

FOUNDER-ACARYA: HIS DIVINE GRACE

A. C. BHAKTIVEDANTA SWAMI PRABHUPADA

DIRECTION OF MANAGEMENT

I, the undersigned, A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami, disciple of Om Visnupad Paramhansa 108 Sri Srimad Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Gosvami Maharaj Prabhupada, came in the United States in 1965 on September 18th for the purpose of starting Krishna Consciousness Movement. For one year I had no shelter. I was travelling in many parts of this country. Then in 1966, July, I incorporated the Society under the name and style the International Society for Krishna Consciousness, briefly ISKCON. The lawyer was Mr. J. Goldsmith. Gradually the Society increased, and one after another branches were opened. Now we have got thirty-four (34) branches enlisted herewith:

Amsterdam	Holland	
Atlanta	Georgia	1476 Oxford Rd. N.E. 30322
Baltimore	Maryland	1300 N. Calvert St.
Berkeley	California	2710 Durant Avenue. 94704
Berlin	West Germany	
Boston	Massachusetts	40 N. Beacon St. 02134
Boulder	Colorado	623 Concord St.
Buffalo	New York	40 Englewood Ave. 14214
Chicago	Illinois	2210 N. Halstead St.
Columbus	Ohio	318 East 20th Ave. 43201
Detroit	Michigan	74 West Forest St. 48201
Edinburgh	Scotland, U.K.	
Hamburg	West Germany	2000 Hamburg 6, Bartelstrasse 65
Honolulu	Hawaii	2016 McKinlev St. 96822

1	Laguna Beach	California	130 Woodland Drive 92651
2	London	England	7 Bury Place, Bloomsbury, W.C. 1
3	Los Angeles	California	3764 Watseka Ave. 90034
4	Montreal	Canada	3720 Park Ave.
5	New Vr̄ndavana	W. Virginia	RD 3 Moundsville 26041
6	New York City	New York	61 Second Ave. 10003
7	Paris	France	c/o Serge Elbeze, BO 113 Paris 14
8	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	416 South 10th St. 19147
9	Provincetown	Massachusetts	104 Bradford St.
10	San Diego	California	3689 Park Blvd.
11	San Francisco	California	618 Frederick St. 94117
12	San Jose	California	70 Hawthorne Way
13	Santa Barbara	California	6654 del Playa, Goleta 93017
14	Seattle	Washington	5516 Roosevelt Way N.E. 98105
15	St. Louis	Missouri	4544 LaClede Ave. 63110
16	Sydney	Australia	298 Birrell St. Bondi, N.S.W. 2026
17	Tokyo	Japan	6-16, 2 Chome Ohhashi, Meguro-Ku
18	Toronto	Canada	40 Beverly St., Ontario
19	Vancouver	Canada	260 Raymur St., No. 305, B.C.
20	Washington	D.C.	2015 Q Atreet N.W. 20009

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22           As we have increased our volume of activities, now I

23 think a Governing Body Commission (hereinafter referred to as

24 the GBC) should be established. I am getting old, 75 years old,

25 therefore at any time I may be out of the scene, therefore I

26 think it is necessary to give instruction to my disciples how

27 they shall manage the whole institution. They are already

28 managing individual centers represented by one president, one

29 secretary and one treasurer, and in my opinion they are doing

30 nice. But we want still more improvement in the standard of

31 Temple management, propaganda for Krishna Consciousnes,

32 distribution of books and literatures, opening of new centers

1 and educating devotees to the right standard. Therefore, I have  
2 decided to adopt the following principles and I hope my beloved  
3 disciples will kindly accept them.

