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Picnics, Peaceniks, Peacemakers & Pacemakers

by chhotebhai

The church in India is in a picnic mode. It enjoys celebrations and a relaxed, laidback comfort zone. This was one of the opening remarks of Swami Sachidananda (aka Airforce Baba), the founder of the Disciples of Christ for Peace (DCP), and the Convenor of the National Seminar on “Christian Leadership for a Culture of Peace in the Multi-Religious Context of India”. It was held from 13th to 15th April at Navjivan Renewal Centre (NRC), Delhi, in which 81 delegates from across the country participated.

Inaugurating the Seminar Bp Thomas Thurithimattam CST of Gorakhpur (who subsequently spent all three days at the Seminar as an ordinary participant) said that the increasing danger of religious fundamentalism could destroy the democratic and secular fabric of the nation. Hence it was imperative for Christian leaders to come together on such a platform to be peacemakers.

During the Vietnam War in the 1960's a new breed emerged, known as peaceniks. It was a derogatory term used by over zealous pseudo-nationalists against those opposed to war. History, however, is witness to something else; the courage, not cowardice, of those who oppose war and violence. It was such thoughts that forged an alliance between Swami Sachidananda and chhotebhai, former National President of the All India Catholic Union (AICU), to organize this Seminar. It sought to identify and inspire potential Christian leaders, so that they could in turn become peacemakers – giving new life to the weak hearted; and to be torchbearers for peace and communal harmony.

To this end Swami Sachidananda said that we need to jettison our picnic mode and rediscover the power of the Cross of Jesus. He said that a true Christian is not one who is just



Chhotebhai Noronha

baptised and goes to church on Sundays, but one who radiates the peace of Christ within. Just as Jesus first sent out 72 disciples with the message of peace this Seminar sought to identify a Special Task Force (STF) of 72 committed persons who would take this mission forward.

Guru Santaji of Kohlapur, Maharashtra, another DCP member, gave his testimony of how he stood up to bulldozers that threatened to demolish his ashram. He said that missionaries are often attacked because they are out of touch with local language and culture.

Later in the evening Rev Anand Mathew IMS of Varanasi showed a video of how his team of theatre artists accompanied Swami Sachidananda on a 5 month tour of U.P. spreading the message of peace among the public and school children. Anand warned that after the demolition of the Babri Masjid in Ayodhya the fundamentalist forces had declared that Mathura and Kashi (Varanasi) were

next on the agenda.

On the second day chhotebhai presented the thrust paper “Christians as Harbingers of Peace”. He said that our peace mission should be rooted in present day ground realities where a multi-religious society was surreptitiously but systematically being transformed into a mono-religious one - with one religion, one culture, one language, one dress, one diet, one political ideology, one unique identity and one Civil Code. Several parables and anecdotes were used by the speaker to drive home his points.

Here communal forces seldom follow the path of open confrontation as often seen in Islamist violence. They rather choose the path of steady infiltration, all in the guise of “culture”, not religion. chhotebhai also quoted extensively from the Bible to emphasize that every Christian is called to be a harbinger of peace. It is not an optional extra.

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Have our tribes become more important than our country?

By Don Aguiar

The single most important intellectual trend of our time is the popular rediscovery of human tribalism. We thought we had it licked. For roughly 200,000 years, humans ran around in small, clannish groups, hunting and mating together while variously raiding or befriending other groups. But in the past couple of centuries, we wised up and replaced tribal social organization with depersonalized, rules-based institutions: markets to organize our economies, elections to organize our politics and science to organize our search for knowledge. To satisfy our hankering for group affinity, we transferred our tribal loyalties from clan and caste to abstractions like the Constitution and the free-enterprise system. The results were spectacular, a step change in human potential. We had figured it out. Or so we thought.

Only we couldn't fool Mother Nature. And, yet ultimately is both a sign of the rediscovery of the primacy of tribalism and a lucid guide to its implications.

Science has shown that tribalism is hard-wired. Experiments and evidence dating back generations, in psychology, sociology and anthropology, have established firmly that human opinions and emotions, loyalties and affiliations, religions and customs, and even perceptions are shaped by our need to belong to a group — and by our proclivity to hate rival groups.

Experimental subjects will spontaneously form in-group loyalties and out-group antipathies when assigned to teams randomly. Subjects will deny the evidence of their own eyes to agree with those around them, even if the discrepancy is blatant. There need be no trigger for tribalism, no cause or conflict. If we do not already have a tribe and a reason to be loyal to it, we will create a tribe and invent a rationale. Some versions of this behavior, such as loyalties to professional sports franchises, are relatively benign. Others, such as blind political partisanship, can be quite malignant.

British imperialists made a science of understanding the tribal structures of societies they colonized. In places such as Iraq and Afghanistan, where they privileged Sunnis and Pashtuns to exploit tribal divisions, they played favor-

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Selling Spirituality

India has had a great tradition of spiritual thinkers such as Ramakrishna Paramahansa, Swami Vivekananda, Shirdi Sai Baba, Swami Chinmayananda and Ramana Maharshi, to name a few who led simple and honest lives and never sought any power or wealth. They served humanity till the time of their death. But the present-day gurus (godmen and godwomen) are business savvy and have huge spiritual empires. They are surrounded by dotting devotees who have implicit faith in their gurus and are not fazed by their weird behaviour. Some of them even exploit women sexually.

Their nexus with political leaders and bureaucrats is well known. Except for the saffron outfit that some of them wear and the fact that the product they sell is spirituality, they are no different from any other entrepreneur. It is embarrassing that many Indian godmen have political patronage, especially under BJP rule."

—Jubel D’Cruz, Mumbai.

On making ourselves truly Indians

This is with reference to the letter ‘Romans Catholics? Why not Indian Catholics’ by Fr Michael G. (Secular Citizen Apr 24). It is unfortunate that the minority Christian community and their institutions in India feel more insecure and threatened due to the policies and programmes of the BJP govt at the centre, aimed at turning India into a ‘Hindu Rashtra’. Fanatical elements are thus being encouraged to manipulate Hindu religious sentiments with slogans, branding Christians as “agents of conversion,

agents of foreign powers, outsiders, and members of a foreign religion”. In such a hostile scenario, calling ourselves ‘Indian Catholics’ instead of ‘Roman Catholics’, will hardly serve to improve the situation. People are not so naïve as to believe that we are Romans or foreigners. Likewise, a Welinkar, Vasaikar or Karmarkar, instead of a DeMonte, Fernandes or Pereira will not make us better or truly Indian Christians. Secondly, we have inculturated in our religious rituals and practices to the point of incurring the wrath of Hindus for appropriating their religious symbols and practices. Has it made our position any better or safer? Are we ashamed of stating that our holy land is Palestine (now Israel)---the place where our founder, Lord Jesus Christ lived and founded the Christian faith? Surely there are better ways of making ourselves better Christians and truly Indians, by educating the faithful to respect the religious beliefs of other religions, by joining in their religious festivals and celebrations, by having joint-community celebrations and meals, etc. All this can be done without compromising on our religious beliefs and identity, but in the true spirit of Indian culture and ethos.

—A. F. Nazareth
Alto Porvorim, Goa

International Day of Families

World Family Day is celebrated on May 15 every year. It is also observed as the ‘International Day of Families’. This day is held annually and it is a global observance. This day was founded by the United Nations General Assembly in the year, 1993.

The World Family Day celebrates

the importance of families. On this day, a get together with the family brings happiness in all the members of the house.

—Jubel D’Cruz, Mumbai

The Asaram case verdict augurs well for our criminal justice system

The verdict in the Asaram rape case: ‘Jail till death’ augurs well for the criminal justice system in the country. By awarding the maximum punishment under the existing law, the court has sent a strong signal to rapists that they can no longer expect any mercy on grounds of any extenuating circumstances such as advanced age or hurting the religious sentiments of the people.

The courts should now turn their attention to frauds and scams involving several crores of rupees. In such cases even if justice is done, it comes after years or decades. Special fast track courts should be set up to try such cases. In addition to stiff jail sentences, heavy court fines (commensurate with the scam), should be imposed, to compensate courts for fast tracking cases..

— Prof Robert Castellino
Orlem

An Enigmatic Forty Days

Some Christians of Kerala prefer to be called “Syrian Christians”. Others consider it a misnomer, and would rather be called “Thomas Christians”, because their forefathers were converted in apostolic times itself by St Thomas. I am not from Kerala (though most of my good friends are Malayalees) but I too would like to call myself a Thomas Christian!

Because, like Thomas, I too don't have blind faith. I seek proof and rationality for my beliefs, as evidenced in the post resurrection scenario. Most of us Sunday Christians (Syrian, Latin, Protestant, Evangelical et al) tend to stop at Good Friday. Perhaps because we cannot fathom the Resurrection. This is quite normal. Over 40 years ago I had directed and also played the lead role of Jesus in a passion play in Bareilly. I was able to identify with the suffering Jesus, and

could emote accordingly. But when it came to the Resurrection, I was foxed. There was no human emotion that could express this “event”.

