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Consequences for Entire Societies

by Don Aguiar.

Every year, millions of girls and boys around the world face sexual abuse and exploitation. Sexual violence occurs everywhere – in every country and across all segments of society. A child may be subjected to sexual abuse or exploitation at home, at school or in their community. The widespread use of digital technologies can also put children at risk.

At least 120 million girls under the age of 20 – about 1 in 10 – have been forced to engage in sex or perform other sexual acts, although the actual figure is likely much higher. Roughly 90 per cent of adolescent girls who report forced sex say that their first perpetrator was someone they knew. But many victims of sexual violence, including millions of boys, never tell anyone.

While sexual violence is fundamentally a crime of power, it is increasingly driven by economic motives. The internet has opened a rapidly growing global market for the production, distribution and consumption of child sexual abuse materials, such as photographs and videos. When online, children may be susceptible to sexual coercion and in-contact sexual abuse by offenders who attempt to extort them for content and financial gain.

An inquiry investigating child sexual abuse in a wide range of religious organizations and settings found “shocking failures” in how many religions handled abuse allegations, with victim-blaming and abuse of power by religious leaders often contributing to under-reporting.

The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse looked into child protection in 38 religious organizations in England & Wales and Australia, including Catholics, Jehovah's Witnesses, Baptists, Methodists, Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, Sikhism, and non-conformist Christian denominations.

It took evidence from two weeks of public hearings held earlier this year.

It cited figures showing that from 2015 to 2020, of all known institutions where abuse had been reported, 11 percent took place within a religious organization or setting. Some 10 percent of suspects were employed by or linked to a religion.

But the inquiry said that this is likely under-reported, and that evidence it has heard “leaves no doubt that the sexual abuse of children takes place in a broad range of religious settings.”

Some religious settings have no child protection policies in place, it found.

Lucy was the youngest child in a Catholic family living in Sydney's western suburbs in the 1950s. Both parents were born in Eastern Europe, had limited English skills and were heavy drinkers.

When she was eight, Lucy was sent to a Catholic school run by the Sisters of Saint Joseph and their parish priest, Father Franco. The nuns were very cruel and dealt severe punishments to students for the slightest misdemeanour. Lucy still has several scars from violence inflicted on her by the nuns.

On one very windy day the lid from a metal rubbish bin flew up in the air and hit a nun on the head. The children in the playground laughed at this but it was Lucy who the Sister decided to punish, and sent her to visit Father Franco.

Lucy was alone with Franco in the confessional where after she confessed to the incident in the playground, he told her she was a ‘naughty girl’ and her penance was to ‘masturbate’ on him. Being young,

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The 'Afghani' cauldron

After almost twenty years of presence in war torn Afghanistan, the Americans have been booted out by the same outfit which they had come to subdue post 9/11 catastrophe. To rub salt on the [raw] wounds, the Taliban had hinted that they would install their [hotchpotch] 'government' on the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 assault but thankfully did not do it. American mission was a disaster by any reckoning. They spent trillions of dollars and sacrificed thousands of its soldiers, its contractors, Af soldiers and civilians in the long and bitter confrontation making it the longest as well. The withdrawal was more humiliating than Vietnam fiasco – also a 20 year war [1955 – 1975]. Americans are ashamed.

Did the ISIS-K suicide bombing at one of the airport gates have the tacit backing of the Taliban to scare the Americans? Were US soldiers who lost their lives in the blast deceived into assembling in one place when they were supposed to be at different points? While many civilians also lost their lives in that tragedy, surprisingly no Taliban soldier became a victim in that blast. Did they make sure that they remained away from the blast site? All the roads to the airport were blocked by the Taliban and did not allow civilians to reach the airport but the suicide bomber [perhaps without checking his vehicle] was allowed safe passage. These are the questions Taliban will have to answer if they really want the world to give them legitimacy and recognition. Except China and Pak nobody else trusts them.

By the time this piece is published, the Taliban would have put in place a 'government' to run the affairs of the country which has multiplicity of groups, terror outfits and warlords exercising their influence over different pockets. This dispensation will obviously have the blessings of Pakistan which has played a key role thus far and will wield immense influence on the so called government. The Americans have left a legacy of huge military arsenal and other vehicles and a readymade air force behind [by choice or by compulsion] which will keep the new government armed handsomely to carry out its agenda. It must be remembered that Pakistan had assured them of support and training which means the Taliban militia will be trained to fly the aircrafts,

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helicopters etc which are 'gifted' by the Americans. This is one aspect the Indian government needs to be wary about. ISIS-K too will have Taliban support as the frustrated radical cadres of Taliban [in Af and Pak] have formed this deadly group which if unleashed [as proxy] will spell headaches for the Indian establishment in the volatile and restive Kashmir region. Ironically Taliban took control of Afghanistan on India's 75th Independence Day

The Afghan women who tasted Taliban rule earlier are mortally terrified and rightly so. Their exploitation has started and the world is watching helplessly. Their future is bleak and frightening. With the American security cover, India invested a few billion dollars in the reconstruction of Afghanistan and since its people benefitted in the process, they are grateful. Even assuming that the Taliban wants good relations with India, including border trade, it is doubtful if Pakistan and China will be at ease with such an idea. They want to control Afghanistan and not give any space to India. India's concerns and worries will be multiplied with Pakistani deep state; with terrorist groups in Afghanistan which can play havoc in the sensitive border regions. An unhappy China [with the Quad threa] will only be too pleased to give the Taliban support through veto option in the UN. India has been feeling elated after the Balakot mission but Pakistan is only waiting to settle scores and the situation in Afghanistan has given them that opportunity on a platter. India needs to tread with utmost caution. Failed Americans wherever they intervened may not be of much support to India since their own national interest supersedes everything else. Will Pakistan have the last laugh?

Mamata v/s BJP [2.0]

The Election Commission [EC] has announced the by-election in Bengal which has given an opportunity to the Chief Minister Mamata Didi to contest the same and save her chair. Unfortunately she lost the assembly election seat to her one time confidant Suwendu Adhikari by a small margin. Now the battle lines are being drawn for a fresh bout which the BJP seems to have accepted



by Marshall Sequeira

defeat. They cleverly shielded their top Bengali leaders and decided to field Priyanka Tibrewal [a lawyer fighting the post election riot cases] to face the CM. In doing so, the BJP is telling the world that it is fighting this seat on the issue of post assembly election riots. Only second rung central leaders are named to campaign for this by-election – again shielding the top brass from another ignominy at the hands of this puny and fragile woman who humiliated the likes of Amit Shah and Narendra Modi among others.

The BJP candidate has already conceded that she can win only if there is free and fair election. In saying so, she has cast doubts on the ability of the EC to conduct free and fair the polls. It is going to be a Herculean task for the BJP to defeat the sitting CM so soon after the handsome victory for her party. Anti-incumbency did not matter last time so it will have no impact this time since her new term is just a few months old. A few MLAs who had won on BJP tickets have crossed over to TMC in a major jolt to the BJP. If Mamata wins this contest, more such MLAs will line up to join her party just as elsewhere Congressmen line up to join the BJP bandwagon.

One wonders why the top BJP brass is being kept away from campaigning against the CM. They ought to have deployed their best Generals [especially Amit Shah] for this war and try and defeat her. By insulating them, the BJP has conceded that the entire might of the party cannot take on the one man [woman rather] army of Mamata Banerjee. This win, which looks certain, will catapult her on the national scene as the only tall leader to take on the mighty Narendra Modi. Hopefully, the entire opposition led by the wily Sharad Pawar will rally under her leadership if they have any hope of taking on the PM. Bengal battle will define the roadmap for the more exciting contests beginning with the UP elections.

