

## Tax Fraud & False Claims

The BKWSU is a well organised, well run fiefdom. The acceptance of what is effectively a monarchy by the general membership and the closed door policy of the ruling inner circle has resulted in a complete lack of transparency. This in turn has given sufficient opportunity for BKWSU management to employ whatever means it deems necessary to advance its financial agenda. Given the propensity for deception as discussed in previous pages, deception in financial dealings would not then come as a surprise. The principle consideration here is the deception for financial gain of the British Charities Commission by the BKWSU.

Included on this page are the Financial Reports submitted to the British Charities Commission as required by law. They reveal both the significant amount of money the Brahma Kumaris are dealing with in the UK and the highly questionable nature of their claim to be a charity.

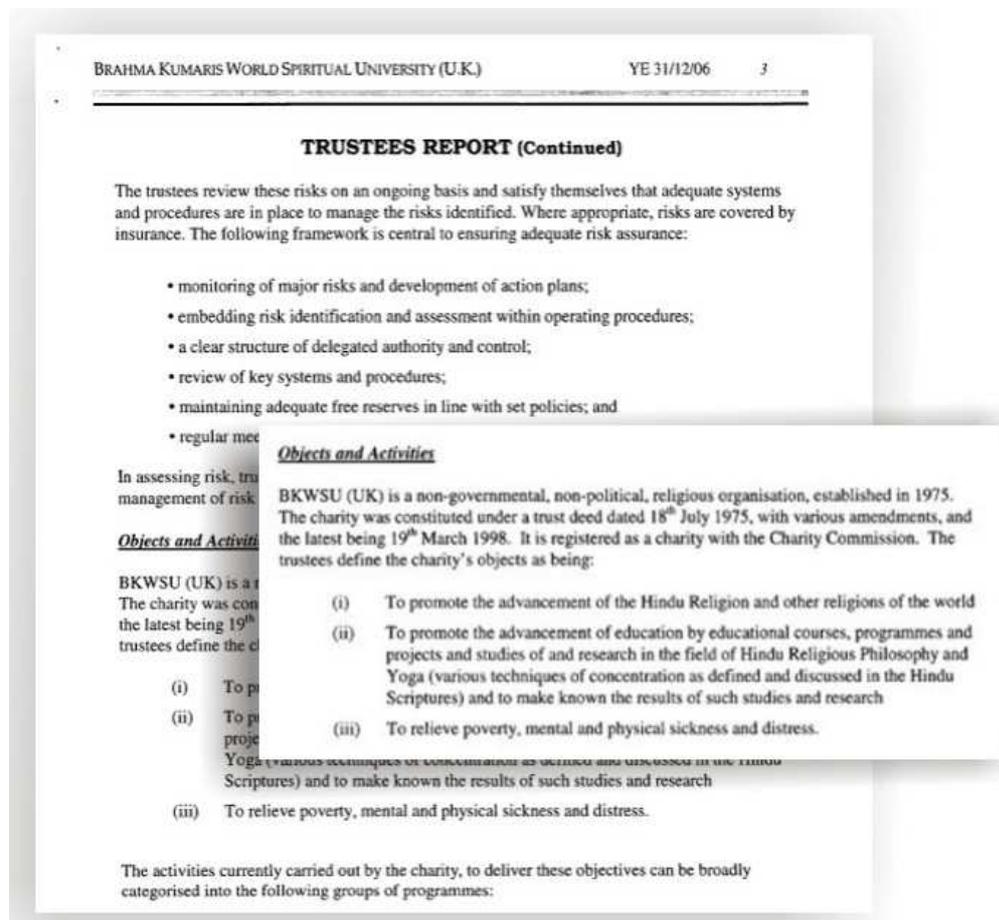
The deception begins with the withholding of financial information from the general membership. No member will have any information about what happens to donations they give, or any idea of the financial status of their BK centre. Once the funds have been transferred to higher levels there is no idea what goes on – there is no transparency at all. As the BKWSU deal mostly in cash there is no way of saying how much of their true income is actually declared.

Whilst the bulk of donations to the organisation is cash, donations come in a variety of forms. Members are indoctrinated into giving everything they possibly can in any way they can. This may include gold and jewellery (the BKWSU has a high number of Indian members who will give in this way), property, cars and inheritances. The BKWSU hold funds in networks of private bank accounts and trusts. It has been reported that they have also moved undeclared cash and jewellery internationally, and hold property in individual names.

