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KEYS: For origin of comments in this dialogue.

Black = mayesvara dasa commentary

Sky Blue = Scriptural & other documented evidence.

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(Like: *Kill Guru Become Guru* (KGBG))

6.1 Dhira Govinda “FEELS” Complete! - November 26, 2021

Dear Mayesvara Prabhu,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Hare Krsna. Thank you for giving your time and effort to respond to my letter/book review.

“The fact that you spent so much time critiquing just the title of my book strikes me as a dis-tractive attempt to discredit the whole book.” Actually, I shared those comments, in the first paragraph of my letter, to support you to be aware that the way you handled the title/subtitle(s), may, for some readers, move them to diminish their estimation of your written work. So, I offered those comments for your consideration, for your possible benefit, so that you write in a way that is more likely, *from my perspective*, to be perceived with higher credibility by more readers.

“I consider our exchange to be very serious and therefore merits careful thought...” I definitely agree.

I feel complete in our exchange regarding this topic.

That said, you wrote-

“I would like to share your letter with others”; “After all this effort I would like to at least share your letter to those in my personal locus of influence which I feel inclined to do. That would be far less time consuming and intellectually challenging for both of us than opening our exchange up to the general public on Akinchan Gochara.”; “Bhakti Vikasa Swami has set up a website specifically to do that”.

If you'd like to share my letter/book review with others, *I welcome you to do so. And that includes sharing/posting it on Bhakti Vikas Swami's website, and any other personal, private or public forums where you're inclined to post it.* And, if you do post and share it, I ask that you share my letter/book review in its entirety. I don't expect to be checking sites, and their comments, with much frequency at all- perhaps once every 4-6 weeks or so. If you or anyone would like me to read, and possibly respond, to a comment or comments quicker than that, then you and others can send me an email (davidbwolf@satvatove.com). I'm not saying that if I receive an email on this subject that I will reply sooner than 4-6 weeks, though there is a chance that I will. Hare Krsna.

Hoping this meets you enlivened in serving Srila Prabhupada and his movement, Your servant,
Dhira Govinda dasa

6.2 It Is Not About YOUR Feelings c/o mayesvara dasa (Dec 2021)

Haribolo Dhira Govinda Prabhu!

Please accept my respects. All Glories to Sri Guru & Sri Gauranga!

Thank you for agreeing to allow our exchange to go public. That is a necessary part of the process if we are committed to understanding Srila Prabhupada's disappearance pastime. Much of the P-Con has been done in the shadows with people unwilling to reveal their identity - which is another reflection of how sordid the entire P-Con has been from the beginning. (See **DECEPTION** 3.3.7 Mr. Unknown & His Cousin Anonymous)



6.3 We Both Agree: It is Important to Resolve P-Con

I also appreciate that you realize how important it is to resolve this pariah for the benefit of Lord Chaitanya's movement.

“I have agreed to participate in the November 14th Commission because of a conviction that *it is vital to the well-being of Srila Prabhupada's movement that we resolve the issue of his disappearance pastime.* Lacking such resolution, doubts about the matter will fester and impede the healthy progress of the sankirtana movement. - Dhira Govinda Comments From KGBG p.108

All of this reflects a degree of commitment and integrity which is honorable and what I appreciate about the exchange I have been having with you. I am hoping that we can continue as I respond to the invitation you made to speak about the detailed investigation I did, which included the input of several other professionals:

“I am open to speak with anyone who would like to persuade me that an existing investigative report on the matter suitably addresses this topic. If convinced I will withdraw my

participation in the November 14th Commission. Till then, I am committed to work with the Commission members to ensure that an honorable and professional investigation is conducted.” – Dhira Govinda Comments From KGBG p.108

I have spent a lot of time writing you long personal letters because you have repeatedly indicated a commitment to know the truth about the events surrounding Srila Prabhupada’s disappearance. But my motive goes beyond that because you are not just another devotee, you are an extremely talented individual who has so much to offer. Yet what I am discovering is that you seem to have become bewildered and fallen victim to all the mean-spirited P-Con propaganda. The evidence I have presented in **DECEPTION** comes from a methodical unbiased investigation I conducted with other honorable professionals yet you reject that to prop up the contemptuous blather of Nico? My ongoing motive in writing this letter is based on the hope that your reasoning skills will prevail, but so far there is little evidence of that. Doing so will remove the chains that keep you from becoming a tremendous asset in Lord Chaitanya’s service. However, one cannot force another to see if they refuse to open their eyes.

