

# **Sulochan dasa**

**(Steven Bryant) (ACBSP)**

**(1952-1986)**



## **Memorial Service on the 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of his death**

**Cheviot Hills Park, Los Angeles (May 22, 2018)**

Note: The statements and philosophies promoted in the following tributes may not necessarily be those of the organizers of this memorial service, but we believe we must allow devotees to express their sentiments and realizations even if we may disagree with their conclusions.

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**Henry Doktorski**, author of *Killing For Krishna*.

My dear assembled Vaishnavas: Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

My name is Henry Doktorski; I am a former resident of New Vrindaban and a former disciple of Kirtanananda Swami. Some of my friends know me by my initiated name: Hrishikesh dasa. I am the author of a book—*Killing For Krishna: The Danger of Deranged Devotion*—which recounts the unfortunate events which preceded Sulochan's murder, the murder itself, and its aftermath and repercussions.

Prabhush and Matajis, thank you for attending this memorial service for Sulochan prabhu, the first of many anticipated annual events for the future. Although Sulochan was far from a shining example of a model devotee, and he was unfortunately afflicted with many faults, he should nonetheless, in my opinion, be respected and honored for (1) his love for his spiritual master, and (2) his courageous effort to expose corruption within his spiritual master's society.

His endeavors to (1) expose the so-called ISKCON spiritual masters of his time as pretenders, by writing and distributing his hard-hitting and mostly-accurate book, *The Guru Business*, and (2) dethrone the zonal acharyas, with violence if necessary, resulted in a murder conspiracy spearheaded by two ISKCON gurus, several ISKCON temple presidents and several ksatriya hit men from ISKCON temples in West Virginia, Ohio and Southern California. These one dozen men—who had either been afflicted by deranged devotion, or were benefiting from the deranged devotion of their disciples and followers—eventually succeeded in assassinating Sulochan hardly a mile from this very spot in Cheviot Hills Park in the early morning hours of May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1986. Officer Joseph Sanchez, from the Berkeley, California, Police Department, appropriately noted, "Bryant was a martyr for his faith. He was one lone voice in the wilderness and he was killed because he talked about corruption. He went up against the heavyweights and he lost."

Although, about a year after Sulochan's death, the ISKCON zonal acharyas were dethroned (or at least prohibited from accepting lavish worship) after the March 1987 GBC meetings, today some say that problems with some or all of the current ISKCON gurus and/or the GBC still exist in ISKCON. Some say that the best way to commemorate Sulochan's death is to actively continue his mission to expose corruption in ISKCON. Certainly, as long as corruption exists in the society of devotees, courageous reformers are needed to investigate the evidence, propose solutions, and fight, if needed, to insure the implementation of corrective measures to help insure the predicted 10,000 Golden Age of Krishna consciousness in Kali Yuga.

However, that time is not now. During this memorial service I beg you, for the next hour or so, focus on the man and not his mission. Certainly great animosity between Vaishnavas exists at this moment, even amongst you who have come to this memorial service. Yet we, the organizers of this event, do not want a peaceful commemoration to be marred by agitation, argument and/or violence. Some warned us to prepare for violence here in Cheviot Park. One

concerned mataji insisted that we hire security guards to help keep the peace, and this has been done as she suggested.

However, despite these precautions, I have faith in you. I am quite confident that you are all intelligent and self-controlled men and women whose hearts are securely planted on the path of Bhakti. In such a spirit, I humbly request you to put your differences and arguments aside for the next hour. Please refrain from bitterness and criticism of others, even if deserved. Greet each other with obeisances, smiles and affectionate embraces. Chant and dance during the kirtan. Surely we can all help maintain peace and ensure a tranquil memorial service. Even the warriors, some five thousand years ago on the battlefield of Kuruksetre, after sunset, dined, drank and joked with their mortal enemies during the nighttime break from battle. We can surely do the same.

After the service is ended and we disband, you may then resume your personal and philosophical battles, but not now, I entreat you. Even if Tirtha in prison, the man who shot Sulochan twice in the head 32 years ago, appeared here today to attend this memorial service, or some other of his fellow conspirators, I trust that you would greet him (and them) with loving hearts. At least for one hour. That is all I ask.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Now we will pass the microphone to others, especially those who were personal friends of Sulochan and wish to say something in his memory.

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**Mahatma dasa** (Mario Pineda) joined ISKCON in September, 1977, and was initiated in 1986 as a ritvik disciple of Srila Prabhupada by Bhaktisvarupa-Damodara Goswami. He started the membership group Friends of Lord Krishna in 1981 at New Dwaraka, and raised \$15,000 to print the BBT book *Coming Back*. Mahamatma served as the right-hand man for Paratrikananda for the first two years of the Prabhupada Festival (1990-1991). He was also the founder/organizer of Srila Prabhupada Family Reunion for the Prabhupada Centennial (1996).

Hare Krishna. Respects. All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Thank you for attending this service. We must acknowledge devotees like Hrishikesh prabhu, Nandini devi dasi and several others who have helped with the creating of the book, *Killing For Krishna* and have written eulogies for Sulochan prabhu.

