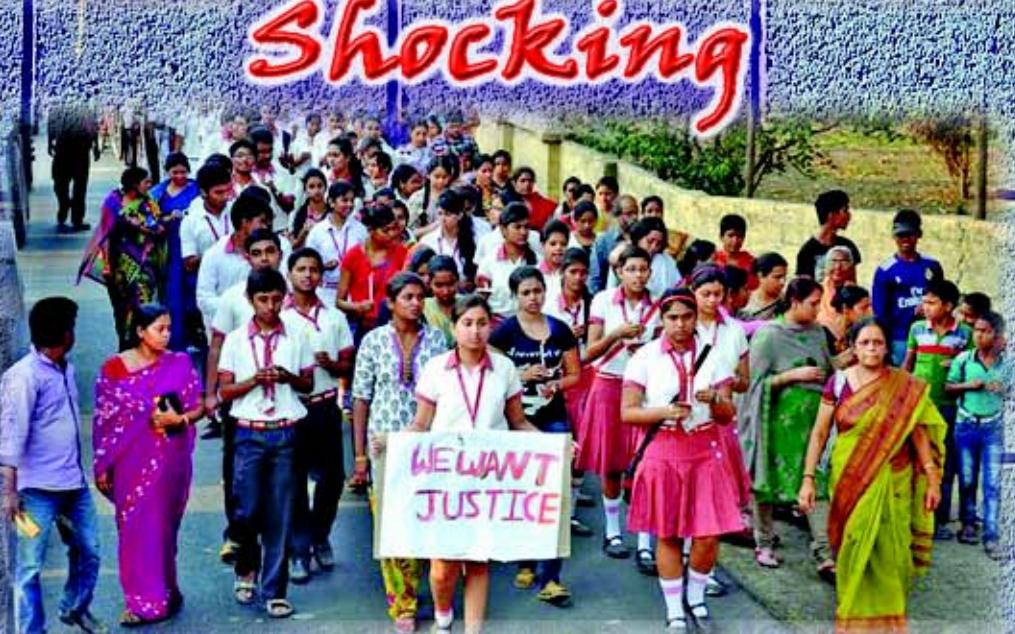


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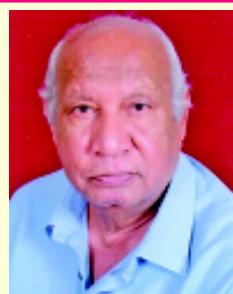
When Mother Teresa Walked in to the 'Times' office...



1 1th May, 1974. A blazing noon of Ahmedabad. I was busy to pen down some article. The then resident editor Mr. Mahadera was on leave and my article was to be published the next day.

I was literally shocked to see Mother Teresa standing near my desk. "Mother! Welcome to the 'Times'. What can I do for you?" A gentle smile on that adorable face! "Are you Ignatius Dabhi? See, I want this letter to be published in 'The Times' ... It is directly addressed to the Prime Minister, Mr. Morarji Desai. He has allowed a private Bill in our Parliament on "Religious Freedom". Will the Times publish my letter?" Because the Resident Editor Mr. Mahadeva was on leave, I led the Mother to the Branch Manager Mr. A. Arora. Mr. Arora was known for his suave nature and goodness. Mr. Arora was overwhelmed to welcome the Mother...

The Times of India in all its edition came out with Mother Teresa's letter. The opening sentence of the letter was : "What answer will you give to the God Almighty when you stand before Him?" ... The intensity, urgency and concern of the Mother was deeply reflected in every word of that letter ... The letter shook the conscience of intellectuals of India... The PM Desai's P.A. Mr. Hasmukh Shah (a personal friend of mine) told me later, "The Prime Minister Morarji Desai was moved by the letter ... That was the devine power and inner strength



by Ignatius Dabhi
Journalist, Gujarat

Ignatius Dabhi, worked for 23 years with 'Times', 9 years with the 'Gujarat Samachar', 2 years in UAE's Khaleej Times, Dubai

of Mother Teresa. The Independent Member Mr. Phantooze's Bill was withdrawn from the agenda...

The RSS supremo Mohan Bhagwat's unwanted, baseless and totally malicious remark on Mother's selfless services has tried once again to widen gaps between castes and creeds in India. It is highly unwanted and totally unacceptable in secular India. Christians in India are Indians and remain Indians. India cannot be monopolised by a few thoughtless fanatics. The tiny minority of Christians has contributed a lot in fields of education, military services and technology. Every Indian is invited to live a life of secular citizen.

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Terror in name of religion should be defeated: Cleemis

Pathanamthitta – The Kerala Catholic Bishops Council (KCBC) has condemned 'terrorism in the name of religion' in various parts of the world.

A pastoral letter issued by KCBC president Cardinal Baselios Cleemis Catholicos recently and read in churches on Sunday expressed concern over the cruelty meted out to human beings and their harassment in the name of religion, especially in the Middle East countries and Africa.



The Cardinal called upon the Christian community in Kerala to conduct prayers and observe fast across the State during the ongoing 40-day lent to awaken human conscience against such barbarian acts.

He said March 24 should be observed as a day of prayer and fasting at all Christian Church centres, parishes, and institutions attached to it.

The Cardinal said all Catholic dioceses and parishes across the State should organise Way of the Cross processions on March 27, expressing solidarity and spiritual oneness with the 21 Coptic Christian martyrs in Libya who were butchered by religious terrorists, reported The Hindu.

The Cardinal said the believers, upholding the value and preciousness of life, should donate blood on March 29 as a model to the world at a time when religious terrorists shocked the world with their heinous acts of bloodshed.

Believers should organise workshops, seminars, and such programmes to make people aware of the growing threats posed by religious terrorism and fundamentalism. Believers should bring to the notice of the authorities if they were in the know of any local-level terror activities, the Cardinal said. The Catholics, in association with various other Christian sections, should strive to protect the constitutionally guaranteed secularism and democracy of the country. The organisations which resorted to such cruelty demeaned religion itself, he said.

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Support for Christians' human rights in the Middle East in a joint statement signed by 53 States

Some 53 members of the United Nations signed a Joint Statement Supporting the Human Rights of Christians and Other Communities, particularly in the Middle East.

The declaration was presented today at 28th Session of the Human Rights Council Geneva. The signatories include the United States, Russia, Western European nations and the Holy See, but not China and India. In the Middle East, only Lebanon and Israel signed.

The document warns that the very existence of religious minorities, especially Christians, is "seriously threatened" in the region. "Therefore we ask all States to reaffirm their commitment to respect the rights of everyone, in particular the right to freedom of religion, which is enshrined in the fundamental international human rights instruments.

"The Middle East," the Joint Statement notes, "is living in a situation of instability and conflict that recently have been aggravated. The consequences are disastrous for the entire population of the region.

"The existence of many religious communities is seriously threatened. Christians are now especially affected. These days even their survival is in question. Efforts to build a better future for all are frustrated. We witness a situation where



violence, religious and ethnic hatred, fundamentalist radicalism, extremism, intolerance, exclusion, destruction of the social fabric of whole societies and communities are becoming the features of a non-viable political and social model, endangering the very existence of many communities, the Christian community in particular.

"Millions of people have been either displaced or forced to leave their ancestral lands. Those who stay in conflict zones or areas controlled by terrorist groups live under the permanent threat of human rights violations, repression and abuses. Both communities and individuals fall victim to barbaric acts of violence: they are deprived of homes, driven from their native lands, sold into slavery, killed, beheaded and burnt alive. Dozens of Christian churches, and ancient shrines of all religions have been destroyed. The situation of Christians in the Middle East, a land on which they are living for centuries and have the right to remain, raises deep concerns. There are more and more reasons to fear seriously for the future of the Christian communities that have more than two thousand years of existence in this region, where Christianity has its full place, and began its long history.

