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## Siddharth's spirit of love and compassion

### Early Traits

1. Whenever he went to his father's farm and found no work he repaired to a quiet place, and practiced meditation. 2. While everything for the cultivation of the mind was provided, his education in the military science befitting a Kshatriya was not neglected. 3. For Suddhodana was anxious not to make the mistake of having cultivated the mind of his son at the cost of his manliness. 4. Siddharth was of kindly disposition. He did not like exploitation of man by man. 5. Once he went to his father's farm with some of his friends and saw the labourers ploughing the land, raising bunds, cutting trees, etc., dressed in scanty clothes under a hot burning sun. 6. He was greatly moved by the sight. 7. He said to his friends, can it be right that one man should exploit another? How can it be right that the labourer should toil and the master should live on the fruits of his labour? 8. His friends did not know what to say. For they believed in the old philosophy of life that the worker was born to serve and that in serving his master he was only fulfilling his destiny. 9. The Sakyas used to celebrate a festival called Vapramangal. It was a rustic festival performed on the day of sowing. On this day custom had made it obligatory on every Sakya to do ploughing personally. 10. Siddharth always observed the custom and did engage himself in ploughing. 11. Though a man of learning, he did not despise manual labour. 12. He belonged to a warrior class and had been taught archery and the use of weapons. But he did not like causing unnecessary injury. 13. He refused to join hunting parties. His friends used to say: "Are you afraid of tigers?" He used to retort saying, "I know you are not going to kill tigers, you are going to kill harmless animals such as deer and rabbits." 14. "If not for hunting, come to witness how accurate is the aim of your friends", they said. Even such invitations Siddharth refused, saying, "I do not like to see the killing of innocent animals". 15. Prajapati Gautami was deeply worried over this attitude of Siddharth. 16. She used to argue with him saying: "You have forgotten that you are a Kshatriya and fighting is your duty. The art of fighting can be learned only through hunting for only by hunting can you learn how to aim accurately. Hunting is a training ground for the warrior class". 17. Siddharth often used to ask Gautami: "But, mother, why should a Kshatriya fight? And Gautami used to reply: "Because it is his duty". 18. Siddharth was never satisfied by her answer. He used to ask Gautami: "Tell me, how can it be the duty of man to kill man?" Gautami argued, "Such an attitude is good for an ascetic. But Kshatriya must fight. If they don't, who will protect the kingdom?". 19. "But mother! If all Kshatriyas loved one another, would they not be able to protect their kingdom without resort to killing?" Gautami had to leave him to his own opinion. 20. He tried to induce his companions to join him in practising meditation. He taught them the proper pose. He taught them to fix their mind on a subject. He advised them to select such thoughts as "May I be happy, may my relations be happy, may all living animals be happy." 21. But his friends did not take the matter seriously. They laughed at him. 22. On closing their eyes they could not concentrate on their subject of meditation. Instead, some saw before their eyes deer for shooting or sweets for eating. 23. His father and his mother did not like his partiality for meditation. They thought it was so contrary to the life of a Kshatriya. 24. Siddharth believed that meditation on right subjects led to development of the spirit of universal love. He justified himself by saying: "When we think of living things, we begin with distinction and discrimination. We separate friends from enemies, we separate animals we rear from human beings. We love friends and domesticated animals and we hate enemies and wild animals." 25. "This dividing line we must overcome and this we can do when we in our contemplation rise above the limitations of practical life." Such was his reasoning. 26. His childhood was marked by the presence of supreme sense of compassion. 27. Once he went to his father's farm. During recess he was resting under a tree enjoying the peace and beauty of nature. While so seated a bird fell from the sky just in front of him. 28. The bird had been shot at by an arrow which had pierced its body and was fluttering about in great agony. 29. Siddharth rushed to the help of the bird. He removed the arrow, dressed its wound and gave it water to drink. He picked up the bird, came to the place where he was seated and wrapped up the bird, came to the place where he was seated and wrapped up the bird in his upper garment and held it next to his chest to give it warmth. 30. Siddharth was wondering who could have shot this innocent bird. Before long there came his cousin Devadatta armed with all the implements of shooting. He told Siddharth that he had shot a bird flying in the sky, the bird was wounded but it flew some distance and fell somewhere there, and asked him if he had seen it. 31. Siddharth replied in the affirmative and showed him the bird which had by that time completely recovered. 32. Devadatta demanded that the bird be handed over to him. This Siddharth refused to do. A sharp argument ensued between the two. 33. Devadatta argued that he was the owner of the bird because by the rules of the game, he who kills a game becomes the owner of the game. 34. Siddharth denied the validity of the rule. He argued that it is only he who protects that has the right to claim ownership. How can he who wants to kill be the owner? 35. Neither party would yield. The matter was referred to arbitration. The arbitrator upheld the point of view of Siddharth Gautama. 36. Devadatta became his permanent enemy. But Gautama's spirit of compassion was so great that he preferred to save the life of an innocent bird to securing the goodwill of his cousin. 37. Such were the traits of character found in the early life of Siddharth Gautama.

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## Did Babri Masjid fall because of Muslim masses' failure to do *namaz*?

DALIT SAHITYA AKADEMY RESEARCH BUREAU

**B**angalore: We questioned a large number of Muslim religious "scholars" of various organisations and schools of thought as to why the Indian Muslims are being beaten, killed, humiliated, and always on the receiving end. Throughout the 20th century and certainly from 1947 there is no case of Muslims directly oppressing the Hindus. Even the most rabid Hindu nazi has no complaint. Why then Muslims are being continuously persecuted?

Their common reply was - "we are not following Islam. Our moral life has become bad".

To the same question, "educated" Muslims also gave the same reply. We have also heard and read the same stuff in the speeches and Friday sermons and writings in Islamic journals.

**Cause of suffering:** When we asked the "scholars" to elaborate and exemplify the "bad qualities" of the Muslims, first they were aghast, then they thought for some time and said:-

"We have failed to perform daily prayers, Ramzan fasting and other obligations imposed by Allah. If we do that, our sins will be forgiven and Allah's blessings will shower and all sufferings will go".

