

About Govindjee's name

- **Govindjee** uses one name only; Govindjee is his legal name; it is the name that is on his US Naturalization Certificate and on his US Passport.
- In view of the fact that computer forms require at least 2 names, many US government and other official authorities, use “FNU Govindjee” as his name, where FNU stands for “**F**irst **N**ame **U**nknown”
- Govindjee was originally his given name, but is used in all official documents in USA as his last name. However, in India, and in all private circles, it is used as his given name.
- In other settings, he is listed as “Mister Govindjee”, or “Professor Govindjee”. At one time, he traveled as “Illini Govindjee” to show his loyalty to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- In some circles, his name has been spelled as “Govind Jee”; or “Govindji” or “Govind Ji”, but he prefers that only “Govindjee” be used.
- Govindjee was born in an “Asthana” family; thus, his name was “Govindjee Asthana”. However, since the last name denotes a specific caste, and his father was an Arya Samajist, who did not believe in the caste system, “Asthana” was never used.
- In an interview with Professor Don Ort for Annual Reviews, Inc (Annual Reviews of Plant Biology) , there is a mention of this issue. Hear it at:
- http://ensemble.atlas.uiuc.edu/app/sites/JZ64_U8FmEmx7Liwj136Mw.aspx?webSiteID=JZ64_U8FmEmx7Liwj136Mw&videoID=LYWIZbwfPU2ENuB7kFXe1A

Or, at (where you will find interviews of many others) :

<http://www.annualreviews.org/page/audio#govindjee>

- The following web site has even a fun poem (The Legend of Berkley) on his name (Govindjee has even met the author at a conference in 2010)

<http://thelegendofberkley.blogspot.com/2009/01/govindjee.html>

The Legend of Berkley

It's funny
how one name can say so much
take Madonna
you have an image in my mind
and so do I
one that our children should be spared.
But there are other names
that have done so much
that we will never know.
Govindjee
that's it
no first or last
all just one
Like Cher.