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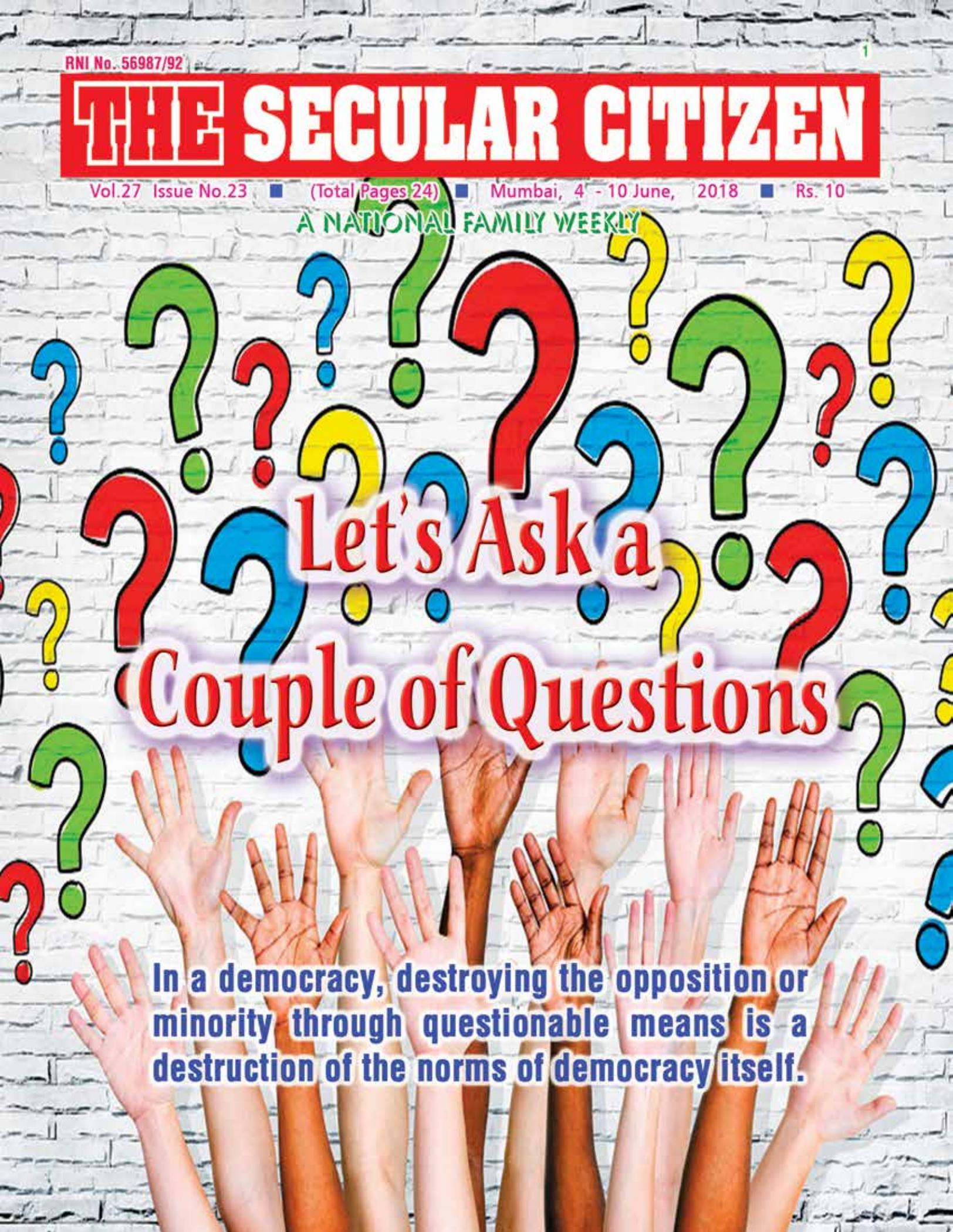
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Let's Ask a Couple of Questions

In a democracy, destroying the opposition or minority through questionable means is a destruction of the norms of democracy itself.

Be bold like Couto, Laity group asks Indian bishops

by Jose Kavi

New Delhi: The All India Catholic Union (AICU), the largest lay organization in the country, on May 24 expressed serious concern at alleged attempts by the federal government and others to divide the Christian Churches in the country.

A press release issued by AICU national president Lancy D Cunha and official spokesperson John Dayal expresses solidarity with Archbishop Anil Couto of Delhi and commends his courage, integrity and spiritual strength in calling attention to this rising tide of targeted violence against Dalits and religious minorities.

“Archbishop [Couto] has been hounded since his letter to his clergy asking his people to pray for the people, and to keep a special fast every Friday seeking blessings for India and peace in the land. We demand of every bishop in India to issue such

call for prayer for the country. We hope religious heads of all communi-



Archbishop Anil Joseph Thomas Couto

ties will also join in these prayers.

The press release which was issued in Kolkata alleges that the ruling party and its ideological affiliates as well as a section of the media are trying to pit bishop against bishop and target individual religious leaders who dare speak of the multiple threats posed to India’s democracy and its secular and plural character.

“This malicious exercise wants national and world attention to shift from state violence against the people as in the police sniper fire in Tuticorin which killed 11 persons, including several Catholics, injured a priest and other innocents protesting the expansion of a dangerous Sterlite plant which will poison underground water resources of the community,” said the officials of the 99-year-old laity group.

The AICU demanded the arrest and trial of police officers responsible for the unprovoked violence they carried out in Tuticorin town in Tamil Nadu allegedly at the behest of the powerful Vedanta group, one of the several crony capitalists, that owns the environmentally hazardous copper smelting plant.

As the largest and oldest movement of lay Christians in the country, the AICU is deeply concerned at the government’s failure to condemn and contain the threats to freedoms of faith, livelihood and expression in the country.

“Our beloved land has been ravaged by caste violence. Dalits have been beaten to death in several states of the country. Dalits and Muslims have been lynched from Assam to Rajasthan on mere suspicion of eating beef or transporting cattle,” the press release says.

The laity group also alleged that Christian persecution is now at its height “in almost every state.” It also notes that “state impunity and often the collusion of local police and civil officials” have aggravated the situation. “Police routinely file cases against the victims, even against relatives of people who have been beaten to death,” it alleges.

The union says it cannot ignore the plight of the poorest of the poor who are targeted and killed in several parts of the country.

“The killers film the murder as if it were an act of valor. The police look on. Ruling party members often take out processions seeking the release of the guilty,” the press release notes.

The government, it adds, has admitted to the death of 111 persons in 822 acts of communal violence in 2017. “As we go towards the 2019 general elections, communal forces widen the polarization by communal violence. It is crystal clear as to who benefits from the polarization.”

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Corruption is a social sin

By Father Amado Picardal, CSSR

Manila: Corruption has been likened to a cancer that has spread through all levels of society — from the village to local government units to the police and the army, to the judiciary and the legislative and executive branches of the government. Even some NGOs have been linked to anomalies.

It is not a surprise anymore to many people. Corruption has become a way of life, something considered normal by many.

Knowingly or unknowingly, some members of the clergy and religious have become beneficiaries through donations coming from those engaged in corruption.

From a moral viewpoint, how should we, as Christians and as church people, view and judge corruption?

It is, first and foremost, a personal act that has social consequences. It is a form of stealing — fueled by greed for wealth and power.

Money that is meant to benefit the people — especially the poor — is diverted to the pockets of corrupt government officials and their conspirators.

Corruption can lead to death and damage of property when corrupt government officials allow corporations to destroy the environment that causes flooding, air pollution and climate change.

It can lead to murder when the corrupt try to silence those who try to denounce them. Those involved in corruption end up losing their soul, even if they make it appear that they are pious.

Corruption is not only a personal act — a personal sin which has harmful social consequences. It is also the manifestation of social sin.

Sin is not just found in the hearts of individuals, but embedded in systems and structures of society — in political, economic, social structures. It has become a way of life — part of culture. It has become the dominant environment.

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In his encyclical *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis* (Social Concern), Pope John Paul II refers to "structures of sin" that are "rooted in personal sin, and thus always linked to the concrete acts of individuals who introduce these structures, consolidate them and make them difficult to remove... They grow stronger, spread, and become the source of other sins, and so influence people's behavior."

Thus, in our case, we end up with a corrupt and sinful system, structure or situation. Those working within the system will most likely be corrupted — especially if their moral conscience and integrity is lacking.

"Everybody is doing it. I might as well do it." This can become their justification. There is an added pressure that they might lose their job if they refuse to cooperate or lose their life if they expose the anomalies.

In a pastoral letter titled "Thou Shalt not Steal," the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines in 1989 condemned corruption.

"Graft and corruption — in the plainest of language, stealing from the public through the misuse of influence or position — has become, to our shame as a people, an ordinary fixture of our nation's public life," the bishops noted.

"What makes us even more sad is this: acts of graft and corruption or toleration and connivance with them are no longer ordinarily viewed as sin, but are often considered as acts of cleverness [when uncaught] or mistakes [when caught]," they added.

The bishops said that stealing from public funds is "so much more food plucked from the mouths of the starving, so many more chains binding us, plunging us deeper into the enslaving spiral of poverty from which we are begging to be extricated with outside help."

"Under present circumstances, it becomes a sin of the blackest hue, a sin that cries to heaven for vengeance," added the church leaders.