**In the United Kingdom alone The Brahma Kumaris have successfully avoided paying tax on over £18,000,000 (including £3,000,000 cash in the bank). Evidence provided below demonstrates that they have misled the Charities Commission in order to claim charitable status. As a registered charity they are not required to pay tax and also gain an entitlement to tax refunds.**

In order to get charitable status in the UK an organisation has to comply with the requirements of the Statute of Elizabeth. This statute requires that a charity fulfils certain basic criteria. The Brahma Kumaris fulfill none of these however they have falsely stated that they do.

This is page 3 from their 2006 Financial Report to the British Charities Commission:



## False Claim

Firstly they claim that they "PROMOTE THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE HINDU RELIGION AND OTHER RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD." An examination of [BK beliefs](#) reveals that their teachings state that they are not Hindus, that they teach a conflicting philosophy to Hinduism (notably in their interpretation of God, soul and reincarnation) and that they preach that all religions are impure and theirs is the only true religion.

The Brahma Kumaris often exploit the title "Raja Yoga" or "the Ancient Raja Yoga" appearing to make reference to Hinduism. But they preach that God Shiva teaches them directly and exclusively a form of meditation that is unique to them and which they have chosen to call Raja Yoga because it is the Supreme Yoga, or Highest Yoga.

Their participation in Hindu festivals etc is only as a front in order to fish for new members. They have no involvement with traditional religion. In reality the only religion they promote is their own.

Senior BKWSU management know that this claim is false.

Secondly they claim "TO PROMOTE STUDIES OF AND RESEARCH IN THE FIELD OF HINDU RELIGIOUS PHILOSOPHY, YOGA (VARIOUS TECHNIQUES OF CONCENTRATION AS DEFINED AND DISCUSSED IN HINDU SCRIPTURES) AND TO MAKE KNOWN THE RESULTS OF SUCH STUDIES AND RESEARCH. This claim is very far from any activity of the BKWSU past or present. No general member of the Brahma Kumaris will be aware that this is a declared intention of the organisation or will have participated in such an activity. No research or study has ever been done and so naturally no results have been made known. They do not have the personnel or infrastructure to do so. A review of their balance sheets will confirm this.

This claim is also false.

Thirdly they claim "TO RELIEVE POVERTY, MENTAL AND PHYSICAL SICKNESS AND DISTRESS." For the BKWSU to make this claim is cynical and deplorable. They have no agenda for this at all.

Members are strongly discouraged from helping others in any material way at all, and it is strictly against the organizations policy to utilise resources in that way. The Brahma Kumaris preach that material poverty and suffering is the result of bad karma and to help such a person materially is only to support that bad karma or weaknesses. They believe that the only way you can help them, ultimately, is by making them a member.

Importantly the Brahma Kumaris do not consult, employ or engage mental health practitioners or health professionals. How is it they intend to relieve mental or physical sickness when they have zero capacity to do so? It is also clear from the following financial reports that there is zero expenditure in this regard. There is simply no intention to fulfill this stated aim.

Given that this site is dedicated to the trauma and suffering of BKWSU membership past and present and to those who have committed suicide as a result, the only valid claim is that they cause mental illness and distress. Their claim to relieve mental and physical sickness and distress is an appalling abuse of the right to claim charitable status.

The Financial Reports:

Public disclosure of the Financial Reports of charities has enabled us to draw to public attention the contradictions revealed by those reports against claims made by the BKWSU management. We have the reports for 2005 and 2006, which are the latest submitted.

Below is page one of a legally required report submitted by the BKWSU Trustees to the Charities Commission:

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As we have already highlighted, none of what they claim above is true. A survey of the general membership would establish this beyond doubt.

Below is page two of the report:

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There are two parts to this statement – to identify suitable properties and to further 'primary objectives'. As previously discussed, the primary objectives are false claims to promote religion and relieve poverty etc. To 'identify suitable properties' is BK talk for accumulating properties. This they have been very good at. In later reports you will see that they have accumulated well over £10 million pounds in free hold property – all with untaxed money.