Some others said: "We Muslims do not have leaders, we are a divided lot. We do not follow the injunctions of Quran". "Some others said. "A lot of our people are illiterate, our children do not go to schools". That is the cause of our suffering.

**Dismissed:** But we were not satisfied with these replies.

*We pondered over these questions and found that all these answers are over simplistic. Illiteracy, lack of education are not peculiar to Muslims. Backward communities and Dalits and even quite a lot of upper castes also are illiterate and uneducated. Besides, even advanced countries like US, France, UK also have illiterates and uneducated. So, this point is dismissed.*

*We feel that the Muslims who matter have miserably failed in understanding the Muslim problem and its solution.*

**Muslims & prayers:** Non-performance of daily *namaz* by all Muslims is the most widely stated and misunderstood matter. Islam has divided the conduct of Muslims into two categories - *Huqooqul Allah* and *Huqooqul ibad* - i.e. duties towards Allah and duties towards the creatures. In the former category, prayers, fasting, meditation are included which are purely of personal nature. It is purely between a Muslim and God. Nobody can absolve a person of such duties. One is entirely responsible for these duties oneself. Failure in these duties brings wrath on the individual.

**Huqooqul Ibad:** In the second category, acts of piety, help and succour to all creations including human beings (Muslims and non-Muslims) animals, plants and even inanimate objects like air, rivers, earth, everything is included. Failure to perform the duties towards these objects not only brings Allah's wrath, but also of the particular objects. Prophets direction, oral and practical, on such simple matters that you should not urinate in water or in an animal's pit, cut trees unnecessarily, beat animals, remove thorns from the road, keep hand on the mouth while yawning, are all matters relating to *Huqooqul Ibad*.

This is apart from bigger do's and don'ts like do not steal, dress yourselves properly, do not tell lies, do not talk ill of others, help the ailing, traveling, learning and prisoners, defend your own rights, do not transgress the rights of others.

**Who caused our sufferings?:** Inter-society affairs depend not upon prayers, fastings and meditations but upon other acts and deeds which affect the society itself and other neighboring societies.

The Muslim problem and its answer has to be seen from the *Huqooqul ibad* point of view. This article deals with this aspect as the Babri Masjid blast has brought this question to the forefront.

Are the Muslim sufferings their own making or because of somebody else? The time has come to answer this question without fear or favor.

**Our study reveals that in matter of these social obligations Muslim masses are perfectly in order**

**and the failure is not on their part but on the part of Muslim scholars, elites and the rich Muslims:**

- 1 In any jail, Muslim prisoners are far less compared to their population. That means crime among Muslims is low.
- 2 Though living in poor localities, they mutually help others (Muslims and non-Muslims) in sickness, hunger and calamity.
- 3 Morning to evening, they work hard, sweat themselves and feed their womenfolk, without compelling them to go out to earn, beg or steal.
- 4 In any accident, motor, fire, building collapse, or natural calamity, they are the first to run and help.
- 5 They settle their disputes mutually or through the advice of elders.
- 6 As petty merchants, artisans, mechanics, painters, electricians, masons and coolies they are honest in their dealings. In fact, Muslims in these categories are more in demand than others.
- 7 **Hindu women and even Hindu men prefer to travel in Muslim autorickshaws and taxis as they can reach the destination safe unlike in Hindu-driven vehicles.**

The above facts are only a few examples. We may add that the "poor" from all communities are also good like the Muslims. Such of those who do not have honesty, ability and good behavior, fail to earn their livelihood and become beggars and criminals. Their ratio among Muslims is negligible.

**Daily Namaz:** Judging from the *Huqooqul ibad* point of view, we do not see Muslim masses on the wrong side. Exceptions only prove the rule. They may not perform daily prayers but that is not the reason for their political, economic and social discrimination. **As self-employed people they hardly find time for prayers which needs leisure that they can't afford. Leisure is the luxury of the rich. The poor, oppressed Muslim who is always suffering and struggling can't be also accused of not performing regular namaz. This is adding insult to injury.**

Such non-performing Muslims are there in all countries - Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Iran, Indonesia - everywhere in the world, but are they also persecuted as in India? Even in the days of glory, under the Abbasi Moghul and Osmanian rule, the non-performing Muslims were always in majority and still dominated the world in all fields.

**No Muslim in scam:** Even in the days of Prophet Mohammed, there were non-performing and sinful Muslims. Only their number was less.

For example in the Harshad Mehta scandal and his "Scam", no Muslim is involved, No Muslim was caught in selling Cabinet secrets. No Muslim is involved in

Bofors or any such scandal. Bride-burning or dowry deaths are rarities among Muslims.

**Therefore, non-performing of namaz and fasting by all the Muslims and criminal activities by a few cannot be the reason for the Muslim problem.**

From the *Huqooqul ibad* point of view, the elite Muslims and the religious scholars appear to be more on the failing side.

**Elite Muslims:** As on the day of "independence", Muslims of the past had left organisations like the Muslim League, Khaksar, Ahrar, Aligarh Muslim University, Anjumans in every town for Muslim social gathering, Ashore Khanas and gymnasiums for the Muslim masses, hotels, colleges, hospitals and, musafirkhans for the general Muslims. All these institutions have been either destroyed or weakened or condemned. Nothing is left for the Muslims now where Muslim masses and elites can sit. The only institution left now is the mosque where worldly affairs are not allowed to be discussed not it is worth discussing.

**Monopoly of mosque:** And mosques have become the exclusive domain of the religious scholars, five-time worshipers and managing members. And even they are so deeply divided into various wings of the "All-India" organisations - all sponsored from cowbelt (Western UP and Delhi) like the Jamate-Islami, Tableeghi jamath, Deoband, Bareilly, Nadwa etc.

Having reached the saturation point of progress and having no programme for the present and future, these declining organisations and institutions have raked up futile debates on such non-issues like whether it is right to recite Quran to bless the dead; what should be the time for *iftar* in Ramazan, 6.30 PM or 6.32 PM, Idd should performed on a single day throughout India, the lower apparel should be above ankles, whether this book should be read or not. Such petty disputes have divided the managers of mosques (not masses, because they do not go to mosque everyday) into hostile camps.