"The positive contributions of Christians in the different countries and societies of the Middle East are well known and creative. We are confident that Governments, all civic and religious

leaders in the Middle East, will join us in addressing this alarming situation by building together a culture of peaceful coexistence. In our globalized world, pluralism is an enrichment. The presence and the contributions of ethnic and religious communities reflect an ancient diversity and a common heritage. A future without the different communities in the Middle East will run a high risk of new forms of violence, exclusion, and the absence of peace and development.

"We call upon the international community to support the deeply rooted historical presence of all ethnic and religious communities in the Middle East. Here world religions appeared, including Christianity. Now, they live a serious existential threat from the so-called "Islamic State" (Daesh) and Alqaida, and affiliated terrorist groups, which disrupts the life of all these communities, and creates the risk of complete disappearance for the Christians. This support will help the countries of the region to rebuild healthy plural societies and sound political systems, ensuring human rights and fundamental freedoms for all. Therefore we ask all States to reaffirm their commitment to respect the rights of everyone, in particular the right to freedom of religion, which is enshrined in the fundamental international human rights instruments."

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India's Daughters

Nirbhayas living in Fear

The recently made BBC documentary, "India's Daughter" has stirred the world and pushed enlightened empathetic Indians to the brink of indignation resulting in a ban on it imposed by the government. Through their misogynistic statements the perpetrators of the brutal rape and murder of Nirbhaya, have projected India with a culture so stark and conceited that women have been completely eliminated from it. Those who managed to view the documentary before it was banned, admit that the makers of this documentary have gone to great lengths to analyse every perspective and to interview every player in the horrible drama of a young girl's brutal rape and murder some years ago. Mukesh Singh, the rapist in his interview to BBC from jail, while recounting the incident of Nirbhaya's rape and murder predictably said, "While being raped, she shouldn't have fought back. She should have just remained silent and allowed the rape." For good measure he censored, "A decent girl won't roam around at 9 o'clock at night. A girl is far more responsible for rape than a boy is. Boys and girls are not equal. Housework and housekeeping is for girls, not roaming in discos and bars at night or wearing wrong clothes." Mukesh Singh represents the millions of males in Indian society, who if given a chance



will repeat his thoughts and actions without the slightest hesitation. Therefore it is vital for us to scrutinize the realities that spawn such sick minds.



by Vera Alvares

Our leaders often offer an explanation that rapes are a world-wide phenomenon, not exclusive to India. Rapes happen in other countries too, if it is any consolation to these sick minds. But justifying the heinous crime with an excuse such as this is unheard of in any society, particularly one that worships woman as

'Shakti' and a string of names of other goddesses in the Indian pantheon. Any excuse to justify physical abuse of girls and women institutionalizes the belief that women are inferior, to be used and discarded. This is utter travesty of law and the Indian Constitution. In Nirbhaya's case the attempt to hold the victim responsible for the rape is not only cowardly, but also the product of a warped sense of social justice. Most alarming are the statements made by the defence lawyers, those supposedly assisting the law to punish crimes, that nature created women weak and there

is no place for women in Indian culture!! If the unrepentant attitude of the rapist conforms to his persona of an illiterate, depraved dreg of society, the bold statements by the men in black coats and paper degrees are shocking manifestations of a dreaded malaise plaguing Indian society today.

The depth of the decay of Indian ethos is revealed in this documentary. One of the defence lawyers interviewed by Udwin for the documentary compares women to sweets lying by the roadside, inviting stray dogs scavenging for food to consume them! While men with similar sinister mindsets lurk in dark homes, behind closed doors and in public places, these men interviewed in the documentary speak for all of them,

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justifying the 'fixing' of 'wayward' girls with most inhumane rape and murder! How did these men develop such perverse ideas, were there no mothers, sisters in homes they grew up in? Did they lock up their own women to protect them from predators like Mukesh Singh and his accomplices? Is the girl-child, growing up amidst such foul males is on trial here? Questions that need to be answered and facts to be tackled head-on if India has to become 'progressive' on all fronts, a position it aspires to be. India's collective mindset is extremely sick and not surprisingly this grim diagnosis includes not only the illiterate and poor, but also the literate and rich class of Indians. Revelations of this kind stress the need for quick and calibrated prosecution of sex crimes to send the right message to the potential predators lurking in abandoned mills, in slums and well-lit buses! Instead the Nirbhaya case is becoming a piece of entertainment for lewd men, making a mockery of the government's grandiose decree, "Beti bachao....Beti padao"

The Prejudiced Judiciary

Another significant aspect of this episode is the declining standard of worthiness of the judiciary. A judiciary that is preconditioned into biased thinking cannot grant justice. Drawing attention to the implications of the frightening part of "India's Daughter", V Raghunathan expresses his dread of such lawyers in the judicial system. He says, "And what if some of these worthies make it to the position of judges some day? Nor is this entirely a hypothetical question. A few years ago, I found myself in the company of two High Court judges over a dinner. When I asked what should be the judicial view on the punishment of tiger poachers

when tigers were on the verge of extinction, one of the judges looked at me blankly, and asked me a counter question, "So what if tigers become extinct? After all thousands of species have become extinct over the centuries!" He was genuinely unable to fathom what was bothering me. The other enthusiastically nodded his head, as if in full agreement with his brother judge!" Today tigers, tomorrow women??

Living in India under these dismal conditions must be a nightmare for women in the households of such men who use it as a tool to gain dominance and control over them. Traditions of early marriage of girls, subjecting them to sexual torture at the hands of older men are rituals many communities follow till this day. The offshoot of this disparaging practice is the rape of children and infants. It seems rituals perpetuated with the pretence of preserving culture have been distorted to suit crazy minds. "Ritual Abuse usually involves repeated abuse over an extended period of time. The physical abuse is severe, sometimes including torture and killing. The sexual abuse is usually painful, humiliating, intended as a means of gaining dominance over the victim. The psychological abuse is devastating and involves the use of ritual indoctrination. It includes mind control techniques which convey to the victim a profound terror of the cult members ...most victims are in a state of terror, mind control and dissociation" writes Chrystine Oksana, in her book " Safe Passage to Healing: A Guide for Survivors of Ritual.

When the defence lawyer speaks about the 'best culture that has no place for women' he obviously refers to Patriarchy, widely prevalent in India. All that grand talk of modernizing India has failed to dent this monolith that

survives through *Kaaps*, some village *Panchayats* and other structures serving as parallel judiciary systems. That in some provinces of the country, the administration lends a tacit support to such systems speaks volumes about the mindsets of the men in power. In such areas the Patriarchal mindset that denies the girl child education, healthcare, liberty and a civilized existence seeks to shackle her and confine her in dark corners where her pleas for justice are not heard. With a change in governance, this trend lurking not so surreptitiously below the surface has now boldly surfaced to threaten and strangulate the existence of women.

Patriarchal Society

Many writers are of the opinion that the roots of Patriarchy, among other reasons, can be tentatively traced to some texts such as '*Manusmriti*', the ancient treatise on *Dharma* that dictates a code of conduct for different castes as well as for women. Though there are many verses extolling the beauty and duty of women, it also includes a definition of woman as weak and dependent, to be placed under the care and protection of her male relative at every stage of her life. Approving the author's respect for women as wives and mothers, society came to discard the idea of a possible life for woman

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By banning beef completely in the state of Maharashtra, the government is not doing the right thing as a lot of Muslims will have to shut shop and beg on the streets for their livelihood. If I don't get beef in Maharashtra, I can get it from Goa or any other neighbouring states of India. Who is the government to stop me from eating my favourite red meat? Also, who are they to tell me what I should eat and what I should not eat. Christians, Muslims, Parsees and a lot of Hindus eat beef. The government is not doing the right thing by putting a ban on it. They should reconsider the case and make beef freely available in Maharashtra and other states of India. If beef has to be banned, mutton and chicken should be banned too.

