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Happy
New Year
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Leaders of the Society prayed for the Innocent Children in Pakistan

Ekta-Shanti Milan 2014, organized by St. Joseph's church, as part of Christmas celebration, a meeting of all people of Good-Will to share the love and fellowship irrespective of Caste, Creed, Religion, Colour, Gender and Age. This meeting was held on 25th December, 2014 to celebrate the unity and peace. The guests included all Social, Political, Civil & Religious leaders across Airoli. Mar Thomas Elavanal, Bishop of Kalyan presided over the meeting & Sandeep Ganesh Naik, MLA Airoli constituency was the chief Guest. Corporators of Airoli Manohar Krishna Madhvi, Mrs. Vinaya Manohar Madhvi, Mrs. Hemanki Ankush Sonawane, Tatyati,



Sudhakar Sonawane, Ashok Patil, Surekha Thai Patil, Sitaram Madhavi, Sudhakar Sonawane; representative from Civil and religious institutions GorakGojare -Sr. Police Inspector, Rabale; R. C. Pillai, Kairali President; T. Haridas, Vishwa Karma Samajam President; Pavithran, Sree Narayana Mandira Samithi Secretary; Anup Singh, Gurudwara Secretary; Luois, YMCA President; Sayed Alawaddin Masjid Airoli; Rev. Sr. Meera, Mother Superior, PremDaan Convent, Airoli. Chandrakant Desai, Ganesh Mandir Trustee, Jay Prakash, SNDF Secretary, were the other guests of honour.

Rev. Dr. Francis Elvathingal, Parish Priest, St. Joseph's Church Airoli, shared that the people feel united in hearts and enjoy the real joy and peace as the objective of *Ekta-Shanti Milan*. Rev. Fr. Paul Painedath MST led the *Ekta-Shanti Milan* messages in Marathi and all the speakers emphasised that every human person has a bit of God's nature. The great human values we live today are Love, Peace, Joy, Hope, Harmony, etc. and all of them we receive from God. But because of the selfishness of Human person, often the plan of God for man is defeated. The occasions of such meetings remind us God's plan for us and how we have to live our life as God want us to live.

The programme included a prayer with lit candle for the innocent children of **Peshawar** Pakistan and all the people killed by the terrorists. By the pledge recited by the Bishop Mar Thomas Elavanal, the Airolians promised to share the love and fellowship regardless of caste, colour, creed & religion and to do everything possible for the peaceful co-existence of all the people and to have respect for all religions with the spirit of



tolerance and communal harmony which will ensure the unity, peace fellowship.

As part of Christmas celebrations, there was Carol Singing in English, Hindi and Malayalam by St. Joseph's Church, Airoli and St. Paul's Marthoma Church, Vashi. Mr. Sandeep Ganesh Naik, MLA along with three Children cut the cake and shared the joy of Christmas. As a remembrance of *Ekta-Shanti Milan* 2014 memento were distributed to all the dignitaries As a tradition of gifting a drawing of 40 Christmas gift coupons for the public was organised.

Fr. Sinto Chalissery, the former parish priest & Fr. Sony Thekkekara, were also present. Mr. George Manachery and E. O. Polson the trustees, St. Joseph's Church, welcomed and proposed the vote of thanks respectively.

To add colour to this function, we had prepared a Mega Crib, Spread across 1500 Sq. feet: the largest in Navi-Mumbai. This crib depicts the scenario of the city of Bethlehem at the time of the birth of Jesus Christ, about 2000 years ago; along with the manger, deserts, waterfalls, bonfire, Palace of King Herod, Jerusalem Temple, snow-covered mountains etc. Apart from these, the modern tradition including the Christmas tree, Santa Clause, gifts, snowman etc. are also symbolized with the crib.

We were honoured and privileged to have a huge crowd of 600 people for the meeting and thousands of Airolians and Navi-Mumbaikars received the blessings and photographed the artistic depiction of the birth place which happened 2000 years ago.

—Fr. Francis Elvathingal
Parish Priest, St. Joseph's
Church, Airoli

Thought for the week

Looking back again at 2014, what would you like to thank God for as you move toward 2015? Take sometime to pray for what you want your priorities to be in 2015

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From Peshawar To Bethlehem

Writers are seldom at a loss for words. Post Peshawar 16/12 I was shell shocked, and am still struggling to piece together my thoughts. No words suffice to condemn this carnage, described by some as beastly or insane. I beg to differ, because this is not animal behaviour, nor were the perpetrators of this crime against humanity insane. They were as highly focused as the SS Nazi troops of Hitler, who exterminated millions of Jews during World War II.

Most perpetrators of genocide justify their acts under some ideology or other, especially when they perceive somebody else as the "other". So they are not insane, nor their actions inane. They are so strongly motivated, brainwashed if you like, that they are actually inured to the "other's" pain, and even their own impending suicidal death. Religious fundamentalists, under the pretext of "Islam" are killing indiscriminately in Iraq, Syria, Nigeria, and Kenya; and most recently in Australia and now Peshawar. Be it the ISIS, LeT, Boko Haram or the Taliban, they all have a common denominator – to decimate the "other".

History is replete with religious wars in the name of crusades, jihad, dharmayudhs etc, in which the perpetrators justify their actions. I am no one to judge the past, or see things out of context; but such actions have absolutely no place in our modern world; where there are ample opportunities for dialogue and dispute resolution with the support of information technology and international arbitration.

Since Peshawar happened just a week before Christmas my thoughts flew to Bethlehem, the place of Jesus' birth, which we are now commemorating. At that time the angels heralded "Glory to God in the highest and peace to people on earth". This touching nativity scene, popularized in Christmas cards, cribs, carols and tableaux, was rudely shattered shortly thereafter. The reigning Jewish king, Herod, perceived a threat to his hegemony. Who was this "other", this pretender to the throne? The king would brook no challenge. The challenger had to be eliminated immediately.

The Bible recounts the subsequent horrific act of infanticide. "Herod was furious on realizing that he had been fooled by the wise men, and in Bethlehem and its surrounding district he had all the male children killed, who were two years old or less, reckoning by the date he had been careful to ask the wise men. Then were fulfilled the words spoken through the Prophet Jeremiah" (Lk 2:16-



BY CHHOTEBHAI

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Turning Over A New Leaf !

