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# BHAKTIVEDANTA FELLOWSHIP INC.

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The name of this corporation is Bhaktivedanta Fellowship Inc.

II

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be: 4912 Van Buren Street Hollywood, FL. 33021.

III

This corporation shall exist perpetually.

IV

The purpose of the corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporation may be organized under the Florida Corporation Not For Profit Statutes.

The corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for religious, charitable, literary, scientific and educational purposes, within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, and regulations promulgated thereunder and particularly for the following purposes:

- a) Systematically propagating spiritual knowledge to society at large and educating all peoples in the techniques of spiritual life in order to check the unbalance of values in life and to achieve real unity and peace in the world;
- b) Propagating a consciousness of Krishna as it is reveled in the authorized Vedic literature as translated by His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada;
- c) Bringing the adherents of Krishna consciousness together with each other and nearer to Krishna, the prime entity and thus developing the idea, within the membership and humanity at large that each soul is part and parcel of the quality of Godhead (Krishna);

- d) Teaching and encouraging the practice of Sankirtana, congregational chanting of the holy name of God, as revealed in the teaching of Lord Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu;
- e) Teaching and encouraging the practice of Deity Worship, as revealed in the teaching of His Divine Grace  $\lambda$ . C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada;
- f) With a view toward achieving the aforementioned purposes, publishing and distributing periodicals, magazines, books, and other writings;
- g) Giving protection to cows and bulls, even in their old age, recognizing the cow as a mother who gives milk to the human society and the bull as a father whose labor in the fields produce the grains;
- h) Preparing and distributing prasadam, which is sanctified foodstuffs;
- i) Provide educational facilities and literature to promote practical knowledge on how to preserve the environment;
- j) Conduct field work (Third World Projects) for the preservation of our environment;
- k) Provide funding for, and generally promote, causes which are life-enhancing, spiritually uplifting, and which help to improve people's awareness of how to maintain and preserve the environment;
- 1) Give assistance to and in general promote environmental, charitable, educational, cultural, religious, health-promoting, and artistic endeavors and messages for the public benefit which promote preservation of the environment;
- m) Exercising all the powers set forth under Florida Not For Profit Statutes; and
- n) Receiving, administering and distributing funds and doing all other things necessary and proper in furtherance of the above stated purposes.

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The only members of this corporation shall be the Board of Directors and only members of the Board of Directors have the authority to vote on matters of this corporation. The

qualifications of members and the manners of their election will be stated within the Bylaws.

VI

The name and address in the State of Florida of this Corporation's incorporator is: Greg Scharf 4912 Van Buren Street Hollywood, Florida 33021.

# VII

The name and address in the State of Florida of this Corporation's registered agent is: Heyward A. Bradman Esq. 757 N.W. 27th Avenue Third Floor Miami, Florida 33125.

#### VIII

The number of persons consisting the first Board of Directors shall be four (4) and their names and addresses are as follows:

NAME	<u>ADDRESS</u>					•	
Bruce Scharf	4912	Van	Buren	Street	Hollywood,	FL.	33021
Greg Scharf	4912	Van	Buren	Street	Hollywood,	FL.	33021
Arial Grudo	4912	Van	Buren	Street	Hollywood,	FL.	33021
Rachel Pierre	4912	Van	Buren	Street	Hollywood,	FL.	33021

### IX

(a) No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its trustees, officers or others private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article IV hereof.

- (b) No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- (d) Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, literary, scientific, or religious purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding division of any future United States law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the

county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

I, the undersigned, hereinbefore named, for the purpose of forming this Corporation pursuant to, Florida Statutes, do make these Articles of Incorporation, hereby declaring and certifying that the facts herein stated are true, and accordingly have hereunto set my hands this 12th day of November, 1996.

Scharf, Incomporator

STATE OF Florida

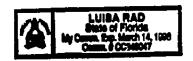
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Before Me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared, Greg Scharf first by me being duly sworn disposes and says: That he is the person whose signature is affixed above, that he has read and executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and has personal knowledge of the facts and matters set forth as alleged in it and that each of these facts and matters are true and correct.

Dated this 12th day of November 1996

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF FLORIDA AT LARGE

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# CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

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TALLENABLE TEMPLE

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 617.0501, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE UNDERSIGNED CORPORATION, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN DESIGNATING THE REGISTERED OFFICE/REGISTERED AGENT, IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

1. The name of the corporation is:	
Bhaktivedanta Fellowship Inc. (must include suffix)	
2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:	
Heyward A. Bradman Esq. (Name)	
757 N.W. 27th Avenue Third Floor (P.O. Box or Mail Drop Box NOT ACCEPTABLE)	•
Miami FL. 33125	

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

Heyward Bradman 11/12/96
(SIGNATURE) (DATE)