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BACK TO SERVANTHOOD

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Srila Prabhupada's Movement is in a serious crisis. The Movement, more than ever, is in need of an empowered and bona fide Krsna Conscious GBC authority, without which it will definitely disintegrate. Such disintegration seems inevitable as a second phase of Srila Prabhupada's departure; it looms upon the horizon of the immediate future as an inexorable reaction to grievous deviations from the unequivocal orders of Srila Prabhupada.

Although this disintegration may lead to the further maturization and synthesis of true Krsna Conscious principles into the lives of the devotees, this will only be the case for those who are fortunate enough to survive it spiritually. Even if it has gone past the point of no return, we, with the strongest heartfelt sincerity, still want to check this disintegration.

It is in this mood that I hereby offer my last plea to the GBC body, begging that we sacrifice everything in order to save Srila Prabhupada's Movement.

Hoping that in the upcoming Istaghosti we will accept and support the realizations of the Vaisnava community and seriously consider all previous legitimate points, I urgently call for the following resolutions' acceptance and immediate implementation:

1. The GBC must meet in the sincere mood of humility, accepting responsibility for our mistakes and offering our sincere apologies to Srila Prabhupada and the Parampara, to Prabhupada's deserving Godbrothers, to our own Godbrothers, and to all devotees who have joined Srila Prabhupada's Movement since his departure. We must beg forgiveness for our offenses to the Holy Dhamas and beg for the mercy of the Vaisnavas.
2. After accepting the resignation of all those members who have led to the deviations and are themselves seriously deviated from the Truth, the GBC must add at least six new members from amongst devotees who have been most instrumental in preaching Srila Prabhupada's true intentions regarding the future of ISKCON.
3. The GBC must rid itself of all past legislations aimed at maintaining its misuse of power and authority. Instead, the GBC and the devotees should now develop a bill of rights for all of the devotees. Every member will vow to uphold and protect these rights as his primary service, understanding himself as, in essence, a Trustee of Srila Prabhupada. These rights should include, but not necessarily be limited to:

- a) The right to pursue one's individual realizations reached in his or her search for the Truth;
- b) The right to follow any bona fide leadership a devotee may become inspired by;
- c) The right to be part and parcel of ISKCON;
- d) The right to initiate, when qualified, anywhere in the world;
- e) The right to utilize the assets of ISKCON for sankirtana, temple establishment, etc.

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

4. The GBC must give up all claims and control over any zones and/or projects, including men, money, buildings, vehicles, etc. Instead, they must now act as overseers, advisors, and trustees of the GBC duty. The GBC was entrusted with the task of maintaining the proper expansion of the sankirtana movement worldwide by Srila Prabhupada. Each year the GBC will meet to discuss worldwide sankirtana and the area or areas of service for each of its members. The 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 or doctrinal deviation, a committee of GBC men will attend to the situation and, in a non-elitist, non-conspiratorial mood, cooperate to rectify the problem through brahminical means.

Individual temple leaders will exercise their free will by reciprocating, revealing their minds, and lending financial support towards those visiting GBC members who are most responsive to them and their legitimate Krsna Conscious needs.

To achieve the brahminical standards, GBC members will emphasize the importance of uncompromising honesty in dealing with devotees and nondevotees. 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.

The GBC will further be responsible to educate all project leaders in spiritual and managerial standards, providing a liaison by encouraging communication amongst temple leaders and individual devotees. Without any claim for credit or power, the GBC will act as a Trustee and well-wisher of all preaching projects, remembering

that they are each commissioned to inspire devotees and enhance their programs by arranging their 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 the acronym "GBC", there is the word "governing". That is nothing more than an incorporation technicality. Srila Prabhupada saw no need to concern himself about technicalities of state laws concerning the name of the board of directors. His desire and order to the GBC was not to act as governing overlords but to act as enlightened advisors and overseers and counselors.

In summary, eight years of experience has proven that the GBC cannot wear two hats, viz., those of zone-controlling "acarya" and those of trustee to expand worldwide sankirtana. The situation is calling for our utter humility and sacrifice to unite in the common cause to properly save Srila Prabhupada's Movement.

Personally, I pray that we can reach this platform without further suffering. Yet I can sincerely say that I am personally committed to act in accordance with these principles. Therefore, this paper is not a hypocritical production on my part. I hereby offer my services to all devotees and ISKCON temples to travel and assist in any and all areas in which I have some qualification and, in doing so, 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. I will feel personally inspired to serve in this capacity also. I shall naturally cooperate with those Godbrothers who have come to these realizations. 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 under the influences which oppose our presence. We will, however, combat their propaganda. We will circulate bona fide writings based on Srila Prabhupada's teachings. As these deviant temples suffer the reactions of their temporary madness, which is kept propped up by their leadership, some of them may eventually become liberated from all of this. We will then offer our humble services and welcome them back to ISKCON, and to Srila Prabhupada, and the spirit of coming back to servanthood.

Your servant,

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