First of all, I must say that I am not more than a worm in the stool of worms, spiritually and materially. I have no qualifications nor am I looking to make you believe otherwise. Somehow, Sri Krishna overpowers me and forces me to associate with devotees and do some service, as contaminated as that service is. I am in no illusion of this.

Thirty-two years have passed since the cold-blooded murder of our God brother Sulochan dasa prabhu. His body was sent to his suffering mother and since, there has not been one collective moment of silence from us who are part of ISKCON or linked to ISKCON. This is also cold, unjust and unfair and not pleasing to Srila Prabhupada, since Srila Prabhupada would have never allowed such a murder and he would have wanted that some honor be shown to his most courageous and sincere follower, Sulochan prabhu.

So we are here today to show Krishna consciousness or feeling of heart. It should be noted that originally, Sulochan prabhu's ex wife, was "initiated" without his consent and later, he simply wanted to be able to see his children as any father would. This was denied to him by those who later would plot to kill him, due to deranged "devotion." It is a great thing, that now some from this deranged group, have repented and have even written eulogies for Sulochan prabhu. Time helps and heals, however, it should also be noted that it's reported, that two then gurus and one now guru continue to totally deny any involvement in the murder plot. We should hope that these deniers will soon admit at least, that they could have prevented the cold murder, but didn't. When there is denial, there is no hope and when there is admittance of truth, there is all hope. So to help all of ourselves and please Srila Prabhupada and his sincere followers, we must admit and honor the truth and thus all of us will have all hope in our lives. .

Krishna is the giver of the Highest Truth, pure love of Him and all living entities, and it is obvious that He now wants that what really happened in the case of Sulochan prabhu, be revealed in "full." To do this, Sri Krishna mystically arranged for the whole of the New Vrindaban's archive and one other smaller but paralleled archive, to come under the protection and study of a sincere, just and also courageous devotee who spent 15 years serving at New Vrindavana and who also happens to be a writer that has been researching these archives since 2003. This is Hrishikesh dasa prabhu or Henry Doktorski, the author of *Killing For Krishna*. Now due to his incredible surrender, we have a 660-page book with many details, from the lives before the plotters joined ISKCON, to what illicit sex some practiced, to what illicit drugs they favored and who made the most money, who made the payments for the murder and who is thought of making hush money payments too. All most well researched in a just fair and subjective manner. It all shows that Sulochan prabhu was hunted down and killed like an animal, while preparing to rest in the middle of the night in his van. Twelve against one. What cowardliness! It also shows a cover up that made it so only two of the around 12 perpetrators have done jail time for the murder.

On top of this, many celebrated! One so called sannyasi and guru, justified that Sulochan dasa prabhu, was a drug addict after all, when in fact there is no evidence whatsoever of this. Others say he wanted to kill others, but the evidence shows that he actually never pushed, punched, or shot at anyone, when he could have easily done so. Others just don't want to be bothered in any way with this subject and try to silence it, so they may continue to live their "merry" lives. Of course, we now know that that critical-of-Sulochan-prabhu "sannyasi," was found with no clothes on hugging another man's wife and still today, he sits on the Vyasasana to accept worship as good as Krishna, with the blessings of an institution as others also involved in the murder plot according to the book, have also done with the same blessings.

We are not saying that every member of ISKCON is knowingly bad or corrupt. We should recognize that the Sulochan prabhu's incident is isolated and life in this world is not easy. At times we want to do better but for various reasons we can't. In fact we have had good interaction with members of ISKCON we don't agree with philosophically, due to Sulochan prabhu's memorial. This is very good, since it shows with no doubt that empathetic sentiment for Sulochan and our whole movement is being felt from various groups, ritviks and non-ritviks alike. We are coming together and agree, that Srila Prabhupada would never allow that such violence be practiced by his followers against each other, when there was no real danger

from Sulochan prabhu and he actually had found a new partner in his life and had decided to give up his quest to expose violent “gurus.”

Srila Prabhupada founded The League of Devotees and later ISKCON for Istagosthi, unity, cooperation, trust and love among his followers. Lets not be in denial of the Sulochan prabhu tragedy and unite in learning from it and do the right thing of making sure it never happens again. Let this bitter experience give us a vision of communication and agreement to never use violence against any Srila Prabhupada follower just to exercise our might or power, unless there is real threat of life.

I asked the most expert on this subject, Hrishikesh dasa prabhu, if he felt that there was genuine fear for their lives in this case and he responded, “Yes.” So why fear when devotees do not fear and a real devotee will never instill fear in the hearts of others? Then, I asked, that if the murder plotters had known that Sulochan prabhu had decided to not continue his quest, would they have killed him anyways, the response was, “I think they would have probably killed him anyway.” This suggests that there is a good chance, that at least some from the murder plot group were not fearful but simply wanted to exercise their might and power, by killing Sulochan prabhu. Of course, this is horrible and something that Srila Prabhupada would never approve of.

So it is time to unite no matter what our philosophical stand may be and agree that the followers of Srila Prabhupada will never use violence of any kind among each other. Lets make it so all over the world we are well known for this novel demonstration of tolerance and patience, which are two most important qualities in spiritual life. We don't want that people may think that the followers of Srila Prabhupada are a bunch of killers that kill each other like in the mundane religions and politicians do all over the world.