— *Jubel D'Cruz, Dombivili*

Alleged Atrocities In Kandhamal

A Report was submitted on a 'Study of the Conditions of Women Affected by Communal Violence in Kandhamal District, Orissa' by the Nirmala Niketan College of Social Work in Mumbai, in 2009.

At least 16 more rapes were confirmed during the anti-Christian violence apart from the three rapes that have been recounted in the book: rape

of Priyatama Digal. These 16 rapes came to light from a random survey conducted by the Nirmala Niketan students among 355 women from 68 of the 415 villages that were affected by the violence. This study also pointed out that "it is highly likely that many other such cases have gone unreported due to the shame attached (to rape)."

On the 'physical and sexual abuse', the report said: "that they were beaten up, threatened, verbally abused, and were sexually exploited."

The Report needs to be revived and resolved in the interest of basic natural justice.

— *Denis Khan*

Co-op. Bank Deposits in TDS Loop

At present, the Co-operative Banks are not deducting TDS from the interest paid to the depositors on term deposits when the amount of interest exceeds Rs.10,000/-, taking shelter under the provisions of section 194A (3) (v) of the Income tax Act. In this respect, the Finance Minister in his Budget Proposal dated 28/02/2015 has clarified the matter. For the benefit of the readers, particularly the Senior Citizens, I am quoting below the relevant details.

There is no difference in the functioning of the co-operative banks and other commercial banks. Therefore, there is no rationale for treating the co-operative banks differently from other commercial banks in the matter of deduction of tax and allowing them to avail the exemption meant for smaller credit co-operative societies formed for the benefit of small number of members. In view of this, it is proposed to amend the provisions of the section 194A of the Act to expressly provide from the prospective date of 1st June, 2015 that the exemption provided from deduction of tax from payment of interest to member by a co-operative society under section 194A(3)(v) of the Act shall not apply to the payment of interest on time deposits by the co-operative banks to its members.

The existing provision of TDS on payment of interest by banking company or co-operative bank applies only to the interest payment on time deposit made on or after the 1st day of July, 1995. The definition of "time deposits" provided in the section 194A of the Act excludes recurring deposit from its scope. The recurring deposit is also made for a fixed tenure and, therefore, the same is akin to time deposit. It is therefore, proposed to amend the definition of 'time deposits' so as to include recurring deposits within its scope for the purposes of deduction of tax under section 194A of the Act.

Currently, provisions of proviso to section 194A(3) (i) of the Act provide that the interest income for the purpose of deduction of tax by the banking company or the co-operative bank or the public company shall be computed with reference to a branch of these entities. As currently, most of these entities are computerised and follow core banking solution for crediting interest, there is no rationale for continuing branch wise calculation of interest by the entities who have adopted core banking solutions.

— *John D'Silva,
Mumbai*

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beyond the threshold of her home! Gradually this view came to be accepted at all levels of society, finding converts even among women themselves. As time passed woman, denied the right to free herself from dependency, came to be labeled as 'weak' and was conditioned to accept the extensive gender discrimination without any fight.

From the ashes of woman's identity, her role as wife and mother emerged, to be hailed and glorified in Indian scriptures, mythology and now even in movies. The male-dominated social order dictated that women be meek and obedient "domestic creatures," for the most part confined to housewifery and raising of children, deferential to men, and financially dependent on the husband. Women were not expected to harbor aspirations other than a long life for her 'master' and a brood of male offspring to perpetuate the family lineage. These very definite ideas about a woman's part in the overall scheme of things were responsible for the restricted part women played in their world. The canvas of 'scheme of things' included a vast extended family resulting in complexities of behaviour, making a woman just a cog in the wheel, not singly responsible for shaping her children's character!

Need for Change

There is hope for India yet. It is up to the younger generation to uproot the old traditions harmful to the women they love and cherish. To build a happy family both the partners need to work shoulder to shoulder sharing the rights and responsibilities. A woman stigmatized by social sanctions cannot effectively function as a loving wife and a caring mother. Families being the breeding grounds for social values, due recognition should be given to the mother as the one who moulds future generations into valued members of society. Those formative years spent in the shadow of an enlightened mother must be a rich learning experience conducive to the wholesome growth of a child. The influence a mother wields on her offspring has immense potential for forming the child's character. He or she will imbibe any bitterness, aggression and violence emanating from the mother, as is the case with women suppressed by their husbands.

Says Javed Akhtar, Mumbai's noted film personality and a *Rajya Sabha* member, "When a father, the head of the family, decides that his son and daughter are equal and this is established and practiced in every household, in every religion, caste and creed, then we won't need a broadcasting company to telecast the

problems and suffering of India's daughters. We need to make our society and government sensitive to various kinds of issues faced by women. Defence lawyers are entrusted with defending the indefensible sometimes, but they are entrusted with defending them with law, not joining them in their repugnant mindset and polluting society."

Like the soil that needs to be cleaned of weeds and polluting chemicals, Indian society needs to be purged of the prejudice towards India's daughters. The talk of empowerment of women will ring hollow till the day concrete efforts are set in motion to destroy the discrimination and establish a gender-just society. It can happen only if education and financial independence comes within the reach of every woman from all sections of society, caste, creed and community, with the collaboration of men!

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Attacks On Christians

The Kanpur Catholic Association (KCA) is shocked and dismayed by two more consecutive attacks on Christians and their institutions, one in Ranaghat, Bengal, and the other one in Lahore, Pakistan.

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— Mrs. J. Mendonca,
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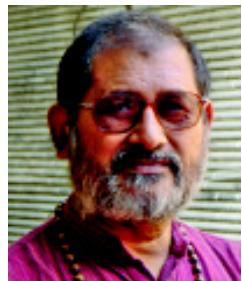
criminals have spared neither mother, sister nor daughter! Perhaps because, at least in Hindi, most abuses are gender specific, aimed at mother, sister or daughter. It is a reflection of our sick mind set seeing women merely as objects of lust, rather than as human beings equal to men in every way. This is an assault not just on Christians, but on women everywhere. We condemn the incident in no uncertain terms, and appeal to the West Bengal Chief Minister to not politicise the issue; but to ensure that the criminals are immediately arrested and brought to justice.

Even more horrifying is the suicide attack on churches in Lahore where over 15 Christians were killed and several more are critically injured. It is most unfortunate that some religious fanatics are executing such heinous acts in the name of Islam, and thereby giving their own religion a bad name throughout the world. They need to be reminded that Islam considers Christians to be Kitabiyas, brethren who follow the same books. The Christians in Pakistan are persecuted and deeply frustrated because they are much too often the soft target for attacks by religious fundamentalists, as also the draconian blasphemy law. More often than not, this law is used as a pretext to attack Christians in Pakistan, settle scores, or grab their property and even womenfolk. Perhaps this pent up fury may have vented itself in the victimised community going on the rampage and even allegedly lynching one of the bombing suspects.

While sharing the pain of the Christians in Pakistan, we nevertheless appeal to them to not resort to violence, no matter how grave the provocation, as violence is never a solution. It only perpetrates a vicious circle of violence, that normally strikes people

that are not even remotely connected with the conflict. This is because cowards will never come out in the open, but will operate covertly to attack soft and unsuspecting targets. At the same time we appeal to the Govt of Pakistan to provide adequate security to all minorities in Pakistan, and to clamp down hard on all forms of terrorist groups operating from its soil.