It is part of the church's prophetic mission to denounce corruption as a moral evil and social sin. It is her duty to call people to personal conversion. This is the fruit of new evangelization.

But calling individuals to personal conversion is not enough to overcome corruption because it is already embedded in the structures and systems of society.

Social and political transformation is necessary. This means awakening the moral conscience of the people vis-a-vis corruption, encouraging more whistleblowers, dismantling the patronage system, supporting the efforts of government agencies in anti-corruption drives.

Voters' education should be carried out, teaching the citizens to vote for honest and competent candidates and reject candidates with track records of corruption.

The clergy and religious should stop asking and accepting donations from government officials and wealthy business-people who may be engaged in corruption.

Basic Ecclesial Communities should be involved in the drive against corruption at the village level and monitor projects initiated by local government units and report instances of corruption.

Thus, the struggle against corruption is waged not only within the hearts of individuals but also in the systems and structures of society.

Father Amado Picardal, CSsR, is known for his activism and advocacy for human rights. He is executive secretary of the Committee on Basic Ecclesial Communities of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines.

Source: UCAN

Ethical Discernment in Face of Economic Inequality!

A document of nearly 11,000 words notes, that although global economic wellbeing has grown at a 'magnitude and speed' never before seen, it is also important to note that 'inequalities' have grown within different countries; resulting in 'extreme poverty' which continues to be vast!

"In a world of enormous wealth inequalities, dishonest financial practices, and an emphasis of profit over authentic good, an 'ethical discernment' is needed, if the world is to avoid sliding towards social collapse", opined Archbishop Luis Ladaria, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, on 17 May 2018. This was following the publication of the document: "Considerations for an Ethical Discernment Regarding Some Aspects of the Present Economic-Financial System".

It highlights a number of points: Wellbeing must be measured more than Gross Domestic Product (GDP): Selfishness and abuse of power is harming the community: Work is losing its value as a "good" for the human person: Financial speculation jeopardizes the economic stability of families: Tax avoidance and evasion using tax havens contribute to impoverishment of nations ...

The remedies suggested are: By living in "solidarity", the goods that a person possesses, can produce unexpected fruits when used for others: Constant update regulation is necessary: Rules must favor "complete transparency": Advocates ethical communities within banks ...

The document stresses that all such actions depend on God and the goodwill of people; leading to a web that unites heaven and earth – as instruments for the humanization of each person and the world! (cf. Romans 12:2).

—Dr. Trevor Colaso,
Memphis, TN. USA.



Transfer of Diocesan priests 'patriotic'

Transfers of Diocesan parish priests and Assistants usually come into force every year in the month of June. This is the prevailing norm in every Archdiocese where the tenure for parish priests is usually 6 years and that of the Assistant, 3 years. Parishioners are therefore wary whenever their parish priest is transferred, wondering what will befall the parish after the arrival of the new incumbent. This of course is not without valid reason. Going by past experience where parish priests are known to act in an autocratic manner, much to the detriment of the church and the parishioners. Parish Councils have also been rendered toothless with such overbearing attitude of the parish priest. There have been cases where parish priests have even defied transfer orders and refused to move out, before the completion of 6 years, as a matter of right. Surely this is not what Jesus Christ had in mind when he founded his church on his Apostles. To avoid such unpleasantness, it is suggested that the tenure of the parish priest be restricted to 3 years initially, and extended only after satisfactory performance and approval of a specially appointed parish committee.

—A. F. Nazareth
Alto Porvorim.

' Why it pays to be

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With reference to MR A F NAZARETH's interesting letter titled : ' Jai Hind controversy ' in THE SECULAR CITIZEN dated MONDAY, MAY 28, 2018 - SUNDAY , JUNE 3, 2018 patriotism by its very nature shows one's love for one country whatever be it progress and backwardness but excessive patriotism for one's country especially when worn on one's sleeve and not practiced in thought, word and deed is hypocritical and shows lip service for one's country.

When patriotism for one's country is forced by undemocratic, communal and racist methods it loses its meaning and value and is hated and becomes useless and irrelevant.

Patriotism through its genuine love and pride for the nation helps to keep a nation united and prevents secession from happening despite the diversity of a country .

It is thus necessary to highlight known and unknown people who have contributed to patriotism in various ways.

When one visits foreign countries although one may be tempted to criticise one's country one must avoid unnecessarily criticising one's country as it shows that one does not love one's country and is thus unpatriotic.

Thus it pays to be patriotic..

—Peter Castellino,
Mumbai

' Why it pays to be happy '

With reference to MR THOMAS LOBO's article titled : Happiness is an Inside Job in THE SECULAR CITIZEN dated MONDAY, MAY 28, 2018-SUNDAY , JUNE 3 , 2018 people who lead simple , care free lives and are not materialistic and egoistic by nature but ever ready to help are the happiest people .

Other things that can make a person happy are his wit and humour which can ease a tense situation and brighten one's life which can be promoted through funny shops, comedy films and plays, humorous comics and through the clown culture etc.

Money culture which involves making money at any cost and by hook or by crook is unethical and is the root of all evil brings temporary and fake happiness and thus must be avoided at all costs.

One must have a good friend who can stand with you in good times and bad times to be happy but one must also help one's friend when he/she needs your help because friendship is a two way process.

Banishing one's blues can become a reality when one takes up a good hobby or activity or just by doing social work and helping those who desparately needs one's help.

Thus it pays to be happy and make the world a better place in which one and all can spend one's life..

—Peter Castellino,
Mumbai

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Let's Ask a Couple of Questions

by Don Aguiar

Most of us may have watched the program on Republic TV on 21st and 22nd May where the Christians of India were directly in the line of fire. It was noted that on this program the saffron brigade was bent on creating controversy on a letter from the Archbishop of Delhi, for the 2019 General elections and quoted the letter out of context. Along with this they came up with a lot of other things which are so vitriolic on the Christians and finally they pitched the Vatican directly against the current government. Needless to say the Saffron Brigade just pounced on the Fathers and Christian leaders on the debate along with the moderator, as seen by all was partial to them, which gave no chance to the Fathers and Christian leaders on the debate to counter them effectively.

The issue of conversion and the hold of the Church in the North East which asked Christians to vote for secular forces and the letter of the Bishop of Gujarat asking people to vote for secular parties in the 2016 Gujarat elections were all being quoted by these Hindu leaders of the Saffron Brigade in support of their arguments. They

were very vitriolic in nature towards the Christian community of India.

Reasons that seems to have provoked them seems to be the Archbishop of Delhi felicitating Rahul Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi belonging to Italy is a connection they are using for Vatican interference in the Indian States internal affairs.

Unfortunately politicians (out here the saffron brigade) understand what sells (like advertisers) better than us armchair pundits critiquing them. Just like sex does sell in advertising the reason religion and other divisive issues work in getting votes is because that's what gets human beings excited to go to the polls.

If the public is dumb enough to be fooled by politicians it deserves to be fooled by politicians. But politicians are supposed (if only putatively) to be elected for bettering the lot of those they serve. It opens up another larger problem; is it right for the stronger to take advantage of the weaker?

In the case of politicians they whip up the religious sentiments of the gullible Indian masses for votes, etc. and the gullible Indian masses can't see through the deceit.

Politicians find the palliative to assuage the Janta and the mass is appeased it seems to be. It is actually the bureaucrat that decides, cranes policy and actually rules. They tell the politicians what to do. I have dealt with many of them so have first-hand experience. 30% of India does not even vote. Both the politician and the bureaucrats don't come from city bred schools with up-scale backgrounds. They are street fighters and have come up the hard way; it's a career like any other.

The "disease" is that the difference between the haves and the have-nots has been widening for decades and the latter's disenchantment with their leader who promises much but delivers little has been growing and being taken advantage of in the class warfare.

Populations of most countries work hard but are shortchanged. It's not their fault they're being shafted. It is very easy for a strongman to step in to ostensibly clear the rot. Except, they don't. Also, it's no coincidence they're sprouting. They take each other's cues, see their chances and take them. It's easier to be a strongman when there are others out there (partners in crime) than when not.

Is the public to blame for the above? The public is naïve, gullible, weak, disenfranchised, etc. Should the public therefore be taken advantage of by politicians or bureaucrats or technocrats or policy makers or whomever? Is that good? Right? Fair? Moral? Ethical?

But if we want democracy and freedom of speech then the question is; does a naïve, gullible or weak populace deserve the higher responsibility free speech places on it? When we changed news from "push" to "pull" was the populace ready to parse the nonsense from the sense? Did the guy transition from reading a "pushed" newspaper to "pulling" a radio station, TV show, internet domains with balanced appreciation or did the guy give into base instincts (race, religion, color, etc.) which were dormant and the "pull" news gave a life and voice. It is believed that the populace shares blame in its ability to parse the news: more so if it succumbs to its worse demons by its addiction to channels that support its vile basic instincts. When I look deeper, it is found that the populace was never ready to handle free

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speech in a connected world where 'news' was a 'pull' far different from the fact. I believe that where the disconnect started a decade ago the scumbag politicians took advantage of it.

It's is never morally right to dupe any human being. It is also morally unacceptable for people to live under dictatorship or oppression, hence the triumph of democracy.