And page three reveals how relaxed the Charities Commission is:

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The answer the Brahma Kumaris give to the question of success is vague and unsupported by any data – it is the response of amateurs not of an organisation that is responsible for millions of pounds of “charitable” funds and assets. This is just form filling with no intention for the answer to be taken seriously by anyone.

The fact is the BKWSU management have no mechanism to determine the success of its' strategy beyond the value of properties accumulated, the number of people who attended their courses, or the number of 'recruitment' programs they instigated and the number of attendees. In reality the success of any zone is determined by the number of problems they are, or are not, dealing with. Senior management have no idea about the “general happiness, lack of stress, esteem or positive outlook” of its students/members because no study or research is done, nor is there anyone professionally qualified to have an opinion on these matters.

And lastly, perhaps to highlight the obvious, how does “general happiness, lack of stress, high esteem and general positive outlook of the Brahma Kumaris own students”, as their own measure of success, relate to their stated aim of “promoting of religion, religious education and relief of poverty”? It just doesn't. They also certainly demonstrate zero consideration for anyone outside their own fold, which is also contrary to their stated aim.

The next page of the report they state that “the charity played a great role not only in financial assistance to the Tsunami victims but also that of spiritual help which involves meditation and positive thinking”. However, looking closer one can see an income of £1,586,000 and an expenditure of £1,041,000 leaving a profit of £545,000. Most of this profit they later state that they used to buy a new retreat centre. It makes a mockery of the £69,000 in financial assistance they gave and then claim as a “great role”. Even more questionable is the claim that they (in the U.K.), also claiming to be a Hindu organisation, taught the traumatised survivors of the Tsunami – who were mostly Indonesian Muslims – meditation and positive thinking! This may be considered cynical or dishonourable.

Question 4: The Charity's Objectives and Achievements		
What were your charity's main annual objectives and were they achieved?		
Objective	Achievement	
The charity's objectives of enhancing religion, religious education and relief of poverty.	The charity played a great role not only in financial assistance to the Tsunami victims but also that of spiritual help which involves meditation and positive thinking.	

Question 5: The Charity's Income and Expenditure			
a) What were your charity's sources of income in the year?			
Income source	Income source	% of Gross income	£ 000
1. Voluntary income	1. Voluntary income	72.5	1,150
2. Activities for generating funds	2. Activities for generating funds	4.2	66
3. Investment income	3. Investment income	11.9	188
4. Incoming resources from activities	4. Incoming resources from charitable activities	1.5	23
5. Other incoming resources	5. Other incoming resources	10	159
Total	Total	100	1,586

b) What were your charity's most significant activities in the year, and how much did it spend on them?	
Charitable Activities	Charitable Activities
Tsunami relief	Tsunami relief
Total expenditure on charitable activities	Total expenditure on charitable activities
Total expenditure	Total expenditure
Explanatory Comments	Explanatory Comments

c) What were your charity's three main fundraising activities in the year, and how much did each generate and cost?	
Fundraising activity	Fundraising activity
Tsunami	Tsunami
Total voluntary income and generating funds	Total voluntary income and activities for generating funds
Total cost of generating voluntary income and fundraising trading	Total cost of generating voluntary income and fundraising trading
Explanatory Comments	Explanatory Comments
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In question 5b the BKWSU states that its' most charitable act of the year was in giving £69,000 in Tsunami relief. This was out of the £1,586,000 available to them and with a £545,000 cash surplus for the year. You can also see in 5c that this £69,000 was actually raised from their membership as an extra and was in fact not part of their regular "charitable" activities. In reality, the most significant charitable act of the year was an anomaly. It would also be the only actual charitable financial donation the BKWSU has ever given.

The next page of the report reveals further how confused Brahma Kumaris management is about their purpose. On one hand they believe that God is teaching them directly and exclusively, that they are the only true children of God and that salvation for any person lies only in becoming a student / member of the BKWSU. On the other hand they teach self management and self leadership courses that are designed and licensed to them by a corporate consultant – Brian Bacon. How do these "enable a greater understanding of the self and supreme soul"? Again, the Brahma Kumaris have created a façade to hide who they really are, what they really believe, and what their true intentions and purpose are.

