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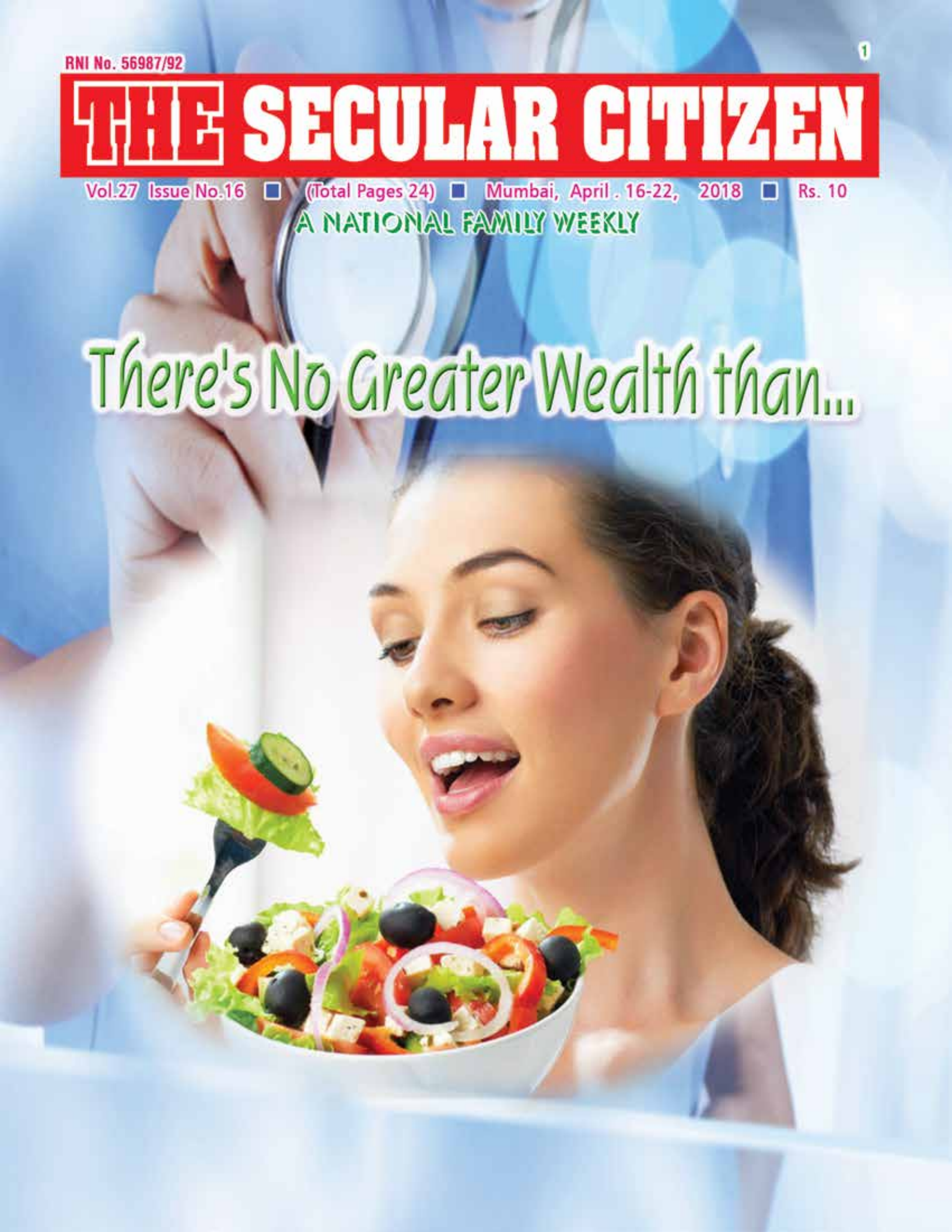
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There's No Greater Wealth than...



The 'US' and the 'THEM'

by Fr. Cedric Prakash SJ*

The late 1960s and the early 1970s are historically a watershed. This period was marked with protests against racism and injustices; against war and violence. The Civil Rights movement and the anti-Vietnam War protests saw millions come out in the United States. In Europe, there were student uprisings. The 'hippie' culture which was against what was happening in society, attracted youth from across the social spectrum. In April 1968, Martin Luther King Jr was assassinated; the years after that, witnessed a global social turmoil. People were genuinely angry with the growing divisions in society. Those years were also pregnant with new hope and yearnings for greater social cohesion, a better future for all.

David Campton, a prolific British dramatist, wrote in 1972 an apparently innocuous and simple one-act play entitled 'Us and Them'. The play begins innocently enough with two groups of wanderers looking for an 'ideal' place to settle. Once they each find a piece of land (in environmental splendour) on the left of the stage and on the right of the stage, both groups agree to mark a line between their two territories. Over time, the line becomes a fence, the fence becomes a wall, and the wall grows in size until neither side knows what the other is doing.

Eventually, both sides begin to wonder what the other side might be doing. They wonder long enough and soon their thoughts turn to suspicion and suspicion to mistrust and mistrust to fear, with each side believing that the other is hatching a plot against them. As fear takes hold, both sides unknowingly make preparations for ensuing conflict until eventually it becomes violent. In the end, two survivors, looking at the waste they have inflicted on one other, conclude, "the wall was to blame". The play was reflective of the growing polarization and divisiveness that had seized several nations and groups at that time

of history. It was play meant to ridicule the abysmal depths to which human nature can fall.

Sadly, 'Us and Them' is very relevant for our contemporary world and particularly for India. It was 'Pre-novitiate Day' in Ahmedabad today. The ten young men aspiring to join the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) in Gujarat one day spared no efforts to make it a memorable one with an absorbing and entertaining two-hour presentation. The theme was "We Are One", celebrating the pluralism and diversity of India. The backdrop of the stage artistically reflected this. For the ten of them, the theme was a natural one identifying with their own cultural, ethnic and linguistic diversity. There were songs and dances (and some speeches). The two comperes did a very good job with their newly found skills in the English language. However, the 'piece de resistance' of the evening was a contextualized adaptation of 'Us and Them'

The Pre-novitiate Director Fr Patras Mundu and the prenovices provided this time-tested play with plenty of 'flavour' doing the rounds in India today. The two different groups of wanderers of course represent adherents of two different religions. Their dress, their rituals and what they eat differentiated one group from the other and created for exclusivity. There were references to 'beef-eating'; to 'idol-worship' and much more that has been the bane of Indian society. There is of course the role of the 'spokesman' (so obviously some of our vitriolic politicians). They have no qualms of conscience in communicating to the others in their group absolutely 'fake news' or what they perceive as a threat. The result is first building a wall 'to keep others out' (ha! ha! NOT only in India but elsewhere too!), but later on tearing it down to kill others (symbolic of the demolition of the Babri Masjid)! There is the 'recorder' who is there recording and commenting on the happenings. However, like so many of our armchair 'think-gooders', he does not have the courage to stick

his neck out in order to prevent the carnage; instead he philosophically says, "the record is kept because someday, somewhere, someone may learn from it. Now I am required elsewhere." True to the original play, two of those dying from oppose camps lament "the wall was to blame".

It was indeed a brilliant performance by these amateur first-time English learners. Their presentation was even more significant because it was the day on which the Catholic Church celebrated 'Divine Mercy Sunday'. Such days are often relegated to pious devotions. Many really do not see the importance of ensuring that 'mercy and compassion' become a way of proceeding in the lives of people everywhere. The ability to reach out, to accept one another, to be inclusive, to build bridges and not walls.

