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Former pope Benedict ready for final ‘pilgrimage’



Rome: Pope emeritus Benedict XVI hinted on Wednesday that he is nearing death and ready for his final “pilgrimage” at the age of 90.

“In the slow decline of my physical strength, internally, I am on a pilgrimage to the House (of the Lord)”, Joseph Ratzinger wrote in a letter published in the Corriere della Sera daily, which had told his many readers were concerned about his health.

The former pope, who will turn 91 in April, said he was moved that “so many readers want to know how this last period of his life is going”.

“It is a great grace for me to be surrounded, in this last point of a sometimes tiring path, with affection and kindness that I would not have imagined,” Benedict added.

Since his resignation five years ago, the German-born pope has been living in a small monastery in the Vatican, with four nuns and his personal secretary Georg Gaenswein.

Two years ago, Gaenswein reported that Benedict was “going out like a candle, slowly and serenely”.

Benedict celebrates mass every day, prays a lot, receives visitors in small numbers and responds to many letters.

—MattersIndia

Destination Weddings – **Midair !**



We've heard of ‘Destination weddings’, which is becoming the fashion in modern times. Previously, we've also heard about couples trying the knot in the high seas. More bizarre, are the weddings that take place while being suspended, midair !

But what had happened a couple of days back, has rocked the catholic church. It is the Pope who solemnised the wedding of Two flight attendants in the middle of a flight. It seems a Vatican official hastily drew up an official, handwritten, marriage certificate, stating that the two had consented to the sacrament of marriage on Jan. 18, 2018, and that Francis had blessed it “aboard the papal plane from Santiago to Iquique.”

Understandably, this incident has created a storm in the Catholic Church. Several questions have been raised - like what about marriage preparation, counselling, etc., what about their years of cohabitation, and their children, etc., etc. **It is also reported that the couple had a civil marriage some time in 2010 but even after eight years, were unable to have their marriage solemnized in Church !**

Without going into the merits of whether the Pope did the right thing, I wonder if this is setting a new trend. **Is this going to catch the fancy of couples now wanting to have their marriage solemnized in airplanes, complete with a priest, Mass, the wedding troupe, etc., etc. ? Times are changing, certainly ! Is the institution of Marriage itself under threat ?**



—Melville X. D'Souza
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'Thought for the week'

*You can't change how people feel about you, so don't try.
Just live your life and be happy*

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BUDGET and ECONOMICS

By Don Aguiar

The union budget was out recently and beat most citizens' expectations. Most citizens were of the view that the budget sops were more for the rich and super rich rather than for the common man and the government is happy about their budget. The need is to now debate on why the government is happy with this budget of theirs which will increase the gap between the rich and the common man rather than doing the opposite which is the need of the nation.

An example - For those who understand, no further explanation needed. For those who do not understand, no explanation is possible.

Suppose that every day, ten men go out for beer and the bill for all ten come to Rs 100. If they paid their bill the way they pay our taxes, it would go something like this...

The first four men (the poorest) would pay nothing

The fifth would pay Re 1

The sixth would pay Rs 3

The seventh would pay Rs 7

The eight would pay Rs 12

The ninth would pay Rs 18

The tenth man (richest) would pay Rs 59

So that's what they decided to do.

The ten men drank in the bar every day and seemed quite happy with the arrangement, until one day, the owner threw them a curve ball. "Since you are all such good customers", he said, "I'm going to reduce the cost of your daily beer by Rs 20." Drinks for the ten men would now cost just Rs 80.

The group still wanted to pay their bill the way we pay our taxes. So the first four men were unaffected. They would still drink free. - But what about the other six men? - The paying customers? How could they divide the Rs 20

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windfall so that everyone would get his fair share ?

They realized that Rs 20 divided by six is Rs 3.22. But if they subtracted that from every one's share, then the fifth man and sixth man would each end up being paid to drink his beer. So, the bar owner suggested that it would be fair to reduce each man's bill by a higher percentage the poorer he was, to follow the principle of the tax system they had been using and he proceeded to work out the amounts he suggested that each should pay.

And so the fifth man, like the first four now paid nothing (100% saving)

The sixth paid Rs 2 instead of Rs 3 (33% saving)

The seventh now paid Rs 5 instead of Rs 7 (28% saving)

The eighth now paid Rs 9 instead of Rs 12 (25% saving)

The ninth now paid Rs 14 instead of Rs 18 (22% saving)

The tenth now paid Rs 49 instead of Rs 59 (16% saving).

Each of the six was better off than before. And the first four continued to drink free. But once outside the bar, the men began to compare their savings.

"I only got a rupee out of the Rs 20 saving," declared the sixth man. He pointed to the tenth man, "but he got Rs10!"

"Yeah, that's right," exclaimed the fifth man, "I only save a dollar too. It's unfair that he got ten times more benefit than me!"

"That's true!" shouted the seventh man. "Why should he get Rs 10 back, when I got only Rs 2? The wealthy get all the breaks!"

"Wait a minute," yelled the first four men in unison, "we didn't get anything at all. This new tax system exploits the poor!" The nine men surrounded the tenth and beat him up.

The next night the tenth man didn't

show up for drinks, so the nine sat down and had their beers without him. But when it came time to pay the bill, they discovered something important. They didn't have enough money between all of them for even half of the bill!

And that is how our tax system works. The people who already pay the highest tax will naturally get the most benefit from a tax reduction. Tax them too much, attack them for being wealthy and they just may not show up anymore. In fact they might start drinking overseas, where the atmosphere is somewhat friendlier.

As the saying goes for this budget -

The Poor are promised subsidy and as one has experienced of this government - promises are seldom kept.

The Rich got their rebate

The Middle Class, watch TV – they will get debate.

The question of the Millennium of the governments Fine & Tax budget...

Student – Sir, what is the difference between FINE and TAX???

Sir – FINE is a tax for doing wrong And TAX is a fine for doing right.

Either way the government budget plan for the common man will make his income fall far short of his needs and he will have to borrow and be burdened to repay with interest while that for the rich is to become richer, borrow and forget to repay and just sweet talk and throw your weight around in the appropriate political circles -

The irony of 'aacha din' as promised by the government if voted to power - Well they got the mandate but it appears that the common man has misunderstood this 'accha din' they promised as it is the ministers and those connected with the government in whatever way who are experiencing this and the common man has been forgotten.

Indian Currents Bags ICPA Journalism Award 2018

Indian Catholic Press Association has decided to confer its prestigious annual Louis Careno Award for Excellence in journalism on Indian Currents, a national news & views English Weekly published from Delhi, for its bold stand against communalism and fundamentalism that has crept into our socio-political arena, over the past one decade and more. The Award will be conferred on Indian Currents during the 23rd National Convention of Christian Journalists, organized by the ICPA, scheduled to be held in Indore, on March 9, this year.

Indian Currents was founded in 1989, under the aegis of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India, and has earned for itself, over the years, a very large committed readership from all walks of life, religious backgrounds and political shades, both in India and abroad.

Week by week, Indian Currents spares no efforts in exposing the dangerous communal elements in the country, while following sound ethical principles of journalism and courageously calling a spade a spade, backed by solid and credible facts.

Currently edited by Fr Suresh Mathew, a Capuchin Priest of the Delhi Province, the Weekly has also a good team of regular contributors from different religions and academic backgrounds.

Conferred annually on deserving individuals or institutions, Louis Careno Award for excellence in journalism is a joint venture of the Mumbai Province of the Salesians of Don Bosco and the Indian Catholic Association (ICPA), a Premier Organisation of Catholic journalists, Dailies and Periodicals in India founded in 1964 by Fr John Barrett, an American Jesuit, belonging to the Patna Province.

*Fr Alfonso Elengikal, President, ICPA
Jose Vincent.K.J, Secretary, ICPA*



'Box intentions' ----- -A Review

Cardinal Oswald Gracias' directive on 'box intentions' for masses, is very commendable. As per the directive, people may put their mass intention in a box to be placed near the altar. Once a week a mass is to be celebrated for all the intentions placed in the box. People may put 'any amount' of money in the box for the mass intention, which again is very innovative. (People should give according to their means--the rich giving a lot more than the poor).

In my parish the 7 pm mass on Wednesdays is allocated for the box intentions. However, it has been observed that the response to the scheme is not quite up to expectation. There hasn't been any significant decline in people approaching the parish office for offering masses. Perhaps there are many people, like this writer, who are not comfortable with the idea of walking up to the altar in full public view, to place their mass intentions in the box. (Churches are usually open only during services). Hence, if one more box is placed at the entrance of the church I believe more people will use the 'box intention' facility. The contents of this box may be deposited on Wednesdays in the box placed near the altar. Our parish priest Fr Gilbert has agreed to implement the suggestion.

—Prof Robert Castellino
Orlem.

