

## (Open Letter to Dhira Govinda)

# Chapter 1: Fondly Reminiscing a Previous Cordial Exchange

**Regarding** Poison Conspiracy<sup>1</sup>Fraud  
**Concern:** Corporate Defamation & Slander  
**To:** Dhira Govinda Personally & Extended Vaishnava Community  
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## Reading Notes & Abbreviations

### 1.1 Color Coded Text:

Unless otherwise Noted...

Green Font: ISKCON Opposing Objections & Opinions & Citations

Blue Font: ISKCON Supporting Comments & Scriptural References

Black Font: Editorial Commentary

### 1.2 Books Cited:

*SHPM* = *Someone Has Poisoned Me* Nico Kuyt's original assault on common sense was published in 1998. Although this has been the war-cry adopted by the P-CON generals, they themselves admit Srila Prabhupada Never said it! Instead, the authorse just look for what they need to find and if it is not there, they just make it up! (atmavan manyate jagat)

<sup>1</sup>As a convenience the "Poison Conspiracy" will be abbreviated as P-Con in this document.



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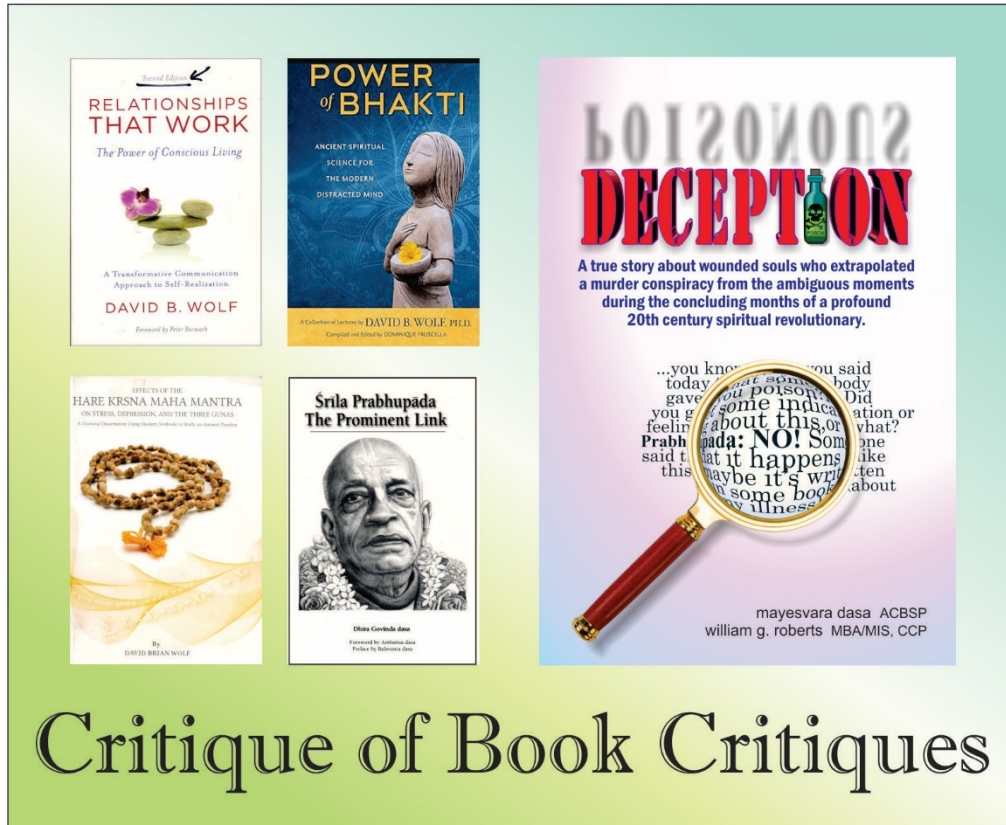
**KGBG** = Kill Guru Become Guru = Nico Kuyt's revised version 2 of his Poison-Conspiracy hallucinations released summer of 2017

**SPHG** = Srila Prabhupada's Hidden Glories – This is a reprint of the KGBG document and it repeats the same foolish arguments exposed as irrelevant and contrived in the 2020 publishing of DECEPTION. It leverages the same diametric posturing which is very obvious by all the repeated commentary about arsenic which those behind this rumor abandoned as irrelevant as far back as 2002!.

**PCA** = Poison Conspiracy Antidote – Lampoon that exposing just how absurd the Poison-Conspiracy rumor is. 2017 c/o mayesvara dasa

**DECEPTION** - 500 page book published in 2020 by mayesvara dasa exposing all the intentionally fraudulent propaganda that has been used to prop up the poison conspiracy since its inception.

