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## The Love of Two Mothers

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## BCS Vikhroli Unit Came out to the Rescue of Stranded Mumbaikars

On 29 August evening The Bombay Catholic Sabha, Vikhroli unit members went all out to the rescue of stranded Mumbaikars. They met Vikhroli Station Manager Mr. Avinash Karandikar and requested him to make repeated announcement at railway station regarding accommodation made available at St. Joseph's Church halls - big for gents and small for ladies.

Earlier they approached Fr. Sachin Lopes Principal of St. Joseph High School about the stranded people and he was ever ready to help.

The youth group, BCS members along with some parishioners were also involved to prepare food and to serve. All were present till 12.30 am at night.

More than 300 people including ladies took shelter and snacks, tea and water and food was sponsored by Mr. Michael Gomes from Fatima caterers Parishioners and all Priests of the St. Joseph Church were also involved.



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**An Experience Going Through**

by Don Aguiar

**H**eavy monsoon rains had wreaked havoc on 29 August in Mumbai - India's financial capital and was shut down by the deluge. It sank under the weight of water logged roads, submerged railway tracts and a flooded airport. Although the rainfall was just one fourth or less than that of the 2005 deluge, Mumbai and the suburban areas looked that it had been hit by a calamity of 2005 proportions.

Mumbaikars had a very great time, very exciting time, long and never ending day, with not a single dull moment. Some reached home only the next morning. Some slept in trains, Churches, Gurudwaras and in others homes. It was an experience going through. Everyone enjoyed it. All along the way there was help from other Mumbaikars - home, food, water, medicines, everything required.

In days like these no one knows who belongs to which religion, caste, speaks which language and is a follower of which political party or ideology. Every Mumbaikar appeared one, with the same smile, confidence and warmth.

Amidst the real chaos the real hero was the Mumbaikar, on their two and four wheelers stopping and giving lifts to all stranded. People were distributing vada pav, tea, biscuits and drinking water. Calling each other, helping each other, keeping each other updated.

Many citizens threw open their homes to stranded citizens. All churches, gurudwaras opened for shelter and food. Human chains made to rescue people. People sharing alert messages

People talk, laugh, sing, play cards and have fun all the time. Maybe this is destiny's way of making the Mumbaikar cope -

On a lighter note the below whatsapps msg was in circulation -

"Mumbai is paralyzed by rains, everything is closed.... Only Emergency services like wine shops and bars will remain open"

We saw Mumbaikars helping each other when the Netas were busy playing blame game. We saw the fiber of courage and immense faith in humanity. We saw the youth out on the streets when their city was in despair. They are faceless unrecognized and  
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large in numbers. They are the heroes. They are Mumbaikars. Mumbai has such a big human spirit. Mumbai is not what you see in newspapers and news channels. Mumbai is in the heart of Mumbaikars. With the rain was raining humanity.

Mumbai's problem is not angry nature, but bad planning and absence of accountability. A single day of heavy showers – an entirely predictable event in a Mumbai monsoon – brings the metropolis on its knees underscores poor urban planning and administrative failure in providing long term solutions.

BMC fails every year in preparing proper outlets for rain water. Mangroves which would earlier absorb the city's excess water have been displaced by haphazard expansion and land reclamation. The problem has been compounded by the Mithi River, one of the main rain drainage systems for the city, being filled with plastic and garbage.

Mumbaikars did not sit, crib and wait for the government to help them. At every phase of adversity the respect for the people of the city increases. No wonder, this city is different from others.

Two lessons one can be learn –

- No one cared for religion or caste in such situation. All churches, gurudwaras, mandirs, masjids were open to all.
- Those helping hands who came forward are of common man and not of politicians.

This shows that we are divided by politicians and by their wish and NOT by our own choice...

A question is being asked repeatedly after 29/08/2017 rain: that WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS SYSTEM COLLAPSE? Answer to this is:.... (look forward to your response)

It is high time Indian politicians stop blaming urban flooding on climate change and start planning for secure urban futures As Shakespeare says "The fault dear Brutus, is not in our stars but in ourselves, that we are underlings".

## Jose Salvador Fernandes, Goa, Elected The President Of J.K.S.

The 6th Global General Assembly of Jagotik Konknni Songhotton (JKS – Global Konkani Organisation) which met on Aug 27, 2017, at Kalaangann, Mangalore, elected Konkani activist Shri Jose Salvador Fernandes of Xrextt Prokaxon, Goa, as its new President.



Jose Salvador Fernandes

Shri Eric Ozario, Mangalore, was elected the Secretary General. The other Office Bearers are – Shri K. K. Utharan (Kerala) – Vice President (India), Shri Clifford Arun D'Souza (Saudi Arabia) – Vice President (Gulf countries) Dr. Austin D'souza Prabhu (USA) – Vice President (Other countries), Shri Louis J. Pinto (Mangalore) – Treasurer, Shri Kishore Fernandez (Mangalore) – As-

sociate Secretary, Shri Joy Ciriaco Fernandes (Goa) – P.R.O.

The following were elected to the Executive Committee – Shri Shridhar Manjunath Kharvi (Bhatkal), Dr. Vasant Shantaram Bandekar (Karwar), Shri Lullus Cutinha (Bengaluru), Shri Vincente Dias (Goa), Shri Anthony Miranda (Goa), Shri Santhosh Lotlikar (Goa), Shri K. Vishwanathan (Cochin), Shri N. Prabhakaran (Cochin), Shri K. Vijayan (Cochin), Shri Grashan Rodrigues (Calicut) and Shri Ancy D'Souza Paladka (Vasai)

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## Thanksgiving



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—A Devotee



## Sea Level Rise

Global warming is the primary cause of current sea level rise. Human activities, such as burning coal and oil and cutting down tropical forests, have increased atmospheric concentrations of heat-trapping gases and caused the planet to warm by 1.4 degrees Fahrenheit since 1880.

Although flooding is the obvious consequence of rising sea levels, there are plenty of other effects to consider — none of them good. Here are some of those effects you probably haven't thought about.

For an enlightening educational and awareness PowerPoint Presentation on the Sea Level Rise click the link <http://infantjesusjogeshwari.in/gem-ppt-30-rising-sea-levels/>

—Fr Felix Rebello  
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## Salute the indomitable spirit of Mumbaikars

While the rains ravaged the city and washed away the tall claims of civic preparedness, the indomitable never-say-die spirit of Mumbaikar came to the fore. People opened their houses and hearts to stranded citizens providing food and water. Gurudwaras, churches, masjids and temples opened their doors to shelter the stranded. Even Lord Ganesh took a break from festivities and leant a helping hand. Salute the spirit of Mumbaikars

—Prof Robert Castellino  
Mumbai

## Is there any accountability ?

Mumbai went through a serious Flooding problem and almost all Mumbaikars and Vasaikar employees were affected. \*Till now 5 people have lost their lives and 12 are missing.\* BMC though Asia's richest civic body didn't do much in helping the victims. Imagine the plight of the slum-dwellers! Many women employees not being able to reach home had to spend the 21st Aug. night in unhealthy and unprotected places. Had the BMC and Maha. Gov. taken precautions and acted on time on the drainage system instead of just making tall claims, that would have reduced the chaos caused by the heavy rains.

Is there any accountability ? Ruling parties? Opposition parties?