Is selling pakodas a job?

Lending support to the PM Narendra Modi who had said that 'sell-

ing pakodas was a kind of job', BJP president Mr Amit Shah in his maiden speech in parliament said that selling of pakodas was not shameful.

Very true. Millions of families across the country, survive on the earnings of pakodas and various other food items cooked and sold on the streets. There is dignity in all kinds of labour.

However, selling of food items on the streets can by no stretch of imagination be counted as 'a job' in the labour market. Moreover, cooking of food items on the streets is banned by the Bombay High court and hence selling of hot pakodas on the streets is at best an illegal job!

—Robert Castellino,
Mumbai

Valentine Day clash

This year there is much ado about nothing in church circles, just because of a trifling coincidence of Valentine Day with Ash Wednesday, on February 14). In the first place it must be remembered that Valentine Day is not a religious festival observed by the church. Notwithstanding the commercialization of V-day these days, it is

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basically a day of love celebrated privately by both married and unmarried couples, irrespective of one's religion, and arising out of a Western culture that has been appropriated by many countries, including ours. Asking for guidelines from the church as to how to celebrate it this year is therefore uncalled for, as it doesn't concern the church, as long as it is within morally acceptable limits. If one is a practising Catholic there should be no need for church guidelines to remind him/ her of the obligatory duty of fasting and abstinence on Ash Wednesday and about keeping the day holy, even if it happens to be Valentine Day. If Carnival is celebrated before the start of the holy season of lent commencing on Ash Wednesday, then Valentine Day can also be celebrated a day or two before Ash Wednesday.

—A. F. Nazareth,
Alto Porvorim..

Re-writing science

While we are witnessing Indian history being re-written to give it a more 'desi' flavour, the next in turn appears to be that onow. Thanks to all our freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives fighting for India's Independence.

— Jubel D'Cruz, Mumbai

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

"Holy Spirit, thou who makes me see everything and shows me the way to reach the ideal. You who gives me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and are in all instances in my life with me. I, in this short dialogue want to thank you and confirm from you once more that never want to be separated from you, no matter how great the material desire may be. I want to be with you and my loved ones in your perpetual glory. Amen".



—A Devotee
Andheri (W)

Unity In Adversity



सयुक्त मोर्चा की बैठक को संबोधित करते हुए पद्मश्री डा० गिरिराज किशोर एवं विभिन्न राजनैतिक दलों के नेता

chhotebhai

KANPUR (6TH February): Unity in diversity is the cliché often used to describe the multi-cultural, multi-religious and multi-ethnic community that is India. The flavour of the season is unity in adversity, because if they don't swim together they are bound to sink together.

Kanpur was witness to the strange spectacle of diverse political parties with varying ideologies coming together on one platform to protect the Constitution and the social fabric of the country. This is because of the common threat perception from a belligerent BJP. The Congress, SP, BSP, CPM, CPI, AAP, JDU, JDS, RLD, NCP and Swaraj India (of Yogendra Yadav) came together under the aegis of

the Kanpur Sanyukt Morcha (United Front).

A four hour long meeting attended by 50 political leaders, social activists, and intellectuals was held today at Mega Mall, Noronha Crossing, hosted by *chhotebhai*, President, Kanpur Catholic Association and Convenor Kanpur Nagrik Manch. This was the initiative of Athar Naim of the Congress and Suresh Gupta of the RLD. Noted litterateur Padamshri Dr Giriraj Kishor was the chief guest and Sri R.N. Trivedi IAS (Retd) was the main speaker. Representatives of the Kanpur Bar Association, Guru Singh Sabha, Mahila Manch and the Kanpur Catholic Association also participated.

The participants were unanimous in their view that the so-called "revolt" by four senior most judges of the Supreme Court had literally set the cat among the pigeons. The rot in the highest echelons of the judiciary was indicative of the decline of democracy in the country and the rending of its social fabric, for petty electoral gains. It was the duty of all conscientious citizens to stem the rot.

Besides supporting the stand taken by the honourable judges the participants also strongly asserted that the time had come to revert to the time tested manual ballot paper system,

as the sanctity of the EVMs was under a cloud. The danger of a polling booth being grabbed or a ballot box being snatched could easily be acted upon by the Election Commission. But there was no way of determining or verifying how an electronic system can be hacked, as no machine or system is tamper proof.

Grave concern was also expressed about the misuse of both the mainline and social media, especially the latter, for spewing vitriol on those who do not support the regime at the Centre.

Voicing the concerns of citizens, *chhotebhai* said that the opposition parties needed to go beyond just burning effigies or organising protest matches. They must address the genuine needs and grievances of the people and espouse their causes. It is no use leaving decisions to the parties' respective "high commands". They must convey to their higher ups the ground realities and people's expectations.

All the political parties present resolved to carry this show of unity forward and convert it into a mass movement to protect the constitutional values of secularism and socialism with justice equality and fraternity.

Thanksgiving

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be Praised Adored, Glorified and Loved today and everyday throughout the world, now and forever. Amen!!



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no matter how impossible it is

—Ronald Crasta,
Navi Mumbai

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February, The Catholic Press Month

By Fr Alfonso Elengikal, ssp

The Century that we live in has rightly been called the Century of the Internet and Social Media. If so, the previous century (the 20th century) can well be called the century of the Print and Electronic Media. During its first half, the print media considerably influenced the lives, and thinking of the people. However, it was more the secular media that did this, and it often led people in the wrong direction: towards atheism, and godlessness. The Church had to intervene, and she did it, but could do so only in a small way. It is in this scenario that Catholic journalism was born, with dioceses starting diocesan periodicals with the aim of instructing people in the Faith, and informing them about what is happening in the Church, and helping them to look at what is happening around from the Church's perspective.

Besides this, there were also other initiatives taken by individuals and Institutions, in India and abroad, to counteract the above-mentioned trend. This is where dailies like Deepika, a Malayalam daily started by St Kuria-kose Chavara in Kerala, and periodicals like The Examiner by the diocese of Bombay, The New Leader in Chennai, The Herald in Kolkata, etc. came to be founded, making the Church's voice heard both within and outside the Church. There were also similar attempts made about the same time in Europe and the United States, and Religious Congregations like the Society of St Paul and the Daughters of St Paul were founded to respond positively to the prevailing situation, a specific need of the Church of the time.

These efforts needed to be co-ordinated, strengthened and promoted. An all out effort had to be made in this direction, and it was in view of this, in 1931, in the United States, the month of February was dedicated to the

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for strengthening and promotion of Catholic Periodicals and Publications. Gradually, this practice of celebrating the month of February as the Catholic Press Month spread to other countries too, including India. In some countries February has also come to be known as the Good Literature/ Press Month.

Relevance of the Catholic Press Month

The month of February, dedicated to Catholic Press, comes to remind us, annually, of its relevance and of the important role it continues to play in the mission of the Church, and in the life of every Catholic/Christian. In spite of the arrival of the electronic/social media, the print medium continues to be a very powerful tool in the evangelization ministry of the Church, particularly in India, blessed with numerous regional languages, and where literacy is constantly on the increase. The Catholic Press in India (this includes periodicals like the Indian Currents, The Teenager, Inspirational Quote, etc. and books published by Better Yourself Books and Pauline Publications, which are inspirational or socio-political in content) gives the Church a voice which is hardly heard in a prejudiced or "pseudo-secular" country like ours.

The Catholic Press (books and periodicals), more than any other medium, helps the Catholic Faithful to be instructed in Faith, as well as to be guided by the leaders of the Church (including the Pope) and to be informed of the various activities of the Church, and of the happenings in and around the Church while presenting them with the Church's perspective. Most of us are aware of the presence of the Osservatore Romano (available now in English and Malayalam) that brings to us, every week, the Holy Father's message and other official teachings of the Church.

Our Responsibility/ Possibilities

Realising the significance of the Catholic Press, we should take the maximum advantage of all that it provides us. This is possible only when we cultivate the habit of reading them regularly: good Catholic books and one or two Catholic Periodicals.

Think of the possibility of giving good books and Catholic Periodicals as gifts to our friends, relatives and even to our students. Many of the Christian Schools now make it a point to gift their Xth and XIIth standard students on the day of farewell programme, which is a very good practice, which could be tried even on our young Children's Birthdays or giving them as prizes for school competitions or for excellence in studies.

We can support the Catholic Press by setting aside a small amount every month, which can be used to subsidize Bibles, or costly books, or for translating and publishing good English Books in regional language editions where these are not easily available. FIAT MISSION in Kerala has a very good Project for fully supporting the printing of the Bible into regional languages where it is not available. The amount used for this comes from the contributions made by ordinary people from across the country.