Let's ask a couple of questions;

Is it then morally right for a gullible, naïve, dupe, brainwashed majority to oppress the minority only because they cannot handle free speech and are led astray by political jargon? What gives the multitude a pass we would not give an individual?

As for "non-secular morons" the religious became religious not in a vacuum. The church and state have known the value of blind faith, and have been perpetuating it and thereby milking it for millennia. (Of course the above is over simplistic and another force is at play); when there is nobody to seek help from in the material world (such as it is), there is always recourse to the non-material world (god, etc.) for help succor, etc.

To quote political theorist Michael Ignatieff, "Politicians need to respect the difference between an enemy and an adversary. An adversary is someone you want to defeat; an enemy is someone you have to destroy." In a democracy, destroying the opposition or minority through questionable means is a destruction of the norms of democracy itself.

Gandhi constantly emphasized that the means are just as important as the ends. When your methods are doubtful, said the Mahatma, you cannot get good ends. A majoritarian democracy which focuses only on ends irrespective of means will always use fraud and violence, coercing voters and legislators to achieve power. These attempts are aimed at creating an illusion of a majority and only pretend to adhere to democratic norms when in fact they are creating a majoritarian democracy. Because a majoritarian democrat overthrows all norms, such a breakdown soon degenerates into the rule of a single populist autocrat like Turkey's Erdogan, Poland's Kaczynski and Russia's Putin.

An anti-democratic majoritarian view of democracy where a naked power grab is justified, will first lead to illegality, then criminality, then to loss of life on the streets because this kind of politics has the potential to rapidly degenerate into all-out war. When rulers seeking supreme power lose all moral credibility, it's a recipe for social mayhem.

Real existing democracy, not what our present leaders palm off on us and pay lip service to, is very rare and found but in few countries (the Scandinavian countries come to mind) and from time to time in history.

Greed (and its concomitant, wealth) and power, public and private, are pernicious forces that, once attained, are not given to easy relinquishment by its aqisitors. And with that one could say that the present government who smart similar symptoms will stretch by using foul means to maintain whatever they have attained. The minorities need to strategize accordingly.

Pope Francis: Like Mary, Church is a Mother!

Pope Francis celebrated the first Memorial Mass of Mary, Mother of the Church, on the Monday after Pentecost (21 May, 2018) – Some homily excerpts:

"Without the emphasis placed on 'motherhood', the Church would be isolated, composed of 'old bachelors' who live in isolation, incapable of love and fecundity. Without a 'woman' the Church does not advance. And this attitude of woman comes from Mary!"

"The Church is 'feminine', because it is 'Church' and a 'Bride' (Revelation 21:2;9). The Church is also a 'mother', as she gives life! This feminine attitude is the will of God, Who chose to be born of a woman in order to teach us the path of woman! But when we forget this attitude, the Church becomes a masculine Church."

"In the Gospels, Mary is not referred to as 'lady' or 'widow of Joseph', but rather she is called 'mother of Jesus' (John 19:27). The fathers of the Church realized this motherhood as a feminine dimension to the entire Church!"

"Besides, this primary distinctive quality of a woman is 'tenderness'! This can be seen in Mary's act of wrapping her newborn Son in 'swaddling clothing and laying Him in a manger' (Luke 2:7)... So the Church is a mother with tenderness! – A wisdom of caresses, of silence, and of compassion – attitudes also representative of people who live as part of the Church - a mother or person who is gentle, tender, smiling and full of love!" (cf. Matthew 11:29-30).

—Dr. Hazel Colaso,
Memphis, TN. USA.

Thanksgiving



Thanks to Our Lady of Vailankani, and St. Anthony for answering my prayers. Hear my remaining prayers.

—A Devotee

WHETHER THE JUDICIAL REFORM OF THE SUPREME COURT - TO MAKE IT STRONG, TRANSPARENT AND INDEPENDENT CAN BE ACHIEVED?

by Eric D'Sa

Our Indian Constitution requires the 3 wings of the Government - the Executive, Legislature and Judiciary should be independent. This is essential for the smooth functioning of a democratic government. So how do we the people ensure, that in the case of Judiciary this is achieved?

Reforms required:

The retirement age of the SC judges should be gradually extended by a year - each year, until it reaches 75 years, from the present 65.

Once the SC judge retires after reaching the above extended retirement age of 75 years, will not take up any other paid employment.

The new judges being appointed to the SC will have to provide the above written undertaking before being appointed as a SC Judge.

The present judges in the SC, will have to give the similar undertaking, if they want to stay on after reaching the age of 65, till the new extended age of retirement.

All SC judges will have undergo beginning of each year at AIIMS, a medical and psychiatric test by a panel of 3 doctors, to ensure they are physically and mentally fit to work at the SC

The senior most judge of the SC will be the Chief Justice of India. However any 3 or more member bench of SC judges to be constituted to hear important cases should be constituted by the collegium and should consist at least two judges from the collegium.

The panel of top 5 judges as per seniority will form the collegium which will take the decisions of appointment of recommending the names of High Court Judges and the Supreme Court

Judges as far as possible unanimously, if not by a majority.

Only Judges from the high courts preferable one of the Chief Justice should be selected to be a SC Judge. The GOI should have no say in the matter to prevent victimisation for giving any adverse awards against the GOI.

The High Court judges should be recommended by the State HC collegium to the SC for final selection, after obtaining the required clearance from National security agencies which at most should take a month. So the

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final selection by the SC will be swift and binding.

Even the retirement age of High Court Judges could be increased from the present 62 years to 65 years. The Parliamentary committee has already recommended this. Later could be increased to 70 years.

Reasoning for above changes:

If politicians can become ministers even above the age of 75, which is a much more strenuous executive job, there should be no objections for retirement age of SC judges to be raised to 75 years, as long as they are physically and mentally fit.

The major problem these days seems to be for judges to be worried of what they would do after retiring. They are aware GOI which is the largest litigant at the SC, could offer them some lucrative work to do as an arbitrator or be appointed on the various judicial commissions.

The need is to make the SC a little more democratic and transparent in

its functioning.

To attract the best legal talent in the country to be Judges of the Supreme Court and enable them to work as long as possible, without worrying about a comfortable life post retirement.

Removal of the erring or a corrupt HC Judge should be left to a specially constituted 5 Judge bench of the SC. Removal of a erring and corrupt SC Judge besides the CJI, should be left to a 5 judge bench of the SC.

Once we have a strong and independent SC, we can expect all the vacancies in our SC and HCs to be filled in quickly without unnecessary delays from either the Executive or Legislative Wings.

We keep hearing all the time the quote "the justice delayed, is justice denied". If almost half the HC seats are vacant, how can one achieve prompt justice? Increasing the ages of HC judges to 65 years for a start will help to have the courts with sufficient number of judges.

Action:

The above changes can be brought about only by 'We the People' of this country loudly demanding the same. If you agree in principal to the above, please forward this message to all your friends, with a similar request that they do the same. You the Citizens decide whether you will be part of the people who will bring about the change?

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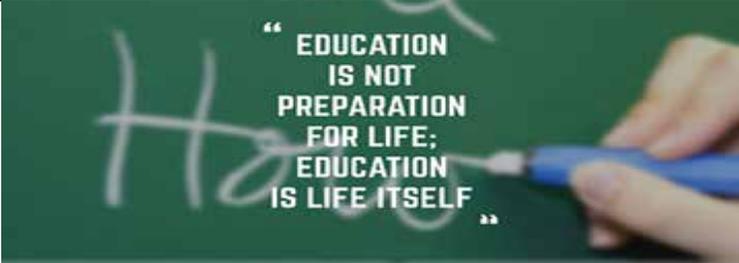
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“ EDUCATION
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by Ninette DSouza

Addressed in Love to all school going children, from a Parent – Educator.

‘SCHOOL’ – It’s not just a place where you go to learn Einstein’s theory of Relativity, rather it’s the place where if you choose to, can take your learning beyond the limiting walls of a classroom. It’s a place where Sport as a part of the Curriculum, encourages you to always move ahead in Life putting your best foot forward. School is where Skills are honed and Identities strengthened. Competitions at School and Inter-school levels encourage networking between Schools, thereby allowing you a peek into a world different from your own. “Education is not preparation for Life, Education is Life itself.”—John Dewey. So true!!! “Character is not ready made. It is created bit by bit, day by day in the manufacture of daily duty.” President Woodrow Wilson. What better way to build your Character than through the daily routine of Education both formal and informal, received in School, for ‘To Educate’ is to sow values in order to form persons with a solid personality. Dear children coming to School ensures you are befittingly nurtured from a young age and kept away from the many distractions that can lead you astray. Interactions with peers lead to friendships built for Life. 6 months ago I attended the wedding of a young man whose mother and I developed a friendship in school at the age of 10. If you are observant you will discover that Administrators of your Schools are concentrating on Annual /Sports Day extravaganzas and other Curricular and Co-curricular activities, big and small rather than only on Academics because these activities fine tune your talents

and work towards showcasing them while, helping your creativity to blossom. These are effective in teaching you, ‘Lessons of Life’ through a spirit of participation and co-responsibility. They allow you to pool in your talents and come up with a ‘Champion Team’ rather than remaining a non performing team of champions. With most Schools going techno savvy, horizons are broadened through greater exposure and development of a scientific temper while subtly allowing Values to take root in you. Listen closely to the School toppers and achievers at various levels of Academia and somewhere in their self-eulogy you will find them harking back to their School and their humble school teachers laying credit (however small) where it is due. In regular school you are encouraged to pause in the rat-race of marks and achievements and work for a cause; for change, which is orchestrated through Outreach Programmes, Social Service and Interactions with the less privileged of society. The fact of the matter is that today, YOU children more than ever need to fortify yourselves to fight the demons of injustice, corruption, addiction, violence and crime (to name a few) by implementing the lessons of Tolerance, Equality, Unity in Diversity amongst others, lessons that one can gain only through Formal Schooling.