**Hot bed of intrigues:** Every mosque has become a hot bed of intrigues. These "scholars" are totally ignorant of worldly subjects like psychology, anthropology, sociology, political science, history, philosophy and above all "Hindu, Hinduism, and Hindu philosophy" which they confront everyday.

**While making these comments, it is emphasized that it is not an observation on the lakhs of imams and khatibs who are scattered all over India in small mosques. They are ordinary people and have risen from the masses and are very poorly paid servants of the masjid committees.**

The responsibility falls entirely upon the owners of the

*madrasas* (the words *rectors* or *principals* are avoided) and *masters* of the movements. All these *madrasas* and movements hang round individuals who never come out of their secluded abodes and see the outside world.

**Zionist-CIA hand:** These institutions are wasting money to build expensive mosques with marble floorings, tall minarets, huge domes and decorating them with wall-to-wall carpets. Could they not have constructed simple mosques and diverted the money to perform *Huqqul ibad* by constructing hostels, hospitals and non-religious community centers or helped poor Muslims to build and repair their small houses? Even such plush mosques are coming up only in cities but villages are completely ignored. Some Gulf people under the advice of the American CIA, which in turn is guided by the Zionists have converted the Muslim *ulema*, institutions and elites into beggars and spoiled their self-respect. Before "independence", Indian Muslims gave all kinds of help to the Muslims everywhere - moral, material, physical - like in the Khilafat movement. Today, these people look upon Arabs to throw alms in their bowl. Little wonder that Qaddafi is reported to have said - "Indian Muslims are bothered about life after death and not before - they ask for money for masjids and graveyards and for nothing else".

They do not see the clear quranic declaration: "Do you make the giving of drink to pilgrims or the maintenance of the sacred mosque, equal to those who believe in God and the last day and strive with might and main (*Jihad*) in the cause of God? They are not comparable in the sight of God" (**Tauba:19**)

"Those who believe and suffer exile and strive with might and main in God's cause (*jihad*) with their goods and persons have the highest rank in the sight of God. They are the people who achieve salvation" (**Tauba:20**)

They will dwell in heaven for ever. (**Tauba 22**).

**Lack of leaders:** The reason that Muslims have no leaders speaks volumes of our ignorance. Leadership does not come from heaven nor from the top. Leaders are created by followers - that means the most essential requirement is their following. **And the followers will follow a leader who has suffered and sacrificed for them.**

Unless there are followers there can be no leaders. And the leader is not an individual, it is an organisation. There are many leaders with very obedient and faithful followers - followers who even behave like slaves but the leaders are incompetent, narrow minded, arrogant and self-projecting. They are interested in their organisations only to function in their limited fields like

those heads of govt. depts.

**Jamate-Islami:** Jamate-Islami and Tablighi-Jamat say that every Muslim is their member. Enrolled membership of the Jamate-Islami has not increased beyond 5,000 from the past 40 years and this figures stands stagnant since 15 years. Like a govt. dept. the enrollment is fixed. Its members stand with folded hands before the leaders. For a new man it takes 10 to 15 years to enroll.

**Tablighi-Jamat:** The Tablighi-Jamat has lakhs and lakhs of obedient followers criss-crossing throughout India in trains, buses and on foot in highways and bylanes with certain visible signs and garments. At the call of the leader sitting in Delhi, lakhs and lakhs can be mobilised within 2/3 days. No other organisation or movement can be compared with it in terms of membership, discipline, commitment and sacrifice.

**But its leadership is bothered only of things below the surface of earth (grave) and above the skies (heaven). This is how the police intelligence people have sent reports to the govt.**

With a few thousand committed workers, Hindu nazis challenged the Muslims for six years and declared that they would destroy the Babri Masjid, come what may. And they did it right in broad daylight, right in the presence of police, PAC and the army units. This is commitment, organisation, programming and functioning.

**Harmless organisations:** With lakhs and lakhs of membership, the Tablighi-Jamat could work wonders. But its leadership has "no worldly ambitions". It wants to march its followers to heaven. Does not matter, whether the nazis destroy the masjid, unveil Amina's face, laugh at Prophet Mohammad's noble wives, strive for common civil code, call the ancestors of Muslims as criminals, rogues and vandals - Tablighi is unconcerned. That is why the Hindu nazis call it a harmless organisation.

Even remarks on the Prophet are ignored.

**50,000 Muslim women raped:** Iran's Islamic Revolution, Baghdad's bombardment, Bosnian massacre of Muslims (over 50,000 Muslim women were raped in Bosnia according to the *Newsweek* Jan.11,92) are matters which are not known to this leadership.

Nay, even the demolition of the Babri Masjid a few miles away from the Delhi abode of the Tablighi-Jamat is no issue for its leadership. Its followers are well-trained to carry on whispering campaign to introduce new controversies among the mosque managers to change this sermon to that sermon.

**Superiority complex:** Young boys are recruited

every day and provided with rosaries and training in bead pushing and dramatics of making artificial cries of agony while seeking Allah's blessing, switching off lights.

This organisation suffers from the dread of aimlessness and its members move about with an air of superiority around them

**Urdu pronunciation:** There are other committed leaders in regional bases like the Muslim League, Ittehadul Muslimeen. But the UP elites and "scholars" laugh at their Urdu pronunciation and try to destroy their bases through organisations like Majlise-Mushawarat, Babri Masjid Committees. All organisations have a prefix "all-India". Cowbelt is not prepared to bow to the South.

**Who is responsible?:** The Quran fixes the responsibility for the destruction of a people by first indicting their leaders (who are given good things of life) who transgress and disobey. It says:

"When we decide to destroy a population, we first send a definite order to those among them who are given the good things of this life, but they transgress, so that the word is proved true against them: then we destroy them utterly" (*Bani Israil: 15*)

**Thus the entire responsibility for the Muslim problems is fixed on the leaders who have become transgressors.**

The leaders of Jamate-Islami and Tableeghi-Jamat have chilled the Muslim thinking to below zero level. They vie with each other in calling the Muslims bad and sinful. All available service-oriented people have been taken away by them and none is available for other activities. That is why other organisations can not come up.

