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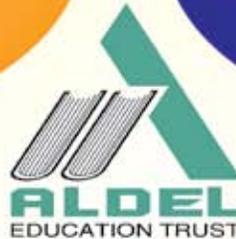
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Fear Of Death And Meditation

by Don Aguiar

We dislike outcomes that go against our expectations. Any incident that causes personal or material loss becomes a source of frustration. We tend to ignore the quote that "failures are the pillars of success" And this happens because we are not able to read the message we are suppose to receive from what we term as negative incidents in life.

A seeker asked a Zen master "What happens after death/" The Zen Master replied, "I don't know". The practitioner was surprised "But I am not the dead master," came the reply. Death is a matter of experience. Death can be experienced while dying and one is not able to share the experience after death. Both life and death are matters of experience.

What is death? We can easily answer that death is when life ends: it is cessation of life. It is not so easy to answer what life is: though. And how does one describe cessation? The teaching of Jesus Christ helps us to ponder over these issues. Jesus said that all of us will pass away eventually as part of the natural process of birth, old age and death. Therefore we must always remember the fact that life is not permanent but transitory.

Life is a journey from what is mundane to what lies at the core. Both body and mind are to be used in pursuing that journey. And that journey can never progress unless there are obstacles. It is the tendency of the mind not to think deeply and act accordingly until certain incidents force us to do so.

When Khrushchev came to power, addressing the first meeting of the Communist Party, he condemned Joseph Stalin as strongly as possible. He said, "At least one million Russians have been killed after the revolution by a single man, Joseph Stalin. Thousands are in madhouses; thousands are in jails; thousands are forcibly hospitalized and thousands have been sent to Siberia for their whole lives. They cannot return to Russia, and life in Siberia must be the hardest in the whole world, just to survive."

One man from the back of the meeting said, "Comrade Khrushchev, you have been a central committee leader with Joseph Stalin your whole life. Why did you not say it before?" There was great silence.

Khrushchev said, "Whoever has asked the question, the question is significant. I am going to answer, but you first please stand up." Nobody stood. Khrushchev called three times, "Stand up, so I can at least see your face." But nobody stood, and nobody repeated the question. Khrushchev said, "Do you know why I was silent, why you are silent? You know that if you stand up, you will disappear. I knew that if I said anything against Joseph Stalin, I would not see another sunrise again." It was fear of death!

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On the one hand death is something conclusively determined, in the sense that it is inevitable for every human being, while on the other hand; it unmasks its indeterminate nature via the truth that one never knows when or how death is going to come. All human existence is embedded in time: past, present, future, and when considering the future, we encounter the notion of death. Thus, angst can lead to a freedom about existence, but only if we can stop denying our mortality

Death is the morbid, abnormal, or persistent fear of one's own mortality. One source defines death as a "feeling of dread, apprehension or solicitude (anxiety) when one thinks of the process of dying or ceasing to 'be'"

Even the most secure, devout believer can have occasions when he fears death. It is hard-wired into our systems to avoid death. And death was not an original part of God's plan for His creation. We were made to be whole and holy, living in paradise in communion with Him. The introduction of death was a necessary response to the admittance of sin into the world. It is a grace that we die. If we didn't, we would have to live in a sinful world for all eternity.

Our fear of death comes from the fear of ceasing to exist and losing one's identity and foothold in the world we are familiar with.

There is one fact of life which is universally applicable to all of us: All of us will die one day. Death is an absolute reality of life. Everybody who has come will have to go one day. However one part of our existence will never die.

When you die.... Your physical body will merge into the chemistry of our planet. Your mind will cease to exist...and each and everything that constitute your personality in this world – your success, your failure, your

friends, your enemies, your joy, your sorrows, your ambitions, plans and just about everything which you now consider as your own will lose its relevance.

However... one thing will remain intact. One thing will be there untouched, 'as it is' even in death, even after death..... That thing is your real identity, the true foundation of your existence – Self. In meditation, you will realize this eternal aspect of your existence – self in you.

These powerful people like Adolf Hitler or Joseph Stalin or Benito Mussolini are as much fear death as anybody else; all their power makes no difference. Only a very few people like Jesus Christ, Gautama Buddha or Bodhidharma or Chuang Tzu have been able to go beyond the fear of death and how acceptingly they have taken their death because they were people of meditation

Meditation is the only way to discover your deathlessness. Then all fear disappears. All other fears also disappear, because they were just offshoots, branches -- maybe gone far away from the roots, but still they were connected with the roots.

Remember, meditation will bring you more and more intelligence, infinite intelligence, a radial intelligence. Meditation will make you more alive and sensitive; your life will become richer.

But if you know that your life is the greatest power in existence, there is nothing more powerful than it, not even nuclear weapons can absorb it...once you become certain about it, then the dewdrop knows it is not its disappearance in the ocean, it is the ocean disappearing in the dewdrop. It is the dewdrop becoming as vast as the ocean. It is not disappearance; it is becoming infinite, unbounded.

If you want to live a more fulfilled life, first you will want to know your potential, who you really are Meditation is the route to that knowing. It is the methodology of the science of awareness.

The beauty of the inner science is that it enables whoever wants to explore and to experiment within, to do so alone. This eliminates dependence on an outer authority, the need to be affiliated with any organization and the obligation to accept a certain ideology. Once you understand the steps, you walk the walk in your own, individual way. It is within your power and it is your right. But you will have to make the small effort.

World Humanitarian Summit

On 23 May, 2016, a two day 'First World Humanitarian Summit' was convened by UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon in Istanbul, Turkey. Pope Francis designated Cardinal Parolin to lead the Holy See's delegation.

In his address Cardinal Parolin emphasized the Pope's ardent wish, "that it may success in its goal of placing the 'human dignity' of every person at the heart of every humanitarian response and effort. This will also decisively eliminate the culture of waste and the disregard for human life. No one must be neglected or forgotten due to lack of resources and, above all due to lack of political will."

"In our highly interconnected world, the use of force and armed conflict affect, in different ways, all nations and peoples. A culture of dialogue and cooperation should be the norm in dealing with the world's difficulties and problems. Heavy reliance on military intervention and selfish economic policies is short-sighted, counter-productive, and never the right solution for these challenges."

"Prevention requires education and changes in formation models, that will inculcate respect and dignity for the human person, even the weakest and most fragile. Political leaders have a special responsibility to translate these into concrete pro-life practices."

He concluded, that the Holy See is doing its part to build a dignified and humane fraternity. And if I may add our first Pope's exhortation: "Have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind" (1 Peter 3:8).

—Dr. Trevor Colaso,
Bandra (West)

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Quis Sum – Who Am I.....?

Is there anybody out there amongst you readers who could explain to me who we really are. I believe the I AM in me is nonphysical energy that is absorbed by the physical body and directed towards the corporeal, somatic, carnal, animal yet basic visceral in flesh and blood. The epilogue or the conclusion to what has happened in my present human state is my personality which is the combination of characteristics or qualities that form my individual and distinctive moral fiber within my persona. This I believe is the aspect of my character that is presented to or perceived by others. But that is not enough for giving credence to the reason for me being here and now. If you have an explanation and foundry knowledge of how we became to be casted and the authority that is given to us to proliferate as humanods do write in response.

—Rtn. Calwyn D'Abreo

A Statue after Holy Mass

The parishioners of Holy Family Parish, Chakala, are to be congratulated for setting up a statue of Jesus outside the Church. Hordes of parishioners, after celebrating Holy Mass, and participating in the Eucharistic Banquet, rush out to 'put their hands in the Hand of Jesus,' as the signage encouragingly invites us.

The Holy Mass is celebrated with vigorous singing and loud responses, instead of silence.