Most of us can be partners to such schemes by setting aside a small amount every month. When possible, you can also offer assistance to the Pauline Congregations in organizing book displays or exhibitions in Parishes, Schools, Office premises, etc. One can even collect subscriptions to various Catholic Periodicals English or regional language periodicals, which I have successfully done while visiting friends or Institutions for my official work. Various are the ways open to us to meaningfully celebrate the Catholic Press Month, already at our doorsteps. Here's wishing you all success.

WHETHER GOOD COLLEGE EDUCATION AND ACQUISITION OF LATEST SKILLS CAN BE PROVIDED TO THE POOR, BUT BRIGHT CHRISTIAN STUDENTS IN OUR PARISHES IN BOMBAY ? IS CHEMS THE ANSWER?

by Eric D'Sa

This is my favourite subject, as I am more than convinced that the only way that we Christians who are just about 2.3% of the Indian population, can make the required positive impact in our country, is by mainly ensuring that all our children obtain the best of higher education and latest skills. This will enable them to stand tall and independent in this 21st Century. There is no way in which we Christians can become militants or even aggressive protestors to avoid the community being sidelined. Only with the help of good education and being successful professionals and businessmen, that we can continue to be valuable to the country and be provided the due recognition and respect by non Christians.. We need to emulate the Parsee community in this regard, who though westernised and a very small minority, are well spoken off and respected. I have come to this conclusion, as I have been influenced by the life of two remarkable persons who were closely related to me.

The first one was my own father who was part of a lower middle class family in Mangalore and one of the seven siblings. Their father was not in a position to educate them more than school and junior college. However

he realised that only good college education would help him succeed in life. So he took an education loan and joined the then only college of Engineering in Mysore state. He was given a helping hand by a few families of the community in Bangalore in way of boarding and lodging. He recalls having just two good shirts which he had to wash and preserve carefully to go for functions. He passed through the four years of Bangalore Engineering college with a first class each year. Later after he joined the Government of Mysore Electrical department, he

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got a scholarship to go to United Kingdom for his masters in Birmingham University, where he stood first class first. His educational loan was finally repaid by my mother who came from a relatively affluent family. He specialised in hydro electric engineering and put up two large hydro electric projects in the state. He finally rose to become the first Chief Electrical Engineer of the newly formed Karnataka State. In that capacity he helped a number of Christian institutions.

The second person was my father in law. He too was the eldest son of a lower middle class farmer in a small town in South Kanara. His progressive father decided that he should give good college education to his children. So he started by sending his eldest son first to Mangalore city and then to Madras city, where he graduated with a first class from Guindy Engineering College, joined the State Government public works department and rose to be the Chief Engineer of Tamilnadu state. He was picked up then by Homi Baba the Chairman of Atomic Energy department, GOI, to

head the civil engineering department. BARC at Trombay is a proof of the vision of Homi Baba and the efficient and fast execution of the project of my FIL, a government housing scheme which is a show case of the nation. He further helped the nascent TCS set up their new office in Bengaluru and then helped the St. John's medical college in their expansion.

Both the above gentleman were a show case of Christian professionalism and integrity. Even after retirement they helped members of Christian community. They were well respected by all people who came in touch with them. I have given the example of the above two persons, to highlight what good higher education does not only to the poor and lower middle class students and their families, but also to the communities. They in turn inculcated in their children the value of good college education and need to continuously keep learning and improving the skills. No doubt their families had due to their efforts become relatively wealthy and as such we the children had the full financial and guidance support of the family. In a sense we were born with a silver spoon and there was no need for an educational loan. The home environment was comfortable and the surroundings in which we grew was supportive. Each child had the required private space to study and learn. Access to wide range of books and travel around the country helped with accumulation of knowledge. Being enrolled in the best of schools and then colleges further provided the required foundations. This all helped in the success rate of the children becoming successful citizens and further accumulation of wealth.

A few decades later after living a fairly comfortable life, a time came when I

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thought there was a need for me to give back something to the community in which I lived. I belonged to a relatively poor Parish of St. Anthony Church, Mankurd which was surrounded by a poor old village. The 400 years old church and the priest house were built of mud with tiled roof. It was almost impossible to visit the church by a car. The weekly Saturday and Sunday mass collections was around Rs. 200/- per week. I was not sure if they were a handful of income tax paying Parishioners. Yet the same Parishioners had built a new school a few decades earlier which educated almost 2000 children upto 10th standard, mostly from the poorer sections that lived around the church. I reluctantly got inducted into the church building committee as the Vice Chairman. The Chairman was a dynamic priest who lead his folk from the front. To cut the story short, the Parishioners worked hard and used legitimate means to raise funds. Donations from Parishioners from other rich parishes in the city helped. The amount raised went as high as Rs 1.4 crores and a fairly attractive church, kindergarten school and parish house was built in the year 2002.

The Parish at the same time launched at outreach program for the poor in the Parish called Jankalayan, which provided free medical check ups, medical advise from doctors and medicines. It also provide to the poor school students, free uniforms , text books and stationary and exemption from school fees. Students who were weak in studies were also given free tuitions. Soon it was realised that many bright boys and girls from poor families could not proceed with college education, as their parents were unable to pay high college fees and they could not get educational loans from banks without providing the banks with the required security against the loans. This though the Central Government has a policy that bright students from poor families seeking college education, should be provided by the schedule banks with education loans upto 4.5 Lakhs

without security being given. This concession was for one reason or the other over looked by the banks. The interest charged for education loans were also high - around 11 to 12% p.a. compared to 8 to 9% p.a. interest charged for housing and car loans.

To get over this problem and provide such students not only the required educational loans and career guidance, but also mentoring during college education and later help to get their first job , some of us like minded people in the Parish formed a charitable NGO named Catholic Higher Education and Mentoring Society (Chems), in the year 2012. The Parish priest was very co-operative, became a life member and its first president. A poor Parish which even these days collects during Saturday/Sunday masses just about Rs. 5000/- to Rs. 7000/- a week, has over the last 5 years helped us to build a Rs. 30,00,000/- fund. With it we have been able to provide as of now, 30 bright students from poor families the required finances in way of interest free educational loans, to pursue college education. Among them 7 have already finished their graduation and have started working and have lucrative jobs. The students not only belong to our parish, but also from 4 other

Parishes in this city. CHEMS has already obtained from the Income Tax department, GOI, 12 A and 80G certification. We are now seriously working towards increasing the capital of the Society, so that we can provide a financial helping hand to many more deserving poor students.

You the Citizens will have to decide, whether we Christians should encourage all our children to obtain good college education and then the necessary skills to meet the demands of the 21st century. Will you provide the poor Christian kids the helping hand to acquire good college education and skills?

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Inspirational Strength of Merciful Life

A friend Daxaben Sanghvi says that she has given up reading newspaper in the morning! For, newspapers bring daily bad news. Daxaben does not wish to afflict her mood reading sad news and negative reporting early in the morning.

Shakespeare has said that our sweetest songs are those that tell of saddest thoughts. When we read every day early morning sad news and reports about crimes our mind may recall the words of Shakespeare.

But as an exemption a small news item appeared in social media, which spread far and wide like a virus. Many innocent people died in a Paris restaurant where the terrorists of Islamic state fired indiscriminately and killed many people. Among the dead there was the wife of Antoine Leiris. Mr. Leiris wrote a letter to those terrorists who killed his wife.



by Fr. Varghese Paul, SJ

“Friday night, you took an exceptional life -- the love of my life, the mother of my son -- but you will not have my hatred I don't know who you are and I don't want to know, you are dead souls. If this God, for whom you kill blindly, made us in his image, every bullet in the body of my wife would have been one more wound in His heart.”

“So, no, I will not grant you the gift of my hatred. You're asking for it, but responding to hatred with anger is falling victim to the same ignorance that has made you what you are. You want me to be scared, to view my countrymen with mistrust, to sacrifice my liberty for my security. You lost.”

In his letter we can note one thing. Antoine Leiris does not hate the terrorists who shot dead his wife; but he warns the terrorists that they will not

reach paradise, where he has faith to reach and meet his wife. In this warning of Antoine Leiris we see his love and concern for the terrorists.

We generally hate the criminals who have been caught and imprisoned for crimes like rape and murder. With feeling of hatred and revenge we call for death and capital punishment for such criminals. In such situations hatred and revenge remain with us. The response of Antoine Leiris is a challenge for us to reflect on.

Here I would like to recall an incident of a rape noted in the 34th chapter of Genesis. Dinah is the daughter of Jacob from his wife Leah. Dinah on her way to meet her relatives has been raped during the journey by Shechem, son of Hamor the Hivite, the chief of that region. Then, with the intention of marriage with Dinah, Shechem hid her in his house. Then Hamor and Shechem (father & son) went to meet Dinah's father Jacob and her brothers. They pleaded with

Jacob and sons to give Dinah in marriage without any dowry.

