

BACK TO SERVANTHOOD

Srila Prabhupad's Movement is in a serious crisis. The Movement, more than ever, is in need of an empowered Krishna Conscious GBC authority, without which it will definitely disintegrate. Such disintegration seems inevitable as a second phase of Srila Prabhupad's departure. This may lead to our further maturization and synthesis of Krishna Conscious principles into our lives. However, how could we but resist, with strongest heartfelt sincerity, such a disintegration. It is in this mood that I hereby offer my last plea to the GBC body, begging that we sacrifice all we can to save Srila Prabhupad's Movement.

Hoping that in the upcoming Istogoshti we will accept and support the Vaishnava community realizations and seriously consider the proposed 13 points, I propose the following:

1. GBC meet in the mood of humility, accepting full responsibility for our mistakes and offering our sincere apologies to Prabhupada and Parampara, to Prabhupada's Godbrothers, our own Godbrothers, all devotees who have joined Srila Prabhupad's Movement since His departure, residents of the Holy Dhams, and all other Vaishnavas.
2. After accepting the resignation of those members who have seriously deviated, GBC add at least 6 new members from amongst devotees who have been most instrumental in preaching the truth of Srila Prabhupad's true intentions regarding the future of ISKCON.
3. GBC rid itself of all past legislations aimed at maintaining its power and authority. Instead, GBC and devotees develop a bill of rights for all devotees. Every member will vow to uphold and protect these rights as his primary

service as a Trustee of Srila Prabhupad. These rights should include:

- a. The right to pursue one's individual realizations reached in his pursuit of Truth.
 - b. The right to follow the leadership one is inspired by.
 - c. The right to be part and parcel of Iskcon.
 - d. The right to initiate after departure of one's spiritual Master, when qualified, anywhere in the world.
 - e. The rights to the assets of Iskcon for San Kirtan.
- etc. . .

GBC, with senior devotees, provide guidelines, based on Srila Prabhupada's books, the true lawbooks of Iskcon, explaining the basis and nature of these rights and preaching the dangers of their misuse. These guidelines will further educate devotees in general and provide a point of reference by which the Brahmans expose discrepancies which may from time to time develop due to Kali's influence. GBC should rely fearlessly on preaching and the positive influence of the Truth, rather than seeking easy control through legislations.

4. GBC give up all claims and control over any zones and/or projects including men, money, buildings, cars, etc. Instead they act as overseers, advisors, and trustees of the GBC Body, which Body was entrusted with the task of maintaining the proper expansion of San Kirtan Movement worldwide by Srila Prabhupada. Each year GBC will meet to discuss worldwide San Kirtan and an area of service for each of its members. GBC members will travel to individual temples and projects and make sure that the principles of preaching, deity worship, and self sufficiency are properly upheld. Wherever there may be a problem, a committee of GBC will attend the situation and cooperate to remove the problem through Brahminical means.

Individual Temple leaders will exercise their free will by reciprocating by revealing their minds and financial support towards those visiting members who are most resourceful and

and responsive.

To achieve the Brahminical standards, GBC members will emphasize the importance of honesty in dealing with devotees and non-devotees. Poverty, discredit, setbacks, etc. should be preferred to success gained through cheating. All dishonest and immoral practices should be stopped by the GBC, through preaching based on Shastra.

GBC will further be responsible to educate all project leaders in spiritual and managerial standards, provide liaison and encourage communication amongst temple leaders and individual devotees. Without any claim for credit or power, the GBC as a Trustee and wellwisher of all preaching projects, should do all they can to inspire devotees and enhance their programs by offering humble services.

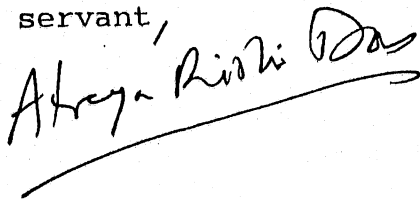
If a GBC member does not feel inclined to act in this Brahminical fashion and needs more involvement in the day to day affairs, he should resign from his GBC post, and become involved with a preaching project as a direct manager.

In summary, experience has proven that at our present level of consciousness, GBC can not wear two hats: As zone expanding 'acarya', and trustee to expand worldwide San Kirtan. The situation is calling for our humility and sacrifice to unite in the common cause of saving Prabhupad's Movement.

I pray that we can reach this platform without further suffering. I am personally committed to act in accordance with these principles. I therefore, hereby, offer my services to all devotees and Iskcon Temples to travel and assist in areas in which I have some qualification and live up to the order of my Spiritual Master as GBC and Minister of Finance. My desire is to see my Godbrothers

successful in all ways and will feel personally inspired if I can serve in this capacity. I shall cooperate with those Godbrothers who share these realizations with me. Together we will offer our full support to those projects which are liberated from the influence of "controller GBC's". We will temporarily stay away from those temples which under certain influences will oppose our presence, but will combat their propaganda with circulation of literature based on Prabhupad's teachings. As these temples suffer the reactions of the temporary madness of their leadership and become liberated, we will offer our humble services and welcome them back to ISKCON and the spirit of true servanthood.

Your servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Atreya Rishi Das". The signature is written in dark ink and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

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