The emergency KCA meeting was addressed by its President, Chhotebhai Noronha. Others present were Cornelius Kujur, Noel George, Dr Rachana John, Peter Fernandes, Emmanuel Premchand and Angelo Menezes.



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— D. Menezes

Christians rally to show 'solidarity' with raped elderly nun

Kolkata: Thousands of Christians rallied in Kolkata on Monday in a show of outrage over the recent gang-rape of an elderly nun.

Some 4,000 Christians, including nuns and priests clutching lit candles, sang hymns and said prayers as they gathered in a public park.

Archbishop Thomas D'Souza of the Archdiocese of Calcutta, the main organizer of the rally, called it a "solidarity rally, not a protest rally". He said he wanted to show that Christians in Kolkata stood united at a moment of "pain and sorrow".

"We definitely protest the crime, and demand the arrest of the culprits at the earliest," he told ucanews.com. "Such a crime should not take place at any place, at any time."

Florence Gonsalves, a woman who attended the rally, said they could only pray "for peace and that people grow to respect each other as human beings". The attack on the nun, 71, occurred last Friday after robbers broke into her convent in the town of Ranaghat, some 80 kilometers from Kolkata.

Police said Monday that 10 men have been detained for questioning but no arrests have been made, even though the faces of four of the robbers were captured on CCTV footage.

Savarimuthu Sankar, spokesman of Delhi archdiocese, urged a swift response from authorities but bemoaned the lack of arrests.

"There cannot be any result unless the local police show sincerity," he said.

Fr Sankar said the nun's rape

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should not be dismissed as an isolated incident.

"We should know that there is already a vicious atmosphere against Christians in the country, which encourages criminals to attack Christians," he said.

The assault on the nun is the latest in a string of high-profile rapes in India and comes after a spate of attacks on churches that prompted Hindu nationalist Prime Minister Narendra Modi to promise a crackdown on religious violence.

Priests and other Christian leaders have blamed those attacks on religious hardliners, who are said to have become emboldened since Modi swept to power at general elections last May.

Modi had been heavily criticized for not speaking out earlier against religious violence and has also faced flak for remaining silent about a spate

of mass "re-conversions" of Christians and Muslims to Hinduism.

The Prime Minister's Office has asked for an "immediate report on facts and actions taken" regarding the rape and another attack on a church in Hisar in the northern state of Haryana, according to a spokesman for the prime minister.

The junior federal minister for home affairs, Kiren Rijiju, also told ucanews.com on Tuesday that the government has asked for a detailed report from the West Bengal state government on the attack on the convent school.

"We have asked the West Bengal government to provide details of the existing security arrangements at convents and other Christian educational and social institutes in the state," he said.

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'We are One'

Human Chain By Christians In Mumbai



MUMBAI: Christians community formed a human chain all over Mumbai on March 14, 2015, to spread the message of Love and Peace to urge the government to stop the 'Hate Campaign' against Christians, with respect to the attacks on churches in Delhi.

The Bombay Catholic Sabha together with other groups and NGOs organised the "WE ARE ONE" Human Chain to protest against the growing intolerance shown towards minority religions. Through this Human Chain the community tried to convey the importance of unity & brotherhood for peace and progress of the nation.

Thanksgiving

Thanks to St. Francis Xavier for the favours granted. Praying for more favours.



— Mrs. Maria F. Pereira,
Bandra

Thanksgiving

Thanks to Divine Mercy, Sacred Heart of Jesus, O.L. Of Perpetual Succor and Infant Jesus for the kind favours granted

—Mrs Inacine M. Fernandes,
New Delhi



Good Friday n Easter

by Don Aguiar

There is a lot of controversy about the genesis and the significance of Easter. There are those who see the celebration of Easter as an error of the mortal mind. I do not want to become participant in this debate.

I want to write about a certain man briefly and I am sure you will know who I am talking about as I go on. He was born in an obscure village, the child of a poor peasant woman. He grew up in still another obscure village, where he worked as a carpenter until he was thirty years old. Then for three years, he got on his feet, and he was an itinerant preacher. And he went about doing great things. He didn't have much. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family. He never owned a house. He never went to university. He never visited a big city like modern day New York, London or Tokyo. He never went two hundred miles from where he was born. He did none of the usual things that the world would associate with greatness. He had no credentials but himself.

He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against him. They called him a rabble-rouser. They called him a troublemaker. They said he was an agitator. And so he was turned over to his enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. And the irony of it all is that his friends turned him over to them. One of his closest friends denied him. Another of his friends turned him over to his enemies. And while he was dying, the people who killed him gambled for his clothing, the only possession that he had in the world. When he was dead he was buried in a borrowed tomb, through the pity of a friend.



Nineteen centuries have come and gone and today he stands as the most influential figure that ever entered human history. All of the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned put together have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that one solitary life. His name may be a familiar one.

What is so special about this man whose name has become such a dominant feature in everyday conversation? He came to split history in to BC and AD such that the reign of Caesar is dated after him. His name is Jesus Christ.

It has been more than two thousand years ago since the carpenter's son who walked on the dusty roads of Jerusalem as an itinerant preacher was crucified between two notorious criminals that night on Golgotha. The Greek New Testament recorded that after three days in the grave he was raised up from his dead.

Christians all over the world since time immemorial have been celebrating Easter to mark death and resurrection of Christ Jesus. In a couple of weeks we shall experience Good Friday followed by Easter Sunday. Why call it a Good Friday – the crucified Christ which brings sorrow and sadness where most Christians make it a point to attend this service. Easter means a lot more than an ordinary event which falls on the Christian calendar – the risen Christ which brings joy, hope, peace and love in the risen Lord today and always.

One would note that the attendance of Christians at the Easter service does not match that of the attendance of Christians at the Good Friday service who prefer to mourns the crucified Christ rather than celebrating the risen Christ resulting in some Christians missing celebrating the resurrection of Christ (the risen Christ) which enables them to continue and renew their devotion to our Lord through the year.

Bengal Nun Rape: Archbishop Wins Where Administration Failed

Ranaghat: Archbishop Thomas D'Souza of Calcutta visited Jesus and Mary High School at Don Bosco Para Ranaghat in Nadia district where an elderly nun was raped and other nuns brutalized, within hours of the crime, March 14.

Scores of priests from several parishes and institutions in Nadia accompanied Archbishop D'Souza who met with the nuns. Later he also held a meeting with district administrative officials.

Archbishop listened to the incident from the Sisters, who also told him about their apprehensions re-

garding safety in the school. He then visited the chapel on the ground floor of the residential block that had been vandalized.

Apart from talking to school officials, the archbishop played a pivotal role in convincing the agitators who had blocked the neighboring Krishnagar-Sealdah railway line and Calcutta-Siliguri NH34 to withdraw, something the administration had failed to do for hours.

As news of the robbery and the brutality on the elderly nun spread, thousands of people, including schoolchildren and members of the Christian community, blocked the railway line and the highway.

The Nadia superintendent of police, the district magistrate, the sub-divisional officer of Ranaghat and the sub-divisional police officer had requested the protesters to disperse, but they didn't.



Archbishop Thomas D'Souza

On the archbishop's instructions, school chaplain Fr Sarad, went to the spot and pacified the agitators.

Several agitators were invited to a meeting with the archbishop on a field adjoining the school. The protesters were asked to speak about their grievances in front of administrative officials and the archbishop.

Sources said it was only after assurances from the archbishop that the police would do their best to ensure the security of residents, many of whom are Christians, that the blockade was lifted.

The residents demand that their neighborhood be brought under the jurisdiction of Ranaghat police station instead of Gangnapur police station which is 14 km from Don Bosco Para while Ranaghat police station is barely 200 meters away. The Gangnapur police station area was carved out of the Ranaghat police station area a couple of years ago.