—Fr Michael G  
Samajshudhdi Abhiyan Vasai.

## EARTHLY or HEAVENLY BIRTHDAY?

The celebration of the 107th birth anniversary of Saint Teresa of Kolkata highlights a new and unhealthy trend that seems to be slowly picking up.

The Church Universal has generally allotted the feast-day for any saint on the day of his/her death, and with good reason too. The day of the saint's death is essentially a

day of rebirth in Heaven and it is this re-birthday that the Church invites her faithful to celebrate in observance of a Feast, the date of the earthly birth of the saint fading into insignificance. So why this undue emphasis on celebrating the earthly birthday of the illustrious Mother Teresa?

It'd be nice if the Church were to actively discourage such a practice forthwith, lest the practice become a trail-blazer of sorts.

—Ladislaus L D'Souza

## Make the Govt and Concerned Authorities Accountable

Dr Deepak Amarpurkar, the renowned gastroenterologist of Bombay Hospital did not die an accidental death. He was killed by negligence triable under section number 304. This is nothing but manslaughter by negligence. How dare the municipality leave manholes open in the rainy season? Have they no sense of duty? The family of Dr Deepak Amarpurkar should file a case of death due to negligence and improper maintenance of public roads and facilities by concerned authorities and make the government accountable for this. Unless someone takes up this issue, this sort of disasters will continue. Shame on the BMC, it's officers and it's corporators.

— Jubel D'Cruz, Mumbai

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# Does The Country Need A Good Public Preventive Health Care System, Run By The State To Protect The Health Of Its Citizens ?

by Eric D'Sa

The Gorakhpur incident is one of the most macabre and tragic incidents in recent times. No one knows how many children died actually due to lack of oxygen or plain neglect. Some put it as many as 85 children's death in two days. Many TV channels called it a night of horror. We were shown infants supposed to be on oxygen grasping for breath. We heard heart breaking stories of helpless parents of these children who were kept ignorant of what was happening. A total of 290 children have died in this hospital during August, 2017 and the number since January stands at 1,250 deaths. The highest number have been in the neonatal category. Past history shows this is not new, but is happening over the years with numbers increasing.

Soon enough the blame game started. First the oxygen supplier, then the doctors and staff attending the children, then the hospital and medical school dean, then the state health department that had not released the required funds in time, then lack of sufficient doctors and nurses in the emergency wards taking care of these kids etc. Finally even as the confusion continued about the cause of death, the debate shifted back to the

real culprit - the Japanese encephalitis malady - the child killer disease. This is a communicable disease that is transmitted by a special species of mosquitoes. The infection leads to high fever, headache, muscle seizures, coma and if neglected death. It primarily affects children because of their weaker immune system. For years now thousand of children have been effected mainly in UP with this dreaded disease and generally the centre of the outbreaks has been Gorakhpur. No one questioned why these children were not properly immunised against these diseases. Most looked at the problem from the narrow prism

**YOU THE CITIZENS  
DECIDE:**

of the hospital.

The problem has been basically due the state governments especially in the Bihar states, not differentiating between public preventive health care and medicine/ hospital care and not spending sufficient money on both. For instance Kerala spends on the above thrice per capita amount then in Bihar and Up states. Karnataka and Tamil Nadu spend twice as much. Besides this is the poor Governance over decades. Gorakhpur areas are one of the filthiest in India. Vast areas of the city do not have underground sewerage system forcing people to use septic tanks which overflow or open defecation. Add to this rural India has virtually zero monitoring of how the funds allocated to health is spent. The same people who spend are the one who monitor. Public preventive health is not about state run hospitals. It is what the state does to protect health by mitigating the social and environmental determinants of communicable diseases. The tragedy

of Gorakhpur must be seen against the larger backdrop of public preventive health failure over the years.

Most democracies use two modalities of modern health care to keep the citizens healthy - public preventive care and disease hospital care. Public preventive health is what the state does to prevent diseases and protect health. In contrast disease care includes primary health centres and large public hospitals. Due to insufficient funds being allotted to health disease care, a number private hospitals have come up which cater to the rich and higher middle class. Side by side private medical colleges have come up to meet the growing need of doctors; but as medical education has become expensive, the doctors that are coming out of the colleges look forward to work in private hospitals or start their own private clinics which again cater to the rich. Many of them opt to immigrate to the west. In any case these doctors do not have much clue about public preventive health care. Public preventive health care isn't about state or private run hospitals. It is what the state does to protect health by mitigating the social and environmental determinants of communicable diseases

When I was very young about 6 decades ago, I was brought up in a small project town in Western Ghats which was mosquito infested and hence prone to malaria and other mosquito transmitted diseases. My father was overall in charge of that town. There was a fairly well equipped hospital with a male and a female doctors to take care of injuries and sickness. At the same time there was a separate public health officer who directly reported to my father. The Public health department did not look after the hospitals and dispensaries. It tried to en-

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# Syro-Malabar Church gets three bishops

New Delhi: The Syro-Malabar Church that ended its biannual synod on September 1 appointing three bishops.

The appointment made with the permission of Pope Francis was announced at a press conference at the Oriental Church's headquarters in Kochi, Kerala, a Catholic Bishops' Conference of India press release said.

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sure that the public did not fall sick by keeping the town clean. For instance they ensured there was no stagnant water even in private gardens where mosquitoes would breed. For some unknown reason soon after independence, India seems to have abolished the Public preventive health care wing and to this day it has not been reinstated, in spite of innumerable pleas and recommendations from public health experts.

Public preventive health care must be managed by professionals trained in this field and empowered to work for health security of all people - urban, rural, poor and rich. Such professionals must be part of a specially educated and trained cadre. They will have to be also part of a separate department with a career track. Where public preventive care is under government control, two sets of officers can enter any premises for inspection - the police for law, order and crime prevention, and the Public health officer for health hygiene and disease prevention. Global peer pressure forced India to establish a few community related interventions to prevent certain diseases such as TB, malaria, leprosy filariasis, AIDS, polio etc by creating stand alone vertical projects. In the absence of overarching public preventive health infrastructure, all of the above have remained silos. It is precisely for this very reason that these verticals have not fully delivered their potential in the disease prevention. Even the latest Swatch Bharat intervention has

become one more stand alone silo.

Meanwhile we have been neglecting water and food related diseases like typhoid, cholera, hepatitis A and E, influenza, scrub typhus, and many other infectious diseases. In these cases, there are no external peer pressure and hence there has been no specific programmes to control them. In the absence of public preventive health care infrastructure that can supervise disease prevention, we start vaccinating only when there is an epidemic, we do not monitor its efficacy and benefits. Without proper monitoring by trained public health servants most of our disease control projects are flying blind. Communicable disease as such are becoming epidemics. They are not easily prevented except by huge changes in people's behaviour, as being now witnessed at Gorakhpur.

But communicable disease are preventable and not preventing them is gross neglect of public welfare by the state. Democracies are for welfare of the all people. Disease prevention is about equitable use of of resources since the benefits are enjoyable by everyone. Health decease care in hospitals can never be equitable as the rich will always have access to better hospitals and doctors. Avoidable communicable diseases drain our economy in two ways - loss of productivity and expenditure on health hospital care. India must reinstate a functional public preventive health care infrastructure without any loss of time. It's citizens deserve nothing else - YOU THE CITIZENS DECIDE.