<b>Question 6: The charity's financial health</b>	
How would you describe your charity's financial health at the end of the period?	
The charity has sufficient reserves to further its objectives	
Further details can be obtained from:	

<b>Question 7: The next year</b>	
a) How will the overall performance last year affect your charity's medium- to long-term strategy?	
The charity is continuing its objectives by providing a variety of self management and self leadership courses to enable a greater understanding of the self, the Supreme Soul and to lead a 'better' lifestyle.	<b>Question 7: The next year</b>
b) What are your charity's objectives for the next year?	a) How will the overall performance last year affect your charity's medium- to long-term strategy?
• The charity intends to enhance the enhancement of religious lifestyle.	The charity is continuing its tapping into areas not covered in the U.K to promote its objectives by providing a variety of self management and self leadership courses to enable a greater understanding of the self, the Supreme Soul and to lead a 'better' lifestyle.
Further details can be obtained from:	

<b>Question 8: The charity's governance</b>	
How does your charity ensure that its governance arrangements are appropriate and effective?	
The charities activities are governed by its Trust Deed dated 18th July 1975. The charity's trustees ensure that it co-opts professional individuals and sets up management committees to run every department of its charity to ensure a professional and accurate running of the charity.	<b>Question 8: The charity's governance</b>
Further details can be obtained from:	How does your charity ensure that its governance arrangements are appropriate and effective?

And they finish with a Freudian slip – “the charity’s trustees ensure that it co-opts *professional* individuals and sets up management committees to run every department of its charity to ensure *aa professional* and accurate running of the charity.” (The italics are ours). They can neither spell nor write a grammatically correct sentence. We are reassured to see that they are employing professionals!

The 2006 report is also quite revealing of false claims and dodgy dealings, notably including BKIS – a publishing company owned by the BKWSU but which conflicts with charity tax laws. According to BK preachings the organisations entire income must be derived from within the “Divine Family” i.e.: those who have recognised that Shiva is God and that He is teaching through Brahma. However, in order to propagate their teachings, and turn a profit (also against their preachings), they have established a publishing capacity. However, due to governing charity laws, they cannot engage in business. So they sell books and DVDs which make a profit, but how to get the profit out and back into their own coffers? Simple, charge a “management fee”. This is walking a fine line, but as we have seen the BKWSU management are very good at this. This is evidenced in the following graphics:

The screenshot shows the BKIS website interface. On the left is a vertical navigation menu with categories like 'Order Status', 'Upcoming Products', 'Upcoming Events', 'Special Offers', 'Ecards', 'Latest Releases', 'Speed Shop', 'Calendars', 'Audio Cds', 'Audio Tapes', 'Badges', 'Books', 'Cards', 'DVD', 'Gifts', 'Magazines', 'Meditation Chair', 'Notebooks', 'Postcards', 'Posters', 'Stickers', 'Videos', 'Wall Charts', 'Inspirations', and 'Terms & Conditions'. A yellow circle with the number '1' is around the 'Books' link. The main content area features the BKIS logo, a search bar, and a 'welcome to bkpublications.com' message. A yellow circle with the number '3' is around a '3' icon in the main content area. On the right is an 'Upcoming Events' sidebar listing events like 'Raja Yoga Meditation - Evening Courses on 01 Sep 2008'. A yellow circle with the number '2' is around the '1 | 2 | 3' pagination links at the bottom of the sidebar.

In (1) you can see the list of products for sale. In (2) is demonstrated the clear link between the BKWSU and BKIS. And in (3) it becomes clear that the beloved leader, Dadi Janki, is both a common denominator and willing participant in this deception. The “management fee” is highlighted here:

<b>9. General Fund</b>	<b>Restricted Funds 2006 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2006 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2006 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2005 £</b>
Balances brought forward at start of the year	-	15,130,084	15,130,084	14,589,104
Net incoming resources for the year	39,871	366,104	405,975	540,980
Balances carried forward at end of the year	<u>39,871</u>	<u>15,496,188</u>	<u>15,536,059</u>	<u>15,130,084</u>

The restricted fund relates to funds carried forward for disaster relief.

#### **10. Staff and Executive Committee’s Remuneration**

No salaries or fees are paid to staff and Management Committee for their voluntary services to the charity.