Some years ago, a young lady, belonging to a leading Parish, shared

her experience with me.

According to her, as the Holy Mass had become too noisy, she used to deposit her daughter at the entrance of the Church, and visit the chapel, joyfully communing with Our Risen Lord in mountain top silence.

When the time came for the Eucharistic Banquet, she would join the congregation, and continue her blissful silence.

One day, while chatting with a friend after holy Mass, a Church leader accosted her, and asked her, "Excuse me, are you a Catholic?" Before she could reply, the friend retorted, "If she is not a Catholic, YOU are not a Catholic!"

The lady related the incident to me. I requested her to consult her Parish Priest (PP), a learned theologian, who conducted Silence Retreats. She consulted her PP, who asked her to repeat the incident slowly. When she did so, the PP responded in silence, without any comment.

It is time to reintroduce silence into the Eucharistic banquet.

—Denis Khan

Is Chastity/ Celibacy possible?

The statement, "Celibacy can only be spontaneous; there is no other type of celibacy. If it is not spontaneous, it is not celibacy" (Secular Citizen, 23 May), needs to be questioned. If this can be said of the noble virtue of celibacy, it must also be true of any other desirable virtue: honesty, kindness, love, charity, service, and so on. Have all these virtues to be in-born in us, or can they be acquired by constant striving, prayer and by the grace of God? We observe that very few people are born with these virtues so that they are able to practice them

spontaneously. Most people acquire them slowly, through the process of growing up in civilized society, education, accepting social and religious customs and personal conviction. In fact, a certain measure of chastity (refraining from unlawful sex) and celibacy (giving up marriage) is demanded of all of us by the very fact of living in society. Though we do not naturally feel inclined to deny ourselves sexual satisfaction, as and when we desire it, we are bound by the norms that any society imposes upon us. Very often, we are compelled to exercise the expected amount of self-control in these matters. If we do not, we will be deemed guilty of all kinds of sexual abuses and get duly punished for them. Such abuses are to be found in all sections of society, among single as well as married people of all religions, and not just among priests and religious of the Catholic Church. It is not right to assert that "it is imposed celibacy that has created homosexuality, sodomy, AIDS, etc., etc..... Nobody has been a celibate, whatever the pretensions...." Celibacy and priesthood are never imposed, but chosen freely in the Catholic Church.

There have always been very few privileged people who have had the gift of being spontaneously chaste and celibate in different cultures. At the same time, there have been millions, who have freely chosen to be chaste and celibate for the sake of higher values and for the "sake of the kingdom of God". These people, in all religions, have attained the virtue of chastity by dint of hard work, heroic sacrifices, prayer and ascetical practices. Perfection in the area of self-mastery in sexual matters is not achieved, immediately, by merely pronouncing vows, but by years of persevering in one's commitment to such a way of life, with the help of God's grace and for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. The impeccable lives of a whole galaxy of great and holy men and women, of all religions, down through the centuries, testify to the fact that true chastity, with God's grace, are possible. As the Lord Jesus says, "With men it is impossible; but with God all things are possible" (Contd.. on p. 6)

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—Joseph M. Dias,S.J.
Andheri (E)

Future Problems with Refugees

Responding to Fr. Joseph Dias letter published in the Secular Citizen May 9th issue under the heading " FUTURE PROBLEMS WITH REFUGEES " , he has in those few sentences very incisively stated the problems , which only a knowledgeable person can foresee , that which will befall those who act on their own human beliefs , understandings , culture devoid of spiritual enlightenment and without understanding the beliefs ,culture , customs and mindset of those being given refugee status . This scenario is not imaginary. Noteworthy are the words Quote " Do not be shocked if the respected guests started making demands in the name of their own religion and traditions, demanding to live under their own law and should be accepted by the hosts because it is the universal law given by God " unquote .

His statement " Be wise as serpents and simple as doves " is most telling . Is this what the Holy Father Pope Francis is doing by bringing 12 muslim families to the Vatican because they are refugees from Syria ? Do we not have Syrian Christian refugees that need taking care of ? How many Christians need to be killed or to die to prove God is a God of love ? How does one comprehend the fact that the one single christian family that was slated to be given refugee status alongwith the 11 muslim families at the Vatican being yanked out at the last minute and a muslim family given the place ? How does a Father , the Holy Father say no to one of his children and ask the children of another to accompany him is beyond comprehension . Jesus said " I have first come to the lost sheep of Israel " Does a Father need approval from others for his actions ? Should he not

provide for his family first ?

We see this happening not only from the Servant of servants (Pope) but also from the clergy who view the migration from the christian point of view .

Let us view the migration from the islamic point of view . According to islam there is no concept of Original sin and hence no need of a saviour . Heaven is attained by merit . good deeds outweighing the bad deeds . This causes a problem . How does one know when the good deeds outweigh the bad ? The surest way of attaining heaven , when Mohammed was asked , is the way of jihad , martyrdom in the cause of Allah . In Had-dith 2797 Mohammed answered the surest way of attaining paradise is dying in the cause of Allah . Hence we see the numerous suicides and persons blowing themselves up , taking place . The surest way of attaining the 70 virgins and copious amount of wine to drink in their heavenly abode .

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when a muslim migrates to another place for the sole purpose of bringing islam to that place , heaven is incumbent on Allah . That person has a right to heaven . That is why we have the muslim syrian refugees opt for places other than muslim countries . Has Saudi Arabia or any muslim country taken even a single refugee ? Are any Syrian muslim refugees opting to go to any muslim country ? Saudi Arabia has one hundred thousand (1,00,000) air conditioned tents complete with bathroom and kitchen , used only during the the Haj pilgrimage which is a mere 20 days affair in a year and left unused the rest of the year , could they not accomodate the thousands of refugees ? But no muslim wants to go Saudi Arabia or Kuwait or any muslim country, why ? because the incentive of heaven , the guarantee of heaven is then not his right and he has to ensure that his good deeds out weigh his bad deeds . That is why we also see that when these muslim refugees migrate to other countries their bad behaviour , total disregard for the laws of the land , human decency thrown to the winds , is because migrating in the cause of Allah has earned them their right to heaven and no bad deed can out weigh this . Also the lives of the jihadist , once he has made up mind to die in the cause of Allah , no bad deed outweighs this and hence anything AND EVERYTHING goes .

The mission of every muslim is to bring islam, Allah to every corner of the world , which is noteworthy .BUT what has islam brought to this world ? only death , destruction where ever they have gone . One of the Byzantine Emperors mentioned " what has islam to offer the world , nothing good that mankind does not know of " There is no muslim nation adhering to islam tenets (sharia) that is prosperous . The general quality and institute report from the organization of economic cooperation and development in its report on womens rights in the world mentions 11 of the 12 worst countries are muslim .

In the 2010 prosperity index - overall happiness of a country , NO muslim country in the top 10 , none in the top 20 , UAE comes at 30 , Indonesia



at 70, Pakistan at 109. Islam does not allow criticism . Sharia law encourages and is therefore good for Inequality , Injustice , Intolerance , Violence , Cruelty , Abuse , Oppression . Muslim have 14 centuries to show if islam works , a quarter of the population is muslim , a majority in 47 countries . The more a country implements the elements of Sharia law , the more miserable people are and want to leave. Muslim fleeing muslim countries . Mohammed teachings are barbaric and brutal.

In the Quran the greatest deceiver and most proud is ALLAH . In the Bible the greatest deceiver and most proud is Satan.

In 1434 Pope Eugene IV declared islam an abominable sect -- something God abhors . In 1455 Pope Calixtus III declared islam a diabolical sect -- that of the devil . Satan is the father of all liars .

