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# A Tale Of Two Statues

**T**he craze for building statues tall and mighty just got curiously with the powers-that-be declaring that the statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel would be 182 metres in height, i.e. twice the height of America's Statue of Liberty, while that of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj would be even taller at 212 metres [to trump China's bid at constructing the tallest statue in the world, that of Gautam Buddha]! Never mind the fact that constructing those monstrosities [some Rs 2900 crore for the former and about 3600 crore for the latter!] is going to be a drain on the public exchequer [rather than at the cost of excess funds which the country does not have, or at the cost of the money in the Swiss Accounts that the PM had promised to bring into the country. [Nor is the proposed construction 'sponsored']] Protests to this effect there certainly have been but too feeble to be taken note of by anybody, rendering us all a statuesque generation!

## Strange trend

Incidentally the statue craze has so smitten one of our Bombay parishes – more specifically its Vicar – that no less than two century-old statues have been summarily replaced with modern versions that would do more justice to a boutique than to a shrine! Conveniently overlooked is the fact that the statues though of clay were in pristine condition. Reverend Vicar fell for the golden egg of sponsorship dangled before him. That Vicar did not pause to consider whether the parish, known for its generosity when it comes to collecting funds for various causes needed sponsors at all, is another matter altogether. One brief announcement and the moolah would have been long enough to build a church! A certain parish that was seeking to cover a shortfall of Rs 2 lac for its church-building fund left with a collection of 8 lac rupees no less!

And has anyone in living memory ever heard of a trio preaching a Lenten Mission walking away with the collection of a whopping Rs 27 lac rupees towards their house of priestly formation!?! But then the sponsor hath spoken – remember Augustine's 5th century utterance "Roma locuta; causa finita est" ('Rome has spoken; the cause is finished')?!

## Heritage to the wind, Sentiments underfoot!



by Ladislaus L. D'Souza

That the statues in question being of heritage value, the sentiments of several original/old inhabitants of the place had been trampled underfoot, their plea "All we want is that the old statues be reinstalled" falling on deaf ears, hardly matters to Vicar and sponsor [V&S]. If Modi and Phadnavis can ride roughshod over people's sentiments, what's

there to stop V&S from riding similarly roughshod over the feelings and sentiments of parishioners, especially after sponsor dear helped Vicar do so much of renovation where none was needed [like the sanctuary which now looks like a mausoleum erected in white to the Lamb of God etched in gold...!], and ventilators sacrificed in the name of the installation of stained glass windows. The similarities between the situation concerning one set of statues and the other set won't end as the priorities of the authorities concerned on both sides become more increasingly apparent.

## Empowerment the key

Modi and Phadnavis, on attaining power, have found no cause or causes even half as significant as constructing mammoth statues in the sea. The need to provide the poor, the underprivileged, the havenots with roti, kapada aur makaan belongs to a bygone era. The immediate needs of government and governed alike today ostensibly are moorti, mandir aur ghoshallahs. Isn't that what the government and government funds are for? The parallel here

with the parish and its vicar is obvious. The Gospel might speak about the left hand not knowing what the right is doing. But modern day charity, done with both hands perhaps, is meant to be seen! And what greater charity than building or replacing statues, eh! We thus have the self-employed being, striving to EARN a living, booted out of the church compound while those who extend their hands to ask for, even demand as their right, what the parish community centre has to offer, being pampered on parish precincts. It is said that if you give a man a fish he'll enjoy a meal, but if you teach him how to fish he'll earn a livelihood. Now that is obviously not how statuesque authority, its logic skewered, looks at reality. Indeed, what would the parish do as 'charity' if its poor were empowered by way of being taught how to earn a livelihood? It'd probably have to close down its community centres, mahila mandals, balwadis et al! This brings us to the question: Is the Church really willing to encourage self-sufficiency among its poor? If so, parishes per se would have to put the replacement of good statues on the back burner and concentrate instead on (replacing old, broken statues apart from) infusing life into the human statues habitually standing at its holy doors and gates with hands stretched out for unearned largesse, week after week, month after month allowing themselves to be spoon-fed from parish funds.

## In conclusion:

Parishes would do well to use their respective community welfare centres and funds specifically to empower the poor by teaching them on an urgent basis to develop their skills and hone their talents and then go on to prove their mettle by looking for employment and grabbing job opportunities. Unless like the Modi-Phadnavis combine we are willing to get the poor to settle for selling chai-pakodas at street corners for a living!

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## 'Thought for the week'

*One who wins without hurdles get victory and one who wins with lots of troubles gets glory.*

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## The rich Indians are moving out

By Christopher Joseph

**Kochi:** India's mega rich are migrating to foreign shores, with at least 7,000 US dollar millionaires changing their residence status last year alone, spurring fears the country may see more human and capital flight unless it improves its standard of living.

Most relocated to new homes in North America, the Antipodes — specifically Australia and New Zealand — and the United Arab Emirates, according to a report by global market research group New World Wealth.

Observers say this resembles a trend seen in China and other developing countries that are amassing new wealth at an accelerated rate. Some 10,000 rich Chinese changed their country of residence in 2017.

But the exodus of wealthy Indians, and Chinese, to developed nations is not occurring on a large enough scale to warrant panic as both countries are still minting far more millionaires than they are losing, the report said.

"Once the standard of living in these countries improves, we expect wealthy people to move back," it added.

It cited the standard of living in India as a bigger factor in people's decision to leave rather than other claims that they are seeking tax havens and aiming to make themselves eligible for the benefits awarded to overseas investors.

Records show a dovetailing trend of more rich people moving out of India as the standard of living there keeps falling.

Some 16 percent more of this elite group migrated last year compared to 2016.

Compared to 2014 when roughly 4,000 dollar millionaires moved abroad, the number had jumped 75 percent by 2017.

Others fear they will never return as conditions at home worsen.

They claim it is not just those with a high degree of financial independence who are

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bailing on India but also students and white-collar workers who can find gainful employment overseas.

The US already has 2.2 million Indians living there.

The number of Indians leaving the country on an annual basis has more than doubled since the turn of the millennium.

The Indian diaspora totalled 8 million in the year 2000 but reached 16.6 million in 2017 to rank as the biggest in the world, according to U.N. data.

The job security offered by a company in the United States or Europe, paired with the improved living conditions in those countries, is a tempting prospect few university students would sniff at.

India, where millions of people still have no access to safe drinking water, is beset with health-related and other problems including rampant graft, according to authorities like the Central Pollution Control Board.

Some 68 percent of Indian water sources contain what is known as fecal coliform — a kind of bacteria found in feces.

Meanwhile, many fruit and vegetables for sale at fresh markets and supermarkets are contaminated with high levels of pesticides.

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Indian law provides a system of checks and balances but chronic corruption and bribery allow unscrupulous actors to work around this.

Even more alarming is the fact that most Indian cities do not have an internationally acceptable level of "breathable" air, according to the Air Quality Index published by the World Health Organization (WHO).

The WHO recommends a level of 20 but Indian cities often greatly exceed this. New Delhi is the worst culprit with a level of 290.

Big cities face problems seen in other developing countries in Asia like congested roads and open piles of waste as well as a lack of hygiene in rest rooms at public transport stations but critics say the government is doing too little to address these issues.

In addition, increasing privatization in fields ranging from energy and mining to transport are leading to more cronyism, with industrialists effectively bossing around the local government.

India recorded 330,400 dollar millionaires last year and 20,730 individuals with personal wealth in excess of US\$2 million, according to New World Wealth.

