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Praying For Humanity

The Higher Committee of Human Fraternity (HCHF) has called on religious leaders and faithful, from every faith from around the world to observe Thursday, May 14 as a day of prayer, fasting and charitable works the good of all humanity and for an end to the pandemic COVID-19.

The pandemic has already resulted in death of over 250,000 people, the infection of almost four million, and the confinement to their homes and lockdown of two thirds of humanity. Even those who have not got the virus— like migrant labourers , daily wage earners , the unemployed and other poor – as we see in India, have been very severely affected. Millions of them are still seen walking long distances to return to their native places. The sudden lockdown the night of 24/25 March and the total suspension of public transport has destroyed their livelihood; deaths due to fatigue and starvation are being reported from all over. Social media has been highlighting the plight of the least of our sisters and brothers.

On Sunday 3 May, speaking before the Regina Coeli, Pope Francis said, *"since prayer is a universal value, I have accepted the proposal of the Higher Committee for Human Fraternity for believers of all religions to unite spiritually this 14 May for a day of prayer, fasting, and works of charity, to implore God to help humanity overcome the coronavirus pandemic. Remember: 14 May, all believers together, believers of different traditions, to pray, fast, and perform works of charity".* Pope Francis went on to add, *"I again express my closeness to all those who are ill from Covid-19, and to those who care for all those who, in any way, are suffering from the pandemic."*

Given the fact that Pope Francis is a very well accepted and admired religious leader in the world leader the global call for this 'day of prayer' has approval from several quarters.

UN Secretary-General António Guterres announced he will take part in an international day of prayer and fasting on 14 May to ask God to help humanity overcome the coronavirus pandemic. Guterres tweeted, *"In difficult times, we must stand together for peace, humanity and solidarity. I join His Holiness Pope Francis and the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar Sheikh Ahmed El-Tayeb in their support for the Prayer for Humanity this 14 May – a moment for reflection, hope, and faith"*



BY FR. CEDRIC PRAKASH SJ

The Committee (HCHF) is an independent body of religious leaders, educational scholars and cultural figures from across the world, dedicated to achieving the noble goals of the **Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together** signed by Pope Francis and Sheikh Ahmed el-Tayeb, Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, during the Pope's Apostolic Journey to the United Arab Emirates in February 2019, under the patronage of H.H Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces. The High Committee for Human Fraternity, which was established in September 2019 as a concrete response to the Document. The path-breaking document among other things, calls upon world leaders *"to work strenuously to spread the culture of tolerance and of living together in peace; to intervene at the earliest opportunity to stop the shedding of innocent blood and bring an end to wars, conflicts, environmental decay and the moral and cultural*

decline that the world is presently experiencing." . Further it also asked leaders and would-be influencers *"to rediscover the values of peace, justice, goodness, beauty, human fraternity and coexistence in order to confirm the importance of these values as anchors of salvation for all, and to promote them everywhere."*

The Day of Prayer on May 14, is expected to be the largest gathering of humanity for one goal, with millions participating from all over and in every possible way. Being in the holy month of Ramzan, with millions of Muslims already praying and fasting, will certainly add to the fervour of the day. The event will be accompanied by unprecedented media coverage, through the Committee's social media accounts with hashtag **#PrayForHumanity** to allow people to interact and share their videos, photos and posts. There are several online initiatives planned in India too to observe the 'day of prayer' as appropriately as possible.

We need to join in too with our sisters and brothers throughout the world, praying for humanity:

"We come to you today
dear heavenly and loving Father as your children, as one family: with deep faith and a total surrender to your will

We come to you today
at a time when our world is gripped with the pandemic COVID-19 thousands have died everywhere and many more are affected; fear and uncertainty rule the lives of many; and we still lack a scientific cure

We come to you today
trusting in your loving providence fully assured that you care for all of us and that you will protect us from every danger"

AMEN!

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Life is A Search!

Life is a search..... Everybody's searching,
Searching, searching, searching.....
I look it at the streets, I see people searching
Searching for provisions
Searching for vegetables
It is the corona!

Life is a search.....
The shops are shut,
Malls are half shut,
Supermarkets have downed shutters
There's a handcart out there
Vendors at random
People are searching
It is the corona!

Life is a search.....
Companies are shut, MNCs have downsized
Factories have shut
A salary cut enforced by some
Small businesses have collapsed
All searching for some relief
It is the corona!

Life is a search.....
Some still do work
Working from home
Others are searching, searching for work
Searching, searching, searching
It is the Corona!

Life is a search.....
I see the migrants, they're searching
Searching for food
Searching for a train, searching for a bus
Searching for a truck, searching for a tempo
Searching for any transport to go back home
If nothing, they're going back on foot
It is the corona!

Life is a search.....
People are searching for entertainment
Cinema houses are shut
Pubs have closed shop
Food courts are closed
Searching, searching, searching
It is the corona!

Life is a search.....
People are searching, searching for money
Reserves have dwindled
Bank accounts have shrunk
ATMs are out of cash
They have downed shutters
What does one do?
Searching, searching, searching
It is the corona!

Life is a search.....
All are at home, quarantined
Space is limited

Family members searching for a niche
To park himself
The home is filled with chatter
Children playing, screaming, quarrelling, fighting
Hah, people are searching
Searching for peace
It is the Corona!

Life is a search
Searching for happiness?
Searching for Love?
Searching for understanding?
Searching for acceptance?
Searching for peace?
Searching for entertainment?
Searching for company?
Look no further, look within
It's all there in the home!
It is the corona!

Life is a search.....
People are searching,
Searching for God
Temples are shut, Mosques are closed
Gurdwaras are shut
Churches have closed their doors
Searching for God
Where is God?
Searching, searching, searching
It is the corona!

Life is a search.....
The Temple bells don't ring anymore
The call for prayer is muted
Church bells have fallen silent
People are searching, searching, searching,
It is the corona!

Life is a search.....
People are searching for a place to pray?
A Temple? A Mosque? A Gurudwara?
Looking for a Church?
Looking for a place of worship?
Stop! Look no further!
Walls do not make a Church
Walls do not make a Mosque
Walls do not make a Gurudwara
Walls do not make a Temple
It's all there, right there in your very Home!
Search no more
It is the corona!

Life is a search.....
Your Home is your place of worship
Your Home is your place of work
Your Home is your children's playground
Your Home is your entertainment centre
Your Home is your place for pleasure
Your Home is your world
Search no more!



Melville X. D'Souza
- Orlem, Malad West



Bible does not forbid drinking

Jubel D'cruz in his letter 'Ban alcohol worldwide' (Secular Citizen, May 18-24) has stated that " the bible tells us that all drunkards will burn in hell". Will the writer be kind enough to tell us which verse in the bible is he referring to?. It is a well known fact that Jesus Christ is also accused by some bigots for encouraging drinking when he worked his first miracle at the wedding at Cana and turned water into wine when the host ran short of it. Christians therefore drink because of this---- a charge often leveled to malign Christians and Christianity. In this context it is pertinent to state that the entire episode at Cana has great theological significance and centred on one basic point Viz a sign of the arrival of the messianic era with the arrival of Jesus who revealed his glory with his first miracle. The Old Testament ceremonial water for washing is changed into wine of the highest quality in stone jars , each holding 20-30 gallons. Such a superabundance of wine was always referred to by the Old Testament prophets like Amos and Joel to signify the dawning of the messianic era through the use of symbolic language such as " the mountains will drip sweet wine and all the hills shall flow with it---- they will plant vineyards and drink their wine" (Amos, 9: 13-14). Finally, do we not use wine in our Eucharistic celebrations to symbolise the blood of Jesus?

— A. F. Nazareth,
Alto Porvorim

Nitish Govt Challenged!

The high positivity rate among migrant workers is raising concerns in Bihar which is a primary destination state for migrant labour. And when the testing of migrants returning through six inter-state borders, through which about 10,000 are entering each day, is yet to begin.

Bihar government should rise up to the big challenge! Not only to heal the homecoming corona affected people but also to make sure that these migrant workers don't have to leave Bihar anymore. Enough is enough. Give them employment in the state itself. They are ready to work at lower salaries. You may be able to do wonders for the state by building roads, dams and many other things bringing back the golden history Budha and Ashoka of Bihar. Invite companies which are leaving China to work in Bihar. Bihar is rich in water, minerals, and other natural wealth. So big challenge to Nitish government! Let all your migrant workers be settled at home with simple life and healthy lifestyle, than go to cities and live in slums life like animals! No more disgrace to the state in the country. We wish you all the best Nitish government of Bihar!

—Father Michael G.
Vasai

Bangladesh doctors claim to have found effective drug combination to

cure COVID-19 patients

A Bangladeshi medical team has claimed their research on the combination of two widely used drugs has yielded "astounding" results in curing the patients with acute symptoms of the novel coronavirus.

The claim by the Bangladeshi medical team comes amidst the desperate global attempts for a remedy to the deadly coronavirus.