4 There was a meeting in San Francisco during the Ratha Yatra  
5 festival 1970 and many presidents of the centers were present. In  
6 that meeting it was resolved that an ad hoc committee be set up  
7 to form the constitution which is taken into consideration. My  
8 duty was to first appoint twelve (12) persons to my free choice  
9 amongst my disciples and I do it now and their names are as  
10 follows:

- 11 1. Sriman Rupanuga Das Adhikary
- 12 2. Sriman Bhagavandas Adhikary
- 13 3. Sriman Syamsundar Das Adhikary
- 14 4. Sriman Satsvarupa Das Adhikary
- 15 5. Sriman Karandhar Das Adhikary
- 16 6. Sriman Hansadutta Das Adhikary
- 17 7. Sriman Tamala Kṛṣṇa Das Adhikary
- 18 8. Sriman Sudama Das Adhikary
- 19 9. Sriman Bali Mardan Das Brahmachary
- 20 10. Sriman Jagadīṣa Das Adhikary
- 21 11. Sriman Hayagriva Das Adhikary
- 22 12. Sriman Kṛṣṇadas Adhikary

23 These personalities are now considered as my direct representatives.  
24 While I am living they will act as my zonal secretaries and after  
25 my demise they will be known as Executors.

26 I have already awarded Sannyas or the renounced order of  
27 life to some of my students and they have also got very important  
28 duties to perform in this connection. The Sannyasis will travel  
29 to our different centers for preaching purpose as well as  
30 enlightening the members of the center for spiritual advancement.  
31 The Sannyasis will suggest for opening new centers in suitable  
32 places and the GBC will take action on it.

4- 1 As was stipulated by the ad hoc committee, the function of  
2 the GBC will be as follows with particulars:

3           PARTICULARS OF THE GOVERNING BODY COMMISSION

4           "The purpose of the Governing Body Commission is to act as  
5 the instrument for the execution of the Will of His Divine Grace.

6 And further,

✓ 7 1. The GBC oversees all operations and management of ISKCON,  
8 as it receives direction from Srila Prabhupada and His Divine  
9 Grace has the final approval in all matters.

10 2. His Divine Grace will select the initial 12 members of the  
11 GBC. In the succeeding years the GBC will be elected by a vote  
12 of all Temple presidents who will vote for 8 from a ballot of  
13 all Temple presidents, which may also include any secretary who is  
14 in charge of a Temple. Those 8 with the greatest number of votes  
15 will be members for the next term of GBC. Srila Prabhupada  
16 will choose to retain four commissioners. In the event of Srila  
17 Prabhupada's absence, the retiring members will decide which four  
18 will remain.

19 3. The commissioners will serve for a period of 3 years, and  
20 they may be re-elected at the end of this period.

21 4. The chairman is elected by the GBC for each meeting. He  
22 has no veto power, but in event of a vote tie, his vote will  
23 decide. The same will apply for votes cast by mail between  
24 regular meetings.

25 5. Throughout the year, each of the commissioners will stay  
26 with His Divine Grace for one month at a time and keep the other  
27 commissioners informed of His Divine Grace's instructions.

28 6. The primary objective of the GBC is to organize the opening  
✓ 29 of new Temples and to maintain the established Temples.

30 7. Advice will be given by the GBC in cases of real property  
31 purchases, which will be in the name of ISKCON, INC. (Trucks or  
32 other vehicles will be purchased in the name of the local

1 president).

2 8. Removal of a Temple president by the GBC requires support  
3 by the local Temple members.

4 9. The GBC has no jurisdiction in the publication of  
5 manuscripts, which will be handled by a separate committee;  
6 profits to be returned to Srila Prabhupada."

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8 So far my books are concerned, I am setting up a different  
9 body of management known as the BHAKTIVEDANTA BOOK TRUST. The  
10 trustees of this body are also members of the GBC, but their  
11 function is not dependent on the GBC.

12 ISKCON Press was created for the exclusive publication of  
13 my books and literatures and should be continued in that way.

14 During my absence no one shall live in my apartment.

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16 <sup>ACB</sup>  
17 *A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami*

18 Witnessed by:

19 *(Robert F. Cowens)*

20 *Pradyumnadas Acharya*

21 *(William R. E. Lehman)*

22 *Bhagavandas Acharya*

23 *Karanadas Acharya (Kelly Gifford Smith)*

24 Date *July 28, 1970*

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26 Date *July 28<sup>th</sup> 1970.*

27 At the World Head Quarter\$  
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