Christianity and Islam are diametrically opposed . Christianity is about bringing change through love whereas Islam is about bringing change through lies hate , killing and destruction . The question arises , how does one deal with islam ? How does one deal with satan ? Satan is a scourge on the earth . No quarters given and he be fought as his ways and goals are not God's . Satan lies , cheats and islam allows muslims to lie , cheat and break promises . Muslims are good people going bad because islam allows them to and wants them to . In dealing with satan one sees his game plan , knowing , he dialogues to create diversions to buy time . He plays on ones emotions , stating half truths . The refugee crisis has to be seen for what it is , a ploy . A ploy to inundate the Western nations by sheer force of numbers and play on their emotions and feelings by creating and recreating real but false and contrived situations to gain the sympathy of a gullible people . Some of the western countries have seen through this and taken remedial action , the others who will not are asking for their own destruction . BE WISE AS SERPENTS AND SIMPLE AS DOVES.

—Savio Braganza

Renaming roads – there's more to it !

One would think that Film actors are always busy people – what with their tight shooting schedules for films and advertisements, leaving no time for family, or other pastimes, leave alone politics. But now I think we need to



by Melville X. D'Souza

change that thinking. After all, they do have time and interest for other things in life.

Take for instance, Shah Rukh Khan delving into politics – making statements on 'intolerance / tolerance' praising the prime minister, etc. We know about Anupam Kher a good actor, now seems to be into politics – full time, taking up cudgels on behalf of the ruling party, leading protests against other film stars who oppose government policies. And now, the latest to jump onto the band wagon of politics, is Rishi Kapoor. It seems Rishi Kapoor now has a lot of time on his hands (maybe he has no shootings at all !) and is taking interest in politics How then does one explain his sudden outbursts against the previous Congress government naming roads/projects after the Gandhi family – sending seven tweets on a single day !. It is disgusting to note however, that he has come down to street level Baap ka maal samjh rakha tha ? Oh come on, we do not expect such language from an educated film star !

So, what are we to understand ? Are these film stars hungering for attention ? Are they afraid of people forgetting their existence if they are not seen or heard in public ?

If they sincerely want to speak up, then there's a lot to speak up for. Why can't they speak up for the poor farmers who are killing themselves ? Why can't they speak against corruption/bribery which is rampant across the country ? Why can't they speak up against rising prices, the high cost of living ? Why can't they speak up for women & children being molested on the streets ?

Why can't they speak up for the 'salaried class' who is being heavily burdened with taxes, ceding on the interest earned from their Bank Fixed Deposits, lower rates on their PPF, etc. ? Why can't they speak up about 'Governance' or the

lack of if, in the state and at the centre ? There are so many urgent, burning issues at hand, Mr. Rishi Kapoor rather than talk about renaming roads or projects. While we are on the subject, has he seen the pathetic state of the roads & the so-called footpaths in this city of Mumbai which is known as the commercial capital of the country ? Let him walk on the roads or foot-path and he will see the harsh realities ! There's more to it than merely naming/renaming the roads !

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Assam parish tries to plug school drop outs

Doomni: A parish in Assam's Bongaigaon diocese has teamed up with an NGO to launch a scheme to prevent high school children dropping out of school or flunking in their board examinations.

"In the past two years I am here, I am saddened by the number of promising students who drop out of school just before their first board exams," Fr Ethelbert Minj, pastor of St Joseph's Doomni parish, told Matters India at the project launch on May 27.

The parish is nestled in the 1,040-hectare Doomni Tea garden in Baksa district. The parish has some 12,000 Catholics spread out in 1,740 families in 27 villages about 10 km radius.

According to Fr Minj, who had served the parish as assistant pastor two decades ago, noted the problem as "acute as large number of students fail or do not appear for the board exams as they are weak in Mathematics, Science or English and cannot afford private tutors."

At tutor charges 500 rupees (US\$7.5) a month for each subject, he explained.

Fr Minj, sought help of Bosco Reach Out (BRO), a Guwahati-based Salesian NGO, to find sponsors for the children to benefit from free coaching.

BRO was established in 1983 as a

non-profit, non-political and social service wing of the Salesian Province of Guwahati in northeastern India.

BRO director Salesian Fr K J Thomas proposed to find sponsors for 100 students of t. They belong to Adivasi, Assamese and Boro communities, who live in harmony.

The parish has managed Don Bosco School since 1972 in Assamese medium and in 1997 changed it into an English medium school under Assam Board. The school now has 1,083 students at Doomni and 261 in two feeder schools in Bongaon and Subansiri villages.

While mobilizing students for the coaching class, Fr Minj found "a huge response of some 350 students of the neighboring schools in the parish area who wished to benefit from the scheme."

Assistant parish priest Fr Charles Deepan Lakra said 235 students have signed up for the two-hour evening classes from Monday to Friday. Four teachers coach them in mathematics, science and English," coordinator of the Coaching Class project.

The students get daily snacks to ensure that they do not go hungry while staying back to study.

Hearing about the project, Salesians' Guwahati provincial Fr V.M. Thomas promised every student three note-

books each saying, "It is gift from one of my cousins who was inspired by the ignited minds of village children who were willing to study and dreamed of a better future."

BRO director Fr Thomas also promised to invite "best three student top-pers of the tuition classes" to a Christmas party in December to BRO along with their teachers.

Speaking at the opening function Fr Thomas commended Fr Minj for helping weak students with motivation and conviction.

He quoted Mahatma Gandhi to assert that "our talents lie in the villages and given the chance they will bloom."

The NGO director encouraged the students saying, "When other students loaf about, there should be no drop outs and no failures from coaching class students."

Fr Thomas congratulated Anil Kujur from Doomni Tea Garden, who has become the first college lecturer at Doomni College and PhD Scholar at Assam Don Bosco University Guwahati.

Damien Kerketta, a ninth grader, on behalf of his classmates, thanked the priests and NGO for "thinking about us poor and marginalized students offering us opportunity to succeed in life." o

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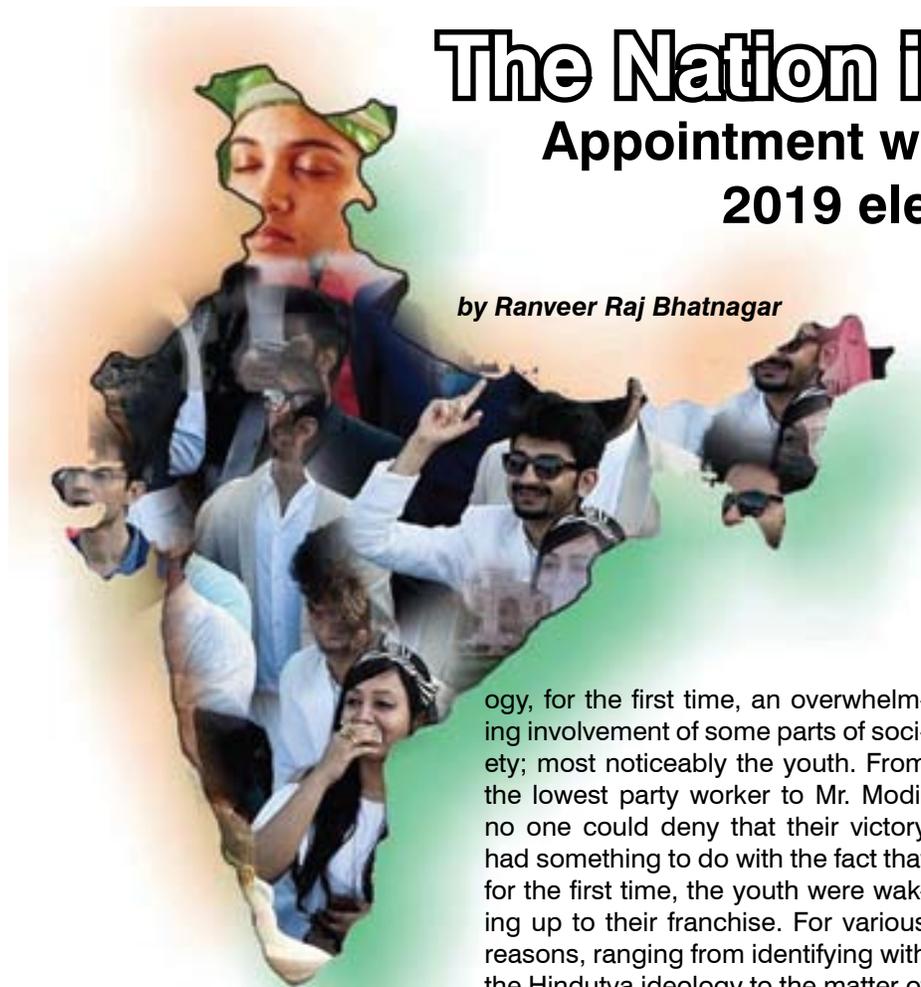
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by Ranveer Raj Bhatnagar