The country is expected to see the number of dollar millionaires jump 50 percent by 2025 and double by 2028.

However, while the rich are on the rise, so the poor are getting poorer.

An Oxfam study released early this year said 73 percent of India's wealth lies with just 1 percent of the population, or some 12 million people.

Considering that India has 1.2 billion people, those sharing the remaining 27 percent still exceed a billion. At the bottom of this pyramid are those going to bed on an empty stomach. And they are officially 22 percent, or 276 million.

Then comes the burden of religion, culture and caste for the poor. Ideologically misguided young men — mostly poor —

harass, attack or even lynch people whom they consider to have violated their religious beliefs or ideals. They even dictate dress codes for women and restrict their movement.

The silence of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which has adopted Hinduva or the Hindu nationhood as its pronounced ideology, encourages such vigilantism. Projecting itself as the champion of Hindu values could get votes for the party.

However, the silence of the government has also helped a new trend of Hindu cultural assertion emerge among the masses, especially in villages. It despises anything that is not in conformity with Hindu cultural ethos. But educated Indians love their freedom, even if it is far away in the U.S.

The power-hungry BJP, which has run the government for the last four years, has been accused of influencing judicial systems to favor its policies and decisions. Much of the Indian media, both electronic and print, is now funded by a few industrial groups considered BJP supporters. That's the state of the judiciary and media, once revered for their independence and impartiality.

More seems to be coming.

BJP leaders have gone on record as saying the constitution, which asserts India as a secular and democratic nation, needs to be changed. It comes amid growing fear among religious minorities that the BJP could change constitutional provisions to suit its idea of a Hindu nation if it wins a majority in both houses of parliament after the next election. It lacks such a majority now.

The fear of India becoming a Hindu Pakistan — a failed state — is real. A state run by crony capitalists, a government controlled by hard-line militant ideologies, media filled with fake news, and a judiciary buckling under ideological pressure. Is the path not clear?

No wonder many Indians are taking flights out when they can.

Source: UCAN



## Indianisation of the church in India

This is with reference to the article 'Indianisation of the church in India' by Melville X. D'sousa ( Secular Citizen, July 9-15). To the best of my knowledge, the church in India is already a fully Inculturated and Indianised church, with western forms of worship replaced, and Indian forms of worship in place, after Vatican II directives. For instance, after the doing away with the Latin mass, do we not have masses in our local languages, viz, Marathi, Konkani, Malayalam, Tamil and Gujarati?. Our novena services are also conducted in 4-5 local languages. Our hymns are Indianised and reverberate to the sweet music of the harmonium, in place of the age-old church organ. 'Aarti' is common, whereas agarbattis are lit in churches and ashrams. We also have recorded music in the vernaculars and readings from the Gita, Koran, and Granth Sahib at many of our inter-religious meetings. Bhajjans are sung during mass. What else? Secondly, our over-zealous inculturists have gone overboard and given us an 'Indian rite mass' by developing a liturgy that adapts Hindu scriptures and modes of worship. The mass is an abomination of the sacrifice of the mass and a virtual Hindu puja, with aarti, kumkum, bhajjans, dance and scripture readings from the Hindu shastras, and a priest in saffron shawl seated before a peeta, copper kalash and mango leaves, and devotees made to squat on the floor. So, what more do we have left to Indianise?

—A. F. Nazareth  
Alto Porvorim.

## Indian Christians.....

The ruling BJP seems to have run out of ideas, they seem to have no agenda for the forthcoming General Elections in 2019. They have no issues to take to the general public and so what is the next best thing they can do? Take on the minorities, spread falsehood among the 'gullible' public in the country, and it's sad to note that even seemingly educated, qualified people in our country are falling for such stupid talk.

Several leaders from the ruling party have at some time or the other, been inciting the minorities by making baseless statements against them. The latest is the ruling party M.P. from Mumbai North, Gopal Shetty, a senior leader of the ruling party, who as the newspapers report, while addressing a gathering during the Eid-E-Milad organised by the Shia Kabrastan Committee at Malvani in Malad. said **"Christians were British, hence they didn't participate in the freedom movement."** That means Christians had no role to play in our country's independence. Needless to say, the facts are contrary to what Gopal Shetty has blurted out. It is unlikely that this man does not know his history, or even other leaders of the ruling party. but as we can see, the ruling party is now desperate to hold on to power, even stooping down to the level they have. **On the contrary, they are trying to re-write history!**

—Melville X. D'Souza,  
Orlem, Malad West

## Mumbai's Andheri Bridge Collapse

It is very unfortunate to look the current commercial / financial capital

of India, Mumbai being neglected by Railways, Municipal Corporation and State Government, showing apathy towards many ills being traced day and day out, leaving helpless Mumbaiers gasping for necessary / least infrastructure facilities to make them comfortable to work for daily bread. The conditions of roads, flyovers, sewerage system, water supply power supply, educational system, public health facilities etc. going from bad to worst without any improvement even after involvement and decree from judiciary, moreover as an insult to injury, railways being boasting of "BULLET TRAIN" is loaded with many dilapidated infrastructures serving Mumbaiers by daily commuters for their life lines?? . The current collapse of Andheri pedestrian bridge within one year of Elphinstone bridge tragedy has not moved them to improve their administrative quality and structural / stability / status of each bridge over the Railway Stations are still not made public to make Mumbaiers cautious to flock the bridge throughout the day..

—John Andrew Lobo,  
Mumbai..

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— Jubel D'Cruz,  
Mumbai

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# INDIANISATION

by Fr. Michael G.

I would like to dialogue with the article "Indianisation of the Church in India" by Mr. Melvyn X. D'Souza appeared in the 3rd July issue. The writer says, "Our forefathers have been practicing Christianity over the years - were they looked upon as non-indians? This country belonged to people of ALL religions, ALL cultures, at the time of independence - basically it was ONE nation! Then, why this talk of the Church becoming more Indian now?"

Really? Were we 'one nation' at any time in history? Even today we are divided! We have to achieve the unity through 'Indianisation' achieved on the part of all peoples of the nation. Inquilab Zindabad!

If one understands the mind of the Church specially as expressed in Vat. II documents, it will be clear that *Indianisation* is not a matter of just 'looking Indian' but 'being Indian'. We can never be at any time sufficiently 'Indian'. To be Indian is to become totally one with the local culture and people. The Church calls it '*Inculturation*'. Jesus became one with the humanity in his Incarnation. Inculturation follows Incarnation. He was fully human in every aspect like any one of us except sin (Cfr. 1 Jn3.5). Hence Mr. Melvyn rightly says, "Why target only religion? How about looking at other aspects of being Indian? ... our style of dressing, food, etc?"

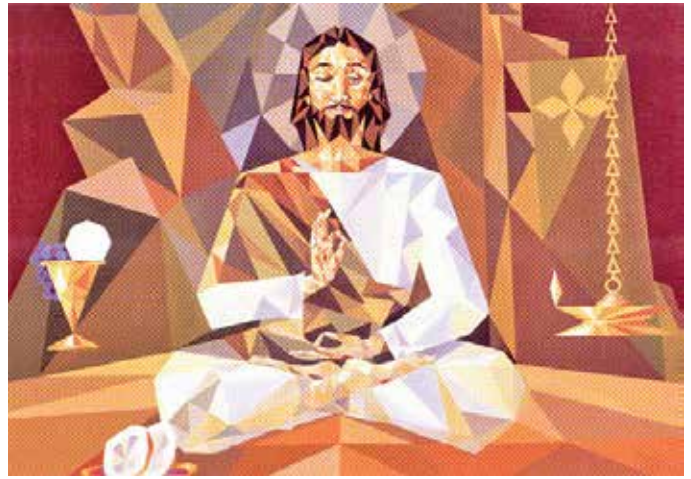
In fact all this *localization* is found in Vasai! Hence the rule is 'be localized'! Love your culture -whichever it is- and people -whatever they are. Grow where you are planted! There is the phenomena of sophistication that prevents us from indentifying with the own.