These days I hear a lot of parents speaking of and promoting, ‘Home Schooling’ for their children. After having been enriched with the inexplicable joy of being a School Teacher for 28+ years, I give this option a Thumbs down. The euphoric experiences of having the freedom to express oneself freely in a classroom without judgement or condemnation, of being able to make goofy mistakes, of writing

answers to questions totally unrelated to the subject; forget the topic, of keeping names (for nerdy peers and teachers) and telling tales, of hating that uniform and yet unwilling to let go of it once in college...the list is endless, are to be found only in School. Even the simple Physical Training (P.T & M.P.T) ensures that you get the required amount of physical activity and fitness to keep you mentally sharp. Trust me, the world does not cast a second glance at couch potatoes and persons cocooned in a world of virtual reality. As one plods through the daily routine of School, one is primed to be disciplined, take personal and social responsibility through a change in your thought processes and actions. Spending almost 14 years in a school uniform that you want to ditch at the first opportunity is actually what accentuates your oneness with others as a Creation of God, bringing about a sense of equality and acceptance of differences. Always remember your Education encompasses not just academic knowledge but sound instruction on Life through the inculcation of Moral and Spiritual values. It brings about the total integration of your PERSON, so that you care capable of becoming an ‘Agent of Change for a Better Tomorrow’ which is what a developing nation like India needs right now.

What I’m trying to say is this: The choice in Life is actually YOURS... whether to leave footprints that can get washed away or indelible heart prints on the sands of time. I plead ..Do not for any reason whatsoever give up on your Education, no matter how difficult the circumstances, or how irresistible the state of being employed at an early age may seem.

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Challenge To Be Prophetic In India

There has been so much happening in India in the recent past and particularly, this past week. The country today sits on a tinderbox; waiting to explode at any moment; no one can deny this! A cursory glance around will make one realise the abysmal depths to which the country has plummeted to, during these last four years!

On 22 May, the brutal gunning down of anti-Sterlite protestors by the Tamil Nadu police in Thoothukudi is a blatant example of a repressive State machinery. More than eleven people were killed and many more injured, in an authentic people's movement with legitimate demands. The powers that rule the country are clearly identified with the corporate mafias who care two hoots about the rights of the poor or environmental safeguards.

In the aftermath of the results of the Assembly elections in Karnataka on 15 May, the country witnessed the unprecedented act of a Governor throwing all Constitutional propriety to the wind. Unethically, he swore in someone to be CM and provided a 'carte blanche' to his political party to buy up MLAs from parties which had the

requisite numbers to form the Government; fortunately the Supreme Court stepped in and ensured that the 'pretenders' in this case were not given the throne. Their game plan did not work and the legitimate victors were given the reins of power earlier this week.

'Demonetization' has been a major heist on the country, favouring the rich and the ruling political dispensation. There is enough of empirical data to show how the poor and the middle-class of the country have been affected. Millions of Indians today try just-to-survive without access to the basic amenities of life. They have to scrounge to eke out a living. The poor become poorer every day. It is not



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surprising that the Oxfam Report 'Reward Work, Not Wealth' released recently during the World Economic Forum held in Davos stated, "The richest 1% in India cornered 73% of the wealth generated in the country last year, presenting a worrying picture of rising income inequality". Government policies are designed to be pro-rich, a group, which will certainly be helpful to the ruling political class, when they have to come out more aggressively in the implementation of their agenda. Fuel prices have skyrocketed to an all-time-high, with eleven hikes in as many days.

Suicide by farmers continue in alarming numbers all over the country. 'Firstpost' (24 May 2018) reports, "in Uttar Pradesh's Baghpat district, Rahul, a 32-year-old sugarcane farmer, killed himself because he could not afford to treat his younger sister who was diagnosed with cancer and the doctor had suggested a surgery. The local sugar mill owed the household about Rs 3 lakh, which was not paid

at a time when the family needed it the most. Rahul's suicide was the trigger that compounded the fury and anger of sugarcane farmers from across the state. The farmers united under the banner of 'Indian Farmer Union' and held protests at various places". A recent report from 'Crisil' the country's leading rating agency, shows that today the rural wage growth has reached an all-time low of 0.2% (from 8.4%) under the UPA and that the farmers now do not even get a support price!

In another recently released study by the World Health Organisation (WHO) fourteen of the world's most-polluted twenty cities, are in India; ironically many of them happen to be in Uttar Pradesh including Varanasi city. Healthcare is still beyond the reach of the poor Indian. In an Adani-run Hospital in Bhuj, Gujarat 111 (out of 777) newborn babies died in a five-month period ending 20 May- a whopping 14%! In global indicators on several important parameters, like freedom of religion/belief, human rights, freedom expression - India's rankings have touched all-time lows.

A fly-over collapses in Varanasi and several ordinary citizens are killed! Human rights defenders like Teesta Setalvad and Javed Anand, intellectuals and others who take a stand, have false cases foisted on them, they are hounded, harassed and some even killed. On 21 May, a poor Dalit in Gujarat was beaten to death and his wife molested. Women and children are consistently targeted if one goes by the number of rapes that have been come to light very recently. The poor and the marginalized, the Dalits and the tribals, the minorities and other vulnerable, are on the receiving end of tyrannical rulers.

Cobrapost in an 'Operation 136' sting showed the country how some of the top media houses agreed to run a pro-Hindutva campaign in the run up to the 2019 General Elections. The agenda, in exchange for money ('black' of course!) was to denigrate

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Fasting for the Environment ...

Fasting for the Environment - doesn't that sound weird ? Perhaps, one would think you are mad even to think of such a thing as 'fasting for the environment'.

People fast for various reasons, like, for religious purpose, or keeping oneself fit, etc. And, oh yes, we have only recently, a couple of months ago, completed a period of fasting & abstinence in preparation for the great feast of Easter. Many of us did fast completely from food on all Fridays in Lent, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday. Many gave up non-vegetarian food, alcoholic drinks, etc. **That was all in preparation for Easter. Now how about fasting for the environment ?**

What to Give Up for Lent? Smoking? Cursing? How About Plastic?

This piece of news in The Times of India a couple of months ago (17th February 2018), surely must have caught our attention at that time. It was the beginning of the period of Lent, a time when we are called to sacrifice something. The report says, **The Church of England urged the people to add a new culprit to the list of things people would sacrifice as penance, and that is "plastic" !** The common things one would think of, is giving up meat, smoking, drinking, among other things. But giving up "plastic" ? Ah ! that thought would never cross our mind during the period of Lent.

Why do we need to give up plastic - rather fasting from using plastic, one would ask ? Well, we have at some time or the other, been reading about the massive damage plastic is doing to the environment - plastic bags strewn all around the neighborhood, in the market place clogging the drains during monsoon, in the

dump yards where it takes years to decompose, and to add to it, wanton destruction of trees, **harming the soil and ground water in the process.** **"A nation that destroys its soils destroys itself. Forests are the lungs of our land, purifying the air and giving fresh strength to our people,"** said, Franklin Roosevelt. So ! what is that to us ? **Nothing ! That seems to be the general feeling among our people, and I must say, also with the so-called educated, intelligent class of society, which includes "catholics" in our own localities. They wouldn't bat an eyelid while accepting that 'thin plastic' bag from the vendors even for a couple of bananas, or some curry leaves. They have made up their mind - the vendors are giving so why carry a bag from home, or sometimes we would find people actually demanding plastic bags from vendors !**



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How do we get out of mindset ? The massive floods in the city of Mumbai in recent years, especially the deluge of 2005, does not seem to bother such people. **Floods, unseasonal rains, hot climatic conditions, etc., would continue to be the order of the day, but we shall not be moved !** So, is there still something that can be done to awaken the people ?

"PLASTIC SURGERY"- screamed the headlines in the Mumbai Mirror of March 16, 2018 - **CARRY BAGS, STRAWS AND CUTTLERY WILL BE BANNED.** The newspaper called it the "State's Gudi Padwa gift to the environment". Does the government have to enforce a ban on plastic, in order to bring us to our senses ? **One thing is clear from this move - 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 ? **'Crack the whip', one would say - that seems the only way to wake people up from their slumber !**

"A true seeker needs to first respect nature", says Sri Sri Ravi Shankar in the "Speaking Tree" column of the Times of India. He goes on to say, "Rivers have been the lifeline of all civilizations; no wonder they are considered sacred across cultures. In India, the Ganga symbolizes knowledge, Yamuna was known for love stories, Narmada stood for bhakti, knowledge and logic, Saraswati for brilliance and architecture, and India got its name from the Sindhu." He goes on to say, "Water was recognized as the basis of life force and rivers were considered sacred. Why then, are we abusing our rivers and the oceans ?" Studies have revealed that a large part of the world's plastic waste - estimates range from five million to 13 million tons per year - ends up in the oceans. Circulating currents have created immense rotating patches of waste, mostly plastic, in subtropical regions. Wave action and sunlight, it is said, breaks floating plastics down in smaller pieces, but some of them are very slow to degrade chemically, and are toxic. Animals eat bits of plastic, with ill effects on them - and further up the food chain, all the way to humans - that are only beginning to be understood.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, from time to time, has also expressed his concern for the environment. He has called for urgent action to stop climate change and proposed that caring for the environment be added to traditional Christian works of mercy such as feeding the hungry and visiting the sick. **He has described man's destruction of the environment as a 'sin' and accused mankind of turning the planet into a "polluted wasteland full of debris, desolation and filth".** Must we not then, make reparation for this sin ? This calls for fasting against all such acts which are destroying nature, putting our very

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—E. G. A.

