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We received the following letter in response to the article *Divine Pimpin': How Cult Leaders Use Sex to Control Their Sects* (August, 2007), which examined sex-abuse allegations against ten reputed cult leaders. We are reprinting the letter without correcting any of the dozens of mistakes included in the original.

This is a weird email coming from me. I am punk fucking rocker hardcore skinhead journalist, actor and all around artist. I write for various hardcore punk web zines and use to write for *Disheveled*.

I am really fucking pissed off at u guys right now. I am so fucking livid. I just read the august issue of *EU*. It was all good except for one fucking article that sent my blood pressure rising.

I like cult murders as much as the next punk. All but one of those cult leaders you wrote about are proven to be what u said they were. I agreed with everything u wrote except for the fucking bullshit u wrote on sathya sai baba.

What you have written, if you bothered to do any research on it at all, is a bunch of lies created by a bunch of sick fuckers to discredit a man who does not take one penny from his devotees and has dedicated his life to his people and social causes. Just ask the owner of the Hard Rock Cafe enterprise. That dude is pretty fucking brutal and he is a sai baba devotee. He actually funded the building of a free hospital in India where all medical services for everyone are free. How do I know all of this? For one I have been to India (and used the services of that hospital when I got sick there) and stayed in the ashram. I have been an avid reader and fan of Sai since 1994. I am no fucking idiot. I have studied, researched and traveled to many places before I even knew who sai baba was. I am a fighter for the truth and I was molested as a little kid twice so believe me I fucking hate sexual misconduct.

Why is it that Sai has never been charged with a crime? It is a matter of public record in India that none of these so called victims ever came forward and pressed charges. Odds are that at least one of them if not more would have done so.

Those interviews that he grants are very fucking hard to get. It is obvious that these people who are claiming to have been molested by sai during these interviews are obviously fucking jealous cuz they probably had no chance of ever getting an interview with him. Trust me I know how the shit works and it is just like getting a back stage pass for your favorite band. It is coveted.

What you printed was hearsay and unsubstantiated and as a matter of fact everything else u printed about all the other cult figures is true and has been proven either by the actions of the cult leader or by a court of fucking law. But none of what u printed about sai fucking baba was ever proven by anyone at all. Not one document or complaint filed. You really should do your research instead of printing the first shit u read written by a bunch of crackpots online. John, do you really believe everything u read on the internet? If you do you truly are as dumb as you fucking look.

Could I fucking sue you for liable and slander? Boy I wish I fucking could. I agree that all of those other leaders you wrote about were fucked up crack pots.

Basically even Jesus, as we all know, was hated and feared by many people. Sai teaches the same things as Jesus, and I mean J's real teachings not the bullshit the Christians spout.

Do some research next time so don't you look like a fucking fool yourself cuz if you knew anything about Sai and the people making the accusations, you would be pretty damn embarrassed by how fucking stupid u really are cuz he really is on our fucking side.

Fuck off,
kimpunkrock

The article's author, Jim Goad, responds:

Let me get this clear: You're a foul-mouthed, ill-tempered, uneducated skinhead *Hindu*, Kim? Does the phrase "piece of work" mean anything to you, Snookums?

You'll need to explain exactly what sort of "journalist" misspells every other word, mangles all the facts before injecting them with scattered blasts of venomous personal emotion, and doesn't even know how to spell "libel." Are you kids THAT retarded these days?

I didn't accuse your pug-ugly Afro-sporting Holy Dwarf of anything. I merely reported that dozens...and dozens...and dozens of people have INDEPENDENTLY accused

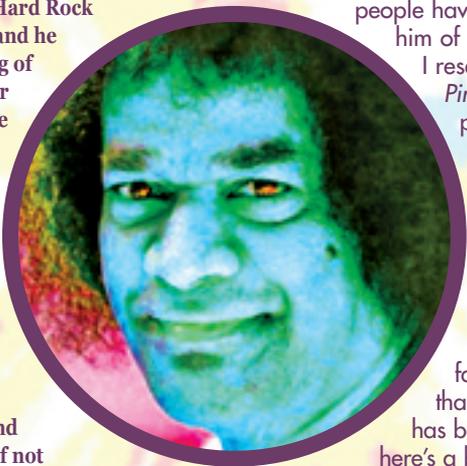
him of sexual molestation for DECADES now.

I researched *hundreds* of sources for the *Divine Pimpin'* article, and of all the cult leaders I probed, NO ONE had as hefty a pile of accusations lodged against him as Sai Baba. I'm talking about reams of paper stacked up to heaven. And more convincingly, all of the accusations involved similarly oily "massage" techniques employed on underaged males. It was the same sordid story every time.

You ask why he's never been charged with a crime. It might have something to do with the fact that his wealth, despite your misguided claim that he's never taken a penny from his followers, has been estimated at ten billion dollars or more. But here's a better question: With all that money and all those accusations of molestation, why has he never SUED any of his accusers? And if his stubby little hands are so clean, why did officials at the US State Department confirm that their travel warning regarding "inappropriate sexual behaviour by a prominent local religious leader [in India]" referred to your bouncing baby boy Sai Baba?

I certainly don't believe everything I read on the Internet. But neither do I swallow the divine claims and kooky magic tricks of Sai Baba. And when these accusations have persisted for forty years over several countries from scores of ex-believers whose stories are all strikingly similar, I tend to chalk it up to more than jealousy.

You equate a personal audience with a revered religious leader to "getting a backstage pass for your favorite band." You are a confused and infantile breech-birth hybrid of a carbon-copy culture, Kim. Whatever your "side" of the discussion is, I don't want to be on it. I want to stand firmly on the *other* side. The *smart* side. The *right* side. You can stay on the side of billionaire accused pedophiles. But stay away from the fun people like me. I'm truly sorry someone molested you. But for God's sake, quit *acting* like it.



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