Referring the religious customs Mr. Melvyn continues, "Dancing on the

streets while ... in procession, ... throwing Gulaal on each other in celebrations, burn fireworks during Christmas, throw balloons filled with water on others etc. Readers will realize that there is no sin

in these manners of celebration. Perhaps in the North India these celebrations will totally fit into even Christian milieu! May be in cities, specially we Christians are westernized and therefore do not find them acceptable. The displeasure is specially due to the influence of the global culture on them! The Church draws our attention to the fact that at times we estranged ourselves from our own culture or we even look down upon our own community in the name of modernity or the scientific outlook. Emotionally we become impoverished. We deprive ourselves of human elements and make ourselves superhuman! But we fail to live as a human and Christian being. How encouraging it is to see nowadays the growing interest of the *East Indian community* in reviving their cultural elements, like dress, eatables, wedding customs etc. They are original and therefore 'Indian'!

What still remains to do is to own our Indian philosophy and theology, whether Brahmin or Adivasi. Yogasanas, history, and mythology are our own. There is a lot of wisdom in them in fact there is '*Unknown Christ*' in all scriptures. Do not despise any one. I was happy to read the next lines of Mr. Melvyn: *The Church is trying to reinvent itself and it is trying to come close to local customs and culture. 'Om' is no longer a patent of Hindu spiritualism. Christian priests have embraced it with an open heart. You will find various churches in different parts of country who don't ask the bride and the groom to kiss each other at their*



wedding. Instead, the bride wears a mangalsutra around her neck and the church itself looks more like a Hindu temple.

I wish to make a little correction in the text yet, as follows: Problems started surfacing not when a certain section of the Catholic clergy went so far as to resorting to Hindu literature, astrology and palmistry; but when they identified Indian culture with Brahminic culture. Jesus was portrayed as a Brahmin with the sacred thread which raised conservative Christian eyebrows. This infuriated purists in the religion. Indian culture is not one but many. All need to be embraced by the Church.

Even the conclusion of the article is beautiful: *All such discussions about making the Church in India Indian, would be pointless. Rather, what we need to do is, practice our religion rightly, and show to the world what Christianity is all about, by our thoughts, word and deed.* Inculturation helps us to be true Christians more easily precisely. It is 'coming home' in our own culture not in a foreign one. But what if we are under a false impression that European culture is our culture? That's the problem with *inculturation* in India. For me the great Mahatma Gandhi became Christian without Baptism. He liked our Christ, but not us Christians. How are Christians so unlike Christ? Christ is totally incarnated; we still remain foreigners in our own country!

That's a lot of food for thought!

# Christians' Role In Indian Freedom Fight

—Fr. Michael G., Vasai

BJP MP Mr. Gopal Shetty made a statement denying any role for the Indian Christians in Indian freedom struggle. Enough discussions have been conducted on TV channels since then and enough names of Christian contributors have been cited. Mr. J.C. Kumarappa, Bishop Thevarathundiyal Titus, Panditaa Ramabai, Kali Charan Gupta, Rajkumari Amrut Kaur, Kaka Baptista, Peter Alvares, Annie Basant, Lord Irwin etc. The list is endless. Perhaps Indian names may have misguided Mr. Shetty. A few days ago the name of a suburban rly. station, 'Elphiston Rd.' was changed to Prabhadevi. In fact Mr. Elphiston has done great efforts in giving importance to Marathi language in the administration of British Bombay of his time!

Any way, I want to go beyond the point of our contribution and question the situation around 1940s. Who were we Indian Christians then? Converts to Christianity! Why? We were hated and despised in the name of caste! It is the missionaries who embraced us with the love of Jesus and gave us not only bread and butter but education and above all status in society! Then what's the big fault if we were in favour of the British rule a little longer in India? There were many groups that did not

work for the early freedom. Mr. Gopal Ganesha Agarkar, one time a close associate of Lokmanya Tilak disassociated from him, wanting social reforms first freedom later! Maharshi Jyotibaa Phule wanted to work for the emancipation of women and dalits unhampered by the Brahmins! Hey were never against freedom. Even the RRS from where Mr. Gopal Shetty learns hatred for the Christians, did not work for freedom for reasons they know best. Baba Saheb Ambedkar wished to delay the Independence fearing that the native rulers will not allow the Dalits to live in peace! And even after 65 years of freedom people do remember Britishers for their disciplined life and durable public works!

So let not Modi-bhaktas count our Deshbhakti from the past isolated event. See how the Christians are dedicated to the welfare of the country today. If for some historical reasons the Christian community has remained aloof for some period of time, the Church now specially as urged by Vat.II documents, wants very much Indianisation of the Christian community. It is not a matter of just 'looking Indian' but 'being Indian'. To be Indian is to become totally one with the local culture and people. The Church calls it 'Inculturation'. Jesus became one with the humanity in his Incarna-

tion. Inculturation follows Incarnation. He was fully human in every aspect except sin (Cfr. 1 Jn3.5). The thinking Church has owned Indian philosophy and theology -whether Brahmin or Adivasi. Yogasanasas, history, and mythology are subjects for study in the Seminaries. The Church is discovering in fact the 'Unknown Christ' in all Indian scriptures! 'Om' is no longer a exclusive property of Hindu spirituality. Christian formation centres have embraced it with an open heart. The Church is trying to reinvent herself and it is trying to embrace local customs and cultures. In many parts of this country in wedding rituals the bridegroom ties a mangalsutra around bride's neck! Churches look more like a Hindu temples!

May I dare say that time is coming when Christians more than others who will fight for the sovereignty and honour of Bharat Mata!

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—P. Rodrigues, Mumbai

## Thanksgiving



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

— Melvyn, Colaba

# WHETHER WITHOUT ADDRESSING THE DYNASTY PROBLEM THE INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS PARTY CAN SUCCEED IN WINNING THE NEXT 2019 PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION?

by Eric D'Sa

**R**ecently to my email to some close friends, why they should like me, be happy with the recent Supreme Court judgement which clearly stated that the Lt. Governor of Delhi, a BJP appointee should respect the will of the people of Delhi, expressed by their elected government and approve the laws passed by it, without being a hindrance, except in very exceptional cases and they should support the AAP government by giving a token donation as their appreciation, a few were surprised that I was still supporting the Aam Aadmi Party. My answer was that as a liberal, I was not able to support the BJP party, as it was now in the total control of the RSS and I was not able to accept their communal agenda under the pretext of nationalism. I was also not able to support the anti liberal Communist party and finally I was not able to even support the Congress party, as it had turned into a dynastic party.