TURNING OVER A NEW LEAF ! Yes it's a New Year, and so everybody thinks it's time now to make a new beginning. The New Year is a good time **to make the same old resolutions** – of becoming a good guy, to stop drinking, or smoking, or going to office on time,..... a whole lot of things we can think of. *Good thoughts, but whatever happens to all those resolutions when it comes to the crux ? All is forgotten and we are back to our old usual selves.*

One point that hits the mind – why is it that we wait until the last day of the year or for the First day of the New Year in order to make a resolution for change ? Or like, people express their love for others on Valentine Day – why not on other days ? Something to think about !

Normally, we make all sorts of resolutions for ourselves, and there may be times when we have succeeded – *we may have turned over a new leaf.* That's good, but have we ever thought of taking it forward from there, influencing others to make a change – a change for the better of course, help them to turn over a new leaf ? What are we waiting for ? Are we waiting for the First day of the year to do that ? Or are we just happy and contented with our own achievement ?

Well, read this one – I have been traveling for the past many years to my office in the Central suburbs and over the years I have witnessed a people crossing the tracks to get to the other side of the station; a number of people have been killed in the process. The Railways have done and are still doing their bit to stop crossing on the railway tracks. And I thought to myself, on my part, what could I do, to prevent such tragedies ? Could I be of some help ? And so, when I would see a person crossing

the tracks, I would ask them, *“you cross the railway tracks everyday ?”* And he would say, *“yes I cross the tracks everyday”* to which I would respond, **“Then, consider TODAY AS YOUR BONUS DAY !”** and walk ahead. Many of them would seem startled by my comment, but utter a ‘feeble’ sorry. There was one particular young man to whom I said these words and I walked ahead, expecting either a ‘sorry’ or nothing at

Make 2015 Best Year Ever

Life on earth is always changing; nothing stays the same. Some thing is always dying, but something is always being born. Our job is to remain open and receptive to where God is guiding us to go and what God is guiding us to do. As we enter this New Year, ask yourself: “Have I listened to God? Have I been true to my goals and to myself? What gifts and awakenings did I receive that I did not plan on? How have I been challenged, and have I found a way to turn my challenges into blessings?” Greet this New Year with a sense of joyful anticipation. No matter what has happened this past year, you have the power to create this coming New Year as you choose. You are not the same person you were last year – thank goodness! You are wiser and richer for your experiences. You have the opportunity to take this New Year and make it unlike any you have lived before. Devote this New Year to gratitude, blessing, and celebration. Claim this year will be the best one ever. Count your blessings and celebrate your accomplishments. Reflect upon your dreams, intentions, and values for the New Year. Determine that 2015 will be the best year ever!



BY MELVILLE X. D'SOUZA

all. To my utter surprise however, he came up behind me and blurted out, **“uncle, sorry, I will not do this again”.** *That was not the last day of the year or the first day of the year, but he made a resolution at that very moment, never ever to cross the railway tracks. He had “TURNED OVER A NEW LEAF” – he got a New lease of Life, so to say !*

Would you like to read this one – A college youth at Malad station would stand at the edge of the platform waiting for a train and in the meanwhile, would just spit on the tracks. I went up to him and asked him, *“so, you go to college”*, to which he replied, “yes”. The next thing I asked him, “in college, do they teach you to spit like that ?” **He nodded his head and said, “sorry, I will not do this again.”** I did keep a check on him thereafter, **he had indeed “TURNED OVER A NEW LEAF !”** I later learnt that he was studying Dentistry.

So folks, there is no auspicious day or time for making a resolution for change. TURN OVER A NEW LEAF now, why wait for the Last day, or for the First day of the New Year. Tomorrow may be too late, perhaps there will be no Tomorrow, there will be no New Year ! But for the present, yes, A HAPPY & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL !!!

“Good Governance Is....!”

Good governance is
the courage to protect the sanctity of the Constitution
not doing or permitting anything towards its destruction

Good governance is
about the rights and freedom of every citizen
not treating some particular people as alien

Good governance is
the honesty to mainstream ‘satyameva jayate’
not indulging in lies and myths extremely petty

Good governance is
about authenticity and transparency
not about hype and false vibrancy

Good governance is
preserving our environment and fragile bio-diversity
not to be destroyed by the likes of Ambani and Adani

Good governance is
about development with a genuine human face
not terror, plunder and loot which is often the case

Good governance is
owning responsibility for those killed in the Gujarat Carnage
with exemplary punishment for those who went on rampage

Good governance is
always taking a stand for what is non-violent, just and right,
not crushing human rights defenders with all your might

Good governance is
reaching out to the country’s marginalised and poor
rather than making the powerful and rich your core

Good governance is
ensuring that all freely practise and propagate their faith
not subscribing to a fundamentalist and fascist bait

Good governance is
about meaningful and participative democracy
not about dictatorship and controlling authority

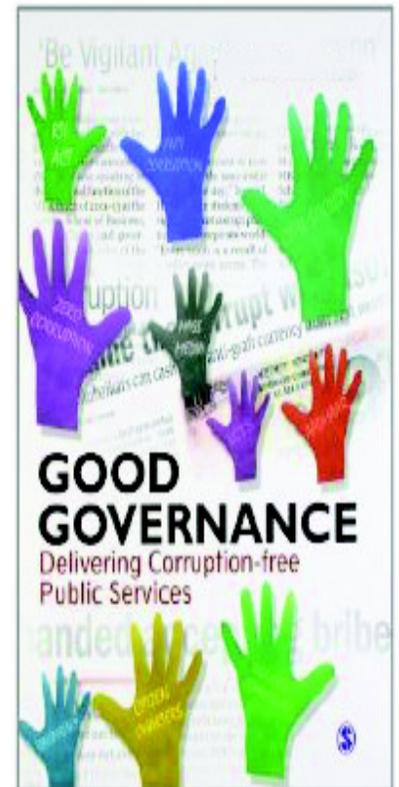
Good governance is
celebrating the birth of Jesus on Christmas day
and his message of peace, love, hope and joy

Good governance is
to be observed on December 25th for sure
but what happens to the other days of the year?

(*Fr. Cedric Prakash SJ is the Director of PRASHANT, the Ahmedabad-based Jesuit Centre for Human Rights, Justice and Peace)



BY FR. CEDRIC PRAKASH
SJ



Bel-Air Hospital receives the Times of India Health Care Achievers Award 2014



We are extremely glad to inform you that Bel-Air Hospital has been awarded the Times of India Health Care Achievers Award 2014 in the category of "Innovation in managing long term condition". Healthcare Achievers Awards 2014, an initiative by The Times of India and New India Assurance Co. is to celebrate achievements and recognize

those healthcare providers who have raised the bar in healthcare with their dynamic spirit and innovative outlook. These awards are aimed to be the most prestigious and credible Healthcare Awards in India. Mrs. Homai N. Modi and Fr. Tomy received the award from Mr. Ram Vilas Paswan the Union Cabinet Minister in a function held in Hotel SHANGRI-LA'S EROS, New Delhi, on 11th December 2014.

