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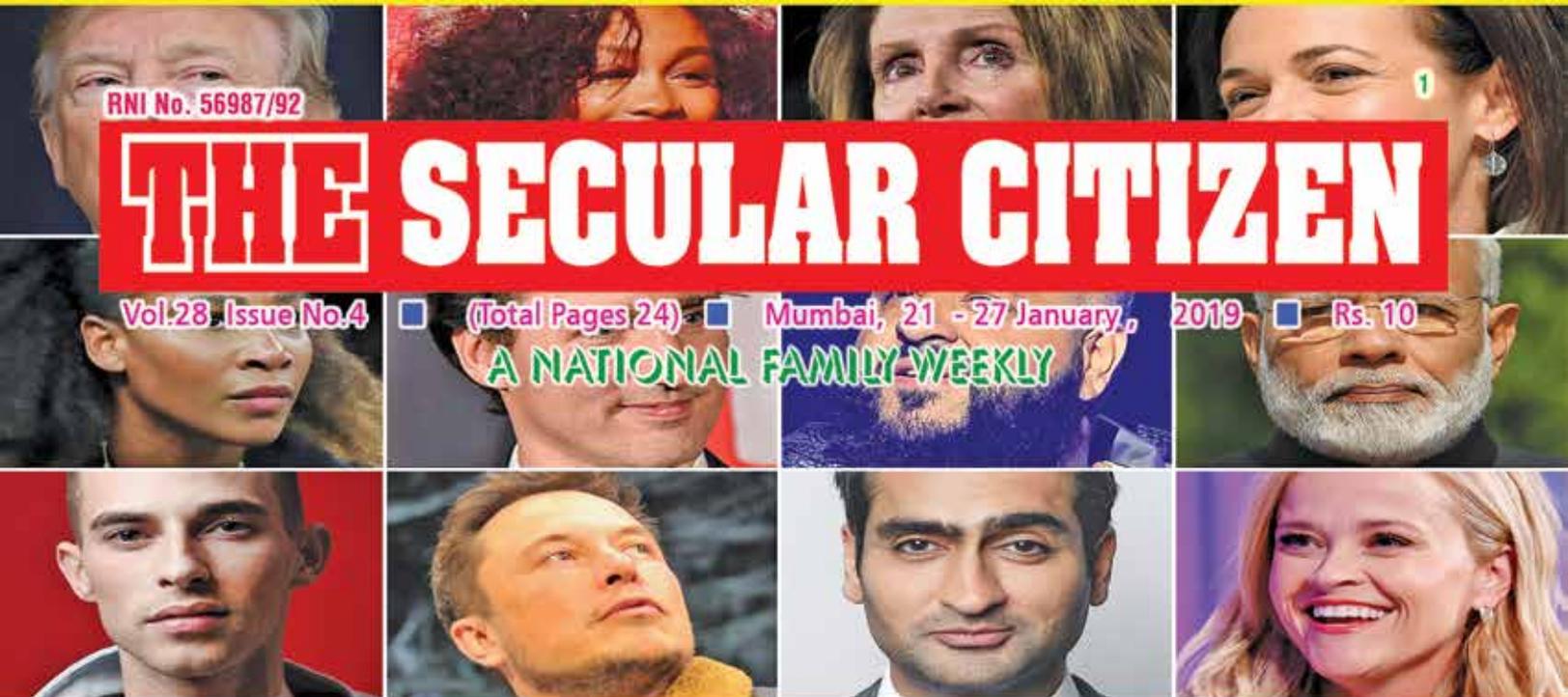
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Person of the Year 2018

Goa Archbishop Elected as President of CCBI

Chennai: Most Rev. Dr. Filipe Neri Ferrão, Archbishop of Goa and Daman was elected as the new President of the CCBI by the 31st Plenary Assembly of the National Episcopal Conference of India, at Joe Anima-



Archbishop Filipe Neri

tion Centre, Mahabalipuram, Chennai, Tamilnadu. He will replace His Eminence Oswald Cardinal Gracias, the Archbishop of Bombay who served the Conference as its President for three terms of two years each from 2013 to 2019.

Most Rev. Dr. George Antonysamy Archbishop of Chennai- Mylapore and Most Rev. Dr. Anil Joseph Thomas Couto, the Archbishop of Delhi were re-elected CCBI Vice president and Secretary General respectively.

Archbishop Filipe Neri (65) was the former Vice President of the CCBI from 2011 to 2017. He was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Goa and Daman at the age of 40, on 20 December, 1993. He was installed as the Archbishop on 21 March, 2004. He also served the CCBI as its Vice President. He is presently the Chairman of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences (FABC) Office of Education and Faith Formation (OEFF).

Archbishop Antonysamy (66), held

various responsibilities of the Catholic Church in the past, viz. Pope's Ambassador to Gambia, Liberia and Sierra Leone; charged 'Affaires of the Vatican Embassy in Jordan. In 2012 he was appointed the sixth Archbishop of Chennai-Mylapore Archdiocese.

The re-elected Secretary General of the CCBI Archbishop Anil Couto (64) held this office: he was the Auxiliary Bishop of Delhi, and Bishop of Jullundur. At present he is the Archbishop of Delhi since 2012.

The Assembly deliberated the theme "The Joy of the Gospel" and it will chalk out detailed programmes and



Archbishop George Antonysamy

action plans to revitalize the ministry of love and compassion for the Church at the diocesan and parish levels.

The Secretaries of the fourteen Commissions and the three Departments of the CCBI presented their biennial reports of the activities for the year 2017 and 2018. The Bishops evaluated the programmes of the CCBI Commissions of Bible, Catechetics, Canon Law and Other Legislative Texts, Ecumenism, Family, Laity, Liturgy, Migration, Proclamation, Theology and Doctrine, Vocations, Women and Youth and the Departments of Pontifical Mission Organisations (PMO), Conference of Diocesan Priests of India (CDPI) and the Association of Rectors of Major Seminar-

ies (ARMS). A one day recollection for the member Bishops, directed by the well-known theologian, Rev. Dr. Anil Dev, IMS from Varanasi was also conducted.

The 31st Plenary Assembly of the CCBI will conclude on Monday, 14 January. 143 Bishops from 132 Dioceses are attending the meeting.

The Conference of Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI) is canonically the National Episcopal Conference for the Latin rite Catholics. It is the largest



Archbishop Anil Joseph Thomas Couto,

Bishops Conference in Asia and the fourth largest in the world. It consists of 132 dioceses with 189 bishops.

—Rev. Dr. Stephen Alathara
Deputy Secretary General, CCBI

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Person of the Year 2018

By Don Aguiar

Like every year, there were several contenders.

I thought of Fortnite, the gaming sensation, but it pales in front of Chinese checkers between Trump and Jinping. McCain and Bush's demise reminded us of Vietnam, Iraq and the cold war. On the centenary of armistice, a new war of this century may have just begun. Trade conflict is a small part of a larger battle.

America's 'Tariff man' should better know that his tantrums can trample Mexico or Canada but it's difficult to Trump China. Remember, China and India accounted for over half of global GDP two centuries ago. It is not the West's sunset time yet, but the clock is reversing. US hegemony is challenged as China gradually regains its polar position.

Yes, China has a great wall of debt, but its will to dominate is taller. Arrest a CFO, impose tariffs, block investments or play military games, nothing would cut the Middle Kingdom's ambitions. The boundaries of artificial intelligence and natural wisdom will be tested. Stan Lee's words of advice for both: with great power, comes great responsibility.

Kim crossed the border to break bread with Trump in Singapore, and nibbled on noodles with Moon Jae-in. North Korea stole the limelight briefly, but Middle-East remains the biggest geopolitical flashpoint. Khashoggi's murder tainted The Crown of MBS. The Game of Thrones between Saudis and Iran is taking a toll on Yemen. ISIS' horror is back in Syria and Iraq. The US moving its embassy to Sacred Jerusalem led to bloody Games in Gaza. Markets, don't ignore Crude realities.

Harry and Markle United and the Kingdom celebrated. Britain's Great divorce with EU may not go smoothly. After creating a 'brief history of time' on earth, Stephen Hawking moved 'beyond the horizon'.