Significance of Father's Day



Father's Day is a celebration honouring all fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds and the influence of fathers in society. It is celebrated on the third Sunday in June.

Father's Day complements Mother's Day, a celebration that honours mothers and motherhood, which is celebrated on the second Sunday in May every year. On Father's Day, people buy gifts for their dads or take them out to dinner or for a movie. Father's Day was first observed on July 5, 1908, by Dr. Robert Webb of West Virginia at the Central Methodist Church of Fairmont in USA. Later, one Mrs Sonora Smart Dodd thought of having a similar celebration for her dad in 1909, while listening to a Mother's Day sermon in church. Her dad, Henry Jackson Smart had raised her up after her mother's death when she was still young.

Father's Day is a celebration of only one day, but what about the other 364 days of the year? Do we just sit around and not love our dads? Father's Day should be celebrated every day of the year because fathers give and do a lot to help their kids.

Father's Day means a lot to me because I can spend the entire day with my dad. My dad and I might go to the movies, might play cricket,

go out for dinner, or might even go swimming or stay at home to watch TV. I am happy because I can spend as much time as possible with my dad on this special day.

On the other hand, since my dad is the best dad in the world, a few days before Father's Day, I go searching for the perfect gift. I know my dad is going to love whatever I get for him. I have fun every Father's Day because I get to be with my dad the whole day long.

A father is the most important member of the family whose love for his children is just like oxygen for the survival of their lives. There is nothing that big that a father cannot do for his children and there is no such sacrifice that he will not do. Every little thing that he does makes him great! He has that unfathomable energy and the unconditional love in his heart that compels every child to keep following him in the hope of learning a new thing every time. The patience and perseverance he has to make everything possible in his

children's life is quite a thing that makes him a superhero in his children's eyes. It is sometimes perplexing to understand from where he draws such great energy to make his children look at the positive aspect of every situation he may be in.



BY JUBEL D'CRUX

Rebuild Trust in Marriage

Trust is an essential key in any relationship. When it is broken, it can seem impossible to repair. Here are a few suggestions and ideas for rebuilding trust in your marriage

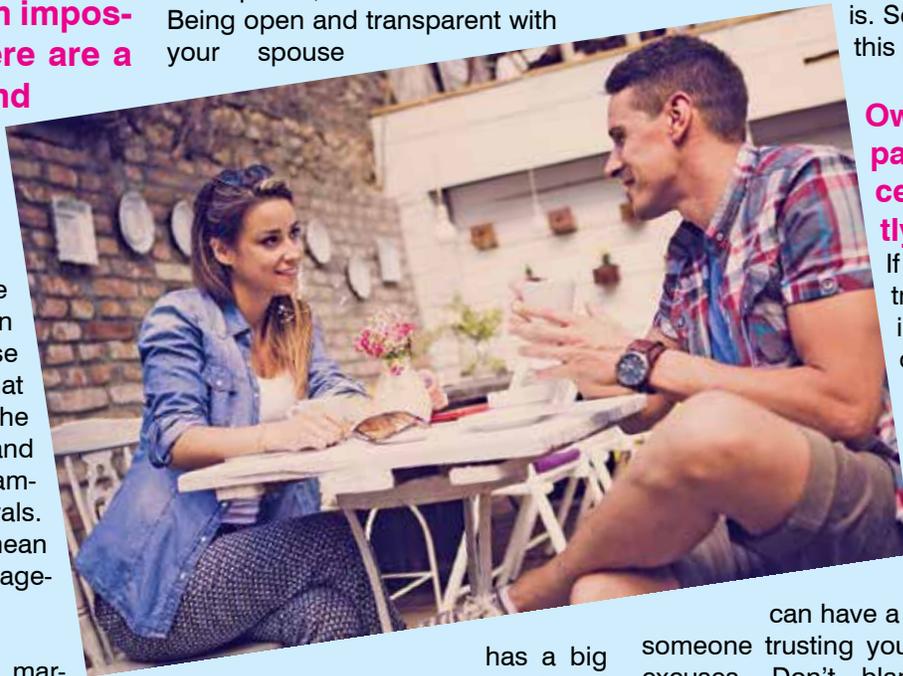
Whether it be lies or broken promises, these are major problems that invade your marriage. The trust between a husband and wife is severely damaged by such deep betrayals. However, this does not mean that the marriage isn't salvageable.

Rebuilding trust in your marriage can be challenging when your spouse has done something significant to breach your trust. Trust in an intimate relationship is about feeling safe with another person. When something happens to cause one or both of you to feel unsafe with each other due to a one-time event or series of events, trust is eroded. It takes much time and effort to re-establish the sense of safety you need for a marriage to thrive.

Don't hide secrets from him:

We teach our kids we don't keep secrets in our family, we only keep surprises. Secrets can devastate your spouse. Part of loving someone is the feeling and belief that you 'really know' someone in a way that others don't. It is that level of emotional intimacy that bonds a relationship be-

yond any other relationship in their life. When women keep secrets from their spouse, men can feel like a fool. Being open and transparent with your spouse



has a big impact on the level of trust you can get to as a couple.

Be patient, it takes time:

Building trust doesn't happen quickly. It takes consistent long term evidence for someone to believe it is safe to trust again. Remember that any time trust is rebroken or new information

event and need reassurance from you. This can last for years depending on how intense the betrayal is. So be patient in this process.

Own your part and accept it gently:

If you have trouble following through or keeping your commitments, you need to own it. Admitting when you forget or messed up

can have a big impact on someone trusting you. Don't make excuses. Don't blame someone else. Look at your part and admit what happened. This vulnerability will help your spouse not feel as upset about what happened.

Keep your word going forward:

Actions speak louder than words. Trust between two people means that you have to be dependable and consistent over a long period of time. If you can't be honest in the future or cannot do all that you promise to do, the person you betrayed will be unable to accept that you have changed of being trusted again.

General tips to keep in mind

- **Recognise that rebuilding trust time. It will not happen overnight.**
- **Be aware of your innermost feelings and share your feelings with one another. You can comfort each other regardless of who the victim or perpetrator is.**
- **It is okay to remember and discuss the incidents and the betrayal. You may not forget what happened but the pain attached will eventually go away if you are actively working on it.**

about the event has come out, the trust goes back to square one. When this happens, it's like going back trust wise to the first day when your spouse found out. Also remember that your spouse will have triggers about the

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Intellectual Reasoning In The Catholic Church

"Give reasons for the hope that is within you." 1 Peter 3:15

One of the best ways for youth to live a happy life is to know that God exists, and is always prepared to assist, love and to forgive.

This is the secret key to implement with convincing evidence that God is a living God forever. At this point, intellectual reasoning serves a vital role for today's youngsters.

For that matter I would imagine the famous C. S. Lewis, writer, apologist and theologian could join hands with G. K. Chesterton, in strong support for the Catholic Church with full focus on young adults in their formation years, to believe in the Lord and be available always as moral teachers.



BY MELVYN BROWN

It may be the will of God that apologetics is a necessary clause in the framework of faith; helping to spread the Word; for the true existence of the Creator should be known to all humankind.

Holy Mother the Church has a treasure trove of documents collected from Christian scholars, philosophers, theologians and even agnostics in her archives.

With an enquiring mind I have read the Confessions of St. Augustine many times. The writings of St. Francis de Sales who is a Doctor of the Church, and the works of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the Spanish founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) among a few others.

St. Bonaventure, the Franciscan scholastic theologian, Cardinal and Doctor of the Church, in his Testimony of Truth, wrote: "The Intelligence understands a proposition when it knows with certitude that the proposition is true. To know this is to know that the

intelligence is not deceived, that this truth cannot be otherwise, that it is an unchangeable truth..."

St. Augustine said: "In his treatise De Vera Religione that the light which illumines our reasoning is derived from the eternal Truth and leads us thence. We conclude, therefore, that our intelligence is united with the eternal Word, since without the aid of His light we could know nothing with certitude..."

In our present generation of secular, irreligious world, I feel strongly that apologetics is relevant. Christian youth in certain areas of the world are not really antagonistic towards

the Church, for the simple reason that they know so little of the faith they were born into. Even the basics: such as the Jewish Messiah, the Trinity, or the Incarnation among others. Not enough is being said about our Christian values and the Catholic faith to young folk.

I remember that day in a classroom I spoke of the Virgin Mary, Mother of God, Mother of Jesus, when a 14 years old girl student, raised her hand: "Sir, how many Virgin Mary's do we have?"

