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Paul VI Hall, Vatican

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# Be architects of development for the common good

Pope Francis on Saturday spoke about the vocation of Christian business executives to be missionaries in the world. He stressed they should respect their employees' needs.

**Vatican City** – Business leaders, and especially Christian business leaders, "are called to be missionaries of the social dimension of the Gospel in difficult and complex world of labor, economics and business."

But to do this, "ethics must be restored to the economy. Not any ethics whatsoever, but an ethics that places the person and the community at its center", said Pope Francis this morning receiving the Christian Union of Business Leaders and Entrepreneurs.

After urging them "to continue in your training activities with enthusi-



asm, to be ferment and stimulation, in word and deed, in the business world," the Pope recalled the importance of witness. "I encourage you" – he said "to live your entrepreneurial spirit as lay missionaries. "Business is a vocation, and a noble vocation, provided that those engaged in it see themselves challenged by a greater meaning in life; this will enable them truly to serve the common good by striving to increase the goods of this world and to make them more accessible to all". (ibid., n. Evangelii Gaudium, 203)

The company and the executive office s says Francis, "can become places of holiness, by the commitment of everyone to build fraternal relations between business leaders, managers and workers, encouraging shared responsibility and cooperation for mutual benefit".

But this requires "a special attention to the quality of employees' working life, who are the most valuable asset of a company; in particular to promote the harmonization of work and family. I think especially of women: the challenge is to protect the full recognition of both their right to work and their vocation to motherhood and presence in the family.

In off the cuff remarks the Pope added "How often have we heard that a woman goes to her boss and says, 'But I must tell you that I am pregnant'- 'As of the end of the month you will no longer work with us'. Women (must) be helped in this double duty: the right to work and the right to motherhood."

This call to be missionaries of the social dimension of the Gospel in difficult and complex world of labor,

economics and business, the Pope added, "also implies an openness and closeness to evangelical poverty and fragility. It is, again, an attitude, a style with which to carry out programs to promote and support, by increasing the many praiseworthy concrete works of sharing and solidarity that you support in various parts of Italy. This will also be a way for you just to put the grace of the Jubilee of Mercy into practice".

But doing some charity is not enough: "It is necessary to direct economic activity in the evangelical sense, that is at the service of the person and the common good. In this perspective, you are called to cooperate in order to nurture an entrepreneurial spirit of subsidiarity, to deal with the ethical challenges of the market and, above all the challenge of creating good employment opportunities. "Think of the young people", added the Pope, once again moving from his prepared text, "I believe that 40 percent of young people here today are out of work. In another neighboring country, 47; in another neighboring country, more than 50. Think of the young, but be creative in creating employment opportunities, because those without work not only cannot earn their daily bread, they lose their dignity! This also requires initiatives for discussion and study".

Business concluded Francis, "is of public interest. Although privately owned and operated, it pursues objectives of general interest and importance, such as economic development, innovation and employment and thus it should be protected as a good in itself. In protecting this good, institutions, but also entrepreneurs, economists, financial agencies and banks and all involved must not fail to act with competence, honesty and sense of responsibility. The economy and business need ethics for their proper functioning; not any ethics whatsoever, but an ethics that places the person and the community at its center."

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*The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather lack of will.*

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**Asia and the synod on the family**

by Jayeel Serrano Cornelio

**Manila:** Most of the prominent reports on the 2015 Synod of Bishops on the family were prepared by Western journalists. Many of us in Asia had to rely on these writings to keep ourselves abreast of the discussions as they were happening.

The reports, however, have been generally preoccupied with the most controversial issues. In a way, this is not surprising. The debates among the bishops revolved around institutional approaches toward cohabitation, same-sex marriage, and divorced and civilly remarried Catholics. In various commentaries, tensions were usually presented in terms of the liberal-conservative divide. Indeed, based on the votes cast, it is clear that these split the bishops in significant ways.

The preoccupation with sensational issues is not without warrant and the Catholic Church in Asia has to confront them too, one way or another. This is an important point to make, especially because in some commentaries, the liberal-conservative divide was constructed along geographic lines. European bishops, for example, are the liberal ones working against the moral conservatism of aggressive counterparts from Africa.

Is Asia also conservative when it comes to moral issues? This is a tricky question to answer. To treat Asia as a homogenous entity is a mistake given its diversity of cultures and religious expressions. But some impressions linger, especially with regard to certain values. Filial piety, the relevance of the extended family, and patriarchal household arrangements all seem to point to the lasting influence of family life on individuals.

Some of these values are of course informed by Orientalist stereotypes, usually pitted against the individualism of Western societies. But sometimes, they are also reinforced by state discourses. The "Asian values" of regimes in East Asia invoke the necessity of discipline, hierarchy, and communitarian responsibility for the sake of economic development.

So while they continue to register in the public life of many Asian societies, it helps to underscore that conservative values in relation to family life are not unchanging. Divorce, same-sex relations, and cohabitation are also discernible patterns for many Catholics in the region. And they challenge patriarchal and heteronormative family arrangements.

**The lingering question**

But the preoccupation with these issues, no matter how important, has glossed over many other areas of concern the document includes. And they are not any less sensational. They have significant consequences for churches in Asian societies. Aging, migration, violence against women, and limited economic opportunities for young people raise important questions not just for society but also for the church and its pastoral work in the region. There is benevolence, therefore, in the repetitive declaration to "accompany" families and "listen to their reality" given the many challenges that they confront today.

The issue, therefore, is not whether bishops or Catholics are liberal or conservative with their theological positions. While I admit that theological clarity matters, the pastoral duty

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of the church trumps differences in opinion. If the family is the "subject of pastoral action," then its immediate contexts do matter if the church were to remain relevant.

In many Asian societies, the idea of the stable nuclear family has to be reconsidered. Today, a whole new generation of Indonesians, Thais, Bangladeshis and Filipinos are growing up in surrogate arrangements because their parents are working elsewhere. In the advanced economies of Japan, Singapore, and Hong Kong, the care of the elderly is left to migrant workers. And violence against women and the queer community continue unhampered. All these have consequences on the family the church so cherishes.

### What good remains in the family? And what good can the church offer?

To be sure, these matters are not unique to the experience of Catholics in the region. They are concerns of young people and the elderly, whether Catholic or not. But that is precisely the point. The Synod of Bishops on the family, and whatever future documents that come out of it, need to ask a bigger question: What does it mean to be the Catholic Church in Asia today?

The synod and the buzz around it will soon die down. But this one question will linger for a long time.

And yet wider still is the horizon demanding change. Ultimately, the contribution of this synod is not in rendering visible the liberal-conservative divide in the church. In his speech at the synod's closing, Pope Francis has rightly acknowledged that the synod laid bare "the closed hearts which frequently hide even behind the church's teachings or good intentions, in order to sit in the chair of Moses and judge, sometimes with superiority and superficiality, difficult cases and wounded families."

In this light, the synod was not so much about the family as it was about the church itself. Intriguingly, their own document demands nothing less than acts of great mercy.