Shechem also promised Jacob and the brothers of Dinah money and ornament in return for Dinah. As Shechem has violated their sister Dinah her brothers gave Shechem and his father deceitful answer. They said that it is not our custom to give in marriage our sister to people who are not circumcised. So they said to Hamor and his son and all males of his caste, “We cannot let our sister marry a man who is not circumcised; that would be a disgrace for us.”

Hamor and his son agreed to the condition of circumcision because Shechem loved Dinah very much. All citizens of the city agreed with what Hamor and Shechem proposed. All the males were circumcised. Three days later, when the men

were still sore from their circumcision, two of Jacob's sons, Simeon and Levi, the brothers of Dinah, took their swords, went into the city without arousing suspicion, and killed all the men including Hamor and his son Shechem. Then, they took Dinah from Shechem's house and left.” But Jacob did not like his sons, way of revenge. So Jacob took his sons all men and all his possessions and went away and stayed at Bethel.

Many years after that Jacob on his death bed called all his sons and told them what was in his mind. To Simeon and Levi, the blood relative sons, Jacob said that, the sword is the weapon of killing. Jacob said, “I will not take part in their company because they have killed many in their anger. For, becoming very angry they killed people. I curse their anger because that is fierce. I will scatter them in the land of Jacob and I will disperse them all among its people.” (Gen 49:6)

In the whole story of Jacob we can see that he was much disturbed with the rape of his daughter Dinah. But he is much more worried about his two sons who used their sword to kill not only the one who raped their sister but also all males of his community. So he scorns the anger of his sons and decides not to keep their company.

From these words and actions of Ja-

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—IS.

Saffron[izing] Passports?

The Government came out with a novel idea of issuing a different colour passports to those citizens who need emigration clearance to proceed abroad particularly for gainful employment. The most sought after region is the Gulf countries which still offer huge opportunities to the labour force in the sub-continent which has its genesis to the Petro-Dollar era. While initially the workers were paid fair wages and even treated reasonably well, certain unscrupulous employers exploited the semi-literate employees. With language barrier the interaction with the employers was near impossible. In most cases, their passports were confiscated. Workers found that they were taken for a ride by equally unscrupulous agents in India. Females were sent abroad with a promise of jobs as governesses but were forced into flesh trade and there was nothing that the hapless victims could do.

Mounting complaints from activists and opposition parties exerted pressure on the Government of the day to take cognizance of the rampant exploitation of the Indian citizens who had gone there to earn good income and improve the lives of their near and dear ones. Changes in the procedures were made from time to time. The Government realized that the sheer numbers of such workers in the Gulf, made the task of the Indian Missions difficult. The present Government, in its wisdom, thought that a distinct colour for such citizens would help in identifying them at all stages. Perhaps the choice of colour – orange sent wrong signals. Whether it was by chance or design, it naturally evoked sharp criticism from the opposition parties. Whether their reaction was reasonable should be seen in the context of the prevailing atmosphere where even the walls of Madrassas were painted saffron [only to be repainted a little later] which was seen as a deliberate provocation.

Once the Government's proposal was seen with tainted glasses, other objections became more pronounced. It was rightly felt that it would mean 'alienation' of such people who generally belong to the poorer segment of society. Since the passport comes in public domain, its distinct colour

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would make such holders suffer from inferiority complex. They could be subjected to public ridicule at airlines and emigration counters – something that is not desirable. Fortunately, the Government was quick to realize the adverse impact of its proposal and decided to drop it altogether.

It was also proposed that the last page of the passport which normally carries the address and the names of the spouse / parents be kept blank. Perhaps, the Government was guided by the fact that advanced countries do not have such details in their passports. Moreover, the address is not a permanent thing. With fast changing methods of parenthood through surrogacy and other such forms, adoptions and soon you will have same sex parents, names of parents could create issues. It made sense to keep the last page blank. For unknown reasons, the Government dropped this proposal as well.

The Government led by the BJP is taking the saffron colour far too seriously especially in the Hindi dominated areas like the U.P. There everything seems to be painted saffron. The Chief Minister wears saffron attire; his residence is reported to be painted likewise. What exactly is sought to be achieved is a little perplexing. As observed above, was it not provocation to paint Madrassa buildings in saffron colour? You have the majority in the Assembly all right, but taking things too far is not something that is undesirable. At this rate, the citizens may be forced to wear only saffron colour attire if not the general public, the school uniforms for sure in aided schools. God save this country.

All for you, Voters

With the announcement of a slew of sops to the agrarian distressed farming community and a very ambitious health scheme for the financially challenged population, the government expected the whole country to go bonkers. Nothing of this happened and there were only questions that were raised. The salaried class is unhappy; industry is not pleased and so on. Who is really pleased other than the BJP? Not a word of praise from the so called al-



by Marshall Sequeira

lies of the BJP. The Sena has pounced on the government, the Akalis are frowning and the TDP which threatened to abandon the NDA. It is mollycoddled for the time being and they have agreed to continue but watch how their concerns will be addressed. When your allies are unhappy how do you expect the opposition parties to hail the budget as a game changer?

The main question that is raised is where will the money come from for the humongous amount that is required for the health insurance premium to cover half a billion people? You have not even checked what it will cost but assume that the same will be reasonable. Assuming that you manage to make a beginning and give health cover to the 10 crores families, is the country equipped to nurse so many people? With a health policy in hand, everybody will want to get admitted to a hospital where everything is supposed to be covered. If the treatment is taken without hospitalization, the poor man will have to bear the cost probably. The existing public hospitals are bursting with patients and hundreds of them are seen lying on the floors for want of beds. Where are you going to admit them?

For the size of the health coverage, more than money you must have the infrastructure in place. Do we have the requisite number of doctors and other para-medical staff to handle such a huge traffic in the hospitals even conceding that all the 50 crore people will not fall ill at the same time. Our doctor to citizen ratio is dismal. The private hospitals [high tech ones] may not be very keen to admit aam admi just as star hotels are not very comfortable having not so well dressed guests. With medical policy in hand all will want to go to private hospitals and avoid public ones for obvious reasons. Perhaps the agents will have a field day. Let's wait and watch!

Looking for perfect Groom? Be wise

As you look for Mr. Right, you try to look past some of bad traits so you can see all the good ones which is good. But, despite how shallow it might seem, there are some men you should just leave in the dating pool itself and not walk down the aisle.

It is easy for women to fall in love, given their emotional nature. But, what is important is to remain in love. Before you fall head over heels in love with a special someone and are ready to say 'I do', it is important that you assess what you want from a relationship.

Here is a list of men who would certainly ring a bell in your heart but would they be available for lifetime commitment? Find out.

The YES man:

Isn't that every woman's dream, a wide-eyed boy who agrees with everything you say or do! We get it that he adores you and can do anything for you but the downside is that they are insecure within.

They have the fear of losing people around them and suffer from self-esteem issues. Over time their insecurity might start showing up, leading to tensions between both of you. So, say

goodbye while it is still good between the two.

Olden Men:

It is a known fact that older men bring a lot of experience with them. The good side is that they provide a sense of security to women because of their self-confidence. But the downside is that older men are going through a midlife crisis and want relationship for fun. As long as you are both on the same page it is good for you. so go ahead and enjoy it. But if you are dreaming of walking down the aisle with him then good luck because along with experiences and money he is loaded of money and with a lot of emotional baggage!

The eye candy:

While having such a person around you will fill you with pride, the question is, would you enjoy his company? Because when parties end you will want a meaningful and loving relationship. So get away from superficiality and make way for a real and healthy relationship.

Younger Men:

Let us admit it, younger men bring a breath of fresh air into the relationship. They are full of energy and enthusiasm, which makes the relationship more exhilarating! But enter this relationship with your eyes and ears open. Younger men will not be ready to settle down fast



and time might not be on your side. Also, make sure that your guy is not looking for a mother figure because in that case this relationship is going downhill.

Male Chauvinist:

We have all dreams of a perfect boy who is full of chivalry. Opening doors, paying bills, pulling out chairs and all these thoughtful gestures. But before losing your heart in this relationship, you should be aware that there is a fine line between chivalry and chauvinism. Actions that you perceive as thoughtful might be his way of thinking that you might not be capable of taking care of yourself! Such a relationship will be devoid of mutual respect.

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'Johnlyn' - Unique Toy & Book Bank - Author John Monteiro

by Ivan Saldanha-Shet. M'lore

Veteran journalist, author, social activist and president of Bondel Laughter Club John B Monteiro launched "Johnlyn Toy exchange and Book Bank" at his residence 'Johnlyn Cottage' in Bondel, Mangalore recently. This bank collects presentable toys and books that are not needed by the haves, for the have-nots and deservng.