As one dwells on the reality of 'Us and Them' one cannot help but be reminded of the lyrics of the popular folk song of Peter Seeger "Where have all the flowers gone?" It became one of the hit songs during the protests in the late sixties. Joan Baez and others popularized it, with two more contextualized verses added, including,

*"Where have all the soldiers gone?
Long time passing
Where have all the soldiers gone?
Long time ago
Where have all the soldiers gone?
Gone to graveyards every one
When will they ever learn?
When will they ever learn?"*

Words powerfully relevant in our violent, exclusive world. 'Us and Them' is essentially about **you and me**. The now moment, the now people. We are the 'someone', 'somewhere' and today is that 'someday' – when we need to have the courage to learn from history and to ensure that it is no longer 'us and them', but just 'WE' in this journey of life!

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'Thought for the week'

No matter what happens in life, be good to people. Being good to people is a wonderful legacy to leave behind.

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BAN ON PLASTIC ILLOGICAL

By Ladislaus Louis D'Souza

It's amazing how swiftly though hastily the government has declared a war on the use of plastic handbags. The Lijjat papad/chapatti issue highlights the risks involved in observing such a ban, the people by and large feeling that the government has ridden roughshod over its needs and sentiments.

Needless to say, the government as usual has, on the one hand, given no thought to the consequences of such a ban nor, on the other, come up with alternatives in terms of usage or rejection of plastic in various areas of public life. It is obvious that what was needed was the formation of a special committee to study the issue in toto before issuing relevant guidelines rather than make penalizing the general public the focus of its campaign against the use of plastic bags. As a matter of fact, it is not too late to establish such a committee—at the city level, the state level and at the national level – unless of course it cares two hoots for public opinion and sentiments.

The committee in question must include men and women from different walks of life, from educational institutes to NGOs, from municipal and government officials to trade and industry officials and so on, not excluding politicians and religious personnel, too. A specific time frame to be set for listening to or entertaining public views and queries would go a long way in shaping a clear-cut and foolproof policy benefitting every section of society. It follows that the basis of any policy-decision affecting the general public ought to be the good of the people and not making a quick buck by way of collecting penalties. Indeed, the powers-that-be must bear in mind that it is not restrictions and penalties that make for a truly comprehensive policy but a sense of openness and fair play.

In the meanwhile, how about the government returning to its plans to officially, formally declare smoking and spitting in public a punishable offence and acting on it in the interests of all concerned?

Plastic ban – crack the whip !

The ban on plastics/thermocole items by the Maharashtra government has as expected, created a furore in the state. Large sections of society, manufacturers, businessmen, etc., are being affected and are agitated, understandably so. A petition has also been filed by the Maharashtra Plastic Manufacturing Association, challenging the ban, before the High Court of Bombay. They claim over 8,000 industries would be affected and around 20 lakh people would be rendered unemployed. A few days after the ban came into effect, a post was doing the rounds of Whatsapp, countering the ban, explaining why plastic should be preferred to paper, etc.

So now, where do we stand ? Should plastic/thermocole be banned completely in the state/country ? One would say, the people themselves should understand the vast environmental damage being caused by the “indiscriminate” use of plastic/thermocole items, but alas, that is apparently not happening, even the

so-called educated class of society seem guilty on this count ! Several years after the government banned the use of “thin” plastic bags, they continued to be used until the new ban came into effect. **Judicious use of plastics could go a long way in minimizing the damage of the environment – if only the people could understand !**

One thing is clear from this move on the part of the government - **if we want people to change their habits/attitude, you need to crack the whip !** How else can one explain people now getting out their jute/paper bags or even reusable plastic bags to the market ? The outcome of the petition before the High Court, is awaited. there could be some concessions, but in the meanwhile, **crack the whip**, I would say - **that seems the only way to bring people to their senses !**

—Melville X. D’Souza
- Orlem, Malad West

God of Surprises and Hope!

Pope Francis on 1st April 2018, celebrated Easter Mass in St. Peter’s Square. The altar was bedecked with over 50,000 flowers of different varieties, sent as a gift from florists in Holland. (Pope’s surprise pronouncements):

“God’s announcements are always a surprise; because ours is a God of surprises! And that surprise moves and touches one’s heart. It happens when one least expects it. Is my heart open to God’s surprises? Am I able to go with ‘great haste’, as the women and disciples responded when they heard the news of the ‘empty tomb’? Or, do I stay back and say, ‘I’ll go tomorrow!’”

During his Urbi et Orbi Easter blessing, Pope Francis proclaimed (brief extracts): “We Christians believe and know, that Christ’s Resurrection is the true ‘hope of the world’, the hope that does not disappoint! It is like the grain of wheat which has to die before bearing fruit (John 12:24). It is the power of that love which renews the world.”

“This power continues to bear fruit today in the furrows of our history, marked by acts of injustice and violence towards migrants and refugees, towards victims of drug trade, human trafficking, and other forms of modern day slavery! - hopefully ushering in a ‘dignified life’ for those seeking it.”

“I repeat the question posed by the angel to the women who came to the empty tomb – “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, He has risen!” (Luke 24:5).

—Dr. Hazel Colaso,
Bandra (W), Mumbai.

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On Inter-faith meet in Goa

An inter-faith meeting comprising religious heads of six different faiths was organised jointly by the Catholic Bishops Conference of India (CBCI) and the Society of Pilar, in Goa on April 5, to focus attention on the growing incidents of violence and intolerance in the country by fundamental forces which are tearing apart the secular fabric of the nation and eroding the values enshrined in the Constitution. This is just one of the many such conferences held in the past which usually end up as damp squibs with no positive outcome. A joint declaration by the six religious heads was signed, condemning violence and urging the concerned authorities to take speedy action. We are well aware and proud of India's long history of religious tolerance, where people of different faiths live in peace and harmony. However, it is unfortunate that growing incidents of religious fundamentalism, bigotry and religious intolerance have started to show its ugly face to the world in recent years, which have instilled fear and targeted the minorities and the backward classes. It is time we realise that Inter-religious dialogues involving religious heads do not help in freeing the minorities from the clutches of fanatical elements. Instead, we need to take the bull by the horns by tackling the problem at the grass roots level by holding meetings and dialogues with the various fanatical groups and trouble-makers to bring about a change of mindset and rapprochement.

—A. F. Nazareth
Alto Porvorim.

The law is equal for all

Finally the law has caught up with Salman Khan who received a 5-year jail sentence in the 20-yr old black-buck poaching case. However, while the law is equal for all, the punishment meted out to Salman Khan in this particular case seems a tad too much. It's ironical that while justice was denied to a mowed down foot-path dweller, the death of black-bucks could result in the incarceration of the Tiger.

—Prof. Robert Castellino,
Mumbai

Holy Father needs our prayers, always

Of late Whatsapp is inundated with forwards expressing concern about the Holy Father's health along with a prayer request for his good health. The forward also states that the Holy Father has only one lung. This forward has been around for over a year.

The forward is only partly true. It's true that the Holy Father needs our prayers, not only now, but always. However, only a small part of one lung was excised in his teens over 50 years ago. The current hysteria is unfounded.

—Prof. Robert Castellino,
Mumbai

'Implement animal birth control'

With reference to the editorial titled : Kerala : Church birth control in animals in THE SECULAR CITIZEN dated MONDAY 9 APRIL - SUNDAY 15 APRIL 2018 problems arise when there is a human animal conflict or

there is an increase in animal population.

In these cases animal birth control becomes a necessity to control one set of animals from preying on another set of animals and also spreading dangerous diseases.

Certain types of animals can be farmed for human use thus reducing their nuisance value and another type of animals like snakes must be farm raised for their venom which can be used to make rat poison and medicines for arthritis - unfortunately private farming of snakes for their venom is banned but this ban must be challenged and overturned as snake venom commands a high price and can be exported thus providing self-employment jobs for many unemployed people but snake farmers must be provided a thorough training in all aspects of snake farming to ensure that snakes are well cared in all aspects of the snakes' lives.