Bel-Air has been selected to receive the National Award from a list of 150 hospitals across India which were shortlisted for excellence in innovation. The other hospitals were top corporate hospitals like Apollo hospitals Kolkata and Chennai, Fortis Hospitals, Delhi, Hinduja Hospital, Mumbai, Ruby Hall Clinic Pune, St. Johns Bangalore, Escorts Hospital Delhi, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, (AIIMS) Delhi,

NIMHANS Hospital Bangalore etc. These hospitals also received awards for various categories for being the best in eight metropolitan cities in India. We are really proud that our hospital situated in a rural part of India working in very resource limited settings could achieve the top owners under the same parameters set for the corporate hospitals in metropolitan cities. We are excited that our focus on patients comfort and emotional and physical well being has received national recognition.

Bel-Air College of Nursing along with UIC have received a grant of 190000 US dollars from the United States India Educational Foundation (USIEF) under a joint program of the President of US and the Prime Minister of India to promote research collaboration between institutes of Higher learning in India and USA. It is the first time that a nursing college in India is receiving a US government grant for collaboration with an American University.

Bel-Air hospital established in 1912 was the most famous TB Sanatorium in India. From 1964 management of the hospital was transferred to Indian Red Cross Society, Maharashtra State Branch. But it had an unfortunate decline to the verge of a closure. In 1994 Missionary Congregation of Blessed Sacrament (MCBS) took up the administration of the hospital under the leadership of Fr. Tomy Kariyilakulam MCBS and embarked upon a project of re-vamping and modernizing the hospital. Now history has reached a full circle by Bel-Air being nominated the top hospital in the country.

—Fr. Jipson K.C.
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December 25 No Angst , Please

The day is celebrated the world over by Christians and non- Christians alike as the birthday of Jesus Christ, the Founder of Christianity. In very many countries, it is a holy day as well as a holiday. The news reports that the NDA II government has decided to celebrate this day, which happens to also be the birthday of NDA I PM Atal Behari Vajpayee as Good Governance Day, should not upset anyone in the least. Gandhiji`s birth anniversary was recently observed as Swachh Bharat Din. Similarly, Christians observe the birthday of Jesus` mother Mary - Sep. 8 - as the Day of the Girl Child. These only serve to enhance celebrations and add reverence/value to the occasion, rather than dishonour the worthies, concerned.

The Opposition parties` disrupting the proceedings in Parliament over these non-issues is nothing short of a criminal waste of people`s money and precious time. They seem to be united in a common one point agenda: to ensure, in a desperate bid for relevance, that the Government of the day is prevented from functioning and fulfilling



its promises to the people .This must be roundly condemned by all Indians who have the nation`s interests, at heart.

—Bernie Tellis

sleep hungry and education and health care will be the main criteria to build our nation into a great India and unemployment, fanaticism and poverty will be rooted out from the nation and every Indian will live in love and brotherhood.

Let's all join hands and together work to make our nation into a greater India. Let us together work against the negative sources of the nation that is dividing and breaking the nation like unemployment, fanaticism, terrorism, illiteracy, poverty and together build a India a greater country.

Let us prove that there is no need of any political party or politician to make our nation into a greater India but by our sincere efforts and active participation and involvement work to build India into a great India â•“ country of love and unity.

—Cajetan Peter D'Souza

Let's Build A Greater India

I join in the mission of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his team to make India a greater nation, where every citizen of India will live with pride and dignity and no person will go to

Animals in Heaven?

The recent statement by Pope Francis while trying to console a young boy who was grieving over the loss of his pet dog that “ Paradise is open to all of God`s creatures” has raised many an eyebrow even as the Holy Father has endeared himself to animal lovers and confirmed what a few pet owners have believed and proudly announced in the ‘pet obituary’ of prominent newspapers that their pet has left for his/ her heavenly abode. While there is nothing wrong with such outpourings of grief and sentiment over the irretrievable loss of a family pet , what is blasphemous is the conferring of sainthood on the pet by some. Not long ago , it was shocking to hear the views of a Catholic theologian who stated that “ it is not known for sure whether or not there are animals in heaven . However, when the day of resurrection comes , besides the resurrected bodies, we will all be part of a resurrected universe, which is reasonable to believe that there may animals in heaven” Such views are often misleading and do not form part of the church`s official doctrine and teaching, and often cause confusion in the minds of the faithful.

—A. F. Nazareth,
Alto Porvorim

Thanksgiving



Thanks to Holy Spirit, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Mother Mary and St. Jude for favours granted.

—M. Fernandes, Malad

Save Environment Day At Panvel

God has given us the Mother Earth freely to be used in a proper way. Since it has given by God freely, we take it for granted and consciously or unconsciously we misuse it. As a result, we are facing the effects of Climate change.

To make aware of this situation, on the 14th December 2014 the Green Earth Movement (GEM) team of St Francis Xavier Church at Panvel organized a Save Environment Day. A Walk for Environment Rally participated by about 250 parishioners and other likeminded persons on this occasion was held. This rally was flagged off by Panvel Municipal Council (PMC) president Mrs Charusheela Gharat at 4.15 pm, from the PMC grounds. The participants carried placards and banners, shouting slogans educating people on the importance of SWACHH BHARAT



ABHIYAN propagated by Prime Minister. The rally culminated at the auditorium of the church, where other cultural programmes were held to highlighting the need for cleanliness and controlling pollution.

The evening started with a prayer dance followed by other stage programmes highlighting the need for better protection of the environment. Besides stage programme like dances, skits etc, the winners were given prizes for those who had taken part in various environment awareness contests like

quiz, essay writing, slogan contest, poem etc . Father Felix Rebello, Parish Priest, St Francis Xavier Church, Panvel who also is the Editor of GEM (Green Earth Movement) E-NEWSLETTER, and other dignitaries including Mr Gordan D'Souza, President of Bombay Catholic Sabha (BCS) and Mr Savio Joseph P.R.O. the Church in the City who are also actively involved in the civic and environmental issues addressed the gathering impressing upon everyone the need to be alert on these issues. Instead of usual flower bouquet, the dignitaries were felicitated by giving a sapling, to be planted for making the surrounding greener.