At the launch of this unique initiative, Diya Systems CEO Dr V Ravichandran said that it's time to count our blessings and also spare a thought for the less fortunate. Stating that the gap between the rich and the poor is widening, he said that though there are billionaire businessmen, sport stars and movie stars, there are millions of diseased, starving and struggling men, women and children whose positive goodness can be made bright and beautiful just with the basic concept of sharing - not greed but need.

'Johnlyn' : Is so named because it is set in Johnlyn Cottage; now converted into a bright center to receive, store and distribute toys and books. Johnlyn Cottage is named after John (b1938) and Lynette (1945-2017), the Monteiros' retired to this enclave in 2000. Toys will be received from "Haves" and distributed to "Have-nots". Book Bank will receive books on donation basis, stored and circulated for reading, on returnable basis for up to a fortnight.

The Toy Exchange and Book Bank is all about supporting the cause with non-financial aid. Are there any toys that are lying around at the back of your closet which your children have outgrown? Do you have pre-loved books that you no longer use but are still in good and readable condition? So why just keep them at home to gather dust? Why not share them with the less privileged children and

adults? John Monteiro has started this brilliant initiative of collecting various toys such as the board games, arts and craft sets, puzzles, drawing books, soft toys, etc, as well as the books unused by children and adults, so that they can be distributed at various orphanages, remand homes and Bal Bhavans so that even they can enjoy the privileges.

Laudable Initiative : Lauding the brilliant initiative of collecting various toys and books unused by children and adults, so that they can be distributed at various institutions caring for poor children, CEO Ravichandran appealed to the gathering to contribute generously in the form of books and toys so that the less privileged may enjoy what they can only dream of.

On the occasion, KCCI- Kanara Chamber of Commerce and Indus-



try, President Vathika Pai appreciated John's initiative and urged sustained support for the altruistic venture. Another Guest of Honour, Walter Nandalike, founder and head of the Daijiworld organisation, said that his organisation would extend full support for the toy and book exchange initiative. The project is dedicated in memory of John Monteiro's wife Lynette Monteiro, who was an ardent reader, who passed away recently.

Quite interestingly, it was John Monteiro's and his wife Lynette's, unfulfilled desire to pamper their first born Primrose with toys. "Living in a small flat in



Colaba in downtown Bombay, all we could do to keep Prima engaged was walk on Colaba Causeway and visit the garden by the Gateway of India," he said and added that "Prima had to be satisfied with looking at the toys and dolls displayed in the massive show-room windows of the high-end stores on the Causeway."

"My inability to buy toys for my kids inspired me to open toy, book bank," he said and added that he could launch the initiative with the help of his daughter Primrose and son Mohan.

Through Johnlyn Toy exchange and Book Bank, people may donate toys and books in good condition, which, in turn will be donated to the needy children and adults. There is also a facility to loan the books for adults, for return within a fortnight. There will be
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Deal with teenage depression

For a parent dealing with a depressed child and for the growing teenager, the road to recovery can be both confusing and emotionally draining. Here we bring you few very important tools to prevent or help depression in children earlier on.

There is no one thing that causes depression but a lot of similarities come up in teens that suffer from depression. One factor is teenagers going through the difficult teen years with the feeling that they are alone and don't have a trustworthy adult to turn to. Not only are teenagers feeling pressured by school and peers but the adults in their life put pressure on them to do well and succeed, with the idea that failure means that they may fail in their future life as well. A lot of teens feel that they are struggling alone because they feel unable to confide in their parents due to fear of judgement or reprimanding.

Studies show that increased Facebook use is correlated with low self-esteem and decreased life satisfaction. There's also a biological component: The constant overstimulation created by social networking shifts the nervous system into fight-or-flight mode, which makes teen depression and anxiety worse. Social media and cellphone use also contribute to another problem endemic to contemporary society: lack of connection.

How to create a healthy environment early on: There are three basic rules: Support, listen and validate.

Support

A teenager (especially when an open relationship was not established early on) may shut parents out in a time of depression or struggle. When this happens, it's important to be gentle yet persistent. Don't overwhelm them with your fears, anxieties and sadness on the situation. In this time, you need to be their rock and safety against the storm. Show them that you are there for them whenever they are ready to come out and lean on you.

Listen

So what can parents do?

* They can watch for warning signs and make sure their teen gets a professional assessment if warranted and treatment if necessary. Parents can also limit cellphone use and prioritise time as a family. They can reach out to their teens, making sure to keep the lines of communication open. They can teach their kids the pillars of a healthy lifestyle: good sleep, hygiene, nutritious food, time outdoors and physical exercise, all of which have proved to increase happiness and well-being. The tools we can offer are simple but the results can be profound during this important stage of life.



To really listen is a practice that always needs more practice. Really listen to your child. Sometimes it may seem easier, or less scary to approach a teenager with the intention of giving advice or relating to them, but what they need is to be listened to without any lectures or opinions or opinions. Don't leave this job up to the therapist; a good talk between parent and child can be worth more than ten therapy sessions. Once again, if your teenager feels unable to speak openly and honestly just yet, give them time and space and gentle reminders that you are there when they want to talk.

Validate

Once your teenager feels ready to open up, you must remember not to lecture (or even share your emotions on the subject). Validate the feelings they are experiencing. This means not giving them your opinions or antidotes just yet and don't rationalise their emotions or negate them in any way. Even if it will get better, or 'it's just a phase that will pass,' can be extremely invalidating to a teenager's struggle. Try 'we're here for you', or 'you're very strong.'

This Joyful Season Of Lent!



By Father Aniceto Nazareth

This title is not of my own making. Contrary to our expectations it is exactly what the Liturgy itself calls Lent – a Joyful Season. Naturally! Since Lent is a time of Reconciliation with God and with each other, it is bound to have its share of happy moments. Saint Augustine reminds us thus: **“Our hearts were made for you.** They’ll never find rest until they rest in you.” And there is a hymn which says **“Happy the heart that lives in the heart of God, the heart of love”.**

Moreover Lent is a home-coming, our “journey” with Jesus from death to new life, when with renewed mind and heart we can approach God, our Father, with reverence and join our community with willing service! A liturgical word for this “passage” is “Passover”. Bookworms however, like to use a difficult expression, which few understand, coined as it is from Hebrew and Greek roots: the “Paschal Mystery”. I prefer to sing a happy song about this “transition” we make during Lent. “I’ve wandered far away from God, now I’m coming home.” Unthinking people unfortunately use this song at funerals so that while others are [at last!] speaking well about the deceased the song leader believes that s/he “wasted many precious years”.

Lent is also a **season of grace** that

renews us in spirit, purifies our hearts and controls our desires. During Lent we learn to live in this passing world with our hearts set on eternity. All this happens as we recall the great events that bring us to a new life in Jesus. In Lent we hear the cry of Jesus: “Come back to me with all your heart. Don’t let fear keep us apart. The wilderness will lead you to your heart, where I will speak: **“Long have I waited for your coming home** to me and living deeply our new life”.

Yes, in Lent it is God who spurs us on to possess a more abundant life, and being rich in mercy, He constantly offers pardon and invites us sinners to trust in His forgiveness. By the working of the Holy Spirit, he **changes our hearts and makes them ever new** so that hatred is overcome by love, revenge gives way to forgiveness and discord turns into mutual respect. Though time and again we have broken His covenant he has never turned away from us but has bound the human family to himself with a new bond of love. We would do well in responding to him, **“Love lifted me.”**

And so Lent becomes a season of joyful praise when, contemplating the death-resurrection of Jesus, we are helped to live in this world as children of the light. Lent is a preparation for Easter when we thank Jesus for open-

ing the gates of Heaven. In him we realize that a new age has dawned, the long reign of sin has ended and we are once again made whole. We can also make Lent a happy time by following the advice Jesus gave to those whose life was transformed after meeting him. Indeed witnessing during Lent can become a source of grace and joy for us and for others -

Go home and tell that you have met the one who set you free, who knows your needs and takes your sins and nails them to the tree.

I have put pen to paper if only to make cantors realize how the right choice of hymns hidden in my text can make Lent a positive, fruitful and Happy Season. Hymns about Christ’s suffering have their place in Passiontide, that is, when the joy of the Palm Sunday Procession with its waving of Palms is followed by the Mass of the Passion.



The Chair of St. Peter!



On 22nd of February 2018, the Church celebrates the 'Chair of St. Peter'! The Readings of the Day include, (1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19). By virtue of his position, he is designated Pope = Pappas, the Greek for Father; Vicar, from the Latin, Vicarius = Substitute; and Pontiff from the Latin = Bridge. So he is Holy Father, Substitute and Bridge between Jesus and the laity!

The Chair Established: In the Office of Readings for the Feast, Pope Leo the Great (Pontificate 440 to 461) expounds: "Peter's spiritual presence, and that of his Successors, stand as a testimony and as a representative to the 'Rock of Ages' Jesus Christ!" (cf. 1 Corinthians 10:4).