The Church's synod, which concluded its 10-day meeting on September 1, appointed Father Tony Neelankavil as the auxiliary bishop of Trichur archdiocese. He is currently the rector of Marymatha (Mother of God) Major Seminary in Trichur.

The synod also appointed Father Joseph Pamplany as the auxiliary bishop of Tellicherry archdiocese. He was the secretary of the Doctrinal Commission of the Church at the time of the appointment.

The synod has also appointed Father Sebastian Vaniyapurackal of Kanjirapally as the curia bishop. He is the vice chancellor of the Major Archiepiscopal Curia in Kochi.

Fr. Vaniyapurackal is the second curia bishop of the Church. The first was Bishop Bosco Puthur, who now heads the diocese of Melbourne in Australia.

With these appointments, the number of the bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church has risen to 61, the communication added.

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# The Powerhouse Of Spirituality - St. Mother Teresa

On the occasion of the first  
Annual Feast – 4th Sept. 2017

by *Raymond Machado, Vasai*

**S**aint Mother Teresa, 'The Saint of the Gutters' of Kolkata, was declared a Saint of the Catholic Church in the Vatican by Pope Francis on Sunday 4th September 2016, in commemoration of her death on 5th Sept. 1997. More than 120 thousand people witnessed this sanctified religious event at St. Peter's Square and many more millions of spectators all over the world who watched the 2.40 hrs live telecast from Rome.

Mother Teresa had already been recognized as 'A Living Saint' by those who had seen, read and heard about her work. Post World War II and at the time of India-Pakistan partition, Calcutta was notoriously famous for being the slum city of India. In those days there were several hundred thousand people daily sleeping on the sidewalks of streets, just because they had no home to go to and many of them without food. She saw Jesus in them! Her universal approach to humanitarian work enriched her personality.

Her compassion for suffering humanity transcended all barriers of caste, creed, colour, region, gender and nationality. She worked with the suffering people on the streets of Kolkata and in several of her houses around the world. The Sisters of Charity take care of lepers, aged and dying persons, thrown away babies and unwed mothers. Her legacy is being carried on even today by 5160 nuns in 139 countries through 758 institutions, supported by 397 priests/lay brothers at 69 institutes in 21 countries.

Mother Teresa did not put on. She was humble to the lowest ground level of reality that reflected in her unend-

ing love for the roadside destitute, which other passersby ignored. Despite unfortunate turns in the life of afflicted people, Mother taught them to hope against hope. She taught them to accept whatever came their way as God's Will and eventually things would turn in their favour. And in most cases they did. "Financial dependence was financial enslavement," was Mother Teresa's deep conviction. Therefore, she did not accept government aid from the State. Mother relied totally on generosity of her donors. Thus, her Congregation could be free in caring for the poorest of the poor. She used to declare: "If ever people stop supporting the apostolate of the Missionaries of Charity, the Institutions will simply cease to exist."

Ironically, while world leaders were taking appointments to have a few words with this petit woman of Kolkata, there were others firing allegations of medical malpractices on poor patients and accusations of proselytizing. To her visitors Mother Teresa was always friendly and by doing so her eyes radiated Divine Love. Her sheer presence electrified the atmosphere, be it in foreign countries, public places, government offices or slums of Kolkata.

Mother Teresa also had a tremendous sense of prudence; rather she was overwhelmingly gifted with this virtue. Whether she was with political leaders, diplomats or Church leaders, she did not mince her words while demanding certain things or favours for the poorest of the poor. And, sooner or later, she received them. Mother refused to judge donors, whether he would be a dictator of a Communist regime or a millionaire businessman, but for the sake of the downtrodden and the forsaken. In recognition of Mother Teresa's work for the poorest of the poor, she has been conferred with 124 national and international awards, the most prestigious being



the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize and 1980 Bharat Ratna Award by the Indian Government.

This globe-trotting fragile figure did not tire during her 87 years' lifespan, as she travelled thousands of miles to every nook and corner of the world. She even managed to pierce the Communist iron curtain and sowed the seeds of Christ's Love in that God forsaken terrain. The energy she received to do these marvellous works stemmed from the powerhouse of her spirituality. All she wanted to do was 'God's Will'. She asked Him for the grace to know His Divine Will. Once she had the promptings from the Holy Spirit, Mother Teresa just went ahead doing the Will of God without fear, often without assurance of provisions.

Mother Teresa's spirituality has been laced with several features of human endeavour to live a near-perfect spiritual life. The first motivating force with which she functioned was her deep faith in the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament and by extension, His real presence in the afflicted and suffering people. Her love for the poor was tremendously sincere. The poorer the people, the more she loved them.

Finally, the heart of Mother Teresa's spirituality was her deep prayer and constant union with God. She always had the Rosary in her hands. This indicated that she always lived in the presence of God. She used to say, "I derived the light from God to know what He wanted of me and then asked for the strength to do His Will."

# To Hell & Back

## (Continuing the Conversions debate)

**A** forward from a well-intentioned Catholic claimed that all those not baptised in the Catholic Church were going to Hell. His contention was based on some papal document of 1928 and subsequent Marian apparitions. I received this just a few days before my darling grand-daughter's baptism. I could not imagine that angelic beauty burning in Hell, if for any reason she had remained unbaptised!

A week later I got a Sunday morning knock at my gate. Three young Bible-thumpers were all set to baptise and save me! A month earlier a similar group had come. They were in their twenties. I wondered what they knew of life, sacred scripture, salvation, or the nature of God? Would they be knocking at the doors of the "gentiles" telling them that they had a one-way ticket to hell if they were not baptised? Were such zealous youngsters brainwashed into believing that they were on a divine mission? Could their simplistic arguments actually result in animosity rather than goodwill? And anti-conversion laws a la Jharkhand or adverse feelings a la Gandhi.

As with all such propagandists, the Bible was thrown at my face. Jesus' last command was to baptise all (cf Mat 28). I retorted that the Last Judgment would not be based on baptism or evangelisation, but on reaching out to those in need (cf Mat 25). Such countervailing arguments cut no ice with the zealots.

Lest this sound like a tirade against Evangelical Christians let me recount a hoary old tale from a former parish priest. It relates to the period when zealous missionaries like St Francis Xavier set sail across the seven seas

to save "pagan souls" in places like India. While crossing the Arabian Sea a devout Catholic priest saw another ship, with 500 aboard, sinking. Here was the God-given opportunity that he had been waiting for. There was danger of death (in which circumstance the Catholic Church advocated baptism), there was an abundance of water, and of course the priest! So he sanctimoniously stretched out his hand and baptised them en masse. That night after saying his rosary he thanked God and made an entry in his diary, "Saved 500 pagan souls from going to Hell".



by chhotebhai \*

Such anecdotes could sound funny, were they not true. In the past, overzealous missionaries "baptised the pagans", sometimes even by hook or by crook, because they felt that the ends justified the means. In this regard much has changed in the perception of the Catholic Church;

though seldom, if ever, mentioned in sonorous Sunday sermons. Before we come to that let us delve back in the past to go to Hell and back.