The programme ended with a vote of thanks by Louis Colaco, the local coordinator of BCS and a pledge led by Fr Felix Rebello to work for a cleaner and greener Panvel and cleaner and greener India. All members took part in this pledge based on the example set by our Prime Minister Narendra Modi. National Anthem concluded the function.

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Jeremiah had prophesied about 700 years earlier: "A voice is heard in Ramah, lamenting and weeping bitterly: it is Rachel weeping for her children, because they are no more" (Jer 31:15). Rachel was the grand daughter-in-law of Abraham, considered the patriarch of the Jews, Christians and Muslims. Ramah is in the vicinity of Jerusalem and Bethlehem. This genocide occurred during the Babylonian Captivity of the Israelites in what is modern day Iraq.

The first case of infanticide recorded in the Bible was several centuries earlier when the Israelites were in Egypt. Feeling threatened by the increasing number and economic clout of the Israelites in his territory, Pharaoh issued this diktat, "Throw every newborn boy into the river, but let all the girls live" (Ex 1:22).

God then sends Moses to reason with Pharaoh, to let the Israelites return to the land of their forefathers. But Pharaoh digs in his heels; so God sends ten plagues, in ascending order of intensity. Pharaoh doesn't budge. Moses again goes to Pharaoh to warn him of the impending tenth plague. God said through Moses, "At midnight I shall pass through Egypt, and all the first-born in Egypt will die, from the first-born of Pharaoh, heir to his throne, to the first-born of the slave-girl at the mill, and all the first-born of the livestock. And throughout Egypt there will be great wailing, such as never before, nor will be again" (Ex 11:4-6). These scenes were immortalized in the epic movie "The Ten Commandments", with the parting of the Red Sea, and the free passage of the Israelites, led by Moses.

It was Moses who gave the thumb rule "an eye for an eye", oft referred to as the Mosaic Law. This is well documented in the Book of Exodus quoted above. It is significant that the three major Semitic religions – Judaism, Christianity and Islam venerate Abraham, Moses and the first five books

of the Holy Bible. The Jews refer to it as the Torah, the Muslims as the Toret and Christian scholars as the Pentateuch (Greek for five books).

The question that arises is, should we continue with the Mosaic Law of tit for tat? Here is where the heraldic tidings of Bethlehem come – Peace, not war or revenge. It is for this reason that Jesus is referred to as the Prince of Peace. Even in his farewell discourse to his disciples he said, "My peace I give to you, the peace that the world can't give".

This Christmas after we have finished with the fun and frolic of cakes and carols, let us get back to the real task of promoting peace in the New Year. A good beginning would be to recognize the "other" as a brother or sister, and not as a threat. Let us all collectively strive for peace. That indeed should be the last word, not the loss of words. Peace – Shanti – Sa-laam!

* The writer is the President of the Kanpur Catholic Association.



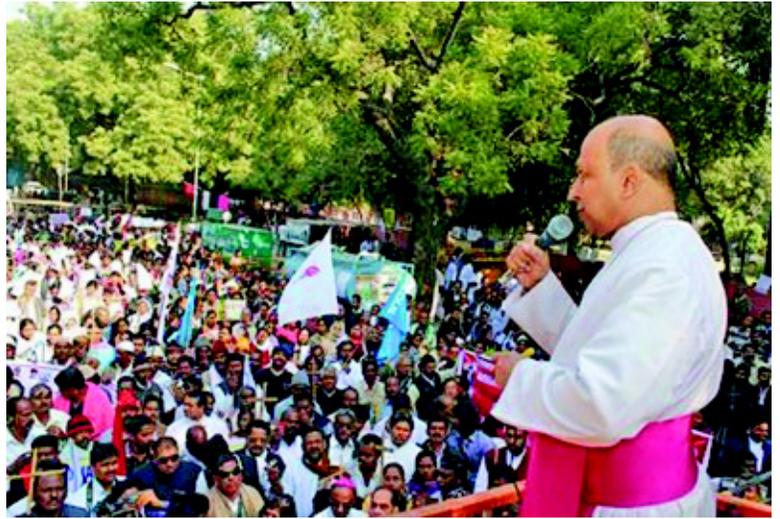
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Christians Celebrate Christmas With Heavy Heart In India



India: Bishops and Christian leaders India say they celebrate Christmas this year with "a heavy heart" because of the violence against Christians in various parts of the country.

The leaders of various denominations said in a statement in Delhi that attacks against their people have increased across the country, especially in the states of "Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh and now in the territory of the capital city Delhi."

Archbishop Anil Couto of Delhi signed the statement along with and other Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant Bishops and civil society leaders.

"The burning of Saint Sebastian's church in Delhi, as well as other incidents of targeted violence, show contempt not only towards the religious feelings of our community, but also for the protection guaranteed in the Constitution of India," the Christian leaders said.

They explained that these acts of violence are not isolated incidents, but part of a series of interconnected actions by various non-state actors. "Many politicians have called for national laws against conversion, measures that affect the Christian and Muslim communities, although not mentioned."

"The well organized campaign, also by

senior members of Parliament belonging to the ruling party, is a threat to peace and national harmony and calls into question the identity and patriotism of different religious minorities in India", discrediting and exposing them to further violence.

The statement said, "While the government won the election by presenting a platform of 'development and good governance', radical groups see their program of hatred and religious nationalism approved. It is a blatant attempt to sabotage the Indian Constitution, which guarantees freedom of every Indian citizen to profess, practice and propagate their religion."

The leaders noted that the measures, paradoxically called "Laws for religious freedom", in force in several Indian states, have been in fact limited and "have been used against minorities, giving police the power to disrupt, arrest and punish priests, religious and

church operators".

The Bishops have sent a memorandum to the government that lists various "representative episodes of hostility and discrimination suffered by Christians throughout India". They report cases of "social boycott" (some Christian missionaries are denied entry in over 50 villages in the region of Bastar in Chhattisgarh, and some Christian families in Orissa are not allowed to use the public well in the village); physical aggression in many states; desecration of religious buildings.

The statement concluded reminding that India's founders were committed to ensure that the rights of all are protected regardless of religion, gender or caste and hoping that a strong political will of civil and political institutions would stop this discrimination and targeted violence.

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Marriage Banns - an archaic concept?