Private breeding of all types of common and rare domesticated animals on farms that can be put to good use by people who purchase them must be encouraged through animal experts and the breeders must be provided with the very latest and best books on the animals they are breeding as well be given updated courses on animal breeding on a regular basis and the hybrid breeding of animals like is what is done at Hybrid House at the Bombay Zoo must be given to the public so that they can benefit from this knowledge by making Hybrid House open to the public through a court case to make this a reality.

The knowledge and expertise of well known circus staff must be utilised for breeding these animals.

To prevent unnecessary poaching of wild animals all wild animals must be radio collared or electronically tagged and excessively strict animal laws must be removed to prevent a black market and smuggling of wild animals from becoming even more uncontrollable.

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There's No Greater Wealth than...

by Don Aguiar

I've always admired Steve Jobs but after his death from pancreatic cancer I learned that - There's no greater wealth than health.

"Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma — which is living with the results of other people's thinking. Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow already know what you truly want to become. Everything else is secondary". Steve Jobs

There was a busy cobbler who lived in a big village. As he was the only cobbler in town, everyone went to him to get their footwear repaired. He was so busy that he didn't have time to repair his own boots. This wasn't a problem at first, but over time his boots began to wear off and fall apart. While he worked feverishly on everyone else's shoes, his feet got blisters and he started to limp. His customers started to worry about him, but he reassured them that everything was all right

However after a few years, the cobbler's feet were so injured that he could no longer work and nobody's footwear got repaired. As a result the entire town started to limp in pain: all because the cobbler never took time to repair his own boots. If you are in a responsible position and are one of the important links in the group survival chain, and if you do not look after yourself, after a while you'll be no good to anyone else either.

Your best intentions will mean nothing and you'll be unable to do what you're meant to do. This goes for leaders, social workers, teachers and even parents and priests, breadwinners and homemakers. If you don't take time to care for yourself, no one else will.

People (regardless of money or no money) die every minute due to sickness. Many people are going through unbearable pains due to medical issues in life. No one knows the value of eyes more than the blind.

You can only think of money when you are in a good state of health. Many people struggle hard to get rich in life. But in some cases, after getting all the money they want, they realize their health is failing. They go through pain- day and night.

"No one wants to die. Even people who want to go to heaven don't want to die to get there. And yet death is the destination we all share. No one has ever escaped it. And that is as it should be, because death is very likely the single best invention of life. It is life's change agent. It clears out the old to make way for the new. Right now the new is you, but someday not too long from now, you will gradually become the old and be cleared away. Sorry to be so dramatic, but it is quite true". Steve Jobs

No matter how successful you are, without good health your wealth becomes meaningless. Sometimes, sickness ends abruptly with death, shocking family and friends with its abruptness. Sickness goes beyond a fat bank account.

A sick person has only one wish for GOD, not money, not cars, not clothes and not any material things in life. The number ONE wish is for good health to get rid of pain. When a person gets sick and pain becomes unbearable, a terminally sick person cries out to GOD to take everything else if only to have a peace of mind.

"Remembering that I'll be dead soon is the most important tool I've ever encountered to help me make the big choices in life. Because almost every-

thing — all external expectations, all pride, all fear of embarrassment or failure - these things just fall away in the face of death, leaving only what is truly important. Remembering that you are going to die is the best way I know to avoid the trap of thinking you have something to lose. You are already naked. There is no reason not to follow your heart" Steve Jobs.

When there is life, then there is hope. You can only have hope and be happy and full of strength to claim your destiny when you are alive.

Patients die at the hands of doctors. Buildings collapse at the hands of such engineers. Money is lost at the hands of such economists and accountants. Humanity dies at the hands of such religious scholars. Justice is lost at the hands of such judges. The collapse of health and education is the collapse of the nation.

Let us appreciate the gift of health we have as we read this and continue to work hard to claim our destiny because it's easy to not appreciate the gift of a healthy life until we are bed ridden and have to depend on others for the simplest things in life. Be grateful to GOD for the gift of a healthy life. Always focus on your health to claim your destiny.

Use your health, education and wealth to support and lift someone else who needs your support. Your support means a lot to that someone.

Do something nice for someone today. The first one to benefit from your kindness is you. You'll feel a sense of comfort and the greatest reward comes from God above!

The world rarely sees people who make an impact that lasts generations.

My Confessor – a cool dude,

who gave me absolution, spiritual council and tips on everyday health.

He didn't say 'Join the Gold Gym'

How a confessional appointment in Church and a quiet talk with the Padre as if in a whisper made me genuflect without a slouch and keep erect my body vertebrae straight as if a soldier in the Roman legion I was. His presentation was enigmatic in content and his mouth odor remembered me of a cigar smoking Viva Zapata in technicolor.

A normal visit to the confessional before lent not only became for me a composition of absolution and penance and allowed for a litany of solutions to take me miles away from perdition but as a bonus the Padre behind the confessional wooden mesh as if he was cloistered in a convent spoke of health, wealth and happiness....the preparatory insignia of a gentle entry into the labyrinth of good marksmanship if I was to attain full resolve and be confirmed with absolution for my misdemeanour, we all call sins.

I accepted the invitation to arouse myself in tandem with what the Padre had to say. I was now more interested in the bouquet of otherwise unsolicited advice which eventually I thanked the padre behind the curtain for his Godly insight and his reasons to administer to me the commandments to live life to the full as if this holy cleric was the author of the lost gospels.

This, what he explained to me in cat's whispers whilst he as if in a litany within a thesis of a dissertation made it obvious to let me know that a good-feeling body makes for a more pleasant physical experience, "I want you to understand that finding pleasant things to focus upon also makes for a good-feeling body. And abrogates

the impossibility of going back into embracing actionable sins that become applications of deprivation and doubt." You sin less if you feel emotionally good. And your feelings are true to yourself.

The Padre continued to effect a command at this stage."However, most humans approach the subject of their health and physical well-being in a reluctant manner. Most people who are experiencing physical ailments let their physical conditions speak for their mental viewpoint. In other words, their emotions and feelings are responsible for their physical condition. When they are in pain, they offer emotions of annoyance, infuriation, worry, anger and the monologue of fear which is always of things to happen in the future. They want their condition to improve asap so that their emotional state can improve. But the contrary happens.

Any bodily ailment or malady, or withdrawal from bodily well-being, begins at a cellular level—but the overwhelming inclination of your cells is that of thriving. All day, every day, your cells are reclaiming the ratio of your body in tandem with the emotional quotient you are offering at such superior stages and subtle levels that almost or most humanoids are entirely and absolutely unaware of the power and cleverness of their own cellular bodies. They sincerely resort to the mundane effects of mass communication and the highest point of referrals that systematically evolve as a block chain system for consultations to eradicate the cause and the symptoms and the ubiquitous treatment starts with the practice of medicines et al.

Cells in your body respect the dialog you have with them. Each unit is a life keeper to your multiplex human body system and hold in high esteem your opinion about their presence

And how much you nurture them for their ability to keep on working for

you. Your thoughts become things. Whether you like it or not. Focusing upon good-feeling objects of attention is the most effective way of providing the optimum environment for allowing unhindered cellular communication and the ultimate thriving of your physical body. Says E Hicks the guru lady of 'thoughts become things- all the time....'

My presence in front of the Padre on bended knees had me speaking to my femur and knee caps

As I was blessed now and with a commitment to my penance the padre went into sudden retreat with silence and acted as if I was not there at all. My time was up for the lady behind me to pour out her failings, indulgences and crimes and probably a course in moral dressing versus the Kardashians. 'Oops, my slip is showing'. Would she say it. I wonder.