EU didn't allow an extended budget for an Italian opera. Time will tell how the

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tale ends. Italian markets lost favour with investors, but Juventus FC rose with Ronaldo. Merkel-Macron turned less popular but deserve kudos as the flag bearers of liberalism and plurality.

Russians had a "ball" of a time. FIFA threw surprises like a Russian roulette. Mbappe led La Football en Marche! A French revolution on Putin land! A star is born - Croatia's Modric (Lady Gaga can wait). Abenomics' arrows missed its targets, but Naomi Osaka's racket got Japan its first grand slam.

Messi's country is a messy affair for investors. Their darling one year (remember 100-year bond), but discredited and discarded next year. Bolsonaro's win brought the bulls back to Brazil. Markets, economy, politics or football, Brazilian Samba is always spicy.

Imran got captaincy when the Pak economy is on a weak wicket. The award for greatest comeback goes to Malaysia's Mahathir Mohamed. In politics, age is no bar. Turkey or South Africa, Brazil or Malaysia, Emerging markets had interesting tales. Relatively attractive valuations may make EMs outperform DMs in coming years.

Bears finally banged the invincible gang of FAANG. Warren Buffett bit the Apple, but Microsoft excelled ahead to become the most valuable company. Paul Allen, the 'Idea Man', left for the clouds. Musk's Falcon reached sky, but lost ground as Tesla's chairman. Public tweets aren't enough to take your company private. Google was grilled, Zuck faced challenges from regulatory books. Political backlash can hack the ambitions of big tech.

Central banks can declare victory on the 10th anniversary of the global financial crisis. Make no mistake, the global economy has more leverage than ever. A flattening US yield curve is less worrisome than the fattening US federal debt. Powell's Fed is well advised to think beyond Trump's tweets and Wall Street's twists. Despite central banks shrinking their

balance sheets, sovereign bonds bloomed in large parts. Bitcoin owners bit the dust. Tighter money bursts bubbles, there are already ripples in junk bond and CLO markets.

Higher crude led to a loss of forex reserves in India. New RBI Governor would rebuild the loss of reserves of goodwill between RBI and the Government. OMOs to infuse liquidity should be supplemented with measured Open Mouth Operations. NBFCs can borrow from Dr. Schuller - 'Tough time's never last, tough people do'. While food inflation should see an uptick next year, India turning from a food deficit to a surplus country is ample food for thought. Policymakers - think beyond farm loan waivers and MSP.

ILFS Shock, Nirav Scam, Sham Rating, Shoddy audit, Shallow board, these Stray but Sorry instances with elite corruption cases globally remind us of Buffett's quote - "you find out who is swimming naked when the tide goes out". The silver lining is that these events sow the seeds of structural reforms. Look at the successes of the insolvency regulation.

A trade-war is brewing as Walmart bagged Flipkart to take on Amazon's Future carts. Indians are consuming data and flying like never before, but Telcos and airlines are transmitting losses. Whether India's growth creating enough jobs is a hot debate, it is not creating enough profits is cold reality.

Corporates are clipping excess debt while households are SIPping equities. Better days are surely ahead.

I thought of Atal Bihari Vajpayee, the lotus of his poems, politics and performance will bloom forever. Rahul's Congress made progress in India's heartland. Modi unveiled the world's tallest statue, the height of his popularity will be measured next year. Collegium, 377 rainbows, Aadhar or Sabrimala, the supreme newsmaker this year was the Supreme Court.

"Crazy Rich Asians" missed the big

fat Indian weddings. Their next movie could have Beyoncé singing - 'Halo' India.

"Rise of Women power" was my Person of the Year 2010 - their force is only growing stronger. MeToo is empowering women to say Na-Na to any Amar, Akbar or Anthony. Beware, Bill, Brett, Batali, a Brigade is behind your fantasy Bride.

Europe scorched in the sun, California went ablaze, Delhi suffocated with smoke. Cape Town almost ran out of water while Indonesia and God's own country (Kerala) were drowning in it. Hurricanes in the US didn't wash away Trump's fire against the Paris agreement. Beyond A.I. or political unrest, climate crisis is the most urgent risk staring at us. Investors, pay attention.

A rising trend with celebrities, CEOs and hedge fund managers is veganism and meditation. Interestingly, it was the perseverance and power of monk-turned-coach Ake's meditation that kept 12 Thai teens trapped in a cave going for nine days.

The global discourse seems to be turning polar and parochial. But we also witnessed "protection"-ism of another sort, the whole world came together to rescue the Thai teens. Rescuers flew from all over, crafted a miraculous plan and took unimaginable risks to save thirteen strangers. Chinese divers worked with Americans and Japanese and so did divers from Britain with equipment from Ireland. This rescue reminds us that the heart of the entire world beats as one for a noble purpose.

It is a glimpse of hope in today's world, much like the glimpses of hope offered by advocates and activists of Climate change action, MeToo, Black-Lives Matter etc. These heroes are "Avengers" of real life.

Thai cave Rescuers are my person of the year 2018. They emanate hope that the most convoluted challenges facing us can also be solved by the power of human cooperation. A standing ovation.



Bishops' Conference of Germany to discuss Priestly Celibacy

In the run up to the German Bishops' Conference, Cardinal Reinhard Marx of Munich has called for change in long-standing church traditions. The German Bishops' Conference, in a workshop, will review the issue of celibacy for priests. In his homily at New Year's Mass Cardinal Marx said the Church must, in the light of the failure surrounding the clergy sex abuse crisis, modify tradition in response to changing modern times.

The cardinal, who is president of the German Bishops Conference, said that current measures of addressing sex abuse are not enough. Pressure to end mandatory priestly celibacy has risen in Germany following the renewal of the sex abuse scandal last year. The issue of priestly celibacy is now being hotly and openly discussed and is no longer a taboo.

Incidentally, for the first thousand years after Christ, priestly celibacy was not mandatory. The Church was a thousand years old before it definitively took a stand in favor of celibacy in the twelfth century at the Second Lateran Council held in 1139, when a rule was approved forbidding priests to marry.

The German cardinal's statement assumes significance as he is the president of the German Bishops' Conference --- a powerful body that commands much influence in Germany and the Vatican because of its financial clout.

The Catholic and protestant churches have been described as a powerful corporation because of its wealth and workforce. Germans pay a religious tax amounting to 8-9% of their salary. Catholics who renounce their church membership are barred from confession and communion, and from the anointing of the sick, unless they are on the point of death.

This tax collected is passed on to the church after deducting collection charges. The tax is used for the diocese, salaries to clergy, and for charitable and social works like running schools day-care centres, old age homes etc. A substantial amount is also sent to the Vatican. The scale of charitable work can be gauged from the fact that Caritas, the charitable wing of the Catholic Church, employs over 5 lakh persons in Germany. After the state, the church is the largest employer in Germany, employing more than one million people. Hence the German church cannot be taken lightly.

—Prof Robert Castellino
Mumbai

Reservation quota for poor or middle class?

The 10% reservation quota for the economically backward class can hardly be said to be a quota for the poor, going by the eligibility criteria of household income below Rs 8 lakh per year, house less than 1000 sq. ft, and agricultural land less than 5 acres. By any reckoning it is more a quota to include the middle class as well rather than exclusively for the economically backward and those living below the national poverty line

of Rs. 32/ per day. Rs. 8 lakh per year translates to a whopping Rs 66,000/ plus per month, which is far above the national average and is what a qualified and experienced person usually earns per month. Surely such persons or family are not in need of jobs or reservations as they are not economically backward. Therefore, it goes without saying that the bill is flawed and there is much more intended in the quota bill than what meets the eye.

—A. F. Nazareth,
Alto Porvorim, Goa.

Pandya and Rahul must be given ex punishment

Cricket is virtually a religion in India and cricketers are seen as demigods by their adoring fans. A two-match suspension for Hardik Pandya and KL Rahul for their crass sexist comments on a popular TV show, would be like a pat on their backs! These cricketers earn huge sums of money for endorsements of products. Youngsters copy their hairstyles, clothes, shoes, what they eat drink and use. Hence these two cricketers should be meted out severe and exemplary punishment as they are role models for our youth, who may otherwise think of aping their heroes.