Unfortunately, as I have elaborated in my book “Beyond 2000”, God is a failure as an “event manager”. If the Resurrection was indeed the turning point in history, and the basis of our faith, it should have been much better stage managed! Today's event managers maximize sound and light effects and every minute detail including lip sync, to get the desired effect. Tele-evangelists, our Indian “Godmen”, sportspersons, actors, and politicians have fine tuned this art.

But the Resurrection was a publicity failure. There were no witnesses, no media attention or earth shattering symptoms, as happened at the Crucifixion. Even Mary who “stood by the Cross” was not to be seen at the tomb! This is because the Resurrection was not an event in human terms. It was an experience, as we shall presently see.

John's description of the unfolding “event” differs from the other three Synoptic writers. Even though the Resurrection is referred to about 50 times in the New Testament, I will, for now, restrict myself to John's gospel, chapters 20 & 21. I would like to experience, yes EXPERIENCE, the Resurrection the way some of the key players did – Mary Magdalene, Peter, John, Thomas and Mother Mary.

Most superficial commentators emphasise that the first person to meet the Risen Jesus was Mary Magdalene. It is made out as a gender issue. She may have been the first to rush to the tomb, but she was definitely not the first one to experience the

Resurrection. It was in fact another woman, another Mary, the mother of Jesus. She had no need to rush to the tomb, because she already knew that Jesus had risen. She did not require empirical or circumstantial evidence. She had already experienced the Resurrection deep within. She was not the one whose womb bore him and breasts suckled him. Rather she was the one who heard the Word of God and kept it (cf Lk 11:28).



by chhotebhai *

She had incarnated the word at the Annunciation, proclaimed it at the Visitation, accomplished it at the Crucifixion, and now experienced it in the Resurrection. My devotion to Mother Mary is not based on pilgrimages to Lourdes or Vellankanni, but on trying to keep the Word the way she did. It is also the most plausible explanation that I can give for Mother Mary's apparent absence at the tomb.

How did others react or respond to the Resurrection? Firstly, let us not confuse the event of the empty tomb with the experience of the Resurrection. Mary Magdalene experienced Jesus only when he called her by her name (v16). It was more of an emotional than faith experience. That is why he said to her “Do not cling to me” (v 17). The ever impetuous Peter “saw and believed” (v 9). He also received the Holy Spirit in the closed room where Jesus entered (v 22). He was sensing something, but could not fully comprehend it. That is why he quietly reverted to his old profession of fishing at Lake Tiberius. (cf Jn 21). Old habits die hard, even for the chosen ones!

John, who often claimed to be the disciple that Jesus loved (an exclusivist term that I really don't like) had reached the tomb before Peter (Contd.. on p. 7)

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(v9), but he waited for Peter to enter first. Why? Was his faith not strong enough, or was it just a warrant of precedence that he showed to Peter? For me, after Mother Mary, the best response to the Resurrection is that of Thomas. Unfortunately, he has been labelled the “doubting” Thomas. I would rather call him the “seeking” Thomas. He was actually seeking an answer for his faith, as Peter would later advise (cf 1 Pet 3:15). In the second encounter where the risen Jesus forces Thomas to touch his physical wounds, he says to the latter “You believe because you can see me. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe” (v 29).

I don't think that Thomas' absence at the first appearance was accidental. I believe that it was a deliberate act on the part of Jesus. He wanted to show us all the three paths to experiencing the Resurrection. Firstly, that of Mother Mary who was totally in sync with her son; secondly that of Peter, John, Mary Magdalene etc to whom he revealed himself, and thirdly to the likes of Thomas, who wanted proof – empirical evidence, not just subjective feelings.

In today's rationalist and cynical world, where faith is shattered when Godmen are found to be rapists, and some celibate Catholic priests are paedophilic, it is not enough to demand blind faith. In the course of my Thomasian seeking I have found the best scientific evidence of the Resurrection in the Shroud of Turin. It is believed to be the burial cloth of Jesus. It has blood stains with capillary action that corresponds to the physical torture of Jesus. What science has failed to explain is the perfect negative photographic image (not stains) on the Shroud.

I find the answer to that in a nun who was very active in the healing ministry in the Charismatic Renewal. After intense healing sessions she found strange marks on her inner garment, notably the underarms that sweat the

most. These stains could only be removed by a chemical normally used for developing photographic negatives into black and white positives. It made me think. Jesus' public life was full of taking the burdens of others upon himself. His body was embalmed with chemicals. At the Resurrection intense heat and light would have been generated, as matter was converted to non-matter (the reverse of the Big Bang theory of creation). This would have caused photo synthesis that left the negative imprint on the burial cloth. We know that some chemical reactions are latent, so it is possible that this image may have appeared later. Those who saw the cloth then (v 6,7) may have only noticed the blood stains, and not given it much importance. It was then a dirty discard, not a holy relic as perceived today.

Cynics could ask me how the Shroud did not get burnt in such intense heat and light? To them I would give the example of the microwave oven – where the food gets heated but the receptacle remains unaffected. I am a college drop out, who could not complete his B.Sc. But someday I hope that scientists will use the forensic sciences to prove my hypothesis right, so that Thomases like me may also see and believe.

The title of this piece is “An Enigmatic Forty Days”. It is the period between the Resurrection and the Ascension. I call it enigmatic because this interim period has more questions than answers. In biblical tradition 40 days is considered a time of sufficient preparation, as experienced by Moses (cf Ex 24:18, 34:28), Elijah (cf I Kings 19:8), Jonah (cf Jon 3:4) and even Mother Mary's own “purification” (cf Lk 2:22).

The Jerome Biblical Commentary says that the 40 days after the Resurrection are merely symbolic (JBC 44:15). The Dictionary of the Bible edited by John McKenzie SJ states that passages in the Old Testament that imply the Resurrection lack clarity (DOB 731). In the New Testament

the three instances of restoration of life – daughter of Jarius (cf Mat 9:18-26), the son of the widow of Nain (cf Lk 7:11-17) and Lazarus (cf Jn 11:1-44) are not proof of the Resurrection (DOB 732). It further says that “the apparitions of the risen Jesus is a supernatural reality which does not belong to the world, and cannot be the object of historical investigation” (DOB Ibid).

With Thomas, I cannot fully agree with the above statement. Yet in the words of Paul I would say “If Christ has not been raised then our preaching is without substance and so is your faith” (1 Cor 15:14). “If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are of all people the most pitiable” (v 19). “If the dead are not going to be raised then let us eat and drink for tomorrow we shall be dead” (v 33). He refutes these arguments by saying “With the Resurrection of the dead what is sown is perishable, but what is raised is imperishable” (v 42). And finally, “Death is swallowed up in victory. Death where is your sting?” (v 55). “Thank God then for giving us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord” (v 57).

This year the enigmatic 40 days will end on Ascension Thursday 10th May. Will we have an answer by then for our faith – be it that of Mother Mary, Mary Magdalene, Peter, John, Thomas or Paul?

** The author examines these issues in greater depth in his book “Beyond 2000 – The Other Side”, published by Gujarat Sahitya Prakash.*

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WHETHER JUDGEMENT OF THE SUPREME COURT BENCH REGARDING JUSTICE LOYAS DEATH, SHOULD WORRY US AS A DEMOCRATIC NATION, WITH THE RULE OF LAW?

by Eric D'Sa

Personally, I had not paid much attention in the past to the Soharabuddin case or the Justice Loya case. However when the four senior most Justices of the Supreme Court after the the Chief Justice of India, took the unprecedented action of addressing a press conference, where they openly expressed their anguish on how the Supreme Court is being run by the Chief Justice and specially how the cases are being allocated to the different selected benches, that I started paying attention. More importantly when a question was raised at that conference, whether it was also about the Justice Loya case and one of the Justice nodded yes, that I became more interested in this case. The recent Judgement of the three bench court which was headed by the Chief Justice, where the petition for a independent judicial inquiry into the sudden death of Justice Loya was turned down and the reason given by the bench for doing

so, greatly surprised me.

Hence with an open unbiased mind I went to Google Search to get the details of this case. I suggest you also do that, knowing that Google search would delete any information that is proved to be fake news or fake blogs. See what the journalist of Caravan which investigated the Judge Loya case has to say. See the a separate interview of a separate judge who was a school class mate close friend of Justice Loya, a college mate, who practiced law together and were judges of similar rank. He claims

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he met a troubled Justice Loya a few days before his death and was also present during the funeral of Justice Loya at his village. Hear the interview with the father and niece of Justice Loya and the face expressions of the son at a press conference when he reads out a statement stating he feels his father died a natural death. The following is the summary of the Google search, which I suggest you also do to come to your own conclusion.