## 1 Fondly Reminiscing a Previous Cordial Exchange



### 1.1 Hare Krishna Dhira Govinda Prabhu!

Please accept my obeisances.

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada!

The last time we communicated was in November of 2021. I am writing to you now out of affection as an old friend. A lot has occurred since then, and I am hoping you will agree to read the entire contents of this letter based on that original friendship. I feel an obligation to share with you why the majority of senior devotees do not accept any aspect of the Poison Conspiracy that you have been aggressively promoting. It pains me (and Brajarani) to see you on what we and many of your well-wishers' feel is a futile and self-destructive path.

### 1.2 Satvatove Attendance

I attended your Introductory Satvatove seminar in the spring of 2015 as per the encouragement of my wife Brajarani, whom you trained in counselling /coaching skills. That set off a robust exchange between us, where I expressed my appreciation for how you were pioneering an important field: ie: Attracting people born with Western handicaps into Krishna Consciousness (KC). For several years we explored a variety of topics, which I understood that



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you appreciated as much as I did. I often shared how I considered your Satvatove work to be a KC version of the secular “Landmark Forum.” That organization attracted the attendance of a lot of devotees towards the end of the millennia, and I often referred to it an experiential version of the New Anartha Nivrtti (pulling the weeds in the heart) program.<sup>2</sup>

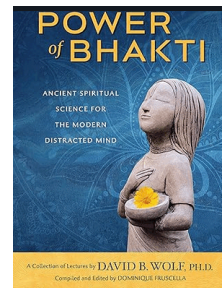
After three years of earlier correspondence, circa 2018, you were inspired to send me copies of the four books you had published. You specifically asked that, if I read them, you would appreciate me sharing my comments and/or criticisms with you. I accepted all of this as a genuine act of kindness on your part, and I dutifully took the time to read each of your books carefully. In May of 2021, I responded with the only type of critique that I felt a professional, such as yourself, would consider valuable for each of your books. I identified specific points you made, identified where they came from and shared what caught my attention. A few examples are given below with **the book title/date and total comments made given in violet**, **what you published with pertinent page numbers in green**, and **my comments in dark blue**. Many of the thoughts I shared expressed agreement with what you wrote. On the occasion I disagreed, I identified very specifically what I objected to and why. Motivated by a friendly bond, I took the time to do this in the pursuit of helping you perfect your communication skills and realizations.

### 1.3 Our Book Review Exchange

#### 1.3.1 Dhira Govinda’s Book #1: *The Power of Bhakti*

(286 pages): 30 detailed comments in response to your statements

**Example1:** Dhira Govinda (DG) “I’m not really interested in states of consciousness. I’m really not so interested in spectacular (?) states of consciousness... More important is what is our state of consciousness? Where are we at steadily? [p.64]” mayesvara (md) Well said! I often ask people to inquire seriously into what is the best person you can strive to become, and what do you base your answer on and why? You integrate this into your conversation on p.67 'Para-upakara' meaning highest welfare work.

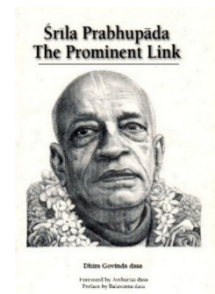


**Example2:** (DG) “Emotion is driven by thought, and actions are driven by emotion. [p.135]” (md) Good observation and why we need to be particularly careful because emotions are driven by conditioning. Bad experiences drive us to do things, which may be premature or ill-founded simply because ONE person did something inappropriate... the mind is often quick to assume that all people like the offensive person one faces are also bad. But that is what we all condemn as prejudice or bigotry! We must remain very astute to avoid that happening!

#### 1.3.2 Dhira Govinda’s Book #2: *Srila Prabhupada The Prominent Link*

(161 pages): 13 detailed comments.

**Example1:** (DG) “*The Prominent Link* suggests that if every member of ISKCON makes Srila Prabhupada the ‘sole object of unconditional surrender’ ISKCON will be more united - and Srila Prabhupada more pleased. [p.26]” (md) I can understand why you wrote this in 2002 but, by now, I hope you realize how naive it would be to make that argument today. There are currently at least 3 or 4 diverse RtVik camps, and they are not all sitting around the fire happily in agreement on many things. singing kum-by-ya together



**Example1:** (DG) “Can (someone be called ‘Srila Prabhupada’s disciple’ if he didn’t receive formal initiation from Srila Prabhupada? [p.65]” (md) Can someone be called a Dentist if they did not go to Dental School? Can someone add PhD on the end of their name if they didn’t do the work you did to add those credentials to your signature? Can someone wear a police officer uniform and pretend to be a an officer without getting arrested for impersonating one?