Out of 60 COVID-19 patients, all recovered as the combination of the two drugs were applied, Professor Dr Md Tarek Alam, the head of medicine department at private Bangladesh Medical College Hospital (BMCH), claimed.

According to the research, a frequently used antiprotozoal medicine called Ivermectin in a single dose with Doxycycline, an antibiotic, yielded virtually the near-miraculous result in curing the patients with COVID-19.

Bangladesh has so far reported 22,005 coronavirus cases and 325 deaths.

—Peter D'Souza
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To Migrate Or Not To....!

“Swarajya is my birthright and I shall have it!” was the battle cry raised by the fiery freedom-fighter, Bal Gangadhar Tilak, in British India. Thanks to the efforts of the likes of him, Gandhiji, Nehru and others, India did eventually become free. Intrinsic to self-rule being the “right to migrate” to any part of the country and the world. practically every major city has had a significant population of migrants, many of them making the city/country of adoption their permanent home.

Why migration?

Put plainly, the cause of migration—political compulsions apart—has largely been better prospects of a decent life. And so it is that while cities received and welcomed migration for the obvious benefit it brought their inhabitants, city-dwellers made a beeline for migration to foreign shores for the same purpose as that of migrants within the country. Subsequently, we have seen the kind of effort gone into the evacuation of Indians employed abroad during times of war and conflict at the cost of the exchequer. But never in human history has one witnessed the kind of migrant movement currently taking place around the world since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic and the unending lockdown that has followed, particularly in our own country, death stalking the path of the returnees. Frankly, **the possibility of anybody in the Indian government or the ruling party shedding a tear**

or two over the travails of the migrants—babies being flung atop crowded trucks, women scrambling for a foothold on any mode of travel, men pulling makeshift carts carrying pregnant wives, the old and toddlers, youth shouldering bullock-carts—is as remote as the chances of a snowflake in Hell!

A Pastoral Initiative whose time has come

Pope Saint Paul VI, visiting India in 1964, had said, “Thine own sons, O India, will minister to thy Salvation!”

Given today’s circumstances, it is significant that the first son of the soil to become the Ordinary of the diocese of Baruipur in West Bengal [04 May 2020] has decided to accord the holistic care of his sheepfold top priority by way of initiating **the cessation of migration from his diocese.** Laudably, Bishop Shyamol Bose [BSB] plans to enhance his flock’s path to Salvation by focusing on making “young people in his West Bengal diocese efficient and self-reliant so that they do not have to migrate to other states for jobs” (*Matters India 05 May 2020*).



by Ladislaus L D'Souza

Having, as a native Bengali, “seen entire families migrate to other states to work as cheap labour on farms and construction sites”, forced to “cut (themselves) off from their language, culture and moorings,” BSB has, in a single sweep, deftly seized the bull by its horns! Already beginning to smell like the sheep of his pasture, his is probably the lone sane voice amidst

the mindless cacophony of so-called social activism that has so far apparently preferred to lead migrants in general in shouting hoarse from the rooftops a variation of Tilak’s slogan, viz, “MIGRATION IS MY BRITHRIGHT AND I SHALL EXERCISE IT TO MY LAST BREATH!” Indeed, that could well be the next battle cry one might hear across the country, what with the Church seemingly hell-bent on playing to the gallery by way of pampering migrants like there won’t be another tomorrow, Amen!

A re-think as regards the Church’s role...

Baruipur is a small diocese admeasuring barely 4200 square miles, comprising just 22 parishes. But the probable success of the BSB experiment within this very smallness could well make it to the headlines big time! Essentially, the manner in which the Church in India as a whole, through its parishes and its religious houses, busies itself in feeding, clothing and sheltering migrants entirely at its own expense, in the wake of the Coronavirus epidemic, once again brings to the fore the question, ‘what would the Church do without the poor’. Indeed, at a time when queries like ‘is the priesthood an essential service’ or ‘does the priesthood have any relevance anymore’ are being bandied about for obvious reasons, what would the Church have done without the poor, with all her places of worship and education in a state of limbo, its ordained personnel vir-



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tually out-of-service so to say! With the continuance of the lockdown, the church will continue to have the time to serve and look after the migrants as well as the poor in general. But, on the one hand, **whether the Church, with its financial resources obviously fast dwindling and, on the other, the numbers of her faithful unemployed and desperately struggling to make ends meet steadily rising, considers it proper to keep spending its time and resources on migrants, is the moot question.**

The answer methinks lies in adopting a multi-pronged approach that benefits all concerned. While the Church perse may continue alleviating the hardships of migrants in particular and the poor in general, she would need to

earnestly adopt the all-inclusive BSB strategy, even if that means having the newly appointed prelate hold brainstorming sessions for a cross section of people including bishops, clergy and religious apart from lay-folk.

Strategies to the fore!

Various factors considered, particularly in the light of the BSB scheme of things, the Church in India would do well to -

- (a) understand the reality and purpose of her presence **not merely in the place of migration but also at the source of migration;**
- (b) work on uplifting and empowering people at the grassroots level, i.e. in the villages and bastis, not along the lines of phoney political slogans like *roti, kapda aur makaan* but by promoting the uplift of the total human person;

- (c) cease all efforts that concentrate on educating merely the girl child and, instead, **direct all efforts at educating EVERY CHILD irrespective of its gender;**
- (d) ensure the **upgradation of education at various levels** and in equally varied ways;
- (e) strive for **adult literacy** on a war-footing;
- (f) offer the government [both Central and State] and the municipalities, her services in **raising the quality and standard of government and municipal education**, precisely in keeping with her offer of her religious and medical structures and



- personnel for fighting the ongoing pandemic;
- (g) make available to both youth and adults long-term as well as short-term **vocational training courses** with due focus on self-reliance – with subsidy from the government if possible;
- (h) initiate sensible **recreational activities** that are both engaging and educative;
- (i) **strengthen family** bonds by focusing on counselling.

Do I belong?

The most significant BSB utterance concerns creating “a sense of belongingness to the diocese” that “will enhance” the Church’s own sense of “solidarity and commitment to face the challenges jointly.” This could be done through our parishes and SCCs (Small Christian Communities) with the full support and involvement of

the diocesan pastoral centres and the numerous diocesan ‘commissions’, not forgetting the Parish and the Diocesan Pastoral Councils, by way of -

- i. fostering a spirit of openness among and between clergy and laity, by **conscientiously abandoning the ‘pray-pay-obey’ tactic in favour of free, fair and frank sharing** that takes due note of brickbats and bouquets
- ii. initiating faith enrichment at various levels of the family, bordering on the **holistic formation** of the human person
 - iii. intensifying catechetical instruction in terms of affording the faithful a clear **understanding of the Liturgy and the Sacraments**, and the church’s doctrines and documents (Notably, the church in Bombay is already engaging her adherents along similar lines – cfr Journeying together in Faith...)
- iv. undertaking **pastoral care not merely of the poor but also of those who are comfortably well-off**, keeping in mind that neither wealth nor poverty can by itself in any way guarantee our eventual entry into Paradise whose portals the Redeemer opened on the cross for Lazarus and Zacchaeus alike
- v. encouraging wherever necessary and possible further education outside a given diocese or state, the only string attached essentially being contributing to church and society alike first in the diocese and state of origin and then elsewhere
- vi. never fighting shy of encouraging the discernment of a vocation in life that includes the prospects, significance and importance of a **vocation to the priestly and re-**

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WHETHER COVID 19 PANDEMIC HAS ENABLED US TO VIVIDLY IMAGINE THE LIFE OF A MIGRANT WORKER?

by Eric D'Sa

The current pandemic has forced us at last to think about the plight of migrant workers in our country. While the virus has demonstrated the enormous value of health workers, it has also enhanced public awareness of the pivotal role of migrant workers in our economy. We have been compelled to realise that between 100 million to 125 million people leave their villages, families and homes to find work far away, wherever they can find it. Their invisible hands harvest the crops, cook and feed us, clean streets, run factories, build roads, and construct our houses.

Living away from home is never easy, even if it is a small house in a remote village. A home is not made of brick and mortar, certainly not tin or planks of wood. It is where one finds comfort, nurtures relationships, and raises a family. It gives sanctuary from daily struggles. An extension of one's identity, it provides us a sense of belonging. A place of tranquillity and serenity, it is where one longs to be when not there. This can only be where one's family, friends and community reside, not an inhospitable, overcrowded room with strangers in a distant city.

Not surprisingly, hungry migrant workers were and are determined to trudge hundreds of kilometres to reach "home" in their village. Many would have preferred to do so even if they were fed by their employers or the State, which clearly they were not. Surely, they were entirely justified in asking why Indians stranded abroad were flown back in special planes or middle-class students brought back to their hometowns from coaching centres in Kota, Rajasthan, but no such arrangements were made for them? Why this differential treatment? Are they not citizens of the same country? Are they any less Indian?

The current plight of migrant workers

during the lockdown should become an occasion to reflect on their abysmal condition in normal times. Many "contractual labourers" rarely see a written contract. A minimum, regular wage per month is legally required but seldom paid. Many do not receive wages for months, and at the end of the season when they are finally paid, it is often less than what was agreed. There is a lack of transparency in accounting — excessive, arbitrary and unexpected deductions from final payments are common.