In 2012, after appointing 22 new Cardinals, Pope Emeritus Benedict VI asserted: "The Chair or Cathedra of St. Peter, portrayed in the Vatican Basilica, is a symbol of the special mission of St. Peter and his Successors to tend to Christ's flock, keeping it united in faith and charity" (cf. John 21:15-17; 1 Peter 5:1-11).

Scriptural Eminence of St. Peter! There are numerous Biblical quotations that confer a Primacy and Leadership role of St. Peter in the Apostolic Church. Here are 20 such verses with their significances:

1. "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church" (Jn 1:42; Mt 16:18). Peter alone is named "rock".
2. "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven (Mt 16:19). This entails Ecclesiastical disciple and administrative authority, with regards to faith and morals. In the OT, a Steward or Prime minister, is a man who rules "over a house"(Isa 22:15).
3. "Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven" (Mt 16:19). Binding and loosening represents the legislative and judicial powers of the Papacy and the Bishops (Mt 18:17; Jn 20:23). Peter is the only Apostle who receives these powers by 'name', thus making him foremost.

4. "Peter's name occurs 'first' in all lists of the Apostles (Mt 10:2; Mk 3:16; Lk 6:4; Acts 1:13).
5. Christ teaches from Peter's boat, which is followed by a miraculous catch of fish (Lk 5:1-11).
6. A metaphor for the Pope, also as 'fisher of people" (cf. Mt 4:19).
7. Peter was the first Apostle to enter the empty tomb of the Risen Lord (Jn 20:6).
8. Peter is specified by name by an Angel, as the leader and representative of the Apostles – "Go tell his disciples and Peter (Mt 16:7).
9. Peter is designated by Jesus as the Chief Shepherd after Himself: "Feed my lambs ... Tend my sheep ... feed my sheep" (Jn 21:15-17).
10. Peter alone among the Apostles is exhorted by Jesus to "strengthen the brothers" (Lk 22:32).
11. Peter alone among the Apostles is mentioned by name as having been prayed for by Jesus in order that his 'faith may not fail" (Lk 22:32).
12. Peter was the first to speak and preach the Gospel (Acts 2:14; 36).
13. Peter performs the first miracle – healing of a lame man (Acts 3:6-12).
14. Peter was regarded by the com-

mon folk, as the leader of the Christians – so that at least his shadow might fall on the sick to cure them (Acts 5:15).

15. Peter was the first travelling missionary, and the first to exercise the visitation of the Churches. (Acts 9:32-38; 43).
16. Cornelius was told by an angel to speak to Peter for instructions in the Christian faith (Acts 10:21-22).
17. Peter was the first to receive the Gentiles into the fellowship of the Catholic Church, after a revelation from God (Acts 10:9-48).
18. Peter presides over the meeting of the first Council of Jerusalem, in fact the first Council of the Church (Acts 15:7-11).
19. Paul distinguishes the Lord's post-Resurrection appearances to Peter. The two disciples on the road to Emmaus do the same (1 Cor 15:4-8; Lk 24:33).
20. Peter's name is mentioned more often than any of the other disciples put together – 191 times (162 as Peter or Simon Peter; 23 as Simon; and 6 as Cephas).

Conclusion: "The Lord made St. Peter the visible foundation of His Church. He entrusted the keys of the Church to him. The Bishop of Rome, Successor to St. Peter, is the visible Head of the college of Bishops, the Vicar of Christ, and Pastor of the Universal Church on earth" (Catechism of the Catholic Church:936).

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replace those thoughts with positive ones. your internal chatter is a good forecast to the direction your life is headed. Meditation is

Change your thinking for Good Attitude

The nature of our thoughts determines the quality of our life. Therefore we must bring about a change in the way we think in order to create happiness and sense of fulfilment in our life.

In order to change your outer world you must first change your inner world. your thoughts dictate your behaviour and when you change your thought patterns, you will be changing your behavioural patterns as well. Altering your behaviour will change the course of your life. Here are simple ways to achieve peace and harmony.

Say what you mean and mean what you say:

Healthy Communication is a key element in keeping peace and harmony in your life. Good communication eliminates being misunderstood and prevents stressful situations. Saying what you mean not only gives you a sense of peace, you also earn the respect from others when they know you are true to your world.

Practice guided visualisation:

This technique involves sitting comfortably and listening to a tape or an instructor who guides you through a relaxing scenario. The setting is calm, tranquil and peaceful allowing your mind and body to connect. you can create what you visualise and with the aid of your subconscious mind, the possibilities are limitless!



Get your life organized now:

Organising your surroundings and managing your time wisely helps give you a clear head for making wise choices. your choices are dependent on your thoughts that precede it. How can you make a wise decision if your thoughts are cluttered and unorganised? Start organising your life now and see how fast you can change your life.

Observe your internal chatter:

If you find your thoughts are negative or limiting, stop and

a good way to clear that negative chatter and assist you in changing your thought process.

Focus on the positive not the negative:

turn negative situations into positive ones. Everything happens for a purpose and a reason. Instead of complaining and feeling wounded after a negative situation, stop and think about how you can change it into a positive

one. Remember, you attract what you dwell on; positive attracts positive and negativity attracts negativity. If your thoughts are negative and victimising, you will attract exactly that into your life. what are you thought at-

tracting?

It's important that what thoughts you are feeding into your mind because your thoughts create your belief and experiences. you have positive thoughts and you have negative ones too. Nurture your mind with positive thoughts: kindness, empathy, compassion, peace, love, joy, humility, generosity, among others. the more you feed your mind with positive thoughts, the more you can attract great things.

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cob we can certainly learn one lesson. It is for God to do justice not for men to take revenge Forgiveness and mercy are proper to men. The words and actions of Jacob point a finger to Jesus' message. For Jesus said, "Love your enemies and do good to them." (Lk 6; 35). We can see God's mercy on the entire humanity. In the words of Jesus to love your enemies and do good to them. We may recognize Christmas as an expression of God's mercy. For, Baby Jesus lying in the manger in Bethlehem is the personification of God's mercy.

When we hate criminals and clamor for capital punishment for them and blame the authorizes that sufficient punishment is not given to the criminals such things project that show our attitude without mercy. This attitude is one of revenge and hostility. That is the attitude of a murderer. This murderer's attitude and mentality we can see in the king of Judea King Herod's case. History has described well the murderous mentality and attitude of King Herod. King Herod delt very cruelly with his mother and his foster father. He also killed many of his own relatives. In his attempt to kill Baby Jesus he ordered to kill all the children of

two years younger and in Bethlehem and surrounding places.

King Herod was afraid that Baby Jesus would one day become the king of the Jews and overthrow his throne. We celebrate Christmas, the birth of Jesus, who loved even the murderous king Herod. The love with which Jesus preached we see in His forgiveness and mercy. Forgiveness is very different from hatred and revenge. In the attitude of Jesus we see love and forgiveness. So let us leave to God to do justice in the context of great tyranny and cruelty.

Let us leave the path of revenge and hatred and take the path of love and of forgiveness and of mercy, on which Jesus walked. This way we will enjoy our life; and we also persuade and inspire others to love, forgive and have mercy.

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6822. KUWAIT : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in November 1982), Ht. 5' 4", Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Sc. Post Graduate in Mumbai University, Teacher in Kuwait. Contact email : pereiralucy2017@yahoo.com Tel: 00965-60402765 / 9867308911

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There are times when an individual parking his or her own vehicle at an

event can prove problematic. Cold or wet weather can turn the walk from the car to the venue into a messy affair , ruining expensive clothing and shoes. There may not be enough available parking near the restaurant or concert hall, meaning a long walk through city streets at night. A driver may be able to drop his or her passengers off at the entrance to an event but he or she will still have to make a less glamorous trek from the parking lot afterwards. Because of these concerns , many upscale restaurants and venues offer valet parking.





6621 MUMBAI : TAMILIAN Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in September 1970), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 70 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working as an Event Manager. Seeks good looking fair girl. Contact email : rosario.thefer-nandoco@gmail.com

6616 MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in October 1980), Ht. 5' 9", Wt. 80 kgs, Tan Complexion, Edn. SSC, working as a Graphic Designer, hardworking, smart. Contact email : velgomes3@gmail.com

6613 MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in May 1984), Ht. 5' 11", Wt. 80 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. MCA, working in Leading IT firm. Contact email : bardeskar.agnel11@gmail.com

6612 MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Divorcee, (Born in October 1970), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 66 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. HSC., Service. Contact 9167419437

6605. MUMBAI : Gujarati RC Divorcee, (Born in June 1963), Ht. 5' 11", Wt. 85 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working as a Sr. Accountant. Contact email : parmar777@gmail.com

6598. MUMBAI : East Indian Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in September 1984), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 85 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Post Grad. Diploma, working as a GM-Marketing. Contact email : gomes.gavin@gmail.com

6597. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in April 1978), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 68 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working as a Customer Support. Contact email : augustinelobo_78@yahoo.com

6596. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in January 1980), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 72 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, SSC. ITI, NCVT, working for offshore industry as marine technician, having own house. Contact email : lezzrocks@gmail.com

6590. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in November 1986), Ht. 5' 10", Wt. 70 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Graduate, working as a Cruise Reception Manager.

