

## Dhira Govinda's Response to Feb 18, 2026 Open Letter

(Amended with appropriate commentary)

Mayesvara Prabhu April 28 2026

Inbox **David Wolf**

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to me: April 28, 2026

### **Color Key**

Dhira Govindas Text is in BLACK,

Comments worth noting in RED

mayesvara Dasa comments are down to EARTH

Underlined Portions are [HOTLINKS](#) to the source referred to.

Yellow Backing = Pay Attention!

Dear Mayesvara Prabhu,

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

Hare Krsna. Thank you for your 70+ page letter/booklet. I trust that you've received the handwritten letter that I sent to you on March 9, 2026, via regular mail, to:

His Grace Mayesvara Prabhu (Mr. William Roberts)  
687 West Villanova Road  
Ojai, California 93023

Towards the start of your letter/booklet, you write, "I am writing to you now out of affection as an old friend... 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... I attended your Introductory Satvatove seminar in the spring of 2015 as per the encouragement of my wife Brajarani, whom you trained in counseling/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...."

You mention your good wife, Mother Brajarani. In my handwritten letter to you, on March 9<sup>th</sup>, I mentioned that I was about to embark on a visit to Europe, to facilitate Satvatove courses there, and to associate with inspiring devotional communities there. While in Europe, including the United Kingdom, Czechia and Switzerland, I got to personally serve and exchange with many followers of Srila Prabhupada, who were involved with Satvatove 20-25 years ago, including many whose testimonials, endorsements, and inspirational comments, Brajarani included in her Compilation of Krsna Conscious Realizations Connected with the Satvatove Experience, that she compiled in 2009. I'm attaching that document to this posting.

At the start of the packet you sent me, are two colorful, glossy pages. I was intrigued by them, and read everything there. I appreciate your creative, innovative and bold efforts to share Krsna consciousness, and I note that you include a quote from Carl Sagan. As early as the early and mid-1980s (when I was in Israel), I've on occasion referenced Carl Sagan, with the same sort of quotes that you cite, highlighting his scientific respect for Vedic cosmology.

In Section 1.5, on page 8, you write, "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.'" It appears that only after you experienced a number of uncomfortable exchanges with ISKCON leadership... your reasoning skills became chronically impaired...."

In 1997 I was serving as Chairperson of the Board of Directors of ISKCON of Alachua (New Raman-reti). At that time I, along with my family, resided on the temple grounds, of New Ramanreti. Late in 1997 (not Spring- rather, around September), when I would go to the temple, eg., for morning program, members of the community naturally approached me, about the rumors they were hearing. "Naturally", because, I was serving in various leadership positions, including Chairperson of the Board of Directors.



So, devotees asked me about these rumors on the internet that supposedly Srila Prabhupada was given poison with homicidal intent. I responded that I assumed that such rumors were not credible. Shortly after that, also late in 1997, my family hosted Ambarisa Prabhu and his family, at our home. During that social gathering, there in my living room, Ambarisa mentioned to me about these rumors circulating on the internet. I replied, something to the effect that, I assumed there was no validity to them. *Then, Ambarisa, with gravity, said to me, something to the effect that, "No. As a leader of this community, you should take these accusations that Srila Prabhupada was poisoned, seriously."* I was surprised to hear that from him, though, regarding him, then, as I do now, as a highly credible person, I did consider seriously his assertion.

*As a result, I actually, for the first time, listened to the recordings that were available at that time, from November 1977, and closely studied the conversations from November 1977, especially pages 308-408, published by the BBT in Volume 36 of Conversations with Srila Prabhupada. Based on that study and listening, I moved to a position of, "Hmm, it seems that there is a reasonable cause to suspect that Srila Prabhupada was given poison with murderous intent."*

Starting especially early in 1998, when I accepted the service to establish the ISKCON Central Office of Child Protection, and to serve as its Director, I was on the GBC email conference, and, generally, was very closely participating with institutional leadership international. *What I was noticing is that there seemed to be, in relation to this topic of the alleged poisoning of Srila Prabhupada, a climate of deception, fear, and determination to shut down any voices that dared to indicate that there may be even a shred of credibility to such allegations. And so, I thought to myself, "If there's nothing to hide, how come all the deception, threats, bluff, smoke and mirrors..." And, for me, that increased my suspicion that perhaps there was some truth to the claim that Srila Prabhupada was homicidally poisoned.*

I hope that what I've written above clarifies what I experienced, and my perspectives, from 1997 and into the late 90s and early 2000s.