Lack of regular wages means that work-

YOU THE CITIZENS DECIDE:

ers either borrow from employers or from local moneylenders. This renders them even more financially vulnerable because of indebtedness. Quite often they work long hours, between 10 and 13 hours a day, live in tents or makeshift shanties without access to potable water, toilets, and electricity. They are never fully protected from the elements where they work and live. Many of them do not have a kitchen and are forced to eat from local street vendors who live in similar conditions.

Under such dire working and living circumstances, is it a surprise that under an unexpected lockdown they all wish to return to their original homes? The Prime Minister recently spoke of the need for empathy and compassion during pandemics. These are admirable moral virtues, always necessary, not just in emergencies. But ultimately, individual virtues are insufficient to deal with social malaise. For it is not feelings of individuals but enduring collective sentiment crystallised around a stable course of action by public agencies that really matter. Effective public policies are indispensable. This was lacking when a decision was made to suddenly totally lock down the country with just 4 hrs notice.

In short time has come for a regime of social policy, pivotal for a minimal welfare state to be installed to address the basic needs of all Indian citizens, not only during pandemics but for all times, to meet any contingency. Socioeconomic rights, including the right to work, have long been part of our Directive Principles of State Policy. By enacting the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act law in 2005, the Indian Parliament had set in motion a process that makes a specific and significant welfare provision constitutive of the very idea of citizenship.

To be a citizen of a polity is to be entitled to an opportunity to work. Now, manual work in extremely hot conditions, on parched terrain is an energy-draining, back-breaking chore, not quite a source of self-realisation central to the emancipatory vision of Gandhi. And yet, even such paid manual labour is a far cry from receiving charity. Under democratic norms of equality, living on charity is demeaning and lowers self-esteem. There is a sense in which any voluntary work, no matter how arduous, quietly uplifts and enhances dignity and basic self-respect — a point gracefully underscored by a group of painters (migrant labour) in Palsana, Sikar in Rajasthan, when they chose to give a fresh coat of paint to an entire school building in return for the shelter provided to them during lockdown.

Work is one among many sources of satisfaction and self-respect. Our Directive Principles focus on others — education, healthcare and proper housing. It is time the state took these seriously. While no state can build a home — which needs personal care and must be our own handiwork — the right to housing can certainly be guaranteed for it is implicit in the article enjoining the state to provide a decent standard of living.

However, such social policies will not be



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forthcoming unless we, who make these policies, stopped viewing the poor as sub-human. This is a controversial statement and requires some explanation. Many of us unfortunately carry the image of the poor as labouring creatures with basic material needs who beget children. They suffer when deprived of these material needs. Our humanity just lies in empathetically acknowledging this suffering.

This, however, is not an image that we have of ourselves. We have more complex social, cultural, political and even spiritual needs. We need quality time with our children, and leisure for ourselves; companionship and friendship, a flourishing social life; music, literature, art, poetry; time to fulfil our obligations in the public domain. And of course, we need our privacy, hours of solitude, space for self-reflection. Our suffering too is different: we have anxieties and phobias, inner turmoil, loss of a sense of self.

Assuming these profound differences between them and us, it does not cross our minds that the poor have multiple deprivations — not only material but social, cultural, familial, spiritual. When did a policymaker ever worry about the quality of family or spiritual life among the poor? Or whether they have time for their children or for leisure? Or how impoverished they might be because of their inability to adequately self-reflect.

Unless policymakers have the same conception of the poor as they have of themselves — persons with rich, varied and complex needs — they will not realise the grave consequences of the material deprivations endured by the poor or show the urgency to remove them. In short, policymakers need to realise that they deal with complete human beings. Unless they are able to vividly imagine the poor as fully human, they will never design proper policies to address even their material needs. Alas, this will not happen unless we the well to do Citizens, feel their pain and there is real, continuing contact between us and the poor.

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Diocesan leadership in CO-VID-19 India

Obviously, all the above and more will be possible only if the Ordinary of the diocese ensures that priests, religious and faithful determinedly work hand in hand, conscious that collaborative participation alone can ensure the success of any given project or programme. As BSB suggests, "Every priest and religious will own the diocese and all should feel that it is our diocese and we all should work hard to promote our diocese spiritually, pastorally, economically, educationally and culturally." This possibility, says he, is backed by trust "in the Lord," confident that "He will guide us with His Spirit." True, our trust and effort may not bring immediate results; but the sapling, when duly nurtured cannot but grow in time into a mighty Oak!

That COVID-19 has become a new benchmark in terms of the changes life has foisted upon us is a fact that is here to stay, what with speakers, writers and preachers already talking of "life *before* Corona Virus" and "life *after* Corona Virus" albeit the 'after' is still nowhere in sight! It has changed the way people think and see things, prayer and Church now confined largely to the home while assembling to purchase alcohol has become the new norm, the government earning revenue by crores, never mind that the poor who, having no money for food depend on social largesse for their sustenance, have enough to drop dead-drunk by the roadside, not to speak of untold increase in domestic violence. It was Queen Marie Antoinette who is said to have retorted at the peak of the French Revolution, "If they have no bread, let them eat cake"! The Government of India deserves to be complimented by the world community for virtually turning that statement

into something like "If they have nothing to eat let them *drink booze till* our coffers swell" as is clearly evident from the fact that, with the cash registers of the government ringing louder than expected, wine shops have now once again been shut!

Ironically, the year 2019 after which the Corona Virus has been named has long passed into history, but the dreaded disease not only stays put but brazenly spreads like wildfire so to say, displacing migrants, trivializing human genius, mocking medical science, and what not! By what then are we going to allow history to judge us — by the way we give in to the tendency to act migrant savvy, pandering to their temporary needs for short-term gain? Or by showing guts in enabling people to settle down to a better life in the place of their origin for abiding, long-term gain as decent, human persons?

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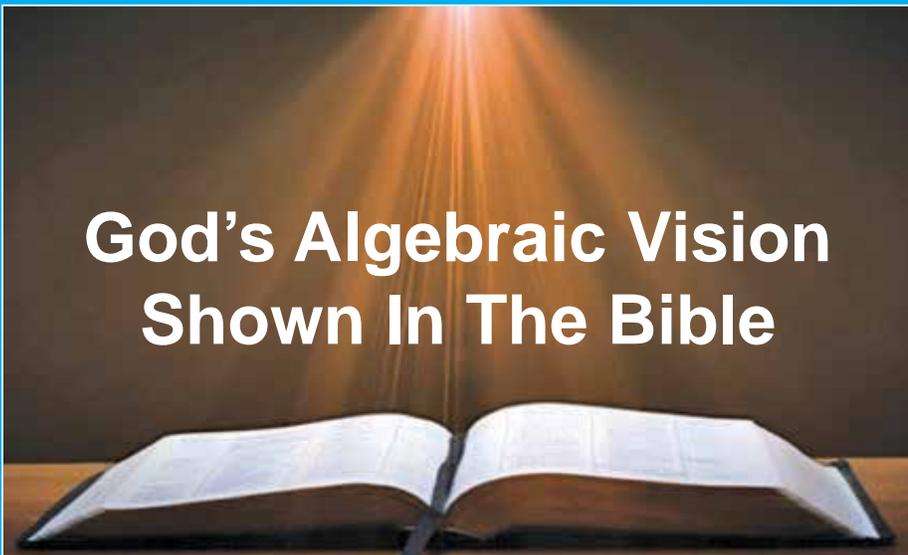
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God's Algebraic Vision Shown In The Bible



Robin was eight years old in a classroom of thirty-two children attending their regular Sunday-School class. The lady teacher put a question to the children:

"Would any child like to ask me a question?"

"Yes, Miss," said Robin, "What is the meaning of the word algebra?"

The teacher smiled.

"Algebra is a branch of mathematics where letters and symbols are used to represent numbers and quantities. Jesus is the founder of algebra."

"Thank you, Miss."

From Genesis to Revelation we often stumble across the algebraic mind of the Creator shown in His unique laws (Pentateuch), History (Prophetic), the prophets, their writings, the Gospels, Letters concluding with the Book of Revelations.

A mathematical quantification is the mystical framework of a dramatic and living documentation in amazing 'math language'. The surprising presentation helps us in understanding many references in the Bible. Numbers are used as a symbolic

work-plan in Revelations. You are not expected to take all the numbers seriously.

The rules of the Church oblige us to understand commonly stated proximate ideas of sin and their absolution. Peter asked Jesus if he could forgive his brothers and sisters seven times. Jesus answered, "No, not seven times, but seventy-seven times." (Mat.18:22). What is often seemingly not important is the frequent use of the number 7. Saint John writes of seven trumpets, seven seals, seven bowls etc., they were merely symbolic representation of events.

The Bible has a hidden mathematical language for its own spiritual values. And so God made all things and He alone sustains them all. Many features in the Bible relay an essential solution to Christ's faithfulness and obedience to the Spirit in union with God through the study of algebraic knowledge.