robust startup culture which has patronage from the establishment, the young guns of India are expected to take on the world with a gleam in their eyes.

As far as the political theatre is concerned, it is anything but as clear. The BJP, while celebrating the “vindication” as many see it, of their pro Hindutva and “nationalistic” politics, will have to contend with the ire of the very vote bank they won on. The Congress, in rout in nearly all the states, is expected to be a shadow of its former self, an pathetic excuse of what once was a formidable amalgamation of determination (Indira Gandhi) and experience (Jawaharlal Nehru). Then we have the wild card of Aam Aadmi Party, which saw a decisive comeback in Delhi and continues to make headlines, albeit it seems now for better reasons.

The 2014 General Elections can be seen as a testing ground, a learning for the society as it slowly realises the power of the vote. A power which the politicians fear and the bureaucrats scoff at from fatalistic cynicism. The question which arises, simple as it may sound but with far reaching consequences – will the people accept the power the democratic form of government bestows upon each and every citizen?

The answer to this question will only be answered with the results of those elections. But it also serves as food for thought for our political leaders to ponder on. What was once an easy game of vote banks is slowly but surely changing to result oriented governance. Above all, it is changing to governance which is being watched for all the good, or bad, it does.

ogy, for the first time, an overwhelming involvement of some parts of society; most noticeably the youth. From the lowest party worker to Mr. Modi, no one could deny that their victory had something to do with the fact that for the first time, the youth were waking up to their franchise. For various reasons, ranging from identifying with the Hindutva ideology to the matter of development, the young and ambitious came out to vote in large numbers.

2 years on, and we see the same youth protesting in the colleges and university across the country. With assembly elections in various states coming in, they bring in mixed feelings for all concerned. The media of the country are having a field day reporting the shortcomings and achievements of all political sides concerned, making a pretty penny on the side. But what does the future hold for India?

The next general elections are scheduled for 2019. By far, one of the most important elections with India on the start of a boom in all socio-economic parameters. Our population will be set to have the highest number of working professionals in the world, also having nearly the largest population in the world. Business sectors, targeting the domestic markets are expected to tap in and pursue expansion. With a

The politics of our nation works out in the manner of a wheel. A figure or a party rises and reaches glory, many a times at the cost of others, only for time to move on and keep the wheel turning. The spoke that was up high comes low to make way for another spoke.

India has seen many rise to power. For the hungry, a country with a population of (now) 1.2 billion is a great source of power, being a voice to be heard and an identity which is not so easily ignore. Indira Gandhi found out, which in turn led to her rule still being referred to with awe. Atal Bihari Vajpayee also felt this power, having had the distinct honour of declaring India a fully nuclear capable state.

The BJP came to power in 2014. By their own account, they were given a overwhelming mandate by the country. With the march of progress, the elections also saw, thanks to technol-



Bengaluru church demolished over civil dispute

Bengaluru: Tension prevailed at Pillanna Garden in Kadugondanahalli after a group of 20-30 men barged into and demolished a church using earthmovers on May 26 night.

Broken idols and destroyed sacred structures of the Faith Lutheran Church were seen strewn around among piles of debris on a 6,000 sq. feet plot that is under litigation.

It is said that the demolition was triggered by a civil dispute between the land owner and the tenants, the police said.

The owner of the land, Rahim Shariff, had given the general power of attorney (GPA) to one Patrick. Earlier, Rahim had also given the land to Victor and Chakravarthy for use. The duo had in turn rented it to David, Jayakumar, Jeremiah Anderson, Vittal and Dinesh, who ran a catering business since 1993, the police said.

Over the years, the church came up and Jeremiah Anderson became the pastor and director of the church.

Patrick, who is the GPA holder, questioned Jeremiah for building the church on the plot of land. Jeremiah lodged a police complaint in November, saying Patrick was trespassing into the public prayer hall. Rahim filed a counter-complaint against Jeremiah, saying it was the pastor who had trespassed at Patrick's property.

As it was a civil dispute, the police asked both parties to settle it in court.

Around 10.30 pm on Thursday, the gang barged into the church compound and chased away the caretaker,

James. They then started demolishing the church using earthmovers and other tools, the police said.

"It is said that one Stephen, an associate of Patrick, and few others at the behest of the owner demolished the prayer hall," said a senior police officer.

Fearing communal tension, the police was deployed at the spot to maintain law and order in the area. A fresh case has been registered at the K.G. Halli police station against Stephen and others for trespassing, vandalising and demolishing a prayer hall.s.

Catholic bishop to donate kidney to Hindu youth

Kottayam: Auxiliary Bishop Jacob Murickan of Pala has finalized plans to donate one of his kidneys to a young man belonging to a poor Hindu family.

An authorisation committee for unrelated donors at Kottayam government medical college on Saturday cleared Bishop Murickan as the donor for 30-year-old E Sooraj.

The surgery will be at a hospital in Kochi on June 1.

Salesian university join hands with UK based accounting firms

Guwahati: Students of Assam Don Bosco University, Guwahati, leading state private university in northeastern India, are set to benefit from a new collaboration with international accounting firms.

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Are We Bitten by the Busyness Bug?"

The famous Welsh poet W.H. Davies writes in his poem Leisure,
*"No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they dance....
A poor life his if, full of care
We have no time to stand and stare."*

Life is moving at a frenetic pace today. We are floundering with demands of home and work. Added to these, we have peer group pressures. A craving to be recognized for our achievements and possessions pushes us relentlessly. And then there are endless trivia about stars dished out by the media, news and views, television soaps and programmes that add to our pile of must do and must view. We are overwhelmed. We are on a spinning wheel that goes faster and faster till we drop with exhaustion.

In a futile attempt to cope, we habitually multitask. Some degree of multitasking does make sense but we must know where to draw the line. For instance, I often combine my walk on the terrace with prayers and that's fine. However, if I try to work and watch the TV simultaneously, I find that I am unable to concentrate on either. But people today multitask like crazy. Supermom is simultaneously attending to different phones and barking out orders to her subordinates. She returns home to an evening of multitasking with her family and the help. There is no cohesion in her fragmented life. This hyperactivity goes on day after day. The human brain is orderly. It was not meant to cope with the onslaught of multitasking.

All work and no play make Jack a dull boy. Like the multitasker, the workaholic who has no time for himself, his family and God is also missing out on life. There are so many interesting people around, places to see,

We often make the mistake of completing many unimportant, easy tasks first so that we can fool ourselves into thinking that we are efficient.



things to do, music for our listening pleasure. We often think, "Once I retire, I will do all the things I wanted to do. I will have enough money to do so after all." The irony is that we do not have the energy anymore to fulfill our dreams. The time to slow down is NOW.

