

Something's happening here;

What it is ain't exactly clear.

There's a man with a sneer over there,

He's tellin' me I got to beware.

Those lyrics, adapted from the 60's song of social change "For What It's Worth" sung by Buffalo Springfield, describe the cloud of change that has descended upon much of ISKCON today. There is a New Ethic engulfing the Society, one that was never part and parcel of the original purpose of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada's intention when he founded ISKCON. Look around you. It would seem that those disciples who are incapable of understanding what they are supposed to be doing have borrowed wholesale from the very society that they are supposed to have rejected.

And the New Ethic in ISKCON is political correctness. Political correctness, as it is bandied about at offices in Silicon Valley or Berlin, is a form of mayavada because it is a harsh social code that is utterly lacking in discrimination, or viveka. In the world we are supposed to have left behind, impersonal political correctness is enforced all over the Kali-controlled media. Today's media of radio, TV and Internet ignores the fact that America is "bringing democracy and freedom" to the world by a current bombing campaign that is slaughtering millions of Muslims in six countries, because murdering innocent civilians is apparently politically correct. Rather than reveal bombing raids, the media will spend its days focusing upon a sign at a sports game that "unfairly characterizes" or "stereotypes" a minority. Or an off-color joke told by some celebrity.

A government-controlled media that covers-up wholesale slaughter of millions while lamenting this or that "minority" is obviously using that section of society as a pawn for its own ends.

Which “minority” it is does not matter, it is a convenient ploy. What matters is that you fall into line and march in tune with the totalitarian drummer. The Thought Police are everywhere: it doesn't matter if entire cities are wiped out in Iraq, Afghanistan or Libya; you'd better watch what goes on in your head. Similarly, ISKCON today encourages such absence of discrimination because it is easier to create a personality cult around a central body than to have independent and thoughtful brahmanas.

The personification of Kali, who operates through modern society's batch of mis-leaders, is actively training the world to abandon discrimination by wholesaling political correctness. American schools resemble camps wherein fascist youth were once trained and Boy Scouts are encouraged to eavesdrop upon their parents and turn them in to some “authorities” in case Dad opens his mouth too widely. By destroying the fine human quality of discrimination, the Corporation that controls much of the world can train boys with violent video games, rap songs and cartoons so that they can be transformed into non-questioning and obedient killing machines when it's time for them to go to war against created enemies who just co-incidentally happen to live near oil fields.

ISKCON is supposed to raise its head high, keep its discrimination strong and stand against such intolerable injustices perpetrated by the Shadow Government and Kali in general. ISKCON arose in the Vietnam era, preaching a sound alternative to a society that had become bloodthirsty because of their addiction to war-mongering, meat-eating, illicit sex and intoxication. If any first generation member of ISKCON would have condoned the activities of the karmi naradahamas, he was quickly shunned and even shown the door. In those days during the manifest lila of Srila Prabhupada there was a line in the sand, and the big question asked within the walls of the ashram was “Which side are you on?”

What the founding of ISKCON boiled down to for Srila Prabhupada was a war on mayavada. That is why we pray to him each time our heads hit the floor as “the disciple of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati, who has delivered the West from impersonalism.” For the Machine that runs the world today, it is impersonalism that makes it possible to turn a teenage church-goer into a killing machine. It is impersonalism that sanctifies illicit sex by calling it a casual one night stand. It is impersonalism that consecrates the flesh of innocent slaughtered beasts at fast food restaurants. Any politically correct American, for example, will tell you that animals have no personality. Neither do women have identities when it is 2:00 am and the bars are closing, and the time is nigh for exploitation. And neither does the Iraqi mother who is breast feeding her baby matter a bit when the time draws nigh to drop bombs on her village. It is impersonalism that is destroying the world, and along the way it is taking ISKCON down with it.

But in the ISKCON of today, with the political correctness of compromise and the saccharine smiles of impersonalism now sleeping on the floor with the other Prabhus, the truth is fleeing quicker than a blooped change-up artist at a ball game when the squad car pulls up. In ISKCON, it is no longer correct to exercise and express discrimination that compromises the company line. Compromise is the way of survival if you wish to remain under the good graces of your local “authorities.” The unwritten message is “Drink deeply of this intoxicating soma rasa of mayavada, Prabhus, if you wish to hang around for another day.”