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# One Man's Meat Is Another Man's Poison !

**S**hould beef be banned ? Should mutton be banned ? Should short skirts be banned ? Should jeans/T-shirts be banned ? Should girls be banned from going to pubs ? Should Alcohol be banned ? Should certain vegetables be banned ? Ah ! ban, ban, ban ! Today's Times of India (28th October) column "They said it" column says it all :



BY MELVILLE X. D'SOUZA

banning social evil customs, banning price rise; the list is endless ..... We have so many serious, life-threatening issues weighing down the common man in this country, and yet, the government chooses to focus it's attention on non-issues.

So where are we heading to ? On the one hand, they expect people not to divide the nation on the basis of religion. Here we have the government dividing the nation on the basis of food ! 'One man's meat may be another man's poison' – so be it, those who don't like certain food will not eat it, we can live with that ! On the one hand, they expect people to live in communal harmony with other communities, and what we see today is, one community being pitted against another ! Yes, today, the nation stands divided on the basis of food and religion.

Arun Jaitley says, "The age of bans is now over. It's literally impossible to implement them"

Arun Shourie says, "The way to characterize policies of this government is - Congress plus a cow. Policies are the same".

Kabir Bedi says, "Red meat is 'cancerous', sugar toxic, salt dangerous, fat and carbs 'minimise'. Boiled veggies are no fun. What do we eat ?"

Does the government (both Central and the state government) talk about banning corruption, rapes, molestation of women and children, bribery,

The days of bans are over, it cannot work. The days of 'Hollow talks' are also over. We need to see some positive action, Mr. Prime Minister, Home Minister and all those who hold the reigns of power in their hands.

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## 51st Eucharistic Congress To Be 'Mirror Of Evangelization!'

On 27th Oct. 2015, the Holy See Press Office announced that the '51st International Eucharistic Congress', is to take place in Cebu, Philippines, from 24-31 Jan. 2016. The theme: "Cristo in noi, speranzadellagloria" = "Christ in you, Our Hope of Glory & The Eucharist Source and Goal of Mission".

The events of the Congress will be divided into two main parts: First, the "Theological Symposium", from 20-22 Jan. and the "Congress Proper", from 24-31 Jan. The basic themes for reflection during the Theological symposium are (6): 'The Christian Virtue of Hope'; 'Eucharist in the Gospel of St John'; 'Liturgy and Inculturation'; 'History of the NovuOrdo'; 'Evangelizing the Secular World'; and 'A Catechism on the Sunday Eucharist'.

The themes for the Congress Proper will be (9): 'Christ Our Hope of Glory'; 'Christian Hope'; 'Eucharist as Celebration of the Paschal Mystery'; 'The Eucharist as Mission'; 'Mission as Dialogue'; 'The Eucharist and Dialogue with Culture'; 'The Eucharist and Dialogue with the Poor'; 'The Eucharist and Dialogue with other Religions'; and 'The Eucharist and Mary'.

Archbishop Palma of Cebu stated: "The 51st Eucharistic Congress could become the 'Mirror' of the Asian Church. The text explains that the Eucharist is committed to 'leavening' through the enzymes of 'Dialogue, Reconciliation and Peace', of which Asia is in great need... The Eucharistic Mystery is also bound with the experiences of poverty and sufferings; yet, it continues to build communities that wish to 'break bread' for the kingdom of God ... Thus, it will be possible to live that 'dialogue of life' for

which Christ came: "That they may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10).

—Dr Trevor Colaso, *Bandra (W)*

## Treat LGBT community with respect

This is with reference to the recent interview of Cardinal Oswald Gracias with the 'Mumbai Mirror'. What the Cardinal has stated is nothing new, because The Catholic church has always held that although homosexuality is a sin, homosexuals have to be treated with respect, compassion and sensitivity and cannot be treated as criminals. X-Spam-Subject: YES X-Spam-Subject: YES Therefore decriminalization of gay sex is the call of changing times. Cardinal Oswald Gracias has also stated that "gentler and not judgmental language" should be used in relating to the LGBT community. This is in agreement with the earlier stated view of Pope Francis that homosexuals should be treated with compassion and not looked down upon, as God alone is the one to judge. All said and done this seems to be the correct stand of the church. But the question which remains unanswered is whether the Catholic church is willing to X-Spam-Subject: YES X-Spam-Subject: YES change its doctrine on the sanctity of marriage and accept same-sex unions as sacramental and blessed by God. For a church that believes that it is an all-embracing and loving mother and respects the dignity of homosexuals and lesbians, one would expect that such an acceptance would be the natural outcome of the recently concluded synod. However, it is disappointing that no such decision has been taken

yet by the church. The message then is clear, that a new morality cannot evolve with changing times.

—A. F. Nazareth, *Alto Porvorim*

## Is India Intolerant ?

Fr. Cedric Prakash's article INDIA INTOLERANT, in your latest issue, does not help to build tolerance. India is very tolerant as compared to many other countries like Pakistan, Israel, USA, etc. Infact, I find most Hindus are more tolerant than some Christians and Muslims.

To work on Uniform Civil Code is NOT intolerance. To deny gender equality and subjugate our better halves is infact intolerance.

Also, if Islam can forbid Pig meat, why Hindus should not ban slaughter of cows as per the SCI's judgement? Why are you making so much noise on Beef eating when W.H.O. has confirmed that Red meat is the root cause of Cancers, something which I have been saying since 1975, ever since I started teaching Yoga. Nobody had heard of Baba Ramdev then.

By the way, Jesus Christ was a Vegetarian. I am also a Vegetarian by choice.

Pen should be powerful, NOT noisy.

—Dr. Leo Rebello

## God is Merciful

In a recent interview to a Mumbai tabloid Cardinal Oswald Gracias, archbishop of Mumbai said that he was convinced that homosexuality will be de-criminalised eventually. Catholics, barring a few conservatives, have hailed the progressive views expressed by the cardinal in the interview. Cardinal Gracias is one among very few Catholic leaders, supporting the Holy Father, who favours a merciful (and pragmatic) approach to problems besetting the church. Christians believe that Christ died so that all may be saved. Who are we to judge so called sinners?

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In his interview with Mumbai Mirror, Cardinal Gracias has said what the Synod bishops (constrained by dogmas), could not say in writing. The Synod of bishops concluded, stopping just short of allowing divorced persons, full communion with the church.

The way forward is to stop looking at tags (LGBT, live in, divorce etc) and start looking at the good in people. Looking at the problem pragmatically, the Catholic church can survive only if it changes with the times. The majority of young couples today use some form of artificial contraception which is contrary to church teachings. If all these young couples are ex-communicated the church will cease to exist. Similarly, virtually all Catholics receive Holy Communion when they go to church, even though more than half of them (this writer included) do not go for confession. Simply because we do not have a social 'tag' doesn't make us better Catholics than gays or divorcees. So let's leave it to God.