I am convinced that the Congress cannot be rejuvenated without addressing the dynasty issue. Recent by-election results have induced a great sense of euphoria among those opposed to ideology of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)'s and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's autocratic style, which they consider a threat to the foundations of India's constitutional democracy. His general silence for long, on the various atrocities committed by some religious goons on the minorities and the Dalits has created a lot of uncertainty among these who are keen for a change. While some of this euphoria may be justified, much of it is misplaced for several reasons. Some are the following:

First, a repeat of the recent by-election results assumes the Opposition unity and two-way contests between Opposition and BJP candidates. Both these assumptions have been proven wrong over and

over again in the past. India is a vast and complex country. Its nationalism politics is equally diverse and convoluted. Much of the political contestation is determined by regional factors and forces. Parties that may be allies in one part of the country can turn out to be bitter opponents in another. In this context, multi-cornered contests are the norm.

Second, most of the Opposition consists of regional parties that are primarily interested in protecting their own regional bases and are often willing to support the devil to achieve that end. To them, New

## YOU THE CITIZENS DECIDE:

Delhi is a remote capital and their relationship with the Centre is frequently based on what they can extract from the latter, in order to bolster their own standing in their States. The party governing at the Centre, currently the BJP, has great leverage in such a situation as the Congress did in the past.

Third, Opposition unity, and, more important the persistence of such unity, can only be assured, if there is a national party that can act as its anchor and around which the other parties can coalesce. BJP though having at the Center a majority on its own has come to realise this with its partners in the NDA. Also, such a national anchor must be able to convince the regional parties, that it has the capacity to give the BJP a run for its money and when elected to office will have the capability to reward its regional allies.

Fourth, the only party that, despite its dwindling fortunes, has some residual national reach and can act as such an anchor is the Indian National Congress party. Unfortunately, despite occasional rhetoric to the contrary, the Congress is

currently not in a position to perform this role. How much the Congress's standing is depleted is evidenced by the fact that it is now more than willing to act as a junior partner in anti-BJP alliances and accept crumbs from the allies' tables. This has been proven true not only in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh but recently in Karnataka as well, where it offered unconditional support to Janata Dal (Secular) that has half the number of its seats in the State Assembly. Unless the Congress is able to rejuvenate itself and once again project the confidence and drive that it possessed even until the 1980s, it will not be able to act as the national anchor for an Opposition coalition capable of defeating the BJP.

Fifth, there are many reasons for the Congress's decline, including the absence of inner-party democracy, lack of a vision that can attract voters, a culture of sycophancy that has reached absurd limits in the past two decades, and its incapacity to act as an ideological alternative to the BJP (which is an ideological party). However, as stated by me earlier there is one feature that lies at the basis of all its other shortcomings. This, in one word, is "dynasty". Unless Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi are marginalised in the party, it will not be able to rejuvenate itself. There is no lack of intellectual acumen and political talent in the party, but those possessing such attributes are normally sidelined for fear that they may challenge the dynasty. By holding on to the dynasty, the Congress is digging itself into an ever wider hole and providing Modi and the BJP the space to subvert the foundations of India's secular democracy.

In conclusion, surprising to the many in the world, India has proved that it is a functional democracy. Though until 70 years ago, Indians were ruled by Maharajas, Kings and Emperors and dynasty played an important part of who ruled them without any choice being given to

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them, they have now realised the importance of their single vote that democracy provides them, not only to elect a person of their choice, but to vote for a commoner like themselves to rule them. Dynastic rule as such is anathema to them. They are aware once accepted, it continues down the line in the governments and other institutions. Even our family controlled large public limited companies are dynastic ruled.

As such as per good Parliamentary convention, the Gandhis should have departed long ago. Unfortunately the Gandhis have hung on to the leadership of the Congress party despite the fact that there is a convention in mature parliamentary democracies, such as Britain and Australia, that when a party loses power in an election, its leadership promptly resigns to make way for fresh blood.

Ms. Sonia Gandhi should have done so immediately after the Congress debacle in 2014 and refrained from imposing her son on the party as her political heir. "Dynasty" has now become a dirty word in Indian politics, and most Indians find transferring power from mother to son that took place as extremely distasteful. In fact, this trait has become the Achilles heel of the Congress party.

Unfortunately the senior members of the Congress party have either not realised this situation or being also part of the same dynastic benefits, are reluctant to rock the boat and revolt. There is no inner party democracy in the Congress party that can produce a leader such as an Obama or Macaron. May be another debacle in 2019 is needed for the party to address this issue. Meanwhile persons like myself who have given up hope of Congress of correcting its course, have to hope a non dynastic party such as the APP will be able to take on the might of the BJP where ever possible, by providing good governance and some day in the near future provide an alternative to the people of India. You the Citizens will have to decide whether a true democracy can survive in dynastic ruled environment and if the Congress party can still win the 2019 election without trying to solve the dynasty problem?

## Jesuits Hand CISS Back To Ahmedabad Diocese

The founder-Director of Catholic Information Service Society (CISS), Fr Varghese Paul, SJ handed back CISS TRUST to Ahmedabad Diocese after managing the Trust for the past 35 years. The official transfer took place during a specially called CISS Trust meeting on June 28, 2018. The meeting was held in CISS premises in the Library Room, Ahmedabad. The Trust meeting was attended by President Bishop Rethna Swamy, outgoing President Archbishop Thomas Macwan, Vice President Jesuit Provincial Superior Fr Francis Parmar, other Trustees and Special Invitees.

Bishop Rethna Swamy has appointed Sr Pushplata, LD (of Little Daughters of St Francis Xavier) as the new Director. Earlier in April 2018 Archbishop Thomas Macwan had asked the Mother General of LD Sisters, Sr Mary Dabhi, LD to take over and run CISS from May 31 on behalf of the Ahmedabad Diocese. Meanwhile the new bishop of Ahmedabad was announced and Bishop Rethna Swamy's Episcopal Ordination took place on April 14. So with Sr Pushplata as a Trustee and her Mother General Sr Mary Dabhi as a special invitee attended the Trust meeting.

In taking back CISS, Archbishop Thomas Macwan who has been the Apostolic Administrator of Ahmedabad Diocese thanking the Society of Jesus an Fr Varghese Paul in particular for "successful completion of 35 years of CISS under your leadership". On the occasion Archbishop Thomas Macwan read out from his message to CISS Annual Report 2017-18, which says:



"We appreciate and sincerely thank you Fr Varghese Paul for the hard work put in by you as the Director of CISS from its very inception. Like St Paul it has been a non-stop marathon run by you in the proclamation of Christ. The number of books written by you, the articles published in secular magazines and a in a number of newspapers speak of your love for Christ. The one who love Christ dearly will not let go a single opportunity to proclaim Him. Now that the baton is being passed on to the Diocese of Ahmedabad, the owner of CISS, we pray for your good health and well being. God will keep on providing you with more opportunities to make Him known."

Archbishop Thomas Macwan concluded his message sayings, "We whole heartedly welcome the Little Daughters of St Francis Xavier Sisters who have come forward to continue this great service. We wish them all the best!"

During the Trust meeting Archbishop Thomas Macwan released the CISS Annual Report 2017-2018 praising the much appreciated works of the Director and the staff personnel. The Meeting also saw the passing of the Audited Account of CISS for the year ending on March 31, 2018.

*From Varghese Paul, sj*

# World Cup 2018: Does history tell us who will win in Russia?

by *Don Aguiar*.

In a week's time the excitement builds up to the finals and as we all cheer for our respective teams to be the Champions and Winners of World Cup 2018 let us see what we get from history on which team will be the winners in Russia.

Thirty-two countries, one winner but how can you predict the team that will lift the World Cup in Moscow on 15 July?

By looking at the trends, statistics and patterns from tournaments past, BBC Sport has eliminated 31 nations and concluded which one will be crowned world champions.

