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**TO:**  
**Mayor of Moscow**  
**Y.M.Luzhkov**

**Dear Mr.Luzhkov,**

Situation with the construction of Krishna “temple” in Moscow does not fail to keep us thoroughly surprised for the last two year. One might fear that this satanic obscenity is destined to be built right in the heart of the Orthodox Christian country of Russia – and yet, all of a sudden, not only due to the mass outcry of the people, but – miraculously! – even due to imperfections in the Russian secular law the construction of this citadel of idolatry has become impossible.

Sectarians and various ca-called ‘human rights activists’, whose activity for some reason is always anti-Russian and anti-Orthodox are exerting unprecedented pressure on you as they did last year, and so does the USA – the pillar of “democracy” and the foremost international lobby of various cults. Under the circumstances, you may well be tempted to yield to the pressure and to fulfill the demand of Krishna followers to build their idolatrous temple for Krishna.

But we are requesting you to ponder deeply on who this “god” Krishna really is, who is worshipped by all these almost “angelic”, “benevolent” people who do not smoke, do not drink, do not eat meat, who “care” so nicely for the homeless by feeding them with idolatrous food and who may seem to work so laboriously and so voluntarily for the benefit of Moscow?

Krishna (“black” in Sanskrit) has many faces, and all of them are abominable. Here is just one of them:

*“I see in Your body many, many arms, bellies, mouths and eyes, expanded everywhere, without limit... I see You with blazing fire coming forth from Your mouth, burning this entire universe by Your own radiance... All the planets with their demigods are disturbed at seeing Your great form, with its many faces, eyes, arms, thighs, legs, and bellies and Your many terrible teeth; and as they are disturbed, so am I... our chief soldiers are rushing into Your fearful mouths. And some I see trapped with heads smashed between Your teeth.”*

And on top of it, this “nice god” reclines on a bed of snakes.

This disgusting appearance is fully concordant with his own self-description:

*“I am Yama, the lord of death... I am all-devouring death, ...the great destroyer of the worlds, and I have come here to destroy all people.”*

However, even human-like appearance of Krishna reveals an equally repugnant scene – a livid, plumpish, effeminate and lascivious youth.

For Christians, Jews and Muslims, for whom it is commanded: *“I [am] the LORD thy God... Thou shalt have none other gods before me”* (De. 5:6-7) and *“For all the gods of the nations [are] idols: but the LORD made the heavens.”* (Ps. 96:5) the satanic identity of Krishna is obvious from his own words: *“Those who are devotees of other gods and who worship them with faith actually worship only Me”*.

**Respected Mr.Luzhkov – can you really allow the idolatrous disgrace to be erected for the glory of this wicked and malicious “god” Krishna?**

The construction of this Krishna “temple” is a blatant offense of our religious feelings, and an insult to the millennial religious culture of Russia, where the overwhelming majority of people, Orthodox Christians and Muslims, consider Krishna an evil demon, the personified power of hell opposing God. It is shown that even for Buddhists Krishna is a negative figure, the head of black demons. Sikhs and Jains also consider him the most formidable demon.

Of course, modern Russia is a secular state, based on secular laws. But can these laws screen our peoples from the judgment of God? Can the Russian Constitution abolish our common responsibility for our acts before God?

The Holy Scripture attests that there have been quite a few periods of “religious pluralism” and the equality of “rights” of the followers of various “religious denominations”. We have already mentioned to you in our first letter what had happened to the united Jewish state after Solomon allowed for the construction of various pagan temples in the city Jerusalem:

*“...and the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice, and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the LORD commanded. Wherefore the LORD said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant”* (1Ki.11:11).

Let us cite two more instructive passages from a whole many of kind, as described in the Old Testament:

*“Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty and two years... and he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria. And Ahab made a grove; and Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him”* (1Ki.16:29-33).

*“Manasseh ... reigned in Jerusalem,...he reared up altars for Baalim, and made groves, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them. ... And he set a carved image... in the house of God”* (2Chr.33:1-7)

But their worship was not a triumph of religious democracy, but the **“EVIL IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD”** (1Ki.16:30) and **“ABOMONATIONS”** (2Chr.33:2), for which not only the

idolater kings, but all of their citizens paid a heavy price. In the first case, they suffered from a most severe drought which lasted for 3.5 years, and then Ahab was killed in a war with Syrians. In the second instance, *“Wherefore the LORD brought upon them the captains of the host of the king of Assyria, which took Manasseh among the thorns, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon.”* (2Chr. 33:11).

How much has Russia already suffered due to our sins in the former century? But have we got less crime and unlawfulness?! No, unfortunately. People has become as if blind and deprived of all intelligence, they engross in sins, they separate themselves from God’s commands by their own earthly laws, they utterly disregard history of the past and commit the same blunders over and over again. The bitter words of Isaiah the Prophet, which he spoke over 2.500 years ago, now seem to be spoken just for our sake: *“Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD... Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more”* (Isa. 1:4-5).

Some are telling us that Russia is on the way to prosperity, but the country is actually dying away in childlessness, in wanton promiscuity, in alcohol and drug addiction, millions of babies are killed by abortions, selected individuals become affluent while millions of Russians border on poverty, terrorist attacks strike relentlessly, separatists, who want to tear Russia apart, do not slacken, and sectarians are multiplying, who consider Brooklyn, Salt Lake City and Indian ashrams their homeland. They hate their own culture and history and think service to their state and its defense are a grave sin.

So do we really have to add more to the load of our unlawfulness by building idolatrous temples for demons on the land where they are still hated, in the Russian land where the clouds of faithlessness and libertinism have not yet covered the light of Christian faith?

**Therefore, we once again request you on behalf of all Orthodox Christians of Bashkir Autonomous Republic to not allow the construction of the satanic Krishna temple in Moscow.**

Respectfully yours,

**Nikon,  
Archbishop Nikon of Ufa and Sterlitamak  
Derector of the Ufa Eparchy of the Russian Orthodox Church**