—Prof Robert Castellino  
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## Catholic Church Sets Example in 'Nostra Aetate'

With 'Nostra Aetate', the Catholic Church has set an example for other religions to open their doors. This was the sentiment expressed by Swami Chidananda Saraswati, as he praised the spirit of 'Nostra Aetate', which was promulgated by Pope Paul VI on Oct 28, 1965. Pope Francis, on Oct 29th,

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2015, held an "Interreligious General Audience" to mark the 50th anniversary of the 2nd Vatican Council's 'Declaration on the Church's Relation to Non-Christian Religions' (Nostra Aetate), which document also condemned anti-Semitism in all its forms.

In this interview with ZENIT, Swami Saraswati, founder and trustee of the 'Fowai Forum', spoke on this landmark document, and his belief that terrorism stems from a lack of understanding; and that if religions work together, "hearts can be changed". Swami also felt very blessed to meet Pope Francis; and was touched by his warmth, humility and friendship. It was also an immense joy and a privilege to listen, and to share in the discussions.

In a 'Greetings' to participants and representatives of various religions, Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran likened the common journey to a mountain; which trekking has been difficult, but always exalting. We are all gathered here today with you Holy Father, as witnesses, heirs and protagonists; in a decisive way to promote respect, reconciliation, peace and dialogue. And in our search for these, the promise of the prophet Isaiah gives us hope: "The Lord will destroy on this mountain the covering that is cast on all the peoples, the veil that is spread over all the nations" (Isa 25:7).

—Dr. Trevor Colaso, *Bandra (W)*

## Belief in the Virgin Birth

The current controversy raised by the staging of the play, "Agnes of God", may have raised many questions in the minds of Catholics regarding the various truths of our faith, especially, the virgin birth of Jesus. We must realize that the truths in which we believe are not based on reason or on scientific evidence, but on the 'Word of God' or 'Revelation'. This Revelation is found in the 'faith experience' of the Apostles and the early Church, and is spelt out in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition. All Christians willingly accepted this Revelation on faith, i.e., by saying 'yes' to God's Word, right from the beginning. Belief of Chris-

tians in the virgin birth is based upon the infancy narratives of the gospels of Matthew and Luke (Sacred Scripture) and in the writings of all the great writers, theologians, Fathers and Doctors of the Church, the General Councils and the documents of the Popes and Bishops (Sacred Tradition), right from the time of the apostles. It has been the constant belief of Christians for the last two millennia. It is also found in all the creeds since the earliest times: the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed of 325 A.D. (which are recited at Mass), and other ancient creeds. Christians believe that the virgin birth is a 'sign' from God of the divinity of Jesus Christ, telling us who he really is -- the Son of God, who has no earthly father.

Therefore, Catholics who know and understand their faith should not get easily upset by films and plays, like Agnes of God and the Da Vinci Code, which keep appearing from time to time. They should actually be regarded as thought-provoking entertainment, which challenge us to learn more about our faith, and try to show that it is reasonable (does not contradict reason) for the men and women of our times -- a task which theologians, like St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, and other great men and women of faith have been performing down through the centuries. Hence, there is no point in demanding bans on such books, films and plays, which would only end up giving them undue publicity, and give the impression to the public that, we Christians, are no different from various fringe groups that keep demanding all sorts of bans. Our faith is well-established on the solid foundations of Scripture, Tradition and the Teaching Authority of the Church, and we need not be unduly perturbed by occasional assaults on our faith in the media.

—Joseph M. Dias, S.J.  
Andheri (East), Mumbai.

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# We Can No Longer Remain Silent!



BY FR. CEDRIC PRAKASH SJ

**R**omila Thapar is one of the most celebrated historians of India known for her scholarship and academic integrity; there are few in the country who can challenge her expertise and her objectivity. A few days ago, this 83-year old scholar was invited to deliver a lecture in Mumbai entitled 'Indian society and the secular'. The lecture was dedicated to the well-known social reformer, the late Dr. Asghar Ali Engineer. Several of Mumbai's intelligentsia and other progressives were there to listen to the erudite scholar. The irony of it was that in a country which is constitutionally pledged to secularism, a battalion of the Mumbai police force were all around the lecture hall not merely to forestall "any untoward incident" but also in preventing late-comers from entering a jam-packed hall.

Writing in 'The Wire' Jyoti Punwani says "when a public lecture by one of the country's most distinguished, internationally respected academics has khaki uniforms all over, you know your city has entered what Urdu writer Rahman Abbas calls an "era of darkness", where thought itself is in danger. As Romila Thapar said, it's time for us to stand up and shout that as citizens, this is not the city we knew, the country we want."

"Era of darkness?" Are we exaggerating things or are we reminded of Bertolt Brecht, the famous German poet, playwright and theatre director who was not afraid to take on Hitler and who wrote about "the dark times"? What has been happening with frightening regularity all over the country is surely a concern for all those who treasure the secular fabric of our country and the values and freedoms guaranteed in our Constitution. The list of happenings is painfully endless; these include: the killing of rationalists; attacking freedom of speech and

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**The rest of us, can no longer remain silent in the face of this onslaught!**

expression; denigrating minorities; lynching someone who has eaten meat; police raiding the Kerala Bhavan in New Delhi; above all, the way the RSS has been posturing itself and its nexus with the Government, certainly does not augur well for the future of India.

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Thankfully besides Romila Thapar, more than fifty of the most acknowledged historians of India have protested through a very powerful statement at "the highly vitiated atmosphere prevailing in the country". Well-known scientist P.M. Bhargava returned his Padma Bhushan saying that democracy is under threat in the country. Over one hundred distinguished scientists have also spoken out saying "we, the scientists, are concerned about the recent developments with reference to intolerance, polarisation and spread of communal hatred resulting in the death of innocent people..... a highly polarized community is like a nuclear bomb close to criticality. It can explode any time and drive the nation to utter chaos". This wave of protest was of course begun by the litterateurs of the country; more than forty of them have returned their prestigious Sahitya Akademi awards; joining the chorus of protests have been some of the leading film directors, celebrities and activists including the former Chief of the Indian Navy, Admiral L. Ramdas.

On expected lines, Modi, the BJP, RSS and their ilk do their best to belittle and pooh-pooh these voices of protests. Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley, on Thursday said, "you will find a lot of rabid, anti-BJP elements among them". In the final analysis, those who matter are not going to be cowed down. No one wants the country to be destroyed by fundamentalists, fascists and fanatics.

The rest of us, can no longer remain silent in the face of this onslaught!

*\* (Fr. Cedric Prakash SJ is the Director of PRASHANT, the Ahmedabad-based Jesuit Centre for Human Rights, Justice and Peace.)*

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## services'

It is good that the India-Bangladesh bus service has started but long distance bus service facilities needs urgent updating.

All long distance buses must be vestibuled and broad bodied so that they can carry more passengers and they must be air-conditioned or air-cooled with closable and lockable hand baggage racks and all seats must have seat belts and airbags for passenger safety in case of an accident and folding trays.

Two chemical toilets are a must and a fire extinguisher and a first aid box is absolutely necessary.

A GPS system or Tom-Tom must be installed on every seat and in the driver's cabin.