Justice Loya (Brijgopal Harkishan Loya) served in a court of the CBI, died of a cardiac attack on 1 December 2014 in Nagpur. He was working at that time on the famous Soharabuddin case. It all started from the caravan magazine's report published on Nov 20, 2017. The report raised the questions about circumstances of the Justice Loya's death.

Most of the TV channels and the Parallel news channels on you tube as well, didn't show this because of their tight schedule for dealing with the issue, whether a film should be released or not. After the caravan's report, Indian express published one more report de-

nying all facts in caravan's initial report. **Let's go through the sequence of this incidence first.**

1. Justice Loya went to Nagpur to attend the marriage of one of his friend Sapna Joshi's daughter along with four other colleagues Shrikant Kulkarni, SM Modak, VC Barde and Roopesh Rathi.
2. Initially Justice Loya was not interested at all to go, but two of his colleagues who went with him forced him to come and he agreed later.
3. Justice Loya called to his wife on Nov 30, 2017 for the last time. On Dec 1st morning his sister received a call informing her that justice Loya died due to heart attack and his body has to be taken to Latur for the post mortem.
4. According to the colleagues who were with him "We were staying in Ravi Bhavan Nagpur and Justice Loya started feeling severe chest pain due to which we have taken him to Dande hospital in Nagpur in Auto and then doctor's from dande hospital referred him to Meditrina hospital Nagpur."
5. When they reached the Meditrina hospital doctors declared justice Loya as "brought dead".

Now lets go through the points raised by caravan magazine which indicates towards some doubt about the justice Loyas sudden death. Also you will find out how Indian express discredited some of the points raised by the Caravan's report.

1. Judge Rathi who was with Justice Loya stated that ECG machine at Dande hospital was not working and due to some facilities not available there doctors asked us to take Justice Loya to Meditrina hospital.

Indian express : Indian express denied this fact and even published the ECG report taken in Dande hospital with

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wrong date and time (before that time itself Justice Loya was already dead).

2. The second question raised is when Justice Loya brought to Meditrina hospital whether he was dead or alive. There is a confusion here because the medico-legal certificate states that he was "brought dead" to the hospital, but the death summary states, "Emergency medication given, DC shock of 200 [unclear] was given multiple times, CPR continued, patient could not be revived.
 3. The submitted documents include an Accidental Death Report registered at Nagpur's Sitabuldi police station, which has jurisdiction over Meditrina. In it, Loya's time and date of death is recorded as 6.15 am on "30/11/2014"—a day before he died. (This is the same discrepancy that appeared on the ECG chart.) Records from Meditrina show that he was declared dead at 6.15 am on "1/12/2014."
 4. Justice Loya's body was sent from Nagpur to his home town of Latur—rather than to Bombay, where he was living at the time—to be received by his family. Anuradha Biyani his niece told The Caravan that a Latur resident named Ishwar Baheti, whom she identified as "an RSS worker," had approached the family to dissuade them from travelling to Nagpur and informed them that the body was on its way to them. Baheti also returned Justice Loya's mobile phone to the family several days after his death, with call records and messages erased. It has not been made clear how Baheti came to know the details he did, or to possess Justice Loya's mobile phone.
 5. None of the four judges' statements submitted to the Supreme Court explain why Justice Loya's name does not appear in the occupancy register of Ravi Bhawan, the guest house where he stayed in Nagpur.
 6. Why the colleagues taken him in auto but not in Ambulance.
- Indian Express* : Justice Loya was taken in Rupesh Rathi's car to the hospital not in the auto.
7. No one informed and taken permission from Justice Loya's family before

doing the post-mortem due to his untimely death. Also the family didn't receive the copy of "panchnama" of Justice Loya's body.

Indian Express : That time seven colleagues of Justice Loya were present at the place and they have asked to get the post-mortem done.

8. In all the pages of post-mortem report there are signature of some cousin brother of Justice Loya. Family are not aware of any such relative present with Justice Loya at that time.
9. There are marks of blood on Justice Loya's left shoulder, back and collar of the shirt and there should not be any blood during the post-mortem as well because heart and lungs don't work. Then why these blood stains are present?

Indian Express : On the basis of the information from some senior expert they publish that if the stitches during the post-mortem get damaged somehow or not proper, then some blood can come out of the body

10. *Indian Express* tried to defend some of the points raised by Caravan's report but not all of them
11. Every time any journalist asked any question to Amit Shah about the Caravan's report he always gave the excuse of the *Indian Express* report and avoided the question.

Latest updates on Justice Loya's death

1. The Supreme Court transferred to itself two petitions pending in the Bombay High Court demanding an independent probe into the death in 2014 of CBI special judge B H Loya.
2. The petitions were heard along with two PILs filed in the Supreme Court, also demanding an independent probe.
3. There is a legal opinion that as per normal practice the case should have been first heard in the Bombay High Court.

There are as an educated person lots of questions come to my mind. Some of the important ones are the following:

1. Why did the four learned Judges present on the scene think of making Justice Loya comfortable, put a dis-

sprin or ecospin which should have been available in the hotel under his tongue and call for an ambulance?

2. Why the Judges did not use the mobile phone of Justice Loya or the Hotel land line to advise the family of Justice Loya of the sudden heart attack he had suffered?
3. Why after he was announced dead on arrival at the second hospital, they did not advise the family and ask for instructions and advise them to fly down to Nagpur to decide on the post-mortem?
4. Who took the decision to send the body to his village Latur 500 miles away from Nagpur and not to Mumbai where his family lived for cremation?
5. How did the Mobile of Justice Loya travel from Nagpur to Latur on its own and landed in the hands of Ishwar Baheti with all records wiped out?

There are many more questions one could ask as you yourselves will find out as you read the Google search blogs.

So what is the basis on which, the learned Judges on the bench of the Supreme Court, dismissed the petition? They claim they have no doubt about the judgement of the four judges present when Justice Loya took ill and later died, that he died of a heart failure. This is to me quite shocking. Even any learned group of persons, even if you are a doctor, in this case they were not, could certify with certainty that a 50+ year old person with no earlier heart ailment, could die of a sudden heart attack. He could have died by a sudden brain stroke or choking in the wind pipe or some kind of Poisoning. This doubt will remain now that heart specialists who have studied the most post-mortem results and the ECG available, allegedly state Justice Loya could not have died of heart attack. What was wrong in the Petitioners asking for a detailed inquiry under supervision of a High Court Judge?

So does this whole episode and how our highest court has dealt with this Petition, give you the Citizens required confidence whether as a democracy we can depend on the Judiciary to be impartial and provide us with a rule of law?

The Rape of India



past when addressing cases in which vigilante groups affiliated with his political movement have attacked and killed Muslims and Dalits — members of India's lowest caste — who they falsely accused of killing cows, which are sacred to Hindus”.

It was indeed an editorial with a scathing attack on Modi. What the editorial fail to mention was that in 2002 Modi has Chief Minister of Gujarat presided over the Gujarat Carnage, one of the bloodiest Chapters of post independent India. More than two thousand Muslims were killed during that carnage besides several women were brutally raped. Raping women and children has often been a weapon of fascist forces. Ever since right wing majoritarianism has begun ruling India the 'culture of rape' is on the ascendancy. There is no doubt about that.

A group of activists from Gujarat in an open letter to the President of India wrote, “*The present cases of rape – Kathua, Unnao, Surat, Assam, and many many more are indeed an indictment of our governments, our law and order machinery and us as a people. We recognize that these are not the first nor will they be the last, alas! While we condemn all and every such incident, we feel constrained to single out the two incidents of Unnao and Kathua. The perpetrators of the crime are political persons with political affiliations. Unnao and Kathua rape incidents are political, no more no less.*”

On 25 April, Asaram Bapu, a 'god-man' from Gujarat was sentenced to life imprisonment for raping a 16-year old girl in 2013. Asaram Bapu has powerful political connections, which include the Prime Minister and other bigwigs of the BJP. The grapevine says that there will be an appeal in a Higher Court; since there are so many pliable Judges everywhere (as we have seen in so many of the high-profile cases recently) Asaram Bapu will certainly be “set free” sometime.

It is not without reason that in a much-

A few days ago, amidst nationwide grief and anger over the rising child rape cases, the Union Cabinet said it has begun the process to amend law to introduce death penalty for rape of minors below 12 year of age. In a letter, submitted to the Supreme Court last Friday, the Government stated that it has started the process to amend the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act to introduce death penalty for rape of minors until twelve years of age. The Supreme Court was expected to hear the matter on 27 April, but it has apparently been deferred.

In the last few weeks, the country has witnessed one of the most sordid chapters in her history. Rapes and murders were unraveled- in Unnao, Kathua, Assam, Surat and elsewhere. Almost every day a new rape incident is brought to light. One cannot help but feel that the entire country is being raped. The horrendous dimension of these rapes are that the victims were mostly minors, the perpetrators of these heinous acts were all powerful men- either members of or connected with the Bharatiya Janata Party(BJP), the families of the victims have desperately to run from pillar to post seeking justice and above all, the law and order mechanism which should have acted with a sense of urgency and expediency have done all they can to deny justice to the families of the victims and to try to sweep these unacceptable crimes under the carpet.