**Fault-finding habit:** Islam says that you should not find fault with others but examine yourself. But they are taught to do the opposite. They find only faults in Muslim masses and totally ignore their great virtues: valour, truthfulness, readiness to die for principles, straight forwardness, struggle to earn *halal* food, discarding interest, and love for God, Prophet and Quran. The Editor of *Dalit Voice* paying tributes to Muslim greatness had once said that "if India is what it is today it is because of Muslims and particularly Muslim masses". They do not see that even if the most wretched and the poorest Muslim is offered a lakh of rupees on the condition of picking up the Quran from a table and dropping it, he would refuse. Rather he would catch the neck of the proposer. Such is the love of common Muslims for the Quran and Prophet Mohammed.

**Bangalore incident:** A simple adjective given to the

name of Prophet Mohammed in a Bangalore paper (*Deccan Herald*) had made them come to the streets and face police bullets and die with pleasure. They prefer to die as martyrs rather than worship for years and yet face trial, before God. Their psyche contains this statement of the prophet:

"Continuous prayer and non-stop fasting from the starting time of war till the end is no match for the struggle of the Mujahid in battlefield" (*Bukhari Shariff page 57*).

Muslims have always been persecuted whenever and wherever they have stood up for Islam and ignored and lulled when they deviated. Prophet Mohammed and his colleagues were stoned, beaten, insulted spat upon, made to sleep on burning charcoal, and hot sand during their Meccan days for eleven years. Was it because they had given up Islamic morals? No. It was for upholding them.

**Stop blaming Muslims:** Imam Hussain was also persecuted for the same reason. Quran calls such ordeals as a trial from Allah and promises right path for those who face them as from Allah and bear with them (*Surah 2, Ayath 155-157*). Why don't these Jamats take these ordeals as trial and stop blaming Muslims?

**Mohammed Ali example:** If Muslims are not performing *namaz* and *roza* are their nazi enemies, who are successfully persecuting and destroying them, performing *prayer*?

Moulana Mohammed Ali while taking the help of MK Gandhi during the Khilafat agitation was so obliged that he called him his mentor next only to Prophet Mohammed. Many *ulema* bitterly criticised him and some agreed. At the same time in spite of his deep respect for Gandhi, he declared in 1923 at Aligarh that the most sinful Muslim criminal is better than Gandhi. On being challenged for this in the Congress session in Kakanada, he admitted and further declared that he would again say so. It is a matter of faith, just like Gandhi's own faith in *Varnashrama*.

And prophet Mohammed has said that he would rescue that Muslim from the clutches of hell, who has no way of escape from other sources. (*Moulana Mohammed Ali-Sahabuddin Abdur Rahman, page 143, Matba Muarif, Azambarh 1977*).

**Four warnings:** We warn the fault-finding Muslims: Hindu nazis hate Muslims for the following reasons:

- (1) They being mostly converts from the shudras and Untouchables (their erstwhile slaves) claim equality with them. Josh Malihabadi put a straight forward question to Sardar Patel as to why he hated Muslims. Sardar replied, "I very much respect Muslims like you who came from outside and settled here. I hate those Muslims who are converts from shudras and low castes". (*Yodon ki Barat*)

-Josh Malihabadi, page 171, Hind Pocket Books (P) Ltd. Shahdara, Delhi-32)

- (2) The Quran says all men are born equal from the common parents, Adam and Eve. But the *Manudharma Shashtra* says that Brahmins are born from the head of Brahma (god) and others from his hands, waist and legs and others are subservient to Brahmins.
- (3) The Quran says there is only one god, shapeless and formless. The Hindu Puranas say that there are 330-crore gods, with all sorts of shapes and forms.
- (4) Muslims keep the mosque open for all. Brahmins restrict Untouchables from entering the temple and to the interior none is allowed.

**It is ideological clash:** There are innumerable such uncompromising contradictions. Islam and brahminism are the exact opposite of each other and therefore cannot live together (Read M.N. Roy: *Historical Role of Islam.*)

But Muslims and Brahmins have lived and can live together without interfering with each other on the Quranic doctrine of "Your religion for you and ours for us". (109:6).

**Brahminised leadership:** This is the Quranic secularism which Muslims uphold. That is why they are for secularism, and since secularism is Quranic the enemies of Muslims hate it and struggle goes for the destruction of Islam and Muslim. *That means the fight between Hindus and Muslims is ideological. Not because Muslims are sinful and not doing namaz properly.* This charge comes from the brahminised Muslim leadership. There are 1,600 "castes" and 1,140 tribes of Scheduled Castes, 3,700 Backward Castes and over 1,000 upper castes. All these 8,000 odd castes are at logger heads with each other. People from all

these castes have converted to Islam and formed one Islamic brotherhood and challenged the Brahmin-imposed injustice and inequality.

**Bahujan Samaj-BSO war:** Day by day this brotherhood of the 85% Bahujan Samaj is increasing and this the Hindu nazis want to crush. The Dec 6.1992 demolition of Babri Masjid signifies a decisive stage in the ongoing war between the Bahujan Samaj and the brahminical social order (BSO). This burning hatred of Muslims is an attempt to take back the runaway slaves back to the masters fold. The false nazi reports of "reconversion" in Rajasthan are indicators.

**"Spanish Experiment":** The only "misdeed" of the Indian Muslims for which they are presecuted is their failure to, know their past, their oppressors, grand designs and philosophy and the Muslim duty towards their blood brothers still entrenched in the maze of castes, tribes and *jatis* of the brahminical social order.

If the Muslim elites do not shed their easy-chaired assumptions and know about the great virtues of the Muslim masses immediately and use them, and their abundant energies not only for self-defence but also to liberate the oppressed Dalits, we are sure of the next follow-up action as per the "*Spanish Experiment*" (DV Aug. 1 92 p.20) will begin.