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Buses must be hybrid using hydrogen or CNG as alternative fuels along with solar cell batteries to make fuel efficient and economical to run.

All buses must leave for their destination from bus centres/stations that are kept spotlessly clean and have good restaurant and shopping facilities etc and the same facilities must be provided for buses stopping at small towns en route to their final destination.

All bus tickets must be issued as return tickets to save passengers the hassle of booking their return ticket.

Other facilities that must be provided in long distance buses are equipping all seats with a big range of movies and TV channels and computer wi fi.

Every year an award must be given for the best kept long distance bus, the best driver and the best kept and well maintained bus stations.

Hopefully with these suggestions long distance bus travel will become a pleasure rather than a service which is dreaded.

—Peter Castellino

## Intolerance On The Rise!

**O**n Nov. 1st 20015, 41 distinguished writers wrote to the 'National Academy of Letters', demanding 'Sahitya Academy' to "reinvent itself" itself, because of the urgent matter of "spiraling hatred and intolerance".

Infosys founder, NR Narayan Murthy on Oct. 31, in an interview to NDTV, expressed concern of the considerable fear in the minds of the minorities, urging the authorities to bring back the sense of confidence, enthusiasm and trust in the minds of every Indian; so that the country could make steady economic progress.

Again on the same day, President Pranab Mukherji, speaking at the golden jubilee of the Delhi High Court, called for preserving the multiplicity and pluralistic character of the Constitution; and revealed that India has thrived due to its power of assimilation and tolerance; and that our ancient civilization has over the centuries accommodated our various diversities.

Congress president, Sonia Gandhi also raised apprehensions regarding "rising intolerance", during a 40-minute meeting with the President on Nov. 2nd. And Shah Rukh Khan, celebrating his 50th birthday told Barkha Dutt that "religious intolerance will take us back to the dark ages."

Noble laureate, Kailash Satyarthi on Oct. 30, agreed with the 41 writers, and conveyed that there is a "dialogue deficit" between the government and its people, with fear and apathy on the rise. He mentioned these somber points at an event held at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences. He further disclosed, that if we have simplicity of faith, a quest for learning, and a nature to forgive, then there is a child alive inside our hearts. Never allow this child to die, he appealed. And if I may add Jesus' consoling words: "For the kingdom of God belongs to such of these" (Mark 10;14).

—Dr Trevor Colaso,  
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# Hindus Least Likely To Be Jailed; Sikhs, Christians Most Likely

by Chaitanya Mallapur, IndiaSpend:

They make up no more than 4% of India's 1.2 billion people but Sikhs and Christians are more likely to be undertrials, detainees and convicts than Hindus and Muslims.

Hindus are least likely to be undertrials and convicts. Christians are most likely to be detained and imprisoned. These data, contained in Prison Statistics India 2014, were released last month by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB).

There are relatively more Sikhs in prison (as undertrials, convicts, detainees and other prisoners) than followers of any other faith. 840 per million Sikhs are in prison followed by Christians (601), Muslims (477) and Hindus (305).

In India there are a total of 4,18,536 prisoners, of which 282,879 are undertrials followed by convicts (131,517), detainees (3,237) and other prisoners (903). 346 per million people in India are prisoners.

The proportion of Sikh and Christian undertrials in Indian prisons is two times their proportion in the general population, according to the NCRB data.

As convicts, the proportion of Sikhs is three times their proportion in the general population and for Christians, it's two times.

There is no official explanation for the higher relative proportion of Sikhs and Christians in jail. The highest number of Sikh undertrials is in Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan, which account for 83% of all Sikh undertrials in the country.

The highest number of Christian undertrials comes from Tamil Nadu, Jharkhand and Orissa, accounting for nearly half (46%) of all Christian undertrials. These are also states where the Christian population is overwhelmingly poor: drawn from scheduled-caste converts in Tamil Nadu and tribal converts in Jharkhand and Orissa.

As many as 282,879 people are



undertrials in jails across India. 70% of these undertrials are Hindu, 21% Muslim, 4% Christian and 4% Sikh.

Of 131,157 convicts, 72% of convicts (95,348) are Hindus, 16% (21,550) are Muslim, 4% Christian and 6% Sikh.

The proportion of undertrials who are Hindus (70%) is 10 percentage points less than their proportion in the general population (80%), according to an IndiaSpend analysis of NCRB data. The proportion of Muslim undertrials is seven percentage points more than their proportion in the general population.

490 per million Sikhs are undertrials, the highest for any faith. The figure for India is 234 undertrials per million people.

An estimated 397 per million Christians, 346 per million Muslims and 204 per million Hindus are undertrials.

## **The religious profile of convicts is along similar lines.**

The proportion of Hindu convicts (72%) is eight percentage points less than their proportion in the general population (80%). The proportion of Muslim convicts is two percentage points more than their proportion in the general population.

350 per million Sikhs are convicts, the highest for any faith. The national figure is 109 convicts per million people.

An estimated 185 per million Christians are convicts, compared to 125 per million Muslims and 99 per million Hindus.

Christian undertrials increased 53% from 7,198 in 2010 to 11,048 in 2014; however, there was a decline of 11% in 2014 over 2013.

In overall terms, there was an increase of 5% in convicts over the past five years.

Sikh convicts increased 32%, from 5,500 in 2010 to 7,286 in 2014, while Christian convicts went up 24% over the same period.

The number of Hindu convicts rose 4%; Muslim convicts declined 5%.

Tamil Nadu, Home To Most Christian Undertrials

The highest number of Christian undertrials is in Tamil Nadu (2,538).

Hindu undertrials increased 18% over the past five years, followed by Sikh (17%) and Muslim (12%).

As many as 197,273 Hindus were undertrials at the end of 2014 across India, followed by Muslims (59,550), Christians (11,048), Sikhs (10,203) and others (4,805).

Uttar Pradesh, the most populous state in the country with 200 million people, had 62,515 undertrials. Bihar (26,800) is second, followed by Maharashtra (19,895), Madhya Pradesh (19,188) and Punjab (15,467).

In terms of undertrials per million people, Delhi tops with 606, followed by Dadra and Nagar Haveli (579), Punjab (558), Mizoram (506) and Haryana (439).

There are 3,237 detainees in jails across India; of these 63% (2,030) are Hindu, 20% (658) are Muslim and 16% (505) are Christian, mirroring the profile of undertrials and convicts.

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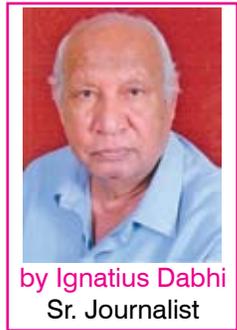
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# "Your ordinances unconstitutional, hold polls at the earliest" Gujarat H.C.



by Ignatius Dabhi  
Sr. Journalist

It was on Wednesday, October 12, the acting chief justice of the Gujarat High Court, Jyant Patel and justice N V Anjaria, invalidated Gujarat BJP government's efforts to delay the Local Body polls in the wake of the Patel quota stir. It is interesting to note that the Gujarat BJP has 43 Patel MLAs. The CM and her Kitchen Cabinet consists of Patel ministers. The a day before this historical judgement, the Patel Quota Stir's main leader, Hardik Patel, was arrested in Surat.