<sup>2</sup> Which got the attention of Hridayanada Goswami who was so intrigued by it he agreed to attend the 4 day course.



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### 1.3.3 Dhira Govinda's Book #3: *Effects of Hare Krishna...*

...Maha Mantra On Stress & Depression (282 pages): 4 detailed comments.

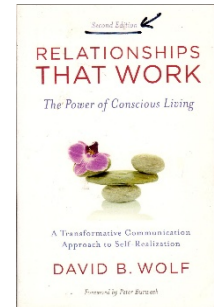
**Example:** (md) I was particularly interested in perusing through all the alternative similar metaphysical studies you listed in the Appendix A. such as the effects of prayer on coronary operations in the Judeo/Christian community.[p156] I noted that 'Mindfulness Meditation' [p169]' has become all the rage with neo-Buddhist types, where the results appear to have been compromised by bias screening. It was also interesting to see that apparently some others have attempted to quantify mantra-meditation [p191] with other nondescript mantras, although that research appears to have been far less rigorous than what you accomplished.



### 1.3.4 Dhira Govinda's Book #4: *Relationships that Work*

2008 (1st Edition 188p, 2nd Edition 248p): 26 detailed comments.

**Example:** (DG) "Concreteness is another important principal in effective communication." [1st Edition p.58 / 2nd Edition p.75] (md) When people are incapable of talking about tangible specifics there is usually a good reason for it. They are either hiding or running away from something and if it is significantly embarrassing, illegal, unethical, or even their own crazy inability to focus on the issues... then you are engaging in a superficial futile conversation. Except maybe for therapeutic reasons."



**Example:** (DG) "We need to *own our emotions and experiences* before we can genuinely transform them." (1st Edition p.131 / 2nd Edition p.159) (md) I particularly appreciated this statement!

This concludes examples of our previous correspondence and most importantly my sincere review of your work. What follows are my current comments relevant to your behavior over the last several years since we shared this exchange.

## 1.4 Jnana-Vijnana (Knowledge & Transcendental Realization)<sup>3</sup>

Your last comment regarding "...our emotions and experience..." provides an excellent example of the difference between Jnana and Vijana. You acknowledge the impact emotions and experiences have on us and how we need to be aware of them (own them) in order to transform them. (or grow beyond how they have conditioned us.) This is a profound observation on your part and explains why so much misinformation is being circulated about ISKCON. Individuals who had a bad experience, were offended, or suffered a serious loss of trust from someone in ISKCON, and, thus, may have developed deep emotional or psychological wounds. Therefore, it is likely that after that occurs, if left uncorrected, that individual can become an unforgiving ISKCON-Basher and the purpose of their life changes. Those who perpetuate the Poison Conspiracy Fraud, the RtVik-Charade, or whatever the latest controversial thing is in ISKCON attract members of that afflicted diaspora

When the spirit of a trusting surrendered soul gets callously crushed it can lead one to disparage the devotees in ISKCON who have, otherwise, dedicated their lives to propagating the holy name.<sup>4</sup> But those who retaliate in this misguided manner fail to realize:

*"The killer of the soul, whoever he may be, must enter into the planets known as the worlds of the faithless, full of darkness and ignorance." – Sri Isopanisad #3.*

If someone derailed one from the pursuit of pure devotional service, that aggressor is destined toward the appropriated hellish karma for such misbehavior. What is relevant to our ex-

<sup>3</sup> SB 11.7.12 Synonyms

<sup>4</sup> This is the first of the ten offenses that Vaishnava recite every morning congregationally: 1) To blaspheme the devotees who have dedicated their lives for propagating the holy name of the Lord. - Padma Purana (Section: Brahma Khanda 25.15-18)



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change is how did you react when your devotional service was quashed, exploited, or subjected to insult and criticism? By your own admission, you developed a more critical eye, became cynical and your attitude towards ISKCON changed radically. In the purport to the above verse, Srila Prabhupada elaborates on what occurs when subtle material pride distorts our ability to understand.” *...all these devotees are undoubtedly magnanimous souls,*”<sup>5</sup>

*“...those who do not even make an attempt, who want to be covered by illusion, who are too materialistic and too attached to material enjoyment, must enter into the darkest regions of hell, as confirmed throughout the Vedic literature. Such materialistic asuras sometimes make a show of religion, but their ultimate aim is material prosperity.”*

The tribulations ISKCON-Bashers suffered may have indeed been very tragic, but according to ALL our acharyas, that is not an license to blaspheme devotees and torpedo the entirety of ISKCON! One can run off and appear to be chanting, following the principles, and reading regularly, but if their consciousness is: “I’m going to show them... I don’t like of ISKCON,” that is NOT Krishna Consciousness.” Those thoughts are symptoms of a demoniac material agenda that, predictively, will set them on a downward spiral.