I was taken aback, Surprised. The child wanted to know if Our Lady of Fatima, Lourdes, Vailankanni, Akita, Mt. Carmel. Gaudalupe and Walsingham were all different ladies.

This dearth of religious understanding is to be prioritized, especially for the young in Catholic institutions. A sound version of Christianity taught in schools, at home and in sermons at Holy Mass is the need of the hour. If we ignore this, evil can readily rush in and fill the spiritual vacuum.



Let us give Jesus Christ the last word:

Jesus respected Thomas' doubt the apostle's determined desire for truth and evidence. The physicality of Christ's resurrection, to touch His wounds...

And Thomas answered and cried out to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." (Jn.20:28-29).

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survival at stake. **Our survival ? Yes ! As Evo Morales, the president of Bolivia said, "Sooner or later, we will have to recognize that the Earth has rights, too, to live without pollution. What mankind must know is that human beings cannot live without Mother Earth, but the planet can live without humans."**

So, are we ready to fast for the environment ? Do we want to breathe fresh air, to feel the freshness of nature ? If we really care for the environment, if we care for the future generations, then, I don't think we have a choice, but to fast for the environment. The Earth belongs to each one of us, so isn't it our responsibility to care for the Earth ? **At the end of the day, can we say, as Phillip Pulfrey, artist, writer, poet and philosopher, says, "All I want is to stand in a field and to smell green, to taste air, to feel the earth want me, without all this concrete hating me".**

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the opposition, highlight all positive stories on the ruling party and to mainstream Hindutva. A clear and strong “yes” from some of the biggest media people in the country to Hindutva, black money and paid news. On the other hand, any journalist who takes an objective stand and for truth and justice is not only intimidated but some brutally murdered!

There is indeed so much happening (warranting 24x7 headlines) in the country all the time, but tragically a good section of our paid and so-called mainstream; media hardly highlight these grim realities. Some of the senior Supreme Court Justices reminded us recently –that what is at stake is the Constitution, the secular fabric, the future of our country! There is no one ranting and raving on these critical issues on the channels saying, “*The nation wants to know*”; there is no one demanding from the Prime Minister why he has maintained total silence on the police killings in Thoothukudi ?Why the ‘acche din’ after four years is only a big bluff? Why corruption, criminalization and communalism are the flagships of the country today? These and several more burning questions which affect the soul of the nation and which demand honest, truthful answers!

Instead, what gets prime time news, with the some anchors frothing and fuming is an innocuous circular letter from Archbishop Anil Couto, of the Archdiocese of Delhi written to the Catholics of his Archdiocese requesting for prayers until the General Elections of 2019. The letter dated 8 May, is a call for prayer beginning on “*May 13, 2018 which marks the Anniversary of the Apparition of the Blessed Mother at Fatima, consecrating ourselves and our nation to the Immaculate Heart*”.

An objective analysis of Archbishop Anil’s letter, draw the following conclusions:

- As an Indian citizen, the Archbishop has every right to voice his opinions/views
- As the Archbishop of Delhi, it is his

duty to be a Pastor and instruct the Catholics under his care both on spiritual and temporal matters

- It is an age-old practice for Bishops all over the world to send out Circular or Pastoral Letters before any major event (including elections) which could affect their people in any way!
- The letter clearly does NOT take sides; does not name any political party ; does not tell people whom to vote for
- The letter is addressed to a particular group of people (that is Catholics of Delhi) it is directional in nature; a request and certainly not mandatory
- The letter is a call to prayer!

So then, what is the hullabaloo about? A letter of this nature, to a tiny fraction of a miniscule minority in the country, is perhaps not going to determine the outcome of any elections! (but Christians like any other person of faith do believe that PRAYER WORKS!). Why is the BJP/RSS combine, with some of their media henchmen, on the ‘warpath’ on a letter, which is asking for prayers? Unless of course. their response is an admission of guilt and fear that, they stand woefully exposed! They are also overly –cautious of what ‘western nations’ may think; after all, several of their kind live in those countries and continue to have their children educated in them. Then there is their ‘standard’ reason: anyone who challenges our agenda and us is not ‘patriotic’!

Archbishop Anil begins his letter with the words “*We are witnessing a turbulent political atmosphere which poses a threat to the democratic principles enshrined in our Constitution and the secular fabric of our nation.*” There could not be perhaps a better opening statement, so down-to-earth, so contextual- which sets the tone of why one needs to pray and fast. Can one deny the fact that what we witness in India is not ‘a turbulent political atmosphere’? When a ‘few’ decide what one should eat and wear; see and write; or whom to worship; when the very core of the country’s secular and pluralistic fabric stands to

be destroyed; when all that is sacred in the Constitution is being eroded - how can one ever abstain from making such a statement? It is a sin not to do so.

Some of the media fascists in our country would love to defocus from the current realities, which plague our country by providing undue attention to a letter like this. However, what takes the cake is that even some fence-sitting Catholics (who love to run with the hare and hunt with the hound provided they are in good books with the ‘powers that matter’) have also demanded that Archbishop Anil substantiates his statement with documentation/ facts. Sounds like a sick joke or perhaps these are NOT aware of what is happening in the country today. One self-appointed ‘Catholic Leader’ from Gujarat, (who in the past desperately tried to get into the ‘good books’ of Modi and the BJP there), takes umbrage at the letter. Others fear that it may have repercussions on the Christians (a BJP person who no longer finds himself ‘in the news’ wants India to ‘break ties’ with the Vatican!). Pro-BJP Christians have started writing ‘open letters’ (they cer-

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—Patrick Nunes,
Borivali

Inspiration!

Make Positive Changes now



how we plan to get there. Have you ever noticed how we get less done when we have no direction, organisation or plan in our life. Creating an organised daily planner with a method of operation is a great tool that shows exactly what you want to achieve.

Rid your life of negativity:

This is not as simple as it may sound. If you're surrounded by negativity, then how can you expect to have a positive and joyful life? In fact, those who are negative or surrounded by negativity are more stressed, get sick more often and have less opportunity than those who are positive. When we make a decision to become positive and follow that decision up with action, we will begin to encounter situations and people that are also positive.

Be kind to others and they'll be to you too:

People who engage in kind acts become happier over time. The reason? When you're kind to others, you feel good as a person, more moral, optimistic and positive. There are numerous ways that you can be kind to others that don't take that much time and effort. For instance, you could purchase coffee for a co-worker. Pay the toll for the person in line behind you. Visit a family member or friend or drive them to the airport. Smile at cashiers or servers. Or, you could volunteer whenever you have free time.

IF YOU RESIST change, you resist life, growth and happiness. Here's how to make significant positive change more easily

Want to live your life to the fullest? There are few small positive changes you can start working on right now. Few of them are mentioned here.

Know what you want to change:

Whenever you decide to make a change, you must first understand why you're making the change in the first place. You should start by defining your core values and identify what is important to you. You need to be able to identify what it is about your goal that adds to you feel better and more expansive. If your goal aligns with your core values, then the thought of it will trigger a positive gut feeling.

Master your time wisely:

Every person on the planet has 24 hours each day to use wisely or waste

it away. We can easily find ourselves habitually wasting away time on things that don't matter. The choices we make everyday determines how we spend our time which determines our present state we find ourselves in. This reflects our true priorities and measures our incentives. Time is priceless. We can either build our dreams or waste them away on endless distractions that get us nowhere. Learn to increase your daily productivity and eliminate time killer's.

Ignore the rules:

When we say we are looking to change, we can often feel like it's a good idea to look at what everyone else is doing. Only get your ideas from inside you. One of the reasons change is so hard is because we try to do it like other people. You are not them and they are not you. Learn to know your values, loves, beliefs and how they fit into your way of change. If you find yourself with your friends, peers and family, you are not working according to the most powerful way, which is your way.

Create a Dynamic DMO (Daily Method Of Operation):

When you put your dreams into action your daily routines become detrimental to your success. We should know where we are, where we're going and

TAKE BABY STEPS

The one primary motivator that leads us to persevere is baby steps. That's because when we look at the big picture we can get overwhelmed with all of the steps involved in achieving a goals.

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tainly have a right to do so!) in a poor attempt to justify the unjustifiable!

The rest of the letter is an invitation not only to pray but also to fast every Friday of the week and *“that we organize an hour of Eucharistic Adoration every Friday at a convenient time in all our parishes, religious houses and institutions, specifically praying for our nation.”*

There is a beautiful prayer attached to the letter, which is recommended to be said during the adoration. The prayer resonates with the Upanishads (from darkness lead me to light), with Tagore’s ‘Gitanjali (into that heaven of freedom), with our national motto ‘Truth Triumphs’, with the Prophets of the Old Testament, with Jesus’ stand on what is wrong in society and above all, with the teachings of Pope Francis, including his insistence that ‘media must be bearers of the truth’. The prayer above all highlights the guiding principles enshrined in our Constitution: Justice Liberty Equality and Fraternity. (This prayer, with the necessary adaptation should be translated into all Indian languages and could be prayed by all women and men of goodwill across the country in the run up to the elections of 2019).