The Patel community is one of the richest communities and has been in the forefront politically and economically. Sardar Patel was one of the closet men of Mahatma Gandhi during the freedom movement and he could have been a "better Prime Minister than Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru", So say political Pundits. The present Chief Minister, a close ally to Modi, is also a Patel.

For the last three months now, the entire Patel community is strongly demanding 'reservations' for Patels in Gujarat. Every major city, town or a village has Patels who have been well-to-do for years. These Patels have been demanding 'reservation' like OBCs and SCs. No effort from the Gujarat government has succeeded to withdraw their demand for quota. The entire Patel community has been vehemently protesting against the state BJP government. It is with this background, the state government had passed ordinances to delay the Local Body Polls. The Patel community's ire will surely adversely affect the poll outcome.

The Gujarat High Court refused to stay its order to allow the state government and the Election Commission of its constitutional status and said that the Gujarat state Election Commission "must begin election process 45 days before completion of their term of elected bodies". The High Court ordered the state government to render all assistance for polls in Gujarat.

It is important to note that the BJP has a thumping majority in the assembly and during the last elections, it was mainly the Patel Community that sup-

ported the BJP most. The Patel MLAs find it very difficult to find a suitable stand. No Patel MLA is allowed to hold any meeting, rally or interview. The entire Patel Community has stood as a rock against the BJP ruled Gujarat government. Modi has preferred to keep mum and has conveniently kept himself safely away from present situation.

Soon after the historic judgement of the Gujarat High Court, there was a hurriedly summoned Cabinet Meeting at the State Capital, Gandhinagar. The HC move was a direct slap on the face of the BJP government and in a face-saving movement, minister Jadeja said that the state BJP wing was ready to hold the election at any day.

The court outright rejected the state government's idea of appointing administrators in local bodies until elections took place. The court in its order clearly said that there was no room for administrators because this position is unknown to the constitution of India.



Earlier, on October 3, the Gujarat state election commission had taken a decision to delay the polls. The Gujarat government's home department in a letter without a letterhead, had conveyed its decision to E.C. was made a toy in the hands of the government.

The BJP government in Gujarat is in a fix. The most influential community in Gujarat is diametrically against the BJP government. BJP leaders are not allowed to enter towns, villages and city areas where Patel strength counts a lot. Candidates are shy to face the wrath of the Patel Community.

The present festive season does not spell out a colourful picture for the BJP in Gujarat. The writings on the wall frighten BJP.

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## The writing on the wall...

The Modi government is facing its toughest test in its 18 months of existence. It has nothing to do with its performance – acts of commission as we call it. The problem is in its non-performance – acts of omission. Has the government succeeded in creating a congenial atmosphere in the country in which all the segments [majority and minorities] can live peacefully accepting each others role and space. One segment cannot usurp the space of the other nor dictate its agenda. All citizens have equal and unfettered right to enjoy the fundamental rights enshrined in the constitution by its founders. No segment, fringe or otherwise, has been empowered to dictate terms to others. Let that be clear. If the rabid elements, some of which may be country cousins of the larger Sangh Parivar, have arrogated to themselves the right to represent 80% Hindus, it is worrisome. RSS says it is not a punching bag. Fine, then why should your ideologues defend the actions of those who create trouble? Why does the Sangh Parivar get offended when the so called 'Hindu outfits' are berated for their outrageous comments and behaviour?

Law and order is definitely a State subject. No doubt! That said, the overall superintendence becomes the responsibility of the Central government. What has the BJP done to rein in the motor mouths within the party? What has the centre done to those rabble rousers who are ministers in the Modi government? Just saying this is not the policy of the party or the government and that we do not agree with their views is simply not enough. You are actually telling them, you continue your tirade and we are here to look the other way. It is this attitude of the Modi government [the PM] that is worrying the minorities, the intellectuals like the scientists, historians, writers etc. They are persons of eminence and rightly honoured by the nation and not the government of the day. Therefore if they [more than 300] return the awards, they are returning to the nation and not to the government in power. Even the servicemen are planning to return their medals. Are they also doing so at the behest of a particular political party? Will you ask them why they did not return their medals in 2002? Should we ask if the proposed 'anti awardwapsi' protest is engineered by the BJP or the RSS and why not?

## VIEWS on NEWS

Arun Jaitley says actually there is a conspiracy against Modi by those who cannot digest a BJP govt. If that be so then your outbursts against 'awardwapsi' sound hollow. Learn to accept criticism.

A country which is striving hard to project itself as a world leader needs to be more sensitive. When in power you cannot ride two horses – you cannot have dual ideologies. You cannot please both – the RSS and the people. You are bound to displease one. The choice is yours. There is no point in wooing other nations to support you for UN seat or for investments from rich and powerful countries. The overall atmosphere at home is more important. People want peaceful atmosphere first. Reforms and UN seat can wait. The world is watching your indifference – your subtle encouragement to these divisive forces. Why is an independent rating agency – Moody's cautioning you? Remember Moody's enjoys global credibility – don't take it lightly. Soon America may speak up and that will be far more embarrassing and the impact will be greater.

*Nobel Laureate Kailash Satyarthi, N R Narayana Murthi, Raghuram Rajan, Kiran Muzumdar Shaw, Zubin Mehta and others are not ordinary Indians. Hosts of other intellectuals are also concerned and more such people will speak up. And when the President of the country speaks on the issue thrice in a month, it means he is greatly disturbed. Maybe he will talk to the PM and give him some advice. Don't belittle this protest. Your desperate senior ministers are insulting the intellectual community and the nation that honoured them in the first place. It is questioning the President as well. Wake up and smell the coffee. Rein in your recalcitrant ministers / party men. Snub RSS publicly on their demand for policy on Christian and Muslim population figures. Otherwise all your achievements will come to a big naught. Finally, remember the world will believe Moody's and not Modi.*

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### Road Repairs redefined

It is amazing that our own municipal authorities have improved so much that they have actually started thinking of repairing roads even before they go bad. This approach, compared to the archaic one which involved attending to roads after repeated complaints from the me-

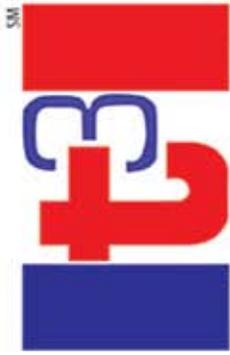


by Marshall Sequeira

dia and the general public about the pathetic conditions of some of the roads with life threatening pot hold, is a welcome departure. This sounds revolutionary but there is a catch since the public would not benefit from this approach.