In your 70+ pages I am, and truth is and facts are, from my perspective, flagrantly misrepresented, again and again, consistently. What you write in section 1.5 is only a very light and not especially severe example of that. I trust that you endeavored to present everything factually and truthfully, and I attribute the distortions and misinformation to my shortcomings as a communicator.

Critics are invited to read section 1.5 that Dhira Govinda is objecting to and discover for themselves that I was extremely careful to quote Dhira Govinda's exact words. ([Open Letter Section 1.5](#)) I did this specifically so he could not claim that I am misrepresenting him! If Dhira Govinda's own words fail to reflect his current intentions, then he could simply explain that with a clarification like. *"I do not believe that anymore."* But instead, he intentionally avoids any attempt to have an honest discussion about his claims by presenting the feeble excuse he offers in the following paragraph:

*For me to begin in any substantial way to disentangle the distortions, misstatements, etc., in your 70+ pages, would for me require hundreds of pages. I'm not going to write those hundreds of pages, and, despite my shortcomings as a communicator, as indicated above, I will here provide documentation and links to other places where I've endeavored to express my points of view on this topic of Srila Prabhupada's disappearance pastime.*

Since September of 2024 Dhira Govinda has published hundreds of pages of very offensive allegations on his own web site where he deletes unsupported comments but when asked to defend himself he offers the broad brush dismissal to avoid the responsibility to defend the fallacies he spews. He did a similar thing when he critiqued my book **DECEPTION**. There his tactic was to confess to a litany of disingenuous shortcomings about himself like how *"Simple Minded He is."* And the one used here. *"My shortcomings as a communicator."*

Dhira Govinda apparently felt this evasive tactic relieves him from having to answer pivotal questions. This confirms how foolish it is to believe anyone poisoned Srila Prabhupada when there isn't even enough evidence to get these **ALLEGATIONS** into a courtroom! That is the content of [Chapter 2 in my Open letter: Clumsy Attempts To Discredit DECEPTION](#).

Yet Dhira Govinda is so bewildered that he then refers the reader to the same unconvincing statements he offered in a futile attempt to undermine the court-worthy evidence presented in **DECEPTION**!

In that regard, attached to this posting is Reflections on Srila Prabhupada's Disappearance Pastime: A Review of Mayesvara's Deception. I wrote that on October 14, 2021. Also included as an attached file to this posting, is Mayesvara SPCL PL-CDL. That is from June 19, 2021, and relates to the exchanges between us that you mention, in the section of your letter/booklet entitled "Our Book Review Exchange".



My Open letter to Dhira Govinda reviewed two podcasts where he spoke in an attempt to convince others that Srila Prabhupada was poisoned. I again was very careful to cite exactly what he said, the minute marker where he said it on the audio file, and I provided the URL where that file could be heard. The title of that chapter in my Open Letter is descriptively called: [The embarrassing Svengali Trance!](#) Instead of explaining the various misleading statements Dhira Govinda hypnotically spews out on these podcasts as I requested... all he did was restate where the podcasts could be heard!

Below are links to podcasts on which I was interviewed regarding Srila Prabhupada's disappearance pastime. I understand that you mention these podcasts in your 70+ page booklet, and I'd like that anyone who may read this exchange between us, has access to the podcasts themselves.

The Hare Krishna Project, Episode 142, hosted by Narada Prabhu-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=za17YkGc7eo&t=4180s>

In the second podcast he wants his audience to hear, I specifically point out how the host, Sitapati prabhu, is more astute than Narada and asks more discretionary questions. Dhira Govind was not able to gaslight Sitapati into endorsing his delusional beliefs he has about the poison conspiracy like he did with Narada! Sitapati prabhu applies his own intelligence and does not just naively accept whatever Dhira Govinda blindly believes. His hesitations are clearly expressed on numerous places during this interview, some of which are shared here:

- 1:50:08 **Sitapati Dasa: I'd like to push back on that prabhu.** Um.. .The first thing for me is I can't hear the claimed statements in the audio myself. It's not (recallable?) recallable for me
- 1:53:10 **Sitapati Dasa: For me the jury is out on this one.** (Truth Labs Audio Analysis)
- 2:10:20 **Sitapati Dasa: Originally the theory was mercury** was the poisoning agent...now the allegation is cadmium... **how did that happen?**
- 2:17:35 **Sitapati Dasa: The chain of custody of the sample, prominence of the sample, and possibility of contamination...** there is a whole world of probability...
- 2:25:48 **Sitapati Dasa:** Christopher Briscoe (A listener to the podcast commented): One question that I heard from Mayevara dasa is **if the evidence is so good (which I think it is), then why has it not gone to a court?**

Vaishnava Voices Episode 55, hosted by Sitapati Prabhu-<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ZZDH4EJDzI>

In addition, in relation to these topics, I include here a link to Vaishnava Voices Podcast number 43, entitled Srila Prabhupada is Sastra.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FQdFHM10JIM>

Towards the end of this two-hour download of opinions, Dhira Govinda provides a classic example of how the Dunning Kruger effect inflates his assessment of how "Open" he considers himself to be.