There has been a natural groundswell of outrage against these despicable

acts. Hundreds of protest rallies and candlelight vigils have taken place all over the country. Social media is filled with condemnations and comments about what is happening. Thousands have changed their personal profile and/or their DPs to the face of Asifa – the little innocent girl who was brutally gang-raped and murdered. Large numbers supported the hashtag #justice_4_Asifa. Because of the pressure from social media, some of the so-called 'mainstream media' in the country have had no choice but to cover these stories. Leading international newspapers had incisive editorials on these terrible incidents. Narendra Modi who was on a visit to the United Kingdom and other countries had to face plenty of public protests (these were very conveniently blacked out by most Indian media).

The New York Times, in an unprecedented editorial by its Editorial Board on 16 April 2018, said, “*Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India tweets frequently and considers himself a talented orator. Yet he loses his voice when it comes to speaking out about the dangers faced by women and minorities who are frequent targets of the nationalist and communal forces that are part of the base of his Bharatiya Janata Party....Mr. Modi said that these cases had brought shame on the country and that “our daughters will definitely get justice.” But his remarks ring hollow because he waited so long to talk about the cases and spoke in broad generalities — describing the crimes as “incidents being discussed since past two days.” He has taken a similar approach in the*



BY FR. CEDRIC PRAKASH SJ

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Girls of Today, Women of Tomorrow

As a woman, as a mother, as a teacher, as a mental health professional, I find myself bewildered as I observe girls with a low self image, low confidence, challenged by social acceptance and self acceptance. Comparisons such as “I am not as good as...”, “I am better than...” and so on, have begun to rule the way they live.

Girls of the present generation have all the benefits of greater equality and visibility, than women of the previous generation. However, the latter were not disposed to hurt themselves or contemplate suicide. Adolescents of today obsess over their appearance and constantly worry about what other people think of them. Everyone seems to be worked up about pleasing other people.

Being able to put up with life's challenges, at the same time depending on someone else's approval in order to be happy is exhausting and emotionally draining.

The number of 'Likes' received on Facebook and Instagram seem to be a determinant of the happiness quotient. Cosmetic surgeries such as Rhinoplasty (nose shaping), Chin augmentation, Liposuction, etc are in demand.

Dangerous online trends like the 'Icebucket Challenge' and the 'Blue Whale' saw children and teenagers very enthusiastic in

being a part of such dangerous tasks. The question we



need to ask ourselves is-What are we out to prove? Can these kind of games be a measure of our mental or physical strength? The world is never going to be satisfied and will demand more from you, even till you are no more! Body fitness trends like size zero figure and waists that fit within the length of an A4 size paper made a huge impact on the eating patterns of these youngsters, leading to various deficiencies, both on the mind and the body.



**by Mrs Deepika Lobo
Clinical Psychologist**

So then, what should we look for in a girl who lacks self esteem? You will see that she is withdrawn, insecure, underachieving, negative attitude, unhappy, socially inept, angry, hostile, depressed and communicate poorly.

So how then can we help our children raise their self esteem?

When you feel good about your child, mention it to her. Teach your child to practice making positive statements like “I can solve this ,if I try...”. Avoid criticism that puts them to shame. Teach your children to make a good decision and to recognize that she made it. Help them to be assertive.

Looking confident and feeling good about oneself, is a hard goal to pursue. However, our personal wellbeing is most essential. It is important to realize this, and take small steps towards changing what is expected from girls.

All said and done, nothing will work unless girls learn how to accept themselves for who they are and give up trying to impress everyone. They will have to find their own inner strength, build a strong identity and become advocates for themselves. We all face the challenge of navigating the expectations around us. Social anxiety is here to stay and we need to learn the art of using it to our advantage. Getting bogged down under societal pressures will affect our physical and mental wellbeing.

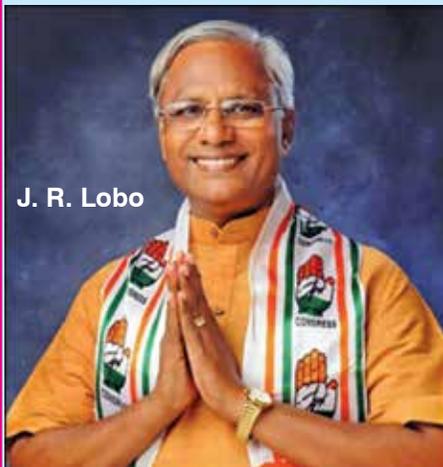
To be beautiful means to be yourself. Remember that you don't need to be accepted by others. All you need is to accept yourself.

Battle of the Ballot - Karnataka May 2018

by Ivan Saldanha-Shet. M'lore.

It's hot hot - not just the weather on the Kanara coast, centered around Mangaluru is the super hot 'Election' for the 224 seat Karnataka Assembly with polling date May 12, 2018. Coastal Karnataka is the hottest and the most captivating as of now, with just days to go. With most of the sitting Congress MLAs of the coast fighting to be reelected it is a hot battle to watch - with results due on May 15. The BJP, discontent seems to be due to too many aspirants. This gives cause for the Congress to be over confident of a repeat win in this sector. The BJP camp is making very positive show with a bold face.

The 2018 Assembly election in Karnataka is seen as a mega test battle between incumbent Congress CM Siddaramaiah and State BJP Chief as well as the party's CM candidate BS Yeddyurappa, he was pulled down as CM in July 2011, after corruption charges and scandal. While Rahul Gandhi and Amit Shah are leading the campaigns for the Congress and



J. R. Lobo

BJP respectively. Since 1994, Dakshina Kannada, Udupi, Uttara Kannada and Chikkamagaluru districts, comprising the state's coastal region, in 2004, the BJP won 14 of the 24 seats in these districts. But, the Con-

Voting around Karnataka

As per the draft electoral rolls last monitored in Karnataka is at 4,90,06,901 (4.90 crore), however the total number of voters as per the final electoral rolls stood at 4,96,82,357 (4.96 crore) in DK district alone it is 17,11,848. The number of polling stations in Karnataka is up by 9 per cent since the previous assembly election in the state five years ago. The total number of polling stations for the 2018 assembly election are 56,696. In 2013, the total number of polling stations were 52,034 - polling in just one day. All-women managed polling stations will be set up in Karnataka for the first time, where the entire staff including polling staff, security, police personnel, etc will be women. One such station shall be set up in each of the 224 constituencies.

Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPATs) will be used in all the polling stations. A two-stage randomization of EVMs and VVPATs will also be done to enhance the transparency and credibility of the election. BJP, Congress, Janata Dal (Secular) and Janata Dal (United) are the major parties contesting the elections. Some of the other regional parties include Coorg

National Council, Karnataka Congress Party, Karnataka Vikas Party, Kannada Chalavali Vatal Paksha and Karnataka Kranti Ranga. These regional parties have an influence in their respective regions and respective castes, and will play an important role in case the major parties fall short of a majority mandate. Hope never ceases.

gress won 14 and the BJP five in the 2013 Assembly election. However, the BJP won all three parliamentary constituencies of the four districts in 2014.

After keeping the people of the state on edge the BJP announced Vedavyas Kamath as the candidate for Mangaluru City South, Dr. Bharath Shetty for Mangaluru City North and Santosh Kumar Rai for Mangaluru (Ullal). They will be pitted against their main rivals the only catholic potential J. R. Lobo; Moidin Bava and minister U. T. Khader, all incumbent Congress MLAs. All three BJP nominees are fresh faces who have never faced an election before. Vedavyas Kamath replaces four-time MLA N Yogish Bhat, while Dr. Bharath Shetty replaces former District in-charge minister J. Krishna Palemar.

The CPM has fielded Sunil Kumar Bajal from Mangaluru South, while Madan, a young man and a former cop who quit service recently is contesting as an independent. Surpris-

ingly, former BJP MLA and former minister J Krishna Palemar who was one of the aspirants from Mangaluru North, a constituency which he had once is distraught denied a ticket given to Dr Bharath Shetty who will face the Congress candidate, sitting MLA. Palemar has openly revolted that State BJP Chief Yeddyurappa had promised a ticket to him.

In Mulki-Moodbidri constituency, four time MLA and former minister for youth empowerment, sports and fisheries K Abhayachandra Jain filed nomination and is facing the election for the fifth time. Here too the Congress was in for trouble with District Youth Congress President Mithun Rai who was one of the strong contenders for a ticket is held back and sulking.

Minister for Forest, Environment and Ecology, Bellippadi Ramanath Rai filed nomination for the 8th time from Bantwal assembly constituency. He

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won six elections from 1985 to 2013. As last time, the BJP has fielded Rajesh Naik Ulipady who says he will defeat Ramanath Rai, his arch rival this time.

