

THE GBC HERESIES

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In response to 'The Ritvik Heresy' by Drutakarma Dasa

On July 9th 1977, four months before his physical departure, Srila Prabhupada issued a [directive](#) via his secretary to all the leaders of the **International Society for Krishna Consciousness** (ISKCON) which set in place a system of initiations employing the use of '*ritviks*', or representatives of the *acarya*. Srila Prabhupada instructed that this 'officiating *acarya*' system was to be instituted immediately, and run from that time onwards, or 'henceforward' - (to read this letter please see reverse). The *ritviks* were to act on Srila Prabhupada's behalf, new initiates all becoming disciples of Srila Prabhupada from then on.

Immediately after Srila Prabhupada's physical departure, on November 14th 1977, the Governing Body Commission for (GBC) ISKCON disbanded this *ritvik* system.

The GBC have just released 'The *Ritvik Heresy*' paper in an attempt to persuade supporters of ISKCON that they were justified in stopping a system that Srila Prabhupada never asked to be stopped.

In place of this *ritvik* system, whereby the perfect *Acarya*- Srila Prabhupada -was the sole worshipful initiating guru, the GBC set up a system in which they and their supporters could accept worship as though they themselves were as pure as God. This unauthorized guru system has been such an embarrassing disaster that even as we write the GBC are desperately trying to concoct a new one. Even the author of 'The *Ritvik Heresy*' himself cautiously admits the shaky history of these self-proclaimed gurus:

'Not all of these gurus have lived up to their responsibilities as gurus, and this has naturally caused some disturbance.'
(Drutakarma das 'The *Ritvik Heresy*')

The above has to be the understatement of the century. The editor of ISKCON's very own BTG magazine, His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami, was somewhat less circumspect when he wrote the following:

FACT: ISKCON gurus have opposed, oppressed and driven out many sincere Godbrothers and Godsisters.

FACT: ISKCON gurus have usurped and misused money, and diverted other ISKCON resources for their own personal prestige and sense gratification.

FACT: ISKCON gurus have had illicit sexual intercourse with both women and men, and possibly children as well....' etc, etc
(*Where the Ritvik People are Right, Jayadvaita Swami, 1996*)

We demonstrate below how the GBC attempt to justify their insubordination through a mixture of misrepresentation and lies.

GBC heresy number 1

In order to explain away such disgusting behavior the GBC have for many years taught that members of the sacred