**Conclusion:** If the existing Muslim leadership is allowed to continue not only the Babri Masjid will not be rebuilt but the Jama Masjid followed by Varanasi, Mathura and 3,000 other mosques will also follow. Muslims will be castrated and the first victims will be this discredited leadership. It is for these reasons the Editor of DV welcomed the destruction of Babri Masjid (DV edit, Jan.1 93).

## Ali Miyan rides with Revolutionary Muslim masses?

### OUR CORRESPONDENT

**Bangalore:** Babri Masjid has for the first time brought the revolutionary Muslim masses to the forefront pushing the discredited elite leadership to the background. This rotten leadership is not ready to listen to anybody even the most venerated Ali Miyan of Lucknow. On Jan. 6, 1993, he brought a Dalit leader, Ram Vilas Paswan. yet, the Muslim masses were not in a mood to listen. They refused to hear Paswan's pussyfooting. They asked him a straight question: "Do you agree for reconstruction of Babri Masjid in its original place? Say, yes or no and then proceed".

Which politician has the courage to answer yes or no. Paswan started dillydallying again and that is why he was shouted down. Ali Miyan, perhaps for the first time in his life, got a shock. He was too shouted down when he tried to pacify the masses. Ali Miyan's prestige received the biggest jolt of his life.

**Self-defence:** As we were still pondering over this great change of circumstances, defeats and debacles of hitherto wellknown scholars, we had a solace that **Ali Miyan at last saw the writings on the wall. He became bold at least at the fag end of his life to stress the need for self-defence for peace.** He has taken the advice of the outspoken, straight forward servants of Muslims-Sulaiman Sait and Salauddin Owaisi, both from South, to reorganise the Muslim Personal Law Board, bidding a goodbye to his UP elite Muslim, empty but arrogant, leadership. **The best-ever resolution by Muslims after 1947 was passed by the MPL Board on Babri Masjid that sent shockwaves among Hindu nazis.**

Will the MPL Board continue sincerely with its new-found revolutionary fervor to satisfy the mortified Muslim masses or die like the Majlise Mushawarat? We are carefully watching.

# MOST TRAGIC STORY OF BETRAYAL

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Our brother, V.T. Rajshekar, Editor of *Dalit Voice*, has been shouting on the top of his voice, warning Muslims about the danger of Hindu nazism. He has been warning us for over 12 years now. He formed the Muslim-Dalit Alliance and got the bad name that he was getting petro-dollars from the Gulf and the he was converting Dalits to Islam. Nazis indulged in all sorts of character-assassination. He tolerated all these for the sake of oppressed Muslims thinking at least this would rouse the Muslim sympathy.

He addressed innumerable Muslim meetings and went all over the country warning Muslim leaders, religious and political, about the coming danger.

**Ram as prophet:** He carried on a war against stooges among Muslims for calling Rama as a prophet of Islam. For an year he ran a debate in DV criticising the Jamate-Islam for not protecting Muslim interests.

He started an Urdu edition of DV to educate the Muslims. Many of his books were translated to Urdu. His book, *Muslims and the Liberation of the Oppressed*, contained the best of gems from which the Muslims could have profited a lot. When the Muslim League leaders avoided meeting ISS Chief Madani when the nazis broke his leg our Editor was the first non-Muslim to call on him at the Trivandrum Govt. hospital. The entire Muslim world of Kerala was shocked by this gesture.

**Arrests:** There is no Muslim leader in India who has not heard of V.T. Rajshekar and his *Dalit Voice*.

**No non-Muslim has done so much to oppressed Muslims as V.T. Rajshekar. No non-Muslim has suffered so much for the sake of Muslims.** He was arrested so many times not because of his work for Dalits. Nazis are not so much worried over his work for Dalits but they are worried about his work for the oppressed Muslims. His foreword to *Violence in Hinduism* by Prof.K.S. Bhagvan and *Salvation to Shudra Slavery* by Periyar E.V. Ramaswamy, who asked the shudras to embrace Islam to regain their lost self-respect, and the *Riddle of Rama and Krishan* were highly appreciated by the Muslims. His editorial on "Spanish experiment in India" is being quoted all over India.

**Words of gold:** V.T. Rajshekar is the only non-Muslim who commanded a high respect among Muslims. Ali Miyan, India's top most Muslim saint, released the first issue of DV. **His work for the enlightenment of Muslims has to be written in words of gold. His**

**achievements are too long to be listed here. His history has recorded them.**

But in spite of all these services rendered by V.T. Rajshekar, we Muslims have refused to heed his warnings. We let him down. We took advantage of him. We exploited him. His writings and speeches become music to our ears. We enjoyed hearing him, reading him but refused to accept his warnings.

**Prophetic predictions:** There is no warning that he has not given. There is no prediction which he has not made. Now here he has gone wrong. In every prediction he has proved right. The Babri Masjid destruction and its aftermath was predicted by him long back. He did the work of identifying our enemy for our sake but even after he did it we did nothing except sleeping over it.

**His most serious warning was on media for Muslims. He repeatedly gave this warning. But we never bothered. The political and religious leadership of the Muslims knew him and his warnings and yet never bothered to take note of his warnings.** We refused to join hands with Dalits. We refused to do our duty as dictated by Koran.

**Mustadafeen:** We forgot our own blood brothers - Mustadafeen. About 90% of Muslims are all Dalits before conversion. He picked a word from Koran, *Mustadafun*, and placed it before us. What a shame that a non-Muslim had to come and point out the duties of Muslims. He even gave an Agenda for the Students Islamic Movement conference in Bombay saying that Dalits and Muslims are ethnically the same and hence blood relations.

**Sad man:** Today, V.T. Rajshekar is a sad man as the Hindu nazis are busy bulldozing the Muslims and the country. He says the nazis, after finishing the Muslims, they would next pounce on Dalits.

**Alas, this is the most tragic story of Muslim leadership's betrayal in the history of India.** We Muslims can never be forgiven for this betrayal. Will the leadership wake up at least now and make up the loss?