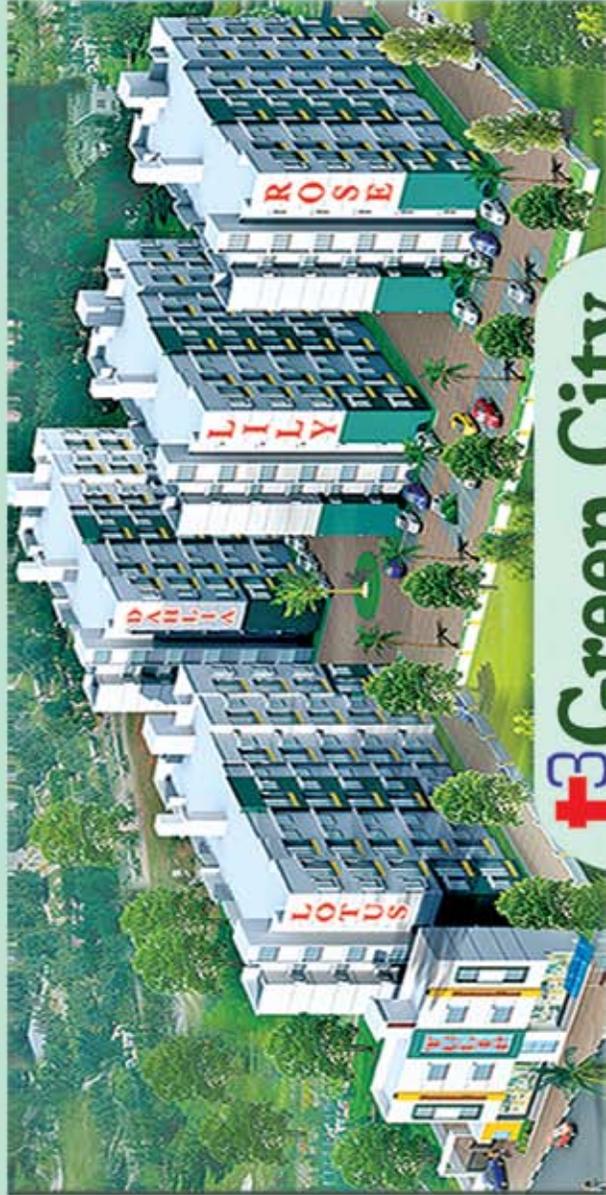
The BMC authorities had gone through the process of sanctioning over 1089 crores for repairs covering some 870 roads. Obviously, due process must have been followed like some engineers would have inspected all those roads and worked out the quantum of work that was needed. This must have been verified by the senior BMC officials concerned. Thereafter, tenders must have been floated specifying the type and quality of work. Only then the matter would have gone to the appropriate forum. The Commissioner decides to do a random check and finds, to his utter amazement, that one particular road [out of 870] does not require any repairs. Startled, he orders an inquiry and it now transpires that a total 42 roads were absolutely fine. The amount that was earmarked for these 42 roads was a whopping 100 crores [roughly 10% of 1089 crores].

*What next Mr Commissioner? Are you going to sack ALL those involved in this racket including very senior officials? Also those contractors who filled the tenders need to be blacklisted for life. Criminal cases should be filed against the entire lot. Incidentally, how many such tenders must have been passed in the last few years under the Sena/BJP combine? Is it not fair to believe that part of the loot has gone to the elected representatives who were involved in clearing the tenders and allotting funds for the purpose? With over 2000 crores annually spent on roads should not an external agency be involved in this exercise if the authorities are serious about it? Here is a chance for the BJP to insist on CBI probe and get even with the Sena in the bargain. For that the hands of the BJP in BMC must be spotlessly clean.*



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# Milk & Martyrs

**F**irst the milk part. There was a cauldron of fresh milk kept amidst a group of people. Seeing it lying unattended one of the bystanders siphoned off some in a bottle and took it home. A second bystander wanted to drink the milk, but he was rudely pushed aside by another; telling him that he was not entitled to it. In the ensuing melee yet another bystander surreptitiously slipped some poison into the milk, causing acute food poisoning, and the milk to split. Alarmed at these developments the leader of the group put his finger to his lips and sternly reprimanded everyone present to shut up and not utter a word about what was happening!

What is this all about? The cauldron of milk is a symbol of Indian society today, and the bystanders are the various stakeholders. They may, in some way or the other, be having an adverse impact on Indian society. The person who siphoned off some milk for his personal use is a symbol of Corruption that has become endemic to both our private life and public polity.

The bully, who pushed away an aspirant, is a symbol of Casteism, which seeks to deprive a large section of society of its legitimate rights. The poison is indicative of Communalism, with its lethal impact; which, once set in motion, is almost irreversible. Our scientists have gone to Mars, we may be experts in nano technology and genetic engineering, but



till today no scientist has evolved a process for making split milk whole again! To keep all these unpleasant developments under wraps, we see a new hydra headed monster emerging (last seen during the Emergency 40 years ago). It also begins with a C – Censorship. The present Govt is particularly image conscious, and intolerant of criticism, or differences of opinion. So we have seen Censorship and censures, in the shutting down of Internet services and social media, a plethora of bans, and cold-blooded murder of those who dared to be different. These are all ominous.

This little analogy shows that though Corruption and Casteism are danger-

ous, they pale into insignificance before Communalism, which is the real danger to the social fabric of India. Any economic development at the cost of communal harmony is actually regressive. Money will come and go, but social cohesion and communal harmony take years to build. Unfortunately, they can be destroyed in a flash.



by chhotebhai \*

The milk of human kindness, to use an old phrase, must be nurtured, for which all sane individuals and organizations must strive unceasingly. The Fourth Estate, on its part, must firmly resist any attempt at being muzzled, or being silenced with a quid pro quo from the powers that be.

Now to the Martyr part. Ganesh Shankar Vidhyarthi (GSV) is venerated as the symbol of communal harmony in Kanpur, my hometown. He was a zealous freedom fighter, social reformer and a fiery journalist. His death in Kanpur, on 25th March 1931, was the culmination of a circle of violence that began with Jallianwalla bagh in 1919. Bhagat Singh, who was closely associated with

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GSV, was deeply anguished by that massacre.

When the Simon Commission visited Lahore in 1928, Lala Lajpat Rai led the agitation against it. Prof R.K. Tailang, a reputed historian of Kanpur, says that Bhagat Singh, together with a few freedom fighters, many from Kanpur, acted as a human shield to protect Lalaji. However, the British police officer, Sandhurst, brutally attacked Lalaji, causing him multiple injuries. Bhagat Singh could not stomach this and swore revenge. He assassinated him shortly thereafter. For this he was sentenced to death.

Though there was obviously no email, Internet or even a proper phone service in those days, the freedom fighters had their own communication network, and came to know of Bhagat Singh's impending execution several days in advance. Kanpur was on the boil. There was a call for a bandh, which one community supported and the other did not, with a resultant flare in communal passions. When Bhagat Singh was hanged on 23rd March 1931 the situation went out of hand. GSV was restless and could not sleep. The next morning (25th March) he went out to quell the rampaging mobs, and became its victim.

No less than Mahatma Gandhi had then said that he actually envied GSV's martyrdom. A memorial to him was built in what is now known as Phool-bagh, and inaugurated by the then Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru. But the story of this martyrdom hasn't ended here.

