

Further when Śrīla Prabhupāda incorporated his society in 1976, he ensured 'legal' continuity of his supreme authority of ISKCON, both during and after his lifetime as follows:

[Certificate of Incorporation ISKCON – 1976]

"THIRD : It is declared that His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda is the Founder Acārya of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness of the Bay Area. He shall be the supreme power with respect to all matters of the society, and that status shall not be occupied by or shared with any other individual, either during his lifetime, or after death. His name and title must appear on all documents, letterheads, publications and buildings of the Society or Corporation.

Until the GBC admits their deception and betrayal of Śrīla Prabhupāda and/or there is an independent structured system established which is congruent with the IIS, devotees can take initiation by personal commitment or in other words through the heart, and strictly follow Śrīla Prabhupāda's instruction, vani, as Śrīla Prabhupāda explains:

"In this way, my connection was more intimate with my Guru Mahārāja. And in 1936, or 1933, I was initiated officially, although I was initiated 1922. But officially, I was initiated in 1933, although from 1922 to 1933 I was always thinking of His Divine Grace Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Gosvāmī Maharaja."

[Tape Lecture: Gorakhpur 15 Feb 1971]

CONCLUSION: The GBC and their Apologists have relentlessly attempted to squash any valid opposition to their concocted Initiation System.

However, it is historically evident that Śrīla Prabhupāda mandated the IIS after being requested by his senior most GBC men as to how initiations will be conducted after he entered into Samadhi. One simply cannot argue with this historical fact.

We will never know what our Kṛṣṇa Consciousness Society would be like had the GBC not usurped His Divine Grace and fraudulently seized, via a hostile takeover, control of his ISKCON Institution – but it would certainly be vastly different than it is today.

For one; we will all be Godbrother & Godsister – Sādhus, with one single Guru - Śrīla Prabhupāda,

one single Śāstra - Śrīla Prabhupāda's unedited Books and other material. We cannot predict

what the future will bring for Śrīla Prabhupāda's ISKCON, however, we are seeing a groundswell of newcomers to Śrīla Prabhupāda's ISKCON society who, knowing the factual history of ISKCON/FISKCON [Fradulent ISKCON] and therefore know of the GBC's deception, are choosing Śrīla Prabhupāda as their Dīkṣā Guru, and as this grows, which it most certainly will, the various concoctions which have sprung up since his passing will fade into insignificance!

All glories to His Divine Grace AC Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda, Jagat Guru and Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa's Divine Śakti-āveśa Avatāra Representative on earth, the saviour of Mankind.

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ISKCON INITIATION SYSTEM

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The purpose of this pamphlet is to clearly state the system of Initiation that Śrīla Prabhupāda established for his ISKCON society. [*For the purpose of this pamphlet the 'initiation system' is known as the IIS or ISKCON INITIATION SYSTEM.]

The system that ISKCON presently uses has not been approved by Śrīla Prabhupāda and is a concoction of the original 11 GBC men, who seized control of his society soon after he entered into his Samādhi pastimes on 14th Nov 1977. They then appointed themselves as his successors - Acaryas / dīkṣā gurus and subdivided the world into various zones and began to illegally initiate disciples of their own.

It must be understood that the then ISKCON GBC approached His Divine Grace on 28th May 1977, mere months before he left his body, specifically enquiring from Śrīla Prabhupāda regarding how initiations will be conducted "when you are no longer with us."

"Satsvarūpa: "Then our next question concerns initiations in the future, particularly at that time when you're no longer with us. We want to know how first and second initiations would be conducted." [GBC Meets With Śrīla Prabhupāda: Vṛndāvan 28 May 1977]

The official culmination of this GBC meeting and other subsequent discussions was the Initiation System that His Divine Grace mandated on the 9th of July 1977.



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The IIS document was signed on official ISKCON letterhead making it a legally binding document / mandate, however it has been deceptively referred to as a 'letter' instead of an official / legal Mandate.

[Please follow this link for the IIS document:

<http://prabhupadavision.com/iis/>

The official line from the GBC is that the system referred to in this document was only meant to be implemented while he was alive, by 'interpreting' the word 'henceforward' to mean 'stop gap' or only until he died, when it means 'from now on' - even though he was giving an official/legal answer to their specific question [on May 28 1977] about future initiations when he was no longer present.

WHAT IS ŚRĪLA PRABHUPĀDA'S SYSTEM FOR INITIATION IN A NUTSHELL?

As transcendentalists we understand that for the nitya siddha devotee, such as Śrīla Prabhupāda, there is no such thing as death, just like Lord Kṛṣṇa is present and available to us, so too is Śrīla Prabhupāda - We understand that he is not dead and gone from our hearts, minds and intelligences.

The IIS that Śrīla Prabhupāda mandated is a perfect system because it protects not only the disciple, affording them direct access to Śrīla Prabhupāda, but it also protects the senior disciple who has been appointed as Śrīla Prabhupāda's Representative in the Initiation process, by having a Representative who is remote from the actual initiation ceremony and therefore cannot be the subject of any pūjā and pratisiṣṭhā that goes along with such a role.

Following is a breakdown of the process which His Divine Grace established for initiation for his future disciples as per the IIS:

1. The new devotee's Initiation would be under the supervision of their local Temple President. When the Temple President deems it fit for the devotee(s) first or second Initiation they send their recommendations to the nearest IIS Representative.

***Quote from IIS -**

"Temple Presidents may henceforward send recommendation for first and second Initiation to whichever of these eleven representatives are nearest their temple."

2. The IIS Representative will, as Śrīla Prabhupāda did, accept the recommendation of the Temple President.

Quote from IIS -

"After considering the recommendation, these Representatives may accept the devotee as an initiated disciple of Śrīla Prabhupāda by giving a spiritual name, or in the case of second initiation, by chanting on the Gāyatrī thread, just as Śrīla Prabhupāda has done."

As you can see the main focus of the initiation process lies with the Temple President who has trained the new devotee, with the Rep making the process official.

The IIS makes it clear that the newly initiated devotee will be a DIRECT disciple of Śrīla Prabhupāda.

***Quote from IIS -** *"The newly initiated devotees are disciples of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, the above eleven senior devotees acting as His Representative."*

The Temple President having received an official letter from the IIS Representative will then arrange for a Fire Yajña to be conducted in their Temple thus completing the official initiation procedure of the devotee(s).

***Quote from IIS -** *"After the Temple President receives a letter from these representatives giving the spiritual name or the thread, he can perform the fire yajña in the temple as was being done before."*

There will be a book kept to record all the disciples of His Divine Grace thus maintaining an official record of his disciples and their spiritual name given by Rep.

***Quote from IIS -** *"The name of a newly initiated disciple should be sent by the IIS Representative*

who has accepted him or her to Śrīla Prabhupada, to be included in His Divine Grace's "Initiated Disciples" book."

As you can see Śrīla Prabhupāda's IIS makes no procedural or positional allowances for dīkṣā gurus or ṛtvik gurus/ācāryas, both of these Initiation Systems are concoctions. Śrīla Prabhupāda has also made his role and function within his society very clear.

"Prabhupāda: Yes, I am the spiritual master of this institution, and all the members of the society, they're supposed to be my disciples. They follow the rules and regulations which I ask them to follow, and they are initiated by me spiritually. So therefore the spiritual master is called guru. That is Sanskrit language." [Radio Interview: San Francisco 12 March 1968]