All our troubles are due to our failure to perform our duties towards other fellow human beings who are suffering more than us-the Dalits. V.T. Rajshekar is warning us on our failure and reminding us of our duties. Will we heed his advice at least now? Will the leadership wake up at least now? Can we save India from these nazis and avert another partition? ■

# Only solution to Muslim problem is through separate settlement

CHAND PEER. BANGALORE

Brahminism's much-published *sarvadharmasahishnuthe* and *sarvadharmasamabhava* showed its ugly face to the entire world on Dec. 6 1992. No wonder, this day will go down in the of Indian history as one of the tragic days and henceforth Dec. 6 will bring painful memories to Indian Muslim masses.

Eight years ago the Sikh community had suffered the same pain and now it is Muslim community's turn. What is "Operation Blue Star" to Sikhs so is Babri Masjid demolition to Muslims.

Since 1947, the Muslim masses have become the prime target of the brahminical 'onslaught'. Political parties, bureaucracy, press and police have joined their hand in crushing the poor and defenceless Muslims. Many press reports and commissions of inquiry have highlighted this. Not only politicians, police and press even upper caste neighbors have treacherously backstabbed the gullible Muslims.

**What EPW says:** To corroborate my view I will quote the *Economic and Political Weekly*, which is the most trustworthy journal of India. The correspondent reports in the issue of July 6, 1985 under the subtitle, "Police attack on Muslims" in the following way.

However, it was on the same day that all hell was let loose in a labour area, Bapunagar. It is a vast sprawling labour colony divided into several parts known as Indira Gharibnagar, Sanjaynagar, 16 blocks, etc, and is surrounded by the multi-storeyed buildings of affluent Patels known as Anand flats (behind Indira Garibnagar), Mangal flats (be-

hind Sanjaynagar) and Bhaiyyas on the one side and of some Maharastrians on the other. The inhabitants of Indira Garibnagar and Sanjaynagar as well as of 16 Blocks are mostly non-Gujarati Muslims from AP, UP, MP, etc, and are employed in nearby industries or do odd jobs.

**Pro - Hindu Police:** The area had been under curfew for quite sometime though there was no visible communal tension, according to many inhabitants. However, curfew was lifted in the area on April 21 and three Muslim constables were sent away from the area. This action speaks volumes about the role of the police authorities and their real intentions. There is no doubt that the police officers played an openly partisan role in the whole episode of Bapunagar.

Though there was no visible tension in the area, the Muslims were feeling insecure. They approached the inmates of Anand flats who assured them that they need not fear and they together formed a peace committee on April 21. The Patels even offered to protect Muslims in the event of any trouble. The trouble began at 3 p.m. on April 22 when some small shops belonging to Muslims were set on fire near bus stop number 137, a holy shrine known as Malik Shaban Ki Dargah, an old and sturdy structure, was extensively damaged and nearby mosque too was ransacked. The Muslims in Sanjaynagar and Indira Garibnagar were panicky, but they could do little except contact the police which kept reassuring them. By 6 p.m. a well armed mob collected near Sanjaynagar and, according to

many eye-witnesses, many of these armed people came in police jeeps. The Muslims collected to resist but were outnumbered and had to run for their lives.

**Police stone Muslims:** Soon the panic spread among the Muslims of Indira Gharibnagar as well. When they contacted the police they were also told that there was nothing to worry about. Aisha Begum, former Education Minister, also came to know of the of the disturbances in Bapunagar and contacted the police. On hearing to the same thing she contacted Amarsingh Chowdhary, the Home Minister, but got the same reply. Thus neither the police nor the Home Minister cared to take effective steps to avert the disaster which was to follow.

At 4 a.m. on April 23, according to Munawar Khan, a resident of Gharibnagar, stoning started from Anand flats. The Muslims were totally surprised as the residents of Anand flats had assured the Muslims that nothing would happen to them and a peace committee had also been formed. Muslims now realised the gravity of the problem and again contacted the police but were told not to worry. They retaliated to some extent but could not do much. Soon a police and SRP force gathered in a maidan opposite the Gharibnagar tenements and began to fire at the Muslims. According to eye-witnesses, **police officers even supplied petrol from their jeep and motor cycles to the miscreants to set fire to Muslim houses and shops in the area**

**20 killed in firing:** A number of police officers have been identi-

fied and even the Chief Minister and the Home Minister, when I asked them, could not deny the role of these police officials. The Chief Minister said that he had transferred one of the officers as a punishment-what a punishment for the havoc caused - but on inquiry it turned out that it was another officer who had been transferred. As a result of the police-firing about 20 Muslims were killed and 93 were injured either in the police firing or in assaults by goondas. Among those killed were a woman and a doctor. The police's role was most condemnable. Instead of protecting innocent lives against a mob bent upon mayhem, the police turned themselves into an integral part of the murderous mob and fired to kill people fleeing out of fear. Even children were not spared.

**No more any hope:** The above quoted incident took place in Ahmedabad in 1985. Did the Police and administrative machinery behave in a different manner at least in 1992 as an atonement for their past sins? I will leave this to you to decide. I would not have believed the authenticity of the above report if it had been published in any other journal. Since it is reported in EPW nobody can brush this report aside by saying it is an exaggeration or a piece of yellow press.

**Babri Masjid demolition was not just a demolition of "disputed structure" as our so-called moderate BJP leader Vajpayee said instead it was a demolition of Muslim hope, demolition of Muslim interests, and demolition of Muslim security in India. Babri masjid was not just a structure of brick and mortar, but it was a symbol of Muslim condition in India. With the collapse of Babri Masjid even a little ray of hope has vanished.**

**Solution:** So what is the solution? When the so called law order machinery nakedly exhibits its commu-

nal facade and indulges in the merciless carnage of helpless Muslim masses, what is the solution? When the so-called national press incites the communal passions of the non-Muslim community through subtle news coverage, what is the solution? When the so-called secular-minded pro-minority Congress Party-ruled States witnessed daylight massacre of Muslims, what is the solution?