—Prof Robert Castellino
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Mangalore Catholic Co-op Bank (MCC Bank Ltd) Opens NRI Cell.

—Ivan Saldanha-Shet.

and in the year 1904 Government of India Cooperative Societies Act was passed.

MCC Bank Ltd, Mangalore inaugurated the NRI Cell at Hampankatta Branch on Sunday, 6th January, 2019. Mr James Mendonca, NRI Entrepreneur & Community Leader, Dubai, and Mr Joseph Mathias, MD, Merit Freight Systems Co jointly inaugurated the NRI cell. Rt. Rev. Dr Peter Paul Saldanha, Bishop of Mangalore, blessed the occasion. Mr Walter Nandalike, Managing Director, Daijiworld Private Ltd, and Mr Francis Cutinho, Former Chairman of the Bank, jointly inaugurated the ATM.



Mr Anil Kumar Lobo, Chairman of the bank, in his introductory speech, welcomed the new venture and presented the future plans for the bank. He urged NRI's and customers to support the bank which offers modern services.

Rt. Rev. Dr Peter Paul Saldanha, referred the Parable of Talents from the Bible and called upon the staff to be more customer friendly and to create a good identity of the Bank.

In 1912 Indian Cooperative Societies Act was amended and the Registrars of the Cooperative Societies were asked to spread the principles of cooperative financing. This brought Dewan Bahadur Swamikunnu Pillai, the Third Registrar of the Cooperative Societies of the Province of Madras to Mangalore. He addressed the Mangalorean Catholic Gentlemen at then Catholic Union Club (presently Catholic Centre, Hampankatta). Generous leaders of the Mangalorean Catholics joined together and started working for the society. On May 8, 1912, Mangalorean Catholic Cooperative Society was established. The members elected Hon'ble P F X Saldanha as its first President, Simon Alvares as Vice President and Shri J M Castelino as Secretary and Treasurer.

Addressing the gathering, Bishop,

Mr James Mendonca, presented his valuable suggestions for the betterment of the NRI cell. He also requested the Bank to be more proactive and to have a better risk management System. Mr Joseph Mathias, MD, Merit Freight Systems Co and LLC, praised the leadership of Mr Anil Lobo, and wished all the very best for the NRI cell. He also pointed out the social responsibility of the bank towards the society.

Mr. Walter Nandalike, highlighted that MCC Bank has vast history and rich identity. He reminded of the challenges to attract NRI customers and wished all the very best to the Bank. Some of the former Chairmen present, Mr Valentine D'Silva, Mr M.P.Noronha and Mr Francis Cutinho, complimented the Bank for the achievements and wished all good in the future. The NRI Customers present were felicitated

106 years ago, the visionary, philanthropic founders were motivated by the need of the Catholic Community of their times. Agriculture was the major occupation then. The bank went on growing with the growth of its customers. The Mangalore Catholic Cooperative Bank even today plays a major role in the economic prosperity of the Canara Catholic community. It is hoped that members of the community now spread world wide will positively support the venture starting now.

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India homeland of the concept of Universal Brotherhood received the concept of Modern Cooperative Movement in the early Twentieth Century

THE CHILD IS

chhotebhai

“**T**he child is father of the man” is the seventh of the nine lines of the poem “My Heart Leaps Up” by William Wordsworth, written in 1802, when the poet was 32 years old. It is a line that has intrigued poets, philosophers and psychologists. I had never bothered about it, till a recent visit to Goa, where I spent a glorious week with my granddaughter Myra, who is all of 20 months of age.

It was a learning experience for me, not for her; after which I cannot but endorse the words of the poet that are worth more than their weight in gold. As a marriage counsellor I have long taught that the grandchildren are the joy and fulfilment of the grandparents. Though Myra spent two months with us when she was born, and my wife and I had gone to celebrate her first birthday 8 months ago, it was only now that I really experienced the joy of my grandchild. Perhaps she is now at that age when she is beginning to understand things and recognize people.

Myra has three favourite expressions – Oh wow, Oh God and Nice. What a wonderful combination; to express the wonder of one’s being, to turn to God in time of need, and to appreciate life and people. Wouldn’t the world be a better place if we could look at life with the eyes of a child? There were three other qualities that I observed in her – prolonged eye contact, the leap of trust, and a gregarious nature. I would not take for granted that these are normal child like traits, because parenting has become a burden for many, and children, at an early age, are exposed to traumatic experiences that rob them of the innocence of childhood.

First the eye contact. Jesus himself said, “The lamp of the body is the eye. It follows that if your eye is clear, your whole body will be filled with light” (Mat 6:22). Most of us adults are afraid of eye contact. We have become shifty, so we cover our eyes with the veil of deceit or the wall of fear. Not so the innocent child.

This brings me to the leap of trust. Several times I found the child jumping into my arms even though I was not yet ready for her. She was completely trusting, assured that my arms



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would be outstretched to catch her, lest she fall or get hurt. We adults would call that a leap of faith, or a leap in the dark. It doesn’t come easy,

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Teaching her Grandfather

because we have already been jilted or jolted in various ways on the path of life. But the child was a living testimony to one of my favourite texts from John, “In love there is no fear, but perfect love drives out fear, because fear implies punishment, and whoever is afraid has not come to perfection in love” (1Jn 4:18).

Many years ago I had heard a story attributed to a Jewish businessman (I do not wish to be anti-Semitic). He exhorted his young son to jump from the roof and he would catch him as he fell. Trusting his father, the child jumped, but the father did not catch him. The fall hurt the child. His father then said to him, “Son this is your first lesson in life – don’t trust anyone!” How horrible life would be if we were to follow that father’s advice and child’s experience.

The third quality that I had noticed in Myra was her gregarious nature. She would go to anybody and make friends. She was not afraid, so she could interact with others. Seeing her trusting and open behaviour I am led to agree with Wordsworth, that indeed the child is the father of the man; for there is so much that we can learn from little children.

A discerning reader may have noticed that the title of this piece ends with a full stop, and not a line of dots that indicate continuity of the sentence. The full stop conveys a sense of finality. That’s it. Were I to say – A Child Is ... good, innocent, trusting, or use other adjectives, I would be diluting the to-

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WHETHER THE MAJORITY OF INDIANS IN THE COMING YEAR, WILL OPT FOR INCLUSIVE GANDHIAN HINDUISM OR FOR EXCLUSIVE SAVARKAR HINDUTVA NATIONALISM?

by Eric D'Sa

The starting point for anti-Hindutva politics must be the clear distinction made between the inclusive Gandhian Hinduism and the exclusive Savarkar Hindutva Nationalism. Else, it's doomed. There is no doubt a third option of Nehruvian Liberal Secularism. However, it may be too early for this new born country to accept this in toto. To make a distinction where the government is secular, a God less entity, while the people it governs are basically not atheists or agnostics, but religious people who are sufficiently liberal to respect the others religions, appears as things stand today very difficult to the majority of Indians to accept.

We as people, have been until we got political independence just about 70 years ago, ruled by Maharajas and Emperors with a perceived divine right to rule. It will take time with growth in higher education and exposure to liberal western societies, for the new generation of Indians born after independence, to change and move towards the Nehruvian liberal Secularism, based on universal democracy and a Godless government. The liberals in this country at the same time will have to try and push their own agenda in the public domain all the time, to further their secular cause. The only way they can do so, is to repeatedly point out to the young Indians, to the present day Islamic world, where strong religious beliefs have got totally entangled with governance of the state, where the Mullahs and the Ayatollas make the rules of governance to create total chaos and mayhem. One Yogi and his holy cows are creating in the farms and roads of our biggest state, a case of similar chaos.