“(A true spiritualist) is keen to differentiate between reality and illusion internally, interpersonally, and socially. If he chooses to share his perception, including those that may be painful for another to hear, *he does so assertively, with compassion for the purpose of illumination and persona growth.*” -Relationships that work, Devoid of the Propensity to Criticize. -p95.

Because you were not willing to post your response on Akincana Gocara for an open discussion I have done it for you as you invited me to do. I am still waiting for a tangible example of something I wrote which is so wrong that it changes the conclusion that Srila Prabhupada could have never been poisoned in the very bazar and ridiculous way Nico and his “TruthTeam” has alleged. Recovering the truth from one who has become entrenched in 20 years of contemptuous fraud and propaganda is not likely to happen without some strong emotional resistance. If you are not willing to make the effort to roll back all that conditioning for whatever reason, then that truth will remain hidden from your purview. If you are buried in an already very busy schedule, then what is important to you will become evident by where you invest your efforts. You have repeated acknowledged how important it is to seek clarity on this issue so now we shall see if that is just good diplomacy or a real commitment you.

At this point it appears that you are not willing to make the effort required to answer the important pivotal questions that have been raised regarding the logistics of the P-Con. Having that dialogue leads one who is willing to have it to the obvious conclusion that it was impossible for the P-Con to have occurred. Dropping this exchange at this time with the claim that you now feel “Complete” is a subliminal cop out. Avoiding the questions that changes the feasibility of the P-Con is the difference between those with a witch-hunt, lynch mob mentality from pensive devotees seeking an honorable pursuit of the truth.

The public forum can be helpful in exposing the blind spots we may not be aware of. It is similar to the way you interact with your students in a group session. When 20 others are observing the interaction, it is not as easy for the client to just prejudicially deflect the learning opportunities presented by the counselor. Their comments become part of the therapy process and they assist in identifying the hidden issues we subconsciously hide from. I am committed to uncovering my blind spots because I have learned how it makes me a better devotee and I got the impression you share that attitude. However now I am wondering if that was a wrong impression. You and your loyal followers can simply ignore this exchange and instead of gain from its content, just think of some new disparaging ways to discredit me. But you know that when one of your clients does that they are simply deflecting the opportunity to discover truth... which will set them free. (John 8.32)

I am taking the time to do this because it is rich with many “teaching moments”. As our exchange continues to unfold, I ponder the maxim: “*A therapist who attempts to psychoanalyze himself has a fool for a client.*”

“If we want to grow, to play a big -game with our lives, it helps to surround ourselves with people who will support and challenge us to be the best that we can be. These are true friends who will not sell us short and who actively encourage us to live in excellence. “ -

The danger you face as the Guru for the entire Satvatove ashram is that you are surrounded by people inclined to always agree with the nature of your own demeanor and what you believe. ie. “Nobody can advise a king” - Chanakya Pundit

6.4 Wounded Souls Is Right Term for Those Deceived By the P-Con

I took a long time considering how to word the subtitle for **DECEPTION** because I knew the label “wounded souls” would trigger responses such as the one you sent. My first inclination suggested much stronger terms for those who conspired to create the ugly P-Con rumor... but I rejected them because they reflected my emotions, not my reason. So, for me, “wounded souls” was a more compassionate, right term, and **DECEPTION** provides adequate evidence to justify using that term. I am also familiar with this concept because I have personally experienced heartbreak and letdown from people I trusted with my affections. Their behavior, including some members of ISKCON management, wounded my soul and it took time for me to work through those disappointments. It is not something to be embarrassed about and one who tries to avoid the reality life brings to us is in denial and remains stuck until the pain of avoiding reality becomes greater than the pain of acknowledging it. Living life means being willing to find ways to cope with the ugly selfish aspects of this world. Those who give up, run away, become too fearful to trust again or shut down completely run the risk of becoming or cold hearted sociopaths.