The "Dictionary of the Bible" (DOB) by Rev J McKenzie SJ is a standard text book in Catholic seminaries. I quote extensively from the same. In the Bible the word for Hell is GEHE NNA. In Greek it is GEENA; in Jesus' native Aramaic it was GE-HINNAM, and in Hebrew GE-HINNOM. It literally means the Valley of the son of Hinnom. Interestingly even Muslims use the word GEHENNAM for Hell. Etymologically the word refers to the original Jebusite owner of that valley. It was a place used for cultic human sacrifices and dead bodies. The emphasis was on a PLACE, a geographical location. It employed the imagery of contemporary Judaism. In Jewish rabbinical literature there is a possibility of release

from the place after a period of punishment. The DOB asserts that this is basically imagery and not a literal theological affirmation. The details of the afterlife are not disclosed, except in imagery (DOB Pgs 299-300).

In the New Testament, when Jesus refers to Hell it is described more as a STATE OF BEING, rather than a PLACE. There is darkness, gnashing of teeth etc. Interestingly, in various letters addressed to the Gentile converts, this Judaic imagery is not used, as it was foreign to their culture and ethos. An erudite preacher and writer like St Paul candidly admits of the future that "Now we see reflections in a mirror, mere riddles, but then we shall be seeing face to face. Now I can know only imperfectly" (1 Cor 13:12).

While Paul cautions against drawing hasty conclusions, the contemporary teachings of the Catholic Church also express a nuanced approach. The Second Vatican Council (1962-65) was a watershed in the Church's self-understanding, and its consequent attitude to "others".

I consider the "Dogmatic Constitution of the Church" (Lumen Gentium) to be the pivotal document of Vatican II. Referring to non-Catholics it clearly announces, "The Church recognizes that in many ways she is linked to those who, being baptized, are honoured with the name of Christian, though they do not profess the faith in its entirety or do not preserve unity of communion with the successor of Peter ... They are consecrated by baptism, through which they are united with Christ ... Likewise we can say that in some real way they are joined with us in the Holy Spirit" (LG15).

In like manner it says of non-Christians, "Those also can attain salvation who through no fault of their own do

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# Sunday Food Stall



**O**n Sunday, 27th Aug, Prayatna, an NGO initiated by Our Lady of Lourdes church Orlem, Malad, opened a food stall aptly named 'N Joy', on the church ground. The food stall will remain open on Saturday evenings and Sundays. Profits generated by the sale of food items will be used to fund the welfare schemes of Prayatna. The first day's response to the stall was simply overwhelming. After the third mass on Sunday the stall had run out of all its food stock. And we have 8 masses on Sundays in our parish. Parishioners attending the

following masses had to return disappointed. Next week Prayatna plans to upscale its stocks. But this requires the cooperation of parishioners as work rendered is voluntary, Prayatna being a not-for-profit organization.

This writer has time and again written about the need for food stalls on Sundays, to fund charitable activities. A food stall is an added incentive to attend mass and is something to be looked forward to by many parishioners. Most Catholic families today, order food from eateries once or twice a week. Young couples order even more frequently. With the GST kicking in, eating out or ordering food has become expensive. A church stall will evoke a good response from parishioners.

Since the idea is to generate revenue to fund charitable works, purchasing food items and selling them in the stall will yield very little profit. For the same reason self help groups (SHG) cannot be roped in. The church food stall will require the active support of parishioners to work purely voluntarily. Only actual cost incurred on purchasing of raw material can be reimbursed. It may be possible that some churches will find a band of willing volunteers. Alternatively, the sectors may be requested to prepare food items by rotation every week. "For what good is faith without works? Faith without works is dead" (James 2:14-26)

Prayatna works in and around Orlem Malad among the slum dwell-

ers. It

runs Balwadis for children of parents who are either contract workers, picking up garbage on the streets of Mumbai or cooking and cleaning in the homes of people. Through the Balwadis children are exposed to joy of education. These children later on get enrolled in Municipal Schools. Balwadis are pre-school centers where children from the disadvantaged sections of the Parish learn to play, read, write, and receive a mid-day snack and also health care. At present, they have 3 nurseries in the shanties of Mottapada, Srilanka Pada, Jai Jantha. The special English Nursery class was opened at Mottapada in 2008 to train children for admission into regular English medium schools in the Parish. Since its inception the number of pupils has grown tremendously. The nursery begins from the month of June up to April. They are open six days a week from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Each Nursery has a strength of 40-45 pupils with 2-3 teachers and volunteers. National festivals are celebrated as well as cultural and religious festivals like Raksha Bandan, Kite flying, Diwali, Christmas etc.

The services rendered by Prayatna includes providing Counselling and Psychiatric treatment for slum dwellers,

Legal Consultation, assisting people in finding employment through various tie-ups, animating Self Help Groups (SHGs) and Mahila Mandals, Implementation of Government schemes, skill development for drop-outs, assisting people obtain Ration Card, PAN Card, House Workers Smart Card and Disability Certificate. In addition it imparts skill training to women for income generation, assists students in applying for minority scholarships, providing interest free financial assistance for Job oriented courses. Prayatna also assists HelpAge in its Sponsor-a-Grandmother programme.

Prayatna was founded by seven devoted persons in 1990 and became a parish community centre in 1993. Today it is helmed by Ms Tara Pinto MSW, who renders voluntary service.

—Prof Robert Castellino  
Orlem

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## The most modern Baba

The nation needs to arise from its slumber. People need to rise above superstitious beliefs which allow them to blindly follow the so-called God men and we have plenty of them. It was a tamasha – all to produce an accused rapist in the court to hear the verdict of the Hon'ble Judge. Never before in the history of his country the people must have witnessed colossal waste of public money – first to let the accused know that he is guilty and then for the quantum of punishment to none other than Dr Sant Gurmeet Ram Rahim ji Insaan. He is neither a doctor, nor a Saint – Not Ram or Rahim and Ji, no Insaan. He is a beast. He should have added that.

This fake God man fooled too many people for far too long and in the process managed to rule over his subjects [devotees, followers] with an iron hand when his authority and his evil designs were questioned. In the process, he silenced his critics by either eliminating them or castrating, rendering them impotent for life. Young girls were exploited and literally kept captive to satisfy his lust at the time and day of his choosing. These young girls were subjected to cruelty if they dared to refuse his advances. The sad part of it is the apathy shown by the parents of these girls who chose to believe the fake Baba rather than their own daughters. So much was the influence of the Baba on the parents that they left their daughters to suffer. Wonder what they think today.

From the reports that have emerged, the Baba has been able to build an empire with the blind faith of his millions of devotees and disciples most of whom were ready to give their lives for him. He exploited their faith and managed to accumulate huge wealth running in some 1000 crores and a private army to defend him and his wealth. It is sad that among his ardent followers are our politicians, sportspersons and may be even film stars. He promised the politicians full support by way of votes and the politicians in turn assured him of a free hand to run his empire. When you have such patronage from the political class, it is no wonder that the God man saw no danger. Actually, he was more of any underworld don and our leaders must share the blame. The two Sadvis had the guts to raise their voices against exploitation in the name of religion by this self-styled Baba. He lived an opulent life with all the luxuries in the form of mansions, cars, clothing and what not. Obviously, a selected few had access to his private life

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and those few must have been rewarded handsomely to keep the charade going.