Meanwhile any rigid secular approach at this stage, unrestrained by considerations of electoral politics, could only lead to disapproval of Congress

president Rahul Gandhi's demonstration of his religious faith and his characterisation of the Congress as a "party of Hinduism". His approach unlike that of his great grand father has been widely termed "soft Hindutva", an attempt to compete with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in its game. Those who deride Hindutva and those who swear by it, both consider Mr. Rahul Gandhi a poor imitator of it. Centrist politics by definition is vulnerable to criticism from radical perspectives of different hues — for instance, Marxist M.N. Roy, Dalit leader B.R. Ambedkar and Hindutva propo-

Three decades later Veer Savarkar, who invented Hindutva, did not merely seek to unify Hindus, but tried to achieve it by imagining the others as those who do not consider India their sacred land. While Nehruvian secular nationalism's adversarial image was foreign imperialism, the edge in Savarkar's Hindutva was against Muslims and Christians. Vivekananda's Hinduism had no enemy figure. The political rise of Hindutva has been directly proportionate to the success of its proponents' attempts to equate itself with Hinduism.

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nent, Veer Savarkar, were all critical of Mahatma Gandhi's ideas of inclusive Hinduism. What is worth a closer analysis in the current political context, is the suggestion that the invocation of Hindu symbols for electoral gains is not Hindutva but inclusive Hinduism.

Mainstream Indian nationalism and Hindu nationalism shared a range of symbols and personalities during their formative decades, and distinguishing one from the other can appear often a challenging task. Consolidation of the highly diversified and fragmented Hindu society was a preoccupation of several reformists and leaders of the struggle for independence, who were not linked to Hindutva. The evolution of Hindu nationalism has two distinct phases: first from the use of the word Hindu as a geographical marker to 'Hinduism', an attempt to codify the different cultural and religious practices, and then to Hindutva. Swami Vivekananda was the seer of the first shift. He was the one who took the religious ideas of the Hindu way of living and created a structured Hinduism akin to a religion in the west.

The vertical rise and the horizontal spread of Hindutva, challenge its opponents to devise new political idioms. A puritan view is that Hindutva can be challenged only with an unyielding liberal secular paradigm, devoid of Hindu symbols. Those leaders and parties that are directly involved in electoral politics are more conflicted on these questions than those who have the convenience of a quarantined approach. In the early 2000s, when critics began to use the neologism saffronisation to describe the A.B. Vajpayee government's policies that advanced Hindutva, within the Congress, there was a debate on the wisdom of it. A.K. Antony and Digvijay Singh vehemently opposed the expression, arguing that it amounted to legitimising the Hindutva agenda, given the cultural association of the colour saffron with sacrifice and renunciation. The Congress discontinued use of the word.

Other parties too have used Hindu symbolism and terminology. Rashtriya Janata Dal leader Lalu Prasad, whose mastery of electoral politics broke the Hindutva momentum in Bihar, connects his community to Lord Krishna. Groups associated with the Communists Party of India (Marxist) in Kerala recently organised events around Ramayana

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month. "The Sangh has created a articulate image of Ram, that a majority of the faithful do not relate to," said V. Sivadasan, CPI(M) State committee member, who was closely associated with the programme. "Given this context, it is the duty of the secularists to come in support of the believers who understand Ram different from the way the RSS (Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh) tries to make him. All secular people have this responsibility to help protect the plurality of faith that exists among religious people."

Whether or not these attempts add up to a robust and credible challenge to Hindutva is an open question. However, the notion of 'soft Hindutva' is detrimental to anti-Hindutva polemics and mobilisation. For one, it ignores the tactical components of electoral politics, which the moralist might dismiss as opportunism, for good reasons. What is more critical is that the notion of expressive faith as 'soft Hindutva' is an inadvertent endorsement of the Hindutva claim that it is equivalent to Hinduism. The proponents of Hindutva also acknowledge the existence of 'hard' and 'fringe' elements within its fold. Categories of soft and hard, being relative terms, trick moderates and offer an alibi to opportunists to side with the softer versions — Vajpayee against L.K. Advani, Mr. Advani against Narendra Modi, and who knows, perhaps Narendra Modi against Yogi Adityanath in the future?

Any equivalence between Hinduism and Hindutva, conversely, is taken to mean that any criticism of Hindutva is an attack on Hinduism. That one could be accused of being anti-Hinduism for questioning the logic of building a temple on the site of a destroyed mosque at Ayodhya, draws from the logical premise of likening Hinduism to Hindutva. To take another example, the Hindu American Foundation claimed recently that even the questioning of 'Brahminical patriarchy' is an act of Hindu-phobia.

To Hindutva's advantage? And most consequentially, any polemical negation of the wall between Hinduism and Hindutva makes the transition from the

American style of living

Peter Castellino's article in The Secular Citizen of 26 November

Wherever dredgery and waste of time are involved, we may like introduction of better and suitable methods to reduce them. The culture of volunteers to help people in various necessary situations is really good. Garage sales to dispose of old furniture, books, painting etc is good. We can introduce such helpful measures, if people are interested. American way of life or style of living as such may not be much appreciated by Indians in general.

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first to the second easier. It could even encourage believers to consider Hindutva their natural political abode, if they sense hostility in the anti-Hindutva camp. If non-Hindutva platforms expect temple-goers to explain their conduct, that is not an enticing recruitment pitch. The fact is that there are numerous people who visit temples and even believe in vastu, astrology, tantra, etc. while still being secular in a political and public context.

The only politics that benefits from associating Hinduism to Hindutva is Hindutva. The practice of Hinduism, even when it is exhibitionist and for political ends, is not Hindutva — soft or hard. Hindutva stands out for its conceptual clarity, leaving little scope for a spectrum within it. A manifesto for any durable anti-Hindutva politics is still a long way away, but its singular starting point is an assertion of the distinction between inclusive Hinduism and exclusive Hindutva. Anything else is doomed. As such it is for you the Citizens who claim to be the advocates to Nehruvian Liberal Secularism to decide, how you will this year deal with Hindutva?

Church demands quota for Christian Dalits

It is difficult to understand why the Catholic Bishops Conference of India (CBCI) even after more than six decades, is still demanding reservations for Dalits who have converted to Christianity, knowing very well that in Christianity there is no caste system ---hence no discrimination on the basis of one's caste, as all Christians are one large family in the mystical body of Christ, which is the church. This is one of the fundamental teachings of the church. The church should instead be happy that converted Dalits whose economic condition has not changed after conversion can now apply for govt jobs and seats in education under the new 10% reservation for the economically backward classes in the general category, irrespective of one's religion. It may surprise many to know that many converted Christians from the Schedule caste community, do not like to be referred to as Christian Dalits, with some even accusing the church for perpetuating the stigma which was cast off after conversion to Christianity. It is time for the church to change.

—A. F. Nazareth,
Alto Porvorim.



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'She Is In Heaven': Pope Francis

At the end of his weekly general audience (31.3.2016) Pope Francis was asked to say a few words about Mother Anjelica, the American nun who had died on Easter Sunday of the same year. The pontiff pointed a finger to the sky and said, 'she is in heaven'. Earlier, (12.2.2016) the Pope on his way to Cuba, had offered his prayers for Mother Anjelica, the American Catholic nun who had been a remarkable woman.

TIME Magazine described her as "arguably the most influential Roman Catholic woman in America." In 2017, the cause for her canonization was put on the fast track.

During the great Depression in America a girl child was born 20 April 1923. Rita Antoinette Rizo grew up in a broken home, her father abandoned the family, and her mother had to battle mental health problems while living in poverty.

Rita Antoinette joined the Franciscan religious order for women at the age of thirty when vocations were considered 'late'. Traces of a great soul was seen in the postulant Sister Anjelica. The years of her spiritual formation as a consecrated Franciscan nun were essentially a powerful period spent within the convent walls.

As generally happens in the lives of religious, the 'desert years' of dedication to prayer, conduct, penance and meditation always makes an impact on the individual. Most often this commitment turns vital to inflict serious good in a virtual manner. Having voluntarily renounced the temptations of this life, Mother Anjelica stayed "in prayer" for thirty-six years in a cloistered monastery.