Gang- rape of nun



The horrendous gang- rape of a 71-year old nun of the convent school run by religious sisters of the order of Jesus and Mary in Nadia district, W. Bengal, has shocked the nation once again, bringing about strong condemnation of this outrageous crime, even as the controversial documentary 'India's daughter' is being hotly debated. However, unlike the 'Nirbhaya' gang-rape in the bus, sexual promiscuity can safely be ruled out in this case , and the motive could well be either robbery or religious intolerance and hatred., as borne out by the desecration of the chapel. Contrary to the belief held by the 'Nirbhaya' rapists and their lawyers, that a woman should not stay out late nights or dress provocatively, the nun's only fault apparently was in putting up a fight against her attackers , which no woman should do, according to one of the rapists in the controversial documentary. However , this being different from the 'Nirbhaya' case, BBC would probably be prompted to produce another documentary on the rape of the religious in the country, even as the earlier one proved to be a flop -show .

—A. F. Nazareth
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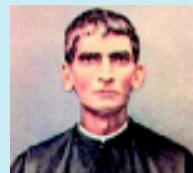


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—A. Devotee., Navi Mumbai

Thanksgiving



Thanks to Fr. Agnel for the favours granted

— Philip, Panjim, Goa

Unfailing Prayer to St. Anthony



O holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and Charity for his creatures, made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous

powers. Miracles waited on your word, which you were ever ready to speak for those in trouble or anxiety. Encouraged by this thought, I implore of you to obtain for me (request). The answer to my prayer may require a miracle, even so, you are the Saint of Miracles. O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of the Sweet Infant Jesus, who loved to be folded in your arms; and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours.

—Peter W. G.,
Kalyan

Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday

The true measure of faith is when it is put to useful advantage.

Jesus Divine Mercy wants His feast to be propagated: "It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter." This is stated in the Diary of St. Faustina. Her Diary is a treasure of the Catholic faith, a source of inspiration and ranks with Holy Scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church and other Church Documents.

At the solemn canonization of St. Faustina 30th April, 2000, the Holy Father, Saint John Paul II announced, "It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church will be called 'Divine Mercy Sunday'".

Among the many elements of devotion to Jesus, the Divine Mercy (such as, the Hour of Mercy, the Image of Jesus the merciful, the feast of mercy, the Chaplet and the preaching of devotion to the Divine Mercy) – the one which is above all else is the feast of mercy. This was recorded in St. Faustina's Diary, 699 :

" My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy.

"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw



BY MELVYN BROWN

near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is my desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy."

Divine Mercy's desire is to evangelise devotion to His mercy as a response to the reality of the Church, a center of culture, now in several parts of the world at its periphery. To understand this century's complex problem we must draw on the 1st century, the Gospel commandment to announce the Christian message.

Pope Benedict XVI, a man of tradition and a reformer had said, "to those regions awaiting the first evangelization and to those regions where the roots of Christianity are deep but who have experienced a serious crisis of faith due to secularization."

Prayers and devotions are necessary. The liturgy and the Sacraments are a source of grace flowing from Christ and His Sacrifice. All this helps to shape us spiritually. The main message and solemn devotion to the Divine Mercy is to Trust in Jesus. It is truly said, "Trust is a Living faith."

Jesus gave St. Faustina three devotions, ways to ask for His mercy. The first "New Way" was 'the chaplet, then the novena and the three o'clock prayer. To exercise mercy, Our Lord spoke of three ways, by Deed, Word and Prayer. " By this means a soul glorifies and pays reverence to My mercy. Yes, the

first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be acts of mercy..." said Jesus (Diary 742).

There are seven acts of mercy : 1. Feed the hungry. 2. Give water to the thirsty. 3. Dress the naked. 4. Protect the homeless. 5. Comfort those in prison. 6. Visit the sick. 7. Bury the dead.

God's mercy is available to all. He waits for us to turn away from sin and to ask for His forgiveness.

"Ask and it will be given to you... for everyone who asks receives." (Mt.7:7,8).

The Apostolic Penitentiary on August 3, 2002, issued a decree to ensure the faithful would observe the Day (Divine Mercy Sunday) with devotion; the Pope himself established that the Sunday be given a plenary indulgence....

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ARE WE TOGETHER?

—Community Life In Action, By David Gibson

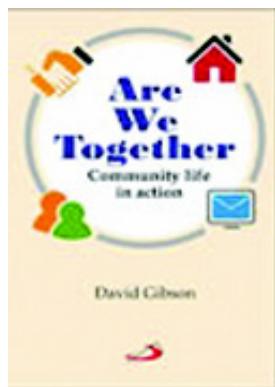
The Constitution of the Christian Brothers (also known widely as Irish Brothers), states: “*Brotherhood in community is a principal source of our companionship and a privileged context for our personal growth. Our personalities develop as each of us accepts responsibility to make a unique contribution to the life and mission of the community. It is from community that we carry our gifts to others. We in turn are enriched as the lives of others touch our own*” (Christian Brothers, 1984: Const. 34). It is to enhance the life and mission of people of all hues living, working, studying or playing together, whether as a religious community or a secular assemblage, that **ARE WE TOGETHER?** has been written by the noted Christian Brother and certified ‘Transactional Analyst’, David Gibson.

Gibson attests that what is lacking in the formation of religious studying the vows, meditation, teachings of the Church, apart from several aspects of Religious Life, is a focus on the psychological structure of the individual, and the dynamics of community or group living. Merely living together in the formation house was supposedly enough to teach those concerned how to live in community. An unfortunate omission that has, indeed, seen the loss of innumerable individuals who would have otherwise made the finest men or women of the cloth!

It may be noted that while some religious live alone because of the compulsions of their specific ministry, there are others who have opted to do so on account of negative experiences in community living, many of them even dreading the idea of community meetings, preferring to retire to their cells, lacking as they each do an adequate level of individual and interpersonal awareness. That lacuna is what ARE WE TOGETHER? (ST PAUL'S, pp 399 , INR 290) purports to fill by way of developing insights into the individual and group psychological dynamics offered by TA

that could help both the individual and the community to benefit from quality life in common.

The book provides readers with key concepts that will assist them in dealing with personality differences, conflicts, misunderstandings and other unconscious psychological processes that inevitably arise when people come together. When such information is lacking, many an individual has to struggle to understand what actually goes on when conflicts and misunderstandings arise, many even blaming themselves or others for the discomfort, often the reasons for the situation emerging as far more complex than they seem at the outset.



**Book Review
by Ladislaus L
D'Souza**

It was Dr Eric Berne (1910–1970) who formulated the TA theory. Initially trained as a psychoanalyst under Eric Erikson, he gradually became disenchanted with psychoanalysis on account of its arcane language and lengthy treatment. Changing tack, in 1961 he wrote Transactional Analysis and Psychotherapy outlining an alternative approach to individual and group treatment before becoming famous for his book *Games People Play*, first published in 1964, followed by a steady flow of publications until his untimely death in 1970. It is the main concepts of this renowned author that ARE WE TOGETHER? explores, applying as they do to the individual living in community, and offering as they do “religious and other people who live in various group configurations some insights and methods for improving the quality of their community life.” Further, “students of TA may also find ARE WE TOGETHER? very useful as it offers a succinct outline of the main ideas of TA relevant to the needs of people who live and work in group settings,” in addition, finding “the many TA references included in the text and found at the end of the book, a rich source for further study (p 16).

St Joseph, Patron of workers and the dying

The life of St Joseph the “just man” (Matthew 1:19), feast day, Mar 19 had revealed to us, “the light of a deep interior life of righteousness in listening and responding to the voice of God which prompted a generous obedience to God’s Call – a paramount Christian virtue”; and which all fathers should strive to emulate.