Mayavada takes many forms. In the 80’s Mayavadis posing as successors to the throne of the World Acarya “became one” and declared themselves directly empowered. Although mayavada defines oneness as a universal benefit since oneness should include everybody, their new world order of mayavada was an exclusive good old boys form of impersonalism that thankfully excluded all others from their voidistic country club. ISKCON, a personalist organization created by the leading personality in Vaishnava dharma, became impersonal and as a result, all those personal devotees who were attracted by Srila Prabhupada were impersonally issued walking papers. And that is how impersonalism wrecks a Vaishnava society. Those Mayavadis dressed as gurus did not believe that the Supreme PERSONALITY of Godhead would intervene in their Mayavadi follies. But He did – and soon each one of them was lain strewn in the dust of his own concept of self-worship.

Today, a kinder, gentler form of mayavada has raised its ugly head in the form of Interfaith compromise. Look at Radhanath Swami “having a heart to heart chat” with President Obama. ISKCON Media touts the meeting as though the President called him over for spiritual counseling, when the world knows that it was a meeting arranged in which a large donation was given for Obama’s campaign chest and the tete a tete was a reward to a Swami who needed the photo op for his portfolio.

Take for example the forms of mayavada that have overtaken ISKCON in the UK under the GBC there, Praghosh das. His website www.dandavats.com is habitually linked to another called the Vaishnava Voice. Apparently, this Vaishnava voice has laryngitis, because there is hardly a word about Vaishnavism on the site. For example, today’s lead article features a picture of a Hindu girl covered with mud. It seems that the owner of the site, Kripamoya das, went on a “spiritual retreat” in Wales to crawl through the mud, draw pictures with crayons and engage in courage-building by climbing a telegraph pole. What does that have to do with Krishna consciousness? The site’s discussion of Bhagavad Gita has more glorification of

Mahatma Gandhi than it has for the Founder-Acarya, who has been demoted to “Vaishnava teacher AC Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.” Naturally the site has more about the owner of the site than anyone else, because — as we learn from the site — “he is available for lecturing on (you guessed it) Hinduism and for conducting traditional Hindu weddings.” Such compromises in the name of ISKCON’s new ethic are acceptable today, and by opposing them you can be summarily blacklisted.

Mayavada in ISKCON is everywhere you turn your head, if you care to. Take for example ISKCON News, the frontrunner of mayavadic political correctness in ISKCON. From that site, ignoramuses like us can learn about something we never knew existed, and by that I mean the “highest rank in Hinduism.” Yes, you heard that correctly, Prabhus. It is unbelievable, but ISKCON now promotes its most obedient sheep to imaginary posts that would make a squadron leader salivate with envy. Apparently Hinduism, though it has never been defined, has now become so organized that some members of ISKCON are being elevated to Spiritual Field Marshal or Devotional Five Star General in this non-existent army of hodge-podge. Though incredible but true, you can read it for yourself.

Had anyone in the early days ever written that a devotee in ISKCON, by being initiated into the sacred vow of sannyasa, had achieved “the highest rank in Hinduism”, Srila Prabhupada would have bazooka'd him so hard he'd spend the rest of his life praying for mercy. But Kali has moved into ISKCON today and, in his kinder and gentler way, he is becoming quite comfortable dictating his new ideologies, even if they oppose every word of every Bhaktivedanta Purport every published.

So relax and sit back, and watch the movie “Krishna the Playful God.” It must be bona fide, it was directed by the Editor in Chief of ISKCON News. And, if you'd ever like to taste temple prasadam again, be a good Prabhu and keep your fault-finding mouth shut. You'd better watch what you think here in the New Ethics world of ISKCON. And the kinder, gentler beat goes on...

Stop, now, what's that sound,

Everybody look what's going down.

Stop, Prabhus, what's that sound,

Everybody look what's going down.