Destroying a body is easy, but the Chaitanya movement is a philosophical movement, which is not about destroying bodies but destroying the *veda vata ratah* (rascal self made “god” violent or demonic mentality.) The best example on this was given by our Lord Nityananda Prabhu who reminded Sri Krishna Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, that the philosophy is to show mercy and compassion and not to destroy the bodies of those like Jagai and Madhai, despite their most serious offenses of wounding the body of Nityananda Prabhu.

The solution is to understand and remember that it is easy to suffer from a mentality of being prematurely too sure of ourselves and in severe cases wanting worship like that of Krishna, despite inclinations to murder God brothers. This is why we are in this world to begging with. We are competitive and dominating to the point that we may kill a God brother and then accept worship as that for Krishna.

Srila Prabhupada teaches that competition is good, but if not based on good Istagosthi or spiritual communication, the competition will turn into anger and efforts to dominate all others at all cost. Let's be careful, since as we have experienced, attempts to dominate, can make some even kill a good God brother. So we must not be lazy, but lets study and practice the Istagosthi, unity, cooperation, trust and love Srila Prabhupada wants of us. This information has been compiled by a kind devotee from England, Pranava dasa prabhu and is found in articles at, [www.prabhupadanugasworldwide.org](http://www.prabhupadanugasworldwide.org). What a great opportunity. Let's study it and fulfill the desires of Srila Prabhupada!

Chaitanya Mahaprabhu and Ramananda Raya (Arjuna) discussed for seven days the most important principle in life. They concluded, that it's *sadhu sanga* which really means accepting

a perfect spiritual master, or *mahajana*, or great personality and make his loving service our life and soul. This master must be *siddha* or perfect, must be *maha-bhagavat* or totally surrendered to Krishna, must be *uttama* or of the top most level of devotion. We have no choice since it's so obvious, that this master is no managerial entity, nor any other master, but it is only A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, the founder and acharya of the International Society For Krishna consciousness.

So we must be correct that only Srila Prabhupada is the only absolute diksa and siksa guru currently in the Brahma Sampradaya, or no matter what we do, our conclusion will be wrong at the end and we will simply suffer in this life and the next. This means that no matter what issue, no matter what camp we belong to, no matter what understanding we may or may not have, to be on solid ground our duty is to only always use the Prabhupada only paradigm or POP. We must think and do only what Srila Prabhupada thinks and does and nothing else. I must say that the only place that uses such as imperfect as they may be, it's, [www.iskconirm.com](http://www.iskconirm.com).

Then we must learn the history of abuse against Srila Prabhupada. It started by two individuals who are also suspects of the murder plot of Sulochan prabhu. In the mid-60s, these individuals among other mad elephant offenses, stole Srila Prabhupada's typewriter and his *Bhagavad-Gita* manuscript and tried to print the holy book as their own work. In 1970, Srila Prabhupada ordered that a management system that he had worked on since 1939 called, "The Direction of Management," be implemented in ISKCON. The leadership refused doing so, and four "sannyasis," tried to force Srila Prabhupada to put all the ISKCON properties in their names! Srila Prabhupada then ordered that no more sannyasa would be given, and this order was also disobeyed. Srila Prabhupada also said that the most important are our children, but part of ISKCON had to pay 26 million for child abuse. Most important, Srila Prabhupada also said that not a comma of his books should be changed, but this was also disobeyed with the books being greatly changed. We should also not deny the fact that three books have come out suggesting foul play in the disappearance of Srila Prabhupada. So knowing the history of disobedience and abuse of Srila Prabhupada, must be a solid understanding of historical fact, that is still going on today! About disobedience, Srila Prabhupada stated, "rascal, demon, finished." (Lecture 4/7/74) About false gurus he wrote, "the master and his ward, go to hell without a doubt." (S. B. 1.19.37) Unfortunately however, even from the ritvik camps, to quote Srila Prabhupada is considered by some insulting, offensives and a type of fanaticism even!

Last, we must know who is who in the movement. This means to know, who is following the Prabhupada only paradigm or POP and who is not, and thus being violent against Srila Prabhupada and his followers. At least, we should not compromise the teachings in theory, if we can not follow them all in full practically. This is why it's so important to study if Srila Prabhupada was poisoned or not and who may be responsible and study books such as *Killing For Krishna*, since these studies can help identify who is who is the movement. Who is violent and who is following the nonviolent great examples of Mahaprabhu and Srila Prabhupada.

If we follow the three solutions above and follow the example of the only confirmed by Srila Prabhupada *siddha* disciple, Jayananda prabhu, with no doubt we will soon have the desired goal of pleasing Srila Prabhupada and we will return back to Krishna-Loka. No need to wait. No need to agitate and or hit our heads against a brick wall. We can leave the brick walls alone. Let's just start now to promote the POP, the original books only and the example

of Jayananda prabhu as the basis for hopefully 108 or more new temples and centers around the world. Let's have the first world conference of POP and the example of Jayananda prabhu. We should all join this blissful effort to please Srila Prabhupada and never again have a murder of one of his followers. Lets keep an eye for who is violent. This is useful and practical. Jai Haribol!!