The Church fondly remembers him as foster father of Jesus, singular spouse of the Blessed Virgin, Patron and Protector of the Universal Church. May I also add, that he is invoked as Patron saint of workers, craftsmen and engineers (feast day May 1st). He is also implored as guardian saint for expectant mothers, travelers, immigrants, and refugees.

St Joseph epitomizes the unattached philanthropic deeds – a true Karma-yogi; whom the *Gita* describes as: “The highest goal is always achieved by doing ‘selfless action’ (3:19). And which Jesus ascribes: “My Father is still working, and I AM still working” (*John*, 5:17). This ‘vocation of duty’ is a pattern for all employees to follow.

St Joseph is also Patron of the dying, and/or happy death; for as Tradition maintains, he expired in the arms of Jesus and Mary. Thus, one can triumphantly exclaim: “Where O death is your victory? Where O death is your sting?.....But thanks be to God Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 *Corinthians*, 15:55...57).

—Dr Trevor Colaso

Ego hides our true self

Egos are the worst enemy of everyone. If you listen to this ego too much, you forget your great self, your intelligent self and your wisdom self. So don't let your ego take over your life.

Wisdom is really important; and ego, we have to cut it. The less ego, the better. It is a pity because we don't really need this ego. The "I" that knows everything already, the "I" that is expert in this and specialist in that -- we don't need all that. Because if we don't have them, then we are more smart. We will become more intelligent, smarter.

Perhaps the reason that your ego doesn't go away is because you don't have the chance to rub with other people, like no one checks you, no one fixes you; no one tells you what's wrong with you because you don't do anything with other people. Or, you are in a very high position outside in the society, like you are a boss or some director, manager, whatever; you are the one who tells everyone what to do all the time, and no one ever talks back at you. Also, sometimes even as a practitioner, you have no chance to be corrected by anyone else. But don't be offended; cut that ego off.

It's not enough that you meditate. You've got to be exposed to many situations to grow up. You have to go out and also react to the reality in order to have more intelligence. Meditation helps also, but if you don't have a chance to polish it, then it doesn't work.

If anyone at all scolds you, or even wrongly accuses you, be thankful for that person. That's good for your humility, actually; and even if it's not true, it's also good for you. At that time, you check yourself out and then you know how much ego you have. If at that time you just still say, "Oh, I'm such a good person, why does he say like this and like this?" And you complain all day, and then you'll begin to hate that person, then still it's no good. Anyway, if someone corrects you in any way, that's really good for you. You learn from that mistake, and you become better and



better.

No one is bad, just ego is bad. Truly the egos is the worst enemy of everyone. Many people like to keep it, that's the problem. If you listen to this ego too much, you forget your great Self, your intelligent Self, your wise wisdom Self. That is the only problem. It's a pity if you keep listening to the

ego, like you know too much and all that. Then you don't know your real Self. The main problem is the ego separates us from our true Self, from the one who truly knows everything. If we just think we know everything about this world, then we don't know our Self. That's the greatest problem with the ego.

The ego is the greatest enemy. Sometimes the ego destroys a marriage, destroys a relationship, destroys a friendship, destroys the love between mother and son, or father and daughter even, because the ego causes conflict all the time

It's a pity. This is not the thing we should keep. It's our enemy. The little knowledge that we think we know—that is not our true knowledge. The ego is really hard to get rid of, very, very hard; and it ruins many things in this world. It causes war. It causes enemies and hatred, and ruin of nations. The people who have no ego never want to war with anyone because they can see through the uselessness of those things. So, ego is the worst enemy of everyone in this world.

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He is trying to prove that he is the most relaxed person after being married to you.

Love him if he forgets to

give you a gift on your birthday.

He is saving money for your future.

Love him Because...

you don't have a Choice...

and killing is a legal offense



Easter: The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Easter is a festival that is celebrated with great joy by the Catholic/Christian community all over the world as it marks the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Catholics/Christians believe that on Easter Sunday Jesus Christ rose from the grave in which He was buried and entered into heaven along with the good thief who was also crucified along with Jesus (He repented for his sins and was thus able to enter the kingdom of God).

Easter celebrations begin during the Easter vigil service on Holy Saturday (i.e. the Saturday following Good Friday).

There are many traditions and customs that have come to be associated with the festival of Easter.

On Easter Sunday people all over the world exchange Easter eggs. These are eggs made out of chocolate or cashewnuts.

The egg has a long history of being a part of creation theories and celebrations. The Easter egg is not a Christian tradition, but instead it is believed that it has come from Druidic celebrations of Spring. Dyed eggs were also used by the Egyptians, Persians, Greeks and Romans during the Spring festivals. Christians adopted the eggs and used them to represent the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Easter is a movable feast and is celebrated in various ways in different parts of the world. It is celebrated either in March or April when the trees grow new leaves and nature looks fresh and young. This year, Easter falls on April 5. Easter is a time to reiterate God's promise to us — that we have a relationship of friendship and love with Him. As we celebrate this joyous occasion, let us pledge to experience the love of Jesus that He poured out for the entire world, and to partake of it and share it with the purpose of standing victorious with the risen Lord.

After Jesus Christ was nailed to the cross, His body was taken down and buried in a cave tomb. The tomb



was guarded by Roman soldiers and a very big stone which no one could lift, was put over the entrance so that no one could steal the body. On the following Sunday, which is called Easter Sunday, Mary Magdalene, a disciple of Jesus Christ, followed later by some more people, visited the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away, and that the body of Jesus had gone missing.

Jesus himself was seen that day by Mary Magdalene and the other disciples and for forty days continuously by many other people. His followers realised that God (Abba Father) had raised Him up from the dead. Christians call this the Resurrection. On Maundy Thursday (i.e. the Thursday before Good Friday), Jesus ate His last meal with His disciples. At this meal, Jesus told His disciples that they should love and serve one another. He demonstrated this by washing the feet of all His twelve disciples. On Good Friday Christians remember Jesus' suffering and death on the cross.

Take any festival and you will find that it has its roots that can be traced back to religious history. Hence, it is no surprise that the many festivals that we celebrate across the world have been spawned by a spate of significant events in antiquity. These important events etched an indelible impression on the collective minds of the people who felt the need to commemorate it, lest the posterity overlooked its importance. Thus, a slew of celebrations came into existence. The history of Easter is no different. It is one of the oldest and the holiest of all Christian festivals. It is a

day revered by Christians who celebrate it with immense religious ardency. The name 'Easter' owes its origin from 'Eastre', the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring that symbolizes hare and egg.

No one is fully sure of how Easter came to be called by that name. However, a 7th century English scholar by the name of Bede did claim that Easter is derived from the name of the Anglo-Saxon goddess 'Eostre' --- the goddess of Spring and fertility.

Easter is a time for caring and being with the folks you love.

Easter is a time for sharing blessings sent from above.

Easter is a time for giving to those who have some special need.

Easter is a time for trusting and forgiving, a time for doing a worthwhile deed.

Easter is a time for music and dance in bringing peace and goodwill to all and praising Christ Jesus Our Lord and King.

If you want to give an Easter gift to someone, I recommend the following:

- To your enemy, forgiveness.
- To an opponent, tolerance.
- To a friend, your heart.
- To a customer, good service.
- To the poor, charity.
- To every child, a good example.
- To yourself, respect.

Easter brings fun,
Easter brings happiness,
Easter brings Jesus' blessings,
Easter signals a new beginning of nature spring,

And a brand new life of friendship.

The message for Easter in the words of Jesus Christ is "Come to me, all those who are heavy burdened and filled with grief, and I will give you rest."

Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ today! You and your entire household will be saved. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only begotten Son Jesus Christ, that whosoever believeth in Him, shall not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16).



BY JUBEL D'CRUZ

Inspiration!

Marry Yourself Before Marrying Anyone Else



The reasons to tie the knot may be different for all but one thing that is necessary, is to marry your own self first before you get married to someone else.

Self-Marriage is basically a vow taken by you to value yourself and show compassion towards your self. Basically, the concept makes you more comfortable with your own self, before you merge your life with another being. You might be confused as to what we are talking about, so read on to know what self marriage actually means.

Did you know that in some cultures, there is a name given to the concept of marrying oneself, called 'sologamy'? Its religious significance is the marriage of your spirit and your body to make you one complete being.

Attract love

When you love everything about yourself, it makes you happier and more lovable. It is a scientifically proven fact that happy people attract more happiness and spread it too. Being content

with yourself will attract the love of your life towards you automatically, without you having to take the trouble of finding him.

Regret your decisions

Once married, many women regret the decision. They feel that somewhere down the line, they have lost their life to their spouse and to his needs. Satisfying the expectations of the husband, his family and later, the children, can leave most women with a very strong sense of regret. When you love yourself, you love everything around you and that reflects in your attitude.

Independent

When you self-marry, you become your own best friend. You learn to depend on yourself for everything and do not need another person to complete you. So, you can wait for your Mr. Right, without feeling the need to rush into matrimony.

Accept yourself

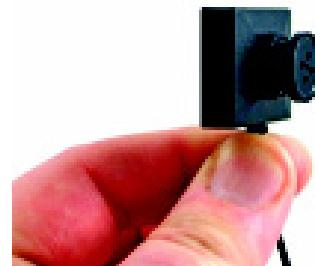
Nobody is perfect; and, marrying yourself would help you realise that. Self-marriage makes you discover all your positive points and accept the negative

ones too. You start to accept who you are and what you are. And, once you come to terms with your own self, you become more accepting towards others as well.

More confident

Marrying yourself would make you more 'at peace' with not just your inner but also your outer self. It would help you to get the best out of your self. Sologamy makes you a more confident person, and it is this self-confidence that improves your ability to excel at other relationships in your life too!

How to check a Hidden Camera in Hotel Room?



When you stay in a hotel, how do you know there is no room pinhole camera?

When travel or take a business trip, you will stay at a hotel, but you do not know that you could unknowingly be photographed.

Remind all of you: when staying in a hotel, you can use this method to check your room. When you enter into your room, turn off the lights, and close the curtains, open your phone camera, do not turn the flash light on.

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MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC Bachelor, aged 30 years, Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 56 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. MBA, PGDM., working as a Deputy Manager Finance. Contact email : m.fernandes@ transasia.co.in OR 9867918038 (**Regd. No. 6265**)

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MUMBAI : East Indian / Goan RC Bachelor, aged 37 years, Ht. 5' 10", Wt. 80 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com., LL.B., & French Courses, working as Lawyer in a Law Firm in Fountain. Attending the High Court and City Civil. Seeks a presentable and sincere match. Contact email : lawfullyyours@hotmail.com / delaney_s@hotmail.com / sybil_sylvester@yahoo.com OR 8108648725 (**Regd. No. 6260**)

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Fair Complexion, Edn. Electronic Engineer and MBA, Working as a Consultant in Limited Company. Contact email :

henry.fernandes53@gmail.com OR 7738365149 (**Regd. No. 6259**)

MUMBAI : Goan RC Bachelor, aged 31 years, Only Child, Ht. 5' 8", Wt. 75 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. SSC., 2 yrs. Dip. in Trade of Fitter + MEC-3 Marine Engineering Course from New Zealand, working for Merchant Navy. Currently in Mumbai contact email : allwynb2011@gmail.com OR 9930225262 / 9930611534 (**Regd. No. 6248**)

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MUMBAI : Goan RC Bachelor Edn. 8th std., having own accommodation, working in Catholic school as a Peon, drawing good salary, aged 47 years, Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 55 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Seeks a suitable match. Contact Mob.: 9892134950 (**Regd. No. 6294**)

MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC Divorcee, aged 44 years, Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 66 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. HSC., Service. Contact 9167419437 (**Regd. No. 6292**)

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MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC Bachelor, aged 36 years, Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 55 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. 6th Std., honest, understanding, having a shop. Seeks a simple, homely Mangalorean Konkani speaking girl. Contact email : cyrildsouza87@gmail.com OR 07738976166 (**Regd. No. 6152**)

USA : Mangalorean RC Divorcee, aged 44 years, having 2 children aged 12 & 7 years, Ht. 5' 11", Wt. 73 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Masters of Engg. MCA., working as an Electronics / Telecom Engineer, working in USA. Contact email : l_lawrence_t@yahoo.com OR 0019496903065 (**Regd. No. 6151**)

MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC Parents Mumbai based invite proposal for their Bachelor son, aged 27 years, Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 65 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.E., Chemical working in Saudi Arabia for reputed MNC having family status (ready to relocate), Seeks a suitable educated girl. Contact email : florance903@gmail.com OR 9867974086 (**Regd. No. 6141**)

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MUMBAI : RC Goan Spinster, B.E. - Computer Engineering, studing Executive MBA, Completion in Aug, 2015, Working for reputed MNC in Pune but has permanent residence in Mumbai. 26 yrs., 5 ft., wheatish, homey with good family background. Career minded and willing to relocate abroad. Please send details and photo to email : ashil2628@gmail.com (**Regd. No. 6296**)

MUMBAI : Goan RC Spinster, simple and decent, aged 29 years, Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 62 kgs, wheatish complexion, Edn. M.Sc., B.Ed., Teacher by profession. Seeks a well educated and well settled bachelor. Contact email : fritzysouza@gmail.com OR 9833952113 / 8976343556 (**Regd. No. 6295**)

MUMBAI : Goan RC Spinster, aged 27 years, Ht. 5' 6", Fair Complexion, Edn. Masters in HRM, Working as a HR Executive in Private firm, simple, and Godfearing. Contact email : athalye.priyanka1@gmail.com OR 09924650033 (**Regd. No. 6277**)

MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC Spinster, aged 28 years, Ht. 5' 7", Tan Complexion, Edn. H.S.C., working as a Sales Executive. Contact email : strawberry.angel1@gmail.com OR 7709216631 (**Regd. No. 6275**)

DUBAI : Goan RC Spinster, aged 37 years, Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 41 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.A., working as a Secretary. Contact email : track_1976@yahoo.com OR 9730454857 (**Regd. No. 6032**)

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MUMBAI: R.C. Goan parents seek alliance for their daughter, 1987 born, 5' 3", M.Sc., MBA employed with MNC in Mumbai, from bachelors aged between 29-32 years with good family background. Those interested kindly reply with complete details and recent photograph at buddies_22@yahoo.in (**Regd. No. 6174**)

ABU-DHABI : Goan RC Spinster, aged 34 years, Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 58 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.A. Eng., Literature, working as a Copy Editor. Contact email : barretto.lorraine@gmail.com OR 9730454857 (**Regd. No. 6033**)

MUMBAI : Goan RC Spinster, aged 26 years, Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 58 kgs, Wheatsih Complexion, Edn. B.Sc., I.T. working as a Software Engineer. Contact email : marialns123@gmail.com OR 9833659905 (**Regd. No. 6272**)

MUMBAI : Goan RC Spinster, aged 25 years, Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 57 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. M.A., working in Private Firm. Contact email : jmae26@yahoo.co.in OR 9819440647 (**Regd. No. 6269**)

MUMBAI : Mahrastrian Protestant Spinster, aged 28 years, Ht. 5' 4", Fair Complexion, good looking, Edn. B.A. LL.B., Advocate by profession. Contact email : ruch_20jan@yahoo.in OR 7738674508 (**Regd. No. 6268**)

MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC Spinster, aged 25 years, Ht. 5' 6", Fair Complexion, Edn. BMS, working as a Sr. Associate. Contact email : laurentiaf@yahoo.com / laveenafernandes@rediffmail.com OR 9870036325 (**Regd. No. 6266**)

MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC Spinster, aged 29 years, Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 62 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., M.Com., PGDBA., working as a Sales Executive in Chemicals Company.