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innocent and God fearing she was helpless...She did her penance through his guidance.... after that he let her go out and the nun told her that if she was naughty again that the devil was going to come and get her. And she was so scared because she didn't want the devil to get her.

After that incident Lucy was sexually abused by Franco almost daily. Her two closest friends were also abused. Lucy recalled an occasion when all three girls were sent to the confessional box one by one, and one by one they all came out crying.

Every day it was a survival. And she thought, "I'll be extra good today" because she didn't want to go in there to the priest. But you know what, it doesn't matter how good she was, she still ended up in there a lot.

In addition to forcing Lucy to masturbate and perform oral sex on him, Franco digitally penetrated and eventually raped her in the church building. **She had to do it. If she didn't he was going to tell God, and God's going to send the devil to come and get her, and take her into hell where she's going to burn because she was very naughty. And**

he started to have sex with her.

Lucy told the Commissioner that Franco's rape was more painful than childbirth.

Lucy could not tell her parents about the abuse because they were often drunk, and she couldn't tell the nuns at school because they would call her 'dirty' and 'disgusting' to support Franco.

The abuse continued until Lucy left for high school. **As a young adult, she became restless and unable to stay in the same job for very long despite enjoying the work. She had difficulty trusting people and had problems with intimacy.**

She says, 'It really does make you bitter and twisted ... I don't find much to smile about, there's nothing to laugh about. I stick to myself, I like to be by myself. I don't like too many people around me. This is what it's done to me.'

At age 19 Lucy started receiving counselling and later became pregnant. She delivered a boy who she was very protective of. She made sure no-one, absolutely no-one went near him to have that chance to do something horrible to him. To this day she has a

good relationship with her now adult son and his children.

Lucy suffers from insomnia and has been prescribed sleeping tablets which only give her four hours of sleep every night. She has also tried to commit suicide on numerous occasions.

She says, 'They really wrecked me, they really, really wrecked me.'

She was made a puppet with her strings in the hands of the religious. And just to give her a sense that God exist these were the religious representing God with an ego to reduce her to a puppet. They told her what to do, they gave her the Ten Commandments and her personality and the so-called knowledge. And naturally, under the great burden which they start giving her from the very beginning of her childhood, the Himalayan load she is carrying – underneath it, hidden, repressed, is her natural self. She yarned to get rid of all conditionings and to be again in that purity, in that innocence, in that consciousness that she is missing / missed.

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Bovine Fundamental Rights? Something Fundamentally Wrong!

Ha! Ha! Hah! One would have thought that news of humans undergoing 'cow dung therapy' at the Shree Swaminarayan Gurukul Vishwavidya Pratisthanam Gaushala, Ahmedabad, was laughable enough! But it wasn't! For, on the very first day of the month of September 2021 there came a mouthful of hilarious comments and pronouncements from a High Court judge no less - about obtaining 'Fundamental Rights' for the cow and having it declared the 'National Animal'—move over stately Bengal Tiger! The national press is agog with these two news items, the world watching with glee!

For the uninitiated, 'cow dung therapy' is the application of 'gaay bakwaas' [i.e. cow-shit, respectfully referred to as 'gaay ka gobar' - 'cow-dung' in English, also manure] to the body in the weird belief that it boosts immunity and protects against COVID-19! Did they forget 'gaumootra' (cow urine)? Cow-shit combined with cow-pee and a dash of cow-milk would certainly make for an awesome combination, both in terms of bodily application, bathing and consumption. So what next - maybe Bath-Breakfast-Lunch-&-Dinner comprising of nothing other than gaay bakwaas, gaumootra and gaay ka doodh in various forms being ideal for every Indian! Such therapy, combined with a bed of more gobar to sleep on would render every citizen healthy in mind, body and spirit, in the process definitely making for a healthy and wealthy nation! What say Messrs Modi & Amit?!

As for the hon'ble judge's suggestion that the cow be declared a "National Animal" – well, that was a demand heard also way back in the year 2017! But, as Chhotebhai so aptly brings out the dishonourableness of such an idea in his reaction to a recent report

in Matters India [02 September 2021], "Courts are supposed to pass judgement on the matter at hand and not make policy statements that are in the realm of the Legislature. Hope that this worthy is also not eyeing a Rajya Sabha seat!" Needless to say, the quote is absolutely self-explanatory!

It may be recalled that according to ancient Indian grammarians such as Patanjali and Katyayana, women in India during the Vedic period, were well educated and shared a high status with men in all aspects of life.

What modern Indian governments and courts fail to either admit or even see is that not half of the kind of reverence and respect being purported to be accorded to the cow is being shown to women in general in our country. Women in our own families, i.e. our respective mothers, mothers-in-law and grandmothers, our sisters and wives, our daughters,

daughters-in-law and nieces – how are they being treated by their husbands and in-laws, by fathers and brothers and other male elders in the family and the neighbourhood, by the police and, above all, by the government? Rape, incest, honour killings, apart from women being paraded naked or made to carry their husbands on their frail shoulders for miles as punishment, having to trudge it out to their hometowns on foot because of senseless lockdowns, dragging children and old on makeshift trolleys... Irresponsible utterances insinuating that inappropriate dressing and excessive use of mobiles are the cause of women's troubles only add fuel to the fire, exacerbating the issue. How can the government and the judiciary be so callous as to give a damn for the poor status of women in the country and be so concerned about a cow, a mere animal? As the Right Reverend Thomas Menampampil SDB, Archbishop Emeritus of Guwahati, so



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rightly says, "Much innocent blood has been shed of late in defence of cows, as though the cow forms the cornerstone of India's civilization" [Indian Currents, Vol XXXIII/Issue 35, p 39]. Indeed, if even a fraction of the attention being shown to the cow and a part of the budget dedicated to their welfare were diverted towards the welfare of our women, India would have had one of the highest of women literacy rates in the world!

The issue in which the judicial pronouncements emerged was the bail plea moved in the Allahabad High Court by a certain Javed who was charged under Sections 3, 5 & 8 of the UP Prevention of Cow Slaughter Act 1955. Frankly, one cannot help but wonder from where Justice Shekhar Kumar Yadav, who like any other Indian lawyer and judge, has graduated in law drafted during the British era along British Law lines, gets his lawless ideas from! "Jab gaaye ka kalyaan hoga, tabhi desh ka kalyaan hoga" (only if the cow is revered will the country prosper) says he. Wrongfully denying Javed due bail, Yadav further stated that the cow being the very culture of India, its protection ought to be the responsibility of no particular religious group as such but of every Indian citizen. Now, now Mister Justice Yadav! Let's be practical – 'fundamental rights' for a cow? It'd be interesting to know whether, the lowly bull being the mate of the equally lowly cow, the law would punish those who say to their respective wards or servants, "Stop behaving like a bull", or "Kya, insaan hoh ya baiil hoh rey tum?!"

A very significant factor that those opposed to cow-slaughter either unjustifiably overlook amidst this brouhaha or simply pretend to not notice is this: until some years ago, come Shraavan, the month of Abstinence from all things non-vegetarian for Hindus, the prices of all fish and meat products would drop drastically. Today, the same items are being sold at a premium in snack outlets during Shraavan! The reason? Barring the seniors in

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Orphanages in need of funds

Recently there was a news report which says, city orphanages are being starved of funds due to the restrictions imposed by the government in view of the pandemic. This is really a sad situation. On the one hand, these orphanages are trying to give children a better future. On the other hand, they are falling short of funds to sustain their operations. According to the report, such institutions depend to a great extent on donations from visitors and well wishers, who are now

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Lucy has not sought compensation for the abuse because she couldn't see what good it would do her. However, recently she has had a change of heart and believes she might be able to accomplish some good with any settle-

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the family who scrupulously observe the rule of abstinence, the young no more fancy the observance of the 'veg-only' maxim and gamely look up every alternative source for its availability!