Silently she suffered a knee problem for several years till the pain grew unbearable and surgery was needed. She prayed to the Lord to help her in her ordeal. Six months after the surgery Mother Anjelica could walk and perform her duties. She was also cured by a miracle when her stomach-pain with contractions vanished. After this event she had a lifelong commitment to God.

The active years of Mother's apostolate started from 1970 – 2001. Yet, the legacy she left behind is one of transparent, consistent and disciplined efforts for the Catholic Church. She wrote 50 booklets and recorded over 150 messages on cassette tapes on the faith, its importance and relevance in our contemporary world. Millions of the faithful, friends and believers of other religions heard her voice, always impressed with her ideas.

Pope Benedict XVI granted Mother Anjelica the 'Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice' Award. The Award is given for distinguished service to the Catholic Church.

Mother Anjelica had started a small Catholic television spot when cable networks had become a unique presence in north America. She used the power of the radio also to spread her influence with a shortwave set – using the wider distribution of AM radio stations.

Her EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network) became the catalyst in the field of Catholic radio stations across the United States. Mother became a television personality and took advantage of this media to propagate the idea of Pro-life, Vocations to the reli-



gious life and inspired the construction of Adoration chapels throughout the nation. It is said that a surge of religious vocations sprang as a result of her drive, vision and belief. In 1962, the Headquarters of EWTN was established in Irondale, Alabama.

In 1995 Mother Anjelica experienced an apparition of the child Jesus. She claimed to have met the child Jesus several times. The child had introduced himself as 'Divino Nino Jesus'. This was seen as a blessing for all her dynamic years in the media ruckus and the faith she had put her trust in. EWTN was recognized as the inspiration of the Holy Spirit for its success and growth in promoting the Catholic faith.

Mother Anjelica wore the traditional habit of the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration (1944) in her ministry, which proved to be the essence for an awesome advertisement addressed to religious life. The construction of Adoration chapels have become the hallmark of a great and simple drive in the amazing gift of God's chosen instrument for the Good News.

In the Vatican it was a positive agreement with the Cardinals in concern, that the American nun had achieved remarkable success in her mundane efforts through spiritual exercise in taking the Catholic Church a step further for the Lord's glory.



BY MELVYN BROWN

Loan waivers v/s Quota favours

Various State governments are busy waiving farm loans while the Centre has literally pushed through the 124th constitutional amendment bill, post haste, to pave the way for reservations for economically challenged upper castes. While the motives behind this hastily bulldozed exercise are not hard to comprehend, one wonders if the Parliamentarians should have been given sufficient time to study the provisions in depth. It was literally shoved down their throats. In doing what it did, the BJP managed to put all non-NDA political parties in a quandary – a catch 22 situation and forcing them to grudgingly adding to the 'Ayes'. To that extent their 'opposition' during the debate sounded comical.

Even after seven decades, if reservations based on caste and other social status have to remain on the statute book, it tells a sorry tale about the successive government's failure to gradually phase it out. It was never meant to be a permanent feature, leave alone increasing the quotas. While it is natural that all economically backward segments be given some job opportunities the problem is that the 'economic condition' is a relative term and can undergo changes very rapidly and to that extent, it is not a homogenous group. This floating segment will be hard to monitor. Jobs are woefully scarce in the country. Jobs are declining; by end 2017 jobs in Central PSEs had gone down by over 10%. This should have gone up if the claim of the government is right. 90000 Railway jobs had 2.80 crores aspirants – 311 per vacancy. 62 vacancies in UP police received 90000 applications with some PhDs as well – 1451 per job. Ridiculous! Not enough seats in educational institutions either. If 5.33 lacs students had to seek admissions in 2017 in foreign universities, it gives an idea of the situation back home.

As Ravi Prasad said in Parliament the people should brace for more such sixes [belated acche din] during the death-overs of the tenure of this government. The opposition could have embarrassed the government by demanding 25% reservation instead of 10%. They would not have agreed and therefore seen as anti-middle class exposing their ill-prepared move, since no empirical data on the size of this segment, is available. Someone said the

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government seems to tell the people that since we can't give you jobs we are giving you the quota - a La Marie Antoinette solution. Will the courts strike down the amendment as ultra virus the constitution; if it does, it will be a huge setback for Modi close on the heels of the apex court's verdict on the CBI mess. By the way, when you take away 10% from the general quota of 50%, is it not akin to robbing Paul to pay Peter. You can expect many more such jhumlas in the next few weeks. That is Modinomics authored by Amit Shah may be.

A Wonder - Down Under

The Indian cricket team led by Virat Kohli has created history by winning a Test cricket series Down Under. The Aussies were lucky since the rain gods saved them from the ignominy of 3-1 defeat. The fact remains that the series has been won - a combined effort by the batsmen and bowlers ably supported by a very capable keeper and a bunch of vastly improved fielders. While Cheteswar Pujara, with his three centuries in four tests, has shown what a tenacious player he can be given the fact that the Australian bowling was not depleted and their captain said Pujara's wicket was more precious than that of Kohli. They had the best of bowlers who have won matches for them; the Indian batsmen were too good for the present lot. In fact, their tail-enders had a better record in batting against the famed Indian attack. The find of this tour should undoubtedly be Mayank Agarwal for his batting skills. He delivered straightaway without having any opportunity to have a feel of the Aussie wickets. He scored in every outing and that augurs well for the Indian cricket whose opening pair has not been able to click. With this new incumbent at the crease, that shortcoming is likely to be addressed along with Prithvi Shaw. Sledging is in Aussie DNA. In fact they have thrived on this mean tactic of distracting the batsmen and getting their wickets. That is not cricket really. Are the Aussies bad losers? The behavior of the crowds too lacked civility for their booing of the Indian captain much to the embarrassment of their cricket authorities and past cricketers alike. Their cricket commentator Kerry O'keeffe did not lift his status with his weird comments on Mayank Agarwal saying he has only faced canteen boys in India. Actually he has



by Marshall Sequeira

demeaned his own bowlers. By making such a statement, he admits that the current Aussie bowlers are no better than the canteen boys in India. He also tried to downplay the performance of the star Indian batsman Cheteshwar Pujara [whom he actually confused with Jadeja]. Was he ill prepared or was it on purpose? Is a commentator supposed to stoop that low? His half-hearted apology lacked sincerity.

Another star performer was RISHAB the wicket-keeper who with his brilliant show with the bat made a statement while leaving the Aussie bowlers PANT[ing]. To bat the way he did and that too in Australia where even the likes of Virat Kohli struggled, speaks volumes of his temperament. He is calm and collected. This young lad of 21 is likely to remain in the news for a long time to come. If he improves his skills behind the stumps [despite 20 odd dismissals] still further, he could be star wicket-keeper batsman on the international scene. The Aussies have compared him to their own Adam Gilchrist.

Are the Aussies humble enough to accept that India is a far better team today with or without Smith and Warner duo? They had their years of glory just as the West Indies had before them. Now it is India's turn. By the way, should the Aussie cricket authorities pull up Kerry O'Keeffe the commentator? There is a precedent. Dean Jones was sacked for his comments on Hashim Amla looking like a terrorist with his flowing beard. It is time the Aussies introspect why they have a problem with every cricketing country. Is it that their egos are getting the better of them? Cricket is a game of gentlemen but unfortunately that narrative is undergoing a rapid change. All Indians have a reason to celebrate but the Pandya-Rahul controversy has soured the 'feel-good' factor in India following the historic series win. These young lads have learnt a lesson they will never forget.

Facts of Cancer

Cancer is found to be the second leading cause of death in most countries, second only to cardiac diseases. Besides the mortality, it causes significant physical and emotional agony. The entire world is looking forward to a 'cure' for this enigmatic malady. The hope lies in the in-depth understanding of the causes and the mechanisms involved, especially a deep understanding at the genetic level.

What is cancer?

Cancer is not a single disease but many diseases all of which are concerned with disordered growth, but which are widely different in natural history or study and response to treatment. In cancer, there is a progressive, purposeless, pathological multiplication of cells because of loss of control over cell growth.