Contact email : joswin13@yahoo.com OR 09820914606 (**Regd. No. 6262**)

MUMBAI : East RC Spinster, aged 26 years, Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 52 kgs, Fair Complexion, good looking, Edn. B.E.,(IT), working as a IT Engineer in MNC. Contact email : cynthia.h@rediffmail.com OR 9969379432 (**Regd. No. 6261**)

KUWAIT : Mangalorean RC Spinster aged 34 years, Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 58 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com., Computer, Finance, Banking Marketing Course & Airlines Course completed, employed as a Travel Co-ordinator in Kuwait. Seeks a groom preferable working in Kuwait. Contact Email : lucy777p@gmail.com OR 00965-65686358 / 9867308911 (**Regd. No. 6255**)

MUMBAI : Goan RC Spinster, aged 25 years, Ht. 5', Wt. 50 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com., B.Ed., Teacher by profession. Contact email: ritinadsouza@gmail.com / arlophvieira@gmail.com OR 9820448715. (**Regd. No.6119**)

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MUMBAI : Matrimonial alliance is invited for a Catholic Spinster, aged 25 years, M.A., B.Ed., High School Teacher, Wheatish Complexion, from Catholic bachelors below 30 years of age, well qualified, financially stable, sober, preferably working in Mumbai, East Indians, Mangaloreans or Goans may mail their details to dsilva.agnes57@gmail.com (**Regd. No. 6195**)

MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, 32 years, Ht. 5' 1", Wt. 55 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., MBA (Finance) working as an Asst. Manager. Seeks a suitable match. Contact Email : florineb81@gmail.com OR 9820233988 (**Regd. No. 6098**)

MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, 31 years, Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 56 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. MBA (Finance) working as a Payroll Administrater. Seeks a suitable match. Contact Email: audzzehotmail.com / maggie_maggue@hotmail.com OR 9869771255 (**Regd. No. 6097**)

MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, 29 years, Ht. 5' 1", Wt. 56 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., MBA (Finance) working as an Asst. Manager in Bank. Seeks a suitable match. Contact Email : oldgoa2012@gmail.com OR 9869765169 (**Regd. No. 6096**)

MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, aged 28 years, Ht. 5' 3", Edn. B.Com., working as a Fashion Designer. Seeks a suitable match. Contact email : rodriguesemma@rediffmail.com OR 9821471904 (**Regd. No. 6092**)

DUBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, age 28 years, Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 60 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn.

MBA - Finance, working as an Accountant in MNC Syvau - UAE, Seeks alliance RC from well educated and good family background. Working preferably in UAE. Contact email : saldanha.leena7@gmail.com OR 9967816258 / 00971-526649919 (**Regd. No. 6090**)

MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, aged 25 years, Ht. 5' 3", Fair Complexion, Edn. M.com, (Accounting) GNIIT, Working as an Accounts Executive. Seeks a Mangalorean educate and well settled boy below 30 years. Contact email : nishalobo88@gmail.com OR 26324478. (**Regd. No. 6089**)

MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, aged 38 years, Ht. 5' 2", Fair Complexion, Edn. B.A., (Economics), working as a Purchase Manager. Contact email : lynette_d03@yahoo.com OR 9967501128 (**Regd. No. 6088**)

MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, aged 33 years, Ht. 4' 5", Wt. 55 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.B.A., in HR working as a HR. Contact : 9820217917 (**Regd. No. 6086**)

MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC Spinster, aged 26 years, Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 70 kgs, Fair Complexion, good looking, Edn.BMS/PGDBA, working as a Sales Executive in Dubai. Seeks boy preferably from Dubai. Contact email : m.remedios7@gmail.com OR 9969235259 / 9869180059 (**Regd. No. 6084**)

MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, aged 25 years, Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 70 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. BMS/MBA-HR, Position : Sr. HR. Executive. Contact email : karenzone@gmail.com OR 9820189797 (**Regd. No. 6083**)

MUMBAI : Goan RC Spinster, aged 31 years, Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 59 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. (BFA) Commercial Art. Position : Art Manager. Contact email : bernadette26@gmail.com OR 9833097880 (**Regd. No. 6082**)

MUMBAI : Goan RC Spinster, aged 30 years, Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 60 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com., MBA - HR. Po-

sition : HR Manager in Foreign Bank. Contact email : genevie.dsouza@yahoo.com OR 9930445550 (**Regd. No. 6081**)

MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, aged 27 years, Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 65 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.A., B.Ed., M.A., Teacher by profession. Contact email : lazradoliselle@yahoo.co.in OR 26773527 (**Regd. No. 6080**)

MUMBAI : Goan RC Spinster, aged 35 years, Ht. 5', Wt. 65 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.A., working a an Executive. Contact email : dsm1909@rediffmail.com OR 9819800179 (**Regd. No. 6079**)

MUMBAI : Telugu Protestant Christian Spinster, aged 29 years, Ht. 5' 2", Fair Complexion, Edn. B.H. T.M.S., working as a F.O. Manager. Contact email : asmatrix82@gmail.com OR 8454083778 / 7506242266 (**Regd. No. 6182**)

MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC spinster 1973 born, 5' 5" tall, fair complexion with qualifications, B.Com. (Mumbai), M.B.A. Finance (Canada), M.B.A., (H.R.) and Diplomas in I.T. (NIIT), Comp. (APTEC), and Cert.Ind Acct. (I.C.A.), working in good position. Graduate / Post Graduate unmarried R.C. Bachelors upto 45 years, employed in good position and well settled in Mumbai or abroad. Contact email : bellwether77@yahoo.com or Mobile No. 9892700617. (**Regd. No. 6166**)

MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC Spinster, aged 31 years, Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 70 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working for a Bank as a Team Leader. Contact email : diana_lobo10@hotmail.com OR 9870111964 (**Regd. No. 6252**)

MUMBAI : Goan RC Spinster, Only Child, aged 33 years, Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 57 kgs, Fair and good looking, Edn. B.Com., working for Banking Organisation in Fraud Dept., Contact email : annmdsouza09@gmail.com OR 8983236758 (**Regd. No. 6249**)

NE Bishops condemn attack against Ranaghat nuns

Miao— Fifteen Catholic bishops of northeast India representing all seven northeastern India states meeting in Miao diocese in Eastern Arunachal, 12-15 March, have put out a statement condemning the attack and gang rape of religious nuns at Ranaghat in Nadia district West Bengal, 14 March.

The joint statement released 14 March states, “The Catholic Bishops’ Conference of Northeast India, which met at Miao, Arunachal Pradesh is pained to

hear of the atrocious crime against religious women and church property at Ranaghat, Nadia District, West Bengal. We express our deepest sympathy and prayers for the victims. We appeal to the Government of West Bengal to bring to culprit to book and to ensure the safety of church personnel and church property.”

They have also strongly condemned the recent rape re-



lated lynching incident in Dimapur stating that “no one should take law into their own hands.”

Salesian archbishop Dominic Jala of Shillong is the president of Catholic Bishops’ Conference of Northeast India.

Salesian Bishop George Pallipparambil of Miao, is the host of this regional council meeting.

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