We often make the mistake of completing many unimportant, easy tasks first so that we can fool ourselves into thinking that we are efficient. Then we frantically try to complete important tasks from our action list. At other times, we do not delegate and are thus inundated with work. If we forgo these inefficient habits, we will find leisure time for enjoying nature, for interacting with family and friends, for our hobbies, for our physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing.

The acquisition of wealth and the accolades we receive for our achievements should not be the driving

forces in our life for, unknown to us, these are forces that compel us to work incessantly towards our unhappiness. What is the point of working ourselves to the grave if we cannot take that wealth with us in the next life? It is only the most gifted writer, painter and scientist whose names go down in history. Who will remember our achievements when we are no more? So let's live a balanced life to the fullest today for tomorrow may be too late.



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Tips to Select The Right Career

Selecting the right career for you can be a tough decision. But if you have a defined career path, it will help you in getting job opportunities. Below are few tips that can help you to decide on the right career.

Analyze your skills:

Analyze your skills first; this is an important step before deciding on your career. If you are not sure what career you should choose; then you need to first consider the skills you have acquired. Everyone has their expertise in one or another thing. Thus, make a list of all the skills that you possess and evaluate how these skills can land you a job. Think of various factors like the way you want to work, the field that interests you, etc.

Ask your friends and family about you:

Many times, you might not be aware of the skills you possess. Thus take their advice, as they will help you in

judging your skills and give you good career options.

Decide your priority:

Take your time and decide your priorities first before choosing the right career option. You need to consider various factors like your expected salary, long term security job, travel distance, etc. You also need to consider the probability of finding a job in your chosen field. All these small things will help you in deciding the right career options for you.

Work on your weakness and strengths:

You need to work on your weakness and strengths; this will aid you in deciding the right career options. A life spent working on things that don't rely on these strengths is worthless. It will give you stress, discord and will also prevent growth and development of your career. By working on your weakness, you will establish yourself positively and it will help you in achieving future goals.

Search for a job that blends with your personality:

Before making a career choice, decide what line of work you are willing to do. This step needs a lot of research. You also need to explore various options and check the job market. Choose a career that blends with your personality so that you can enjoy it.

Take advice but make your personal decision:

All your well-wishers will give you advice. Listen to them but make your personal decision. You need to feel comfortable at your work and thus no one else can decide what works best for you. Be polite and do your own study before making any decision. Don't rely on any stories and don't listen to people who work in the



same field, you are switching to. Stick to your passion and belief and move ahead.

Take training:

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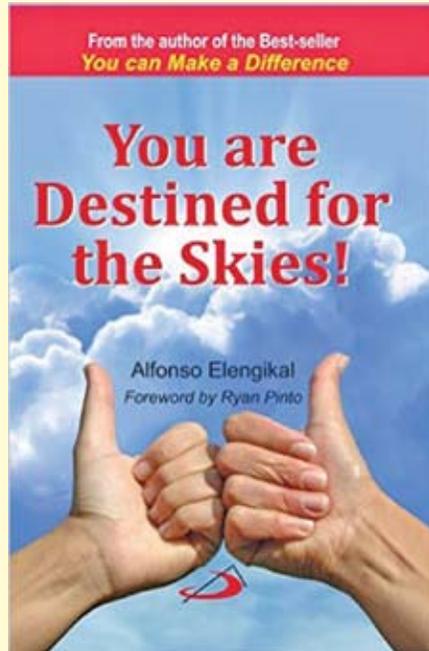


Fr Alfonso Elengikal

With the recent order from the Ryan International Group of Institutions for 8,500 copies, “You Are Destined for the Skies”, the second book of Fr Alfonso Elengikal crossed the magic figure of 50, 000 copies in less than 18 months of its publication. The first print of 5000 copies was formally released in October, 2014. Before its formal release by Rt. Rev. Percival Fernandes, former Auxiliary Bishop of Bombay, the book received an order for 16, 350 copies from Ryan International. The entire set of copies went to their students passing out of 10th and 12th stds, that year. By the end of January 2015, more than 30, 000 copies were sold out. Two regional language editions of the book (Malayalam and Telugu) soon followed.

AKASAMAKATE ATHIRU, the Malayalam translation of the book was released on December 12, 2015, at

the Archdiocesan Renewal Centre, Ernakulam, Kerala. The release coincided with the Ruby Jubilee of the Sacerdotal Ordination of the author.



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A M E N E E

GAMYAM, the Telugu edition of the book, was released, on 20th December, by Fr Gude Balthazar of the diocese of Eluru, at Vijayawada, in the presence of Mrs M. Leelavathi (former HOD, Dept. of Social Work, St Theresa’s College for Women, Eluru) who translated the book in beautiful Telugu, and other special invitees.

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Elizabeth Hasselblad was born in the village of Faglavik, in the Västergötland province of southwest Sweden, on June 4, 1870. Members of the Lutheran denomination, the majority in Sweden, her parents had her baptized at the church a few weeks later. Elizabeth's father, Auguste Robert, was a good and sensible man, with an artist's temperament. Maria Dag her mother, a practical, clever, and hardworking woman, gave birth to thirteen children, nine boys and four girls; three children died in their early years. Elizabeth was the tenth. Family life helped to enrich her sociable and particularly balanced temperament. The Hesselblads were devout, and went to church every Sunday. From her youth, Elizabeth understood that all human life must be dedicated to knowing God and serving Him.

Seriously ill with diphtheria and scarlet fever when she was seven, Elizabeth recovered; but at the age of twelve, a new illness caused stomach ulcers and internal haemorrhage which would cause her to suffer relapses for the rest of her life.

In 1886, the family's poverty obliged Elizabeth to look for work. Two years later, having come up against difficulties in Sweden, she decided to leave for America, in order to help her family financially. Arriving in New York on July 9, 1888, she entered a school for nurses at Roosevelt Hospital. She often took care of workers injured on the building site of the future Saint Patrick's Cathedral. One day, she heard an injured Irishman repeat in his sufferings: «**Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!**» these words amazed her and began to ponder over those words. One night, she ventured out alone in a terrible storm to call a priest to see a dying Catholic who wished to be reconciled with God. «May God bless you, dear little sister, for your attention and zeal,» said the priest to Elizabeth. «Unfortunately, you cannot yet understand what a marvellous service you render to so many people. One day, you will understand; you will find the



way.» In her search for the Church of Christ, Elizabeth visited many sanctuaries of all creeds. She loved the silence of the Catholic churches. In keeping with her convictions at that time, she thought that faith, in order to be pure, must be kept secret.

«**Where is Christ's true flock?**» This was the question that came from the mind of a young Swedish woman, Mary Elizabeth Hesselblad, when she realized that her classmates belonged to different Christian denominations. Did Jesus Christ not express His ardent desire to lead all the sheep into the only fold, under the watch of just one shepherd? (cf. Jn. 10:16).

«**I am the One you seek**»

In 1894, Elizabeth returned to her native land for a month of vacation. Shortly after her return to America, she wrote, «To leave one's country a second time is more difficult than anything one can imagine.» At this time, she met the Cisneros family, who welcomed her into their home, and to whose service she would devote herself from then on.

To usher in the twentieth century, the Cisneros went to Sweden, to the Hesselblad home. Elizabeth and the Cisneros sisters then organized a trip to Europe. In Brussels, Elizabeth accompanied her friends, fervent Catholics, to the Corpus Christi procession of the Blessed Sacrament, which was held at

Saint Gudule Cathedral. In her personal notes, she wrote, «I didn't know that the bishop was carrying something... Seeing my two friends and many other people kneel, I moved back behind the large portal so as not to offend those around me standing. I thought, 'Before You alone, Lord, I kneel; not here!' At this moment, the bishop who was carrying the monstrance reached the portal. My anxious soul was suddenly filled with gentleness and I heard a voice, which seemed to come at the same time from outside and from the bottom of my heart, tell me, '**I am the One you seek.**' I fell to my knees... There, behind the church door, I made my first adoration before our Divine Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament.»