Here are the things that the 2018 World Cup winners must do...

## **Be seeded:**

Since the World Cup expanded to 32 teams in 1998, all of the eventual champions have been seeded. Indeed, the last non-seeded winners were in 1986, when Argentina were carried to the trophy by Diego Maradona and his 'hand of God'. In one move, we have removed 24 teams in the competition and are left with eight.

## **Don't be the hosts:**

Russia benefit from a 44-year tradition of the host nation being seeded. With a world ranking of 66, they would not be one of the top eight if they were not staging the party.

Hosting the World Cup, though, is not the route to success it once was. The first 11 editions of the tournament, from 1930 to 1978, produced five home winners. Since then, the past nine tournaments have seen the hosts crowned champions only once - France in 1998.

While it was never likely that the United States, Japan, South Korea or South Africa were going to win the World Cup, Italy in 1990, Germany in

2006 and Brazil four years ago were not helped by being the host nation.

## **Keep it tight:**

In the 32-team era, none of the five champions have conceded more than four goals over their seven games.

Looking at our seven remaining sides, Poland had by far the leakiest defence during qualifying, conceding 1.4 goals per game.

Germany and Portugal conceded 0.4 per game, Belgium and France 0.6, Brazil 0.61 and Argentina 0.88.

## **Be from Europe:**

World Cup winners have only ever come from Europe and South America. Until recently, European teams did not travel well, but Spain's success in South Africa and Germany's triumph in Brazil bucked the trend.

European tournaments, though, almost always produce home winners. Of the 10 competitions to be hosted by countries from Europe, only one has been won by an outsider, and you have to go all the way back to 1958 for Brazil's win in Sweden.

## **Have the best goalkeeper:**

You might think goal scorers win World Cups, but only twice since 1982 have the champions provided the winner of the Golden Boot - Brazil's Ronaldo in 2002 and David Villa of Spain involved in a four-way tie in 2010.

World Cup winners are actually more accurately defined by their goalkeeper, with four of the past five Golden Glove awards for the best keeper in the tournament going to the number one of the team that lifts the trophy.

Of the remaining four teams, it's not hard to imagine any of Manuel Neuer (Germany), Hugo Lloris (France) or Thibaut Courtois (Belgium) being named the best goalkeeper this time around. It seems more of a stretch that Portugal's Rui Patricio will walk

away with the Golden Glove.

## **Have the experience:**

World Cup-winning squads are steadily getting more experienced, a trend that began when the finals expanded to 32 teams in 1998.

On that occasion, champions France had a squad that averaged 22.77 caps per player. Four years ago, Germany boasted 42.21 each. In between, there was a gradual rise - Brazil averaged 28.04 in 2002, Italy 32.91 in 2006 and Spain 38.30 in 2010.

When our three remaining teams named their final squads, France's average caps were down at 24.56, while Germany's was at 43.26 and Belgium's 45.13.

## **Don't be the defending champions:**

The World Cup is hard to defend. Not since Brazil won back-to-back tournaments in 1958 and 1962 has a team lifted the trophy twice in a row.

In fact, since that Brazil double, the 13 defending champions have only got past the quarter-finals on two occasions - Argentina in 1990 and Brazil in 1998, though Brazil did finish fourth in 1974 when the format was two group stages, then a final. In the past four tournaments, the defending champions have been eliminated in the group stage on three occasions.

Germany has an excellent recent World Cup pedigree. In the past nine tournaments - including three as West Germany - they have won twice, reached three more finals and finished third on two more occasions.

However, when it comes to winning it again in Russia, history is against them.

So, there you have it. Belgium is going to win the World Cup. Unless someone else does. Which is possible....

## A bold Sushma trolled – BJP cold

Sushma Swaraj has excelled in the MEA but has not received the adulation she deserves and her performance is downplayed by the government and the party for obvious reasons. The PM plays the role of Foreign Minister on important issues which strictly fall in her domain. She has always been sympathetic when any humanitarian issue is brought to her notice and she has gone out of her way to help ailing Pakistani patients wanting medical attention in India. Requests for medical visas were quickly processed and granted though some quarters in the Parivaar are not amused. Some elements not finding her Hindu enough, belittle her at the slightest opportunity. They feel she is more sympathetic towards minorities. This is not the first time that she has been targeted through the social media and each time she has been left to defend herself. This time she is alleged to have shown undue sympathy towards the inter faith marriage couple which was harassed by a biased Hindu official in the Passport Office who showed insensitivity, had to be shifted. The passports were issued to the couple after proper inquiry. Appeasement angle was attributed to this action which is a normal administrative step.

It appears the hard-line pro-Hindu lobby was pushed to react strongly and this group trolled her no end. She was labeled as Visa Mata. Comment on her kidney transplant [giving it a communal colour] and saying that it could fail any moment was despicable. How disgusting some people can be! No BJP leader or spokesperson came forward in her defense and that perhaps explains the whole thing. Was this part of the strategy to malign her? The trolls were viewed with disdain by the public and the media too highlighted the stoic silence on the part of the BJP. With no other option, the Home Minister made a comment which, though belated and induced, was welcome. Nitin Gadkari and Ram Madhan joined in though the latter's comments were loaded.

Forget that she is a senior minister. Firstly she is a woman and a woman of substance at that. Even when an ordinary woman is trolled or harassed, there is outcry in the country. Here is a leader who was denied her opportunity to lead the country. Actually, anyone whom the Prime Minister finds inconvenient or a

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possible threat is sidelined and ignored. The whole party setup is geared that way. Some time back there was a report that with a possible depleted strength in the next elections, some allies may not back Modi as PM. In such a scenario an alternate candidate has to emerge. Is there some apprehension that Sushmaji could be that dark horse? Has fear gripped the hardliners in the party?

Actually, when those offensive and highly personal comments against a very senior minister [besides being a woman] came out, the Prime Minister Narendra Modi should have stepped in and condemned it outright. Why was the Home Ministry not directed to trace the person/s behind it just as they did in case of a lady Congress leader and found the culprit within two days? His total silence will actually encourage those elements to continue doing so. Such attacks could be more pronounced in the next few months. Silence, they say, is half consent. If the PM is really unhappy with those trolls he can say so forcefully in his Maan ki Baat. The minimum he could have done was to tell his party to denounce the trolls if he felt defending Sushmaji was below his dignity. Would he have remained silent if his other senior minister [who also had similar medical problems] was trolled in this fashion?

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## Lynching towards anarchy

This country, it appears, is slowly but surely inching towards the stone-age. The fact, that number of lynching incidents has not only increased in number but also the frequency, is proof enough. This is not an exercise in statistics yet it is pertinent to note that before the Dhule incident as many as seven cases were reported in about a month's time in which nine people were inhumanly battered and killed. In most cases they were stoned reminding us of the inhumanities during the biblical times.

The Dhule incident in which five nomads were brutally lynched is an eye opener for the Maharashtra establishment and the Central Government as well. The poor nomads were mistaken for child lifters but in such a case they should have been handed over to the police. All these incidents show that the people now resort to vigilantism and



by Marshall Sequeira

take the law in their own hands. Is this the case of empowering the people [to take law in their hands] which the government is talking about all the time like development?