GSV's 125th birth anniversary fell on 26th October. Just two days before that (24th) there was a Hindu-Muslim flare up because of an altercation over a tazzia procession for Mohararam that had coincided with Dusshera and Durga Puja; right here in Kanpur, the karmabhoomi of GSV. The next morning (25th) I gave the analogy of the milk at the Kanpur Press Club that was commemorating GSV's anniversary. On the day of his anniversary

(26th) we went to his memorial at Phoolbagh to take a pledge for communal harmony. It had been almost destroyed by the Kanpur Development Authority and was an overgrown jungle; despite specific orders from the Allahabad High Court to restore the memorial to its earlier pristine glory. British bureaucrats like Sandhurst may have quit India, but their progeny remain; those bureaucrats who ride roughshod over peoples' aspirations, with total disregard for the law of the land. The story still hasn't ended.

That afternoon I was invited to speak at the GSV Inter College. When I entered the college premises I mistook it for an army encampment, because of the number of paramilitary forces stationed there. A double whammy, that another memorial to the martyr for peace and communal harmony should be converted into a camp for gun toters, on his 125th anniversary. The story continues.

Later that evening, at the behest of the district administration, I took my team of social and civic activists for a 6 km long peace march through the communally affected areas. Religious leaders of the Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, Christians and Buddhists sent out an unequivocal message of peace, brotherhood and communal harmony. It was a fitting 125th birthday present to GSV, albeit under tragic circumstances.

The Catholic community was represented by Rev Thomas Kumar, Principal, St Aloysius' School, Sr Divya CJ, Principal, St Mary's Convent, chhotebhai, President of the Kanpur Catholic Association, and the St Patrick's Church youth by Praveen Ddungdung, Ruksana Nayak, Joseph Lal and Gulshan Nayak.

Let us hope and pray that we won't have to cry over more spilt, or split milk, for martyrs like Ganesh Shankar Vidhyarthi are hard to come by today.

*\* The testator is the Convenor of the Kanpur Nagrik Manch.*

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# Saint Peter And Mother Teresa: A Discernment



BY MELVYN BROWN

In God's providential design, the woman known as Mother Teresa, 'Saint of the gutter', has been waiting in the sidelines to become a saint in the eyes of the Church

Some people feel that because of Mother's moments of spiritual doubts and fears, she is still some distance away from sainthood.

This is not true. The Lord in his own profound way is the "discerner of spirits". In the Epistle to the Hebrews we are told of the "living word" and how He is "a discerner of the thoughts and intentions of the heart." (Heb.4:12).

Saint Peter was a self-confessed sinner: it was the first time when he met Jesus in the incident of the miracle flow of fishes at Lake Genesareth when Peter fell at the feet of Christ



and said, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O LORD." (Luke 5:8) The testimony of Jesus was that He had come to call sinners, not the just. (Mat. 9:13; mark 2:17). Peter was called by Christ.

"Thou art Simon, the son of John; thou shalt be called Cephas (interpreted as Peter). "Peter the sinner, by his own confession was destined to be the "rock" – the first Pope. The Lord would bring Peter to an understanding of being spiritually mature, knowing Satan's evil powers on his character and upon his weaknesses.

Mother Teresa had laid open her heart in her quiet moments of doubt and disappointments in her diaries. Like Peter, she too was human. Unlike Peter, she did not see Christ, but believed in the dimensions of the nature of spiritual life. Her prayers and daily comfort towards the sick and the dying was a staggering psalm of holy obedience to His will.

Throughout the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius, the saint refers to Satan as the "enemy of human nature". Our Lord describes the nature of Satan in John.8:42-47). "...He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him..." "Mother Teresa is still in the midst of 'the poorest of the poor'. Her spirit moves over the victims of man's inhumanity to man, over

the weak and those in desperate situations. Like the promise of St. Therese of Lisieux who said, "I will spend my heaven doing good on earth." Mother Teresa is also here with us. Soon she will be made a saint.

Saint Peter had weeded out the spiritual hedge of his soul. He did not vacillate any longer between the force of the good spirit and the evil spirit. God's grace had helped Peter to rise above all his weaknesses. Despite his goodness, he had faults unbecoming an apostle. He was slow to believe (Mat.14:31); he was not fast in understanding the teachings of Jesus (Mk.9:28); he was impulsive (Jn.18:10-11); he had a high opinion of his courage and strength (Jn.13:33-38).

**All said and done, Peter became a saint.**

Mother Teresa and I had been good friends. I had been in her company on many trips to different places. I once went with Mother to Raigarh when she visited the leper colony, and also on the occasion when she met Bishop Toppo.

I had observed many kind deeds and touching scenes of the Mother going about her apostolate. I was there: at Mother House, at Shishu Bhavan, on the streets and at various functions. My greatest treasure was given to me by Mother a few months before she passed away. Suddenly, one morning, she asked me to give her a piece of blank paper. I only had my personal card, and Mother took it and wrote at the back of the card:

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“Character is not ready made. It is created bit by bit, day by day in the manufacture of daily duty.”- President Woodrow Wilson. This character is largely built through the education that one receives, both formal and informal, for to educate is to sow values, in order to form persons with a solid personality.

My dear children, this Children’s Day, I wish to share with you the importance of the Education you receive (all are not lucky enough to do so in spite of the RTE). It is Education that aims at making you aware of, the urgent need to promote social justice and respect for human life, by striving for peace, harmony and the upliftment of the downtrodden, at all times. I am sure you realize that the world cannot prosper unless, every individual created in the image and likeness of God, grows to his/ her full dignity. A genuine Education (especially the pedagogy followed in our Catholic Schools) works to point out, the close relationship of solidarity we share, with one another & with God.

Administrators of Schools & Colleges are coming up with varied ideas and programmes, to make the Education Ministry more effective. Children you need to give these your best shot and you will stand to gain much. Involve yourselves in projects that take Education, beyond the 4 walls of a Classroom, for by doing so, you will develop a spirit of participation and co responsibility. Look around and discover the emphasis potential employers lay on an all-round Personality, one that comes with I.Q, E.Q, and S.Q all in equal measure, courtesy a Holistic Education. Formal Education particularly, teaches you how to pool the gifts & talents of different persons & come up with a Champion Team rather than a Team of Champions, which is what a developing nation like India needs right now. Today School & College life, provide a variety of co-curricular & extracurricular activities, through which



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you can discover yourself. Believe me it is important for you to recognize, develop and use your God given talents, gifts, skills and strengths.

Understandably there may come moments, when you feel like rushing issues and making your own choice of friends, dress & leisure activities, independent of parental and other influences which you feel are holding you down. It is important that you think things through carefully, for rushing today may jeopardize your chances for a wonderful tomorrow. Accompany this with the right mental attitude that will help you make up your mind to endure the pain of struggle, for the comforts, rewards and glory of achievement. This with an inherent faith in God and an innate confidence to accomplish your goals, will make you a winner all the way!! !!!!