In Mangaluru (erstwhile Ullal), sitting MLA and State Minister for Food and Civil Supplies U T Khader will face Santosh Rai Boliyar from the BJP who seems to be having bleak chances considering the popularity of Khader. Karkala in Udupi district is another constituency where the Congress had to face some heat from its own men. Gopal Bhandary, a former Congress MLA who was given a ticket by the party has filed his nomination amid some uneasiness as his candidature has been vehemently opposed by supporters of Uday Kumar Shetty Muniyalu who was very keen to contest. Bhandary however has made his stance clear, that he has no personal enmity against anyone and that he is confident of winning.

In Karkala constituency that raked up a lot of interest initially as former CM and former union minister Veerappa Moily had shown strong inclination towards fielding his son Harsha Moily from here. However, he had later backtracked after the tweet row over alleged influence of money in giving Congress party's tickets to the aspirants.

In Sullia reserved constituency, Congress has fielded Dr Raghu for the fourth time. A tough fight is expected in the Sullia Constituency as it is in the grip of BJP candidate for the last five term. This time, the trend is said to be in favour of Dr. Raghu who has been improving his popularity steadily. In 2013 Dr. Raghu had lost the elections by a narrow margin of 1373 votes. In Puttur it will be an interesting battle on cards between sitting lady Congress MLA Shakuntala Shetty who is an ex-BJP leader and District BJP

Chief Sanjeeva Matandoor.

In Udupi district, former MLA Raghupathi Bhat is the nominee for Udupi constituency and Lalaji Mendon for Kaup. Both the candidates are old timers and are pitted against current minister Pramod Madhwaraj and ex-minister Vinay Kumar Sorake of Congress respectively.

Raghupathi Bhat had dropped out of the race in the last assembly election after an infamous sex CD allegedly featuring him had surfaced. The BJP's choice of candidate in Udupi doesn't promise a shift in favour of the party as sitting MLA, influential Mogaveera leader and state minister Pramod Madhwaraj will certainly give a tough fight to Raghupathi Bhat.

Though rumours were rife until recently that Madhwaraj would shift base to the BJP, everything has been put to rest with him filing his nomina-



tion. The battle in Udupi Assembly constituency is interesting, Sri Lakshmivara Theertha Swamiji of Shiroor Mutt filed his nomination as an independent. The seer claims he has been a BJP supporter and ardent admirer of Prime Minister Narendra



Modi and will make a mark. The BJP worked overtime to convince the seer to withdraw his candidature, he did so on the last day of withdrawals.

Anupama Shenoy, former Deputy Superintendent of Police who founded the new Bharatiya Janashakti Party would be contesting from the Kaup Assembly Constituency in Udupi district. The incumbent MLA Vinay Kumar Sorake, had become active only in the last one-and-a-half years, she alleges. In Kaup, Anupama will fight against Sorake and BJP's Lalaji Mendon.

Top leaders from BJP, Congress and JD(S) are campaigning on the coast in the last few days. Congress President Rahul Gandhi is visiting the district once again. This time however, he directly approaches the voters rather than laying emphasis on public meetings.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the star campaigner of the BJP is visiting the region in the last few days now. BJP Chief Amit Shah and UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath too are visiting the district. JD(S) President HD Devegowda and State JD(S) Chief HD Kumaraswamy are likely to campaign for the party in all the eight constituencies of the district. The constitution of India and our political morality has been superb, all people need to understand, appreciate, respect and follow the goodness.

Raise your son to be a good man

In the wake of rising misconduct and disgrace that have rocked the nation in recent weeks and months, some parents are talking about how to raise boys to become men who treat women with respect. Well, raising boys can be tiring. They are loud, super-active and busy. But don't we have the wonderful privilege of raising not just boys but raising boys to be good men? The point to note is the world needs a few more good men! Here is a list of things that we suggest you count as top on your list on teaching your sons about being a 'real' man

As parents, there are many things we want to teach our children, be it our faith, our values, our principles, essential life and social skills. Bringing up boys comes with its own set of challenges and definitely, some special lessons that we want the boys to grasp. If you follow the advice below, chances are, your son will turn into the kind of man not only you want him to be but the nation and whole world wants him to be:

Respect women:

Real men treat women with the honour, care and compassion that they need. Shouting or raising your voice almost never helps to get your point across and the use of physical force to coerce or make a statement should never be disregarded. Always remember, a woman is never an accessory or a sidekick - it takes sensitivity and experience to find the delicate balance between treating women as your equals while recognising the unique strengths and weaknesses of their gender.

Be kind not crude:

Real men speak kindly. There are many ways of making the same point - which words will you choose? Don't think that the words don't matter - semantics are a powerful force in communication and something that many

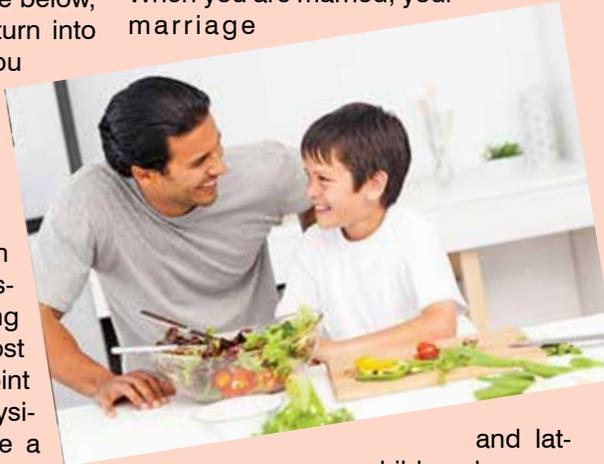
men fail to grasp. And then they wonder why the ladies seem to over-react to so much of what is said.

Listen attentively

Real men learn to listen attentively. Seek to understand, not to be understood. Reserve judgement until you've heard both sides. Be slow to anger and quick to resolve conflict. Remember that 'Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about.

Do not shift the blame:

Real men don't push the blame or run away from difficult decisions. Take responsibility for your own choices, whether it be choice of school, career, car, partner or pet. Consider your every decision carefully because they impact others as well. Think about your future, reflect on past failures and mistakes. Don't assume that someone else is going to get your back. When you are married, your marriage



and later your children, become your responsibility.

The need to become gentlemen:

Real men don't need to show off to feed their ego. Instead, always strive to be a gentleman. A weighing of words in a measured tone can do far more good than a torrent of furious words. Cultivate an ease of making conversation, a polite respect for your elders and society at large and a willingness to do good whenever you can. Holding doors open for your spouse and holding hands with her when you cross the street - little

This is the type of man that the world needs to have

- Men that will treat women with the utmost value and who will respect their opinions, rights and intelligence.
- Men that will serve others and not just want to be served themselves.
- Men that will have conviction and backbone, sensitivity and tact.
- Men that aren't afraid to cry when they need to.
- Men that will have faith and follow-through and strong values and noble priorities.
- Men that will make great husbands and fathers and employees and bosses.
- Men that will be both confident and humble.
- Men that will be tough and men that will be tender.
- Men that will fill their family's love banks to overflowing even if their bank accounts are dried up.

things like these mean a lot.

Cultivate a compassionate heart:

Real men are not ruled by the bottom line. While being objective, making hard decisions, sticking to your principles and managing people and finances are all part and parcel of a man's work, never lose sight of what is most important - people. Take the time to know your colleagues and subordinates; be informed about the needs of your community and the world; give of yourself, your time, your best efforts and your money for the things that matter.

Take the lead:

Real men lead. Not by force, as we've established earlier and not by deception or guilt but with integrity, patience and courage. Sometimes, more than one of you may want to lead a particular project or team. There are no hard and fast rules, really but leadership doesn't always come with a position.

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All Saints, All Angels & Archangel**
for the favours granted

—Wilfred Martis

Thanksgiving

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, loved, glorified & praised throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. Sacred Heart of Jesus, Thy kingdom come. St. Jude worker of miracles pray for us. St. Jude helper of the hopeless pray for us. Amen,

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

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

Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. By the eighth day your prayer will be answered. It has never known to fail. Promise to publish this or distribute this as soon as your favour has been granted.

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All For The Money - It's a rich man's world

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by Rtn. Calwyn D'Abreo

You're simply giving your subconscious the wrong instructions about making and having money. To change your money energy you need to change your thoughts and beliefs about money.

You have to give your subconscious mind new, positive thoughts and positive beliefs about money. Then you'll create positive money energy and you'll attract and have more money.

By the hour change your money energy. Give your subconscious new alpha instructions so that it creates positive money energy - then you'll make and have more money - Negative thoughts and negative beliefs about money prevent you from making and having more. These are thoughts and beliefs that keep you away from the encouraging, pathfinding, instrumental plan to become energy laden and contract with the idea of making money.