Srila Prabhupada ki jai!! Jayananda prabhu ki jai! Sulochan dasa prabhu ki jai!  
Sincerely,

Mahatma Dasa

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**Nori Muster** (formerly Nandini dasi, disciple of Ramesvara Swami), secretary to Mukunda Goswami in the ISKCON Public Relations Office, Assistant Editor for *ISKCON World Review*, author of the book *Betrayal of the Spirit*, and friend of Sulochan.

Dear Steven Bryant/Sulochan—many years have passed since we lost you. They say the passing of time heals our grief. Although time has grown over the wounds we will always remember how you were brutally murdered. The murder blew away any veneer of innocence that remained on ISKCON. But the spring comes when spirits are renewed. You died thirty-two years ago. For thirty-two years the people who cared about you have been learning to come to terms with your death.

Until recently I blamed myself in some way. Hearing you were murdered was a shock but we should have seen it coming. You died just two months after the PR department moved to Laguna Beach. We were supposed to be there for you as part of our ISKCON Communications work that was meant to calm the storms. ISKCON had violent storms in multiple parts of the world. The storm of you ended tragically. Ultimately the PR department was just another broken branch blowing around and we could barely help anyone, including ISKCON.

There are many reasons I chose to leave at the end of 1988. Mostly it was the secretiveness in the leadership and their need to control what we wrote in the *ISKCON World Review*. It finally came to resigning and moving away. At the time I firmly believed ISKCON could heal itself if it acknowledged its problems and took responsibility. I'm still waiting.

We all have to live with the past. The more honesty we have with ourselves, the more ease we have with the past. ISKCON may someday fess up and come to terms, but it would be better for them to do it while many of the primary actors are still living. Meanwhile I believe our side—the vast majority of ISKCON followers who were witnesses, bystanders, or victims of the nexus of crime and abuse—must live a life practicing to let go and forgive. If you haven't gotten to forgiveness yet—no hurry! It's difficult to forgive abuse if you perceive it as ongoing.

Over the last thirty-two years I've worked to get to peace with ISKCON. It wears down the spirit to carry the burden of anger. I've set aside my anger despite not fully forgiven ISKCON. To me it's like my family of origin—I regret the way my parents raised me, but I can't fix it now. Another metaphor is if I had graduated from a college that went downhill, or got into scandals. Luckily, I'm not in that situation, but being an alumni of ISKCON is not anything to make me feel proud. Maybe someday if they redeem themselves, then I'll feel proud to have

been in that group. Even with ISKCON's moral and criminal failings, we make the best of our experiences and focus on the future.

Steven Bryant, rest in peace knowing you had people here who believed in your cause, and people you could count as your friends. You also had parents who loved you and still miss you. Maybe you went about your crusade too fearlessly, or maybe you could have done things differently. Still, you didn't deserve to be murdered. When the people in L.A. told us you were dead, I thought maybe you could have been in a car accident or had a heart attack. When I heard you were shot in the head, I knew it was New Vrindaban. It never occurred to me they would murder you for your naive resistance to the lies.

Rest in peace old soul. For every angry incident in ISKCON, I see flowers on your path. For every person who failed to protect you on earth, I see you meeting a soul-friend in heaven. For any regrets you took with you when you died, I see a spirit waterfall where you can wash off the pain of the memories. Again on this May 22, the tragic day that has come around again, we send you our strength. From our point of view your life shines like a light house warning people off of fanatical groups.

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**Kailasa-Chandra dasa**, Mark Goodwin (ACBSP), initiated in 1972, managed several college preaching programs in the Midwest during the 1970s. After Prabhupada passed away, he became disillusioned with the eleven zonal acharyas and challenged them in Vrindaban in 1979, after which he was shunned by the Society. In 1985 he became the editor for Sulochan's book, *The Guru Business*. Soon after, he became the leader of the Mount Kailasa farm in Northern California. He is one of the co-founders of The Vaishnava Foundation.

My statement being read today is a tribute to Sulochan, and it is neither a eulogy nor a personal ego trip on my part. It is, instead, a statement that must emphasize one thing clearly right from the gate: We honor the man by doing what he exhorted us to do in his chief work, *The Guru Business*. We pay tribute to him by working against the evil elements, the wrongdoers, that were transforming and destroying the movement at that time, and which, at this time, have rendered it a dying institution. As such, why should I make this statement at all about me by going over my adventures with Sulochan in the summer of 1985? They are not very important, although we did accomplish a lot together.

As such, this tribute to the man must needs be divided into two parts: 1) A concise rendering of Sulochan's major achievements, particularly in terms of their lasting value, and 2) Culling out four notable excerpts from his manuscript which let us know what he now expects from us. This second part must also be sub-divided, because Sulochan recorded three obvious and major deviations in his manuscript.

One of those anomalies is entirely irrelevant now, one is just a hair short of also being irrelevant, but the third one remains operative in the field today and very relevant and malefic. I should like to revise in your memory that they were the three chief features of the so-called "ISKCON" movement from back in the day. Sulochan considered them to be inimical



to Srila Prabhupada's branch of Lord Caitanya's Krishna consciousness movement by working against it in his name.

One quick personal note: Sulochan and I only worked together on the rough draft of his book. He completed his final copy without my editing and with only a few suggestions from me via long distance phone calls. His manuscript contains some bad spelling and questionable syntax here and there, all of which I would probably have corrected if I had made the final edit. That errata must be seen, however, as nothing more than spots on the beautiful full moon of what he powerfully communicated in the book.