My use of the term “wounded” is far less aggressive than words like: “ignorant, (living in) a mushroom culture” or an accusatory statement like:

“...if you want truth in regards to Srila Prabhupada’s disappearance pastime, do not seek it from the ISKCON GBC. *That group of individuals is committed to coverup and concealment.*” Dhira Govinda Comments From KGBG p25

Let me first acknowledge that politicians live in a world that requires diplomacy, which often leads to duplicity. This is why Chanakya Pundit advised not to trust a politician and:

“*He whose hands are clean does not like to hold an office. He who desires nothing does not care for bodily decorations. He who is only partially educated cannot speak agreeably and he who speaks out plainly can not be a deceiver.*” Chanakya Niti Maxims 5.5

The unfortunate truth is that the GBC are the politicians for the Hare Krishna movement and that service compromises their freedom to act like materially renounced brahmans. Yet it is disingenuous to fall back on this point as a convenient way to dismiss the facts presented in DECEPTION. Regardless of what the GBC has done, the questions I have raised still deserve to be answered if you are really committed to discovering what the truth is about the P-Con.

There have been times when I too have also been disgusted by the way some devotees misused their authority, particularly when I got treated inappropriately because of the cowardice, laziness, selfishness, or perhaps even the stupidity of others. I am not new to experiencing those emotions after having dealt with the GBC, particularly during the years I dealt with them when I initiated the construction of the Vrindaban Samadhi project (1978-1981). I had to cope with bad decisions, but I did not run away crying sinister!

Srila Prabhupada wanted us to work through our differences, not make war against each other. So; I just restructured my life to protect myself from future disruptions. I positioned myself to work in parallel with ISKCON and serve Srila Prabhupadas the way he repeated asked his disciples to do. One need not adopt a martyr complex and proudly go to war against ISKCON. It is more auspicious to insulate yourself from poor GBC decisions and stay poised to cooperate where and when you can with Lord Caitanyas movement. Regardless of what ISKCON-Bashers may have to say, the fact remains that ISKCON is still the most dynamic, original, and only Hare Krishna movement that Srila Prabhupada referred to as his body.

Redefining ISKCON to be *those who follow Srila Prabhupada instructions* is a clever form of maya to justify one’s own selfish and maybe even dysfunctional agenda. Every devotee who puts tilak on solemnly believes they are presenting the “Real” ISKCON including every person who supports the P-Con, every committed RtVik, every deflector to the Gaudia Matt, everyone individual who started their own

ashram, every ISKCON-Basher, and every eccentric like the ones who teach that Srila Prabhupada had an antisemitic agenda, taught there was no holocaust, and promoted Naziism!

My parents were very good about teaching me not to judge someone based on the actions of others. Ie: NOT to be prejudicial or NOT to condemn **all** GBC's because of the actions of a few. I am trying very hard to do that here with you now. You have commented about how you do not approve about several aspects of Nico's character... yet you are severely implicated by championing his most egregious fabricated allegations!

"I offer my immense *gratitude to the "Truth Committee"* and Nityananda das for so courageously and determinedly serving this mission" (Are you also grateful for all the cheating, manipulating and hell he created in the lives of all the many people he blatantly exploited?)

"The efforts made with this publication (KGBG) are *heroic, standing courageously for truth...*" (KGBG is written proof of how the audio engineers were misrepresented, how Dr. Morris was misrepresented, and how Srila Prabhupada was misrepresented. Is that your concept of truth?)

"I regard this book as a *monumental achievement in the history* of Srila Prabhupada's movement.." (You can be excused for stating this several years ago because you got buffooned like many others. But now that DECEPTION has exposed all the fraud that runs throughout KGBG, how can you now reconcile this statement as a professional?)

"...this book is *specifically meant to be an expose of a vicious crime* that has been concealed, to serve the *sinister* ambitions of *those who gave poison* to Srila Prabhupada, as well as *their followers.*" (This is prejudicial statement that disgraces your acumen and profession. In the civilized world a person is accepted as innocent until proven guilty. But even though there has been no trial, no verdict and not even any courtroom worthy evidence, you have adopted the red-neck cowboy mentality of the Ox Bow incident. You just want to jump right away to "stringing up dem damned GBC!" Shame on You!). -Dhira Govinda Comments From KGBG p382

Many are as frustrated by the same things that upset both of us, but we must remember that the GBC is a board made up of many individuals. The politics of corporate boards is that even if one votes AGAINST a particular action... they get stuck with the stigma of supporting the majority vote.