After the Benediction, Elizabeth hastened to tell her friends about the grace received. From this day on, she became ever closer to the Catholic Church.

The wheat and the chaff

The teachings of the Gospels shed light on this reality, for Our Lord spoke of the wheat and the chaff mixed together in the field of the father of the family, as well as of the net cast into the sea which draws in all sorts of fish (cf. Mt. 13:24-51). The Church, Christ's holy and immaculate Spouse, is made up here on earth of both righteous souls and sinners. Only in Heaven will all its members be perfect. Elizabeth understood that the Catholic Church is the true «fold» established by Christ. She was convinced from that point on that each day spent outside this fold was wasted time.

The great grace of August 15, 1902

Having finally become certain that the fullness of grace and truth are found in the Catholic Church, Elizabeth waited no longer to enter. She spoke to Father J.G. Hagen, a Jesuit, who would become her spiritual Father, and asked him to receive her immediately into the Catholic Church before she was to leave shortly for Eu-

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Incredible Controversy: Christ As He Looked



BY MELVYN BROWN

The controversy of Jesus' photograph is likely to land heavily on the mind of the average faithful and follower of Christ. There are many things from antiquity that have been preserved and protected. One is that we firmly believe in all the directions of Holy Mother the Church – and honor her projections and statements of the Faith. The Church, however, is silent on the picture of Christ (see pic).

Last night while preparing for my sabbatical in England, I was going through my research papers, accumulated writings and documents of the Catholic faith when I was surprised to find papers related to a photo of Jesus which had been published in an Italian weekly magazine almost forty-five years ago.

At that time I had misplaced my file on "the photo of Christ". Since no one mentioned or spoke about the "photo", not in social circles or in the media, the subject vanished. Why? Word of the picture had been considered sensitive for over a generation. A small percentage of the religious and laity who were in quest came across obstacles along the way.

The challenge for us today, is to review the topic and to air-brush the facts as they had been presented in 1972. I feel it is absolutely necessary to rediscover the moment in time when it was declared, "Christ as He really was", or should we say, as He really looked? The controversial photo deals with a man having a remarkable experience of passion and pathos.

The photograph was taken at Calvary, at the spot where the Cross was raised.

Now, to transcend disbelief and doubt we will consider details of the news then available. Let us not stand in al-

most inexplicable astonishment at the magnificent discovery, but in awe and in respect for something so strange.

The bizarre and upsetting picture of Christ was published in Rome by Ronald Singleton, a Correspondent of the Universe (London), a weekly magazine of repute. It caused consternation, as it was declared to be the face of Christ taken at Calvary by a time-machine. This was not science fiction, but the truth.

It is unfortunate that many of the investigators could not follow up the matter as it was a secret project created by Fr. Pettegrino Ernetti, a distinguished professor of music at Venice's Abbey of St. George. He was also Dean of Prepoliphony (music some 2,000 years old).

Professor Ernatti had even reconstructed electronically the words and libretto of a Roman opera called "Thyestes" performed in 169 BC. The professor went on to prove what Pythagoras said: "every musical note struck, every cry, every uttered word, every leaf rustle is energy, and is never lost but floats in space."

Therefore it can be theoretically captured. From sounds can be made pictures.... In 1956 began the first studies

of electronic oscillations as applied to music.

Pictures of Pope Pius XII and of Mussolini had been composed by electronics from their recorded words. The photographs were identical to the real person. Surprisingly, the photos of Jesus amazed the professor. "I am pleased by the photograph of Christ. The time will come when I shall be able to say more."

The Abbot-General of St. George's was flabbergasted at seeing the picture in publication and on hearing the theory. The Abbot-General said, "One has to treat them with maximum prudence and sensitive judgement. Fr. Ernetti is a highly respected Benedictine monk with distinguished qualifications."

The photo is that of an "agonized face turned heavenwards. Its eyes gaze upwards with desperate supplication", added the humble Abbot.

All this took place 44 years ago. The science of electronics has since advanced in leaps and bounds. Many marvels are today possible, and we are the living witness to some wackiest ideas. I wonder where Fr. Ernetti is today?

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rope. «My dear daughter, how could I do that?» the priest replied. «I have just met you... »—«My Father, forgive me, but I have fought in darkness for twenty years; for many years I have studied the Catholic faith and have prayed for a strong faith... I now possess this faith, and I am ready to submit to an examination on all the points of doctrine.» The priest thus questioned the ardent neophyte. Finally, he told her, «I see no reason not to receive you into the Church. Today is August 12, and the 15th will be the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. That day, I will receive you into the Catholic Church; the following Sunday, the 17th, you will be able to receive Holy Communion. Spend these few days in retreat and come to see me twice a day for lessons.»

During the ceremony of admission into the Catholic Church, Elizabeth received a particular grace that she translated in these terms: «I returned to kneel in my place, and the entire world seemed to me to disappear. It would be impossible to describe this impression. The only reality that I saw, that I felt, was God; my sole desire from then on was to see Him as we will see Him face to face, on the eternal morning.»

At the end of 1902, Elizabeth left on pilgrimage for Rome. She visited there the Piazza Farnese, the house where Saint Bridget of Sweden lived for 19 years, and which was at that time home to a Carmelite community. Upon Father Hagen's advice, she returned to the Eternal City in March 1904, to dedicate herself entirely to God and to try to continue there the work of Saint Bridget. Same year, her brother also converted to Catholicism. Elizabeth applied to the Carmelite Convent that attracted her in this former home of Saint Bridget. The Prioress, Mother Hedwig, hesitated to accept her because of her weak health, and offered to take her for a period of probation. Soon Elizabeth fell seriously ill and even received Extreme Unction. Slowly, she recovered and could lead the regular life. She held out against her family's pleas urging her to return to Sweden. Her heart was consumed with a twofold desire: to promote the return

of her country to Catholicism with a view to Christian unity, and to spread devotion to Saint Bridget and Saint Catherine of Sweden. With her Superior's consent, she received at that time the gray habit of the Bridgettines and made her profession, in the hands of Father Hagen, on June 22, 1906, the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Mother Hedwig blessed her, saying, «I return you to Saint Bridget and Saint Catherine (Saint Bridget's daughter), who sent you to me.»

In the footsteps of Saint Bridget

Born in 1303 to an aristocratic Swedish family, Saint Bridget was wed to a devout Christian with whom she had eight children, and with whom she had an intense prayer life. After her husband's death, her intimate union with Christ was accompanied by particular charisms, under whose inspiration she founded the new monastic Order of the Most Holy Savior, devoted to contemplation of the Passion. This Order spread in northern Europe.

All of Sister Elizabeth's efforts would be aimed at reviving the Bridgettines Order. In 1911, English postulants arrived in Rome and, with Sister Elizabeth, moved into a property loaned by the Carmelites. On March 4, 1920, she became Abbess of the Order of the Holy Savior, which was canonically established. During 16 years of struggle, Mother Elizabeth, who referred to herself as a «useless piece of wood,» laid the foundation for an edifice destined to work continuously for the glory of God. She assigned her religious three goals: «Contemplation, adoration and reparation.»