I am a better man today. I stopped buying copies of Playboy and Maxim. Actually because of the GST and no plastic bags to cover the cover page of the Hugh Hefner insignia. See how the esoteric works. In my favor.

Come join me in my quest to identify with the Laws of Moses and the wine our Lord and Master served at the Last Supper. Sulphite free. And to the Padre to whom I confessed I honor his state ship

With a designation much awaited for all those like him-as I call him Doctor Of Religion and Body Health. This Padre will never suffer martyrdom. What a confession I made. What a penance to study and activate. What, extraordinary advise across the confessional grill on health, wealth and happiness – the magnum opus of a religion that is shaking the world for two thousand years and more, at least this side of the Suez. Valetudo, Divitiae et Felicitas(latin)

—Rtn. Calwyn D'Abreo

WHETHER THE CONCEPT OF NEW KARNATAKA AND THE DEMAND OF THE STATE OF KARNATAKA TO HAVE ITS OWN FLAG IS ANTI NATIONALISTIC?

by Eric D'Sa

Recently many of my North Indian friends criticised the demand of Kannadigas for having their own State flag for what is termed "The New Karnataka" and called them anti-nationalists. Most of them were strong BJP supporters. The fact that the BJP party itself had its own flag, as with all the other political parties, was brushed aside as not relevant. Pointing out to them that even in USA many states had their own flags without weakening of that very powerful nation was useless. They screamed at top of their voices that the above demand of Kannadigas was a blow to the concept of India and a disrespect to the Indian armed forces, who were presently battling on our nations frontiers with our enemies - the Pakistanis and the Chinese. The fact that all most all units of the armed forces had their own flags was not considered to be unpatriotic.

History tells us that the concept of an Indian nation as we know it now, never existed before the year 1947. As a matter of fact the British gradually over a period of 300 years, one by one, conquered the different nation states that existed then in South Asia. This they could do was due to the

conflicts that existed between these nation states, their mainly bigoted self centred Rajas and Maharajas, internal conflicts because of caste systems and importantly the local rampant corruption. Even after 1857 when the sovereign British state took over a large swap of land which was called by them as British India from the East India co., it included whole of South Asia and also Baluchistan and Burma. However, the British smartly maintained almost 565 different princely states as they were earlier before take over, with puppet Rajas and Ma-

don and hence were progressive and liberal. They ensured the new Indian state had a sovereign, secular, democratic and inclusive constitution. They also ensured around 540 states ruled by dummy Maharajas were freed for ever from these rulers. Patel worked had and ensured a large number of smaller states were joined into new larger states.

Hence, there needs to be a clear understanding of what India means. India is unlike several other countries and like very few countries. India does not have a singular universal identity to itself. In its attempts to define such an identity, it clashes with the regional identities and causes problems. The root cause of all so called 'anti-national' rhetoric is because,

one group tries to dominate the political arena of the concept of India. Let us understand what India means. India quite blatantly represents a collection of multiple countries. All these countries or states together represent India. Therefore, there cannot be one identity for Indians. When one calls oneself an Indian, all he or she represents is that he or she is part of a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic, multi-lingual collective called India. A person like myself is a child of Konkani speaking Mangalorean Catholics, born in Tulu speaking South Kanara, and brought up in Kanada speaking Karnataka State. Later I have travelled round the world and settled down to work in Marathi Speaking Maharashtra. Most of college studies have been in English and I have manageable knowledge of Hindi. Many Indians like me are multi lingual and have been exposed to different state cultures.

We need to learn from the short history of Pakistan which came into existence at the same time as India, by the break of most of British India into two

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harajas being allowed to sit on their thrones, with a British administrators pulling all the strings and effectively administrating the states. These were besides the areas directly controlled and administered by the British.

To ensure proper control over a vast stretch of land, they built a large net work of roadways and railways, effectively connecting all towns. At the same time to produce the required net work of assistants to the British administrators upto the district and taluk levels, they started universal schools as we know it now, for the first time in the country. They made English the common language of administration and justice. More importantly they strengthened the Indian army my making it a fighting force which mirrored the pluralistic Indian society. When the Indian State was born in the year 1947 after a bloodless transfer of power from the British to Indians, we were fortunate to have leaders of the stature of Gandhi, Nehru, Patel and Ambedkar, who lead the independence movement. They had lived and studied for many years in Lon-

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separate nations based on religion. But within four decades, the concept that religion is the sole basis of nation states came to a naught, as the then Pakistan could not reconcile that the nation consisted of more than one culture. The dominant Punjabi Muslims tried to subjugate Bengali Muslims who had centuries of old separate culture. The language of Urdu was being forced on the Bengalis who resisted the imposition. The nation broke into two and Bangladesh as a proud sovereign nation state came into existence after a bloody war of Independence, which considerably weakened both states.

Each state/country has its own origins, history and traditions that differ even between neighboring states. For example, let us consider Thamizh Nadu. The words Thamizh Nadu in itself means the country of those who speak Thamizh. While the official history of India only dates back to 70 years and the concept of Bharat (geographical marker for ancient traders and travelers) having existed only for the past 500 years or so, history of Thamizh and a Thamizh country dates back several thousands of years. A simple Google search will answer and confirm this to be true. This is in no way saying Thamizh is better, greater or different than other languages/cultures, it is only to acknowledge that India is a new concept but Thamizh is a very old and strong civilization. Countless kings, empires and men/women have come and gone but Thamizh remained a variable constant throughout all these years. The language and its associated speakers have a continuous history in the same land that they now inhabit as Tamil Nadu.

So, now demanding such an ancient civilization to subscribe to a new identity called Indian - although possible is not ethical or moral in any way. Therefore, it is not a question of whether TN is part of India, the question here seems to be rather, is India willing to accept TN as a member of its union? If we the people of India agree to this and we should, because

the constitution believes in the same, there must not be any problem for all these individual countries to co-exist without a singular unified identity. But only when the government of India demands all states to subscribe to a unified identity, problems arise. This is a time-tested issue and needs clear retrospection to better understand it. Our states as have had sufficient freedom ever since independence. The rise to prominence with respect to social reforms, economic progress and strides in equality have been achieved by the states and not by India. Whatever progress was achieved, was mainly the state's doing without the center's intervention.

While I must also agree, recent policies (GST, NEET etc) are a compromise to the federal structure of India, the core problems are not because of the concept of India, but it is because of the loss of humanity and sensibility among our fellow brethren. We need to demand state autonomy except in case of defence, external affairs, exim trade, currency, inter state affairs, etc., while still being within the confines of India. With increased state autonomy, the states can legislate and determine their own path themselves instead of netas from Delhi. There will be friendly competition between the states. All the southern states have over the years done much better than those in the north when one takes into account the human development indices and their per capita income is much higher than in other states in India.

Hence it is not surprising that the Karnataka State is resisting the imposition of Hindi and other non liberal personal laws by the north Indians. The demand of Kannadigas for their own state flag and their own state anthem and to call them selves as forward looking "New Karnataka State", is a reaction to the North Indian hegemony. The Kannadigas do not consider the above act as anti nationalism as they still greatly respect the Indian National flag and the Indian National anthem. You the citizens decide whether under the above circumstances recent actions of Kannadigas are justified?

Easter Octave Fraternity!

On Easter Monday, 02 April, 2018, also referred to as 'Monday of the Angels', because the New Testament Readings announce Christ's Resurrection to the women at the empty tomb! (cf. Matthew 28:2-8ff). Here are Pope Francis' pertinent observations, briefly:

"Easter Octave are days of celebration and conviviality, lived with the family. It is the time to renew the brotherhood and sisterhood bonds, the fruits of the Lord's Resurrection. We feel the need to unite with our loved ones towards fraternity – just as it was lived in the early Christian community" (Acts 2:42-47).