BY MELVYN BROWN

On this assumption we believe in the obligation we bear to almighty God. The time has come for man to awaken and rediscover the other side of the Book of Numbers, and the great plans to be found in the Book of Genesis with their 'maths' language. For example multiplication (which means the union of nations, growth of empires and civilizations. Also the exponential growth

of Christianity across the earth over the centuries begins to make sense).

The Holy Bible with its two powerful Covenants cradle the truth of the Christian Faith, burnished in splendor with the calibrated union of saints and martyrs in heaven. The symbolism of numbers in the act of creation is mind blowing. God is truly Master of the universe and all the worlds that exist scattered across the milky-way.

The science of mathematics is evidence of the power God, who alone can display in his divine works through his instruments. The algebraic terms for subtraction and division, is seen in the division of fallen nations, and subtraction in the stories of lost tribes and empires. The Bible does not pause to explain its algebraic expressions or to expose the ambit of its teaching, laws and the credibility of its authentication, as it is all based on the sacredness of the Word of God.

Revelations has the presence of vast numbers. I will introduce the laity to a few symbolisms of numbers for review:

Number 4Ends of earth/ directionsMat.24:21; Rev.7:1

Number 6Man and BeastGen.1:24-31; Sam.17:1-11; Rev.13:18

Number 7CompletenessGen.2:2; Rev.1:4

Number 10Fullness/ Multiplicity Ex.20:1-17; Rev.5:11

Number 12Israel/ Apostles/ People of GodGen.49:28; Rev.21:12-17.

God's algebraic vision by its very nature is an instrument of divine remoteness which we cannot fathom, given to humankind as a test for his mortal intelligence. Yet, another gift from the Lord our God to keep humanity challenged.

Misery of the Migrants

The decision to ferry migrants to their home towns by special trains came too late. The gory incident in Aurangabad in Maharashtra in which 16 migrants [including women and children] were mowed down by a goods train is a grim reminder that this unfortunate lot has been driven to desperation. A few survived to tell the tale. Others lost their lives in a series of road accidents some of them horrific. The migrants have to cover hundreds and even thousands of kilometers to reach their homes which could take weeks. Elsewhere we have seen reports of a young mother with a 17 day old baby walking with others. Even a pregnant woman was seen trekking the arduous route taking rest every few kms. Another delivered by the roadside. What made them choose walking over government's so called hospitality? Firstly they were rendered jobless. Most of them did not get their salaries as well at a time when the government has been exhorting employers to pay their wages even if they are absent from work. All these, well meaning advisories, sound good but unfortunately, if ignored, they do not fill the empty stomachs of the poorest of the poor. Most of them either stayed at the sites where they worked and have been thrown out or those staying in slums left to save on rent which they could ill afford to pay. They had to wait for days on end to get government shelter. You cannot totally blame the governments because the task was daunting which had to be accomplished in a short while. The authorities also had to get ready with enough beds and make shift hospitals to house the patients.

If migrants were looked after with good food, shelter and other necessities why would they prefer to go walking? Normally people get exhausted walking a few miles but the migrants had set out to cover hundreds of miles on foot with slippers which gave way. They continued their journey without footwear with blisters in this sweltering heat. One man had just Rs 10 in his pocket and half a litre of water. He was sobbing when approached by a reporter. He showcased the plight of lakhs of fellow migrants. Truckers exploited them charging as much as Rs 7000 to ferry them like goats heading for slaughter. A story has been reported about a Kashmiri man cycling from South to see his ailing father on

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cycle. These are heart rendering tales of woes. Some of the receiving states were initially hesitant to receive the migrants as they had to arrange for their testing, quarantine and onward journey to migrants' homes in the interior. This segment of the Indian citizens, children of lesser Gods, has suffered the most.

On hindsight, the fault lies in announcing the Lockdown 1.0 post haste without giving any notice [unlike in the case of the Janta curfew] for the migrant labour to head towards their homes. At that point the cases in India were insignificant barely a few hundred. Had the people been given a week's time with additional trains all those wanting to go would have reached their destinations. Non migrants would have had time to get things sorted out and be fully prepared to face the lockdown. By not doing that the state governments had to spend thousands of crores on these helpless migrants – this money could have been used for fighting the virus. Today when the cases have multiplied manifold, we are trying to send the migrants back when thousands are going on foot or cycles and are neither here nor there. Simultaneously, we are relaxing the lockdown which means the migrants will once again have to return. Will they be quarantined once again? Roughly 70 million migrant labour [roughly 5% of the population] deserved a better deal. But right now they are suffering and suffering a lot. How much of the 20 lakh crore package has been earmarked for the migrants who died trying to reach their homes as compensation? Nothing! Is it a case of "Melo to gelo" [dead and gone].

A La Bhopal tragedy 2.0

At a time when the nation is grappling with the pandemic, comes the grim news of hundreds of residents in the vicinity of the L.G. Polymers plant in Andhra Pradesh being affected by leakage of deadly gas. It was a horrific sight to see young and old gasping for breath and falling by the wayside. With each one trying to save his life, not many stopped to help the affected people. A few of them lost their lives due to the negligence of the owners of this company. The plant is supposed to be a part of the South Korean conglomerate



by Marshall Sequeira

– the L G group with diverse interests. It is surprising that in such a company adequate safeguards were either not in place or they were given a go by. When you deal with such deadly gas, there must be stringent checks and balances of their own as well as that of the State government and the Central. Did this company get preferential treatment? Were the shortcomings overlooked? Someone at the top may be 'guiding' the investigations. Some scapegoats will be punished and the big bosses will go scot-free. Looking at this tragedy, one is reminded of the worst disaster of the famous Bhopal gas leakage way back in 1984 in which thousands died and/or badly affected was the worst type of disaster the country faced but the response from the government was lackadaisical and the opposition berated the Congress. Now the Congress will try and settle scores.

In the Bhopal tragedy, instead of addressing the issue of shifting the affected to hospitals, the establishment was more concerned about how to save the company's boss Anderson. Actually, believe it or not, he was treated like a VVIP and chaperoned from Bhopal to Delhi and allowed to escape from this country at night. There was hue and cry from the opposition of the day. This incident inspired similar escapes like Quatorichi [Bofors fame], the Modis, Mallayas, Chokseys etc. In L.G. case, no arrests have been made. Only an FIR against unknown persons is filed. It is hoped the courts will take a serious view of this development and order confiscation of the passports of all the top notches of the company. The cost to company is this case has to be big enough. Foreign investments are good and welcome but safety measures must be similar to those obtaining in the country of the parent company. The Bhopal case has not seen closure as yet – even after 36 years. We have learnt nothing.

Amazing 80th year of wedded life

- 20 May 1941- 2020



*-By Ivan Saldanha-Shet.
Mangaluru.*

Marriages on the rocks, these days around the globe are on the rise. In Mumbai & Mangaluru, the Ecclesiastic courts are packed with annulment cases as divorce is prohibited by the church, many are granted we note. A few decades ago this was not the case and marriages were made (in heaven and on earth) to last and last. Here come a heroic blessed couple from Perde House, Punjalkatte a villiage of Madanthyar in Dakshina Kannada district, Karnataka - Joseph Pais (101) born on May 13, 1919 and Cossess Pais (95) born on March 5, 1925. All who know their credible charm admire them - amazingly they are proud to be married for complete 79 years and commence 80 th year - married on MAY 20, 1941 at Sacred Heart Church Madanthyar . Truly showered with blessings from the heavens and possibly the oldest living couple in the area/parish and true to the Konkani ethos of Kanara; let us take a closer

look.

Life Launched : Arranged wedding was normal, in the WWII times everything was difficult, like in the 'Corona' times of 2020 we now face. The couple surely never met before though both families are from Madanthyar parish. Bride Cossess D'Souza, was just 15 when she came to her married home, perfectly normal at that time. They are sure their early days were happy, Cossess smilingly said that in those times all mother's in- law were strict and feared and my case was no different, but it gave a stable weight to our early togetherness and affection grew rapidly.

Life Progresses : Life was far from a bed of roses for the couple and the family living in the wilderness of Madanthyar, where the only source of livelihood was agriculture. The couple went through much struggle to bring up their 13 children - 7 girls and 6 boys and there were a few instances where the couple and sometimes even the children had to fight for survival. One

of the daughters of the couple died at a young age. Five daughters are married off and are well settled, the last one is a nun Sr.Lucy Pais FMA. Among the boys most of them live in Madanthyar around the home, except for one son, Pascal, who is in Mumbai.

In deed it's a fairy tale of love personified, family members pitch in with many observations, all very amusing and true...Grandpa Joseph always wants his dear wife around him , a granddaughter mentions , "if my grandpa cannot see grandma around or hear her voice he keeps calling and looks around for her worried. He won't rest till he finds her, really attached to her in many ways, may not be demonstrative on the surface as our modern couples now generally are, but actions are the real proof - family members admire and try to emulate the close bond they share and the values they teach.