2:18:05 ... **Yes, I am open too. At least I would like to believe I am open, and I am glad to hear feedback** to whatever extent people who experience me as open, or closed minded...I am open too.

2:19:10 ... **and I am open.** (If) you want to show me evidence that 3+ 3 is something other than six, **I am actually open minded** and my stance is that is an absolute principle, just as my stance is an absolute principle that everything from Prabhupada is liberated and NOT culturally conditioned.. **and I am open minded.**

How much evidence must be presented for Dhira Govinda to be open to the fact that he has been completely bamboozled by the Poison Conspiracy fraud, is on the wrong side of history, is guilty of criminal defamation and the tragic sin of Vaishnava blasphemy! (1<sup>st</sup> offense). This is what all our acharyas taught including his own stated absolute liberated authority, Srila Prabhupada. Yet what we witness is how much denial Dhira Govinda is in and continues to shamelessly ignore! (This is his usual way of disregarding the facts he cannot endure.)

And here is a link to the publication I authored in 2024- Srila Prabhupada is Sastra: Perspectives on the Infallibility of Srila Prabhupada.

[www.yedaveda108.wordpress.com/2024/04/15/srila-prabhupada-is-sastra](http://www.yedaveda108.wordpress.com/2024/04/15/srila-prabhupada-is-sastra)

On April 11, 2026, shortly after I returned from Europe, many members of the community gathered for a joyous event of initiation, and I'm glad to share with you links to the video and photos of that devotional celebration. Hare Krsna.

8-minute video- <https://youtu.be/tHmIqSWgMLM>



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And here's a link to the full event, from my zoom-

<https://youtu.be/Roh12EMlOr0>

Photos link- <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1xIEyb3cQ7K7AjeTioxik3LBXX4llqVd?usp=sharing>

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Hare Krsna, Mayesvara Prabhu- I hope this meets you in strong health, and enthusiastic in service to Srila Prabhupada and his movement. Hare Krsna.

Your servant, Dhira Govinda dasa (David B. Wolf)

### END of Analysis of DHIRA Govinda's Evasive Rebuttal

**Conclusion:** These closing references refer to what Dhira Govinda describes as “A Joyous event of initiation.” The tragic irony is that Dhira Govinda has written a book with the title: *Srila Prabhupada is Sastra*”, yet here we see him conducting a RtVik initiation. This does not comply with the numerous statements His Divine Grace made about how he expected initiations to continue after his departure. (See: [Exposing RtVik Charade](#))

Dhira Govinda is awarding the beads and names to these innocent souls who are being misled into believing they will now be accepted as disciples of Srila Prabhupada. But Srila Prabhupada must agree to accept them before they can claim to be his disciple.

“So this initiation means that one is being accepted as student by the spiritual master.” –August 27, 1969

When did Srila Prabhupada personally confirm that he is willing to accept these initiates? Like all RtViks, Dhira Govinda has now initiated these new initiates as his OWN disciples regardless of what he thinks he may be doing. The RtVik Charade denies Srila Prabhupada the right to determine who he is willing to accept as his own disciples. This type of parlance may pass among the less serious ISKCON-Basher community, but not among the greater Gaudiya body of Vaishnavas.

Considering Dhira Govinda's inability to comprehend the severe consequences to the many unsubstantiated beliefs he shared during this effort, all we can do is wish him well, pray he becomes open enough to recognize the severity of his current, very precarious legal position and that Krishna will forgive him for his numerous egregious offences.

Thank You!

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**Who is mayesvara dasa?** See: <http://jagannatha.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/WhoIsMayesvaraDasa2020.pdf>

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**Author Of:** **DECEPTION** The 500p. book that exposed the Poison Conspiracy fraud (Amazon.com)

**Book:** <https://tinyurl.com/ycp7y9y6>

**Lampoon:** <http://jagannatha.com/poison-lampoon-2017/>

**Producer Of:** **DECEPTION Poison Conspiracy Fraud** The movie version of the book. (YouTube.com)

**Movie:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vA-CzGs8XfA&feature=youtu.be>

**WebMaster:** [SamadhiTattva.com](http://SamadhiTattva.com) The website where the Poison Rumer is fully exposed as 100% fraud.