The Haryana Government has a lot to answer for their abject surrender allowing thousands of devotees to assemble [despite section 144] and also letting the God man to move in a cavalcade of almost 200 cars. Once accused, the convict is driven in a police van. While shifting him in a helicopter for sake of security is understandable, giving him five star facility in a guest house, allowing his so called daughter to accompany him in the copter is simply not acceptable. It only showed that the political class was grossly indebted to the Baba. The Courts have come down heavily on the political establishment with some harsh observations and are monitoring the actions of the government in the so called inquiry instituted by the government. The Courts want to ensure that it is not a farce. Neither the Haryana CM nor the entire BJP [including the PM and HM] have not crowned themselves in glory. Brazen it out – that is their mantra.

While I do not want to sound communal, the Baba by assuming the names of Ram and Rahim, he has insulted them both. He thought with these two holy names he could draw people from both faiths but he succeeded only partially. While all Muslims are not terrorists, we still talk about Islamic terror. By the way, why are all these fakes generally only from the majority community? To name just a few – Asaram Bapu, Nityanand Swamy, Rampal, Chandraswamy, Radhe Ma, Premnath, Bhimanand Maharaj, Nirmal Baba, Swamy Om and the list goes on and on. These fakes mushroom when there is no proper religious hierarchy and everyone wants to take the centre stage possibly by promising their followers eternal bliss. There must be hundreds who have not been confronted. This verdict will give the victims courage to come out openly.

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## Aadhaar needs Aadhaar

The highest court of the land has severely dented the government claim that privacy is not absolute and by reiterating that any such attempt to dilute the privacy of the citizens will be struck down has sent a strong message to the establishment. Before this set-back, the Aadhaar card was a virtual domestic passport. You needed it for virtually everything and the only thing left was to hang the Aadhaar card around your neck like the Corporate ID. Thankfully, before this could come about, the Court applied the brakes.



by Marshall Sequeira

Yet, this card has some utility and since it carries certain personal data like the name [which changes with marriage], minors becoming majors, typo errors, address, mobile numbers etc. When some or all of these things undergo change [with the applicability of the card to almost everything], it is only natural that the changes are incorporated from time to time. For this to happen, a proper infrastructure was initially in place with centres all over the city of Mumbai.

For some unknown reason, the government has closed all the small centres and you may not believe that only two centres are functioning in Mumbai – one in Andheri and the other I believe in Colaba and these two centres are catering to the millions of citizens of this metropolis. I visited one in Andheri and was shocked to see a huge crowd outside a small office with no place to sit or even stand in the sun. A watchman, who appeared to be fed up answering questions said that people queue up at 5.30 in the morning to get a token. Only 30 tokens are issued per day which I felt was simply ridiculous. If you are lucky to be given a token you get an appointment when the person is supposed to be present with all the originals for verification etc. I tried to get into the dingy office to check if the same procedure is to be followed simply to change the Mobile number [since the one given at the time of applying the card is now obsolete]. Shockingly, for this minor change, you have to stand in the queue at 5.30 in the morning.

Why can't the government have centres in each Municipal ward in the city? Better still, split the functions into minor and major changes. Minor changes like change of mobile number, change of address etc can be done at certain counters. Other complicated changes can be made at specialized counters so that the functioning is smooth and public friendly. Just as well, the apex court has put a virtual stop to the ambitious plans of the government to extend the use of Aadhaar card to other areas like admission to school etc. Producing Aadhaar card to use the public loo [Souchalaya] would have been next.

# A Konkani Harvest Heritage



by Ivan Saldanha-Shet

**O**n the Kanara, Konkani, Goa, and Kerala are well known for their ancient local catholic roots and traditions. The end of August the Tuluva Aati, the SW monsoon ends, a resplendent green time for all communities sets in. Harvest is in the air, it is the traditional agrarian legacy and heritage. Ganesh Chaturthi, Onam, Rakhibandhan..... and also Monthi Fesh (Feast of the Mount) / Maria Jayanthi all celebrate natures' bounty. The Konkani community irrespective of religion adopted Coastal Kanara as their home centuries ago. Early in the sixteenth century the Portuguese conquered Goa and soon they entered Canara. They first set up Our Lady of the Rosary Church near the Old Mangalore Port or Bundar also called the Factory Church, later moved up north and known as 'Rosario' Cathedral in Mangaluru as well as the 'Monte Mariano' Monastery in



Farangipete to the east on the banks of Nethravathi. The deep agrarian ethos of Karnataka are reinforced by such celebrations.

## From Aug 30 :

The Novena (Navadina), a nine day preparation for the feast commences from August 30. Particularly children gather flowers from the surroundings of their homes (or now from the market) and carry them to the church in pretty little baskets or trays. Soon after holy mass, they gather around the decorated statuette of Infant Mary and shower it with flowers singing a special hymn in Konkani saying in melody 'Let us all gather together'. Toddlers to grown ups take part with lively joy overflowing. It is a thrilling sight to behold, the older folks too enjoy the sight with nostalgic childhood

nostalgia!

## The Fesh - Sept 8 :

The feast day September 8, is a red letter family day for the Konkani Catholics everywhere. The blessing of the Nove - New Rice Corn and first fruits gathered from the fields, a sight bringing back the struggle and values of family and community. A festive Mass is celebrated in the Parish churches, the new rice paddy sheaves are brought to the church in a procession by the Gulkars (leaders) along with sugarcane, fruit and vegetables and solemnly blessed by the priests. Later, the 'Blessed Corn' is distributed to the adults present, the children are given a whole big 'sugar cane' ! There is a general festive spirit at a peak midst exchange of Greetings, then the focus shifts to homes and families.

The social focus of this unique festival draws a parallel to local traditions of the ancient coastal farming traditions of the region and the harvest meal partaken in the family homes by members gathering is special. It is always entirely a purely vegetarian fare with odd number of vegetable dishes usually 7,9,11, 13.....and so on. A special prayerful tradition is observed: The



'Nove' newly blessed rice paddy is crushed and sprinkled to the dishes and also served in a sweet drink of coco nut milk. There is much devotion and gratitude to God and providers - the farmers. The Festh, has become a virtual global observance among larger Kanara communities in Gulf Countries, Canada, US, UK, Australia, Africa and more today. It is evolving as a link observance identifying the Konkani Catholics and other groups; formulating variations to suit individual visions.

**1784-99 episode :**

For the Catholic Konkani community, this 'Festh' got a boost after 1799, when Tipu's captivity of the Konkani Catholics ended . The history of Tipu Sultan who ruled on west coast of In-



dia holds the interest and fascination of many with diverse back grounds. The migration of Saraswats (Konkanis) to Mangalore and beyond and the identity conversion over the centuries is historic. The peace treaty between Tipu Sultan and the English peace commissioners on 11 March 1784 in Mangalore was the signal for putting into execution Tipu's draconian orders for the arrest and deportation of the Konkani Catholics of Kanara specially around Mangalore, to Srirangapatna near Mysore and the confiscation of their valuables and properties.

In 1789, Tipu's assault on the Travan-

core Lines led to war with the East India Company and her allies again. It ended in 1792 with a major setback for Tipu and the escape of 700 Christians to Virajpet in Kodagu. Baptism records there reveal that Christianity continued to be secretly practiced in Srirangapatna, with many children being baptized by elders of the community. These records reveal the names and home towns of some of the captives. Tipu died fighting on the ramparts of his fort in Srirangapatna near Mysore on 4th May 1799. Only then did the survivors of the captivity gain freedom and gradually return and rebuild their lives and the community - the 1800s were crucial. Perhaps bare-

ly a third of the community survived the Captivity. The present Konkani Catholics now seen world wide are mostly descendants of those who returned from the 15 year captivity of Tipu, their faith was tested and reinforced by suffering and fire.