The home and agricultural lands are bordering a forest and Joseph owned a licensed gun, he was fond of hunting and loved fishing too, it also helped in contributing to the food demands of a hard working large family and the extended family as well in those times. Now the aged couple live in the rebuilt house with their 7th son David and his family (wife and 5 children) who care lovingly - 4 of the sons live in the vicinity and their love and care knows no bounds, agriculture work is shared as per traditions. Five daughters married in nearby areas are all the time ready to attend, practically a joint family - joy has no limit.

Son David also points out that even now Joseph expects his wife to be present before him as soon as he calls her and so to with others in the house. David also said that the old parents have their own share of fights, bickering or altercations which were short lived. He is also very fond of traditional Mangalorean fare and keeps grumbling if the taste is not to his liking. Son Dennis, with whom



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the elderly couple now live recalls "I could study only up to 7th standard because of the then prevailing conditions. There was lot of poverty and the only source of income was from the beetle leaf crop and some paddy we used to grow. I remember I used to accompany my parents to the markets in Madanthyar and even to markets as far as Belthangady and Moodbidri. Most of the time we used to go walking the long distances to reach the markets and if we wed get money on our produce."

For a while now retired Joseph spends his time reading newspapers, periodicals or watching television and is up to date. Cossess is busy attending to her husband's needs and the children who dote on her, watches television and she also helps in the kitchen. She is also fond of telling stories to her great grandchildren and sometimes narrates the events of their early life. The entire family is very devout and worship is an important part of day to day life and life moves positively leaving the matter to GOD. It is exemplary to note the contribution they have made to the Church: Priest and religious in the family are exemplary, one daughter Sr.Rita Lucy Pais FMA, the last 13th one is a Nun. Three grand daughters are Nuns. One grandson a Carmelite priest, with two more grandsons in the seminary. One great grandson is in the seminary too. Joseph's family has two priests, while Cossess' family has 3 priests and 2 nuns.

The Lucky 13 : (1) Dulcine Pais - June 1942, (2) Paul Pais -March



1944, (3) Nathalia Pais - March 1946, (4) Late Cecilia Pais - 1948, (5) Helen Pais - April 1950, (6) Mark Pais - April 1952, (7) Mary Pais - May 1953, (8) Denis Pais - Nov 1956, (9) Pascal Pais - June. 1958, (10) Alexander Pais- May 1960, (11) John Pais - Jan 1962, (12) Emilia Pais - July 1964, (13) Rita Lucy Pais - June 1966.

The couple is quite healthy despite their advancing age except for a few

giant family celebrated the couple's platinum wedding anniversary (75 yrs) in 2015. All the 12 children of the couple and most of the grandchildren and great grandchildren were part of the grand platinum wedding jubilee celebrations, held at their residence and jubilee mass was celebrated by 10 priests. The last daughter's profession as a nun was celebrated on the same occasion, making it a memorable and impressive family



age-related health issues they have no major illness and they are able to help themselves. Cossess is also quite active and even goes to church whenever possible, because of the distance. They live in Punjalkatte, Madanthyar with their son Dennis and his family. The couple has 64 grandchildren and 68 great grandchildren and many more can be expected. The

celebration. Indeed the great couple and all the big family are wished well for the days to come; even with new out looks in sight be confident that that the LORD our GOD has the best in mind for each and all - HIS blessings are abundant and timely, when we accept all.

Modi's Latest 8 PM Address to the Nation

by Don Aguiar.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his 12th May, 8PM address to the nation made ridiculous claims of India becoming a super-power due to Covid-19 crisis, tall promises about 20LCr package (not even 10% of earlier 1.7LCr package has reached people), but not a word for the migrant labour whom the cruel lockdown has destituted & forced to walk back!

The country's economic circumstances looked bleak even before the pandemic began, and it is unclear who the buyers for all this debt will be. The central bank has to step into the breach. Unemployment rose to 27.1% in the week to May 3, and many low income workers have or at risk of running out of money for basic necessities.

Instead he said the country should view the Covid-19 crisis as an opportunity to achieve economic self-reliance, and stressed on the importance of promoting "local" products. He calls it Atma Nirbharta Bharat Abhiyan (or Self-reliant India Mission) and said that in the days to come, his government will be unveiling the details of an economic package to-



wards this aim, which, after including the earlier reliefs announced by his Finance Minister and the RBI, would be worth Rs 20 lakh crore — or 10 per cent of GDP in FY20.

Who exactly is going to fund this stimulus? The country's financial system was already troubled, so the commercial banks that hold the largest share of government bonds are less likely to pick up the tab, foreign investors have also reduced their holdings, in common with a general retreat emerging market debit this year, and the country runs the risk of having its credit rating downgraded.

This may leave RBI holding the bag one way or another. The central bank is legally barred from buying bonds

directly from the government, except in exceptional circumstances and these circumstances are undoubtedly exceptional.

Direct monetary financing shows just how parlous the options available are. The real risk is a further depreciation of the rupee.

While the PM did not give the details, he did specify that this calculation of Rs 20 lakh crore includes what the government has already announced and the steps taken by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). This means the total amount of additional money — that is over and above what the government would have spent even in the absence of a Covid-19 crisis — will not be Rs 20 lakh crore. It would be substantially less.

The new component of actual spending from this package could run to around 2.5% of the GDP due to the central government deficit this year been driven by both falling revenue and increase spending and NOT 10% of the GDP.

That's because the PM has included the actions of RBI, India's central bank, as part of the government's



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“fiscal” package, even though only the government controls the fiscal policy and not the RBI (which controls the ‘monetary’ policy). Government expenditure and RBI’s actions are neither the same nor can they be added in this manner. Nowhere in the world is this done.

For instance, when the US is said to have announced a relief package of \$3 trillion (Rs 225 lakh crore), it only refers to the money that will be spent by the government — and it has nothing to do with what the Federal Reserve (US central bank) might have done.

A rough estimate suggests that the RBI’s decisions have provided additional liquidity of Rs 5-6 lakh crore since the start of the Covid-19 crisis. Add this to the Rs 1.7 lakh crore of the first fiscal relief package announced by the Centre on March 26. Together, the two already account for 40 per cent of the Rs 20-lakh crore package. That leaves an effective amount of Rs 12 lakh crore.

The RBI’s package should not have been included in the overall package because direct expenditure by a government — either by way of wage subsidy or direct benefit transfer or payment of salaries or payment for construction of a new hospital etc. — immediately and necessarily stimulates the economy. In other words, that money necessarily reaches the people — either as someone’s salary or someone’s purchase.

But credit easing by the RBI — that is, making more money available to the banks so that they can lend to the broader economy — is not like government expenditure. That’s because, especially in times of crisis, banks may take that money from RBI and elsewhere and, instead of lending it, park it back with the RBI.

This is exactly what is happening right now. At the last count, Indian banks had parked Rs 8.5 lakh crore with the Central Bank. So in terms of calculations, RBI has given a stimulus of Rs 6 lakh crore. But the reality is that it has received an even bigger amount back from the banks.

What does this mean? It is funding your losses and not giving you a relief. You can take loans to survive.

You can defer paying taxes till later and survive. You can save less in PF by 2% and survive. You can defer repayment of bank loans to survive. You will get your dues paid, which was always due. You will get your tax refunds, which was always due. The bank loans will still be on you. Your liabilities continue to be the same. The interest rates don’t change. The tax rates are not reduced. The GST rates remain the same.

So, it is financing you rather than giving you relief. Nothing more.

What is being played out is a joke on the Indian Economy and its people.

1. How is repaying ‘our’ tax refunds ‘your’ stimulus? In fact, the FM needs to answer why they were not refunded earlier and had to wait for a year. And what happens to those refunds above 5 lacs? Imagine if every debtor considers it a favour to even pay off outstanding bills!

2. How is a loan a stimulus package? By a similar measure, can we treat it

as income in our books instead of showing it as a liability so that we never have to repay it? The banks don’t have a choice but to grant an additional loan to ensure that the MSMEs survive and don’t turn sick! It is a normal banking practise! As of 2019, the total loans disbursed by all banks increased from 87.46 lac crores to 97.10 lac crores. That would be a 9.64 lac crore ‘Economic Stimulus’ in 2019, going by the FM’s accounting!

3. If reclassifying SSIs, Micro Enterprises and MSMEs is such a ‘kran-tikari’ move, then why did it need a pandemic to decide on it? A reform doesn’t need a pandemic to push government?

4. What is the 25% TDS reduction about? The tax liability doesn’t come down? The tax rates haven’t come down? In fact, with profitability being severely impacted, the TDS itself will have to be refunded very soon.

5. How is it that we saving less is an economic stimulus? It is our income, our savings and our spending. In such case, even withdrawals of about 60,000 crores from EPF accounts because we have been driven to eat out our savings is a stimulus.