The system of reading the Banns of an intended marriage to establish the 'free state' of the parties has been in vogue for centuries. Historically, Christian marriages were looked upon as 'Public Religious Acts' subject to ecclesiastical control. Sometime in the 2nd century, it was made obligatory to make known all proposed marriages to the Bishop. This practice continued till the 5th century when the parochial system came into force. The responsibility of checking the illicit / invalid marriages was shifted to the Parish Priests with inputs from reputable parishioners. It is believed that towards the end of the 12th century, the practice of reading the Banns started in France to check impediments of consanguinity, affinity and previous marriage.

In almost all the Parishes today, the Banns are read only at the Parish Mass and not at all the Masses. If the purpose of reading the Banns is to announce the same to as many parishioners as possible, it is only reasonable that all the Masses should be covered. The Parishioners are conscience bound to inform the Parish Priest should they know of any impediment. Confessors, lawyers, physicians and mid-wives are exempt from disclosing the impediment if it has come to their notice in the course of their professions. The system also provides for exemption for those who fear it would cause great detriment to themselves or their families. This is something that is difficult to comprehend.

Of course, there are other options available. The announcement can be put on the notice board but it is surprising that this is not done. Notice boards are filled with extraneous materials. It is all the more important when Banns are not read at all the Masses. Today almost every Church brings out a Parish Bulletin at least once a Month which generally reaches every home. It is difficult to believe that this option has not been exercised as yet. In fact this is the best mode that is likely to have the desired effect.

We are in the 21st century and the concept of reading the Banns seems to be out-dated. It will be interesting if the Church publishes data from 2001 onwards as to how many marriages have

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been aborted as a result of disclosure of impediments by those who are supposed to be duty bound. In the present system there are provisions, under certain conditions, to even grant exemption by getting sworn testimony by two persons known to the intending party. If this is not possible the intending party can take an oath with two witnesses to establish 'free state'. Despite this, many a couples are made to run from pillar to post putting undue mental stress and anxiety not only on the intending parties but also on their parents and other relatives. Sometimes Parish Priests cause hardships for the intending parties by not suggesting alternatives. In one known case, an issue which was hanging fire for weeks was settled by Archbishop's House within minutes. In this case the Parish Priest was not amused that the intended party approached the higher authority.

When provisions do exist, it makes no real sense to continue the system of actually reading the Banns and that too selectively only at the Parish Mass. Pope Francis is a very progressive and practical minded Pontiff and should take a call on this archaic tradition which has lost relevance in contemporary world. Incidentally, rules concerning marriage, annulment as well as those relating to other Sacraments are not followed universally but selectively which make a mockery of the system. Tolerance levels are high in Western countries. This also needs to be addressed.

Congress in Limbo

The outcome of the J & K as well as Jharkhand elections is a final 'shape-up call' for the Congress Party because they have received several 'wake up' calls earlier but they have preferred to adopt the ostrich like attitude. Actually, their approach reminds one of the three monkeys – Mikazu who sees no evil [problem], Mikazaru who hears nothing and Mazaru who speaks nothing. The leadership is unfazed with these huge set-backs.

The GOP of India – the Indian National Congress is a party with a history which dates back to the early part of the last century. It was nurtured by very tall Congress stalwarts selflessly over the



by Marshall Sequeira

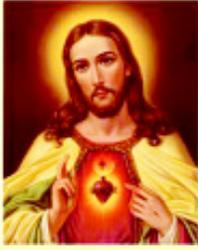
years till the rot started in the latter half the last century. The last real success the party tasted was under late Rajiv Gandhi [never mind if it was a sympathy vote] but after that it has seen downward slide. The Congress Party is now facing the prospect of being called a fringe party in the Indian polity. It no longer poses any threat even to the smallest party. Not a proud moment for a party which ruled for 60 odd years.

The party needs to introspect if it has the interest of the country at heart. India has moved ahead of family politics – the Abdullas in J & K are on their way out. The likes of Yadavs in UP may face similar fate in the next round. Even the Badals are not so well entrenched in the Punjab. Unfortunately, the young Gandhi scion does not think so. The Mama-Baba duo is determined to see the ultimate demise of the party which still has a good support thanks to Hindutwa agenda. It simply lacks a charismatic leadership. The party needs someone, like Biblical Moses who gave his people a new life, to revive the past glory.

The mother-son duo needs to take a break – a five year sabbatical. It is time someone else steps in. Priyanka Gandhi can lead the party. Someone like Jyotiraditya Scindia, 43 year old alumnus of Stanford Graduate School, can be projected as the new face of the party. With 12 years of legislative experience, he is charismatic with good speech delivery besides being articulate. If anyone can pull the party out of the malaise, it is this young and dynamic man with a cool head. He is forceful and has the ability to convince his opponents. He is respected across the political spectrum. He could be the game changer for the party. But will the Gandhis agree to create that space for him? Well, that is the moot point and an important one at that!

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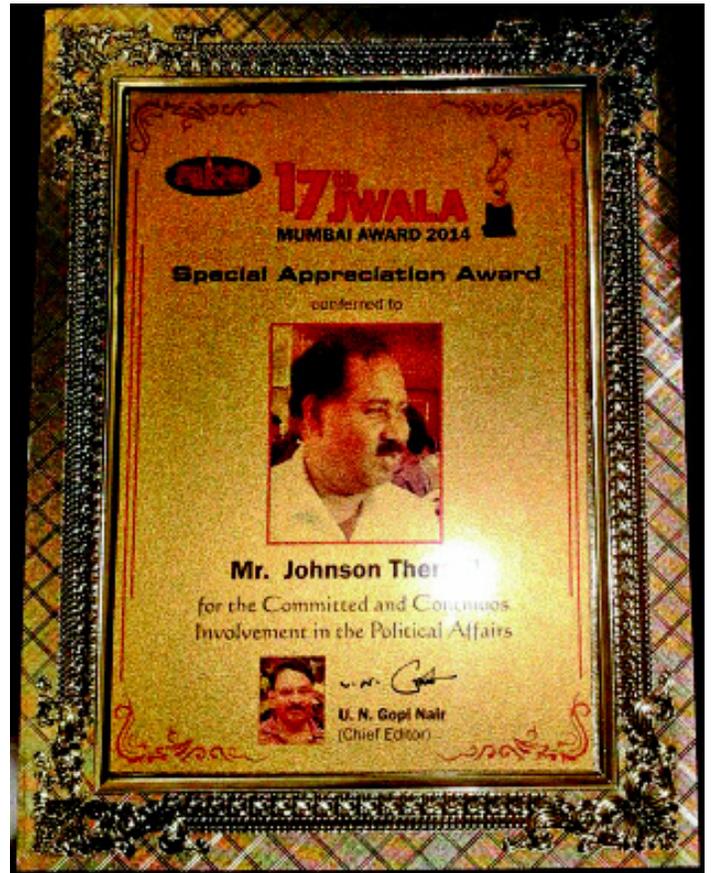


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Pope Creates 170th Diocese In India

Pope Francis Monday erected a Latin rite diocese in the Kanniyakumari diocese of Tamil Nadu and appointed a Salesian priest as its first bishop.