What needs to be probed is how during the last few years the mindset of the people has undergone a sea change. Perhaps the origin of this phenomenon can be traced to cow slaughter and the subsequent lynching of a middle-aged man in UP. Thereafter, this malady has spread to most parts of the country irrespective of the party in power. The fringe elements have succeeded in changing the mental setup of the people. There is intolerance everywhere which has manifested in the increased cases of lynching, road rage, killing over trivial issues etc. This is not the country of the Mahatma. The nation is losing its bearings and if corrective measures are not fast-forwarded, anarchy will soon follow.

A noted psychiatrist Dr Harish Shetty observed - "It's a societal issue. It shows society is in a boil. There is a constant bombardment of such information, news, happenings which push people into a state of suspicion and hyper arousal". To this we can safely add that the open encouragement such people receive, is responsible. Those accused of communal disturbances in UP were felicitated and honoured by BJP. Then we have a Union Minister Jayant Sinha actually garlanding the eight convicted of lynching an old man on suspicion of carrying beef. Giriraj Sing yet another Union Minister visited jailed VHP and Bajrang Dal accused. It looked like they were doing so on behalf of Government of India else Modi would have pulled them up. This development is frightening. Is this the 'development' on which Modi will fight the 2019 elections? May be this is the only agenda left now that Ram Mandir issue fails to create hysteria it did earlier. All other gimmicks have either failed or back-fired.

## Rev Dr. Peter Paul Saldanha

**M**angalore, now Mangaluru, is well known as 'Rome of the East', being a large, active, enlightened Catholic Diocese of India, historically it is unique. We are aware that 2018 makes for 450 years (1568-2018) of the arrival of the church in Mangalore proper.

Pope Francis on July 3, (Feast of St. Thomas, apostle of India), appointed a new bishop to be for Mangalore Diocese. Rev Dr. Peter Paul Saldanha, the 54-year old professor of theology at the Pontifical Urban University of Rome, Italy. This was announced in Vatican by Pope Francis ceremonially at noon prayers; simultaneously Rev. Dr. Aloysius P D'Souza Bishop of Mangalore, announced it on July 3, 2018 at 3.30 pm at the Bishops house chapel Kodialbail and the Vatican nuncio did the same in New Delhi. The appointment is significant for people with Mangalore roots based in Mumbai and elsewhere too.

### The 14th Bishop :

Fr P. P. Saldanha is the 14th Bishop of Mangaluru diocese, bifurcated with Udupi separated in 2012. The diocese now has 124 parishes with around 2.5 lakh Catholics. He takes over from Bishop Aloysius Paul D'Souza, who has resigned having reached the canonical retirement age of 75 two years ago. Bishop D'Souza steps down after heading the Diocese of Mangalore for 22 years, and has achieved much to say the least.

Bishop-designate Rev Dr Peter Paul Saldanha was born on April 27, 1964,



in Kinnigoli, belonging to Kirem Parish (Diocese of Mangalore). He studied philosophy and theology at St. Joseph's Interdiocesan Seminary at Jeppu, Mangalore. He obtained a doctorate in theology from the Pontifical Urban University (Rome). He also has a diploma in depth psychology and training from the Institute of Formators in Bangalore. On May 6, 1991, he was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Mangalore, by the then Bishop Rt. Rev. Basil D'Souza, with 11 others at St. Francis Xavier church, Bijai in the city.

### Pays respects to elders :

It was indeed a great day of rejoicing to the people of Kirem parish as

Fr Peter Paul Saldanha, hails from Kirem parish. Rev Dr Aloysius Paul D'Souza, escorted the new bishop to Kirem parish. The new bishop was welcomed with the chiming of bells. Fr Victor D'Mello, the Parish Priest (also his batch mate), welcomed the new bishop with a garland of traditional local grown Jasmines. Several parishioners were present in the church to witness this auspicious event. After the prayers and a short speech, the people assembled to greet the new bishop. Thereafter, the new bishop proceeded to the cemetery and paid homage to his parents and ancestors, along with close family.

### Profile of new Bishop :

An intellectual of promise, deeply spiritual with multifaceted abilities. Briefly served as an Assistant Parish Priest at Moodubelle parish (now Udupi diocese) and in Milagres Parish, Mangalore as well as other assignments mainly at the diocesan seminary. He later went to Rome and earned a Licentiate and Doctorate in Biblical Revelation in 2001 and 2005 respectively from Pontifical Urban University, (Pontificia Università Urbaniana), where he has long been on the faculty.

In March 2015, he was appointed Consultor to the General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops. He explained he is a permanent faculty of this famous university, with the right to serve till the ripe old age of 80 yrs. Mangalore is fortunate that on the suggestion of Pope Francis, he decided to take this appointment wholeheartedly as a call from the LORD. Rev Fr. Peter Paul Saldanha has been a self-effacing priest of Manga-



by Ivan Saldanha-Shet



lore, held in high esteem and awe among scholars and his students in Rome and many at home.

Approachable, jovial with humor to rule and unassuming, down to earth, his special quality is being a good listener ready to hear anyone with a need. A book he has authored has made waves in many a circle. Titled "The Church: Mystery of Love

and Communion", the subject reveals the depth and commitment he has for the church and people. Perhaps, it is with some good reason that many people on his home turf of Mangaluru are looking forward to see him work closer to home.

The Bishop designate is expected to normally take charge of his new portfolio in about 2 months. His consecration too will be simultaneous. In Mangaluru this event can be expected to be one of great significance and joy. Not only time is needed to make the many arrangements, but the new Bishop will need to examine matters and records and make him self familiar with the organisation. In this case Rev Dr. Saldanha, has been away from Mangaluru in Rome for long.

The consecration, will be similar to the rite of ordination, but will be conducted by a cardinal or more than one Bishop. The venue will have to be of a prime location as thousands will be in attendance with several

VVIPs present too. The newly consecrated bishop will be vested with : Miter for holiness and spirituality, Crosier for healing and guiding, Ring for fidelity and authority. Indeed all pray that Blessings are abundantly showered on the new Bishop of Mangalore.



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# Create a household of happiness and love

Someone has rightly said, “ Family is not an important thing, it’s everything”. Like everything else, happiness begins at home which is why it is important to build a happy family. Happiness in a household benefits all persons both mentally and emotionally. It all sounds great of course but happiness, like everything else, is something that families have to work for. Dynamics have to be right, members have to bond, everyone has to feel important and most importantly loved. Making those a priority is how to improve your household for good, we have listed a few simple tips you must start doing together as a family



**T**oo often families disconnect from one another because of painful squabbles and estrangements. People take side, talking behind the backs of their own family members. A sister doesn’t talk to a brother for years; a son doesn’t speak to his father any more. Sometimes the source is an argument that goes too long without an apology. Others ‘stick their nose in another family member’s business’. Often it seems to be about money. So how can we create love and happiness at home? Whether you are the mom, the dad, the brother, the sister or even the grandma or grandpa under your household roof- you need to realise that you play a special part in your home and that your home needs you! No matter what role you hold, here are the top ways to create love in your home

## Address compromised relationship:

It isn’t uncommon for there to be compromised relationships within a family. Maybe two of your children do not get along, the dynamic between yourself and a child is not where you would like it to be or your spouse has been a bit distant. Whatever it is, start by admitting that there is a problem and then take steps to mend any

compromised relationship.

## Show physical affection:

Studdies say that children who are touched physically by their parents once a day, are happier and feel more loved. There is a special bond between parents and children when you give your child a hug, a high five, a kiss before bed or snuggles just because.

## Be the cool parents:

Creating a welcoming space for your kids and their friends is one of the smartest things you can do, so install a basketball goal and stock up on board and video games and healthy snacks. As your kids get older, they tend to be friend others with similar values and interests and you can find out a lot about your child by who they hang with.