The life of Jesus: his person, message and mission are without ambiguity! Jesus is no ‘political’ messiah; he is the Saviour who came down to

earth to prepare his people for eternal life. Jesus however showed to people that the ‘Kingdom of God’ is in the here and now! He takes sides with the poor and marginalized, with the ostracized and the gentiles. His vision and mission are there for all to embrace. However, he is not afraid to take a stand against the Herods and Pilates, the scribes and Pharisees of his time—they represented an unjust system and all that was wrong in society. Jesus ultimately had to pay the supreme sacrifice. The Prophets before him did the same and so did countless martyrs after him. Catholic Social Teaching, with the May 1891 Encyclical ‘*Rerum Novarum*’ has been consistent on being a voice for the voiceless; in speaking truth to power. Vatican II highlights several of these dimensions. St Pope John XXIII in his 1963 Encyclical ‘*Pacem in Terris*’ highlights four non-negotiables for Peace: Truth, Justice, Charity and Liberty and calls for their internalization in the Church and in the world.

Over the years, the Church has taken visible and vocal stands against Communism. Some years ago, the Bishops of Kerala were all out on the streets when there was a threat to nationalize education in the state! It is no state secret of the pivotal role St Pope John Paul II played in the dismantling of communism in Eastern Europe. Pope Francis has been consistent with his teachings. He has challenged Bishops and Priests to defend the poor, the outcasts and the oppressed; he has spoken bluntly and directly to oppressive regimes, which do not respect the dignity and the rights of every human.

Some of the responses to Archbishop Anil’s letter sadly show that there are ‘fissures’ in the Catholic Church in India. Some of his fellow-bishops seem to disagree with him; or distance themselves from the letter or just say, *“the timing is not right”* (when is the right time to speak the TRUTH?). It was a similar scenario last year when Archbishop Thomas Macwan wrote an internal letter asking for prayers prior to the Gujarat assembly elec-

tions. The message that comes from those who express their discomfort with such a letter, is loud and clear: they are more interested in protecting their selfish, vested and material interests rather than standing up for the person and message of Jesus which radiates **Truth, Compassion Justice, Equality and Liberty for all**. The Bishops of India would be sending out a powerful message of unity, both to the Catholics and the entire nation, if they take ownership of the letter of Archbishop Anil and circulate it (with the necessary adaptations) in their respective Dioceses too.

Archbishop Oscar Romero was brutally gunned down by the brutal regime of his country El Salvador on 24 March 1980. The day before he was killed in his Sunday homily he called out to his Government saying, *“In the name of God, and in the name of his suffering people; those who have suffered so much and whose laments cry out to heaven with greater intensity each day, I implore you, I beg you, I order you in the name of God: stop the repression immediately!”* Later this year he will be canonized a saint. He was truly a prophet, a martyr for justice; he was not afraid of the power and might of his Government! He was ready to lay down his life for his people! All of us can learn much from him and even try to imitate him in some ways!

The Church in India desperately needs prophets today, endowed with the vision and mission of Jesus, who get out of their comfort zones and are not afraid to speak truth to power! Every disciple of Jesus is not only invited but also challenged to do so! Do we have the faith and courage to respond to that challenge?

**(Fr Cedric Prakash SJ is a human rights activist. Contact: cedricprakash@gmail.com)*

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Jude, Infant Jesus and
St. Mother Teresa for the
favours granted

— Janet, Vakola

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6799 MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in November 1989), Ht. 5' 11", Wt. 95 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Sc., Nautical, working as a 2nd Officer in Merchant Navy. Contact email : dsouzaal.89@gmail.com

6798 MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in November 1987), Ht. 5' 8", Wt. 74 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. BE, working as a 2nd Engineer in Foreign Ship. Well settled, handsome, simple and humble. Contact email : marialewis198@gmail.com

6797 MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in December 1987), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 72 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working for Five Star Hotel in Mumbai. Contact email : johnserrao14@yahoo.com

6796 MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in August 1985), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 68 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. BE-IT & PGDM - Operations, working as a IT Audit. Contact email : shawndsai185@gmail.com

6794 MANGALORE : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Divorcee, (Born in May 1976), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 74 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.Sc., MS Counselling & psychotherapist, Working as a Associate Professor in Psychology & Counselling at Mangalore. Contact email : naveensrasquinha@gmail.com

6793 MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in November 1987), Ht. 5' 10", Wt. 85 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. MBA., PG in taxation law, well employed. Contact email : linet.noronha06@gmail.com

6789 MUMBAI : Mangalorean

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6788 MUMBAI : East Indian Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in May 1987), Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 75 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Diploma in Industrial Electronics, BAMAC., Having own business. Contact email : info@icmtraining.in

6708. USA : Mangalorean Handsome RC bachelor, (Born in October 1984), Ht. 5' 9", Wt. 72 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. M.S., working as a Software Engineer. Seeks a good looking, fair Mangalorean girl, working in America. Contact email : rodrigues.gracy61@gmail.com.

6664 MUMBAI : Mangalorean R.C. Bachelor (Born in December 1982) Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 68 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com., A.C.A., LLB., C.A. by Profession. Contact email: saldanha_ryan@yahoo.com OR 9820670158.

6663 MUMBAI : Goan R.C. Bachelor (Born in January 1979) Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 65 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com, Working as a Manager in MNC. Contact email: francis_fernandes20@yahoo.com

6662 MUMBAI : Goan R.C. Bachelor (Born in September 1972) Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 75 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Edn. HSC., Selfemployed, Contact email: antferns72@gmail.com

6660 NASHIK : Goan R.C. Bachelor (Born in November 1984) Ht. 5' 11", Wt. 70 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Graduation in perfusion technology, working as a Clinical perfusionist. Contact email : dan2mills@gmail.com

6659 MUMBAI : Widower seeks educated lady partner spinster/widow preferably without any encumbrance healty in age group of 60-65 yrs. Contact email : envision 277@yahoo.com OR 9819839842.

6551. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in February 1959), Ht. 5' 7" Wt. 60 kgs, Fair Complexion,

Edn. SSC., having own business. Contact email : pearlfernandes81@yahoo.in

6549. MUMBAI : Tamilian Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in December 1983), Ht. 5' 10" Wt. 72 kgs, Tan Complexion, Edn. MBA (ICFAI), working as a AVP in Citi Group Chennai. Contact email : ponsil@rediffmail.com

6547. MUMBAI : Keralite + Mangalorean Roman Catholic Widow, (Born in July 1959), Ht. 5' 11", Wt. 75 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. SSC, working for Dimond Company as a Assorting Diamond. No encumbrance, having own Flat. Seeks a simple and poor girl. Contact Mob: 9821078194.

6546. MUMBAI : East Indian Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in December 1987), Ht. 171 cms, Wt. 80 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. HSC., Diploma in Aviation, working for a Foreign Cruise line in USA as a Security Officer . Contact email : stayblessed 1287@gmail.com

6544. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in June 1986), Ht. 5' 11", Wt. 80 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com., + Diploma, working on Cruise Ship. Contact email : roshandsouza412@yahoo.com

6541. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic, (Born in January 1969), Ht. 5' 10", Wt. 80 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. SSC, having own business. Contact email : allwynsequeira@gmail.com

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

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6862. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in February 1983), Ht. 5' 11", Wt. 72 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com., well settled working in Mumbai. Contact email : keith_peter1983@yahoo.co.in

6884. MANGALORE : Mangalorean RC Bachelor, (Born in April 1984), 5', Wt. 55 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. 8th Pass, working with Interior Designer. Seeks a simple poor girl, studied upto 10th std., Contact Mob: 7795733200 / 8971267606

6746 MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in April 1987), Ht. 5' 10", Wt. 78 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. MBA / BE, Work-

ing as a Asst. Manager. Contact email : nestortauro@rediffmail.com.

6745 MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in November 1978), Ht. 5' 9", Wt. 90 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.Com., working as a Material Controller in **DOHA QATAR**. Contact email : cyrus_0679@yahoo.co.in OR 9819938837

6744 MUMBAI : Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in November 1980), Ht. 5' 11", Wt. 59 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Graduate, Service. Contact email : fernandes.ed2@gmail.com

6743 DUBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in September 1976), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 76 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. BBA., working as a Key Accounts Manager / Sales & Marketing. Contact email : wilsonalmeida87@yahoo.com

6693. MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC bachelor, (Born in September 1988), Ht. 6', Wt. 85 kgs, Edn. Graduate Degree, Merchant Navy Captain in U.K., working as a Merchant Navy Officer. Contact email : kennethlazrado@yahoo.com.

6684. MUMBAI : Goan RC bachelor, (Born in January 1969), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 60 kgs, Edn. High School, working as at Airport as Counter Staff. Contact email : danrox009@gmail.com.

6682. MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC bachelor, (Born in September 1986), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 56 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. ITI, working as a HVAC & BMS Supervisor. Contact email : vincent.serra1@gmail.com.