Contact email : fernajoy@gmail.com

6587. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in August 1984), Ht. 6', Wt. 95 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.E. working as a Civil Engineer. Contact email : matrimonial.2312@gmail.com

6586. BANGALORE : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Divorcee, (Born in January 1985), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 65 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com., LL.B., M.S.W., Working as HR Executive. Contact email : advocatcastelino@yahoo.in

6583. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in June 1987), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 70 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. MBA Finance, Working as an Asst. Manager in reputed private bank. Contact email : alliancesralph@gmail.com

6581. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in July 1981), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 65 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. S.Y.B.A., Diploma in Food Production working as a F & B Service, working on International Ship. Contact email : anse_g@1cloud.com

6579. MUMBAI : Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in August 1985), Ht. 5' 9", Wt. 72 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. HSC., & Diploma, Working as a S. Bartender. Contact email : rahulf28@yahoo.com

6576. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in October 1966), Ht. 5' 8", Wt. 69 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. SSC., having own business. Contact email : pauld'souza@ccicindia.com

6575. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in May 1973), Ht. 6' 4", Wt. 98 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. HSC., working as a Steward in Oil Tanker - Foreign Ship. Contact email : 285victor@gmail.com

6573. SAUDI : Goan / Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in February 1986), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 68 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.E. Mechanical, working as a project engineer seeks a well qualified girl from a good family background. Contact email : ian.roshan.dsouza@gmail.com

6572. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman

Catholic Bachelor, (Born in October 1986), Ht. 5' 9", Wt. 75 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. BE (EXTC), working as a Network Engineer. Contact email : ivorbritto@gmail.com

6571. USA : Goan Roman Catholic Divorcee (Marriage Annulled), (Born in December 1969), Ht. 6' 1", Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.Eng., Engineer by profession. Seeks a girl below 35 years, preferably working in USA. Contact email : divinegrams@gmail.com

6559. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in July 1985), Ht. 5' 8", Wt. 80 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. XII, working on Cruise Ship. Currently he is in Mumbai Contact immediately. Contact email : mascarenhas_k@ymail.com

6558. KUWAIT : Goan Roman Catholic Divorcee, (Born in January 1982), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 80 kgs, Tan Complexion, Edn. Masters Computers in USA, working as a Manager in USA. Seeks a educated homely Goan or Mangalorean girl working in USA or India. Contact email : carmelinaf@gmail.com

6510. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Divorcee, (Born in February 1981), Ht. 5' 10", Wt. 80 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. Masters in Computer, working as a Sr. Tech. Anyl in Bank. Contact email : melwyngdsouza@gmail.com

6508. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor (Born in October 1986), Ht. 5' 10", Wt. 80 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.E.. working as a Asst. Manager in German Company. Seeks a tall, well educated homely Mangalorean girl. Contact email : colind.3010@gmail.com

6507-R. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor (Hearing Impaired) (Born in September 1989), Ht. 5' 9", Wt. 62 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. HSC., Dip. in Computer Hardware. Working as a Cashier. Contact email : clifford9948@gmail.com OR 9920331773



6508. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor (Born in October 1986), Ht. 5' 10", Wt. 80 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.E.. working as a Asst. Manager in German Company. Seeks a tall, well educated homely Mangalorean girl. Contact email : colind.3010@gmail.com

6832. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in August 1970), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 59 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working as a Captain in Hotel. Contact email : ignatius.matel@gmail.com

6830. BAHRAIN : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in February 1988), Ht. 5' 11", Wt. 97 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. MBA, Marketing Professional in Public Sector. Contact email : rolsonvaz@gmail.com

6424. MUMBAI : East Indian Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in October 1991), Ht. 5' 11", Wt. 65 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com., well employed, working as Sr. Customer Care Executive. Contact email : gerardd754@gmail.com, Mob : 9594766322 / 9930620943

6534. MANGALORE : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in March 1980), Ht. 5' 8", Wt. 69 kgs, Handsome, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.A., Having own business and accommodation. Contact email : proposal564@gmail.com

6533. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in April 1983), Ht. 5' 8", Wt. 69 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com., Wheatish Complexion, Working with Disney Cruise line, Well settled. Contact email : joseph_almeida15@yahoo.in

6531. POONA : Tamilian Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in May 1975), Ht.

6', Fair Complexion, Handsome, Edn. M.Com., Having well established business. Contact email : tony137@rediffmail.com

6637. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in February 1987), Ht. 5' 11", Wt. 70 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. T.Y. B.Com., Hardware & Networking Diploma, working as a Technical Team Leader & Coordinator. Contact email : bipinsw52@gmail.com

6526. DOHA QATAR : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Divorcee, (Born in September 1982), Ht. 5' 10", Wt. 75 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. MBA, PGDM, having decent job. Contact email : secondsairik2016@gmail.com

6523. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in November 1986), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 68 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.E. Electronics, working as a IT Engineer. Contact email : sandranoronha75@gmail.com

6634. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in November 1982), Ht. 157 cms, Wt. 80 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. Diploma Holder, working as a Mechanical Engineer. Contact email : santoshrodrigues7@gmail.com

6521. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in December 1976), Ht. 6', Fair, Handsome, Edn. B.Sc., MBA (HR) full time, working as Manager in MNC. Well settled. Seeks alliance with Goan RC Spinster. Contact email : aliandedec2@gmail.com.

6610. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in October 1981), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 64 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. IT Engineering, working for Leading Engineering Company as a Solutions

Architect. Contact email : krod1681@gmail.com

6619 MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in September 1985), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 82 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. MBA Finance, working in MNC. Contact email : josh99.joshva@gmail.com

6618 MUMBAI : East Indian Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in December 1989), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 56 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Edn. M.Sc., working as a Resource Manager. Contact email : fernandesclyde176@gmail.com

6817. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in January 1981), Ht. 5' 10", Wt. 75 kgs, Tan Complexion, Edn. B.Sc., B.I.S., working as a Sr. Software Engineer. Contact email : fernandesmelwyn08@gmail.com

6815 MANGALORE : Mangalorean RC Bachelor, (Born in January 1971), Ht. 5' 7", Wheatish Complexion, Edn. PUC Diploma in Civil Engg., having own business, Contact email : wilma-menz@hotmail.com

6805 ABUDHABI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in February 1984), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 80 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. 12th std., studied in Mumbai, working in Bank as Recovery Officer. Contact email : pawan.sana@gmail.com

6803 MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in November 1980), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 82 kgs, Wheatish Complexion Edn. B.Com., Advertising Professional. Contact email : barretto.john@gmail.com

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6820. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in July 1992), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 75 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. PG in Finance & Banking, working as Bank Manager. Contact email : dyola7792@gmail.com

6819. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in February 1989), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 70 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Undergraduate, working as a dispatch Manager. Contact email : sylvia.godinho8@rediffmail.com

6814. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in February 1992), Ht. 5' 3 1/2", Wt. 47 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. M.Com., NET, SET doing Phd., Lecturer by profession. Contact email : albanpereira1991@yahoo.com

6795. ALLAHABAD : Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in March 1978), Ht. 5', Wt. 60 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.Com., Working for MNC. Contact email : sujata.josephine@gmail.com

6792. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in September 1990), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 60 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. MBBS., pursuing MBA., Doctor by profession. Contact email : dr.criss25@gmail.com

6791. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in September 1987), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 67 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. C.A., Working as a Senior Specialist, Seeks a suitable match. Contact Email : jolie_rosetta@yahoo.co.in

6790. MUMBAI : Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in October 1987), Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 58 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn.

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6785 MUMBAI : Alliance invited for 1985 born RC East Indian Spinster, 5' 6", B.Com., LLB., LLM., Manager in an MNC, from Mumbai, Maharashtra for suitably educated RC bachelor, 32-35 years from Mumbai/abroad preferably Engineers/Doctors/Lawyers/CA/MBA. Kindly reply with details to : faith_forever_2017@yahoo.com

6504. KUWAIT : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster (Born in June 1980), 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. Contact Email : lucy777p@gmail.com Tel: 00965-60402765 / 9867308911

6502-R. MUMBAI : Mangalorean R.C. Spinster, Date of Birth 14-5-1983, Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 65 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.Sc. Nursing, working as a ICU Head in Abudhabi - UAE. Military Hospital. Seeks a well educated having a good job. Contact immediately email : janydz_1484@yahoo.com OR Tel.: 0971 557463484 / 9930076741.