Fr. P. Jerome Dhas Varuvel will head Kuzhithurai diocese, which has been carved out of Kottar diocese in the southern extreme of mainland India.

This was announced in the Vatican and in India on Monday evening.

With this, India has 170 dioceses that belong to Latin, Syro-Malabar and Syro-Malankara Churches.

The new diocese, a saffragan of Madurai archdiocese, has more than 264,000 Catholics in 100 parishes and 123 mission stations spread across an area of 915 square kilometers.

The new diocese has 101 diocesan priests, 30 Religious priests, two Religious Brothers, 267 Religious Sisters, 73 seminarians, 18 trained catechists. It also has 116 educational institutions, 22 medical institutions, eight charitable institutions, one social service center, two technical production centers.

The cathedral of the new diocese will be the Church of the Most Holy Trinity at Thirithuvapuram, in Kuzhithurai city.

Bishop designate Varuvel is currently the novice master of Salesians at Yeallagiri Hills in Vellore diocese.

He was born October 21, 1951, at Paduvloor in Kottar diocese. He studied at Carmel Secondary School, Nagercoil and joined St. Aloysius Minor Seminary of Nagercoil after pre-degree course in 1968.

He completed a 3-year philosophy course at the Sacred Heart Seminary Poonamallee in 1973 and three years later joined the Salesians of Don Bosco congregation.

He took his first vows in 1978 and perpetual vows three years later. He went to Rome to study theology at the Salesian Pontifical University. St. John Paul II ordained him a priest in 1985. He belongs to the Salesian Province of Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

After his ordination he was appointed vice rector of the Salesian novitiate, Vellakinar, a post he held for four years from 1986. He was the rector of pre-novitiate until 1992.

He was the parish priest and rector of Madras-Mylapore Cathedral during 1996-2001.



*Bishop elect
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Students Of St. John College Of Engineering And Technology, Palghar Win Award

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Mumbai, Dec.26: The project entitled 'Alternate to Natural Sand' by Aakash V. Mehta, Viral R. Jain, Urvis K. Patel and Rajeev M. Panthai, Students of Civil Engineering (2013-14) of St. John College of Engineering and Technology, Palghar has been awarded the Innovative Student Projects Award by Indian National Academy of Engineering for the year 2014.

The Indian National Academy of Engineering (INAE, www.inae.in), established in 1987, is a 'Peer' body of some of the most distinguished engineers in India and abroad. The Academy instituted the Innovative Students Awards since 1998, to identify and recognize innovative and creative research projects undertaken by the students and scholars in the engineering institutions.

The project investigated an innovative substitute sourced from waste construction material to replace the fast depleting sources of natural sand so essential to the building industry. The team was mentored by Dr. V.V. N. Prabhakar Rao, Professor of Civil Engineering of the College. The Award comprised of a certificate and Rs. 10,000/- in cash to each team member of the selected project. The Awards were conferred during the Academy's Annual Convention that was held on 12th December, 2014 at Birla Institute of Scientific Research, Statue Circle, Jaipur.

—Rons Bantwal

Do You Live To Eat Or Eat To Live?

 **Capt. Mervin John Lobo**

This is a key question as the Holy Day Season quickly approaches: “Do you live to eat or eat to live?” If you eat to live then you are practicing the moral or cardinal virtue called “Temperance”. But if you live only to eat, Saint Paul calls this the god of the belly or classical spiritual theology term this as the Capital sin of Gluttony!

A concise and easy to remember definition of Gluttony is the following: “Gluttony is a disordered desire to eat and drink.” The key word is disordered! Indeed we must eat; otherwise we will die—this is common sense! However, the problem is in the disorder in the manner of eating!

Indeed there is a real epidemic of over-eating and gluttony. Articles have been written in the past years of obesity among so many in the country. There have also been articles written on the danger that obese children will incur in their near future!

High cholesterol, high blood-pressure, diabetes, possibility of heart attacks and strokes, intestinal problems and ulcers—are just a few of the negative side-effects of those who are living a gluttonous life-style. There is a saying that rings true: “There are more in the cemetery for gluttony than for wars!” We are digging our graves with our teeth.

Gluttony can manifest itself in a great variety of manners, but when all is said and done it is an eating disorder. What might be some ways that gluttony manifests itself? First of all simply over-

eating or eating too much! Others might fall in to gluttony by eating too quickly or voraciously! Still others might be gluttonous in the sense that they eat at any time and place and have no sense of order in their eating habits—they might be the perpetual nibblers, having as distant cousins the rabbits! Then there is the class of glutton that eats only what he wants, the food that he likes, the food that damages his health (in disobedience to his doctor), rather than eating the healthy food that he knows he should consume. This too is gluttony! Then there is the glutton who drinks too much—this too is gluttony, as well as the person addicted to drugs! In other words, the sin of gluttony is much more extensive that might meet the naked eye!

REASONS FOR GLUTTONY?

They are many! one of the primary reasons for gluttony is the simple availability of food and eating. Wherever you turn in any small, moderate or big city you are bombarded with Restaurants, all competing among themselves to get customers.

Then there is the “All you can eat buffet”. We all know what these places are and the temptation that comes with entering the door! The temptation is very simple! This “All you can eat buffet” gives you an incredible price: Wow!!! So what happens? Before you enter you promise that you will control your appetites! But then after finishing your 2nd huge plate, you reason: “Well I paid for it; why not go back and get my 3rd or 4th plate, even though after your 2nd you are already stuffed and your pants buckle have no further holes to adjust your bulging waist-line! Against reason and common sense you go to town! That very night and the following morning you regret having over-eaten.

Another reason for giving in to the sin of gluttony is what we might call the “Law of compensation” and it is this! When you are experiencing, what St. Ignatius calls a state of desolation—sadness, discouragement, tepidity, lack

of faith, hope and charity, and life seems to have no glimmer or meaning—that is the time when the devil will tempt you at your weak point. And your weak point might be simply this—to seek refuge in the pleasure of the palate and the place at the table or the raid of the Refrigerator! Give it whatever term you like!