6650 MUMBAI : Mangalorean R.C.

Bachelor, (Born in August 1971) Ht.5'11", Edn.Undergraduate, Working as a Asst. Manager in a reputed company in Mumbai seeks alliance from RC Spinster simple & understanding with good family values, Kindly reply with details and photograph. Email : deric.nazareth@rediffmail.com OR Tel.: 9869844097

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

6813 USA : Mangalorean Protestant Divorcee, (Born in March 1951), Ht. 5' 10", Wt. Medium, Fair Complexion, Edn. MBBS., MD., Doctor by profession. Contact email : fh2@mail.com

6805 ABUDHABI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in February 1984), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 80 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. 12th std., + correspond B.Com., 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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6835. USA : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in February 1986), Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 54 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. M.Phil/Ph.D., doing Doctoral Studies/Working. Contact email : sathi.monteiro@gmail.com

6185. MUMBAI : Goan (Bardez) Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in January 1982) Ht. 5' 4", Fair Complexion., Edn. B.A., Dip. in Financial Management, Banking Exams, Working as Senior Manager for a reputed Private Sector Bank Seeks educated and well settled Roman Catholic Goan (Bardez) Bachelor between 36-40 years. Ht. 5' 7" and above. Contact email : andy.franky@hotmail.com

6263. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in January 1990), Ht. 5' 2", Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com., Dip. in Mktg., working as a Sales Coordinator. Contact email : mflavy@yahoo.com

6305. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in October 1985), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 80 kgs, Fair Complexion, Good looking and smart, Edn. B.E. (Electronics), working as a Manager in IT Company. **Contact email : carmina_fernandes@hotmail.com OR 9867725912**

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6536. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in April 1991), Ht. 168cms, Wt. 64 kgs, Beautiful, Fair Complexion, Edn. Master in Dental, studing PG in Doctorate, Dactor by profession. Contact email : kcmcs@gmail.com

6528. DUBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in April 1985) Ht. 5' 7", Beautiful and Fair Complexion, Edn. Masters in Health, Care (MHA), Employed as a Manager in MNC Dubai, is looking for a suitable alliance between the ages of 32 to 36 with a height 5' 10" and above. Kindly respond directly to the party by email : aara8185@gmail.com with your photograph.

6758. MANGALORE : Mangalorean Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in December 1987), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 48 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. MBA in Finance, working for Bank in Bangalore. Contact email : cyrilv27@gmail.com

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6755. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Ro-

man Catholic spinster, (Born in July 1991), Ht. 5' 8", Wt. 62 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Sc., Nurse, working as a Nurse in U.K. Contact email : alm716349@gmail.com

6754. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in July 1991), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 48 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.E. Mechanical, working as a Officer in PSU. Contact email : mel.6513@yahoo.com

6753. MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC Parents seeks alliance for spinster daughter aged 26, Ht. 5' 1", CA (Chartered Account), presently working in Mumbai in an MNC. Looking for a professionally qualified well settled Mangalorean RC boy with good family background age upto 29 years, BE/CA working in India or abroad (Not from middle East). Contact email : stanley_ds118@yahoo.com

6752. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in February 1982), Ht. 5' 8", Wt. 60 kgs, Fair Complexion, Good looking, Edn. MBA (HR), working as a Chief Manager in Insurance Company. Contact email : genesia_17@yahoo.com

RF101825 USA: RC spinster, 28, 5'3", B. Tech., MBA from premier institutions, employed in a Senior Leadership position in a reputed consulting company in the United States, attractive personality, exceptionally talented, seeks alliance from professionally qualified, well-employed bachelor with a good family background and strong Christian values. Please email: nsp231289@gmail.com

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6749. AUSTRALIA: Goan Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in October 1985), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 57 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Bachelor of Arts (Psychology) working as a Psychologist. Contact email : artemiamaria@yahoo.com

6748. MUMBAI: Goan Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in March 1987), Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 65 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Sc., with Dip. in Software Testing, working as a Test Engineering Specialist at a MNC. Contact email : thomasdsouza18@gmail.com

6747. MUMBAI: Goan Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in August 1988), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 53 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.A. B.Ed., Teacher by profession. Contact email : idalina1888@gmail.com

6742. AUSTRALIA: Goan Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in December 1989), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 57 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.A. working as a Project Manager. Contact email : mark.alvares16@gmail.com

6741. MANGALORE: Mangalorean Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in March 1993), Belonging to a very affluent business family. Edn. MBBS, intends to pursue M.D. Very fair, very beautiful seeks suitable groom Contact email : sona68500@gmail.com

6739. MUMBAI: Anglo Indian Keralaite Spinster (Born in February 1995), Ht. 5' 1", Wt. 62 kgs, Fair, goodlooking, Edn. 5th Std., slow learner, handicap, able to do house work, very much interested in handicraft. Seeks a suitable match. Contact email : mercyserroa@gmail.com

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6738. MANGALORE: Mangalorean Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in November 1986), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 58 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. MBA, PGDM., working as a Finance Executive. Contact email : vinishaleena@gmail.com

6690. MUMBAI: East Indian Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in December 1986), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 54 kgs, Fair Complexion, good looking, smart, intelligent, Edn. CS., LL.B., working as a Asst. Company Secretary. Seeks a suitable educated and well settled bachelor. Caste no bar. Contact email : joylinafaroz@gmail.com.

6737. MUMBAI: Goan Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in November 1988), Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 75 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.Com., Working as an Accountant. Contact email : jocelyn_rod15@yahoo.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

6725. MUMBAI: Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in September 1992), Ht. 5' 9", Wt. 60 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B. Pharma, MBA, working as a Sr. Analyst. Contact email : meenad@indoco.com

6724. MUMBAI: Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in April 1984), 5' 4", Wt. 78 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Beautiful, Edn. M.Com., works for a retail Company in Dubai as Team Lead - HR Operation. Contact email : avenap@hotmail.com OR 7506113313

6721. MUMBAI: Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in December 1993), 5', Wt. 45 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Sc., IT, working for Engineering Company. Contact email : lynettelewis67@gmail.com

6720. MUMBAI: Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in November 1989), 5' 5", Wt. 62 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. MBA working as

a HR. Contcat email : janessafernandes25@gmail.com

6719. MUMBAI: Mangalorean Roman Catholic, homely and loving Spinster, (Born in August 1969), 5' 5", Wt. 50 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. SSC., Contact Email : sachin.gaste10@gmail.com OR Tel.: 7498392432

6166. MUMBAI: Mangalorean Roman Catholic spinster (Born in April 1973), 5' 5" tall, looks much younger to her age, good looking, fair complexion with qualifications, B.Com. (Mumbai), M.B.A. Finance (Canada), M.B.A., (H.R.) and Diplomas in I.T. (NIIT), Comp. (APTEC), and Cert.Ind Acct. (I.C.A.), working in good position. Graduate / Post Graduate unmarried R.C. Bachelors upto 47 years, employed in good position and well settled in Mumbai or abroad. Contact email.: bellwether77@yahoo.com OR Mob.: 9892700617

6699. MUMBAI: Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in September 1976), 4' 11", Wt. 45 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.A., Diploma in Personal Secretaryship, Diploma in Art, Studing Diploma in Special Educator for deaf and deafblind. Contact email : saritadsouza08@gmail.com

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6691. MUMBAI: Goan Roman Catholic Widow, (Born in December 1965), Ht. 5', Wt. 59 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., B.Ed., working as a Teacher in BAHRAIN. Contact email : noellachristine64@gmail.com

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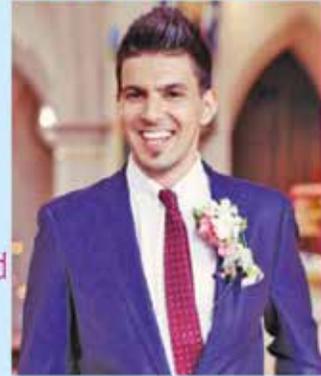


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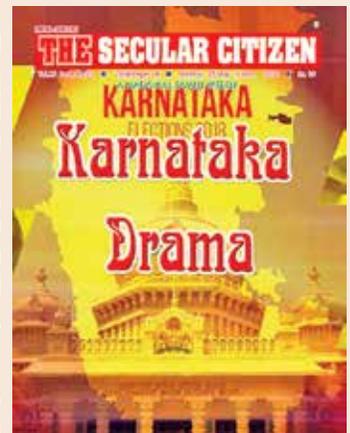
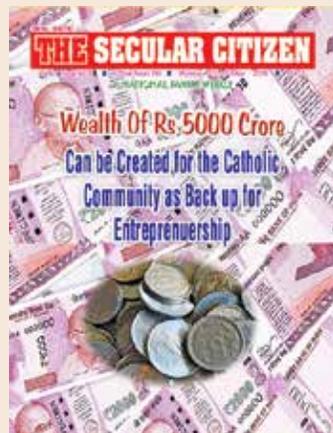
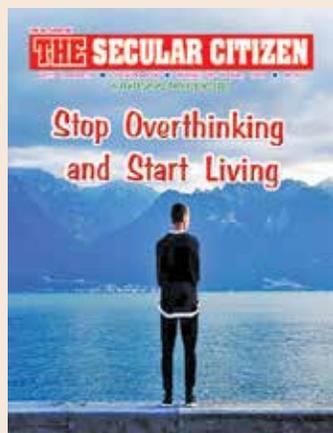
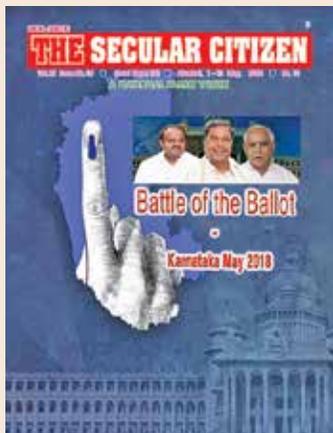
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