"The fraternity that we share today is a grace that Jesus gives. Without fraternity, there can be no 'true communion' for the common good, and no 'commitment towards social justice!'"

"Only fraternity can take care of the weakest and most marginalized. Only fraternity can guarantee lasting peace, can reduce poverty, can extinguish tension and wars, and can eradicate corruption and crime."

"Christ defeated sin that separated man from God, man from himself/ (herself), and man from brothers and sisters. Thus we must invoke the Virgin Mary with the title, Queen of Heaven; so that in the Easter Octave she can accompany us toward a fraternal style of life, which is the soul of our relationships" (Matthew 25:31-46).

"I wish everyone to be filled with the serenity and joy of Easter! I encourage all Christians to take every opportunity to witness to the 'peace and mercy of the Risen Lord', now and in the future." (cf. John 20:21-23).

—Dr. Trevor Colaso,
Bandra (W), Mumbai.

FAKE NEWS? Or Sophisticated Electronic Gossip?

By **Ladislaus Louis D'Souza**

"The cure for Cancer has been found! Please forward this to as many people as possible in the interest of all those who are suffering from this disease." How often have we each not received such messages on WhatsApp? For most of those who send or forward such news items it's a matter of service and are quick to take offence at the news shared being termed 'fake'. As for those who receive such messages, it's a question of probity and fairness.

The sad part is that not one of those who indulge in such *sending* or *forwarding* are willing to ascertain the veracity of such news before circulating it ad nauseam. Worse, when confronted, they bluntly put the onus on the recipient to verify for himself/herself the correctness of the contents of the message received.

We already have news going around that a 'good morning' message will set the sender back by a penalty grossing 18% GST while international media is awash with discussions of whether sharing false news and untrue information can be termed 'fake' and declared a punishable offence. Of course, there are many who consider such steps too retrograde and unwarranted, arguing that it won't be long before the government starts dictating what we should send out at all

and what we shouldn't. Be that as it may, **why can't we as believers infused with the power of the Spirit at Confirmation, exercise restraint in terms of circulating unverified news?** Frankly, unverified newsbits on social media can at best be termed as SEG – Sophisticated Electronic Gossip! What is worrisome is that this is a malaise that cuts across all strata of society, from priests and professionals to ordinary lay folk in the unorganized sector, with no perpetrator of SEG finding anything untoward about it.

We do need to understand that emotions are often heightened when a case of Cancer is detected. Do we really need to add to their agony by circulating the 'cure' message far and wide without clarifying the bona fides of the source of the message or news?

It'd be good to ask ourselves the question as to why we, Christians in general and Catholics in particular, are ever so fond of sending or forwarding news that is either eons old or untrue. The frivolous messages I've received include the death of a certain nun, who was once the Provincial Superior of a certain Congregation, with funeral details awaited despite she being already buried 3 years! Another pertained to the heads of the Anglican Church and two or three other mainline Churches going to Pope Francis and saying that they wanted their respective churches to be united with the Roman Catholic Church and shepherded by the Pope. Terming such fakeology nonsense almost cost me a relationship. Must we really allow ourselves to go oh so finger-crazy? To what purpose?

All said and done, are we willing to say 'yes' to responsible journalism and 'no' to SEG?

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Private zoos and national parks must be legalised after good training has been provided to private managers of these zoos and national parks.

Thus if the laws of a country are outdated and useless they must be thrown out lock, stock and barrel unceremoniously without any further delay .

Animals too have a right to live just as we have a right to live and we can help them by fighting for their rights..

— **Jubel D'Cruz, Mumbai**

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Love Thy Neighbour

In society, we always say that relations with ones neighbours are important. You may have many friends in your vicinage or in social circles but your relationship with your immediate neighbours is important. It shows your character and your ability to get along with your next door neighbours. That is the most difficult thing to do because of conflicting interests or ego clashes, etc. That makes it all the more important to have cordial relations with those in your vicinity. No wonder the Lord laid stress on loving ones neighbor as oneself in his message to his disciples.

Likewise, in international relations among nations, the test of a good leader is to have good relations with every neighbouring country – howsoever big or small. That should not be difficult unless you have some border related issues which normally sour relations. Barring such situations, it should not be very difficult to have good neighbourly relations. Let us take the case of our own neighbours. The Prime Minister showed magnanimity in inviting the leaders, when he was sworn in as PM, of all the SAARC family though in effect it is no longer a family and stands defunct. That also included then Pakistan PM, Nawab Sharif. Everybody applauded Modi for his move. It was hoped that this gesture will be reciprocated by all the nations and this region could be a shining example for other regions of the world.

Unfortunately, during the last four years, the relations with almost all the neighbours have soured and there is none we can really call our friend. Only Bangladesh comes close to be considered a friend but should the regime change there, things could be different. Even our traditional friends like Nepal, Sri Lanka and Maldives have drifted away. If we are not able to hold on to our friends, we cannot blame some other third country for it. Each country is within its rights to woo its friends but if your friendship is genuine and built on respect for each other, it cannot break. Only if your ties are fragile then your adversary will capitalize on it. This is what has happened. Did we behave like a big brother?

Pakistan is a known adversary but the relations have deteriorated almost to a point of no return. As things are panning out, one wonders if we will

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even have any diplomatic ties in the near future. We are made to believe that Pakistan cannot do anything good and so be it, else you will be termed as an anti-national. I have said time and again that if we strongly believe that Kashmir [including POK] is an integral part of India, then why shy away from talks if a war is not the option. Even countries like the USA and North Korea have agreed to sit down and talk. No pre-conditions have been set.

We have antagonized Maldives. Maybe the leadership there is more China oriented but being a country in our region we ought to have played our cards better and win their support. Sri Lanka also is not cozying up to India. Why? Have we shown arrogance and highhandedness in our dealings with this very important, strategically located Emerald Island? We should have been friendlier with a country which has a sizeable Tamil population. The growing divide between the two countries has adverse effect on the relations between the Tamils and the Sinhalese people. Nepal also is drifting away fast.

No doubt, India's growing clout with the Americans has angered the Chinese. America wants India for its own selfish motive to contain China – a move that is understandably disliked by China. In retaliation, the Chinese have succeeded in literally encircling India. Of course, India on its part is trying to befriend China's neighbours and foes like Japan, Vietnam etc. Actually it is a fight between the Chinese and the Americans and all other countries are made pawns in that game. In the process, India is losing its good old friends and neighbours and that is not a healthy sign for any country.

EVMs v/s Ballot papers

For decades, the country was stuck with the traditional ballot papers during the elections to various elected bodies including the Parliament. For the sheer size and diversity of India, manual election exercise was painstaking and counting was equally challenging. The country then switched over to the Electronic Voting Machines [EVMs] after trial at selected voting booths to test their reliability. The exercise was found to be successful and slowly most of the



by Marshall Sequeira

country was covered. Understandably there were numerous doubts [especially by the losing candidates / parties] about the vulnerability of these devices. Allegations were made. Matter went to the highest Court of the land and the verdict was that the allegations were ill-founded.

The Election Commission also did its own verification and found the devices reliable. Of course no machine or device can be 100% safe. The ATM cards are unsafe; Credit cards are hacked and so on. So many other things that we use could possibly be tampered with and might have been but since it has not surfaced, we presume they are safe. If there is clinching evidence that the EVMs can be easily tampered with that it could be a cause for concern. A stray case cannot be the basis for wild allegations. Besides, you cannot trust the EVMs when you win and blame them when you lose. That is unfair. One should not forget that the concept of EVMs was advocated and introduced during the UPA regime.