Sulochan made five major contributions to and for us, and these can be divided into three made while he was alive and two post-mortem. His first contribution was taking the risk to finagle hard copies of the letters smuggled out from the vaults in Los Angeles and thus made available to the devotees at large for the first time. His friend Bhakta dasa was instrumental in this, of course, but, without Sulochan's relentless impetus, it is doubtful that this knowledge in the letters would have been revealed until much later.

His second contribution was painstakingly analyzing all of them and disseminating the contents that he considered important. Previous to *The Guru Business*, they spread in the form of mailed tracts and shocked many devotees. The specific excerpts he revealed created doubts about Kirtanananda, doubts about the other ten pretenders, and doubt about the Governing Body Commission itself, the most important contribution.

His third while alive was the production and initial dissemination of *The Guru Business*, a book, although not professionally published and distributed, which made the rounds and had a profound influence on the lives of many. Some of those bhaktas and bhaktins are assembled here today in Culver City tribute on May 22nd, the anniversary of his assassination.

His fourth contribution came as a direct result of his assassination. Everyone knew who had to have been behind it, and that was eventually confirmed. In an almost miraculous reversal of fortune, the assassin was apprehended by county police in a small college town in Ohio just before he would have fled the country with his family. However, despite the fact that Sulochan's martyrdom was integral with taking Kirtanananda down, their battle was a Mexican standoff while Steve Bryant was alive. It was mutually assured destruction afterward. Still, Kirtanananda never recovered from the flotsam, and it upended arguably the most influential pretender *maha-bhagavat* of the bunch. That was big.

His fifth and final contribution, also post-mortem, was the shock-wave of his violent death throughout the movement, quickly forcing all but two of the remaining "ISKCON" pretenders to remove their imitation seats in the temples and no longer take *uttama-adhikari* worship. This set the stage for the Second Transformation, so it was not a return to square one by any means. Nevertheless, some devotees were forced to wake up, to see clearly that something was deeply wrong in a movement--where a dissident, who was ultimately proven right, could be executed by someone who was supposed to be on the highest platform of love of God. It forced important questions that had not been previously asked, and it opened the flood-gates—for the most fortunate—to get actual answers and put the pieces of the puzzle together for themselves. It was a major contribution—at least, for them.

I should like to conclude with four excerpts, as aforementioned. The first one is found in Chapter One of *The Guru Business*:

“Sane men do not engage in diplomacy and conspiracy. The pull of opulences and properties is illusory. No one can keep the control forever. It was not that simply some small section of devotees was trained by Srila Prabhupada. The training was open to everyone and still is. In Srila Prabhupada’s personal presence, those ‘top men’ he hoped to train instead became enwrapped in personal ambition. They have been thinking, for some time now, that they are the Lords of all they survey. This G.B.C. has become a Gang of Blasphemous Conspirators. It is a very dangerous conspiracy. The Krishna consciousness movement, as established by Srila Prabhupada, is vital for the upliftment of the entire world. Now it has become almost completely spoiled by the G.B.C. . . . and particularly the guru sub-section. Of course, they required help, and so there are many fools keeping the thing propped up.”

The second and third excerpts are found in Chapter Two:

“From these letters it is clear that Prabhupada was not very pleased with the G.B.C.. Srila Prabhupada also defines bogus institutions as ‘Making a show of the Deity to cheat an innocent public.’ So, if the Deity doesn’t make an institution transcendental, then what does? The purity of the followers—and specifically the leader—is the answer. ISKCON is bona fide because of Srila Prabhupada, not because of the ‘G.B.C.’ There are so many stories about all the ‘gurus’ which point to the fact that the purity isn’t there. That is allowing this conspiracy to stay in power.”

“Balavanta dasa adhikari, this year’s chairman of the G.B.C., in confronting a devotee distressed by ISKCON politics, revealed the underlying conception which is the foundation of the whole betrayal. He said, ‘This movement is run Machiavellian. Tamal-Krishna introduced it, and Srila Prabhupada approved it.’ The bona fide spiritual master, Srila Prabhupada, could never have ordered or approved that his movement be run in a Machiavellian manner. His leading secretaries wanted to project that, and he gave them the rope to hang themselves. In this case, in the perfect arrangement to deceive those deceptive disciples who wanted to deceive him, we find the truth about the spiritual master.”

The fourth excerpt of *The Guru Business* is found in Chapter Three. It was culled out of a well-publicized sentence from a letter to Hansadutta in April, 1972:

“What will happen when I am not here; shall everything be spoiled by G.B.C.?” Here’s what Sulochan had to say about it: “Srila Prabhupada directly doubts whether there is any possibility that the management will carry on after his departure. We can see that his doubt was not only utterly justified, but was directly a warning to us all. Srila Prabhupada specifically states that the whole movement may become victimized and spoiled by the G.B.C.. It has come to take place; Srila Prabhupada specifically states that the G.B.C. men, who call themselves Srila Prabhupada’s ‘direct representatives,’ have a propensity to simply plot and scheme. In this section, we are exposing many of those plots and schemes. We ask you also to expose these to all those who are sincere enough to hear and benefit from these truths. Then the duty becomes obvious.”