Mooooo.....! Would that the Holy Cow intercede with Ram, Rahim or Christ or whoever it is that rules the universe to rid the country of pussy-footed asses and mules that are hell bent on dragging India into the quagmire of pre-civilization, anti-culture times. Thus alone will we be spared the ignominy of such bovine stupidity being pushed down the throats of the gullible public by the bhajipala jungle government through its puppet courts of law, disregarding an important fact, viz: THE COW NEEDS A BREAK!

not being permitted to visit the orphanages. The government should reconsider lifting the restrictions. The fear of Infections is of course there, but as at other places, if Covid protocol is strictly followed, it would certainly help. It would be heart-breaking to see the orphanages leaving the inmates on the streets. Alternatively, the government ought to make provision for funding such institutions. Orphanages face the fear of being orphaned themselves and the future of orphaned children is at stake!

—Melville X. D'Souza,
Mumbai

ment received. 'Because they did this to me, yes I will go for that claim. But you know what I want done with that money? I don't want that filthy money. I don't dare want it. But I'd like that money to go to the little boys and the little girls that are little children today. I want that money to go to them to help them. I don't want no one going through to end up like this. I don't want no-one to end up like me.'

Lucy still receives counselling, which she said 'makes her feel a bit better, especially when she knows someone believes her. And that's so nice because no-one before believed her.

She says finally, 'I'm getting believed. It's such a relief.'

The harmful norms of perpetuate sexual violence take a heavy toll on families and communities. Most children who face sexual abuse experience other kinds of violence. And as abuse and exploitation become entrenched, progress towards development and peace can stall – with consequences for entire societies.

Gospel a Guide not an Ideology!

On 09 September 2021, Pope Francis spoke to Claretian Missionaries attending their general chapter in Rome (chief excerpts):

"The Gospel should never be used as a means to an end, wielded like an ideology; but should be used as a 'handbook' or vademecum, letting yourselves be guided every moment by the ardent desire to follow Jesus – to imitate Him in prayer, working and suffering single-mindedly for the glory of God and for the salvation of souls!" (a reference to the writings of St. Anthony Mary Claret, their 19th-century founder).

"Never separate your mission from contemplation and intimacy with Jesus! Boredom and busy schedules should never come in the way of encountering God's gaze. Rather, go out into the world where nobody desires to go, where the light of the Gospel is needed to enlighten people."

"Your mission could never be done 'remotely' by looking out of the window, observing out of curiosity from far away; but rather by transforming the world to protect human dignity and respect for basic human rights! – And never try to be invincible like 'Tarzan' of the apostolate!"

"Let yourselves 'burn' with God's love and trust; then you will be men of hope, and will have nothing to fear. But be afraid to develop a 'spiritual schizophrenia' – a worldly kind of spirituality, where one depends solely on the strength of 'horses' and 'carriages' in an obsessive search for wellbeing and power; often disregarding Jesus Who guides your life and missionary choices!"

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

'Peace' Makes the World Humane!

The 21st day of September is marked as 'International Day of Peace'. It is officially known as 'World Peace Day', too. The day is declared so by the United Nations Organization. The day was first celebrated in 1981 and has been observed by most of the nations, political groups, military units and people. Obviously, the day is dedicated to 'world peace', in all possible ways.

Inaugurating the day, the 'United Nations Peace Bell' is rung at UN Headquarters in New York City. The bell was cast from coins donated by children from all continents, except Africa. It was a gift from the United Nations Association of Japan, as a 'reminder of the human cost of war'. The inscription on its side reads, 'long live absolute world peace'. A 'global minute of silence' at noon is a world-wide observance and it creates a 'peace wave' across the planet, for sure. 'Flying the dove', as the symbol of peace, is another mark of aspiring for peace, as well.

A few of the 'objectives' of the world day of peace are the following, 'enforcing ceasefire in combat zones, emphasizing the absence of war and violence, strengthening the ideals of peace, introducing sustainable measures and educating people to that effect'. The day includes both preventive and corrective procedures. The idea of peace highlights notions of 'democracy, dialogue, development, dignity, respect, right, education, partnership', and the like, too.

The United Nations, through its sustained initiatives, kept on motivating the world for peace, ever since the first year. Two decades later, in 2001, its General Assembly unanimously opted for designating the day for strengthening the ideals of peace, through

observing 24 hours of 'non-violence and cease-fire', as well. Besides, the United Nations invited all nations and peoples to honour a 'cessation of hostilities' and to edify people, through programmes of public awareness, on 'friendly ways' that lead to peace.

Delivering a '100-day countdown' to the International Day of Peace, Antonio Guterres, the UN Secretary General, stated, "let us all create peace day everyday"! Well, the entire world is invited to join the efforts of the United Nations family across the globe in fostering the spirit of peace. Focus has to be placed on recovering a more equitable and peaceful, and of course, a better world. 'Sustainable development goals' of the United Nations, of course, will serve a 'street light' for our way to building a 'culture of peace'.

'Peace of God' in 989 and 'Truce of God' in 1027 were peace movements in history. 'Nobel Peace Prize' in 1901 boosted up the peace initiatives, too. Besides, John Lennon and Yoko Ono spent 8 days in bed to promote world peace in 1969. The motivational song 'Give Peace a Chance' was recorded during this eight-day period. Sane voices and efforts have to keep coming up, all the more, and sustain the human world in particular and the earth in general peaceful, in view of a life that is meaningful, peaceful and happy.

Iceland is ranked the 'most peaceful country' in the world, as per the Global Peace Index, from 2008 to this day. Being satisfied with the backbenches does not give any credit to being a nation or a people, anywhere. The nations have to evolve beyond petty, polarized and distorted ideas of nationalism, along with discriminative and divisive policies and practices.

Will other nations take inspiration from Iceland and make their country, India or whatever, at least a little more peaceful? That is the question India as a nation and all nations can never escape from.

More often than not, it is thought by religionists that 'peace is within oneself' and is 'oriented to self-realization' or heaven above. Meditation, and the like, is prescribed for attaining the same. But, in point of fact, this 'individual peace' is only half the truth. There is a 'social peace', too, which is between persons, families, institutions, communities, nations, peoples and in the entire society, along with the whole creation. Absence of social peace renders the individual peace fruitless. In other words, social peace is the real outcome of the individual peace.

Well, friends, peaceful life is the fundamental right of every human being. A 'sense of togetherness' is a basic requirement for peace. Peace in the society requires 'justice' being measured out to everyone. Caring for the other, serving the other and making a sustainable and humane world are the collective pathway to peace. Peace makes human lives worth being lived. Promoting peace is the 'divine' way of living a human life. Only peacemakers and peacekeepers can think of making the world better, as a more peaceful place to live in.

Certainly, a world family peace is possible. We humans are made for each other. We are intended to be friends and brothers or sisters to each other. It is high time we rose again above the nonsense of hatred, enmities, lynching, social distancing and communal and national divide. Having shed the junk of selfish, arrogant, fanatic and hateful ways, we have to learn to be kind and courteous to one and all.



Fr. Dr. M. D. Thomas

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Benefaction: The Promises Of Mary

The ROSARY is the Virgin's Gift to Us

It is worthwhile making it clear that the Virgin Mary by her apparitions, miracles and missives also exercise her part in Christ's mission to participate as intercessor, comforter and Mother to the world.

Mother Mary sends us messages and saints, to this day to heal our spiritual wounds, to guide us in prayer, to teach us of the power of the Holy Rosary, to conduct public worship, all this is clearly not the same thing as leading a serious personal soulful life in God's compassion, and love, with emphasis on Her holy participation and influence in heaven.