The paper ballots were more unsafe. There used to be cases of booth capture, replacement of ballot boxes, tampering with the seals etc. It was precisely for this reason that something different had to be found and the EVM is a solution. It is sad that the Congress Party is advocating ballot papers to replace the EVMs. It is a retrograde step. Perhaps the fear of losing more elections has gripped the Congress leadership. There are no chances of going back to the ballot papers and the losing parties can always find an alibi in EVMs. Remember when the EC challenged them to show how the EVMs can be tampered with; the likes of AAP developed cold feet and did not take up the challenge. They have now forfeited their right to question the reliability of the EVMs. It is a closed chapter.

Effects of comparison on kids

Comparing your child with others' is actually making you and your child stressed and is an useless activity but the urge is hard to resist. Here are reasons why you should not compare your children with others

Sometimes the sole motivation of comparing your child to others is to instigate competition in the child. So that this feeling can push the child to perform at par with his capabilities and excel. Competitive-ness definitely is a driving force towards performance. But is this working for your child? No two children are the same' they have different talents, interests, develop at different rates and have different strengths. Practically speaking, parents can either build or break the confidence and self esteem of their child. Expressing unhappiness due to poor performance or bragging about his achievements; both are inappropriate. Read below to know the negative effects of comparison and the alternative approach.

Distances from you: Clearly, if the kid is being held negatively up against his siblings, cousins, friends or neighbours. It becomes evident to him that something about him is unacceptable to you and you are unhappy with him. You become the

source of hurt to him and he will try to maintain distance from you. This may make your kid feel insecure and lose trust in you. Which may lead to developmental or behavioural problems as your child matures.

Jealousy will take root: If you keep comparing your child with an apparent paragon of virtue, he or she may begin to suffer from

drop of a hat will eventually make their kids nervous and jittery. The child may become excessively focused on pleasing the parents (and others) and will constantly feel they are not meeting expectations. They will lose their natural confidence and autonomy.

Suppresses talents: Your kid spends more time in charcoal painting and you prefer him to go for badminton practice, the kid faces a dilemma. If the painting talent is unappreciated and he half-heartedly goes for playing badminton, he may not score very well. Eventually the painting talent won't have room to grow and will be lost.



pangs of extreme jealousy. It can be a neighbourhood kid, a classmate, a cousin and so on. Jealousy is not a very healthy feeling to harbour and the poor child will be tormented by jealousy which could all too easily turn into hatred and perhaps even aggression.

It will cause self-doubt: If we are told by someone that we are not good at something and that there are others out there who excel at it, slowly but steadily self-doubt will grow. Our children will be left wondering if they can ever be good enough. Our job as parents is to encourage them at every step they take, not remind them of who else is ahead.

Kids grow into nervous adults: Parents who compare their kids at the

Remember, neither you can be a perfect mother nor your child can be a perfect son encompassing excellence in all fields of academics, sports or relation-wise. Everyone has to face different challenges, the situation differs from home to home. If you will think deeply, your two children will differ in their sets of abilities and skills. Just be proud of your children for what they are. Give them your love and strive to build a confident person out of your child.

Top things smart people do

What exactly does it mean to be smart? Does it mean simply having a high IQ or talent? Maybe it's none of these. Here's how to be smart with these smart tips

Smart people are not actually different but they do act differently from others. This is important to their success. They maintain routines, networks and habits that keep them at the top of their field. You can also learn from them. Here's how

They eat right

On the habits of smart people researchers found that 70 percent of wealthy people eat less than 300 junk food calories each day. By contrast, 97 percent of other people eat more than 300 junk food calories per day. So, like smart people, eat right and take care of your health because health is wealth.

They create budget

Creating and sticking to a budget is one of the best ways to track your money and save. Rich people create a budget that they stick to, without fail. They know exactly where their money is going each month. In the start, it may feel like budgets are too restricting and make you feel like you are depriving yourself. But once you get used to it, you'll start feeling good.

Buy used items

Some things like clothes, food and bedding you can't buy second hand but when it comes to everything else, smart people are the first in line to get a bargain by buying second hand. Most significantly, they tend to not buy cars brand new or if they do buy a new car, they tend to own it for at least ten years, ensuring they get the full value out of it.

thing that will last as long as possible and ideally, retain some of its value.

They don't show off

Far and away the most significant aspect of their lives is that no one can tell they are rich. They are the regular folk living next door, driving an old car and working as many



They set goals

Eighty percent of smart people are focused on accomplishing some single goal, compared to just 12 percent of others. And smart people are four times likely to write down their goals. They understand the difference between wishes and achievable goals.

They buy good things

False economy, the idea that buying cheap is always best. It is better to buy one pair of shoes for 500 rupees that lasts five years, than five pairs of shoes that cost 100 rupees but last one year each and require five trips to the store. Buy it for life is a trend for some but a lifestyle for the smart people. Smart people will spend time investigating important purchases before they make them, to ensure that they are buying some-

hours as you are. On the other hand, the guy up the road with the luxury lifestyle that everyone wants to emulate is probably cash poor and miserable. And don't forget, while you are busy trying to keep up with one, that one is trying to keep up with the other. Break the cycle today. Start focusing on the best parts of your life.

Smart people invest in learning new skills

It can be fun to learn new skills like speaking a different language, dancing, cooking, blogging and more. Smart people are always learning new skills that they can make a profit on. Many people have turned their hobbies into business because they tried different things and skills. Once you feel knowledgeable enough you will begin exploring different investment outlets.

Bharatanatyam on Christ - 'Kristha Patha'

by Ivan Saldanha-Shet. M'lore

Bharathanatyam in the Christian circles of Mumbai is uncommon, in Mangaluru and south it is better accepted in Christian celebrations. On Easter Sunday, April 1, the city's famous Town hall was packed to capacity, a revolutionary solo Bharatanatyam performance to project the message of Jesus Christ from the Bible for the first time, by a brilliant exponent immensely impressed the huge turn out of admirers. The performance was superb. Mangaluru Bishop Rev Dr Aloysius Paul D'Souza, CSI Dakshina Prantha retired Bishop Rev Dr C L Furtado and senior art critic Prathibha Samaga were the chief guests.

'It was a unique full-fledged solo performance on Bible episodes depicted through the ancient Indian dance form. Vidwat Ruth Prithika, the dancer, said the output is the efforts put in by her teacher Vidyashree Radhakrishna, her parents Dr Roshan Maben and Dr E V S Maben and her own practice for months and that she would put in all possible effort to take this concept forward in the Christian ethos.

'KristhaPatha' Performance : The two-hour performance gave the es-



sence of the entire Bible, from the Book of Genesis to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ in all five compositions of the dance form. A unique Bharatanatyam recital on the Biblical themes of faith, hope and love shown by Jesus Christ himself to mankind. The repertoire begins with a Pushpanjali based on the seven days of creation, followed by the birth of Jesus, His ministries,

His sacrifice on the cross and resurrection. It ends with a message that the risen Christ continues to dwell in the hearts of mankind, guiding them in the path of righteousness. All the dance compositions are within the framework of a Bharathanatyam Margam or path. Fresh mudras created to depict Jesus and his symbolism were indeed edifying. All 5 parts were carefully created in accordance with the Natya kala and culture defining a spiritual path too. Padam was from John's gospels and Kirthana depicted genuinely the feelings of the Samaritan woman by the well and was a moving experience. Thillana was very special and spell binding taken from Mark in the Bible. The scope for Bible variations is truly vast.