There is zero outlay from the government in reviving the economy. PM Modi is slowly strangulating the golden goose. His definition of ‘Atma Nirbharta’ is to leave us in the sea to swim on our own, while he is in a chopper up above. What he wants us to do is to survive by taking loans, increasing liabilities, saving less and eating out of our safety net so that he claims it as his support! All this, while he hasn’t spoken a word on the migrant labour, walking silently for thousands of kilometres, without a whimper or protest! Enough of the humiliation, accounting jugglery and voodoo economics.

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One day a King was hearing a Musician in his Palace.

He liked the song and promised to give Pearl. Musician sang another song, King promised him Gold, Then another song, he promised Diamond.

Ultimately the session ended and Musician went home and informed about Kings appreciation.

Next day, Musician came to the Palace and requested to give the reward promised earlier day.

King said to the Musician, your music was very nice to my ears. So, I made your ears feel nice.

Thats All.

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You're hilarious

Venkat asked his wife why she married him. She said, "Because you're the funniest man I've ever met. Venkat said, "I thought it was because I said 'I love you'. She replied, "See! You're hilarious!"

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Police: Are you driving under the influence of alcohol?

John : Obviously not sir! What made you think so?

Police : This is a toll both and you just ordered medium fries.

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A small argument between a couple turns violent.

Husband : Don't let the animal in me come out.

Wife : Who's afraid of a mouse!

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Lock down period .. Let us energize with few notable humorous comments...

"In my many years I have come to a conclusion, ... that one useless man is a shame, two [useless men] is a law firm and three or more [useless men] is a government."



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~John Adams

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If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper, you are misinformed.

~Mark Twain

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I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.

~Winston Churchill

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A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.

~George Bernard Shaw

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Foreign aid might be defined as a transfer of money from poor people in rich countries to rich people in poor countries.

~ Douglas Casey, Classmate of Bill Clinton at Georgetown University

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Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys.

~P.J. O'Rourke, Civil Libertarian

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Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you!

~Pericles (430 B.C.)

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No man's life, liberty, or property is safe while the legislature is in session.

~Mark Twain (1866)

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The government is like a baby's alimentary canal, with a happy appetite at one end and no responsibility at the other.

~ Ronald Reagan

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The only difference between a tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin.

~Mark Twain

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What this country needs are more unemployed politicians.

~Edward Langley, Artist (1928-1995)

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A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have.

~Thomas Jefferson

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We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office.

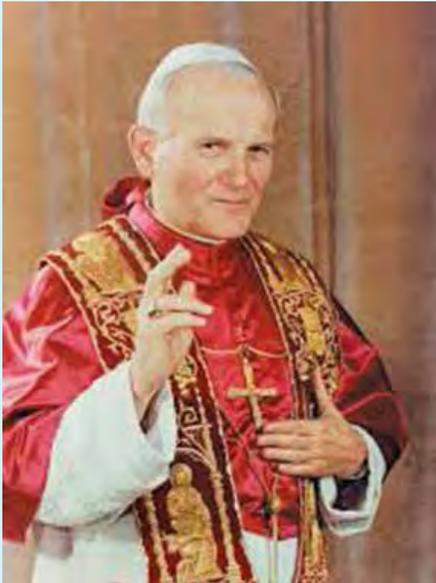
~Aesop

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If you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it's free!

~P.J. O'Rourke





by Dr. Trevor Colaso

For the centenary of the birth of Pope Saint John Paul II (PSJP2) on 18 May 1920, born Karol Josef Wojtyla, the Polish Bishops have encouraged Christians to use the hash tag, #Thank You John Paul 2 on social media. It is a way to share memories of the late PSJP2 for younger generations who have not had the opportunity to know him and to study him more closely. Well, here are 16 ways or distinctive marks, which I have distilled on how PSJP2 during his 26 years and 7 months as the successor to St. Peter has inspired Christians to be in-culture-rated!

1. Universal Call to Holiness: He canonized from all walks of life 482 saints and beatified 1,327, more than all his predecessors from the previous five centuries.
2. Theological Anthropology: His first Encyclical, Christ the Redeemer of Man, laid out the motif of his Papacy – the path to Christian humanism!
3. Courage: He repeatedly echoed the consoling words of Jesus: “Be not afraid” (Matthew 10:31; Mark 6:50).
4. Human Love in the Divine Plan: he gave university lectures, wrote

Thank You John Paul II!

his landmark Letter, Love and Responsibility, authored plays, penned poems and articles on the dynamics of betrothed love. And also exhortations, Familiaris Consortio and Letters to Families, which later constituted the, PSJP2 Institute for the Study of Marriage and the Family.

5. Theology of the Body: he especially taught on human sexuality, in his famous series, Theology of the Body.
6. Mary – Totus Tuus: With this Papal motto which means “Totally Yours”, he consecrated the world to her Immaculate Heart on 25 March 1984. He proclaimed a Marian Year, and wrote, Mother of the Redeemer, and introduced the Rosary’s Five Mysteries of Light! He is truly a Marian Pope!
7. Youth: He founded the World Youth Day in 1985.
8. Sacredness of Life: His 1995 Encyclical, The Gospel of Life, remains the greatest pro-life manifesto.
9. New Evangelization: He made 104 foreign trips, logging about 700,000 miles.
10. Holy Years and Anniversaries: he recalled the 1950th anniversary of our Redemption (1983); of Mary(1987); Holy Spirit (1998), etc.
11. Suffering: He endured Mehmet Agca’s assassination attempt in 1981, and later Parkinson’s Disease. His 1984 exhortation, Salvifici Doloris, remains the greatest theological window into the mysteries of suffering, in which he revealed that God permits suffering to “unleash love in the human person”!
12. Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC). On 11 October in his Fidai Depositum – the Deposit of Faith, he promulgated the CCC.
13. Divine Mercy Sunday: He established the Second of Easter as Di-

vine Mercy Sunday, on the canonization of Sr. Faustina on 30 April 2000.

14. Prayed at a Muslim Mosque: He became the first Catholic Pope to enter and to pray at the Umayyad Mosque at Damascus. He stated: “For all the times that Muslims and Christians have offended one another, we need to seek forgiveness from the Almighty, and to offer each other forgiveness.”
15. Contacts with the 14th Dalai Lama: Who visited PSJP2 eight times. PSJP2 said: “To everyone I extend my hand of friendship, recalling the words of the Dhamapada: “Better than a thousand useless words is one single word that gives peace ...”.
16. Accepted a Hindu Tilak: It was followed by an “Aarati”! It however raised a big controversy, but it was performed by a Catholic woman; and which though of a religious significance, is similar to a handshake in Western culture. So also is the Indian Namaste!

Thus, as we mark the 100th anniversary of PSJP2, may the typical Polish Happy Birthday Song, Sto Lat, the lyrics of which translates into English as “100 Years – May one live for 100 years”!

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Essentially Religious

-Father Michael G., Vasai

1 4th May Pope Francis called all religion people to pray and fast that the humanity may be delivered from the pandemic of Corona. He cited the example of prophet Jonah of the Old Testament. Jonah, the Pope said, was initially overcome by fear and so ran away from his mission, but then God called him again, and the prophet went to Nineveh to preach.

'People of all faiths and traditions,' the Holy Father repeated, 'are called to pray and fast together for 'delivery from the pandemic, as the people of Nineveh did in response to Jonah's preaching.'

What sin could today's people be asked to repent, I wonder. Allahabad High Court gives us a clue. By Holding that Azaan (call to prayer) "may be an essential and integral part of Islam", the Allahabad High Court said recently, "its recitation through loudspeakers or other sound amplifying devices cannot be said to be an integral part of the religion."

What a pity that a High court had to decide what is essential to Islam and not the Holy Quran!

Warranting protection of the fundamental right enshrined under Article 25 of the Constitution of India is made clear by the court. Any religious practice has to be "subject to public order, morality or health and to other provisions" said the court.

Anyway, it is the Corona event that is obliging us to search for the essential in religion. No Hukumshah or even communist or atheist ruler in the entire history of humanity could close down the places of worship as Corona has done today all over the world! Even the death and the res-

urrection of Jesus was celebrated by Pope Francis without the presence of the the catholics! People are learning to limit their religious practice to their houses, even to their own little hearts. Precisely that is true religion, the interior religion, the Sadhana of self realisation, realising oneness with God himself in the sanctuary of one's heart. Let us hope we remember these lessons in post Corona-days and limit ourselves to the essentials of religion, truth, justice than quarrel about over trivials like what to eat and what to wear.

There is a beautiful Buddhist story in China.

In a certain town a very beautiful young lady suddenly arrived out of the blue. Nobody knew from where she came; her whereabouts were completely unknown. But she was so beautiful, so enchantingly and beautiful, that nobody even thought about where she had come from.

People gathered together, the whole town gathered – and all the young men almost three hundred of them wanted to get married to the woman.

The woman said, 'Look, I am one and you are three hundred. I can be married only to one. So you do one thing. I will come again tomorrow; I give you twenty-four hours. If one of you can repeat Buddha's Lotus Sutra, I will marry him. (Lotus Sutra's message is that Buddhawood, the supreme state of life characterized by boundless compassion, wisdom and courage is inherent within every person without distinction of gender, ethnicity, social standing or intellectual ability.)