BY MELVYN BROWN

Pope Saint John Paul II wrote: "Mary reminded his disciples of Jesus' face." Doctors of the Church inform us that the Virgin Mary was the living icon of the Father's mercy." Because of Mary's

presence, the numbers of the faithful grew. They felt assured that God had not abandoned them as they clung to the mission command of Christ, to spread the Word.

In the year 1214 the Church received the Rosary from St. Dominic, who had first received it from the Blessed Virgin Mary as a powerful prayer to destroy evil, save sinners, convert, and heal the wounds of the faithful.

"Preach my Psalter," said Mother Mary to saint Dominic. To all Christians who say the Rosary with sincere devotion, our Lady made her Promises to be known to her Rosary devotees around the world.

The range of the Promises told of receiving graces, protection, healing and that the Rosary is an armour against hell, that it would receive abundant mercies from God. The soul who says the Rosary will not perish. Those who recite the Rosary will never be conquered by misfortune. True devotion to the Rosary will help the faithful to be worthy of eternal life, such a person will die having the Sacraments of the Church. Children of the Rosary, said our Holy Mother is "a sign of predestination".

The Promises of the Virgin Mary is a gift, the circle of divine donations for her children. Always keep a Rosary for your protection. I do in faith and trust.

Mary is the divine sign of faith which embodies Jesus in the Church. She is the Co-redemptrix sharing in the redemption and salvation of humankind with her Son, formulated when she stood below the cross.

As a woman and mother she intimately participated with Jesus, her "seed of Victory" over Satan, who she crushes with her feet by the power of Jesus. (Rev.12).

The Immaculate Heart of Mary is ever present waiting for us to ask for her intercession. She is the Mother of Jesus, our Mother and Mother to the world.

Christian holiness through Mary gives us the fullness of an ever flowing dynamic destined for our life's journey with the help of saints, angels and the Holy Spirit not forgetting that God welcomes us with an unutterable compassion of His love.

After Jesus' Ascension, the Mother of God became a unique source of strength to the apostles and followers of the new faith. "All these joined in continuous prayer...together with several women, including Mother Mary of Jesus". (Acts.1:14).

At this point we must praise Mary's spiritual vocation as "inseparable from humanity's vocation."

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The 'divine image and likeness' the humans are endowed with is the inner character that ensures our collective and brighter future. Could the humans make a 'refresh', if not a 'restart', in favour of a more peaceful world? This is the sharp question that you and I have to answer, right now.

The sacred occasion of 'International Day of Peace' is a golden opportunity to awaken within and among the nations and peoples that human beings have to learn to live like friends, sisters and brothers across the globe. It is a golden time to resolve to join minds, hearts and spirits for the promotion of peace in own respective country and in the larger society. Only peace can make the world 'humane'. May the aspiration for peace make the human dwelling and the earth really worthy of the divine power, in, around and above us!

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On 28 August, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the renovated Jallianwala Bagh Complex in Amritsar, with fancy murals, glass covers, and a light and sound show to display the "horrific massacre".

Jallianwala Bagh A Martyrs' Memorial Or...?

The Jallianwala Bagh massacre and the bloodshed remains a symbol of inhumanity and barbarity. Can that be turned into a beautiful resort or a garden? The site stood for more than 100 years as a somber reminder of the 'Bloodiest Baisakhi', when British troops opened fire, without any warning, at unarmed freedom fighters, killing more than 1,000 innocent Indians within minutes and leaving many more injured! It was one of the most tragic chapters in India's freedom struggle. The renovation of the spot could be planned only to arouse the painful memories to a greater sensitivity of the younger generation. But alas! The spot is turned into a beautiful picnic spot! Rahul Gandhi condemns it as an insult to martyrs! He further says, such a change "Can only be done by those who do not know the meaning of martyrdom!"

The Jallianwala Bagh Massacre

On 18 March 1919, roughly a month before the fateful day, the British government in pre-Independent India passed the draconian Rowlatt Act, which allowed them to jail India's freedom fighters for up to two years even without a trial. The passing of the act led to widespread protests across India. Lakhs of Indians rose in anger and took to the streets, led by Mahatma Gandhi. The people of Amritsar, like the rest of India, began openly defying the British. Freedom fighters Dr. Satya Pal and Saifuddin Kitchlew, inspired by Gandhi, led anti-government processions to protest against the Rowlatt Act. Dr Pal and Kitchlew were invited to Irving's residence. But when they arrived, they were handcuffed and taken to Dharamshala jail. As the word of their arrest spread, hundreds hit the streets, demanding their leaders



be released immediately.

On 13 April 1919. A large but peaceful crowd had gathered at the Jallianwala Bagh in Amritsar, Punjab to protest against the arrest of pro-Indian independence leaders Dr. Saifuddin Kitchlu and Dr. Satya Pal.



Fr. Michael G. Vasai

In response to the public gathering, the British Brigadier-General R. E. H. Dyer surrounded the Bagh with his soldiers. The Jallianwala Bagh could only be exited on one side, as its other three sides were enclosed by buildings.

After blocking the exit with his troops, he ordered soldiers to shoot at the crowd, continuing to fire even as protesters tried to flee. The troops kept on firing until their ammunition was exhausted. Estimates of those killed vary between 391 and 1000 and over 1,200 other people injured!

Responses to the horrific massacre polarized both the British and Indian people. Eminent author Rudyard Kipling declared at the time that Dyer "did his duty as he saw it". Britain never formally apologized for the massacre but expressed "regret" in 2019. Despite openly justifying his stance and multiple inquiries set up, Dyer was only asked to resign, never jailed. He later suffered strokes and

partial paralysis and eight years after the massacre, died in 1927. But on Indian side this incident shocked Rabindranath Tagore, the first Indian and Asian Nobel Laureate, to such an extent that he renounced his knighthood and stated that "such mass murderers aren't worthy of giving any title to anyone". Mahatma Gandhi returned his Kaiser-i-Hind medal. The massacre rekindled India's freedom movement. It led to the non-cooperation movement of 1920–22. and the call for 'purna swaraj' (complete independence) grew louder than before. Some historians consider the Jallianwala episode a decisive step towards the end of British rule in India.

Revamped Jallianwala

Many of us would ask, 'Don't the martyrs of Jallianwala Bagh deserve better look?'

Certainly but without changing its message! The Jallianwala Bagh in Amritsar has undergone major changes as part of the revamp of the monument complex. What has replaced the sobriety of the site? A daily 28-minute light and sound show explaining the horrific massacre – free of cost every evening. The narrow lane or the Sankra Galiyara through which the British soldiers entered, and which

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was then blocked by them making it impossible for protesters to escape, now has shiny murals and sculptures depicting the martyrs. The famous 'Shahidi Khu' or the 'Martyrs' well' into which people jumped to escape the bullets, is now enclosed in a glass shield, which restricts the view of the visitors.

S Irfan Habib, Historian exclaims, "There is an increasing corporatisation of monuments and memorials... these places are pilgrimages to us. This is something which again is a part of the broader, larger divisive politics, where you keep people enraged and remind them of violence. This is what happens across the border, they do it all the time. But we are different. We are a democracy." Obviously a Jagruk Nagrik asks, "What could be the hidden agenda of the Central Government? Its anti-minority outlook and communal activities are known worldwide. Jallianwala Bag is a monument of Hindu-Muslim unity. That had precisely angered Deputy Commissioner Miles Irving whose policy was to create communal differences. Therefore the firing took place! Could that BJP government wants to erase this display of Hindu-Muslim unity by disfiguring the Bag? Besides the RSS never participated into freedom fight! Earlier, in August the government made an announcement that 14 August will henceforth be commemorated as the 'Partition Horrors Remembrance Day', it faced criticism from not just historians but also from children of the Partition families! While this is not the first time that the outlook of the Bag has been tampered with, what is particularly striking is the celebration of the tragedy and its glorification through fancy murals, a sound and light show, and other sculptures.