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by Irwin Almeida

## Faith as Firm as the Mount

**T**he Basilica of Our Lady of the Mount is today the most prized edifice of Bandra – once the “Queen of the Suburbs”. The annual Bandra Feast is a widely-known event attended by people from far and near, who make it a point to visit the Shrine at least once a year, and pay homage to their Blessed Mother. Such is their devotion. May be they believe what Sir William Osler once said “that nothing in life is more wonderful than faith – the one great moving force which we can neither weigh in the balance nor test in the crucible.”

Traditionally, it is observed as Bandra Feast on the Sunday following the 8th of September and extends to the Octave with a Fair on the steps behind the Basilica and extending beyond Mount Carmel Church on Chapel Road, to its junction with Waroda and Bazaar Roads.

Commencing with the Novena, crowds of devotees attend the services at Mount Mary Basilica, morning and evening so much so that since about the past 50 years it has necessitated erecting a shamiana to contain the large crowds earlier accommodated within the Church. The faith of the pilgrims is as firm as the mount the basilica stands on and, in fact, it is believed that only because of Our Lady's protection that Bandra has been kept from all harm. It may be recalled that during the communal disharmony in 1992/93, there was an influx of the minority community who fled south Mumbai for the relatively peaceful environs of this suburb. However, they are here to stay and as is evident without any goading for the hope “may their tribe increase!”

In days gone by this Bandra Feast was celebrated in a big way as old time inhabitants will recall, when instead of the fatted calf they slaughtered the home-bred pig, the custom in those days and part of the slaughtered animal was also sold to the neighbours. Hosting friends and relatives who came to venerate and remained to celebrate with a variety of mainly East Indian preparations, not to mention their spiritual satiation – and ignoring the

mounting expense! Often, the visitors made themselves at home while their hosts wished they really were?

With the passage of time, mounting costs and commuting problems, this pernicious practice has been happily abandoned. The crowds are mounting but the Fair has been reduced to a ‘mela’ of sorts frequented by pick-pockets and ill-mannered elements. Thankfully, the residents can now feast in peace, because while the foot falls for the devotion is increasing the ones for the fair are showing diminishing returns?

Early times saw numerous food stalls from the bottom of the steps on St. John Baptist Road, leading was the eponymous Santan Pereira, the beginning of the now renowned restaurateurs, caterers and confectioners established by his successors. There were other festival type establishments too, probably migrated from Dhobi Talao, where a full and enjoyable meal was available for those who chose to eat out. Then there were other choices of entertainment like the once famous instant photos, the well of death, and the now forgotten but once famous Wigwam, with someone dressed like a Red Indian beckoning people to enter the tepee, followed by the Chinese Garden, organised by Mount Carmel Parish which disappeared with the strained relationship between our two countries, and now known as September Gardens with Ferris wheels and other amusements, and directly opposite in Carmel View was the Sea-on-Land merry-go-round, now no more. Outside the gate of Mt. Carmel on the edge of the once sea front and the beginning of the reclamation, were the popular “tumbling boxes” and a hit with the masses.

Today, Bandra has more migrants come from other areas to dominate and even dictate; some even tried to stop the Bandra Fair which was going on even before they came here. All these have never had the taste of Bandra's grandeur and its cottages with front gardens with plants bearing flow-



ers and fruits. They are mostly screen or TV stars, designers and models put on the ramp with hideous outfits and quick bucks, and whatever come lately. Yet, many consider themselves socialites? Let us leave them to their dreams, and come down to what we need to – the main attraction of the Shrine at the Mount.

A little known fact perhaps is that at the beginning of the 19th century, two famous non-Christian Bombayites, in appreciation of special favours received made donations for building the Causeway, linking Bandra with Mahim. These were the Parsi Baronet Sir Jamshetjee Jeejeebhoy and Lady Jamshetjee. Then in 1879, Sir Jamshetjee presented to the Bandra Municipality, the steps on the northern side connecting Hill Road to Mount Mary Road. This too was in thanksgiving for a favour received. It is said that Sir Jamshetjee desired to have a daughter – he had three sons, and none of their female children survived more than three years. So they prayed to Our Lady and his wish was fulfilled, and he built the steps on his daughter's eighth birthday to honour his vow.

These steps lead up to some well-known landmarks. The first is the now defunct Captain Villa, followed on the opposite side by St. Stephen's Church, and then The Summit, the sprawling bungalow of renowned physician and philanthropist, Dr. D. A. D'Monte, which has now alas been replaced by the faceless Merry Niketan. And then of course Bandra's prized edifice – the Basilica of Our Lady of the Mount – of which the Bandra Feast celebrations are all about.

# Liberal Christianity: Hard To Confront

“The Enlightenment” was a European movement in the 17th and 18th centuries based on the theory of reason and individualism which helped to create the concept of liberal Christianity.

It began with three disturbing views on Christian belief in Jesus: His healing, His exorcisms and His Divinity. To the liberal Christian Jesus was simply a well-meaning person or an over-idealistic prophet. The campaign had overlooked serious features of Jesus’ life by miracles, healings, his power over the dark shades of evil, the devil and surprisingly, His Divinity as Lord and God.

Liberal Christians read the miracles of Jesus as metaphorical narratives for understanding the power of God. Jesus was ignored by them and his Divinity suffers demotion to the scale of a harmless clairvoyant. Liberal theologians had an inclination to debate between the Creator and the creation, especially during the 17th-18th centuries.

In the Gospel of Mark we are told of many people who were sick, suffering from diseases, some possessed by the devil and Jesus cured them. Evil spirits and the devil knew who Jesus was: One of the unclean spirit screamed at Jesus: “I know who you are, the Holy One of God.”

Liberal Christianity denies the existence of evil. Exorcism is not given the same sacramental prominence as the sacrament of anointing the sick and healing. Public exorcism is not often seen, it must have the bishop’s permission, and given to diocesan priests who are appointed as diocesan exorcists.

Catholics and Christians believe in prayers, not only for healing but for many other human misfortunes and in cases of evil possessions. It is not uncommon to

find a person saying prayers, one would never have imagined earlier as a person to pray. It was rare in the earlier years to find a priest deputed to the appointment of healing by exorcism. Today, in this century many dioceses have dozens of priests. I was told that in Poland, including liberal Christians, there are over 250 exorcist priests.



BY MELVYN BROWN

Liberal Christians have an allegorical interpretation of the Bible. Theologians with liberal inclinations seem to reject the possibility of exorcism and miracles, and are prone to waver the polemical that denial or affirmation entails. Liberal theologians use a method of trying to understand God through Scripture, applying modern Scriptural hermeneutics, (interpretation of the Bible) used in ancient writings.

The benefits of a prayerful Christian life is in the power of its intercession without any commitment to liberal Christianity. On this subject a necessary and correspondingly complete deliberation is common opinion going the rounds.