All the young men rushed to their homes; they didn't eat, they didn't sleep, they recited the sutra the whole night, they tried to cram it in. Next day the woman came and ten people offered to recite. The woman listened.

They had succeeded.

She said, 'Right, but I am one. How can I marry ten? I will give you twenty-four hours again. The one who can also explain the meaning of the Lotus Sutra I will marry. Try to understand – because reciting is a simple thing, you are mechanically repeating something and you don't understand its meaning.'

There was no time at all – only one night – and the Lotus Sutra is a long sutra. But when you are infatuated you can do anything. They rushed back, they tried hard. The next day three persons appeared. They had understood the meaning.

And the woman said, 'Good. But again the trouble remains. The number is reduced from three hundred to three is a great improvement, but again I cannot marry three persons, I can marry only one. So, twenty-four hours more. The one who has not only understood it but tasted it too, that person I will marry. So in twenty-four hours try to taste the meaning of it. You are explaining, but this explanation is intellectual. Good, better than yesterday's, you have some comprehension, but the comprehension is intellectual. I would like to see some meditative taste, some fragrance. I would like to see that the lotus has entered into your presence, that you have become something of the lotus. I would like to smell the fragrance of it. So tomorrow I come again.'

Only one person came, and certainly he had achieved. The woman took him to her house outside the town. The man had never seen the house; it was very beautiful, almost a dreamland. And the parents of the woman were standing at the gate. They received the young man and said, 'We are very happy.'

The woman went in and he chit-chatted a little with the parents. Then the parents said, 'You go. She must be waiting for you. This is her room.'



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They showed him. He went, he opened the door, but there was nobody there. It was an empty room. But there was a door entering into the garden. So he looked – maybe she has gone into the garden. Yes, she must have gone because on the path there were footprints.

So he followed the footprints. He walked almost a mile. The garden ended and now he was standing on the bank of a beautiful river – but the woman was not there. The footprints also disappeared. There were only two shoes, golden shoes, belonging to the woman.

Now he was puzzled. What has happened? He looked back – there was no garden, no house, no parents, nothing. All had disappeared. He looked again. The shoes were gone, the river was gone. All that there was emptiness – and a great laughter.

And he laughed too. He got married.

Thus ends the beautiful Buddhist story. He got married to emptiness, got married to nothingness. This is the marriage for which all the great saints have been searching. This is the moment when you become a bride of Christ or a gopi of Krishna. Jesus says, "Unless you love me more than these, you can't be my disciple"(Jn 21.15)

In spiritual quest everything disappears – the path, the garden, the house, the woman, even the footprints. Everything disappears. There is just a laughter, a laughter that arises from the very belly of the universe.

When it happens for the first time, if you have not been led slowly, slowly, you will go mad. This Buddhist story says that he was led slowly, slowly. The woman is symbolic of the spiritual Master. She led him slowly, slowly.

First, recite the sutra; second, understand intellectually; third, give a sign that you have lived it. These are the three stages. Then she led him into nothingness.

The Master leads you slowly, slowly; makes you by and by ready.

(OSHO - Tao: The Pathless Path, Vol 2)

Confidence in Self – Modi's Biggest Package!!



—Don Aguiar.

A business man was deep in debt and could see no way out. Creditors were chasing him. Suppliers were demanding payment. He sat in a park thinking if anything could save his Company from bankruptcy. Suddenly, an old man appeared before him. "I can see that something is troubling you", he said. After listening to the business man's difficulties, the old man said, "I believe, I can help you". He asked the man his name, wrote out a cheque, and gave it into his hand saying, "Take this money. Meet me here exactly one year from today, and you can pay me back at that time".

Then he turned and disappeared. The business man saw in his hand a cheque for \$500,000, signed by John D. Rockefeller, one of the richest men in the world. "Now my money worries are over in an instant", he thought and started smiling.

Nevertheless, the business man decided to put the cheque in his safe (in reserve) first. He thought, just knowing it was there, would give him the strength to work out a way to save his business.

With renewed optimism, he negotiated better contracts and got extended terms of payment from his suppliers and started doing big deals. Within a few months, he was

out of debt and had started making money once again.

Exactly a year later, the business man returned to the park with the uncashed Rockefeller's cheque. The old man did not appear and the business man decided to wait. Sometime later, the business man saw the old man and thought to hand over him the cheque with a few words of thanks.

After a little while, the business man saw a nurse came running up to catch the old man. "I'm so glad, I caught him", she cried. "I hope he hasn't been bothering you. He escapes from the Mental Hospital many times and tells everybody that he is Rockefeller" and she took the old man with her. The astonished business man just stood there, shocked! Throughout the year, he had been confidently buying and selling huge stocks and having big deals, convinced he had half a million dollars with him.

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The Power of the Hail Marys



Millions of Catholics all over the world often say the Hail Marys. Some repeat it hastily not even thinking on the words they are saying. These words may help some say it more thoughtfully. They can give God's Mother great joy and obtain for themselves graces that she wishes to give them.

One Hail Mary well said fills the heart of Our Blessed Mother with delight and obtains for us indescribably great graces. One Hail Mary well said gives us more graces than a thousand thoughtlessly said.

The Hail Mary is like a mine of gold that we can always take from but never exhaust. All we have to do is to know its value and understand its meaning.

St. Jerome tells us that "the truths contained in the Hail Mary are so sublime, so wonderful that no man or angel could fully understand them."

St. Thomas Aquinas, the Prince of Theologians, "the wisest of saints and holiest of wise men," as Pope Leo XIII called him, preached for 40 days in Rome on the Hail Mary, filling his hearers with rapture.

Fr. Francisco Suarez, a Spanish Jesuit priest, declared when dying that he would willingly give all the many learned books he wrote, all his life's labours, for the merit of one Hail Mary prayerfully and devoutly said.

St. Mechtild, who loved Our Blessed Mother very much, was one day striving to compose a beautiful prayer in her honour. Our Blessed Mother appeared to her, with the

golden letters on her breast of "Hail Mary full of grace." She said to her, "Desist, dear child, from your labour for no prayer you could possibly compose would give me the joy and delight of the Hail Mary."

A certain man found joy in saying slowly the Hail Mary. Our Blessed Mother in return, appeared to him smiling and announced to him the day and hour that he would die, granting him a most holy and happy death.

After his death, a beautiful white lily grew from his mouth having written on its petals, "Hail Mary."

St. Cesarius of Aries recounted a similar incident. A humble and holy monk lived in the monastery. His poor mind and memory were so weak that he could only repeat one prayer which was the "Hail Mary." After his death, a tree grew over his grave and on all its leaves was written the words "Hail Mary."

These beautiful legends show us how much devotion to Our Lady was valued, and the power attributed to the Hail Mary devoutly prayed.

Each time that we say the Hail Mary, we are repeating the very same words with which St. Gabriel, the Archangel saluted Mary on the day of her Annunciation, when she was made the Mother of the Son of God.

When we say the Hail Mary, we offer anew all these graces and joys to Our Blessed Mother and she accepts them with Immense delight. In return, she gives us a share in these joys.

The Almighty God gave His Blessed Mother all the dignity, greatness and holiness necessary to make her His own most perfect Mother. But He also gave her all the sweetness, love, tenderness and affection necessary to make her our most loving Mother. Mary is truly and really our Mother. As children when in trouble, run to their mothers for help, so ought we to run at once with unbounded confidence to Mary, our Mother.

St. Bernard and many other saints said that it was never, never heard at any time or in any place that Mary refused to hear the prayers of her children on earth.

Why do we not realise this most consoling truth? Why refuse the love and consolation that God's sweet Mother is offering us?

To love and trust Mary is to be happy on earth now and afterwards to be happy in Heaven.



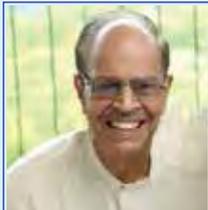
Life Is Like That

Buying Time In Mumbai



We dare not, henceforth, dismiss calamities of global dimension as being outside the realm of probability. The tiny virus, of which there can be a million or more on a pinpoint, has humbled mighty nations. Though ruthless, it spares those who are back to simple practices that our grandmothers insisted upon at one time – wash feet, hands and face and gargle when you enter home.

Life must move on after the corona threat has abated, for the sun will still rise. The struggle for progress will resume. Recovery from an abysmal fall is not going to be easy because a lot of money is needed to repair the damage and return to the path of progress, but not enough is available. The resumed race may not necessarily be to the swift but to the bold, the innovative and the resilient.



C.K. Subramaniam

The city of Mumbai that was Bombay has been in an unprecedented state of lockdown since the third week of March. It is of course not alone in this, for the rest of the country, and indeed much of the world is pretty much in the same situation. With the numbers in the city spiking of late, the Government has toed the line when it comes to the Central Gov-

ernment's directive that the lockdown be extended by two more weeks – to May 17th. As the position stands, the lockdown will last till 31st May and it is forthcoming. This is to the good, at least as far as keeping a check on the spread of the virus is concerned. But what thereafter? Does the State Government have a clear idea on what it wants done? This does not appear to be the case.