Most Educators of Youth understand that many of you are looking for persons who can understand you; empathize with you, which can often be achieved by simple listening. We are always available for you. You do not need to turn to wrongly influencing Media or Peer groups, which can lead to distressing situations. Through personal dialogue we can make you aware of your mistakes, guide you to correct yourselves and lead you to walk confidently

on the road of progress and success. Dialogue is a constructive communication tool dear Children, essential at different levels. Never give up on it.

Your Education stresses that each one of you is precious with your individual strengths and weaknesses. Remember always, that Education encompasses not just academic knowledge, but through sound instruction on life, moral principles and spiritual values, it brings about the total integration of your person, so that you can be an agent of change for the better, in a world lost in mediocrity. As followers of a leader par excellence –JESUS CHRIST, the choice is yours, to leave just footprints or to leave indelible heart prints on the sands of time.

Dearest Children, may you always find the Happiness which is in YOU, happiness which can come only when you make the time to seek it, and have the courage to share it with others. This Children’s Day, it is my earnest prayer that each one of you lovely children can come before the Creator of the Universe, and hear Him say to you, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant”.

## Thanksgiving



Thanks to Divine Mercy, Our Lady of Vailankani, Our Lady of perpetual Succor and St. Anthony

—A Devotee

# How Money Ruins Relationships?

It is very sad, but also very true, that there are more ways that money can ruin relationships than most people think.

**T**here are many ways that money can ruin relationships you might not have thought of. Consider these before you make a huge money decision within any type of relationship you have.

## Secrets:

One of the main ways that money can ruin relationships is that it creates secrets between people, if we let it. Let's say you go shopping and don't want your husband to know you spent half your paycheck on those killer stilettos, department store makeup, and that new blouse that was just begging to be bought. Or, maybe you take out a credit card and don't want to tell your mate, or even your parents. Any time you keep secrets that revolve around money, it creates an issue between you and that person, no matter how small. Overtime, the more gaps you create, even if they are harmless, will cause an emotional separation without you even realizing it.

## Lies:

The next way that money can ruin relationships, is it can cause people to lie to one another. It may start with something harmless like telling someone a lie about how much you make, or perhaps, lying about how much you spent on something. Maybe it's lying about how much debt you have, credit cards you have, or covering up a lie that you have from your past about money. Any time you lie, you run a high risk of getting caught later, and lies are always worse to deal with later, rather than sooner. It's best to just be honest, or say that you'd rather not talk about the issue at hand right now.

## Greed:

Money causes greed within all of us, if we let it. Let's face it, in today's so-

Each of us have the right to keep our bills, debt, our salaries, and our spending habits a personal issue. Yet, when we are involved in a relationship such as a marriage, or we borrow money from someone, it's always best to be as honest you can about certain specific money issues that affect the other person directly. Have you ever lost a relationship over money?



Money isn't evil, and we shouldn't see it as what controls our lives, yet many of us do. We live in a society that proves money speaks. Yet, money also can hurt people.

ciety, it is easy to get caught up in the money trap. You can't do much or get anywhere without money today, and this causes us to be greedy. If you're always wanting to have the best of the best, it starts to change the way you handle relationships and time with others. For instance, in a relationship, if you value making money or earning money over spending time with someone, or over their needs, it will do a lot of harm quickly. Always put people first over the need to make more, or have more money.

## Guilt:

If you happen to lie about a money

issue, or cover up one, it creates a sense of guilt inside of you. Whether you know it or not, you'll naturally shy away from a person you keep something from regarding money because of the guilt. This creates an obstacle between you and that person, and it is hard to rebuild a bond. Be careful when lying about money because the guilt will often eat you alive.

## Mistrust:

If you happen to get caught in a money lie, or perhaps someone discovers a secret you kept about money, it can cause a lot of mistrust, even possibly damaging the relationship for years, or even permanently. Trust is something money can never, ever buy.

## Deception:

Think about this: when someone lies to you, you feel deceived. Or, if someone keeps something from you, you feel deceived. While I think we all understand that money is a personal issue for everyone, and we don't have to know everyone's "money business", I think we also agree that when someone lies to us about money or keeps money secrets from us and we find out later, it can make us feel deceived. This usually happens in relationships and not just common friendships where joint money issues aren't really a problem. However, remember if you borrow money from a friend, not paying it back can make that friend feel deceived and betrayed. This is just one example of how deception with money can cause harm between two people in a relationship, but there are many more, as you can imagine.

## Separation:

Lastly, money can cause separation between two people eventually. Whether you want it to or not, and even if it isn't your fault, money is powerful enough to cause a permanent distance from someone, so handle each money situation carefully any time you're in a relationship.

# Inspiration!

## Keep Your Brain Young



**It's downhill after your mind-twenties but there are plenty of fun things you can do to improve your mind and keep the brain young**

**A**s far as the structure of people's grey matter is concerned, once they're past the mid-twenties, it's downhill all the way as brains begin to shrink. Structural decline is inevitable and an inescapable fact of life. There are several things that people can do to help slow down Age Related Cognitive Decline (ARCD). So, here are a few pointers to keep your grey matter in shape.

If not kept under control, a free radical is to the structure and fabric of the brain what a bull is to a china shop. Free radicals gain access to the brain mainly through cigarette smoke, exhaust fumes and fatty foods. The best way of countering their damaging effects is by reducing intake of red meat and eating plenty of fruit and vegetables — the best sources of anti-oxidants, which mop up free radicals.

### **Take your brain for a walk:**

A litre of blood passes through the

brain every minute. There's no space to store blood in the brain so it must receive a constant supply of nutrients. To make sure it gets all the supply, the heart has to be in a good condition. Exercise to keep the heart strong. Regular moderate to intense exercise keeps the brain functioning better for longer.

### **Learn a musical instrument:**

Playing an instrument involves manipulations of an object with various body parts to produce rhythmically precise sounds while listening to the sounds you produce.

### **Dancing:**

Most dance styles require coordination of movement with those of a partner, which must all be synchronised to a musical beat. Physical contact also triggers release of oxytocin.

### **Start reading:**

Reading involves converting strings of letters into words, words into sentences and deciphering their meaning. Images are conjured up in the mind's eye and sounds in the mind's ear. A good mental exercise!

### **Play chess:**

Chess requires potential moves of

both players to be imagined and held in mind. The more moves in advance a person tries to plan, the harder the frontal and parietal lobes of the brain works.

### **Get some hobbies:**

What sets the brain apart from super computers is its ability to physically change to meet new challenges. By consistently challenging it with fresh mental activities, the brain will be continually forced to restructure, rewire and build new connections to cope with the new demands placed on it. There are four hobbies that the Einstein Ageing Study observed were associated with a delay in the onset of dementia:

keep it in mind whether you're going to play an instrument, have a game of chess, get up and dance or enjoy a good book, the key to inspiring your brain to change is to do it regularly, intensely and over long periods. The great news is that these are all fun activities that anyone can do to ensure they maintain healthy brain for as long as possible.

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