It is not hard to make money and it is good to have more money, always. You get the drift, now.... - any negative thought whether spontaneous or entering by default into the inner sanctum of your mind creates the first person placement and the idea of that which you are focusing on with thoughts and negative beliefs about money thus making it harder for you to make money, more money. That's entirely because of the modus operandi of the exercise performed by the mind master where your thoughts took precedence over logic and the

inner core emotional quotient. Your sub conscious is now affected and yearns for completion as it brings to fruition all that you have so patiently given access to as your subconscious simply follows your thoughts and beliefs about money. If you say you are poor your subconscious never lets you down. There will be adequate and forthwith manifestation of that which you are giving your attention to.

Thoughts about money that spell negation and insufficiency and negative beliefs about money force your subconscious mind to make it harder and harder for you to make and have more money in your life. That's when you create the first sin of a pattern you will be continuously involved in by consent or by default and have negative money energy surround you.

The longer you keep that negative money energy the harder it will get to make and have more money in your life for all things meant for you to spend on as money never settles in the till for incubation but explodes its usefulness when put to the rudder of making use of it for the purposes money was meant to be.

So get rid of those negative thoughts and negative beliefs about money. Stop the negative energy trail, at this moment. Get rid of that negative money energy today as you give your subconscious mind new instructions about money. "Day by day in every

way I am getting richer and richer". Repeat this iron clad affirmation as you punch into your subconscious mind the divine order of accepting the positive money energy and sending to damnation the alphabets of disdain and imbalanced composure of negative money energy. Magnetize and mould the magic of your own conviction as you litany with the idea of thoughts and beliefs to attract and make and have more money today.

To have more money is your birthright. You can have and make more money anytime, anywhere, in any place inside the geography of this earth. You can create the situations needed to make money. But, you should want to with charismatic devotion to the thoughts and beliefs that you are in tandem with. You can direct your subconscious mind to bring all the money that you want. - Just give your subconscious mind the right instructions and await the right answers....why, because no matter what the parallel is between you and the subconscious mind the fruition comes after the action is performed.

Thoughts and Beliefs. Emotions and Feelings. Affirmations and the spoken word. The powerful and most important catalyst mind scientist call action is part of the equation that allows for manifestation and is the universal law. Come, follow the pathway of the sublime mind force resident in you. ●

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IN THE FAST pace of modern life many of us are quick to lose temper and resort to aggression and violence in our spirit, words and action. This is anything but strength; it is in fact a display of profound weakness. The gentle person on the other hand attracts the trust of others because of this strength. Being gentle doesn't mean being an easy target or letting someone hurt you, manipulate you or control you. It means putting your best side forward, treating others with kindness and using your unique strengths to help others. It means working hard to rule over your ego, instead of letting your ego rule over you. So, we see that learning to be a gentle is an important social skill we all need to practice and today we will tell you exactly how cultivate this gift.

It's so easy to be harsh and mean, rash and cold, belittling and demeaning, dark and manipulative. It's a lot harder to be kind; it takes more effort, more restraint, more consistency, more patience, more thoughtfulness, more determination, more soul. On the other hand, there's no shame in gentleness. Gentleness is beautiful, no matter how it arose, as long as it's accompanied by self-respect. If you were treated wrongly by someone, that's where the shame lies. The harshness was the disease, your gentleness is the cure, not the other way around and lastly, it must include being gentle with yourself!

Gentleness is a virtue, a gift we give to each other. Gentleness can be a quality or trait demonstrated by a person but simply doing acts of kindness does not make a person gentle. Gentleness decreases chaos and the result is less stress for everyone. How-

ever, being gentle is a muscle that you have to strengthen, nurture and respect. It takes work, patience and discipline. But tone that muscle and you'll learn to appreciate the depth of the strength it can provide. Gentleness is a choice rather a brave choice! And in choosing gentleness, respecting it, you are boldly accessing your most authentic strengths. There are a few things we can do in any situation to embrace our gentle core and avoid the pitfalls of mindless aggression and violence.

Be in sync with your feelings:

We don't always like to confront how we really feel about things. We are often quick to sugar coat and gloss over our natural emotional response to people and situations. But the gentle spirit acknowledges the truth of what is being felt. If you are sad then you are sad, if you are angry then you are angry. Ask yourself how you are really feeling about what is happening here? It may take a while to break through the surface. You can find the answer in all you tense? Are you stressed? Sick? What is your body telling you about how you feel in your mind?

Take care of yourself:

It is so easy to become disenfranchised and switch off your heart. Certain situations can quickly feel hopeless, pointless and futile if we allow them. Our experiences can lead us to become disinterested. Maybe you've been hurt, let down or taken for a ride in the past. When we turn off we remove our investment and begin to resent the emotional and physical effort that we are spending. If we are not aware and don't make the intentional decision to care, then 'off' may well become the default position.

Focus deep look for meaning:

Why does this situation matter? Why is this person important? The gentle spirit will find reasons that ignite a positive motivation. They find an excuse to say 'yes this is worth my attention and investment'. They are aware of a deeper sense of purpose so that when it feels futile or meaningless they can draw on a reason to continue that transcends their own ability to muster energy.

Make your action plan:

Rather than reacting, gentle spirits embrace their ability to choose. From the space between the stimulus and response comes this foundation where you know what your next step will be and you can identify the intention behind it. Gentleness has insight to see implications and consequences of action. The action is taken now with a good idea of what will happen as a result of what is done. The rational decision is taken at the expense of a regrettable emotive reaction.

Get in touch with anyone else affected:

Making human connections is what breeds gentleness. Cultivating empathy and an understanding that the world doesn't revolve around their perception of reality is a habit of the gentle spirit. Other people care about other things for reasons that you might wrong. Empathy comes through gentle strength; by seeking to experience the world through their senses you find a place to make a profound difference in their lives. The gentle spirit feels the wider impact beyond that which it feels simply for themselves.

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publicized letter to the Prime Minister, a group of about fifty retired bureaucrats wrote, "We had hoped that as someone sworn to upholding the Constitution, the Government that you head and the party to which you belong would wake up to this alarming decline, take the lead in stemming the rot and reassure everyone, especially the minorities and vulnerable sections of society that they need not fear for their life and liberty. This hope has been destroyed. Instead, the unspeakable horror of the Kathua and the Unnao incidents shows that the Government has failed in performing the most basic of the responsibilities given to it by the people,... We write to you not just to express our collective sense of shame and not just to give voice to our anguish or lament and mourn the death of our civilisational values - but to express our rage. Rage over the agenda of division and hate your party and its innumerable, often untraceable offshoots that spring up from time to time, have insidiously introduced into the grammar of our politics, our social and cultural life and even our daily discourse. It is that which provides the social sanction and legitimacy for the incidents in Kathua and Unnao,"

Death penalty is no deterrent! It has been empirically proved world over, that where the 'Death Penalty' exists, the crime rate is higher. The Government's 'death penalty' ordinance is a pitiable ploy! If the Government is serious about tackling the 'culture

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of rape' in the country- it should first change the minds and the attitudes of those who subscribe to their ideology- and to ensure stringent and exemplary punitive measures for those who desecrate the dignity of women , specially of the girl child.

The Gujarat group of social activists in the above-mentioned 'open letter' also state, "You have given consent to the recent Ordinance of commuting death sentence to sexual offender those guilty of raping children under the age of 12. It will make no difference because our conviction rate is just 3% in crimes under POCSO Act. If 97 % of rapists are getting away scot-free, it makes no difference if the maximum punishment is the death penalty. To reiterate According to data gathered by the National Criminal Research Bureau (NCRB), the conviction rate of those accused of sexual crimes against girls in 2015 was only 34%. Of the 5361 trials completed in 2015, 1843 ended in conviction, while 3518 led to the acquittal or discharge of the accused. People are not afraid of laws because they think legal action can be influenced and has loophole. The trial of rape cases be held in Fast Track Courts. What is necessary is the police and judicial reforms to increase the conviction rate. Otherwise, the Ordinance may become an eyewash, a refuge of the Government in Death penalty for child rape. What is more disturbing and ironical is that there are many in Government who are defending the rapists. And so, we, the undersigned citizens, would like to urge upon you to ponder deeply into these points and direct the government and its administration to function in a manner that creates a conducive atmosphere for the delivery of Justice and in the long run, for the establishment of society which is free from rapes, where dignity of women is ensured".

What is sadly lacking is the political will to deal with this 'serious sickness' which seems to have become endemic. The 'culture of rape and murder', seems to have become an integral part of today's way of proceeding. The national outrage is certainly justi-

Sign of the Cross: Our Badge!

On Wednesday 18 April 2018, Pope Francis revealed the 'Sign of the Cross'!

"The Cross is the 'Badge' that shows who we are – our thinking, speaking, working are literally under the 'sign of the Cross'! Making this sign, when we wake up, before meals, in danger of the unknown, to defend against evil, and at night before sleep – all this means to remind us and others, who we belong to."

"I want to reflect on the Sacrament of Baptism; by which sign of the Cross, we remember our commitment to Jesus. God calls each one of us by name, because God's call is personal, and not a 'copy and paste' situation! In fact Christian life is interwoven with a series of calls and answers. It expresses the 'seal of Christ' – the grace of redemption that Christ has acquired for us through His Cross!"

