBC person, and putting one of his own "future to be initiated" disciples in as the new temple president. This was also done illegally, which can be verified. His new TP did so by illegally changing the names of the temple board of directors and submitting false documents to the State of Arizona Corporation Commission. **Since when does the GBC have the authority to lie to and deceive valid members in management positions of a temple, and then to illegally put in place its own proxy leadership?**

4) He has authorized the banning of innocent ISKCON congregational members in Phoenix, who have been falsely

charged (this proven in court) and banned from visiting the temple for more than 2 years. What kind of person / leader in ISKCON would contrive and be a part of such grave injustice against persons trusting in the management authority of the GBC, but who were severely abused by some of its members? The Phoenix TP has also called the police on four occasions, to remove one of the wrongly banned persons, simply for wanting to have darshan of the Deities, stating that he cannot be there because he has been banned by the GBC. This corruption of Romapada and the members of the NA GBC EC show to what extent they will go, to deceive and participate in the destruction of devotee's faith in the institution of ISKCON, by their reckless and haphazard agendas, committed without any remorse or conscience.

5) Being a member of the NA GBC EC, he was party to stopping an audit on the Phoenix temple and temple president's private business accounts, while advertising that the audit was finished and the TP exonerated from any questionable money misappropriations, as questioned by some of the banned devotees.

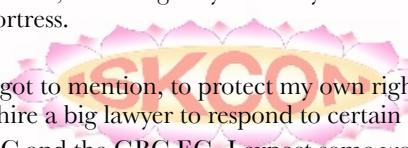
Query in conclusion:

Is there a bad guy here, or do members of the GBC have automatic immunity, no matter what rules they break?

If you are not aware of these and also other wrongdoings on behalf of this unaccountable, unchecked person of inappropriate tactics of management, please do read all of the Watchdog Bulletin Newsletters, which can be viewed at <http://watchdogbulletin.org>.

Other accounts of corruption involving Romapada Swami can be viewed at <http://RomapadaSwamiExposed.org>. It will be shown there, that these abusive accounts and actions by Romapada Swami are joined and cooperated by other members of the North American GBC executive committee. Thus there is a major scandal and deviation in GBC management that is being ignored and covered up by members of the International GBC body. As one of my godbrothers, Locan Ananda prabhu, rightly wrote of recently, "This is a "black eye" to ISKCON, and a stain on Srila Prabhupada's pure name, who the GBC are supposed to represent."

A leader, as you all are, should care about the propagation of corruption by some members of the GBC, and not simply keep their head stuck in a plate of prasadam (no offense to you intended). If corruption is attacking a certain segment in ISKCON, it is attacking all of ISKCON and will gradually spread elsewhere, including maybe even your own ISKCON temple or fortress.

I almost forgot to mention, to protect my own rights, I have had to recently hire a big lawyer to respond to certain threats by the NA GBC EC and the GBC EC. I expect some wonderful Vaishnava sangha from this soon!

So yes, and I am sad to say this, but I don't mind going after the bad guy. It is my duty, and it is also yours.