It is the nature of every Vaishnava to respect ALL devotees but, we have the freedom to not work with the wounded ones we have lost respect for. Srila Prabhupada knew there would be personality conflicts and he instructed us to find those we can work with and cooperate. My exchange with you is in that mood. I promote your Satvatove seminars but I am becoming increasingly more disillusioned about your leadership qualities by the way you cling to your obvious prejudicial attitude towards the P-Con. (Like growing up to discover your Dad was a pimp engaged in Sex trafficking and produced pornography!) It is also disconcerting to know how much you disparage ISKCON and those who continue to keep it growing dynamically. This is insulting both to the GBC as well as all those who have built it up to the huge organization it is today. You may not do that aggressively like some of the company you keep openly do, but doing it covertly is maybe even more dastardly. This has led to the reputation you have earned by tacitly alleging the GBC is a group of corrupt, dishonest ill motivated leaders. You may have all sorts of ways to justify that, but it is a big NO-NO and not the way any mature Vaishnava should speak or behave.

Deriding devotees is easy, and it is what separates the advanced Vaishnava (Madhyama/Uttama) from the less mature ones. (Kanistika) Many robotically chant *tranad-api-sunichena* but few integrate this mood into their personal behavior!

There are several books that use provocative words in the subtitle and the authors know full well they will stigmatize those likely to disagree with the contents of the book. For example:

Rigged: How the media, Big Tech, and *the Democrats* Seized our Elections. By Mollie Hemingway.

Healing the Child Within: Discovery and recovery for Adult *Children of Dysfunctional Families* by Charles Whitfield

United States of Fear: How *America Fell Victim to a Mass Delusional Psychosis* by Mark McDonald M.D.

If sensitivity training was applied to the subtitle on Srila Prabhupada's Krishna book, it would have been: *The Mystic King of Ancient India*. That would be more effective in attracting those attached to their own understanding of God because those who do not know who Krishna is might be really turned off by a subtitle that glorifies him to be *the Supreme Personality of Godhead*. Yet it is the right title and those who have a hard time accepting this point further prove just how effectively it applies. If you are suggesting that more people might be willing to read **DECEPTION** if I chose the words of my subtitle more closely, than you are unaware of how militantly defiant many of the Die-Hard P-Con sycophants are. For them the P-Con is not about truth. It is about revenge.

I gave great thought to the use of the words "*wounded souls*." It was not an oversight. It was carefully deliberated and I stand by it. The same is to be said about the other clauses you commented on:

"Contradictions, Hypocrisy, Deceit & Intentional Fraud, The Venom of Deception." It appears that you feel these verbs are unjustifiably derogatory, misleading, and unsubstantiated. But you have failed to point out what I have said which is unfairly misleading. Instead, you just go back to sharing *your view* with little collaborating evidence to support *your view*.

"And, as clearly you're clear by now, my view is that the information constitutes not just around 5%, but more like 95-99%. If I'm understanding correctly your view is that the data doesn't even rise to the 5% level, or, perhaps more accurately, not even to the 1% level. Thus, you regard the idea that Srila Prabhupada was given poison with homicidal intent to be absurd, nonsensical, idiotic and thus you gave us Deception."

I did not give you **DECEPTION**, Nico did. I simply reported about it. This statement indicates that we are firmly entrenched at two opposite ends of the P-Con spectrum: I am stunned to discover such a wide breach that lies between us. When I look closely at Nico's claims, they ALL fall apart. I was not asked to do this study by the GBC, and as you have already pointed out... to this day they have still not released a formal statement about the P-Con. In fact, it appears they have no intention of doing so EVEN after they published a press release saying they had intentions to do exactly that! (See: <http://jagannatha.com/p-con-deception/>)

I find this decision to be incredibly irresponsible, un-brahminical, cowardly and another disgraceful mistake that explains for why the GBC has such a poor public image. It appears one person was the driving force behind the decision to do nothing and retract their public announcement, even though many others objected to it. As dysfunctional as this might be, the GBC continues to address all the day to day



issues required to keep such a radical, spiritually revolutionary organization moving forward and expanding.