Sulochan rightly calls it a conspiracy. He fought against Kirtanananda, the zonal acaryas, and the G.B.C.. The first fight is over, and Kirtanananda is now dead for quite awhile. The zonals are just as irrelevant. If we truly want to honor and vindicate Sulochan, we shall do what he exhorts us to do: Expose the power node of the so-called “ISKCON” confederation, the G.B.C., the vitiated G.B.C.. This third fight remains both current and relevant, and our duty is thus obvious.

OM TAT SAT. Hare Krishna.

**Bhakta Eric Johanson**, joined ISKCON in September 1977 at the Berkeley, California temple, where he became a disciple of Hamsadutta: Vrindaban-Chandra dasa. In 1983, at the urging of his spiritual master, he took sannyasa, although he did not feel qualified for the honor. In 1985, when he read Sulochan's book, *The Guru Business*, his life in Krishna consciousness was irrevocably changed, as he realized he was little more than a cheap disciple of a cheap spiritual master. He served at the Mount Kailasa farm in Northern California (1986-1988). He is a co-founder of the Vaishnava Foundation and served as Kailasa-Chandra's personal secretary from 1986 to 2012.

If we apply cause and effect to the murder of Sulocana dasa, without the pretense of the zonal acaryas declaring themselves Srila Prabhupada's successors, there would have been no murder. When they were pressed for proof of the appointment they initially claimed from Srila Prabhupada, there was none. In his July 9, 1977 letter to all GBCs and temple presidents they were only appointed "rittik'-representative of the acarya," not gurus of any kind. Yet, as early as March of 1978 the zonals were actively preaching that Srila Prabhupada appointed them gurus. At that first meeting with Srila Prabhupada's Godbrother, Sridhara maharaja, zonal acarya Jayapataka maharaja began the meeting by saying, "Maharaja, when our Srila Prabhupada left, then he has given instruction that for initiating and for carrying on the sampradaya there would be eleven-in the beginning, he appointed eleven devotees, his disciples, to be initiating spiritual masters or to accept disciples and in the future that number would also be able to be increased."

What kind of gurus begin their initiating activities by lying that they were appointed as such by their spiritual master? A genuine guru is supposed to be *arjavam*, straightforward or honest. Srila Prabhupada told a reporter in the *Science of Self Realization* that "a guru cannot be bad." In *Sri Bhaktyaloka* Srila Bhaktivinode Thakura said, "One should give up the association of *dharmadvajis*, the hypocritically devout, with special care. Those who accept the external signs of dharma but do not actually follow dharma are called *dharmadvajis*."

This means that these eleven men who lied to the world that they were appointed gurus by Srila Prabhupada were never genuine at any point. Sulocana prabhu was murdered because he wanted the world to know that. Nevertheless, in order for a devotee to kill someone there must be the sanction of higher authorities. Most devotees have heard Srila Prabhupada say something like this:

"Those who are fighting for their sense gratification, they're *asuras*, but if need be fighting for, for cause, right cause... Of course, everyone thinks right cause; therefore it should be confirmed. Just like Arjuna. Arjuna fought when he understood that 'This fighting is right cause, it is sanctioned by Kṛṣṇa.' Then it is right cause. You cannot make your right cause. You can not formulate that 'This is right cause.' That is mental concoction. You must get it sanctioned. That is a principle of *daivi* life, divine life." Class on *Bhagavad-gītā* 16.5, Calcutta, February 23, 1972

This means someone encouraged the killer, Tirtha dasa, by posing as a higher authority bestowing sanction. Henry Doktorski's book *Killing For Krishna* makes a pretty exhaustive effort to determine who buoyed Tirtha up through his doubts that Krishna wanted Sulocana murdered. As history has now shown, those doubts were coming from Tirtha's conscience, the Lord in the heart. Nevertheless, at least one of those who worked to overcome those doubts with their so-called blessings is now a similarly so-called guru in the ISKCON institution, some say the biggest. Although that institution now considers the zonal acarya period a "heresy," many of its leaders rose to their influential positions and acquired thousands of so-called

disciples because of it. This is like a thief admitting his crimes but then demanding that he keep the money. Although such things may be possible if the governing body did the stealing, such things have absolutely nothing to do with Vedic brahminical culture, which necessitates complete honesty. These abuses are perhaps the main reason why it took the gargantuan personal effort, completely voluntary and unpaid, of one man, Henry Doktorski, to thoroughly document this shameful act.

Despite what poses as the Hare Krishna movement resting on these kinds of lies and cover-ups, Srila Prabhupada's real mission and genuine brahminical culture live on in the hearts of all his faithful followers and disciples. Only now the last 30 year's scandals and disappointments find themselves added to what was our previous material illusion. Srila Prabhupada has already given us the solution. Any devotee can explain it - the challenge is for us to apply it in the midst of all the sectarian infighting and victimhood.

Haribol!!! All glories to Srila Prabhupada, our eternal master!