That at least is the feeling you get when you consider the total lifting of the lockdown effective after May 31. It may still be early days, but what prevails is a sense of chaos. The police, at least those on the road, have no clue as to what the directives are for this partial opening up. Similarly, the

document that was brought out by the Government listing dos and don'ts was vague in the extreme. Numerous types of businesses have been left out altogether. What happens to these? And can they partially reopen or not? What is meant by industrial estates being allowed to open to with 25 per cent workers. Does it mean the company ought to be employing at least 20 people and so be allowed to open with five people or is it that the 25 per cent itself must mean a minimum of 20 people? When IT and ITES companies are allowed to open with ten per cent staff, has anyone in authority even

given thought to whether it is worthwhile running an office for that kind of number, especially in an industry that can work safely from home? In the meanwhile, there is more chaos in the outside world – of shops and establishments.

Many of these assumed they were back in business and people thronged to them. In most places the authorities had to order a closure. Do people need passes to move around? Yes, according to some, no according to others. The portal that is to issue the passes has remained in a state of suspended animation, with a message that it is still being updated. Is that a euphemism for the site being unable to handle the load of applications? We don't know for sure. The State would do well to follow the example of other states, where such passes are not required, people need to carry ID cards, that is all. Ultimately, it is best that people discipline themselves.

A holistic approach should come to effect to solve the migrant workers problem in the state. Some of them are ready to stay back for the lure of money in this part of the country. Let us not waste valuable time but at the same time take all precautions and make sure that we are staying in a safe state without much trouble. Life is like that for the time being.

When The Lock Down Nears An End

by C.K. SUBRAMANIAM

Our skies are clearer thanks to plummeting CO2 and pollution levels, congested tourist spots are breathing easier, and closer home, we are finally noticing and appreciating that tree along the driveway that has several feathered visitors through the day.

If there could ever be a silver lining to the dark and unforgiving cloud that is the corona virus, it is this: the earth is finally healing. There are no flights emitting chemicals into the sky, no factories releasing chemicals into the sea, no vehicles emitting gases into the streets. The silver lining has made one thing quite clear: it is we humans who are responsible for today's state of affairs. And if decades of pillaging the planet wasn't enough, we have somehow managed to unleash a pandemic upon ourselves.

The lock down and the empty roads in metro we saw some distinguished changes. We witness Deer prancing on streets, Dolphins leaping the bay, Peacocks waiting for food in parking lot and the nature has come close to us. All said and done April 2020 was the most environmental friendly month with Carbon emission were reduced by 6 to 8% world wide. But what a pity? When pollution is almost nil, we are forced to wear mask. It makes us to think that we are always against nature. Corona virus cut out our task. We can show extra support while many of us are apart. We hope this helps you, your family and your friends feel a bit more connected.

What is ailing our environmental movements?

The movement is fragmented. The concept of fragmented collective action, that points to the dispersion of a social movement's political ener-

gies and the fragmentation of its constitutive groups. It also addresses the significance of informal mobilizing networks and the widespread use of modern virtual space to bring together an intersubjectively constructed collective identity which was shaped by the movement's interactions with political forces and with its interlocutors.

Many are area specific. Movements are restricted during the Corona pandemic. For example, people in Navi Mumbai are scared to go to Mumbai as the virus is spread almost all over Mumbai, whereas satellite city is well maintained and stood first in cleanliness. So the chances of infection is limited. There are many two tier cities developing and once these cities take a strong hold, Mumbai will loose its status as the commercial hub. For Mumbai to become the commercial hub, it has to undergo a lot of changes.

Educated people who are conscious of the movement are pre-occupied with their profession. The educated lot is not much conscious about movement. Mumbai is meant for money making and no one is much interested about the environment. Even though go green movements are coming up there is no ultimate solution. Even people trying to make their presence felt in Swacch Bharat initiative tend to attract the camera by focusing their attention with a team sweeping a particular spot for a photo shoot rather than actually cleaning the place.

Vested interests play a major role. It is a matter of shame that the vested interest play a pivotal role and make hey when the sun shines. Instead of showing marked improvement in



cleaning the surroundings and keep the environment clean we try to spoil the air by burning the garbage and the smoke spread in the air. Garden areas are used for breathing fresh air but in the early morning hours the workers sweep the dust around and directing it to the garden area. The very purpose of breathing fresh air gets

defeated there.

Many Activists are interested in photo sessions. Let us not make it a show piece. Instead we struggle hard to keep the surroundings neat and clean. For example, the deserted place in a busy area is used for drug trafficking and the young lot gets spoiled smoking and addicted to drugs. It is time to close all these sensitive pockets so that we can help the society to clear the area from bad elements. Thereby you are able to reduce the students getting spoiled in such activities.

Environment is not having a direct bearing in many cases. Environment is just considered as another place to spread the polluted air. This results in spreading of Malaria, Cholera, Swine Flu, Chikungunya virus and Corona virus. Let us plan and make the city a heaven on earth rather than making it a place of diseases all over.

Youth are least concerned. The youth should come forward and take the lead for that matter. Young and energetic corporation workers should be encouraged to spread the ways and means to keep a clean and green city. The active workers, who really show results should be duly rewarded in a public function with media coverage, so that more and



Rs. 2,00,00,00,00,00,000 (Rs.20 lakh crore) Dream

Aiming High In An Era Of Corona

The Prime Minister has broken his silence just before the end of the 3.0 lock down. However, it is likely the country will see another lock down as expressed by many States but with many decontrol on the production front. The Rs. 20 lakh crores stimulus announced by the PM, will make India more self reliant and a resilient Economy. The PM has rightly given the production capabilities of our industries either in the production of PPEs or N-95 masks as how from nothing to lakhs of production of these essen-



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tials today. His vision is on for more reforms, and on improving systems and procedures. He wants goods produced locally and look for more production, and then to export them to other countries. He assures in the name of self reliance, we will not isolate ourselves, but will promote and protect. This new stimulus package will include the already announced package. The announcement of the PM is in line with the global trend of economic relaxation procedures, and Mr Modi had already hinted at the calibrated lifting of the lock down.

The best thing the government has come up to tackle the falling economy and covid-19 crisis. It is clear that no other leader or government in this place could have taken such a huge step by announcing 20 lakh crore stimulus (which is nearly 10% of the GDP). From the beginning of the covid-19, I have been very proud of my country and admirer of our leader for his motivation to the citizen to face the crisis together. History has been created. Stocks will be jumping and it looks like a perfect step to kick start the economy. It is going to be golden period of our dreams and Covid-19 will bring out a whole sale change in our working.

The fact is after 1980 the country stopped producing electronics and whereas China continued to improve products and quality - so, the world invested huge capitals there. We became poor as we didn't have any export market - the only country of this magnitude that doesn't have any international brand (like Samsung, LG, Hyundai, Sony, etc). What it means, over a period of time, is that India lost its men (skilled resources), method (process tech) and machine (production capability) and thus became fun-

damentally poor in infra who cannot switch to global manufacturing hub, overnight. However, we may try mechanical items to start with - such as aircraft parts, auto parts, defence equipment, power plants etc.

At last, our PM understood the importance of 'self reliance'. These were the main words our former Prime Ministers used since independence(almost in all five year plans). Hope our country will come on right economic track now. Most urgent need today is that our country should stop importing Chinese products, no matter small consumer products or big capital goods. Only PM Narendra Modi has the guts to do this right now and he must ban importing all Chinese stuff at once. One will see in next 5-10 years, India emerging as one of the most powerful nations in the world. I can bet on this. Let's rejuvenate our PSUs, stop unnecessary privatisation or disinvestment and strengthen indigenous industrial and local infrastructure. Unless we do away with spoon feeding of our industries, with Chinese capital goods in particular, they will never help our nation becoming self reliant. The "Make in India" should have been "We make in India by ourselves".

Central government did the right thing by announcing it late. Providing money too early without a proper mechanism in place would have led to pilferage. Most importantly, the states like Kerala and Bengal should be given much money under strict conditions and surveillance as otherwise the money would be channeled into party fund of the ruling party. Let us aim high in an era of Corona and avoid being critical all the time. Rs. 2,00,00,00,00,00,000 (Rs.20 lakh crore) dream must come true in the near future.

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more youngsters will take the lead and do a world of good to the society. It is time to pump more money for cleanliness and other related campaigns and see that the work is in progress. More and more trees should be planted in metro cities as a measure to prevent pollution.

Lack of awareness is causing great hurdles in actual working. Only time will tell if we will take back lessons from this period or treat it like an unusual experience. As and when the lock down nears an end, factories will resume production, traffic will hit the roads again, and airlines will resume operations. While one can't control these factors, what we can control is how much they impact the environment. For starters, the government has to look into energy-efficient vehicles, control what comes out of our factories, and not brazenly pass laws that involve forests being razed for more projects. As citizens, the least we can do is use resources prudently, travel mindfully, understand the implications of our actions on society and, most importantly, follow the laws in place.

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