The most rigid thought would maintain that although there is a sharp break between the Old Testament and the New with regard to exorcism, the reality of the evil spirit is in the Old Testament. David played his harp to chase away the bad spirit from King Saul. The Book of Tobit tells us of the demon who torments Sar-

ah and had killed her seven husbands on their wedding night. In this story the Archangel Raphael drives away the demon by burning the heart and liver of a fish. The incense created a stench and the demon was put to flight.

To cast away demons, Jesus did not call upon any authority, not even Yahweh; He had his own power. Furthermore the New Testament informs us that evil spirits submit to Jesus, as I had mentioned earlier. The Lord’s irresistible power always works. “And they begged him repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.” (Mk.5:8). “He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him”. (Mk.1:27).

Liberal Christianity denotes and still states a willingness to interpret Scripture according to modern philosophic perspectives. It uses a method to understand God through Scripture, applying present day hermeneutics – used in comprehending ancient symbols and scriptures.

Liberal Christian theology rejects traditional Christian teachings on the Virgin birth, Resurrection and the authority of Scriptures.

Finally, the existence of spiritual evil should be followed by spiritual discipline: prayer, Sacrament and Scripture for the confrontation with evil. Liberal Christianity, I suppose, thinks differently, and hard to confront.

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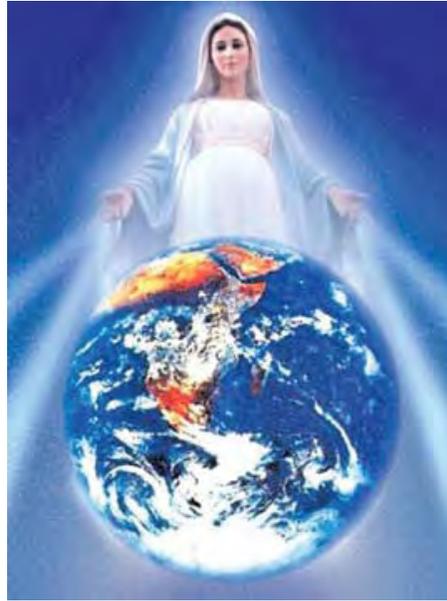
## Mankind is blessed with two mothers- Mother Mary and mother Earth!

**P**ope Francis in his encyclical, 'Laudato Si' has reminded us that God adorned our only home, the Earth and gave her into the custody of man, to enjoy, cherish and protect! On 1st September, 2017, the Holy Father's call to observe the day as World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation was heeded by the Faithful and prayers and homilies focused on conserving nature and sustaining ecology. God's creation is so unique that every small detail has been calligraphed with a loving hand by the Master Craftsman!

Long time ago, on that hill far away, as our Saviour and Lord was about to breathe his last, he had lovingly handed over his mother Mary to all mankind to be our mediator and benefactor. The mother's love for her children is today evident from the vast numbers that throng the shrines and churches to celebrate her birth on 8th September with devotion. Come September and mother earth too readies herself to contribute her gifts to this celebration that spans across the realms of heaven and earth. "Let us come together and sing in one voice to praise our Mother....."

We express our gratitude to the two mothers whose love showers us with gifts and blessings for making life rich and plentiful for all humankind. It is but appropriate that Mother Mary's birthday should be celebrated with gifts from mother earth- all the produce that she so lovingly yielded during the short monsoon season.

In the towns down the Konkan coast



where Christianity prospered down the ages, traditions have been kept alive to celebrate the Nativity of Mother Mary by linking the 'Harvest Festival' to 'Monthi Fest'. When families come together to pray and share the same table, mother earth supplies the choicest goodies to stack the overflowing larder! Nothing but the yield from nature is used to prepare a sumptuous meal to share at this feast of family reunion.



BY VERA ALVARES

In the city of Mangalore dotted with umpteen churches within a stone's throw of each other, the day of the Monthi Fest dawns early. As the sun's tender rays light up the green earth, a procession of oxen-carts loaded with freshly harvested paddy, juicy sugarcane, flowers, fruits and vegetables winds its way to the church accompanied by the local band and devotees of Mother Mary. The celebrations in the church are fit for a queen! As the new harvest arrives at the church, the last day's novena with children showering flowers on Bambina is still in progress in the church compound, come rain or shine. The crowds throng the gates to welcome the gift-bearing mother earth with music and hymns.

The new produce is blessed during the festive Mass and each family takes home the blessed paddy and sugarcane sticks to share with the members. Lunch is traditional, a reminder of the days of yore when the fruits of the earth comprised the staple diet of a people yet to be converted to Christianity. Squatting on the floor before the decorated altar, the fragrances of jasmine and Chrysanthemums permeating the air, the vegetarian meal of all possible vegetable dishes is served on the plantain leaves and consumed after a long bout of prayers to every ancestor and kin. The de-husked new rice joins the coconut juice and jiggery in a sweet dish which seals the bond between the creator, mother Mary and her children!

The legacy of our ancestors, mostly land-owners and coffee-growers has been transported to all the ends of the earth by generations of Konkanas migrated overseas. The blessed paddy or 'Novem' gets airborne and flies to the children and their families scattered across the globe. Reports and pictures of celebrations of Monthi Fest in various continents of the world drift back home to bring a warm feeling of joy. It is a great feeling to know that traditions are kept alive by communities that come together in the name of Mother Mary and mother earth. Happy birthday dearest Mother!

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not know the gospel of Christ or his Church, yet sincerely seek God, and moved by grace, strive by their deeds to do his will as it is known to them through the dictates of conscience. Nor does divine providence deny the help necessary for salvation to those who without blame on their part, have not yet arrived at an explicit knowledge of God, but who strive to live a good life, thanks to his grace" (LG 16). This means that even professed atheists can be saved, and echoes the mind of Jesus that "he causes his sun to rise on the bad as well as the good, and sends down rain to fall on the upright and wicked alike" (Mat 5:45).

This leaves absolutely no room for doubt, that God's grace and Jesus' salvific work is for all. Then why convert?

These sentiments are echoed in the official "Catechism of the Catholic Church" promulgated by Pope John Paul II on 11/10/1992. It says, "Every man who is ignorant of the Gospel of Christ and of his church, but seeks the truth and does the will of God in accordance with his understanding of it, can be saved. It may be supposed that such persons would have desired baptism explicitly, if they had known its necessity" (CCC 1260). As for Hell it states that "The teaching of the Church affirms the existence of Hell and its eternity" (CCC 1035). But who goes there? In the past moralists laid emphasis on cognizable "mortal sins" like murder and adultery (5th & 6th Commandments). However, the

CCC seems to focus more on the 1st Commandment that is not so tangible. It says, "The state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed is called Hell" (CCC 1033). Notice that it is referred to as a state of being, and not a place. Devoid of theological jargon, it is not easy to go to Hell!

Rather than being judgmental the CCC is more considerate of human frailty, when it says, "The affirmations of Sacred Scripture and the teachings of the Church on the subject of Hell are a call to responsibility incumbent upon man to make use of his freedom in view of his eternal destiny" (CCC 1036). Further, "God pre-destines no one to go to Hell; for this a wilful turning away from God (a mortal sin) is necessary, and persistence in it till the end ... the Church implores the mercy of God who does not want any to perish, but all to come to repentance (cf 2 Pet 3:9)" (CCC 1037).