The lack of acknowledgement, immaturity and controversial decision making made by ISKCON leaders does not change the facts that have been uncovered regarding the P-Con. The fact that the GBC has NOT blindly supported my book is further proof of just how independent it is... just what you and others who invested in the P-Con had originally requested.

6.5 Quitting Prematurely?

I cannot compel you to agree with the proofs offered in DECEPTION, but in your initial critique of DECEPTION you invoked the cliché:

“So, I guess we get to agree to disagree on what Srila Prabhupada was communicating.”

This strikes me as premature for a person who says they want to understand Srila Prabhupada’s disappearance pastimes. It sounds like you are now looking for a way to cut your losses, and politely excuse your-self from the harder task which is to intelligently respond to the serious questions I have posted. It is evident that you just wanted to give your critique and leave it at that with no feedback on where your response lacks substance. When you hold a seminar, you speak your piece and that is where the day ends. But you are not addressing individuals looking for personal guidance. Advanced Vaishnavas from all sides moved on from this nasty P-Con rumor many years ago and clear thinkers cannot comprehend why anyone who loves Srila Prabhupada would continue to promote this vindictive forgery of truth.

DECEPTION offers a comprehensive study and you claim to have read it from cover to cover. Yet you dismiss most of it with the fragile claim that:

“Srila Prabhupada was expressing and concerned about being given poison with murderous intent, and those around him were clear about that.” Yet the overwhelming volume of testimonies from those who were there, during those last days, do not interpret what he says the way you and only a comparatively few others do regarding this issue. On one side we have a hand full of highly critical individuals with sordid reputations for feuding with, resenting, or strongly disagreeing with ISKCON leaders/or policies that dreamt up and promoted the P-Con. On the other side are literally thousands of others who strive to cooperate with ISKCON management, like Srila Prabhupada requested, *even though they too have been frustrations regarding GBC decisions collectively or individually*. Your commentaries place you in the former category whereas I consider my efforts to be more compatible with the latter model.

When there is a legal stand off like this over a piece of evidence, attorneys look for other symptoms to prop up their position. Nico attempted to do this with hair and audio evidence but all that fell apart when carefully studied. His obvious fraud also clearly confirmed that there was absolutely NOTHING truthful about the so- called truth committee.

It sounds so noble and loyal to tell yourself that you believe what Srila Prabhupada said and everything else is nonsense. But He also requested:

“*So you have to use your intelligence*. God has given you intelligence, mind, senses, and you have to utilize them.” - Lecture – October 26, 1968, Montreal

If the investigation provides overwhelming evidence that indicates the P-Con could not have happened... than a person with integrity would acknowledge that there must have been a breakdown in any reasoning to concludes it did happen.

Yet you have virtually ignored all that evidence provided in **DECEPTION** that illustrates how impossible it was for there to have been a P-Con and this suggests that you are not objective about properly understanding Srila Prabhupadas final pastimes.

Secondary evidence supports the expected conclusion. Those who have no motive to discredit ISKCON have no agenda to promote the P-Con. This strongly suggests that those with malicious intent started the P-Con and attracted innocent, lazy, prejudicial, or very poorly informed devotees to join their

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Ox-Bow, P-Con, hang-em-high, lynch mob agenda. Yup. You are free to surround yourself with whom-ever you wish but you know how the law of association works! If poor GBC decision making is considered to be reckless 2nd degree murder, then the conscious intent to deceive with the P-Con fraud would have to be considered 1st degree murder! I prefer the lesser of two evils.

You are certainly intelligent enough to comprehend what I wrote, yet you proceed like so many others and just disregard most of it and just rehash the same nonsense arguments Nico flooded into the minds of those most vulnerable to the P-Con ruse.

You may disagree with my choice of words, or characterize my statements as unduly, unsound, cynical, and inappropriately critical. Maybe so! Maybe I am a crude loudmouth who is recklessly lashing out at all the people behind the P-Con because I have some suppressed need to do so. Therefore, I am requesting you to be a bit more specific in your rejection of the points made in **DECEPTION** because so far, your response has been vague, general, and obfuscated with evasive personal opinions. The numerous relevant questions have just been brushed aside. Until they are addressed, I feel like you are walking away from the challenge Nico started and you endorsed. This is not what one expects to encounter from a man who strives to maintain a high level of person integrity.

End Part Six: Where Is the Poison?

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