Could Christians imagine the Mount Calvary as jubilation spot?

This subject concerns more than just historians. It is shocking. People

should realize that it was place for somber mourning and reflecting on past; not for celebrating something. "I think it's crazy, this kind of event management to do anything to erase the memories of the past." Many decry it as a "Disservice to the tragedy!" The history of India's freedom struggle is complex. It's preserved in books and monuments as a generational wealth. Countries and civilizations across the world work to preserve their heritage and build memorials of mass massacres as somber reminders of 'never again.' But even high-end light and sound shows, which sensationalize the pain and suffering of our own, have not gone down well with many

thinkers. Central Vista is destroying many such monuments at Rajpath, Delhi! Who will stop Modi government till 2024? Oppositions party leaders are quite because they were in powers sometime back and their 'dirty' files are with Modiji waiting to be handed over to ED! Alas!!

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A Tribute To Dr. Verghese Kurien

Milkyway All The Way- Making Milk Dream Come True

With the monsoon in Maharashtra taking a heavy toll of milk and milk products, Mumbai and suburbs are facing shortage of milk. But milk is a country's delight and both young and old would like to drink milk in different forms. Natural milk is the most wholesome nutrition for your kid. In fact, natural cow milk is the best substitute to mother's milk for infants. This is reminding expectant mothers during Breast feeding week. However, as per an FSSAI survey, more than 68% of milk in India is adulterated. Milk typically travels 500-1000 kms and takes up to 2 weeks to reach your doorstep. Adulterants such as Urea, Caustic Soda and Detergent are added to the milk to control acidity and kill bacteria. Most milk consumed today is a combination of milk, milk powder and water.



C.K. Subramaniam

India has rapidly emerged as one of the largest producers of milk over the last three decades, accounting for 18.5 per cent of global milk production. According to an Edelweiss report of late last year, buoyed by rising consumerism and the preference of a healthy lifestyle, the Indian dairy industry is expected to register 15 per cent compounded annual growth till 2020 and emerge as a ₹9.4-lakh crore industry.

With an opportunity this huge, it's no wonder that there has been hectic activity in the industry in the last few years with several well established Indian companies and multinationals hopping on to the bandwagon. This has resulted in a slew of new and innovative products being launched at the upper-end of the spectrum. However, amidst this heady growth, a health crisis looms.

The dynamics of the Indian dairy in-



dustry is very different from that of more developed countries. While in developed markets, dairy companies depend on an ecosystem of large corporate dairy farms and most procurement is done from few large farms, in India, dairying is still largely seen as an instrument of social and economic development. While 18-20 per cent of the daily milk produced is channelled through the organised segment and pasteurised, a whopping 80 per cent of the industry remains unorganised. The milk supply comes from millions of small producers based in rural areas who have an average of one or two milch animals comprising cows and/or buffaloes.

Another specific dynamic is the phenomena of vendors collecting milk from local producers and selling it in both urban and rural areas. What this translates into is inefficiencies in the supply chain where a large portion of milk produced does not adhere to basic standards of hygiene and is unfit for consumption. Considering that over 80 per cent of milk consumption in India is liquid milk, it can pose serious health risks. Un-chilled and un-pasteurised milk can produce disease-causing germs and bacteria. A 2012 survey conducted by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India in 33 States and found that 68.4 percent of 1,791 milk samples were contaminated. In urban areas, 70 per cent of the samples were found to be contaminated, in rural areas it stood at 31 per cent.

To ensure that the Indian dairy industry continues to grow in a healthy, sustainable manner it is important to assess each element in the supply chain and

modernise it with a focus on creating toxin free and antibiotic safe, high quality milk. At the start of the supply chain, attention needs to be paid to managing and rearing cattle, and providing farms with the right kind of cattle feed. The next step involves processing and cold chain infrastructure. While significant steps had been taken under the 'Operation Flood' programme, some of the processing units have become obsolete and need to be revitalised. Again, since it is not feasible to transport raw milk beyond 200 km, it is important that multiple sourcing, processing and distribution points be set up to maintain the quality and shelf-life of milk. Quality-friendly technologies such as the Bulk Milk Coolers (BMC) model would be an answer to the lacuna in the industry since it brings down the time taken to collect milk to around 45 minutes as opposed to the 2-3 hours for a typical central chilling/cold storage model, thus lowering bacteria formation.

Building processing units and last-mile linkages is another important area in the supply chain that will benefit stakeholders across the supply chain and ensure that milk, which is an important part of the Indian diet, remains a source of safe, wholesome goodness. White revolution is brought in India by Verghese Kurien and we are not feeling the shortage despite inclement weather due to various processing methods that keeps milk last longer.

Operation Flood started the White Revolution in India and made our country self-sufficient in milk and this was achieved entirely through the cooperative structure. Today around 12 million farmers in more than 22 states

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The Show Must Go On

The annual zonal competitions conducted by different parishes such as St. Peter's and St. Theresa's, have been a part of the Bandra festivities for many years. The all Bandra zonals in its present form was inaugurated by St. Andrew's parish in 1953 and is a talent pool of eight parishes. St. Andrew's parish was divid-

ed into four zones and these teamed up with another Bandra parish/es by a draw of lots to form a zone. For instance North East has partnered with St. Theresa's. The competitions cover music, elocution, dancing and theatre. The purpose was to nurture talent and foster a spirit of camaraderie.

Alas! The pandemic put a temporary stop to this event. In order to lift up the spirits of the on-line viewers, the St. Andrew's All Bandra Zonals committee decided to have a four day entertainment programme through the use of technology, showcasing past winners. Ebulient, irrepressible Melody Laila hosted the first evening of melody covering different genres from classical to pop on 28th August. Five former Bandra-ites now based in Canada kick-started the evening. Hundred year old Olga D'Souza reminisced about the zonals of yesteryears. The spotlight artiste was Usha Uthup who regaled the audience.

Daniel D'Souza was the host for the event on the 29th, which among others, featured Samantha Noella, Petra Misquita, Kimberly Van Drine, Anouskha Vaz, Trevor Furtado. Well known in theatre personality Roger Pereira recalled the zonals of days gone by.

Fr. Austin Norris commenced the third day celebrations on 4th September with a prayer of thanksgiving. Erica D'Souza hosted the event. The audience was regaled with many duets such as Larry and Ashley Pinto, Pat and Mel, and a trio of three generations. The Victory Chorus Line conducted by Karen Vaswani, gave a delightful performance. Leandro D'Silva rightly said that the zonals fostered other talents as well such as conflict resolution, management skills and ideating. The spotlight artiste again was Usha Uthup with her foot tapping

rendition of 'Bombay Mere Hain'.

Bishop John Rodrigues blessed the fourth day programme on 5th September and Brian Tellis hosted the evening.

Bandra's Elvis Siddharth Meghani had the audience enthralled. Saloni D'Souza, Rhea Paula D'Souza and Tzeitel Fernandes were some of the other performers. The spotlight event was the all-parish virtual choir with

more than hundred Bandra-ites singing with gusto from places such as New Zealand and Canada. Shaila Rego Braganza and Calvin Vaz must be credited for the herculean task of distant training of this motley group of merry singers.

Brian Tellis stated that the zonals were 'an incubation of talent' and launched professional artistes such as Lisa Rodrigues, Lara Pinto, Joshua Vaz, Carlton Braganza and Chelsea D'Souza, who also performed. The evening concluded with due credit to those who made the Bandra zonals events to be remembered such as Msgr. Nereus Rodrigues, Dr. Eric D'Souza, Mona Aranha, Blanche Viegas, Raul Viegas, Celeste Cordo, Carl Mendes, Christopher Curry, sponsors The CitizenCredit Bank and Furtados, and many others.