The term swelling is very general, which includes not only tumours but also infections and other conditions, which are controllable and reversible. A mass or tumour or neoplasm (Latin, 'new growth') is a more ominous term. There are benign or innocent ones and malignant or cancerous tumours. Cancers grow and destroy adjacent tissues and spread to all parts of the body. The word cancer is from the Latin word for 'crab' meaning that it adheres in an obstinate manner. However, all that grows in not cancer!

Oncology is the study of tumours. The surgical aspects are taken care of by the Oncosurgeon, radiation treatment by the Radiotherapist and the drug treatment by the Medical Oncologist.

What causes cancer?

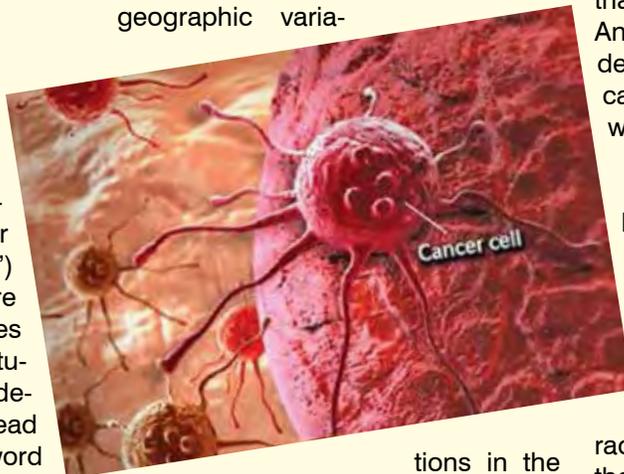
The process is a complex one, here is just



Dr. Prema Saldanha,

an overview. The process in medical parlance is called carcinogenesis or oncogenesis. Cancer is caused by permanent alterations in the genetic code within the cell.

Carcinogens are substances known to cause cancer or produce an increase in the incidence of cancer. Almost 90-95% are environmental ones including chemicals, radiation, some viruses and bacteria, hormonal imbalances, etc. This fact is supported by observation of geographic varia-



tions in the incidence of cancer and association with diet, lifestyle, occupation and other related activities. Although the occurrence of cancer is known to increase with age, many cancers occur in children and young adults.



Considering this, it may appear that most cancers are potentially preventable, but, in reality, it is not so, as the process is a multi-step phenomena resulting from multiple genetic alterations

that collectively give rise to the malignancy. There is an initial damage which after many years, following an encounter with another damaging agent, results in abnormal cell multiplication. A clone of cells is formed and the fittest cells survive.

The minute units of all organs and tissues in the body are called 'cells'. These contain genes, which have a code that is translated into a specific functional protein molecule. There are different genes in the body, which control cell multiplication. Some of them act as guardians, or as policemen, or as gatekeepers, or as caretakers, implying slightly differing roles as the designation suggests. When damaged, their role reverses. Some genes when altered stimulate cell growth. Some others fail to apply the necessary brakes. Some others make the cells immortal (something that would otherwise be welcome!). Another group may evade the body's defence mechanisms or what is called immunity, similar to the one we have for infections.

Is treatment possible?

The outcome of a particular cancer depends on a large number of factors and may vary in individual patients even for a similar type of cancer. The treatment for cancer may also vary from surgery, radiation, drugs or combinations of these. Newer modalities of treatment include drugs, which are specifically targeted to a particular type of damage, and some newer types of therapy can be tailored to suit individual patient needs.

The only hope of controlling cancer is to learn more and more about its causation. In the case of certain cancers there are effective prevention campaigns where suitable tests called screening tests help in the early detection and therefore an almost definite cure. It would be helpful to avoid known carcinogens like tobacco, and to go for routine health checks as advised by the family physician. A bal-

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MOST PEOPLE HAVE grown out of believing in the sacred union of marriage, because of marital discords and incompatibility. They are oblivious to a few essential habits that can turn their marriage around

Marriages aren't always easy, but they're always worth it. Putting time, love and effort into your marriage are great stepping stones to a happy, long-lasting relationship. The habits you develop can have a huge impact on what kind of marriage you're going to have. Successful marriages don't work out simply because they had no challenges; they work out because each partner develops healthy habits that build a strong marriage that is fun, fulfilling, respectful and loving.

Reach out :

Couples married for decades tend to lose their initial spark and give in to a thankless relationship. The spouse is taken for granted as the long-forgotten romance slowly disintegrates into oblivion. Reach out to your spouse. Hold her hand and ask her about her day. Albert a small gesture, it is guarantees to bring back the connection, with time. Make it a habit to show more concern about her well-being and genuinely make an effort to keep her happy. With such strength in the relationship, a bad end will hardly be in question.

Be thankful :

While you proclaim of having given up everything to make this relationship work, you need to consider that your efforts were not



one-sided. Your spouse has also been through a great deal of heartache and trouble to be where she is. A little gratitude, in this context. She might very well be a controlling clean-freak in her own right, but be thankful that she had chosen you over a dozen other men, who could've kept her happier. Mutual appreciation and gratitude is food to a marriage, without which it will slowly wither away.

Live your passion :

One can understand that with a busy lifestyle and endless responsibilities, you cannot devote any time to give in to your passion, unconsciously causing your marriage to suffer. Think about how finding a spontaneous moment to make love to your spouse will make her feel. Most marriages die out with the lack of passion, which is a easily lost as it can be gained. So, why not bring those moments back? Spark your sexual life by acting out on your fantasies with your wife, and watch how it cements your relationships.

Enjoy the simple pleasures :

The best thing about marital relationships is not in living the luxurious life, but in the small moments, that make life special. Weekly dinners at swanky restaurants will not make you as happy as pottering about in the kitchen, with your wife. The idea is to find comfort in each other by taking small efforts and not in material pleasures.

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SMARTPHONES ARE A reasonably recent phenomenon and yet they are today omnipresent in our lives. It's a realisation that we shy away from but we're pretty damn controlled by those little machines in our palms

How much time do we spend on our smartphones every day? Does it help us connect or disconnect with people? And could we live without it? Deep down, we feel like we're nothing without smartphones. That is addiction, pure and simple. Before you fall too deeply into the engineered traps of this technology, be aware of the harmful effects of this endemic.

Retaining information :

It's a scary one but probably quite a few of us have experienced that dropping feeling when we are frantically trying to remember the phone numbers of our spouses, children, friends or parents. There's no excuse we should know these numbers and we're clearly far too reliant on our phones die. The same phenomena applies to our ability to remember important general knowledge.

We're increasingly letting Google replace our actual memories. It's pure laziness and self-deception.

Car crashes :

Far too many people do not realise the deadly potential they hold when behind the wheel. You are constantly confronted with people texting, tweeting or browsing Facebook while driving. It is incredibly well documented that doing so raises the chances of being in an accident hugely. Is checking Instagram worth taking your own



priceless life or having to live with the deaths of others on your conscience? Short answer: No.

The connection :

So much of the time, we text or email each other, even though we know that the other person would be easily reached with a phone call or a face-to-face visit. We're scared and we're hiding it. In fact, go to a public space and keep a close eye on whether young people can talk for 10 minutes without checking their phones. We're so used to it that we don't notice the insulting realisation behind that action: there's something happen-

ing on there that is more important than your time.

Dating and love :

Who hasn't heard of that classic saying, "Don't judge a book by its cover"? Well, unfortunately, that is increasingly the ease when it comes to our love lives. The organic magic of love seems to be ever-diminishing when people feel that their options are limitless. We're becoming increasingly shallow. Too often, we caustically swipe away one person's entire personality in lieu of another's manipulated appearance. If we are honest with ourselves, the idiom 'Easy come, easy go,' is deeply rooted in our psychology, as is that truism Good things take time and so is love in the modern era of smartphones.

ARE YOU PRESENT IN THE PRESENT?

ENT?

You've probably seen those sidewalk signs telling you to 'Look up!' at a crosswalk near you. This wasn't always necessary! People have become so engrossed in their phones that common sense goes out the window. Likewise, think about when you are at a breathtaking spot in nature or a concert and no one is taking notice of the experience but rather taking a snapshot in an attempt to show off to others. You shouldn't have to define yourself completely by others opinions, so give yourself a break and feel.