In other words, explained theologically, the human heart has been made to be filled with God and indeed only God can fill our deepest yearnings. Saint Augustine in his Confessions coined the classic: “O Lord you have made our hearts for thee and our hearts are restless until they rest in thee.” In other words there is an empty hole in our hearts placed there by God Himself. If this empty hole is not filled by a love for God then it will be filled with another God and that can be as Saint Paul calls it “The god of the belly.” The Angelic Doctor, Saint Thomas Aquinas, gives it another twist. This superb Doctor of the Church points out that either we will fall in love with the true God or we will fall in love with the false god. And that false god can be one of many, but it could be the god of gluttony! In other words, it is idolatry. Put simply, if we put any person, place, thing, object or even idea above the One true God, then we have fallen into the sin of idolatry. Indeed how easy it is to take our eyes of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and to go after false gods. Never forget: our God is a jealous God and will take 2nd place to no person, place or thing. He is a jealous lover! In conclusion, if you have fallen into gluttony never become downhearted, discouraged, or lose hope! Our God is a patient, loving, kind, compassionate and merciful God. Indeed the Psalmist asserts: “Our God is slow to anger and rich in forgiveness.” Let us pray as the Holiday season approaches in which we give thanks to God for all His wonderful gifts, we rejoice at the Birth of Jesus the Lord and usher in the New

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Fabric Of A New Year Resolution

New Year resolutions have always been a part of the fabric of Christian life.



BY MELVYN BROWN

It makes sense that even the most delicate and difficult situation one encounters can be a good new year resolution to bring about change provided we are not afraid, or in doubt. A person can eloquently defend, protect, preserve and even prevent the forces of good from being demonized.

“Trust the Lord and sincerely worship him; think of all the tremendous things he has done for you”. 1 Sam.12:24. We all have dreams, talk about hope and how tough things are. At the same time we try to prevent the worst from happening by trying to take control.

There are no rules for complicated situations which might arise. But there is evidence in how, by asserting oneself to face the full realism can make a perceptible change through resolutions.

Fear often keeps the faithful in doubt about their resolves. Jesus said, “Don’t be afraid. Just trust me.” Mat. 5:36. A simple new year resolution without the phobia, but cautiously taken can lead to a measure of success in solving a crisis. In Charles Dickens’ Great Expectations, the lawyer Jaggers tells Pip, “Take nothing on its looks; take everything on evidence. There’s no better rule.”

Resolve this new year to forgive an enemy, to clarify hope in trust, to prevent evil, promote goodwill, understand problems on the domestic front, make sharp distinctions between opposing values among friends, to abandon bad habits, and to be a better person.

It’s worth noting that whatever resolution you make may not germinate instantly, it will first take root, sprout as some beans do after gentle watering and fearless attention to growth. The grim reality is that making a resolution is nerve-shattering and the fear of failing even worse. No one says it will be easy. It was not meant to be.

Come, let us try to enjoy a lifetime of happiness by collectively making a new year resolution; one resolve to blend with those of many others who wish to join in this single effort:

But first, let us circumvent the doubt and debate factor, by making sense of the resolution we are about to take on. The world has been clamoring for Peace since man moved out of the stone-age, perhaps earlier.

Peace is possible.

Start working for peace with children from the moment they enter ‘nursery’. Teach them civics at home, in prayers, at school and go on with it even when their visions and dreams begin to grow. Always harp on one subject, Civics, then human rights, respect for the old and infirm. Think about it... Let us begin from this year.

12 Foods That Prevent Wrinkles



We all look at ourselves in the mirror every now and then to check for wrinkles. There are plenty of superfoods that can help promote healthy and clear skin.

Although the aging process is inevitable, there are plenty of external factors that can cause the unwanted folds and creases from appearing on your face.

Most Common External Causes for Wrinkles:

- * Smoking
- * Sun Damage (which can lead to melanoma)
- * Straining Facial Expressions (such as smiling or frowning)
- * Dehydration
- * Exposure to UV Light
- * Stress
- * Lack of Sleep

12 Foods That Help Slow Down the Aging Process:

- 1) Tomatoes
- 2) Cold Water Fish –
- 3) Avocados
- 4) Green Tea
- 5) Honey
- 6) Pomegranate
- 7) Carrots
- 8) Yogurt and Kefir
- 9) Peaches
- 10) Nuts
- 11) Olive Oil
- 12) Blueberries

—Agnelo Rodrigues,
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Alwyn Patrao, Vice Chairman of the Bank and Raj F.Menezes, General Manager were present. Marian D'Cunha Branch Manager welcomed the gathering. Ullas Menezes proposed vote of thanks and Derril J. Lasrado compered the programme.

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Wise Man Found The Lord

Epiphany, celebrated on January 6 is one of the most important feasts of the Catholic Church in which we celebrate the 'Manifestation of Our Lord Jesus Christ' to the Gentiles through His manifestation to the three wise men --- Magi (Matthew Chapter 2, verses 1-12). Epiphany is also the last day of Christmas when the three wise men presented their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the infant Jesus and go separate ways.



BY JUBEL D'CRUZ

This episode from the Gospel of St. Matthew speaks about only three wise men who brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the baby Jesus. But there is an addition for this episode to give a specific message to Christians in the form of 'The Fourth Magi'.

When those three wise men travelled from the east under the guidance of the star, they met together and proceeded to meet the Messiah. The fourth wise man also joined them. While they were on their journey with their respective gifts, the fourth man stopped on the midway to assist a man who had been robbed and left half-dead by dacoits. The other three men did not wait for him but continued their journey, as it was already getting late.

When the fourth man finished dressing up the wounds of the victim by taking him to a nearby inn, it was already dawn and the star which guided them all through the night disappeared from the sky. Unfortunately, it did not appear or it was not visible due to a cloud cover on the following night and the night after that. Since the other three men had already crossed some distance, it was not a problem for them. The fourth wise man lost his way and he did not know what to do. But, he continued his journey hoping to find the Child Jesus in Bethlehem. As Jesus was taken to Egypt by then, for 33 long years he kept on searching for Him. He became naturally quite old and weary by then.

One day, he saw a huge crowd of people in Jerusalem and enquired what was going on and they replied, "Jesus of Nazareth is being put to death."

"Jesus!" the wise man was astonished to hear it and said, "It is for He whom I've been searching for all these years."