"At Easter this is a very exclusive way to make Christ's word better known and reflect on it through my God given talents and capacity," said Ruth Prithika, a third-year computer science engineering student. While the concept is yet nascent, the enthusiastic experts ensured that the performance adhered to the traditional forms of Bharatanatyam, the 'Margam' - path. "There was no change in style. We introduced the concept in the content,"



Ruth said. According to Ruth, it was her father who spearheaded the idea. Her music 'Guru' gave the lyrics a poetic form, and arranged the music recorded from internationally-recognized artistes in Bengaluru, and choreographed the performance. It is indeed an effort that spells out the laudable dedication and commitment of all involved. Guru Vidyashree said the biggest challenge was that unlike depicting Shiva and Krishna, whose mudras are mentioned in Bharatanatyam, she had to create mudras and steps suiting Jesus. "We had to start from scratch. We were able to do it, and I am glad people appreciated it."

Catholic Bishop Rev Dr. A P D'Souza, said that while the Christian communities were projected as strongly Western oriented, this makes an impact to the contrary and such efforts must increase and grow in keeping with our Indian-ness. Rev Dr. C L

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Furtado who gave a touching picture of Vidushi Ruth as she grew to this level before his very eyes over the years said, that indeed this is a gift of God and endorsed and reiterated the Indian perfection of Christianity. All expressed high appreciation on Vid. Ruth's enterprise and the spiritual component.

About Vidushi Ruth Prithika : Ruth has been learning Bharathanatyam since the tender age of five. She has successfully completed her Vidwath exam in Bharathanatyam and in Carnatic music. She has performed with the Gaana Nritya Academy at various stages in and around the country. She has also performed at the Doordarshan studio in Delhi for Prasar Bharati during the ABU Dance festival in 2016. She is also been trained in Kathak and Odissi dance forms through the Academy.

Stating that Vidhushi Ruth Prithika is the first to get the title of Vidhushi in Protestant Christian community (CSI), Ruth hitched her wagon to the stars and enthralled audiences and judges in various district, state and national level programmes and competitions. Along with other artistes of GNA, Ruth performed for Dhoordharshan, New Delhi, sculpting for herself the stature of National Level Artiste. Complementing the dance form is her prowess in violin and piano. The highest echelon of accomplishment is her academic brilliance in her educational pursuit of Engineering Degree at NMAMIT, Nitte after her earlier education at St. Theresa's and Lourdes Central Schools Mangaluru.

In this fast paced world of consumerism and materialism, well-informed and clear sighted youth, blessed with worthwhile talents can be the ambassadors of change and ensure the health of a society. Ruth, undoubtedly, is one such youngster and if she is in the right place, at the right time, she can create wonders in the magical and mystical world of Bharathanatyam.

Say NO to plastic

It is a common practice that when we purchase something from a shop, the shopkeeper packs them up for us in a shopper's bag. Right from food items to clothes to shoes, there is hardly any item that we do not use a plastic bag to carry our items in.

However, before stuffing your home with different styles, colours and shapes of plastic bags, have you ever considered the dangers that are inherent in using them? If your answer is no, then, reading through this article is a 'must' for you. Go through the following lines and explore the disadvantages of plastic bags. After reading them, I am sure that you will prefer sticking to paper bags and cloth bags instead.

Plastic bags have been known to cause a lot of environmental damage. A single plastic bag can take up to 1000 years to decay completely. This makes the bags stay in the environment longer, in turn leading to great build-up on the natural landscape (much more than degradable materials like paper). In other words, the more plastic bags you use, the greater the chances of environmental damage.

Plastic bags not only have adverse effects on our natural habitats, but have also been found to be responsible for the death of many animals, mainly on account of the suffocation encountered on eating them. Not only animals, but even infants and young children have been reported to have lost their lives on account of eating plastic bags. Since plastic bags are thin and airtight, children often end up blocking their mouths and nostrils with them. In case they are not being monitored



by an adult, this leads to suffocation, and in some cases, even death.

Plastic bags are extremely durable. In case you are thinking of this as an advantage, just bring to mind an image of the huge landfill that you visited on the

city outskirts the other day. In most probability, majority of the rubbish present there will comprise only of plastic bags. In other words, plastic bags have led to a great increase in the pollution levels. This air when inhaled, leads to a number of diseases, especially respiratory. Also, the meal eaten or heated in plastic bags or containers causes certain cancerous diseases, ulcers, asthma and obesity because certain chemicals of the plastic bags mix with the meal upon heating. They not only harm our immune system but also put a negative effect on our brains.

Since plastic bags are not biodegradable, the only way to get rid of them is to burn them up. Though lighting a match to them is easy, it has more than its fair share of disadvantages. The biggest of them is that smoldering plastics can release toxic fumes into the environment, in turn taking the air pollution to much higher levels.



BY JUBEL D'CRUX

One of the main disadvantages of plastic bags is that they are not renewable. The reason behind this is that they are made of petrochemicals, a non-renewable source of energy. They can be recycled, but not as easily as paper bags. Plastic bags can last for as much as hundreds of years. In other words, long after you are no more, the plastic bag used by you will still be in existence.

' Make a person's final journey more pleasant '

With reference to DR TREVOR COLASO's letter titled Shroud Burial is Beneficial and PROF ROBERT CASTELLINO's letter titled : Shroud burials gaining ground in THE SECULAR CITIZEN dated MONDAY 9 APRIL - SUNDAY 15 APRIL 2018 it is interesting just to note that certain sects of Muslims bury their dead naked tied up in a shroud and certain types of Hindus like the Linghayats bury their dead in a sitting up position and Parsis when they have to bury their dead due to certain reasons in their Parsi cemetery bury their dead naked between two slabs of stones in unmarked graves.

When ever and where ever cremation of a dead person is undertaken it must be done by a gas electric cremation process which is faster.

When a corpse is cremated or buried in a temporary grave the remains of the corpse must be interred in underground niches constructed away from the foundation of the church and other alternatives include burial of the corpse or the corpse's ashes in a similar manner in a mixed /multi-religious cemetery or the preservation of the corpse for life in a sealed coffin with a fixed glass/transparent viewing window in the coffin through which one can view the corpse in a room with dark black curtains in a cemetery.

Certain British area cemeteries in Bombay have been turned into gardens/parks and the least that can be done is to install a plaque in the gardens/parks giving detail information about the eminent people who were buried there so that they are not conveniently forgotten.

Previously criminals who were executed were cremated in the prison where they were executed by hanging but recently a terrorist who was hung was buried in a cemetery in Bombay.

However Mahatma Gandhi's assassin Nathuram Godse who was hung and cremated in a prison but his ashes were removed from that prison and kept in Pune where they can be viewed on certain days and when India is united with Pakistan which is a far fetched dream his ashes will be thrown into the Ganges.

Thus we see the importance of conducting with dignity the last journey of a dead person but to prevent glorification of a criminal the remains of a criminal must be thrown into the sea where they can be eaten by the fish like in the case of Osama bin Laden and such treatment must be meted out to our criminal politicians to erase people's opinion about them.

—Peter Castellino

Life miserable under NDA rule: CSI bishop

The Church of South India (CSI), the second largest Church in India with over 4.5 million members, has come out against the Bharatiya Janata Party-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government at the Centre.

In an open letter on Friday, Bishop Thomas K. Oommen, moderator (head) of the Church, said the NDA government had "become a nightmare to the poor and the minorities in India."

"The NDA government that follows the Hindutva supremacist ideology seems to have discounted what is stated in the preamble of our Constitution that declares liberty, equality, and fraternity as its ideals," it says.

"The Church stands in solidarity with the Dalits fighting for justice and equality and agitating against the alleged dilution of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act 1989 and condemns all atrocities against the Dalits by the Hindutva extremist forces." The NDA government has become "a danger to the very fabric of the greatest sovereign, socialist, secular and democratic republic," he said.

