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Timely News & Related GBC Accountability

Is whatever the GBC votes for and decides as a new model of governance and management of ISKCON correct? Because ISKCON was created by Srila Prabhupada whose position is still the Founder-Acarya, one has to match contending ideas with Srila Prabhupada's directions and mandates. There is enough instructions from Srila Prabhupada about management of ISKCON to show that something of the present today's schemes of the GBC is OFF! Exactly WHO are the people behind the change? Romapada Swami is definitely a major player!

Power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely.

~ Lord Acton

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“GBC means NOT to control a center.”

- Srila Prabhupada

NEWS FROM MAYAPUR

Romapada Swami's Idealism-the flip side intolerance, deception, with no accountability

By the EDITORS

“Strategic Planning - Inspired Leadership” was recently the heading on Dandavats.com for Romapada Swami's “take” on his own merits of the new centralization and zonalism in ISKCON.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BRTsa5R5Vck>

While he praised this expansionism as a positive direction in GBC management, the reality back home in some of the temples in which he has been introducing his so-called strategic planning, sounds more like totalitarianism and brutal diplomacy. A new twist on the old zonalism, with Romapada at the head? The following stories tell a different depiction and result of his “centralization.”

**2007 In Towaco, Romapada, without discussion, permission, or consent of the temple Board of Directors, seizes control of the temple income and finances by installing*

his own hand picked team that will monitor all the 8 million dollars being now raised for building a new temple. The temple president Samik Rishi prabhu resigns. See Romapada's letter to Samik Rishi here: (copy & paste) <http://www.watchdogbulletin.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/Watchdog-Bulletin-Nov-Dec-2014-HIGH-RES.-2014.pdf>

*2015*2014 Recent reports have surfaced from the book keeper and accountant in the Towaco New Jesrsy temple, reports of possible money embezzeling. According to the story, Romapada has for many years been cashing checks he receives in the name of ISKCON, demanding from the temple, cash be given to him for the checks. The two devotees reported this to a trusting Prabhupada disciple. If true, this could endanger the temple's non-profit status, and Romapada could be found guilty of embezzlememt of funds and possible tax evasion.*



Prema Dhatri - disciple of Romapada and temple president of Phoenix

While opponents say she may have filed “illegal documents” in the State of Arizona Corporation Commission making herself and her husband the head or the temple corporation, after 7 years of her rule: 21 devotees have been banned by her; an incompleated audit and later “cover-up” by the NA GBC EC of her personal and temple finances point to suspicion; and a temple congregation remains greatly divided in the wake of her politics. Why does the GBC condone and allow such errors and misrepresentation of management? The effect of the new totalitarianism in GBC control, with no accountability?

Opportunity For *WHO?* a word mentioned “four times” in his video

By Editors

The main person in discussion in this Watchdog Bullet report is Romapada Swami. He leaves an obvious trail of mismanagement, mistreatment of devotees and leaders, and misrepresentation of the GBC, both in principle and ethics. In reference to the ensuing NA GBC EC scandal in Phoenix, a senior sannyasi/guru in ISKCON has written last year, “*The previous GBC (in Phoenix) was uncerimoniously 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 Trivikram Swami, Feb. 2014.

Hari Vilas das, although promoted by Romapada and the NA GBC EC as the GBC for Phoenix, has been removed from his position last month, perhaps in actuality “taking the fall” for Romapada. But it has left a big question. Is the local GBC EC really incompetent and incapable of bringing peace and resolution to a “torn apart by Romapada” temple? Or is it the stamp of approval by Romapada’s GBC buddies-supporters-backers, that the principle of “we the GBC can do no wrong” more important than running things properly, orderly, and legally? Couldn’t the temple be run more efficiently without any outside politics from a vested group of micro-manager-controllers? According to the “previous to the coup” GBC, the temple was doing fine before His Holiness Romapada started meddling.

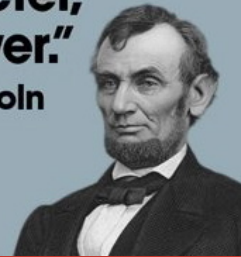


No Accountability Leads To?

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).

“Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power.”

-Abraham Lincoln



**ABSOLUTE POWER
CORRUPTS ABSOLUTELY**

Webster's definition of totalitarianism:

“Centralized control by an autocratic authority.”

Is that the model of management for ISKCON directed by Srila Prabhupada?

So *WHAT* is the solution? Obviously, from those “outside” the GBC, it would be an intelligent proposal to remove those GBC members who favor corruption rather than the “no politics policy” of Srila Prabhupada’s proper and pure representation.

Secondly, it would be to remove the present person(s) acting as temple president and vice president who have shown they cannot or are not interested in bringing peace in the congregation, and whom have taken over power of the temple by duplicitous and possibly even illegal means. The international GBC cannot support corruption, although some members of the local NA GBC seem to think that corruption is allowed under certain circumstances of politics.

Romapada took over the Phoenix temple for what appears to be his own personal gain and nothing more, perhaps an “opportunity” for his own disciple base growth. This conclusion is plausible, as it was not done properly or honestly, and as he advertises to others that the temple in Phoenix is doing better than it ever has been (under his *coup* management). This could not be a fact since the congregation has been divided by his politics, 21 innocent devotees have been and remain banned and some threatened by the local GBC, and an easy to solve problem remains today in chaos.

Thirdly, the audit should be finished! Fourth solution: Romapada Swami should be asked not to visit Phoenix. That would be fair for his err of judgement.

Phoenix Temple Limbo Romapada’s testing ground of totalitarianism in ISKCON

By a concerned Indian devotee:

Without any decision of the local temple Board of Directors, in 2007 to 2009, Romapada, with the help of the North American GBC Executive Committee and its chairman Tamohar das, launched an attack against proper ethics and GBC protocol in changing local and GBC management. By staging their own type of *coup*, leading devotees were lied to and deceived, trusting in the mistrusting intention of GBC politics and absolute authority without any accountability.

The result was that by allegedly forging and fudging legal corporation documents, which would then become *illegal*, a new regime under Romapada was installed and acts as his puppet regime to this date.

In response to what some congregational members discovered as possible money laundering, an audit was ordered by the NA GBC EC, and although the findings were inconclusive due to their own stopping the investigation, the NA GBC EC advertised a completion with no discrepancies found. The fact is, the results of the audit became a *GBC cover-up!*

MORAL: It is very difficult to trust a liar. And when the liar is a GBC member?