## Give quality time with family:

You can be with your family all day long - but that doesn’t mean your love is growing. These days every child has their own phone or electronic device, mom and dad each have their own computers and ipads - and suddenly, the quantity of time we spend with each other is a lot - but the quality is close to nothing. Unplug from your phone. Unplug from social media and treasure the moments you have as a family.

## Keep no financial secrets:

When it comes to your finances, follow the three Ds: disclose, discuss, decide. First establish a financial goal ( saving for a house, eliminating debt, starting a business). Next, tally up loans, debts, and expenses and talk about how you can shrink this number. Also, discuss overall spending behaviours and ways to save and commit to going forward as a family

with your financial goal in mind. You can diminish financial squabbles when everyone is on the same page and there are no spending secrets.

## Acknowledge each other’s space:

Although family relations are best when you spend time together - each family member needs their own space. Space is sometimes the best thing for the family - that way when you come back together, you realise how much you really miss and need one another. It is true that sometimes you do not realise how much you have, until you do not have it anymore.

## Say ‘I love you’ every chance you get:

You really can never say those three words enough. Say it to your spouse, to your children, to your parents. Let those around you know how much you care for them. Never let them question or wonder make sure they always know they are loved. Say it when you see each other, say it when you leave each other, say it on the phone, say it in person - just say it!

Famliy love may be different for each person. Moreover, our definition of love and care will surely evolve with time. But exploring it and putting our feelings and thoughts in words can only bear a position impact on the life decisions we make for us and our families and also in the relationships we build and continue to foster.

## Seven steps to a loving family

1. Keep in touch - be the one who reaches out.
2. Stop keeping count of who connected last or whether you got a birthday card.
3. Assume everyone in your family loves you, even when it doesn’t look like it.
4. Let go, work it out, apologise, speak from your heart to the one you’ve hurt.
5. Have reunions at least once every year.
6. Say ‘I love you’.
7. If you’re in the oldest generation, take the lead, keep alive the stories of your parents and grandparents.

# The Reformation And Birth Of Protestantism



BY MELVYN BROWN

**R**ecently a manuscript was found written by Martin Luther's secretary, Georg Rorer, saying "On the evening before All Saints Day in the year of our Lord 1517, theses about letters of indulgence were nailed to the doors of the Wittenberg churches by Doctor Martin Luther".

There is insufficient evidence to begin with of the 'nailing' to convince historians and scholars. Georg Rorer and Philip Melanchthon (Luther's collaborator), both had not been present in Wittenberg in 1517. Furthermore, Melanchthon spoke and wrote of the dramatic incident 30 years later.

The more convincing fact recorded is of Luther's burning of his excommunication (1520).

The 500th anniversary of this iconic event in Church history has been marked as the pinnacle of the 'Luther Decade'. Reformation Day started in Germany with concerts, exhibitions, special tourism trips to "Luther Country".

The second intriguing note made in my research was that Martin Luther never mentioned or wrote about the 'nailing' in person. 'Hagiographical' myths have surrounded the image of Luther. A story went the rounds that Luther threw his inkpot to be rid of the devil. The fact was that he banished the devil in his writings.

Scholars are satisfied to state that the famous words Luther spoke to the Emperor Charles V at the Diet of Worms(1521) "Here I stand, I can do no other. God help me" was correct and well documented.

The artist Julius Hubner created a

painting in 1878 depicting the friar Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses to the door of Wittenberg cathedral. The painting was made 361 years later.

Now what was Luther complaining about?

To begin with: The pope had issued many indulgences supporting the scheme to rebuild Saint Peter's in Rome. A priest was sent to preach about the indulgence in Germany. The old indulgences were replaced by new plenary indulgences.

It was said that the dead need not go to confession. (How could they when they were already dead). A slogan went the rounds: "as soon as the coin in the coffer rings, at once the soul to heaven springs". This was wrong and Luther knew that there was no such mention in the books of theology.

Martin Luther was disturbed that Christians should go on a rampage to distort the truth in the faith.

Furthermore, the money collected to build Saint Peter's was being broken in half to repay a debt the Archbishop of Mainz owed to a rich banking family in Augsburg.

In Catholic theology, indulgences are for the remission of temporal punishment of sin, after the sin has been forgiven in the Sacrament of Penance. The Catholic Church states that the forgiven sin needs restitution from the treasury of grace. In the book, 'Compendium: The Catechism of the Catholic Church (7th Indian print) 2016, C.C.B.I.' Records,

"Indulgences are the remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven....."(312).

In his time of struggle Martin Luther had questioned scholars of theology if indulgences actually applied to the dead as it did to the living. Luther was taken aback and infuriated at their reasoning. The friar was not against the doctrine of indulgences but more to the manner in which it was abused.

No one can forgive sins and replace Sacramental Confession through financial transaction Luther insisted.

Many of the 95 Theses are Catholic in views expressed. Luther said, "Papal remission and blessing are by no means to be disregarded, for they are the proclamation of the divine remission". He went on to declare that "Christians are to be taught that papal indulgences are useful only if they do not put their trust in them, but very harmful if they lose their fear of God because of them".

I further discovered that Martin Luther had piously protected the pope's authority and reputation. Luther did not wish to start a movement to split the Church or the faith. In 1517 Halloween night, Luther had not imagined he would eventually create his "Lutheran theology".

Tragically, in the face of opposition Luther's thoughts turned radical and unintentionally helped German politics win supporters for their own selfish causes. Things went wrong at the birth of Protestantism when Luther set aflame his Bull of excommunication (1520). This set the pattern and pace of the Reformation.

# The role of women in Indian society

Here in India, women have been enjoying a better position in society than in any other countries of the world. Their presence can be felt in every walk of life. From topmost constitutional position of Prime Minister and President to constables and air hostesses, they have marked their presence. Now women are police



officers, judges, bank managers, army officers and pilots too. They have infiltrated into the traditionally exclusively men's domain. They are efficiently handling banking operations, share markets, space research, etc. They are holding positions of responsibility in various fields of life. They are successful in the field of business and commerce as well.

More and more women are coming out of the four walls of their houses into the open. Literacy rates in women have witnessed a sharp rise during the post-independence era. But there is a dark side of the story too.



**Jubel D'Cruz**

The rise in social and economic status of women has added to their burdens and responsibilities. They are still slaves as they have to do double duty — as employed women and as working house wives. Despite all achievements and progress, women still have to depend on the male members of their family for protection. At times, they have to depend on their father, husband and sons too. They can't take decisions on their own. In our male-dominated society, women are still regarded as inferior to men. They are paid less than their male counterparts for the same work. Their participation in the democratic process and elections has been quite impressive. In a large number of con-

stituencies, women voters outnumber male voters on the days of polling. They contest elections at various levels in far greater numbers. Their political wisdom and social sagacity has now been fully recognised. The status of women in India in modern times has undergone a total change. During the last few decades, India has produced many great women

leaders, social workers, freedom fighters, administrators, reformers, sports women and literary personalities like Sarojini Naidu, Vijay Lakshmi Pandit, Sachet Kripalani, Indira Gandhi, P.T. Usha, MC Mary Kom, Raj Kumari Amrit Kaur, Padmaja Naidu, Kalpana Chawla, Mother Teresa,

Mahadevi Verma, Subhadra Kumari Chauhan, Madam Bhikaji Cama and Mithali Raj.