"The government is changing school textbooks by inserting pseudo-scientific religious content, banning films, books, festivals of minorities etc., which, it claims, offend Hindu nationalist sentiments."

"The communalist and fascist ideology of Hindutva promoted by the BJP casts a shadow over the constitutional secularism, leaving the religious minorities under threat. The Hindutva's obsession for the cow has not only deprived the Dalits of a cheap source of protein, but also has severely affected the economy of lakhs of Dalits who are marginal farmers," the letter says.

The Church head concludes his letter with a call to the people to "unite, irrespective of their religion, caste, class, creed, colour, language and gender, and shake the foundations of this new empire being built by the corporate-fascists, so that our nation remains a sovereign, socialist, secular and democratic republic."

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Inspiration!

Rise above social conditioning

Social conditioning is the sociological process of training individuals in a society to respond in a manner generally approved by the society in general and peer groups within society. If you develop an understanding of social conditioning and an awareness of when you're under its influence you can make better decisions and feel freer to do what you want and not what is expected of you. So let's talk about some steps you can take to decondition yourself - or at the very least become aware - of social conditioning

You may think that who you are as an individual is the result of your own making. It's easy to think that your values, beliefs, hopes and fears are uniquely your own. Yet the reality is, the makeup of your mind has largely been shaped and moulded by the social conditioning of your environment, with little conscious choice on your end. However, if we realise these consequences and are truly willing to change our way of living for the benefit of ourselves and the world, we need to develop the courage to escape the herd mentality and start thinking for ourselves - and the sooner we do, the better. Here are some key examples of common yet very poor social conditioning, concerning the major aspects of life.

Health and fitness: Today's society is obsessed with the most superficial layer of health and fitness, which is physical appearance. Many highly promoted and popular methods to look better are actually very damaging to our health and fitness: extreme diets, toxic cosmetics, pills, steroids, surgery, and so on.

Money and career: The society we live in encourages blind consumerism and materialism. Advertising has us chasing cars and clothes, working jobs we hate so we can buy stuff we don't need and it's not only advertising doing that. We are also pushed to work long hours, obey authority, conform to all norms, seek job security above all, be loyal and conscientious employees and ask very little for our-



selves because in the end it will all pay off but it rarely does.

Love and relationships: In general, society stigmatises many of our natural physical desires, especially that for relationships and it glorifies the nuclear family, despite the fact it disappoints many of the people who form one. It also encourages superficial social relationships, based mainly on appearances, as well as constantly comparing ourselves to others and caring intensely what other people think of us.

If you develop an understanding of social conditioning and an awareness of when you're under its influence you can make better decisions and feel more free to do what you want and not what is expected of you. So what steps can you take to decondition yourself - or at the very least become aware of social conditioning?

Do deep introspective inner work: It all

starts and ends with you so it's important to analyse yourself first. Question your own beliefs and ask yourself how they came to be internalised. Why do you take certain views as the truth? What led you to that conclusion? Challenge yourself to consider other options and look for a chain of events that led you to believe it. Questioning your entire belief system is a daunting task that very few people are prepared to do. If you can critically interrogate and self-analyse your belief system you are strong enough to decondition yourself.

Stop consuming mainstream media: Movies, TV and advertising portray a narrative on how our lives should be. See things for how they are, not the narrative that is fed to us.

Grasp the social sciences: To understand how people are motivated, their behaviours and how a society works study the social sciences. Once you have a grasp of these social sciences you will begin to question your decisions and actions you take in life as well as other people's. You will get to the core of why people are influenced into making the decisions they make it will ultimately allow you to make better ones as a result. Travel: Social conditioning is partly down to the culture in which we are raised. Certain customs and traditions shape how we think and what we believe. Not all cultures are alike however and once you start visiting other countries even states for that matter than your own you will see for yourself. Seeing how culture around the world is inherently different you'll realise that you are part of a constructed environment.

By questioning your beliefs, rebelling against the herd and thinking for yourself, you'll be able to free your mind from the constraints of blind conformity. This way you'll be able to better understand yourself and the world you live in, as well as to take responsibility for your life, without being easily fooled, exploited or manipulated by power-hungry individuals who care about nothing but their personal gain. Social conditioning is not inherently evil but it will stop you living a life that is true to yourself. Once you're aware of it and how it takes place you can use it to your own advantage.

Judas Iscariot The Betrayer Or Pawn

Jesus sat at the table with his twelve disciples, feeling a sense of inner loneliness, especially now at his last Supper with them. He was disturbed in spirit to put it mildly, when he said: "Truly, one of you will betray me."

This was the last evening for Jesus to be in the company of those who had been close to him in his public ministry. Outside, the sun had set over Jerusalem. Jesus knew that his Father in heaven depended on him to fulfill the predictions of the ancient prophets.

The Messiah broke bread, dipped it in the plate, and gave a piece to Judas. The others were surprised when they heard their Lord saying to Judas: "What you are going to do, do quickly." The disciples thought that Jesus meant for Judas to buy what was needed for the festival and the Passover.

What do you tell people who have for years believed every word of the Vatican on the Judas story and its interpretation in the Bible? The answer is simple and evident: Judas who betrayed Jesus with a kiss, was not "deliberately evil," he was 'fulfilling his part in God's divine plan'.

Vatican scholars are making serious moves to "rehabilitate" the man who sustained the stigma of what St. Luke

wrote: "then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve.." (Lk.22:3).

In Dante's INFERNO, Judas, the traitor is relegated to Hell. Judas had been portrayed as a villain down the



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passage of time, as one who helped to create anti-Semitism; and in paintings depicted with Semitic features.

Did Jesus as the Word made flesh, lack mercy towards Judas, the Apostle, one of his close followers? In Christian tradition it is said that Jesus forgave Judas. We are told that in scholarly circles no one believes that Judas aided and abetted the Crucifixion. He was a victim of circumstance. Was it his unfortunate fate? Pope Francis says he was chosen in the mission-plan God had ordained.

Monsignor Walter Brandmuller, of the Pontifical Committee for Historical Science, was joined with Vittorio Messori, a Roman Catholic writer in a campaign to solve the problem (a few

and since it lay scattered on the floor of the temple it was used to buy land for a burial ground for criminals, and sinners. The repentant apostle hung himself.

The Bible is replete with drama, including the betrayal of Jesus. Inevitably each relevant chapter and their many incidents are drawn to light, expounded on by Bible scholars, Vatican experts and teachers of theological insights. The Judas story has been one of deep spiritual study, imposed upon by the hidden wealth of Christian-Jewish historic notes in Vatican archives. Pope Saint John Paul II is considered the first to review the case of Judas, and to ask the proper theological bodies to establish their respected views.

Ultimately, we might hear of an alleged Gospel of Judas, not written by him, but an in depth reflection on early Christian thoughts and writings with reference to Judas. Was the apostle a betrayer or was he a pawn?

Judas was chosen to betray Jesus, to lead events to the Crucifixion, and thereby fulfill the promises made by the prophets. Should we point an accusatory finger? Rome has the final say.

The answer: It was Judas's divine fate!

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years back), and to rehabilitate Judas. "Christ died for all, for our redemption." Would that include forgiveness for Judas who received 30 pieces of silver to point out the savior? At that time Judas felt he had betrayed the Master, and returned to the temple to return the coins. The High priests refused to take back the pieces of silver;

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faithful intercessor of all who invoke
your special patronage in time of need,
to you I have recourse from the depth
of my heart and humbly beg to whom
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my present urgent petition, in return I promise to make
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Jahaan basta hai Bollywood ka dil,

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Humaari umaar unko laag jai.

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