The wise man made his way through the large crowd of people and at last found that Jesus was hanging on the Cross in between two thieves. The wise man was in tears. "Lord," he said, "I've been searching for you all these years and now that I've found you, you have been nailed on the Cross."

"But you had already found me 33 years ago," said Jesus.

The wise man was confused! "How is it possible? I've been searching for you all these years and you say I've found you?"

"Didn't you stop in between your journey 33 years ago to help a man when he was cruelly beaten up by thieves and lying bruised by the roadside?" said Jesus.

The wise man then remembered the incident and was amazed! "Were you the same man, Lord," he asked.

"Yes," said Jesus. "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40).

The fourth wise man bowed his head in reverence and went back home with great joy in his heart for having found the Lord.

The Search of Love

Once upon a time, there was an island where all the feelings lived:

Happiness, Sadness, Knowledge, Ego and all of the others, including Love.

One day it was announced to the feelings that the island would sink,

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Year under the loving gaze of Mary Mother of God that we would practice the virtue of temperance. In sum, let us not live to eat but eat to live! And as such the glorify God in our mortal bodies which are destined for eternal glory!

Enjoy yourself with your family and friends but don't forget to invite Infant Jesus, Mary and St. Joseph to your celebrations, you will be ever blessed.

so all constructed boats and left. Except for Love. Love was the only one who stayed.

Love wanted to hold out until the last possible moment.

When the island had almost sunk, Love decided to ask for help. Richness was passing by Love in a grand boat. Love said, "Richness, can you take me with you?"

Richness answered, "No, I can't. There is a lot of gold and silver in my boat. There is no place here for you." Love decided to ask Vanity who was also passing by in a beautiful vessel. "Vanity, please help me!" "I can't help you, Love. You are all wet and might damage my boat," Vanity answered.

Sadness was close by, so Love asked, "Sadness, let me go with

you." "Oh . . . Love, I am so sad that I need to be by myself!" Happiness passed by Love, too, but she was so happy that she did not even hear when Love called her.

Like: Suddenly, there was a voice, "Come, Love, I will take you." It was an elder. So blessed and overjoyed, Love even forgot to ask the elder where they were going. When they arrived at dry land, the elder went her own way. Realizing how much was owed to the elder, Love asked Knowledge, another elder, "Who Helped me?" "It was Time," Knowledge answered. "Time?" asked Love. "But why did TIME help me?" Knowledge smiled with deep wisdom and answered, "**Because only Time is capable of understanding how valuable Love is.**"

—Agnelo Rodrigues
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How Wealthy Are You?

In this, oh so materialistic, world we live in, we're inclined to think of wealth in terms of one thing only – money. Sure, it's probably the form of wealth that most people recognise the easiest and want the most. But is it, really?

Let's test your concept of wealth ... Which would you rather have – R2,000,000 and an aggressive cancer with six months to live, or no money but the option of a long healthy life? It's a bit of a no-brainer.

There are at least seven types of wealth. When you consider them, you might find that you're wealthier than you realise!

1 Physical wealth. The first form of wealth is your physical health (and with this I include your mental health). If you can't get out of bed, it's not much fun having millions and not being able to enjoy them. If you want to become truly wealthy, go for physical wealth first as that will give you the means to start acquiring other forms of wealth.

2 Relational wealth. We weren't meant to live in the forests alone. That's why we're lonely when we are disconnected from family, friends and society. Again, money means very little when you have no-one special to share it with. I know people who are fabulously wealthy but who are miserably unhappy because their relationships with parents, partners, children, siblings or friends have disintegrated. Strive to build up your relational wealth and you will never be lonely.

3 Spiritual wealth. This refers to your



values and the development of your spirit – the essence of who you are – through prayer, meditation or contemplation. Many people focus on external (material) wealth and never discover internal wealth. They consequently never discover who they really are and die in poverty in that regard. When you find yourself, you find the wealth that was put into you for success in this life.

4 “Meaning” wealth. This wealth is built by discovering and developing your reason for being on the planet. This is the only way your life will truly have any meaning. At the end of your life, if you feel your life has had no purpose, you will feel deep regret that your life has been of no value.

5 “Memories” wealth. As we get older, we are able to build this wealth. Everybody has memories,

but not everybody has happy memories – of their childhood, of their partners, of their children, of their careers. This is one wealth you cannot build at the end of your life. You have to build it now by creating the memories you want to carry with you for the rest of your life. When you live for others now, you will build a wealth of happy memories that will make you a wealthy person as you age.

6 “Opportunities” wealth. Some get given many opportunities, some get very few opportunities, and some create their own opportunities. Some take the few opportunities they get and turn them into something wonderful. Many get given opportunities which they fail to recognise and never seize them. It's up to you what you do with the many or few opportunities life gives you. The way to build “Opportunities” wealth is to learn to recognise opportunities that come your way, no matter how small they may be, then use them to create magic.

7 Financial wealth. This wealth is the easiest to spot, but not necessarily the easiest to acquire. There is no get rich scheme that is really sustainable. Set yourself financial goals, then work toward achieving them and you will be able to build wealth in this area.

As you build your career and your life, don't chase financial wealth only. Make sure you build wealth in the other six areas mentioned above and you will truly be a wealthy person!



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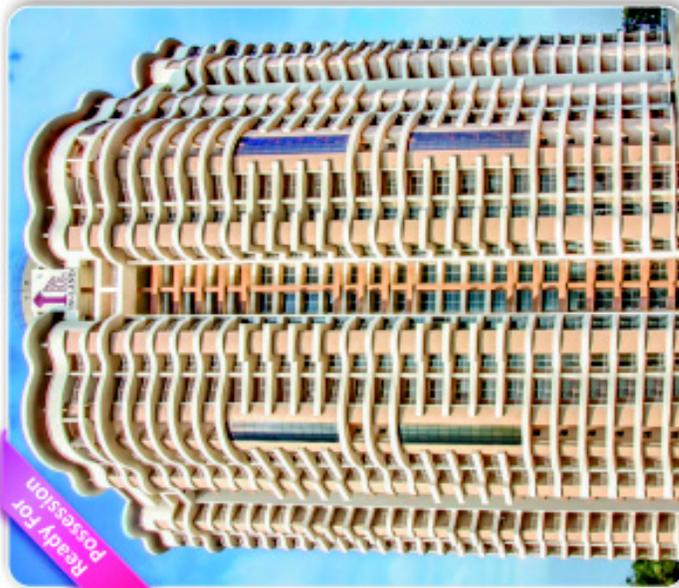
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