The average number of full-time volunteers during the year was 95 (2005 – 70).

#### **11. Related Party Transactions**

The Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University (BKWSU) is associated to the Brahma Kumaris Information Services Limited (BKIS) by virtue of two of its trustees being directors of the company. However BKIS is run autonomously, with all decisions taken by company officials, predominantly the Managing Director.

BKWSU levies management charges to BKIS. The charge was £22,100 (2005: £22,100) and the balance was fully paid at the year end. The charge is independently and professionally assessed and set at an arms length.

The BKWSU management is deceiving its’ own members by practising hypocrisy. They are also lying to both the Charities Commission and the Tax Commissioner – there is absolutely nothing independent or professional about this. They are extracting the profits from BKIS before the Tax Commissioner gets his bit with a phoney management fee. And the BKWSU gets its’ profit without declaring it as such to the Charity Commission.

How do the BKWSU get away with all this? It is a case of chronic nepotism and manipulating contacts – notably the use of its’ own membership as Financial Auditor – a significant conflict of interest.

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## TRUSTEES REPORT (Continued)

### Structure, Governance and Management

#### **Trustees and organizational structure**

The trustees who held office during the financial year and at the date of this report are set out on page 1.

The trust deed allows for up to 11 trustees to be appointed. Trustees serve until they resign. New trustees are nominated by members of the board of trustees, taking into account the necessary skills they contribute to the charity's management and development. When new trustees are appointed they are given an introduction to the work of the trust and provided with the information they need to fulfil their roles, which includes information about the role of trustees and charity law. The trust board has the right mix of both experienced and dynamic trustees.

Each trustee takes responsibility for monitoring the trust's activities, consisting of 14 specific operational units. These units meet regularly, but as a minimum once every 6 months. Each operational unit takes responsibility to adhere to the policies and budgets, as set out by the trustee's board, and report back all relevant decisions and variances. Each unit consists of at least two trustees from the board, and includes key management members in order to ensure sound governance.

The charity's chief executive is responsible for the day to day operation of the charity and manages the staff of the charity on behalf of the trustees. She is assisted in doing so by various members of the management committee, including some of the trustees and charity secretary.

Firstly we see that trustees serve until they resign and that new members are appointed by the existing board – guaranteed to keep things in house and away from prying, untrustworthy eyes.

As for the "chief executive" – in reality there is no such thing. The Brahma Kumaris are effectively ruled by a monarch, that being Dadi Janki. She holds absolute control and has, in reality, the power to appoint or terminate trustees. The assistance given by trustees is really the help provided by sycophants at her grace. As she has total control over the organisation the available cash becomes, in effect, her discretionary income. According to the 2006 Financial Statement this sits at over £3,000,000.

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2006

	Note	2006 £	2005 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible assets	6	<u>13,552,470</u>	<u>13,061,455</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	7	71,427	80,616
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>3,082,146</u>	<u>3,179,411</u>
		<u>3,153,573</u>	<u>3,260,027</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	8	<u>8,598</u>	<u>30,016</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>3,144,975</u>	<u>3,230,011</u>
<b>Total Assets Less Current Liabilities</b>		<u>16,697,444</u>	<u>16,291,466</u>
<b>Represented by:</b>			
<b>Accumulated Funds</b>	9	<u>16,697,444</u>	<u>16,291,466</u>

An email was sent to the auditor of the BKWSU financial reports Jay and Co requesting information about the relationship between the auditor and the Brahma Kumaris. The following reply was received:

*"I have been a BK was some 15 years and folow maryadas as much as possible as being in the family who cooperate but are not BKs one has to balance and cannot be complete".*

The author is Jayanti (not Jayanti the senior BK manager) who, in his grammatically challenged statement, has stated that he has been closely associated with the BKWSU for 15 years. His reference to "being complete" reflects his guilt in not following all the mariadas. It is also a reflection of his indoctrination into the BK teachings. This makes him available to manipulation by BKWSU management. This type of manipulation and use and abuse of "cooperative souls" is typical of the Brahma Kumaris throughout the world.

The Charity Commissions report can be viewed at:

[www.charitiesdirect.com/CharityDetail.asp?orgid=5965](http://www.charitiesdirect.com/CharityDetail.asp?orgid=5965)

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