**Laloo's leadership:** According to me the only and the only one, that too a permanent, solution to this problem is **SEPARATE SETTLEMENT** for Muslims. Muslims should move away from Hindu-infested locality to Muslim-dominated locality so that they can effectively defend themselves without depending on the highly communalised state administrative machinery. Fortunately, Muslims of Bihar had a great statesman and able administrator in Laloo Prasad Yadav who has become a saviour of Muslims in that communally sensitive state.

**No more co-existence:** Muslims of other States can't simply sit and wait for the Laloo Prasad Yadavas to emerge in their own States and save them from Hindu nazi onslaught. The only thing they can do now is to move to safer places so that we can live and die with dignity. We have meticulously studied the "Hindu mind" for the past 45 years. We are fully convinced that we cannot co-exist with them. The only way left for us is **SEPARATE SETTLEMENT**.

**Babasaheb Suggestions:** This is what Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar proposed for Dalits in 1930. Since Dalits are a highly disorganised community and suffering from severe identity crisis. This could not materialise. Moreover, after the conversion of Babasaheb to this date Dalits did not get an effective honest, brilliant and charismatic leader. But the Muslim case is different. Since they are highly organised and emotionally

close to one another they can easily move to safer places.

**Crush leadership:** Certainly they too lack sincere and honest leadership. The present Muslim leadership should be mercilessly crushed. Because all these years they have sold Muslim interests to the upper castes for the sake of power and money. Muslim community need not shed tears on hearing the news of ban on Jamate-Islami. It is good that such organisations which served the interests of elites are thrown to the dustbin of history.

## Islam "threatens" Aryans

OUR CORRESPONDENT

**Bangalore:** *Western Christian countries, which see Islam as a threat to their permissive life, have once again conspired to attack Iraq using the henpecked United Nations. Islamic "fundamentalism" has now replaced communism. It is seen as a threat to Western security.*

*John Esposito, a leading US specialist on Islam, shows in a new book, **The Islamic Threat: Myth or Reality?** (Oxford \$ 22), that this view is indeed held by many influential people in the US.*

*It is probably even more widely held in Europe. The normally sober **Economist** magazine, in its imaginative history of the 21st century published in December, sees a new Arab-Islamic superpower, with Iran and Pakistan as satellites going for alliance with China to subdue Russia. India's brahminical rulers in their new guise as Hindutva heroes are getting full support from west to contain if not crush Muslims. Babri Masjid blast is a part of this plot. DV has forecast all this long back. (DV Edit March 16 1992: "Why whole world hate Muslims & Islam?")*

# Muslims must take Babasaheb suggestion seriously

OUR CORRESPONDENT

**Bangalore:** Separate settlement is not a new thing in history. All people threatened by insecurity migrate to safe areas. Like the water flowing from higher to lower levels, it is a law of nature. No power on earth can stop it.

Babasaheb Ambedkar was the first to moot this suggestion of geographical concentration for Dalits whose security was threatened by the upper castes/Hindus/Aryans (DV edit Jan. 16, 1992). *"Self determination means three separations from Hindus"*. Millions of Dalits unable to bear the upper caste persecutions in villages have migrated to cities in the past 45 years. Such mass migrations are going on even to this day. And it will go on as long as the Hindus/Aryans continue to behave as they are, and it is quite possible that these **three separations** may ultimately force them to drive towards self-determination.

**US Black example:** In urban anonymity, Dalits find themselves safe besides getting enough food to eat, while in villages they are not only kicked, killed, burnt, raped and humiliated but also starved. Blacks in US migrated to cities in a big way and today they are an urban community. Several big cities are under their control with Black mayors. Chicago is a good example.

**Jews & Israel:** Jews migrating for a safe homeland to escape from nazi persecutions culminating in the formation of Israel is history. Kashmiri pandits asking for a homeland is a daily news today. When India was formed its upper caste rulers gave several "solemn assurances" to Sikhs, Dalits, Muslims and all other

"minorities" but the "Hindumind" has been since well tested and proved that these upper castes do not keep up any assurances. There is nothing like a Gentleman's Agreement in the vaidik vocabulary.

**Congress Party dead:** The Muslims have been continuously voting for the Congress despite the fact that it is the original brahminical party of India and the cause for India's partition. Muslims even discarded their own Muslim League and voted for the Congress and got cheated. Now, they are facing extinction too. They have no more hopes when the neogi brahmin permitted the demolition of Babri Masjid and with it the Muslims votes en bloc turned against the Congress. This is the happiest development even in the midst of such tragic happenings. **Muslims have died in thousands but such a sacrifice is worth paying if the Muslims turn against the Congress.**

Today, when all other parties have turned "Hindu" including our bogus marxists, there is no hope for the Muslims. Electoral horizons are full of murky clouds of Hindu nazism who are definite to capture the polls if the elections are held today.

**Open enemy is better:** That means it will be a direct fight with the Hindu nazis instead of the deceptive "socialist brahmins" of the Congress. **Any day, the open enemy, the "sacred brahmins" of the Hindu nazi parties, is better than the crooked, cunning "socialist brahmins"**. And what the Hindu nazis did to Muslims in UP, MP, etc. is there before all our eyes. They have already given a taste of their

rule. And we can say with certainty that the Hindu nazi rule will mean "Rama Rajya" where every Shudra Shambuka will be cut and killed. *Varnashram Dharma* will stage its dance of death. SC/ST/BCs and Sikh and Christians will be enslaved. Women like Sita will be sent to forest for 14 years. Muslims will be the first to be crushed. This is "Rama Rajya". So, henceforth with the elimination of the crooked Congress, the camouflaged enemy, we all will face the honest enemy in all its bloody nakedness.

**Another partition?:** If the over 85% of the country's Dravidas, the original inhabitants, want to save India from another dismemberment they have to give serious thought to the **Three Separations** - separate electorate, separate settlement and religious separation - about which we have already warned. In the past 12 years of *Dalit Voice* there is no danger which we have not forecasted - well in advance.

