

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

Dr. Elliot Cohen, Logic-Based-Therapy and Consultation Institute, USA

AND

Gauranga Das, Dr. Sumanta Rudra, Bhaktivedanta Research Center (BRC)

AND

Dr. Himani Chaukar, Head, Department of Philosophy, Ramnarain Ruia College

on

**Logic-Based-Therapy and Bhagavata Purana
(Constructing Philosophical antidotes from the Bahgavata Purana)**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made between Dr. Elliot Cohen, President, Logic-Based-Therapy & Consultation Institute, a leading institute (hereafter called US Institute) providing training in the field of philosophical practice located in Boca Raton, Florida USA, and Bhaktivedanta Research Center (BRC) located in Govardhan Eco Village, Palghar, a research Center working in the field of academic study of Philosophy and religion affiliated to Mumbai University having Masters and PhD programs and Dr. Himani Chaukar, Head, Dept of Philosophy, Ramnarain Ruia Autonomous College located in Matunga, Mumbai.

Purpose

The purpose of this MOU is to state the intentions of the parties in undertaking a collaborative research project in constructing philosophical antidotes from the Bhagavata Purana using the Logic-Based-Therapy framework. The Parties have common research interests and will cooperate in performing the activities stated below.

Specific details about the project –

The project will be carried out in two phases. The objective of phase one is to come up with a research article based on the study for *International Journal of Philosophical Practice* or any other suitable international journal.

The final objective of the second phase will be to develop a self-help book with a reputable publisher.

Timeline for implementation of phase 1 –

1. Signing of the MOU – 2nd week of February 2021
2. Purchase of books by BRC – End of February 2021
3. BRC research team completing the background study – 2nd week of April
4. Sessions by Dr. Himani for the BRC team – (5/6 sessions) – End of April
5. Brainstorming session with Dr. Cohen and the team – 2nd week of May 2021 (2-3 sessions)
6. Writing of the journal article – 3rd week of August 2021
7. Publication of the article –

Broad Timeline for implementation of Phase 2 –

1. Brainstorming about the book concept – 1st week of September
2. Project plan for the book – 1st week of October
3. Synopses of the book – 1st week of November
4. Completion of the book – October 2022
5. Handover of the manuscript to the publisher – November 2022

Responsibilities of the parties under this MoU

1. Dr. Elliot Cohen will be the chief editor and advisor for this project and will ensure the international academic standard as per the guidelines of US Institute.
2. The US Institute and BRC will post updates about the research project on their respective websites.
3. Dr. Himani Chaukar will be the principal investigator for the project and guide the BRC team and provide necessary training to the team regarding the LBT framework in cooperation with the US Institute. She will be the point of contact for the US Institute and BRC.
4. BRC will appoint a team of scholars who will provide all the necessary information from the Bhagavata Purana and Gaudiya Vaishnava tradition.
5. Gaura Naam Das will be the senior supervisor for the project from BRC.
6. BRC will expand the team more as the scope of the project increases after due approval of the candidature from Dr. Himani and Dr. Cohen.
7. BRC will buy the necessary books as recommended by Dr. Himani.

Intellectual property rights

1. All parties to this MOU who contribute copyrightable material including revisions and editing, shall be considered joint authors with equal undivided ownership in the copywrite of the said book and article.
2. To the extent BRC seeks to promote, publish and/or utilize any ideas, data, facts, information, and/or knowledge derived from the US Institute, which are not otherwise

subject to intellectual property protections, BRC shall properly acknowledge and cite to the US Institute as the source of such Information.

General Terms

1. This MOU is effective from the date when all parties have signed it ("Effective Date").
2. Either Party may terminate the MOU by providing at 60 days' advance written notice to the other Party.
3. The MOU may be amended or extended by mutual consent in writing signed by authorized representatives of the Parties.
4. Each party is liable for its own acts and omissions under this MOU, which, for the prevention of doubt, does not include any liability based on the acts or omissions of a third party.
5. Confidential information shall be exchanged only under the terms of a separate agreement, whether a non-disclosure agreement, sponsored research agreement, material transfer agreement, or data use agreement. No confidential information shall be disclosed pursuant to this MOU.

Signed for and on behalf of



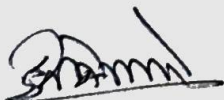
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