The Bandra zonals were a resounding success, thanks to the hard work and performances of many Bandra-ites through the years too numerous to name.



by Monica Fernandes

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across the country own around 250 dairy plants handling around 20 million litres of milk a day. This is a remarkable achievement. While we in India tend to take our achievement for granted, this feat elicited high praise and admiration throughout the world. In 1955 our butter imports were 500 tons per year; today our cooperatives alone produce more than 12,000 tons of butter. Similarly, we imported 3000 tons of baby food in 1955; today our cooperatives alone produce 38,000 tons of baby food. By 1975 all imports of milk and milk products stopped. The import permitted was that of food aid under Operation Flood. A separate agency called the Indian Dairy Corporation (IDC) was created to receive grants of food aid and use it in the Operation Flood, this agency was also headed by the marvelous Dr. Verghese Kurien." "Milk powder production increased from 22,000 tons in the pre operational Flood year to 1,40,000 tons by 1989. In 1998 the World Bank published a report on the impact of dairy development in India and looked at its own contribution to this.

The audit revealed that of the Rs 200 crore the world bank invested in Operation Flood, the net return on India's rural economy was a massive Rs 24,000 crore each year over a period of 10 years to which no other dairy programme has ever matched. Moreover when Amul started there were so many competitors in the market like Polson and other foreign players but Amul stood the test of time and over the years emerged as India's favorite.



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Coffee and a Fly

A customer ordered a cup of coffee in a restaurant! The waiter served the coffee. The customer found a fly in the coffee. He called the waiter.

Customer: How do I drink this coffee!
Waiter: Don't you know how to drink a coffee?
Customer: Waiter, see, there is a fly in my coffee.
Waiter: Oh yes sir, you are right! There is a fly in your coffee.
Customer: Waiter, I said, there is a fly in MMY coffee (He stressed the word MY)
Waiter: Oh don't worry sir, the fly won't drink much!
Customer: Waiter, it is swimming in my coffee.
Waiter: Sir, do you want me to get a lifeguard for the fly sir?
(Annoyed) Customer: the fly dead, it's irritating!
Waiter: I guess, it doesn't know how to swim properly.
Customer: How do I drink this coffee?
Waiter: Don't you know how to drink? I will teach you!

He drank the coffee! And said, this is how you should drink a coffee.

Four women living in the neighborhood were invited to a party. They were discussing about the dress they would wear for the party. They finally decided to choose the color that matches with the hair color of their husband.
The first woman told, 'I will go with red as my husband colored his hair red'
The second woman said, 'I always



prefer black as my husband's hair color is naturally black!
The third woman told, 'Yeah, then I do prefer to go with yellow dress as he has blonde hair!' (yellow)
The fourth woman was quiet. All the other insisted her about her preferred color.
She said, 'I was thinking a lot but can't choose any color, I can't wear any dress because my husband is bald!'

During a cold winter day a wife messaged to her husband that "the Windows frozen".
Husband replied to pour some warm water on them.
After a while husband received a message again "No way, the computer is completely spoilt now!"

Station Master and a Lady Passenger
A lady was running to catch a train to Bangalore. She reached the station and was searching for the train.

Passenger: (Asked to the station master) Sir, is this my train?
Station Master: No Madam, this is not your train, it's railways department's train.
Passenger: (Annoyed) That's a good joke. Don't act too smart. What I meant was, can I take this train to

Bangalore?

Station Master: No ma'am, you cannot! This train is so BIG and you can't take it.
Passenger: Its really funny! Now say me, will this train take me to Bangalore?
Station Master: NO ma'am. The train can't take you. The train driver will drive it to Bangalore!

The passenger fainted!

Patient: Doctor, please can you help me out?
Doctor: Yes, you may make your way out the same way you come in.

Customer called to Tech support:
"my computer is not connecting to Internet"

Tech support: "Ok, which operating system are you using?"

Customer: "Internet explorer!"

Tech support: "No, you just right click on "my computer" and click on the properties menu"

Customer: "what are you saying, this is not your computer, it is my computer!"

Q: How do you differentiate between a can of tomato soup and a can of chicken soup?

A: Just read the label.

A woman went to a sporting goods store to buy a rifle.

Women: "It's for my husband.

Shopkeeper: "Did he tell you what type should buy?"

Women: "Are you kidding?," "He doesn't even know that I'm going to shoot him today!"

Golfer: "I will move heaven and earth with this game of golf and will break all the records."

Caddy: "Yeah Sure! Trying heaven will be better, because you have already moved most of the earth with this shot."

How did the football ground end up in a triangle?

Somebody took a corner!

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1 tsp black pepper corns
3 cardamoms
3-inch piece cinnamon stick
1/2 tsp turmeric powder
16 cloves garlic (roughly chopped)
15 dry Kashmiri red chillies
6 Byadagi dry red chillies
Vinegar (as required to grind the masala)
8 tsp sugar
1 tsp salt

Other Ingredients:

500 grams boneless pork meat
1/2 tsp turmeric powder
1/2 tsp salt
3 cup oil (to deep fry)
10 cloves garlic (thinly sliced)
3-inch piece ginger (chopped)
2 sprigs curry leaves
3 big onions (finely chopped)
1/2 cup vinegar

Method:

Wash the meat, then cut it into 1/2 inch cubes.
Apply turmeric powder and 1/2 tsp salt to the meat. Keep it aside for an hour and then drain all water from the meat.
In a deep frying pan, deep fry the meat pieces till golden brown.
Drain meat on absorbent paper towel.
Pour 1/4 cup vinegar over the meat pieces. Allow the vinegar to soak in for about 30 minutes to an hour.
In a mixer-grinder, grind all the ingredients mentioned 'For the masala' using sufficient vinegar (about 1 cup) into a fine paste (Don't use any water while grinding). Keep it aside.
In a deep bottomed vessel, add the oil that was used to deep fry the meat. Add in the garlic, ginger and curry leaves. Fry for 30 seconds and don't allow these ingredients to get brown.
Then add the onions and fry till they turn soft (not brown).
Now add the ground masala and fry for about 2-3 minutes.
Add the pork meat to it and mix well.
Cook on a low flame for about 12-15 minutes with the lid open.
Adjust the salt, sugar and vinegar (remaining if required).
Your pork pickle is ready.
Allow this pork pickle to mature in the refrigerator for at least a week before consuming it.
After a week, your pork pickle is ready to be eaten.

P.S.: Do not use water at any stage while preparing this pickle (while grinding the masala or while cooking it. Just use vinegar only).



by Jubel D'Cruz

Cataclysmic Coronacalamity

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The second relates to the economy and the adverse impact it will have on the country's 100 billion USD-plus fashion industry as most of the garment industry is dependent on China not just for their cheap manufacturing but also for its consumption in China's billion-plus-consumer market.

As the virus spread its tentacles around the world, no country was spared as the dragnet spread far and wide infecting almost 50 million people worldwide in the first wave completely swamping medical services and spreading mayhem all around. The most developed countries like the US and Western Europe were the most affected along with Brazil, Mexico, Iran and India and over a million deaths.

It was clear that only a miraculous cure like a vaccine could stem the tide of disease that was enveloping the whole world. As countries looked uptoPharma companies to provide the healing touch, the companies themselves scrambled their best resources to meet the unprecedented challenge

Part VII: TO TAKE OR NOT TO TAKE

The corona crisis notwithstanding, the vaccine has created a dilemma for those resisting the remedy as being worse than the malady akin to choosing between the devil and the deep sea: to take or not to take the vaccine. The choice is very clear: taking the vaccine will protect both you and the community around you

"To be or not to be – that is the question" was the soliloquy given by Shakespeare's Hamlet expressing an eternal life dilemma. The corona cri-

sis has in its wake created a similar dilemma for many who are facing an-Hobson's choice: to take or not to take the vaccine. Those resisting the vaccine see the remedy as being worse than the malady akin to choosing between the devil and the deep sea.