In May 1923, Mother Elizabeth went to Sweden for the 550th anniversary of Saint Bridget's death, in Vadstena, where she had founded her first monastery in 1343. The saint's relics had been brought from Rome; the ceremonies were marked by the participation of numerous Protestants. A crown offered by Prince Eugene carried this dedication: «To the greatest woman of Sweden.» Mother Elizabeth wished to establish a monastery in Sweden, A «Saint Bridget Rest Home» led by several sisters was then founded in Stockholm's suburbs; there a few patients and guests seeking spiritual rest found accommodation. For the first time

since the sixteenth century, to the great surprise of the population, religious sisters wearing the habit could be seen in Sweden.

During the Second World War, Mother Elizabeth's charity was deployed in all areas: first towards her own religious sisters in war-torn countries, then towards the suffering of Rome (as many as 60 people were given refuge at Piazza Farnese), especially the Jews. From Sweden, a country spared by the conflict, she had essential commodities rushed to the House of Saint Bridget. Her charity was considerate, supernatural, enthusiastic, and sometimes heroic. She showed no partiality—at the end of 1945, she equally helped Italian Communist refugees, Germans and Poles.

Good zeal for the cause of unity

In the Constitutions of the Order of the Holy Savior, Mother Elizabeth called her religious to devote themselves in a permanent and fundamental manner to the cause of Christian unity. Her last months were marked by physical suffering due to a weakening of the heart. With deep faith in the value of the redeeming Passion,

The day before her death, Mother Elizabeth gave her blessing to the sisters and, holding her raised hands in a solemn gesture, looking to the heavens, she murmured, «Go to Heaven with hands full of love and virtues.» She then received the sacraments; her last moments were calm and peaceful. She died on Easter Wednesday, April 24, 1957.

After declaring Saint Bridget, as well as Saint Catherine of Sienna and Saint Edith Stein Patronesses of Europe on October 1, 1999, Pope John Paul II beatified Mother Mary Elizabeth Hasselblad Blessed on April 9, 2000. Let us make our own this beautiful prayer composed by the Bl. Mother Elizabeth «O my God, I thank You for everything You have given me, I thank You for everything You refuse me, and for everything You take away from me. »

Holy Father Pope Francis declared that Blessed Mother Elisabeth Hasselblad will be Canonised on 5th June 2016 in the Year of Mercy.

—*Bridgettine sisters,*

Things to keep in mind when buying a used car



The second hand car market in India is growing fast but is still in its nascent stages. As a buyer, there are some essential documents you must ensure you have in your possession before you drive off with your newly purchased pre-owned car.

The used-car market in India is growing rapidly. Even luxury carmakers are looking into India's pre-owned car market to target customers like you, and considering the attractive offers offered on used cars, it's only understandable if you too would like to weigh in.

However, since this market is still in its nascent stages, it's important you tread carefully. There may be sellers who function without proper licenses or don't provide sufficient documentation, which can be problematic in the future.

Here is a checklist you can keep handy to ensure that you have cemented your ownership of a used car:

Do you have the originals?

Unlike a new car, buying a pre-owned car involves transfer of ownership, which is why it's important you have the originals to support your claim rather than just the photocopies.

This also includes documents which only a new-car owner gets. Firstly, the Road Tax Receipt ensures there are no pending dues so you don't end up paying penalties. Secondly, the fuel certificate is for cars that have

been modified such that they can run on two types of fuel. You must also ensure you get the No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the regional transport office (RTO).

Do you have the payment receipts?

Similarly, ask for the receipts of any payments you have made. This receipt should contain the dealer's complete address and their contact details. This is, after all, the proof of your purchase, so make sure it's the original invoice, and not a copy.

Do you have the registration certificate?

In India, it is not enough to merely purchase a car, you have to get it registered too. This is the most important document to have while you're on the road. It has all the details of your car—its registration number, its chassis number and even its engine number. These are the various ways your particular vehicle can be identified. However, don't just blindly copy the details. It may have happened that the engine was replaced in the past after the car's initial registration. In this case, you have to ensure the certificate reflects this development. Keep in mind 'DRC' on a certificate stands for 'Duplicate Registration Certificate', which suggests it isn't the original.

For those who plan to purchase a used car from another state/region in the country, make sure the registration belongs to the state/region you are driving in. If you are taking the car from one state to another, you may

have to pay additional road tax and Octroi charges in your state. This is usually calculated as a percentage of the car value. This percentage differs for each region's RTO.

Do you have the pollution certificate?

This is a simple and necessary certificate that serves as proof that you are sticking to the government's guidelines on pollution control. This ensures that you are staying within the purview of the law.

Do you have your insurance papers?

The good thing about buying a used car is that you simply have to change the insurance policy ownership, and not necessarily buy a new one. While doing so, do enquire about the history of the insurance—has any insurance money been claimed before? When does it expire? Are there any pending premiums? Also, if you have to opt for a new insurance policy in case of its expiry, you could even try bargaining to reduce your premiums.

Do you have all the loan-related documents?

This is not just related to a loan you may or may not have taken, but is also applicable to any loans the previous owner of the car had availed. For this purpose, you need Form 32 and Form 35. Moreover, as mentioned above, you also need to obtain an NOC from the previous lender. This will ensure all dues have been paid, thereby leaving you in the clear.

Buying any car, not just a used or second hand car, is a big decision that involves lot of thought and research. However, buying a used car requires even more attention. Make sure you tick all these points off the list while buying your very own pre-owned car. Keep the papers handy and drive safe!

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The Corner Stone



by Edwin JF DSouza

I am known for my short-temper.

I flare up at injustice, especially when my loved ones are subjected to it. But alas, I am no super-man from the Avengers and my anger becomes pathetically impotent when injustice, now rampant in the world, glares down at me breathing fire through its nostrils. But yet, I try and put up a fight which is immediately smothered down by those around me, known or unknown.

The other night my daughter Ruth and her child Anoushka bid an emotionally charged adieu to go back to their abode in Bangalore; having spent nearly a month with us in Mangalore, they made us so used to the pranks

of my grandchild, nostalgia of Ruth's growing up days etc., no wonder we were emotionally charged.

The bus was late, coming in from Manipal. Anoushka's adamancy had earned them a sleeping berth on the upper level and she was arguing with her Mother – she wanted to sleep alone. But there was no way Ruth would permit that. While their argument was on I was busy at the loading bay to hand-over the suitcase to the conductor. The loading bay was packed with the luggage of passengers who had boarded at Manipal and the conductor was frantically trying to load the luggage of the passengers boarding at Mangalore. His predicament was gleefully overseen by the second driver. You know, those sadistic types.

I admit, the suitcase Ruth was lugging was huge, big enough to stuff clothing et al required for a month's stay. When the loader's turn came to handle her suitcase the second driver hovering on us sardonically remarked in Kannada. "Didn't you get a bigger suitcase than this!"

This remark of his got my goat, cow or dog or cat...take your pick! I did not hesitate to use the choice four-letter words and tempered them with a retort: I will get a bigger one next time and stuff your dead body in it!

"Stop it, Dada," Ruth practically yelled. "Cool it."

I found a station supervisor and complained to him. My blurting did not seem to bother him much. "You should be polite to the passenger," he said to the driver.

Still seething, I had no choice but to see my Daughter and Grandchild off. Getting home, my hurt pride got better of me and I did not narrate this incident to Jane, my wife; this incident had a streak of defeat in it, you see.

Ruth was to give me call as soon as the bus reached Yeshwantpur. This would be around six in the morning or even earlier. But no such call came till 7.00. Fidgeting and at the same time throwing up a small prayer, I called Ruth.

"Aren't you there yet?"

"No, Dada!" she said, her voice throaty. "The air-conditioning broke down at 10.45 and it took a good two hours for the driver to set it right."

"Thank heaven for that!" I exclaimed. "The drivers are not always qualified to repair the automobile air-conditioning. This guy must be a genius!"