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tality of what I am trying to convey.

I find a similar powerful example in Exodus. When Moses first comes face to face with God in the burning bush on Mt Horeb, he asks him his name. God replies "I am he who is" (Ex 3:14). This definition has been interpreted as Yahweh, which is just the Hebrew verb "to be". God was obviously speaking in first person. In third person Moses would simply have had to say "God is" (full stop). Any further definition that God Is ... love, truth, omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent etc would detract from the totality of the term "God Is". It is for this reason that I chose to restrict the title of this piece to "The Child Is" (full stop).

Yet, we humans are not ethereal beings; hence crave deft or daft definitions of God. How much more then would we need to describe the word "Child"? Interestingly the word child/children occurs 178 times in the New Testament. The Child of Bethlehem, when he came to be known as the Son of Man, did not forget his own childhood experiences and often incorporated them into his teachings.

The most telling statement is "Jesus called a child, made him stand in front of them and said – I assure you that unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the Kingdom of heaven. The greatest in the Kingdom of heaven is the one who humbles himself and becomes like this little child" (Mat 18:3-4). He reiterates, "Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Mat 19:14).

Jesus' listeners would have sensed his earthiness, and his filial relationship with his mother Mary. This is why one woman called out to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that suckled you" (Lk 11:27). The Old Testament also has some poignant texts that portray this delicate relationship. "You will be like a child that is nursed by its mother, carried in her arms, and treated with

love. I will comfort you in Jerusalem, as a mother comforts her child" (Is 66:12).

The psalmist says, "It was you who brought me safely through birth, and when I was a baby, you kept me safe" (Ps 22:9). And again "As a child lies quietly in its mother's arms, so my heart is quiet within me" (Ps 131:2). For those who do not fulfil this primary obligation we hear it said "Even a mother wolf will nurse her cubs, but my people are like ostriches, cruel to their young. They let their babies die of hunger and thirst" (Lam 4:3-4). However, for those who fulfil their parental duties there is the hope that "Creation itself would one day be set free from its slavery to de-



Her window to the world

cay and would share the glorious freedom of the children of God" (Rom 8:21).

Wordsworth would have to amend his poem to read, "The woman is the mother of the child, and subsequently, the child is the father of the man". I will end this piece with the poet's own concluding lines:

"And I would wish my days to be, Bound each to each by natural piety".

If we follow the order of the natural, then we will also understand the spiritual or supernatural that Jesus so eloquently spoke of. Thank you Myra, for teaching me this important lesson in life. If God Is, then so too, the Child Is.

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Thanksgiving



Thanks to Fr. Agnel, Sacred Heart of Jesus, St. Anthony, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour and St. Jude for the favour received. Praying for more favours. Sorry for the delay in publishing.

—Celine Rodrigues, Mulund

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT



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

— Celine Rodrigues, Mulund

Republic Governance with Pax et Bonum

World Republic fact files:

If just 100 People Existed in the World?

The diversity of our human race is often mind-boggling. We're roughly split 50/50 between the sexes, but what percentage of the world's population are children? What percentage lives in Asia? What's the breakdown of college vs. non-college educated?

So, what would the world look like demographically if 100 people accounted for the entire human race?

There would be 26 children and 74 adults. Of the 100, 60 would be Asian, 15 African, 11 European, 9 South American, and only 5 North American.

For example, if the world had only 100 people, only seven would have a college degree, 30 would have Internet access and 25 would not own phones.

Preamble of Indian Constitution

Just on the eve of celebrating yet another Republic Day festivity it is nice to take a glimpse of the Preamble of Indian Constitution.

WE, THE PEOPLE OF INDIA, having solemnly resolved to constitute India into a 1[SOVEREIGN SOCIALIST SECULAR DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC] and to secure to all its citizens: JUSTICE, social, economic and political; LIBERTY of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship; EQUALITY of status and of opportunity; and to promote among them all FRATERNITY assuring the dignity of the individual and the 2[unity and integrity of the Nation]; IN OUR CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY this twenty-sixth day of November, 1949, do HEREBY ADOPT, ENACT AND GIVE TO OURSELVES THIS CONSTITUTION.

Magna Carta of Indian Republic

It is the Magna Carta of Pax Indiana of Peace and Good Will signed by Statesmen and Stateswomen of the Constituent Assembly to celebrate the First Republic Day Celebrations on 26th January, 1950. After Seventy years of Republic governance as per the Indian Constitution preamble – it prudent to ask the question: Is our Republic governance as per accordance Socialist, Secular, Democratic and Republic principle in toto or fractured somewhere in the passage of time. Indian populace is governed during the last seventy by different party ideologies: rightist, leftist, centrist and caste populist etc. These Ideologies



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may have reservation on the preamble of the constitution. Some want to change it totally for new Constitution and others have amended the articles of constitution for 103 times. It is world Record for any country to amend constitution for hundred times and more. Just a reference to the amendments to the US Constitutions for last 200 years is Just 33 in number. These 33 constitutional amendments approved by Congress and sent to the states for ratification since 1789.

Uncodified Constitutions:

Many countries do not have one single official written constitution. An "uncodified constitution" is a constitution made up of rules that are found from various documents in the absence of a single document or written constitution. The documents used as references may include commentaries by judiciary and legal experts. The uncodified constitution is sometimes referred to as "unwritten constitution" although this not not entirely accurate as its elements are written down in several official documents. Under the uncodified constitution, new conditions and situations of government are resolved by precedent or passing legislation. There are five countries in the world and they have uncodified

constitution. And they are Israel, New Zealand, Saudi Arabia, United Kingdom and Canada

During the last seventy years of Republic governance – the nation has seen more politicians and than statesmen of high moral calibre. Statesmen dream of next generation, but the every politician thinks of the next election. Republic governance based on caste, creed, class and ideology is suicidal for a Country like India in the long run. Neither it helps for vibrant India of yester years nor does it help for better India of tomorrow. Preamble of the Indian Constitution is the best that can offer to Mother India. It is the reflection of multi-cultural, multi-linguistic, multi-racial, multi-religious ethos of the whole populace of Asian Sub-continent. Any loud talk of changing the Constitution is a deathknell to Indian Parliamentary Republic governance. Indian Republic ought to be governed by all people of the country – and not by the upper caste majority tribes of the Society. Ideology sometimes are defined and elucidated as per sectarian interest and motives for limited gains. Any ideology that questions and threatens the survival of the weaker sections of the society is detrimental to the progress of the society.

Republic Governance with Pax et Bonum

Celebrating the Republic Day of the Country is the opportune time to reconsider some of the wrong steps taken in recent past that really makes a few Indians alien to their own culture and Indian ethos. One becomes Indian by the indwelling of the Indian Soul within. Inner Nationalism comes before Outer Nationalism. Without the Indian Soul our External Nationalism is hollow and pharisaic in Intent. Republic day celebration is more meaningful when all Indians beyond caste, creed, class and ideology can shout aloud: Mera Bharat Mahan. When all the have nots of India can rightly claim needed Roti, Kapda, Makhana for their secure survival then our Republic governance would shine all the more for the World to see. This is Essence of Republic governance with Pax et bonum.

Inspiration!

Small ways you can bring joy to the world today

SINCE YOU GET more joy out of giving joy to others, you should put a good deal of thought into the happiness that you are able to give. If you strive to live an unselfish lifestyle, you should spend a significant portion of your time committed to the well being of others. There are many simple ways to bring joy to others and to the world. Doing things to make other people happy is a selfless act. You could choose to do this for many people in your life, including your partner, family members, friends, coworkers and neighbours. If you want to brighten someone else's day today, try one of these ways to bring joy to others

Do you know that the word 'joy' appears more than 150 times in the Bible. There are over two dozen scriptures dedicated to the power and importance it has in our lives, yet when it comes to truly defining and implementing joy, we're left a bit on our own. While happiness is defined simply as a state of being, joy is something much more. It's a feeling that stays with us, that emanates from our being, not dependent on certain circumstances or our current moods. But how do we find joy in our life and more importantly, how do we share that joy with others? Whether they're your closest family or a complete stranger, there are lots of simple ways to bring joy to others every single day. Here are few of the easiest and simplest tips for arming yourself with joy and spreading it to those around you.