As the corona crisis started unfolding in India from early March 2020, Pharma Research companies went into an immediate overdrive to meet this unprecedented challenge. New drug approvals including critical clinical trials normally take between 3-10 years but the rampaging virus demanded immediate solutions and so the entire process was fast-tracked.

It is a credit to the high level of technological competence that beating all odds, vaccines from Pfizer & Modernawere ready for a roll-out by Nov 2020. In India, the Oxford-Astrazenaca developed Covishield was the first off the block and this was followed by the indigenously developed Covaxin.



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One would have thought there would be a beeline for vaccination when it was launched for health-care and frontline workers in Jan 2021 but thanks to a widely circulated social media disinformation campaign many were wary of the after effects of the jab. By the time the vaccine was opened up for the 60+ in March 2021, the vaccination drive started to splutter. The excuses ranged from the juvenile: "I hate injections" to the pseudo-intellectual: "I have sufficient immunity...I don't need the vaccine" In between were the anxiety responses: "I heard they inject the virus so I will end up getting infected" or "people have died despite the jab so why should I invite trouble".

To add grist to the rumour mills, the Patanjali honchos came up with their version of the corona antidote (including cow urine) and blatantly decried the vaccine and ended up getting infected and were treated with the very same medications that they had run down. RaghavYadav from Bareilly, UP businessman took to social media to denounce the vaccination campaign. A week later, his entire family contracted the virus and his parents and himself, all succumbed to the virus.

The World Health Organization (WHO) and the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) have strongly endorsed the safety and efficacy of the vaccines that have been launched in India.

So what is the moral of our story: Every cure has a price one has to pay. There have been reports of side effects of the vaccine which is common for all vaccines, but the benefits far outweigh the minor side effects. With our fragile health infrastructure, particularly in the vast rural hinterland of our country and the propensity of our masses to throw caution to the winds and ignore the best antidote for the virus: SMS (social distancing, masking and sanitization) we have the perfect recipe for a man-made disaster.

Worldwide too the vaccination campaign had a slow start partly due to apathy in the western world and largely due to non-availability of sufficient vaccines in the developing countries. As of August 2021, almost 5 billion doses have been administered worldwide equal to 64 doses for every 100 people. With the threat of a third wave looming large, onlymass vaccination of at least 70% of the population will ensure that we achieve the desired level of sero-immunocity to bail us out of the pandemic.

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Part VIII: THE VIRUS DOES NOT GIVE UP!

As countries settled down to coping with the human and economic fallout of the pandemic and with vast swathes of the population globally immunized with the vaccine, the virus in the meantime, struck again with a delta variant that was much more virulent and transmittable and once again the world was in the throes of the second wave crisis.

The staggering loss of life notwithstanding, the virus had a huge financial and economic impact all across the globe. Countries scrambled to procure and stock up vaccines that would hopefully stem the onslaught of the virus. But the virus had other plans with a Delta variant that first emerged in western Maharashtra and then spread to the rest of the country and abroad. This Delta variant was much more virulent and transmittable and once again the world was in the throes of the second wave crisis.

While the second wave hit the UK in Nov-Dec 2020, it hit India in April-May 2021. The second wave, recorded over 26 million cases in India & had severe consequences in the form of spiraling cases, reduced supplies of essential treatments. In the first wave, the most vulnerable were the 60+ aged population and those with co-morbidities. The second wave hit the young very hard and also had a long recovery period followed by post-recovery complications.

The reproduction number of the virus – also called R0 and R – is a way of rating a disease's ability to spread and estimates the average number of people infected by one already infected person. Ideally this should be below 1 but hovered above 1 during most of the second wave and has started receding now. Among the worst affected states in India were Maharashtra, Kerala, Karnataka and the North Eastern states.

Amidst the raging pandemic in Maharashtra with over 57 lakh infected and 1 lakh dead, a non-descript village called Kalbhonde, a tribal hamlet on the border of Thane and Nashik

districts has managed to stay covid free for more than 425 days thanks to the practical wisdom of its elders and collective safety efforts by sealing the village and setting up a makeshift isolation centre for those working in neighbouring areas as farm hands.

There are fears that a third wave may hit India sometime in October 2021 impacting children. The country is bracing itself for the emerging threat with Oxygen concentrators set up in every district and paediatric facilities being ramped up.

With cases continuing to spring up all over the world, it would be sometime before normalcy is restored. The economy is picking up the pieces and struggling to settle down. Travel, tourism and Hospitality industry have been hit severely. Education has taken a hard hit as online classes have not been as effective. Companies too are poised to open their doors and bring employees back into a physical space, as online work has not been fruitful enough in many cases. In the meantime, it does appear that the virus is waiting to make the next move and waiting to catch the unvaccinated off-guard. There are rumours of a Lamda variant looming on the horizon, There is also evidence that the immunity provided by the vaccines would abate over time, necessitating a booster dose which has already taken off in the US. How would a post-covid world shape up is anybody's guess.... we can just keep our fingers crossed and our sleeves rolled up...vaccine or no vaccine.

Part IX: ARE WE READY TO BLAME OURSELVES?

Is the corona crisis something we have brought on ourselves? With the indiscriminate plundering of mother earth and the wanton contamination of our air and water systems will sound the death knell of our world. Unless we mend our ways and learn to respect and preserve our environment, we will continue to bear the brunt of our recklessness

It is indeed an irony of life that we pay for the sins that we commit in this world itself. Hell and Heaven are

states of the mind! We can create either a heaven or a hell on earth itself and that is exactly what our generation has been doing....creating a living hell for all of us with the upheaval caused to our ecosystems by our abuse of Nature

The following Coronavirus Letter to Humanity penned by Vivienne R Reich highlights poignantly the man-made crisis that we are facing today:

Coronavirus Letter To Humanity

The earth whispered but you did not hear.

The earth spoke but you did not listen
The earth screamed but you turned her off.

And so I was born...

I was not born to punish you..

I was born to awaken you..

The earth cried out for help...

Massive flooding. But you didn't listen.

Burning fires. But you didn't listen.

Strong hurricanes. But you didn't listen.

Terrifying Tornadoes. But you didn't listen.

You still don't listen to the earth when.
Ocean animals are dying due to pollutants in the waters.

Glaciers melting at an alarming rate.

Severe drought.

You didn't listen to how much negativity the earth is receiving.

Non-stop wars.

Non-stop greed.

You just kept going on with your life..

No matter how much hate there was..

No matter how many killings daily..

It was more important to get that latest iPhone than worry about what the earth was trying to tell you..

But now I am here.

And I've made the world stop on its tracks.

I've made YOU finally listen.

I've made you take refuge.

I've made you stop thinking about materialistic things..

Now you are like the earth...

You are only worried about YOUR survival.

How does that feel?

I give you fever..as the fires burn on earth.