"Yes, he was!" asserted Ruth, her voice suddenly soft and feeble. "It was the same guy whom you yelled at." she added. "There are children in this bus," he said. "I will not leave without repairing this AC.' And stripping down to his shorts he got under the bus and after two hours of struggle he got the AC running.....ah....we are just entering Nelamangala.....Anoushka is still sleeping...."

But I woke up, woke up to something.

'The stone that you builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.' (ACTS 4:11)

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Live An Extraordinary Life

waiting for is happening right now. While you are racing to the finish, making plans, keeping up and getting by, your extraordinary life is patiently waiting for a warm welcome. Slow

Have you ever noticed how some people seem to get ahead in life easily and effortlessly no matter what is going on around them? Here are some tips for you to make life amazing

How many times have you found yourself thinking, “I’d do that if I didn’t have a mortgage, a good job, a family to look after, and a safe life to protect”, fill in your own reasons as appropriate!

Many people in this position wish they’d spent more time following their dreams and living a life that fitted them better, a life to be truly proud of. Experts believe that, everyone has the ability to create and live a life that is truly extra-ordinary. The following tips are a great way for you to get started:

Pay attention:

When you are distracted, it’s impossible to notice the extraordinary things around you and how you feel about your life. Unplug, look up and be present.

Be grateful:

Expressing gratitude will help you stay focused on the magnificent happenings of your day to day life. It feels good to say thank you and it’s always a good reminder of how extraordinary your life is.

Stop comparing:

Someone will always have more or less than you. There will always be someone who is better or worse at what you do. You can’t assess who you are or what you have based on



BE CONFIDENT

- **Do away with shyness. You are an extraordinary person and you should know that. Confident people have a marked assurance about them that just gives them an edge. Understand your own competence and the value you provide.**
- **Be at ease with who you are in full knowledge of your strengths and weaknesses. Act in ways that convey that understanding to others without being arrogant to display confidence.**

others and if your focus is on what they have or do, you can never fully appreciate all of the extraordinary blessings in your own life. Even your past and future cannot be measuring sticks for your life today. Keep your eyes on your own paper.

Slow down:

The extraordinary life you’ve been

your pace and look around or come to a complete stop to fully appreciate what is right in front of you.

Admire small miracles:

Extraordinary isn’t always in the grand gestures and big impressive changes or events. Revel in the little things like the first bite of a ripe piece of fruit, a beautiful view, a stranger’s kind smile or some of the other things that happen every day. Enjoy small pleasures and find love in the little stuff.

Write it down:

Keep a personal journal to record some of the extraordinary things in your daily life. Knowing that you will be recording your observations, as then, it will be a reminder to notice and the more you notice it, the more you will realise about it.

Act like a tourist:

You might get used to your surroundings and daily events and forget about the extraordinary parts of your life. But, remember, behave like a tourist in your own life and backyard and see things for the first time. Remember, how that view used to wow you or how the way someone treated you used to make your heart race. Re-capture awe by changing your lens.



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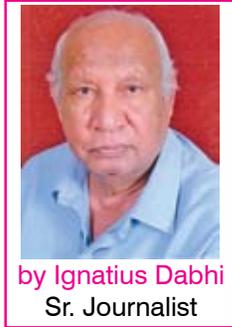
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“Freedom of Religion, a matter of concern”: U.S. Senators

Many leading U.S. Senators have asked the U.S. President Obama to discuss the matter of religious freedom under Modi's rule in India.

The New York Times of May 16th flashed a news item which states that many American senators are deeply concerned about attacks on minorities, unrestrained verbal attacks on Christian missionary activities and security of minorities in Modi's India.

Colorado State organised a public meeting recently during which the Colorado senator Corry Gardener said that he was disturbed to hear the state of religious freedom in India. Christians are being 'tolerated in India' stated a Hindu extremist. Practically every other day serious verbal accusations are being made by Modi men and neither day serious verbal accusations



by Ignatius Dabhi
Sr. Journalist

are being made by Modi men and neither The P M nor his government curtails such attacks. Senator Tim Coine of Verginia said that incidents of intolerance go on growing in India and BJP rulers are total indifferent towards them. He asked Obama to take up this matter when Narendra Modi meets the US Presi-

dent. Merrylan Senator Ben Cardin said that many BJP ruled states in india create hell of problems because of anti-conversion Acts in these States.

Most of the US senators expressed their displeasure at India's refusal to give visa to members of International Religious Freedom by Modi government.

The English media have quite often voiced their concern about this but vernacular Press takes up the BJP line.

USCIRF Indicts India

The Times Of India, May 04, 2016 reported, that the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) has indicated in its annual report that, "India is on a negative trajectory in terms of 'Religious Freedom'! In 2015, religious intolerance deteriorated and religious freedom violations increased in India. Minority communities, especially Christians, Muslims and Sikhs, experienced numerous incidents of intimidation, harassment and violence, largely at the hands of Hindu nationalists groups. Members of the ruling BJP, tacitly supported these groups, and used religiously divisive language to further inflame tensions."

The dispatches were divided into three categories, with the most serious violations occurring in the "tier-1", or "Countries of Particular Concern (CPC)", notably China, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Nigeria.

The "tier-2", list covers governments that engage in or tolerate violations that are serious, but do not reach the level of severity in 'tier-1 or CPC'. The prominent countries are Afghanistan, Cuba, INDIA, Indonesia, and now Turkey.

Regarding India, the report asks it to "repeal anti-conversion laws, and urged the Indian government to allow USCIRF to visit the country.

Overall, the report said, "the number of Cross removals and Church demolitions totaled at least 1,500, with many of those who opposed these acts being arrested.

But let us take hope and courage: "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set us free from the law of sin and death" (Romans 8:2).

—Dr Trevor Colaso,
Bandra (West),

“Fenkuji have Dellhima” Bluffer now in Delhi



Book Review

This is a compiled work with fitting cartoons by Jayesh Shah, a writer, journalist and political activist. He has extensively written on the condition of marginalized people of Gujarat.

This book cites nearly 15 incidents and verbal assurances of PM Narendra Modi. Instead of solving problems of common man, Modi has diverted the attention of people.

Before 2017 election, this book will create awareness among people. Congress will have enough matter to combat Modi factor.

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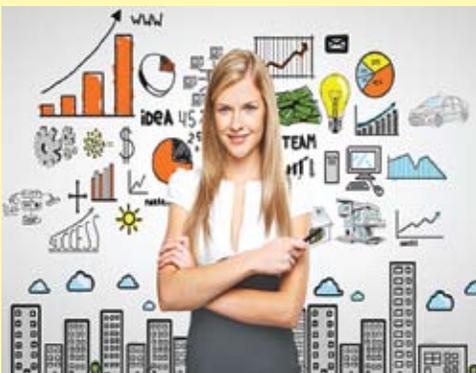


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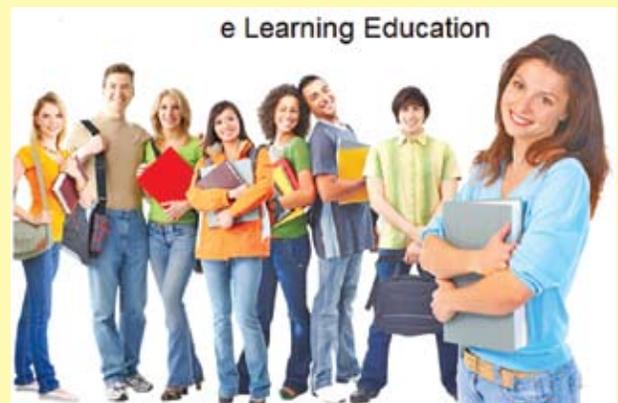
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