Smile at the people you see :

A recent study found that smiling can

increase our happiness level and make us more productive but the grin must be genuine. Start in your own home, smile at your roommate, your spouse and your kids. Allow your eyes to light up, your smile to show. Look each person in the eyes. Remember that you're beaming the joy and reflecting the delight of your heart to others.

Spend time with others :

One of the best ways to bring joy to others spend time with them. This is a very unselfish thing to do. It requires that you give something else up to accomplish this. It may or may not feel like a sacrifice to you. Either way, it is something they will be grateful for.

Bake some goodies :

Is there anyone that doesn't love home baked goodies? Nothing says that you care and want to spread some cheer like something home-made. Cookies, cakes, pies and more all send this message loud and clear. Any kind of home baked goodie is wonderful but it is even better if you know what their favourites are. That makes it extra special.

Be someone's encourager :

We all feel discouraged at times. If someone you care about is going through a difficult time, be their encourager. Be there for them. Encourage them and tell them you believe in them. It is very powerful when someone believes in you, especially if it comes at a time you don't particularly believe in yourself.

Radiate grace :

When you see a coworker spouse or child make a mistake, do something clumsy or break something valuable, rather than becoming angry, bring

levity to the situation with laughter and compassion. Help them clean up the mess with a big smile and verbally affirm the person's value and worth.

Write a kind note :

If you need a fresh infusion of joy, then bless someone else. Grab a notecard and start jotting down all the things you appreciate about someone. Feel the gratitude well up in your heart. Then, pop that notecard in the mail and spread the joy.

Be kind online :

The internet in particular can be an especially joyless place. Instead, make an effort to be kind online, and share joyful, inspiring messages with your followers. Avoid negative comments and posts and choose to flood friends feeds with positivity in the world.

Help someone out :

Whether it's your best friend, your neighbour or a total stranger bring others joy by helping them out. Ask how you can help improve their day; or, look for ways they might need help but don't feel comfortably support others in need.

Donate a gift :

Finally, if you have the means, consider donating a financial gift to a non-profit organisation that's important to you. Financial gifts make a genuine difference for others who need valuable services, so you can be confident that your gift brings joys to those around you.

PLACE AN EXCLAMATION ON TODAY!

Pause for a moment and consider what simple acts you can do to make today special for you and those whom you love. Pick wildflowers or gather some fresh tree branches and place them in a vase. Light a few candles, pull out the white decoration lights and hang them around your living room. Set out the fancy dishes, wear your favourite shirt. God has placed the exclamation point of His love on your life. Do something to reflect that exclamation point of loving Him back by celebrating this day He has made!

Why Science Cannot Disprove God

Dear fellow writers:

I have now almost completed the manuscript of WHY SCIENCE CANNOT DISPROVE GOD and on the advice of Dr. Michael Lobo, I am glad to share the synopsis with you and perhaps even more. I am listing the chapter titles, as part of this posting, so that if any of you would like to glean through a specific chapter, you may ask that the chapter be sent to your Inbox directly. The convergence or investigation of and an enquiry into critical issues, anyway, may have been one of Dr. Lobo's objectives when he set up the forum.

I really would be keen to hear from those to whom this title appeals and from those who perhaps have contributed to research and inquiries on the subject

Why Science Cannot Disprove God

A Synopsis

(Contd.. from p. 12)

anced diet rich in fresh vegetables and fruit of all types (colours of the 'rainbow') may go a long way. With major advances in cancer research, there is great hope of an effective cure in the future.

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The book is a riposte to titles by twentieth century atheists Richard Dawkins, Christopher Hitchens and others that have caused a steadily growing "miseducation" of what science has so far determined about the origins of the universe and of life. Since the release of their books, namely The God Delusion and God is Not Great, eminent scientists like Gerald Schroeder and Francis Collins have made compelling arguments about the mysteries of the universe that science cannot unravel and the fact that the Big Bang theory, in fact, cries out for a divine explanation.

Why Science Cannot Disprove God seeks to bring together all of these conversations to one table, open a new window and insight into the God that eludes scientific investigation and present His wonder through the mystical encounter that has mystified billions of people from ordinary Joes to Einstein, from mystics of the calibre of Thomas Merton to cosmologist and Templeton prize winner, Martin Rees.

It is also a response to arguments from atheists that denigrate religion as evil – flagging it as the opiate of the people, the poison that has wrecked the world, provoked by Biblical prophesy. The book acknowledges the

harm done in the name of religion but also seeks to answer those questions: "Where was God on 9/11" and "Why does a loving God allow death and suffering." It also rivets the ear to the destruction and evil wrought by man's abuse of free will and rigorously defends the moral law.

The book presents opposing views, citing insights from the last century's eminent scientists, Charles Darwin, Einstein and Sagan, later Fred Hoyle and J. Arthur Thompson, philosophers including Bertrand Russell, mystics of the class of Thomas Merton, theologians Billy Graham, John Cornwell and eminent men of letters C. S. Lewis and agnostics like Kurt Vonnegut.

It takes the view that if science cannot disprove God, it's probably because it's looking for God in the wrong place.

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

Ask **St. Clare** for three favours two impossible and say nine Hail Mary's and the above prayer for 9 days with a lighted candle and publish on the 9th day your

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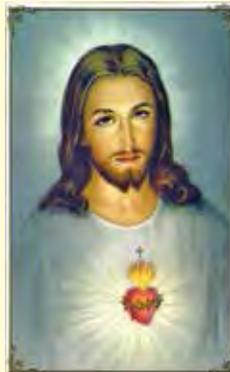


India's first low-cost solar powered driverless bus



Students of various departments of Punjab's Lovely Professional University (LPU) have designed and built a driverless solar-powered bus. Over 300 students from multiple academic fields like mechanical, electrical and computer engineering collaborated under the guidance of LPU professors and experts to design and fabricate the vehicle. The fabrication is being done at the LPU Projects Studio where R&D and product commercialisation also takes place. Students have used a technology called Vehicle-to-Vehicle (V2V) communication to make the bus driverless. The technology works by using wireless signals detected through ultra-sonic and infrared sensors. The bus has a maximum speed of 30 kmph and can seat 10-30 people, depending on the seat arrangement. The bus uses GPS and Bluetooth for navigation and can be controlled within a radius of 10 metres.

Prayer & Thanksgiving Prayer to the Sacred Heart



Oh Lord Jesus Christ, to Your most Sacred Heart I confide this intention (your request). Only look upon me, then do what your love inspires. Let your Sacred Heart decide ... I count on You ... I trust in You ... I throw myself on your mercy. Lord Jesus, You will not fail me.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in you.
Sacred Heart of Jesus, I believe in your love for me.
Sacred Heart of Jesus, Your kingdom come.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I have asked you for many favours, but I earnestly implore this one. Take it, place it in your open Heart. When the Eternal Father looks upon it, he will see it covered with your Precious Blood. It will be no longer my prayer, but yours, Jesus. Sacred Heart of Jesus. I place all my trust in You, Let me not be disappointed. Amen.

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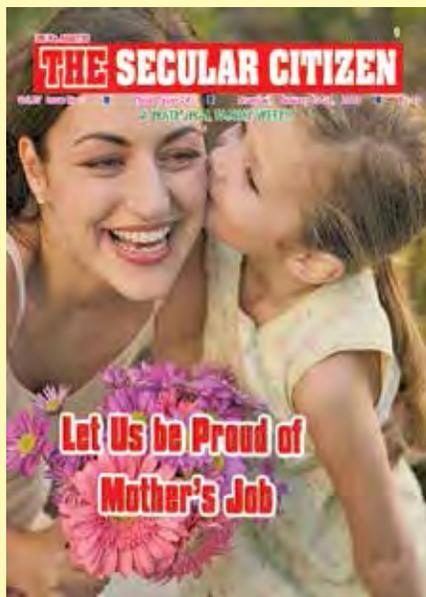
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