I give you respiratory issues..as pollu-

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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

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7241. POONA : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in June 1988), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 65 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., Post Graduation Banking and Finance, working for Bank. Contact email : matri0688@yahoo.com

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7236. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in March 1986), Ht. 5' 9", Wt. 67 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. MBA. PGDM., MBA from NMIMS, working as a Manager in Bank. Contact email : sallysylviana@yahoo.in

7233. MUMBAI : East Indian Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in March 1983), Ht. 6' 1", Wt. 83 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. HSC, IHM, IT., working as a Instrument Tech., working offshore (Rigs). Contact email : bragandcruz@rediffmail.com

7232. GOA : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in July 1980), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 65 kgs, Tan Complexion, Edn. Diploma in Automobile Technology, Self employed. Contact email : darwindsouza28@gmail.com

7231. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Divorcee, (Born in August 1970), Ht. 5' 9", Wt. 72 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Diploma Holder, working as a Manager with a Cruise liner based in **USA**. Work entails 6 months work and 2/3 months vacation. Contact email : raisaraisa1212@yahoo.in

7227. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in August 1990), Ht. 5' 10", Wt. 73 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working as a Senior HR. Contact email : baptistadarryl@yahoo.in

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7248. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in March 1992), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 59 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. HR Master of Management BMS, working for UK Company as a HR Sr. Executive. Contact email : librans19@yahoo.com

7128. MUMBAI : Affluent business family R.C. East Indian Spinster, (Born in 12-04-1988), Ht. 5' 2", very beautiful and pretty. Edn. MS General Surgeon, Doctor by profession. Contact email : drvd2019@gmail.com

7247. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in August 1989), Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 77 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.Com., Teacher by profession. Contact email : doreen.veigas@gmail.com

7214. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in October 1986), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 52 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. CA CFA Ms Finance M.Com., working as a Senior Manager. Contact email : frfernandes020@gmail.com

7234. MANGALORE : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in November 1993), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 60 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. MBBS, MD (ongoing), Doctor by profession. Contact email : samaddy2013@gmail.com

6871 MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in January 1989), Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 56 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.A. Teacher by profession. Contact email : andreaandrade310@gmail.com

7210. AURANGABAD : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in January 1994), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 50 kgs, Fair Complexion, good looking, beautiful, Coming from business family, Edn. Chartered Accountant, C.A. by Profession. Contact email :

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7064. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in May 1988), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 50 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. MBA, working for Private Company as an Accounts Executive. Contact email : cecrc19@gmail.com

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7095. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in December 1992), Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 55 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.Com + Import Export Certificate Course, working as a Billing Assistant in Well known Hospital. Contact email :

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7182. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in October 1992), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 72 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., C.A., working as Asst. Manager in TATA Company. Contact : email : matrimonialp27@gmail.com

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7160. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in September 1988), Ht. 5' 7", Fair Complexion, Edn. BMS, working as a Senior Merchandiser in a Global Retail Company in Dubai. Contact email : prislobo10@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

7126. U.S.A. : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in January 1992) from Mumbai, Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 60 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.E. (Computers) from Mumbai, M.S. (Information Systems) from US. Possesses H1B visa and is working as a Technical Analyst with an MNC in USA. Contact email : wilfjoy1315@gmail.com or call +91 98603 02527 / + 91 9970172527

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7066. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in June 1987), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 78 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.E., (EXTC) M.S. (International Business Management), working as a Consulting Manager. Contact email : l2018anselm@yahoo.com

7240. PUNE : East Indian Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in October 1987), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 65 kgs, Very Fair Complexion, Edn. MBA, working as a Finance Executive. Contact email : angelina0134@gmail.com

7065. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in December 1989), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 69 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. M.Sc., & Dip. in Clinical Research, working as Business Process Lead in TCS. Contact email : mendonca_luke@yahoo.co.in

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7239. CANADA : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in February 1992), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 55 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Completed Bachelor of Electrical Engineering in Toronto. working at a MNC in Toronto. Contact email : walkdowntheaisle2@gmail.com

7194. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in July 1989), Ht. 5' 1", Wt. 55 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.B.A. (HR), HR by profession. Contact email : dsouza.elvina3@gmail.com

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tion fills the earth air.
I give you weakness as the earth
weakens every day.
I took away your comforts..
Your outings.
The things you would use to forget
about the planet and its pain.
And I made the world stop...

And now...

China has better air quality..Skys are
clear blue because factories are not
spewing pollution unto the earth's
air.

The water in Venice is clean and dol-
phins are being seen. Because the
gondola boats that pollute the water
are not being used.

YOU are having to take time to reflect
on what is important in your life.

Again I am not here to punish you.. I
am here to Awaken you...

When all this is over and I am gone...

Please remember these moments..
Listen to the earth.

Listen to your soul.

Stop Polluting the earth.

Stop Fighting among each other.

Stop caring about materialistic things.

And start loving your neighbors.

Start caring about the earth and all its
creatures.

Start believing in a Creator.

Because next time I may come back
even stronger....

Signed,

Coronavirus

Part X: THE PROGNOSIS FOR THE FUTURE

The Corona crisis has exposed the
chinks in our armour and accentuated
the need for us to pool our resources

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and unitedly fight a common enemy.
The subterfuge over the origin of the
virus & the collusion of health regulat-
ing bodies & the blame game led to
an aggravated crisis that could have
been well nipped in the bud. These
are ominous portents that do not bode
well for our future well-being.

The current pandemic is not the first
that humanity has faced neither will it
be the last. The pandemic has high-
lighted more than ever before, man's
utter helplessness against the rav-
ages of nature whether it is cyclones,
earthquakes, tornados, hurricanes or
tsunamis or biological threats like the
coronavirus. How do we ensure that
such calamities are handled in the fu-
ture with more maturity, foresight and
medical competence?

Bill Gates' has made a further grim
prediction on impending disasters in
the years to come as a result of calam-
ities caused by climate change where
the death toll could be even greater
than the pandemic. We have already
seen this happening in China & Bel-
gium/Germany where massive floods
this year have caused unprecedented
havoc. Similar destruction has been
caused by wild fires in California and
Greece. Another major threat pre-
dicted is - "Bio-terrorism. Somebody
who wants to cause damage could
engineer a virus and that means the
cost, the chance of running into this
is more than the naturally-caused epi-
demics like the current one.

It is never too late to mend our
ways. As the corona crisis has
proved,countries can ill-afford the
high payouts in the wake of a calamity.

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Unless urgent steps are taken to stem
the tide towards environmental deg-
radation, we will continue to face the
brunt of disasters in various forms that
are threatening not only our existence
on this planet, but the planet itself as
global temperatures are projected to
rise between 2.5-10 degrees Fahren-
heit over the next century, according
to the Intergovernmental Panel on Cli-
mate Change, a group of over 1,300
scientists from the U.S. and around
the world.

Everything from wildlife, ecosys-
tems, agriculture, and human health
will all be affected on a global scale.
Already the effect is felt worldwide. A
global problem requires a global solu-
tion, and when it comes to protecting
the environment for future genera-
tions, some countries are doing more
than others. The Paris Agreement –
a multinational accord to collectively
combat global warming – is a step
towards this end but will work only if
countries abide by its various direc-
tives.

24/7 Wall St. created an index to
measure environmental performance
by countries using data from Yale
University's 2018 Environmental Per-
formance Index and the World Bank's
"What a Waste Database." The mea-
sures that comprise this index range
in scope and include air quality, water
quality, biodiversity, wastewater treat-
ment, carbon emissions, and proactive
environmental policies. The countries
that have ranked high on this Index
are developing countries like Peru, Tu-
nisia & Belarus besides the developed
countries like Singapore, Hungary, US
and the Scandinavian countries like
Finland & Denmark which are ranked
on the top.

Sustainability has been defined as
meeting our own needs without com-
promising the ability of future genera-
tions to meet their own needs. The
only legacy we can leave our children
– the future generation is a world that
is as pristine and unspoiled as our an-
cestors handed over to us. If we fail
in this, we will be doing the greatest
disservice to mankind and future gen-
erations will never forgive our apathy
and neglect.

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 MU231795 - Age 42, Edn. MBA, PG., MS
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 FU221435 - Age 31, Edn. MD., MS.
 FU231576 - Age 29, Edn. Masters, MS.,
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 FU112658 - Age 27, Edn. M.Phil / Ph.D.,
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*for 9 days with a lighted candle and publish on the 9th day your
 request will be granted no matter how impossible it is*



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