"That is why adult catechumens are marked with the sign of the Cross on each of their senses – on ears to hear the voice of God; on eyes to see the splendor of God; on mouth to answer the Word of God; on chest to treasure Christ in their heart; and on shoulders to bear the yoke of Christ!"

"Thus, Christians become embraced in the true meaning of Christianity, to the extent to which the Cross is imparted, as an 'Easter Mark', making visible, even outwardly, the Christian way of life – 'The Crucified Christ, Who is the Power of God and the Wisdom of God'! (1 Corinthians 1:23-24).

—Dr. Trevor Colaso,
Bandra (W), Mumbai.

fied, but perhaps the only way to halt this culture of death and bring about change, is to ensure that this party of rapists and murderers, do not succeed in the forthcoming elections. We need to hang our heads down in shame! Nevertheless, we also need to act fast: India needs to be saved!

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Grooms



MATRIMONIALS

6198. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic (Born in October 1969), Ht. 5' 10", Edn. B.Com., good personality, hailing from God fearing, cultured family, issueless, divorcee by mutual consent, working for Cruise Liner in U.S.A., as Security Supervisor, well settled in Mumbai, Seeks suitable match. Contact email : dsouzamalcolmneil@gmail.com. Phone/SMS 09480157258.

5996. MUMBAI : RC Bachelor (Born in November 1974) / 5'8", B.E., working in Senior position reputed IT firm. Seeks alliance from R.C. spinster educated good family background Pl. reply with photograph and details to keithcardozo@hotmail.com OR 9820338755

6113. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in August 1976), Ht. 6', Wt. 80 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. HSC., Dip. in A.C. Mechanic, working as a AC Technician in Muscat. Contact Email : suaresroshan@gmail.com

6818. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in January 1986), Ht. 5' 9", Wt. 72 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Computer Engineering, working for a reputed IT firm. Contact email : celinedsz55@gmail.com

6817. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in January 1989), Ht. 5' 10", Wt. 75 kgs, Tan Complexion, Edn. B.Sc., B.I.S., working as a Sr. Software Engineer. Contact email : fernandesmelwyn08@gmail.com

6815 MANGALORE : Mangalorean RC

Bachelor, (Born in January 1971), Ht. 5' 7", Wheatish Complexion, Edn. PUC Diploma in Civil Engg., having own business, Contact email : wilmamenz@hotmail.com

6813 USA : Mangalorean Protestant Divorcee, (Born in March 1951), Ht. 5' 10", Wt. Medium, Fair Complexion, Edn. MBBS., MD., Doctor by profession. Contact email : fh2@mail.com

6805 ABUDHABI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in February 1984), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 80 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. 12th std., + correspond B.Com., studied in Mumbai, working in Bank as Recovery Officer. Contact email : pawan.sana@gmail.com

6803 MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in November 1980), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 82 kgs, Wheatish Complexion Edn. B.Com., Advertising Professional. Contact email : barretto.john@gmail.com

6485. MUMBAI: North Indian R.C. Bachelor, (Born in October 1974), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 75 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working for an MNC in Mumbai as Back Office Executive. Contact email : awr88@rediffmail.com

6228. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor (Born in December 1972). Ht. 5' 8", Wt. 65 kgs., Wheatish Complexion, Edn. S.S.C. A/C Tech. Course, working as a A/C. Technician in Voltas. Contact email : lawrencedias321@gmail.com / Mob: 8291056939

6172. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in February 1978), Ht. 5' 9", Wt. 86 kgs, Wheatish Complexion,

Edn. M.Com., Position : Financial Consultant. Seeks a alliance from RC graduate/ pst graduate spinster. Contact email: raceangelreb@yahoo.in

6508. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor (Born in October 1986), Ht. 5' 10", Wt. 80 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.E.. working as a Asst. Manager in German Company. Seeks a tall, well educated homely Mangalorean girl. Contact email : colind.3010@gmail.com

6434. MUMBAI : East Indian Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in November 1978), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 50 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. MD, MS., Doctor by profession. Contact email : rayanvincent@rediffmail.com

6573. VALSAD : Goan / Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in February 1986), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 68 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.E. Mechanical, working as a project engineer in Saudi Arabia seeks a well qualified girl from a good family background. Contact email : ian.roshan.dsouza@gmail.com

6250. MUMBAI : East Indian Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in January 1974), Ht. 5' 8", Wt. 76 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.A., working as a Manager. **Contact email : cardoz.clint@gmail.com OR 9833563182**

6419. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in May 1985), Ht. 5' 9", Wt. 62 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. M.Sc. B.Ed., Teacher by profession. Only Child. Seeks preferably Goan teacher with B.Ed., qualification. Contact email : agnesmenezes107@gmail.com

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6863. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in June 1986), Ht. 6', Wt. 54 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working as a C.S.R. Contact email : canute86@gmail.com

6857. AUSTRALIA : Mumbai born and broughtup Tamilian Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in July 1988), Ht. 5' 10", Wt. 60 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.A., IHM., Working as a Store Associate in **Australia** and is a permanent resident. Contact email : simonsigo31@gmail.com

6856. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in September 1973), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 67 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. MBA, working as a HR. Contact email : clifforddsilva@yahoo.co.in

6854. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in October 1985), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 78 kgs, Tan Complexion, Edn. F.Y. B.Com., working as a Sales Executive. Contact email : rquadres85@yahoo.co.in

6852. MUMBAI : East Indian Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in August 1983), Ht. 5' 8", Well built, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Bachelors in Hospitality and Tourism Management. Working as a Chef Head Chef in **DUBAI**. Contact email : joslyn.gomes@gmail.com

6847. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in April 1973), Ht. 5' 10", Wt. 75 kgs, Tan Complexion, Edn. SSC,

Having own business. Contact Mob: 9833176215

6846. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in July 1985), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 70 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working as a Office Administrator. Contact email : kevinbr85@gmail.com

6845. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in November 1982), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 67 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Sc., working as a Internet Manager. Contact email : dsilvaahimsa@gmail.com

6844. MUMBAI : Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in November 1988), Ht. 5' 9", Wt. 55 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. Bachelor of Engineering in Information Technology, working as a Project Lead. Currently in New Jersey, USA on a Project. Contact email : andy_999in@yahoo.com

6841. MUMBAI : Anglo Indian / Keralite Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in May 1991), Ht. 170 cms, Wt. 78 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. M.Com., working as a Sales Executive. Contact email : mrsannieroy@yahoo.co.in

6838. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in October 1974), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 55 kgs, Wheatish Complexion Edn. VII std, working as a Electrician in BEST. Having House. Seeks a simple, understanding and good natured girl. Contact email : belindacardoza777@gmail.com

6833. AUSTRALIA : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in November 1986), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 78 kgs, Fair, Handsome, PR Holder, Edn. Masters by Research in Biotechnology

from QUT, Australia, Currently working with reputed company in Quality Assurance dept., Seeking a qualified and God fearing Mangalorean RC girl. Contact email : lizbf2017@gmail.com

6832. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in August 1970), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 59 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working as a Captain in Hotel. Contact email : ignatius.matel@gmail.com

6830. BAHRAIN : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in February 1988), Ht. 5' 11", Wt. 97 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. MBA, Marketing Professional in Public Sector. Contact email : rolsonvaz@gmail.com

6829. AUSTRALIA : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Divorcee, (Born in March 1978), Ht. 5' 11", Wt. 80 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working as a Customer Support. Contact email : arthur.fernandes@live.com

6828. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in June 1983), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 81 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Diploma in Electrical / Tele., working as a Site Engineer in Airport. Contact email : anthonylobo1983@yahoo.com

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6823. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in September 1990), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 76 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Mechanical Engineer, serving as 4th Engineer in Anglo Eastern Ship Management. Contact email : varun.w220@gmail.com

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6861. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in December 1991), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 80 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., PG Banking & Finance, working as a Clerk in Bank. Contact email : michaelfernandes59@gmail.com

6860. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in October 1991), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 55 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.M.M. (Mass Media), working for IT in MNC. Contact email : lgp1891@gmail.com

6859. KUWAIT : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in August 1986), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 55 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.Sc., in Physiotherapy (Orthopedics), U.K. working in Kuwait. Contact email : nisha_sequeira@hotmail.com

6858. BHOPAL : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in March 1993), Ht. 5' 1", Wt. 55 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.E. Computer Science and MBA in HRM working in Bangalore. Contact email : godwinsvd@gmail.com

6855. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in September 1990), Ht. 5', Wt. 58 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. CA by profession working for privated company. Contact email : mithalimenezes@gmail.com

6692. MUMBAI : Matrimonial alliance is invited for Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in February 1990), 5' 3", fair, goodlooking, Lecturer, seeks alliance from Catholic bachelors, around 30, sober, good family values, financially sound, well qualified, havings own accommodation email details to : rchld-silva@gmail.com