From this I would deduce that isolated sins against the 5th/6th Commandments (invariably singled out for sending people to Hell) certainly do not merit eternal damnation. A serial killer, a rapist or other criminal may be doing cruel things, but such acts may not be deliberate or definitive acts of denial of God. They are acts of human frailty rather than of spiritual rejection. They deserve exemplary punishment (purgation) but not eternal damnation.

This is why Pope Francis constantly talks of God's mercy. I believe that God's love is infinitely greater than

the worst criminal acts that a human may undertake, including the likes of Judas or Hitler.

Why then so much talk of Hell and eternal damnation? Before Vatican II almost everything, from missing Mass on Sundays, was a mortal sin. The fear of Hell, fire and brimstone, stamped the dumb sheep and cattle class into the churches. Fear was the key, not the love of God.

I believe that the two strongest human emotions are love and fear; the carrot and the stick. Unfortunately, most human behaviour is based on fear – of society, of God, of the unknown, of what people will say, of what will happen tomorrow; rather than motivated by love of God, humanity or nation. At the agony in the garden Jesus experienced the fear of the excruciating pain of the crucifixion. But then a superior emotion, love for God's people, took hold of him when he exclaimed, "Nevertheless, let your will be done, not mine" (Lk 22:42).

John has these wonderful words for us, "In love there is no room for fear, but perfect love drives out fear, because fear implies punishment, and whoever is afraid has not come to perfection in love" (1Jn 4:18). So let us focus on love, and leave judgment and Hell to the merciful Father who does not desire that even a single one should perish. Paul's earlier uncertainty about the future ends with these words of certitude, "Meanwhile these three remain: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love" (1 Cor 13:13).

As for conversions, if they are based on love and truth, they are to be welcomed. If, however, they are motivated by threats of divine displeasure, fear, force, allurements, or misconceptions, then they should be firmly discouraged. For we don't know who, if any, are going to Hell; and nobody has come back to tell us about it.

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## Cultivate habits of success

**Success is about habit. It is about eliminating the negative things in your life that hold you back and learning new ones that allow you to progress. You can achieve success by adopting the below habits**

It is said that successful people do things differently. Cultivate these habits of successful people to taste success.

**Building positive relationships:** Be choosy about who you spend your time with. Successful people make a point to limit their exposure to toxic, negative people as negativity drains you of your energy and enthusiasm. If you don't have highly-motivated people in your personal network yet, fear not. Self-made millionaires volunteer, which is a great way to meet other positive, motivated individuals. You could also join groups for people who share your same career or personal interests, Then develop the relationship by keeping in touch.

**Have a practical outlook:** Everything always happens for a reason. This is however one of those things that most people say in retrospect. If you are fired from your job today for instance, it may be very difficult to see that something positive could actually come out of it. However, if you embrace the change that comes with being unemployed, you will apply yourself fully and start your way to financial success. A positive outlook helps you to see the opportunities around you and take advantage of them.

**Re-evaluate your goals:** When you make a plan and start working towards it, you should make weekly, monthly, quarterly and yearly goals. At the end of each of these periods, take stock of what you have done and how far you are from achieving your goals. Make the necessary improvements required to progress. If your skills are what are keeping you from achieving your ca-

but surely builds unshakable trust in yourself which is a vital element of success. What is the next big idea, project or business that you can think about? Think and act on it.

**Reading:** A whopping 88 percent of rich people during research say they devote thirty minutes or more each day to education or self-improvement through reading. Most do not read for entertainment as they prefer biographies, history and self help books.

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Success people are optimistic and they choose positivity instead of fear. Optimism is an ideal strategy for making a better future. You have to first believe that the future can be better before you can step up and take responsibility for making it so.



reer goals, search online for top MBA programmes available and enroll to acquire new skills.

**Adapting is key:** Someone who is adaptable is open to new ideas and doesn't need to do things just because that's how they've always been done. They're able to anticipate changes and don't go according to plan. Being adaptable means not feeling hopeless and helpless in the face of change. If you can tell yourself that you have the skills and ability to change yourself, even if you can't change the situation, you have figured out the key to being happy regardless of your circumstances. Being happy regardless of your circumstances gives you an edge.

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# Guide to young entrepreneurs

**Taking risks, making mistakes and finally getting it right are what shapes the lives and business of young entrepreneurs. Today we discuss major do's and don'ts for entrepreneurs under 25**

**Y**oung entrepreneurs go through many ups and downs. It has its own perils and advantages. A young entrepreneur must always remember that it's better to make mistakes and correct them with the feedback of 100 people and not by blasting your brain just by yourself. Here is a list of dos and don'ts for young start-up owners.

## Dos

### Learn from mistakes:

Instead of fearing mistakes, we should learn to embrace them. The only advantage for a young blood to commit such teething mistakes is that they dodge it in time if it ever arises again.

**Take risks:** As young entrepreneurs, you have a lot of runways to implement new strategies, innovative ideas and challenge

the status quo. All you need is to gather your courage to take risks.

**Network more:** Try and meet as many new people as possible. What we mean is not with the intention of gaining, but learning from them and their experiences. Chances are that you don't know everything. An added advantage of connecting with new people is their network becomes a part of your network and you never know, one person's contact can impact your venture in a big way. It's a small world and one dot connects another.

**Be open to feed back:** Feedback is like a medicine. It tastes bad but if you use it, it cures. When you give your day and night to something it's hard to hear anything negative about it. In your pursuit of perfection, it's important to get and implement feedback from a fresh pair of eyes. You are not building this business just for yourself.

## Don'ts

### Don't care too much about others:



The last thing you can care about is what people think. Don't beat yourself up if some aunty and uncle think you need to be working in some multinational company. They are not chasing your dreams, you are! The only person's support you need is yourself and your family. People who don't want to understand your vision. We live in a world where other people's opinions matter but if you are true to yourself and your vision, the same people are going to boast about being associated with you!

**Don't be impatient:** In this age of in-

## Tips you must stick to

- Challenge yourself.
- Do work you care about.
- Believe in yourself.
- Have a vision.
- Manage energy, not time.
- Build a great team.
- Hire character.
- Plan for raising capital.
- Know your goals.
- Know your customer.
- Ask for customer's input.
- Spend wisely.
- Understand your industry.
- Deliver more than expected.

stant gratification we often forget that nothing great was made in a day. It took people endless hours of labor, endless sleepless nights and endless rejections to make their products amazing. Most of the times you won't get it right in the first go or your genius strategy won't garner the attention you expect, but hang in there and keep learning and becoming better.

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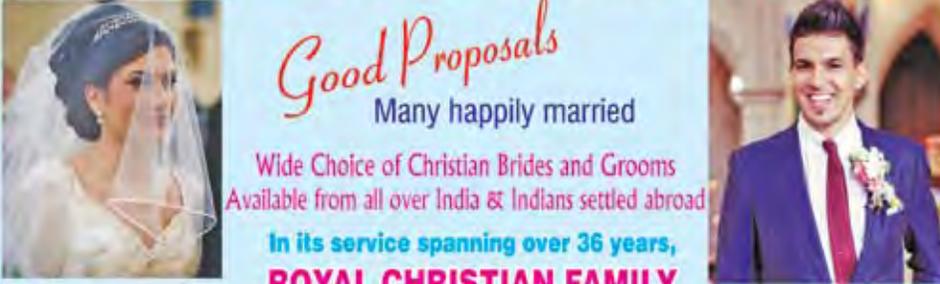
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