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**Janmastami dasa** (John Sinkowski) fought in Vietnam for the U. S. army. He met Srila Prabhupada in Hawaii in 1971 and joined ISKCON at New Vrindaban a year later. He served in Buffalo, New York, where he helped manage Krishna Yoga Clubs at Buffalo State University and the University of Buffalo. He accepted diksa from Kirtanananda Swami in 1978. Janmastami hunted for Sulochan in California, in the company of the hit man Tirtha dasa (Thomas Drescher), during January and February 1986. Today he, of the three murder conspirators who got away scot-free during the murder trials, is the only one who admits he was involved in the conspiracy to assassinate Sulochan.

To be, or not to be? That is the question—  
Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer  
The slings and arrows of outrageous fortune,  
Or to take arms against a sea of troubles,  
And, by opposing, end them? To die, to sleep—  
No more—and by a sleep to say we end  
The heartache and the thousand natural shocks  
That flesh is heir to—'tis a consummation  
Devoutly to be wished! To die, to sleep.  
To sleep, perchance to dream—ay, there's the rub,  
For in that sleep of death what dreams may come  
When we have shuffled off this mortal coil,  
Must give us pause. There's the respect  
That makes calamity of so long life.  
For who would bear the whips and scorns of time,  
Th' oppressor's wrong, the proud man's contumely,  
The pangs of despised love, the law's delay,  
The insolence of office, and the spurns  
That patient merit of th' unworthy takes,  
When he himself might his quietus make  
With a bare bodkin?

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“Never was there a time when I did not exist, nor you, nor all these kings; nor in the future shall any of us cease to be.”- BG 2:12 <http://www.prabhupada.de/Books/sp-books.html>

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the question of whether life is even worth living, one that many DEVOTEES have often asked, is negated by KRSNA’s bold proclamation, and as THE BARD has so aptly noted, “therein lies the rub!” as GAURASUNDAR noted in ONTOLOGICAL PRIMER, “when i first found out that i was going to have to live forever, i was not very happy!” so it also with those performers of sinful deeds, when they realize they can never escape the karma of their sins. as one of these “BARED BODKINS,” we were asked to contribute some of our thoughts on this matter, and this then serves as that response.

now that there is a clear analysis of the cast of characters, and a careful and accurate examination of the timeline of events of the SULOCHAN ASSASSINATION, the evidence is available to fully implicate the FBI, beyond any reasonable doubt, in the planning and execution of the murder. the few minor disagreements in the ISKCON PHILOSOPHY have created a schism, that can be best noted as this difference:

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whether under-qualified individuals can assume SRILA PRABHUPADA’S DIKSA GURU SEAT, in ISKCON, is still not understood by many of these neophytes. that these differences, these misunderstandings, can cause “KILLING FOR KRSNA” is an undeniable fact. who told what to whom, and when, these may vary according to individual visions, but like the elephant description givers, each may be accurately describing their experience, yet an ABSOLUTE STANDARD may remain elusive. differences of understanding, on these matters of LETHAL FORCE, have been RELIGION BREAKERS for as many centuries as one can produce an accurate history there of.

when considering the fate of the unsuccessful yogi, a humble consideration for those addicted to tasting those fruitive results so many seek, we should remember this admonition from PERFECTION OF YOGA, “This Process indicates that the soul is permanent. Although I have changed many bodies, I remember my baby body and my childhood body—I am the same person, soul. Similarly, when ultimately I change this body, I shall have to accept another. This simple formula is stated in *Bhagavad-gita*. Everyone can reflect on it, and there must be scientific research done in this area.”

SRILA PRABHUPADA has reminded us. “real NON-VIOLENCE means FREEDOM FROM ENVY!”- SB 1:18:22. Srila Prabhupada explains the breakdown of the Gaudiya Math like this:

“Our Kunja Babu also planned like that. He thought, ‘By cheating all the God-brothers, I have got now Chaitanya Maṭha. And people will come to see Chaitanya Mahāprabhu’s birthplace, and I will get good income. And it will be distributed amongst my brothers and sons and myself. That’s all.’ That is his scheme.”

and although SRILA PRABHUPADA left a plan to avoid a repeat of THE EXACT SAME DISASTER AS GAUDIYA MATH PERPETRATED, SRILA PRABHUPADA’S DIRECT INSTRUCTION for ISKCON OPERATIONS, POST-SAMADHI, THE JULY 9, 1977 LETTER, those INSTRUCTIONS

were never followed, they were not even considered. hence, the arrival on the great battlefield of this ISKCON CIVIL WAR, the real WW III.

the PERFECTION OF YOGA has been very nicely explained by HIS DIVINE GRACE thusly:

“Lord Krsna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, speaks about the topmost system of yoga in the Sixth Chapter of *Bhagavad-gita*. There He has explained the hatha-yoga system. Please remember that we are preaching this Krsna consciousness movement on the authority of *Bhagavad-gita*. It is nothing manufactured. The bhakti-yoga system is authorized, and if you want to know about God, then you have to adopt this bhakti-yoga system because in the Sixth Chapter of *Bhagavad-gita* it is concluded that the topmost yogi is he who is always thinking of Krsna within himself.