If we truly realize how valuable Krishna Consciousness is for ourselves, and humanity at large, then we will remain eternally grateful to ISKCON for presenting it everywhere without discrimination... regardless of any individual conflicts that occurred along our way. If it wasn’t for ISKCON, it is likely very few of us Westerners would have learned anything about the Supreme Personality of Godhead. That appreciation alone should always be the underlying factor which guides everything we do.

*“Jnana, or knowledge, means to understand one's constitutional position, and vijana refers to practical application of that knowledge in life.” - SB 4.22.33p*

Acknowledging how our emotions affect us is a part of the awareness (Jnana) that influences our behavior for good or bad. But without practical awareness (Vijana) the loss of emotional control can tinge our ability to reason clearly, and we become victims of aparada. This type of reckless behavior is spiritual suicide.

## 1.5 Catalyst for 180 Degree Radical Flip?

Dhira Govinda, you have admitted many times:

*“When I first heard rumors (Spring 1997) about Srila Prabhupada’s disciples giving him poison, I regarded them as ridiculous.” - Dhira Govinda, KGBG p28*

It appears that only after you experienced a number of uncomfortable exchanges with ISKCON leadership that “*Shocked You!*”, your reasoning skills became chronically impaired.

*“I remember in 2001, I spoke, in confidence, to an ISKCON guru/GBC/sannyasi. He confided in me that he thought that it was very likely that there was truth to the assertion that Srila Prabhupada was given poison, by Tamal, and perhaps others. And then he was quick to follow up that statement by stating that he felt certain that they (ISKCON) had gotten it right about the guru issue and initiations system. **This combination of statements was shocking for me to hear.**” -Dhira Govinda das, 2016 -KGBG p651, Dhira Govinda*

Further deterioration in your decorum became evident after you had additional exchanges with ISKCON and concluded it *suffered from a decay in leadership!*

<sup>5</sup> All these devotees are undoubtedly magnanimous souls, but one who is situated in knowledge of Me I consider to be just like My own Self. Being engaged in My transcendental service, he is sure to attain Me, the highest and most perfect goal. – Bg. 7.16



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*“The decay of leadership in ISKCON was characteristic of much of what I witnessed and experienced during those 1999-2002 GBC meetings in my capacity as director of the ISKCON Central Office of Child Protection” – KGBG p615, Dhira Govinda*

It may be inferred that experiences like these presumably had such a profound impact on you that you were left vulnerable to the absurdly vindictive and biased suggestion that *ALL these leaders were implicated in a conspiracy to murder!* That may have fulfilled an emotional cavity, but it is also a travesty of reason and justice. However, it does explain why you flipped 180 degrees from your original impression that the P-Con was ridiculous, to something far more absurd. It is ludicrous to jump to the conclusion that what you perceived to be a decay in leadership as evidence of murder!

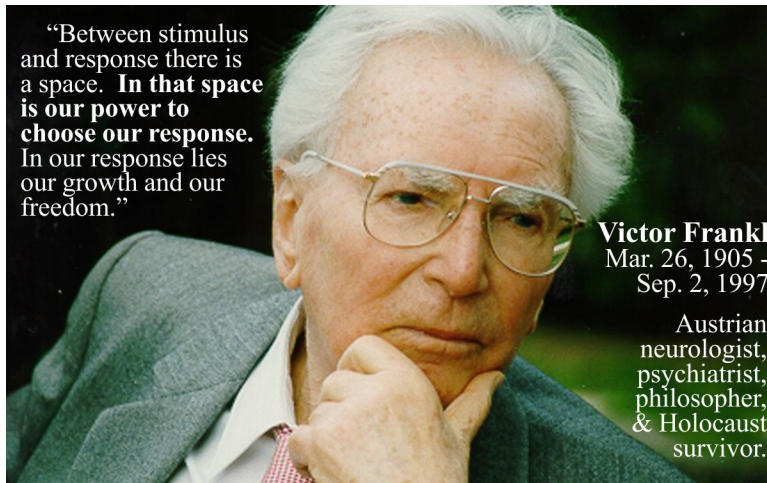
Dhira Govinda, The tragic irony of all this, is that you have spent many years of your life studying human nature and therefore should be very aware of the important point made above regarding how we react to the events occurring in our life. This is an important universal privilege of insight awarded to rational humans. Great thinkers over the millennia have expressed:

*“It’s not what happens to you, but how you react to it that matters.”*  
— Epictetus, Stoic philosopher (Enchiridion, c. 125 CE)

*“Between stimulus and response there is a space. In that space is our power to choose our response. In our response lies our growth and our freedom.”* -Viktor Frankl

*“Life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it.”*  
— Charles R. Swindoll, Christian pastor and educator

*“A self-realized person is not bewildered by happiness and distress, nor by honor and dishonor.”*  
— Bhagavad-gītā 5.20, spoken by Sri Krishna



The intent of this letter is to reach out to you in the same affectionate mood we shared many years ago. At that time, you stated:

*“It’s always healthy to endeavor to humbly consider how I can communicate more effectively.”* – Personal Email July 9th, 2021

Towards that objective, my challenge is for you to consider how

you might be more effective overall if you took careful notice of how you may have reacted to your exchange with *just some members of ISKCON leadership*. Stop to consider how you have allowed the behavior of a few individuals to cripple your reasoning skills so dramatically! It could be that prejudicial, illogical and perhaps prideful vindication has driven you to behave almost like a mindless puppet, thereby committing acts of deadly spiritual treason!

*“Krsna does not accept the worship of a sinful person who blasphemes Vaisnavas.”* VedaBase CB  
Antya-khanda 4.362

There is no other rational explanation for how a man of your astute capability could accuse the entire GBC of being co-conspirators to murder! It is equivalent to you saying: *“Your Honor, every member of the GBC should be hung to die because they are flawed human beings!”* Really? Is that your idea of how to extend compassion, forgiveness, patience, tolerance and cooperation to your own Satvatove disciples?



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Retrospectively, I am prepared to concede you probably had a much better understanding of how to protect ISKCON children than those you were working under. I had my own shocking disappointments when working on the GBC level in 1981... but I was able to distinguish between the immaturity of the individuals and the greater good of the ISKCON mission. Your unresolved indignation has had a profound impact on who you have become. You have an advanced degree in Behavioral Sciences and you know how trauma can haunt a person for the rest of their lives; yet, this is exactly what has happened to you and your entrenchment only serves to blind you to this fact. Nico's display of schizophrenic and pathological behavior is beyond his ability to change. But you can choose to change. You may have been painted into a very dark and tempestuous corner, but I implore you as a friend, prabhu, devotee, investigative researcher, and author on the poison conspiracy to look more closely at the level of consciousness you are exemplifying and broadcasting world-wide. You have proclaimed:

*"...I like to think of myself as an honest person, I knew that, to be sincere, I needed to give myself to this process of Krishna consciousness..." - Dhira Govinda KGBG p20*

If you can set your vexation and irrationality aside, you will realize there is absolutely NO court-worthy evidence to support the P-Con ruse. This fact should be readily apparent to you as it has been conclusively represented in both the book and movie *Deception* as well as via our correspondence. This on top of the fact the so-called P-Con evidence has never been handled properly and would therefore be entirely inadmissible before a court of law.

Essentially all you have are a few inaudible and subjectively understood whispers, contrived interpretations, lawfully inadmissible hair samples and a collection of wild speculations from another traumatized reckless individual—Nico. So far, using only this type of biased speculation, you have chosen to entirely skip the normal due process of a proper court-trial and jump directly to a guilty verdict! In this case, that type of dishonesty, is far more egregious and disgraceful than the worst blunders the GBC has been accused of!

Honest introspection about this point can save you from a most embarrassing disgrace and protect you from the potential liability of *corporate slander*.<sup>6</sup> But, unfortunately, this may be impossible for you to assimilate as long as you remain excessively familiar and entangled with opprobrious individuals like Nico Kuyt<sup>7</sup>.

## Next Chapter

## 2 Clumsy Attempts To Discredit **DECEPTION**.

### Closing Salutation

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<sup>6</sup> Corporate slander occurs when false, spoken statements are made about a business that damage its reputation and cause financial harm. It is a form of defamation that can be actionable in court, requiring proof that the statements were false, communicated to a third party, made about the business, and directly resulted in harm or financial loss.

<sup>7</sup> This is a reference to one of Chanakya Pandits very wise maxims: "Even a pandit comes to grief by giving instruction to a foolish disciple, by maintaining a wicked wife, and by excessive familiarity with the miserable." [Chanakya Niti Sastra 1.4](#)



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