6678. MUMBAI: Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in Septem-

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ber 1990), Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 50 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. BE (IT) MBA - Post Graduate Marketing, working as a IT & Financial Consultant. Contact email : md8officemail@gmail.com

6627. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in December 1988) Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 58 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Graduate with Diploma in Interiors, working as a Interior Designer. Contact email : virlib2209@gmail.com

6620. MUMBAI : East Indian Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in August 1987), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 60 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Post Graduate, working for Foreign Bank. Contact email : beann_lam@rediffmail.com

6617. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in November 1992), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 60 ks, Fair Complexion, Edn. MMS / MBA working as a HR in MNC. Only Child. Seeks a groom below 28 years, preferably Mangalorean. Contact email : amd19901992@gmail.com

6615. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in March 1981), Ht. 154 cms, Wheatish Complexion, Educated, working, Contact email : valarie.esti-beiro@gmail.com

6609. MUMBAI : Goan RC Spinster (Born in October 1988) / 5 feet / 58 kgs, B.E. and MBA, working for reputed IT MNC as Sr. Analyst seeks alliance from professionally qualified RC Bachelors upto 33 years, well settled with sober habits and good family background. Pl reply with details and recent full size photo to ashil2628@gmail.com OR 9819950120

6608. MUMBAI : East Indian RC Spinster, (Born in February 1987), Ht. 5' 1", Wt. 53 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn.

B.A., working as an Executive. Contact email: rebecca23_2@hotmail.com

6607. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in February 1990), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 63 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Tech., PGDM., working for Marketing Manager. Contact email : sphylomena@gmail.com

6604. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in 29-11-1981), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 70 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. S.Y. B.Com., wokring in Dubai. Contact Mob.: 9820733952

6602. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in 2-7-1981), Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 68 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.A., working as a Trainer. Contact email : charlottesimpleindian@hotmail.com

6601. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in 29-3-1989), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 62 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. ICWA, Working for Finance Industry. Contact email : jenniferabreo29@gmail.com

6166 MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic spinster (Born in April 1973), 5' 5" tall, looks much younger to her age, good looking, fair complexion with qualifications, B.Com. (Mumbai), M.B.A. Finance (Canada), M.B.A., (H.R.) and Diplomas in I.T. (NIIT), Comp. (APTEC), and Cert.Ind Acct. (I.C.A.), working in good position. Graduate / Post Graduate unmarried R.C. Bachelors upto 47 years, employed in good position and well settled in Mumbai or abroad. Contact email.: bellwether77@yahoo.com OR Mob.: 9892700617

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More recently, however, anti-communism and enthusiasm for democracy became all-purpose prisms and often distorted Americans' view. In Vietnam, the United States misunderstood its adversaries as communist fanatics kowtowing to foreign sponsors, when in reality; the North Vietnamese were motivated more by nationalism and ethnic grievance. Later, in Afghanistan and Iraq, Americans imagined that democracy and peace would bloom once everyone could vote. Instead, vicious tribalism erupted. In many parts of the world, far from neutralizing tribal hatred, democracy catalyzes it.

Terrorism, too, is often driven by tribal impulses. Young people join radical groups in search of an identity they can call their own; the groups desensitize them to outsiders' humanity and send them off in suicide vests. The key to contemporary Islamic terrorism lies in the proliferation not merely of fundamentalist Muslim teachings but of the belief that Muslims, as a group, are being attacked, humiliated, and persecuted by an evil Western enemy. The worst thing the United States, Europe or Asia can do is to indulge in us-vs.-them rhetoric that helps militant Islamists win converts.

Indian progressives' shift away from messages that appeal to shared values and toward themes that dwell on ever-narrowing group identities, the great mid-century civil rights leaders saw themselves as delivering on the promise of the Declaration of Independence.

We now see the emergence of something quite different: A shift in tone, rhetoric, and logic has moved identity politics away from inclusion — which had always been the right's watchword — toward exclusion and division. Facebook, it is noted, lists more than 50 gender designations, "from genderqueer to intersex to pangender." Activists compete to be offended if their particularism is not acknowledged. "Gay" becomes LGB, then

LGBT, then LGBTQ, then LGBTQQ-IAAP and other variants — a terminological balkanization "For today's Right," it is observed, "group blindness is the ultimate sin, because it masks the reality of group hierarchies and oppression in India."

Political actions beget equal and opposite reactions. Recent polling finds that a majority of high caste Hindus — including about two-thirds of Hindu Brahmins without college degrees and three-fourths of the other higher caste Hindus — believe there is discrimination against them in India today. High caste Hindus and other traditionally predominant groups are developing their own narratives of beleaguered solidarity and group victimhood, and Amit Shah and President Modi are standing by to take their calls.

Two consequences follow, both troubling. India's unique achievement, for some, is its emergence as a secular-group — the only one among the major powers of the country and have forged a national identity that transcends tribal politics — an identity that does not belong to any subgroup, that is strong and capacious enough to hold together an incredibly diverse population, making us all Indians. This status is precious.

Of course, in practice, the ideal of an Indianness that transcends race and ethnicity and all the other categories can never be perfectly attained. But we can struggle to that end, and we have fought a very long way toward it, as I can attest: Tribalism of both right and left endangers progress toward sharing the country. Worse, it endangers the idea that we should share the country. At different times in the past, both the Indian Left and the Indian Right have stood for group-transcending values. Neither does today.

Moreover, tribalism is a dynamic force, not a static one. It exacerbates itself by making every group feel endangered by the others, inducing all to circle their wagons still more tightly. Today, no group in India feels comfortably dominant. The Left believes that

right-wing tribalism — bigotry, racism — is tearing the country apart. The Right believes that left-wing tribalism — identity politics, political correctness — is tearing the country apart. They are both right. I wish I could disagree.

We see hopeful signs. Psychological research shows that tribalism can be countered and overcome by teamwork: by projects that join individuals in a common task on an equal footing. One such task, it turns out, can be to reduce tribalism. In other words, with conscious effort, humans can break the tribal spiral, and many are trying. You'd never know it from cable news or social media, but all over the country there are signs of people trying to cross divide and break out of their political tribes.

Tribalism is humans' default mode. De-tribalizing requires effort. Indians' atavistic impulses got the better of us because we grew complacent. Progressives failed to imagine that identity-mongering and victim-worshiping would not only take over the academy but could help elect Modi to the presidency. Now they know. Seculars failed to imagine that rage-mongering and conspiracy-theorizing would not only take over secular media but could help elect Modi to the presidency. Now they know. Those who hold with what is called group-transcending values were caught flatfooted and are only beginning to gather their forces and find their voices. But they are assembling, and the tribalists have lost the advantage of surprise.



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I call forth the Power and the presence of **St. Expedite** in my time of financial trouble. I offer my body, heart, mind and soul upon your altar of light. I have faith and trust and complete confidence that you will be my strength in this time of need. Quickly come to my assistance.

(State Your Petition) _____

My financial need is urgent. Be my

Light and Guide in this situation so that I may live with peace, love, prosperity and abundance and in the Praise of God.

Amen. (Promise Publication)

—A Devotee, Dubai

Thanksgiving



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

—Thelma Vaz, Miraroad

Thanksgiving



Thanks to Holy Family for the favours granted my daughter successfully got a suitable match. Praying for more favours.

—Gladys, Santacruz

Thanksgiving

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be Adored, Glorified, Loved and Praised throughout the world. Sacred Heart of Jesus thy Kingdom come. Sacred Heart of Jesus have



mercy on us. St. Jude the worker of miracles pray for us. St. Jude helper of the hopeless cases pray for us.

Say 9 times for 9 days.

Publish on receiving the request.

—Ronald and family

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Remember O most Gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to Thy protection, implored Thy help or sought Thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto Thee, O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother. To thee I come, before Thee I stand sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in Thy Mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

Say 9 times in a row and tenth time in thanks. Your prayer will be answered.

—Olinda and family.

Thanksgiving



Thanks to St. Anthony, St. Jude and Divine Mercy For favour granted

—SRA

Thanksgiving

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

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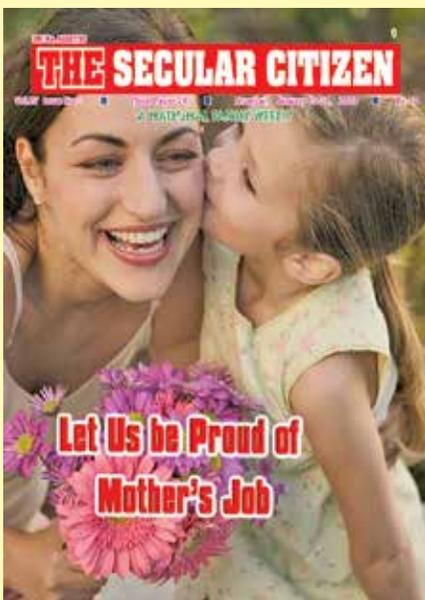
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