Krsna, the supreme authority, recommended the eightfold yoga system. The first step of this yoga system is to select a very secluded and sacred place. Eightfold meditation cannot be performed in a fashionable city. It is not possible. In India, therefore, those who are very serious about practicing yoga go to Hardwar, a very secluded place in the Himalayas, where they remain alone and follow a very restrictive process for eating and sleeping. There is no question of mating. Those rules and regulations must be followed very strictly. Simply to make a show of gymnastics is not perfection of yoga. Yoga means control of the senses. If you indulge your senses unrestrictedly but make a show of yoga practice, you will never be successful.”

we see this in modern day ISKCON, with it's mutable philosophical variations, each arising from the defects of construct, much as JAS has done with his unwanted GITA CHANGES.

We have different stages of our life—the bodily concept of life, the mental concept of life, the intellectual concept of life, and the spiritual concept of life. Actually we are concerned with the spiritual concept. Those who are allured by the bodily concept are no better than cats and dogs. If we accept that “I am this body,” then we are not better than the cats and dogs because their concept of life is like that. We must understand that “I am not this body,” as Krsna wanted to impress upon Arjuna in the beginning of His teaching of *Bhagavad-gita*: “First of all, try to understand what you are. Why are you lamenting in the bodily concept of life? You have to fight. Certainly you have to fight with your brothers, brothers-in-law and nephews, and you are lamenting. But first of all understand whether you are body or not.” That is the beginning of *Bhagavad-gita*. Krsna tried to make Arjuna understand that he was not his body. This instruction was not for Arjuna exclusively, but for everyone. First of all we have to learn that “I am not this body,” that “I am spirit soul.” That is Vedic instruction.—POY

Srila Prabhupada... “In this material world, all conditioned souls are under illusion. A doctor treats all patients, and although a patient may be delirious and insult the doctor, the doctor does not refuse to treat him. He still administers the medicine that is required. As Lord Jesus Christ said, we should hate the sin, not the sinner. That is a very nice statement, because the sinner is under illusion. He is mad. If we hate him, how can we deliver him? Therefore, those who are advanced devotees, who are really servants of God, do not hate anyone. When Lord Jesus Christ was being crucified, he said, “My God, forgive them. They know not what they do.” This is the proper attitude of an advanced devotee. He understands that the conditioned souls cannot be hated, because they have become mad due to their materialistic

way of thinking. In this Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement, there is no question of hating anyone. Everyone is welcomed to come and chant Hare Kṛṣṇa, take kṛṣṇa-prasāda, listen to the philosophy of *Bhagavad-gītā*, and try to rectify material, conditioned life. This is the essential program of Kṛṣṇa consciousness.”

Srila Prabhupada’s Book; *The Path of Perfection; Learning How to See God*

SRILA PRABHUPADA has also taught us, “Suppose if I tear away your coat. Does it mean that you are killed?” Room Conversation with a professor, 6-4-74, in Geneva, and from that, we might intelligently ask, “where is SULOCHAN now?” but neither anyone asks, nor anyone answers.

now, before someone says, “KAMSA also quoted SCRIPTURE, after he killed the sons of VASUDEVA & DEVAKI,” we acknowledge that SCRIPTURE can be misused in order to personally benefit certain persons, usually those making such claims. when THE BIBLE tells us “an eye for an eye!” does that make each of us capable of eye surgery? does it make any common man a qualified executioner? it has been pointed out that of the three un-indicted co-conspirators, mine is the minority opinion on a number of important subjects. were RAMESVARA, RADHANATH, and JANMASTAMI a part of a plot to kill SULOCHAN? those claiming “DIKSA GURU OF ISKCON” both claim they were not involved, but my “minority opinion” challenges the TRUTH of their assertions. one of the other important distinctions is the matter of the involvement of the FBI in the planning of the SULOCHAN ASSASSINATION. both RADHANATH & RAMESVARA deny any FBI involvement, prior to the event, and the evidence collected in this literary effort of HRISHIKESH dasa proves both of them to be LIARS in that regard. we thank HRISHIKESH for completing the task the FBI intentionally left undone.

to the two other unindicted co-conspirators, we offer them a "THANKS!" of sorts. for in their “money is no object!” TOURS to remove themselves from the TAR BABY of the SULOCHAN ASSASSINATION, they have unwittingly removed me from the list of co-conspirators as well. when RADHANATH’S father purchased his son’s freedom through the CHICAGO FBI OFFICE in the early 1990s, prior to our scheduled GRAND JURY APPEARANCES in WHEELING, WV, our link with the conspiracy vanished as surely as did RADHANATH’S. “THANKS, OLD MAN SLAVIN!” when RAMESVARA writes on the internet that he left LA with only \$128 in his personal bank account, he is flat out lying, and we've challenged him on that issue several times. THE GREAT HERO, RAMESVARA, always withdraws from the discussion after such irrefutable data as his personal call to his personal servant “little GOVINDA,” who had to get his passport and foreign bank books for him after he forgot them in his hasty exit. when the lies of these men are exposed, KRSNA CONSCIOUSNESS will benefit no end, but until that time, the HOMONYM ISKCON, much like the MAYA SITA in the grove, will appear to suffer, in the stead of THE TRUE SPIRITUAL ENTITY.

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For those who are interested, Henry Doktorski’s book, *Killing For Krishna—The Danger of Deranged Devotion*, can be purchased from Amazon or Kindle or directly from the author at <http://henrydoktorski.com/Killing4Krishna.html>.