From Rani Laxmibai of Jhansi to Irom Sharmila, Indian women have always stood up and fought their battles despite restrictions and limitations. They are the shining beacons of hope and have displayed exemplary dedications in their respective fields. India really feels very proud because of these great women and their great achievements in various fields. Their contribution in the fields of arts, culture, science, and sports has also been equally significant and memorable.

## King Cyrus: The Lord's Shepherd and Anointed!

This is in reference to your small and significant revelation on page two of your prestigious family magazine, *The Secular Citizen*, dated 9-15 July 2018 – "Hindu Bells Ring in Church", reported in *The Sunday India* on 14-11-2010.

In this context, I would pay tribute to our illustrious Parsi sisters and brothers who have contributed immensely to Indian society through philanthropy!

Christian Byzantines and the Persians had lived side by side for over 700 years in relative peace. But the sword of Islam disturbed this harmony and tranquility, driving them to flee westward towards the Arabian Sea. A few lucky ones survived to reach the North-West coast of hospitable India. They are the ancestors of the modern Parsis.

The Bible, Book of Isaiah records that King Cyrus of Persia issued an edict in 538 B.C. allowing the captive Jews in exile in Babylonia, to return to Jerusalem and rebuild their Temple:

"I Am the Lord Who says of Cyrus, 'He is My shepherd who will accomplish everything to lay the Temple foundations' / This is what the Lord says to His 'anointed' Cyrus, whose hand I take hold to subdue nations" (Isaiah 44:28/45:1).

Here is a partial translation of the 'Cyrus Cylinder' discovered in 1879, and housed in the British Museum: "I am Cyrus, king of the world ... I did not allow anyone to terrorize. I kept in view all the needs of Babylon and all its sanctuaries, in order to promote their wellbeing. I lifted their unbecoming yoke, restored their decrepit dwellings, and put an end to their misfortunes."

— **Dr. Trevor Colaso,**  
**Memphis, TN. USA.**



# Inspiration!

## Turn Conflict into Opportunity

**CONFLICT IS ABOUT people with different viewpoints. Everyone looks at the world a little differently which means there always has been and always will be conflict. In families, workplace or even between friends disruptions can be the result of unmanaged conflict. However, today we are not going to talk about how to manage conflict but how to turn conflict into opportunities. Conflict offers you the chance to improve relationships or circumstances that might have gotten out of control if not addressed. By following our simple steps, you'll be able to turn a difference into an opportunity**

**S**omeone has rightly said, 'the purpose of argument should not be victory but progress!' Conflict arises from differences, both large and small factors. It occurs whenever people disagree over their values, motivations, perceptions, ideas or desires. Sometimes these differences appear trivial but when a conflict triggers strong feelings, a deep personal need is often at the core of the problem. These needs can be a need to feel safe and secure, a need to feel respected and valued or a need for greater opportunities. Whatever the cause of disagreements and disputes, by learning these skills for conflict resolution, you can keep your personal or professional

relationships strong and growing

### **Self-awareness:**

As with any form of self-improvements growth begins by understanding your current reality. Can you identify which of the following basic approaches best represents how you typically manage conflict and disagreements?

- Accommodate-Letting the other person have their way.
- Avoid-Essentially pretending the conflict never happened or doesn't exist.
- Collaborate-Requires listening to the other side and looking for creative solutions without concessions.
- Confront-Standing your ground, refusing to yield.
- Compromise-Agreeing to negotiate a win/win solution.

Each of the basic approaches to a conflict has its pros and cons and may be suitable depending upon the circumstances but it's important to be aware that most people have a default style they have developed over time. Identifying your particular default resolution style will enable you to do the internal work to honestly evaluate how it has worked for you up to now and then begin to explore the full range of options available to help you manage conflicts. With this knowledge, you may then choose to strengthen, change or expand your conflict management skills accordingly.

### **Admit when you're wrong:**

Admitting you're wrong can be tough to the point of pain for those hung up on always being right but the truth is no one is perfect, so odds are that at some point in your life you will be wrong. Try to see things from the other person's perspective and think about what might make you feel better, then bite the bullet and take your lumps. The good news is that if you are

sincere, you'll find it much easier to begin rebuilding any lost trust.

### **Focus on the positive:**

Find a point of agreement - even if it's to disagree! Focus on one issue at a time and try to find something to agree on, even if it's that you agree that it's okay to disagree. When you stop trying to defeat your opponent, you'll be more receptive to good ideas and resolve conflicts quicker.

### **Develop emotional awareness:**

Emotional awareness is the key to understanding yourself and others. If you don't know how you feel or why you feel that way, you won't be able to communicate effectively or resolve disagreements. Although knowing your own feelings may sound simple, many people ignore or try to sedate strong emotions like anger, sadness and fear. Your ability to handle conflict, however, depends on being connected to these feelings. If you're afraid of strong emotions or if you insist on finding solutions that are strictly rational, your ability to face and resolve differences will be limited.

### **Identify your triggers:**

We each have areas where we feel particularly sensitive or vulnerable but you can learn to minimise their destructive effects. Begin by making a list of your trigger buttons - events or topics of conversation that trigger a defensive response and then decide how you could respond to each of these triggers in an empowering rather than destructive way. Actually, take the time to create a script to help you mentally prepare for controlling your frustration (or anger) when these issues arise and then practice it until you feel comfortable without using your script. It won't take long for your new calm and confident response to become second nature and those temper buttons will gradually lose their power over you.

### **Move on from past conflicts:**

Learning to manage conflict and disagreements is an invaluable opportunity for personal growth. Best of all, the more effective you become at it, the less stress you will experience when conflicts do arise and the stronger and more fulfilling your relationships will grow as a result.

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## Christians in Mumbai protest against statements made by Gopal Shetty



A protest was held by prominent Christian Leaders to protest against the statements made by Gopal Shetty MP North Mumbai organized by Former Vice President Minorities Commission Mrs. Janet D'souza.

Shetty had said that Christians did not take part in the freedom struggle or Indian National Movement and were supporters of Britishers. Attaching a copy of his statements for your knowledge.

Prominent among present were Lawrence D'souza, Robert D'souza, Lawrence Fernandes and Willy Shirsat and office bearers of Bombay Catholic Sabha, All India Catholic Union, Church in the city and Mahila Congress President and Members.

The proteststors asked Gopal Shetty to Apologise which he refused to do and stood firm on his statements.

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### Unhealthy responses to conflict

- The withdrawal of love, resulting in rejection, isolation, shaming, and fear of abandonment.
- An inability to recognize and respond to the things that matter to the other person
- Explosive, angry, hurtful, and resentful reactions.
- An inability to compromise or see the other person's side.
- Feeling fearful or avoiding conflict; expecting a bad outcome.

### Healthy responses to conflict

- A readiness to forgive and forget, and to move past the conflict without holding resentments or anger.
- The capacity to empathize with the other person's viewpoint.
- Calm, non-defensive, and respectful reactions.
- The ability to seek compromise and avoid punishing.
- A belief that facing conflict head on is the best thing for both sides.

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**6844. MUMBAI :** Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in November 1988), Ht. 5' 9", Wt. 55 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. Bachelor of Engineering in Information Technology, working as a Project Lead. Currently in New Jersey, USA on a Project. Contact email : andy\_999in@yahoo.com

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**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 deaf-blind.

**6698. MUMBAI :** Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in July 1985), Ht. 4' 8", Wt. 41 kgs., Fair Complexion, Edn. M.A. History, working as an Executive.

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