6782 MANGALORE : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in April 1992), Ht. 5' 3", Wt.50 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. BHM, working as a Receptionist. Contact email : savinaj-mascarenhas@gmail.com

6780 GOA : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in March 1987), Ht. 5' 4", Wt.50 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. M.B.B.S., M.D. (Armenia), Doctor by profession. Working in DELHI. Contact email : samantha.saldanha07@gmail.com

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6779 MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in September 1988), Ht. 5' 3", Wt.50 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.A. in Literature, Teacher by profession. Contact email : angelagurjao1@gmail.com

6776. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in September 1992), Ht. 5' 1", Wt. 65 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. MBA, working as an Executive. Contact email : neilcarvalho1234@gmail.com

6810. MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC Spinster, (Born in February 1990), Ht. 5' 4", Wheatish Complexion, M.P.T. (Master in Physiotherapy) working in Mumbai, planning to settle down in Canada, seeks alliance from well settled, qualified Mangalorean RC bachelor with good family background and Christian values. Contact No. 9967119891

6816. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Divorcee, church marriage annulled, (Born in June 1980), Ht. 5' 1", Wt. 67 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. T.Y. B.Com., working. Contact email : marianike04@gmail.com

6668. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in February 1989), Ht. 5' 2", Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., MBA in HR, working as a HR Professional in a Tata Group Company. Contact email : wilfyjoy@rediffmail.com OR 9860302527

6801. MUMBAI : East Indian Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in July 1991), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 48 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.Sc., Working. Contact email : monicathrt@gmail.com

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6661. GUJARAT : Goan / Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in November 1983), Ht. 5' 6", Fair Complexion, Edn. D'ed, B.A., B'ed, from Mumbai University, working as a teacher in Convent School. Contact email : juhaina.2015@rediffmail.com

6658. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in October 1987), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 45 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.E. in E&T. with Master, working for Corporate firm. Contact email : jovi_tangerine@yahoo.co.in

6657. VADODARA : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in May 1989), Ht. 5' 9", Wt. 75 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.A., working for MNC. Contact email : cheryl24052001@yahoo.com

6656. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in May 1988), Ht. 5' 1", Wt. 49 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. MTech (Biotechnology), working as a Scientific Assistant, Contact email : rachealm28@gmail.com

6655. MUMBAI : Mangalorean R.C. Spinster, (Born in January 1990), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 58 kgs, Fair Complexion, Good looking, Having own business. Contact email : raymondcoelho89@gmail.com

6653. MUMBAI : Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in July 1990), Ht. 5' 2", Fair Complexion, Edn. M.B.B.S., Doctor & pursuing M.D. Seeks M.D. / M.S., Doctors. Contact email : selwynhenriques13@gmail.com

6651. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in May 1984), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 65 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working as a Customer Support in DUBAI. Contact email : dsilva.seema@gmail.com

6645. ABU DHABI : East Indian Roman Catholic Spinster from Mumbai (Born October 1992), Ht. 5' 5" (166 cms), 62 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, B. Com, MBA (Finance) U.K. working for a Bank in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Family U.A.E. based for past 25 years. Seeks a Professionally qualified bachelor, below 30 years working or settled overseas / On Board with sober habits, good family values, from a respectful family. Contact email : leteciaprisca@gmail.com

6644. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in December 1991), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 52 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. Graduate (Travel/Tours), working as Sr. Operation Exe., Contact email : bernie0164@gmail.com OR 9930466725

6642-R MUMBAI : Goan/Mangalorean Roman Catholic Divorcee, (Born in September 1979), Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 60 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working as a Customer Service, Seeks a suitable match. Contact email : rowmonteiro@yahoo.com OR 9820792115

6640. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in December 1980), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 85 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. M.B.A-HR, B.Com., 1st class, working as an Asst. to Vice President. Contact email : rodrigues2631@gmail.com

6639. MUMBAI : Protestant Spinster, (Born in June 1981), Ht. 5', Wt. 50 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.A. Journalist, Working as a Fashion Designer. Contact Mob: 9820250350

6599. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in 15-9-1980), Ht. 5' 5", slim, young and good looking, Edn. B.A. + Music Exams, Teacher by profession. Seeks a well settled tall bachelor. Contact email : septsmile3@gmail.com

6595. BANGALORE : Born again christian spinster, (Born in August 1988), Ht. 5', Wt. 70 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.A., Journalism, working as a Business Development. Contact email : manju2408@gmail.com

6593. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in November 1988),

Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 75 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. MBA in Finance, smart and intelligent, working for private company. Contact email : fatulobo@rediffmail.com

6592. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in October 1989), 5' 3", Wt. 50 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.Sc. Microbiology working for Pharmaceutical Company. Contact email : mili.fern123@gmail.com

6591. MUMBAI : Maharashtra Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in October 1988), 5' 4", Wt. 58 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Master of Management Study, working as an Asst. Professor. Contact email : geo8747@gmail.com

6582. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in October 1990), 5' 1", Wt. 56 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com. working as Coordinator, Seeks a suitable match. Contact email : btorres756@gmail.com

6580. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in January 1982), 5' 2", Wt. 56 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M. Pharm, Ph.D., Seeks a well settled qualified bachelor. Contact : email : apoline_ubi@yahoo.co.in

6736. BANGALORE : Goan Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in February 1987), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 55 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Masters in Library & Information Science, working as a Librarian, seeks a suitable match. Contact email : gracefreitas@rediffmail.com

6733. MUMBAI : East Indian RC Spinster, (Born in October 1989), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 60 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.A. (Hons), & CS (Company Secretary) working as a Company Secretary in Financial Company. Contact email : cslibra89@outlook.com

6732. MUMBAI : Tamilian RC Spinster, (Born in June 1990), Ht. 5' 1", Wt. 52 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.Com., B.Ed., Teacher by profession. Contact email : adnadar@gmail.com

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How to become your boss's favourite employee?



Becoming your boss's favourite should with turning into a slave. However, considering that the boss is such an integral person in your life, what can you do to become your his or her favourite? Below are a few tips that can give you some ideas

For working women the most important person who can help in the growth of one's career in a desired way is the 'Boss'. Your boss can do much more than any qualification can do for you. He or she is the person who represents you in front of the management. Whatever they says, good or bad about you definitely has an effect ob your career succession within and outside the organisation. If boss is such an important person in your career, what is it that you can do to keep him happy and be his favourite?

Say sorry and thank you: These are two magic words which can exist between a boss and a sub-ordinate. So as a women be humble and say thanks for all the boss or the company has given you. At the same time do not shirk off the responsibility if you have done anything wrong. Accepting the mistake can put a big storm off.

Know your boss' goals: As a women employee, you may be so focused on your own goals that you forget that you're actually there to support your manager achieving her goals. So, make it your job to understand the goals, numbers, projects and other deliverables your boss is accountable for.

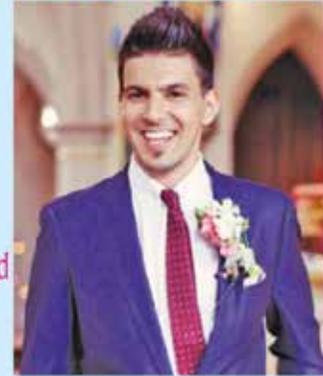
Dedication and hard work: Bosses do not like lazy workers who never finish their tasks on the time. Remember that management rates the women in charge of a project according to the performance of their team. Put a lot of effort in your work by reporting on time and performing all the stipulated responsibilities. Whenever, you are free, go to your boss and ask for other additional tasks and you will definitely become his or her favourite.

Appreciate things: One of the best things you can do to your company is appreciating it for its good activities and being thankful to it for making you a part of the team. Many people have a habit of bad - mouthing the boss or the company. These habits should be scrapped off as early as possible in order to rise professionally.

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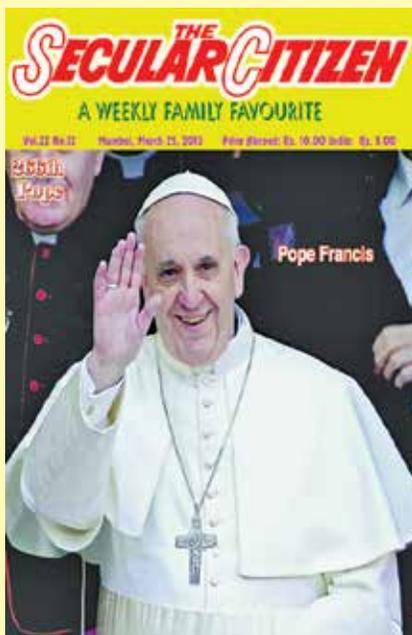
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