**Spanish experiment:** Muslims have been warned and warned about "Spanish experiment". But its corrupt leadership was indifferent as it was pro-brahminical. The Dec. 6 event will remove the obstacle of this leadership and the masses will have to take direct control. **Hence as the elder brothers of Dalits, Muslims will have to set an example to Dalits by taking the suggestion of Chand Peer seriously.** Already many top religious leaders of Deoband and Bareilly have made these very suggestions and the ball has started moving. Ideas lead to action. We are here to give ideas and it is for the masses to take action - Editor. ■

## Letters to Editor

**Dr. Y.N.Kly**, International Human Rights Assn. of American Minorities, Ste. 253, 919C Albert St., Regina, SK, S4R 2P6, Canada: The US was among three countries which narrowly escaped condemnation by the United Nations for a persistent situation of gross human rights violations. The complaint against the US was submitted to UN on April 30, 1992 by us. Our petition complained about the suffering of the African-American national minority during its 300-year residence in the US, including slavery, lynching, murders, apartheid and forced cultural assimilation (ethnocide), of which the beating of the African-American Los Angeles motorist Rodney King, represents only the tip of the iceberg.

**Binod Biplabi**, Sunabed, Orissa: The Koraput dt. branch of SCEWASTAMB, Sunabeda, has asked the govt. to take immediate action against S.S. Bohera, a Gr. II official of HAL, who sent his children to higher education on reserve quota using false caste certificate.

**K. Vasudevan**, 6 - Manathattai South, Kulithalai, TN-639 104: This is with reference to K. Vijayaraju's guest editorial of Jan. 16 1993. Communism is not a science as the marxists say. If it is science, it should exist, whether we like it or not. Centuries ago, brahminism was established by a group of people and the whole country was made to accept it despite the fact it is a deadly disease. In India, 'caste' is a reality and not the class. So a socialist revolution is not possible without accepting the views of Dr. Ambedkar.

**A. Elankovan**, Shakti Nagar-584 170: Letters published must carry the writers addresses to enable the readers to build up a Dalit network at the all-India level. Today, DV stands alone in the country spreading the news in English, which should and must be accepted as our link language. Hindi, on the other hand, seems to be 'Hindutva' biased and hence the Hindi press was openly supporting the cause of the Ram more rhetorically than the English ones, though both are part of the BSO. I want to create a network for professional dalits, viz. engineers, doctors and lawyers. A Dalit when he acquires a certain status in society normally tends to imitate the BSO culture. Perhaps, if he is made to mix with people from different States his movement towards the BSO may be retarded, thus creating a more conscious literate Dalit movement with funds also not being much of a problem, since they are

professionals and may definitely have a good income. The percentage of Dalit engineers may be the highest. We can have an All-India SC/ST Engineer's Conference. Write to me at 88/T-V, RTPS colony, Shaktinagar, Karnataka-584170.

**Vijaya Raju**, Vissanapeta, AP-521 215: I never expected that my article would be published as a guest editorial. If it was some other editor, my article would have gone to the dust bin. I have seen some editors who did not publish my articles but copied some parts and published it as their own. Zionists are merciless people. So we must expose zionism and also write on Jewish nationalism. In Dr. Ambedkar's writings, we find references from the Old Testament and also New Testament. Babasaheb made a deep study of the Bible and the Jewish people. The study of the Jewish history will help a lot for the struggle of Dalits. The German Christian journal from which I borrowed my thesis is taking a revolutionary stand. Like DV it opposed the Gulf War exposing President Bush's New World Order. You had then (24.2.92) written a letter congratulating them for speaking the language of DV. These Christian people want to establish the new kingdom of Christ on earth after his second arrival and so are in preparation. They believe that the chosen Israels betrayed god. So the people who live according to his teachings as corrected upto 1989 are considered New Israelites. (*Wuzburg*), their headquarters and places nearby, are considered as new Israel. So they believe that Christ arrives on earth in Germany but not in Jerusalem. So (*Wuzburg*) is considered the New Jerusalem. They do not try to convince anybody. They want to live according to the Sermon on the Mount. The journal is very good. Thought-provoking with naked facts and truth. Just like DV. They have a deep knowledge of Indian society. They say India is rotten. When asked about their journal and the good material in it, they say they are guided by Christ. DV must join hands with this journal.

**S.R. Talukdar**, New Delhi: This refers to Qurban Ali Zaminzad (DV Jan. 16, 1993) letter. He is angry with Kanshi Ram for Rams "inability" to protect Babri Masjid from the attack of the Hindu nazis. I do not take this as an ager, rather I take it as a compliment. Zaminzad was not angry with VP Singh nor with Ram Vilas Paswan or any other politician who all claimed to be "protectors" of the Muslims. He was angry only with Kanshi Ram. This proves that he expected a lot from BSP chief but not from others. Indirectly, this is expressing faith in the BSP is which trying to channelise this power of the people. He is trying to unite the disadvantaged section of the Indian population comprising 85% of the total population. He is still far away from

his target.

**Ram Gopal Raju**, Hyderabad: If the Brahmins and other upper castes/Aryans hate Muslims and their religion, why thousands of them have accepted jobs in Muslim countries in Gulf and eat their salt? Why the upper caste rulers take petroleum from Muslim countries? Brahminism, thy name is hypocrisy. Read the Hindu Nazi Arun Shouri's book for more light on this "Hindu hypocrisy" (*Hinduism, Essence and Consequence*, Vikas).

**N. Murali**, Vaishali, Pattom, Trivandrum-695 004: It is between Oct. 19, 1992 and Nov. 2, ISS chief Madani's statement was published accepting M.K. Gandhi as the "father of nation". That is just after Madani came out of the hospital. Unfortunately, I did not keep the paper cutting. But many of my Muslims as well as Dalit friends had read it. Very rarely we get leaders of Madani's calibre in the Muslim world. We as Dalits have a bounden duty to support them. That is why I was shocked when I read his statement. I admire ISS and its leader.

**K. Prabhakara Rao**, 6/289, Vaddepeta, Markapur, AP-523 316: I am sending you some extracts from the book, (*History of India*) by Prof. N.K. Sinha and Prof. A.N. Banerjee (1944, AMC, Calcutta) which proves that the Dravidians are the children of the Indian soil and the Aryans are aliens. In the first paragraph of Chapter II, Al Biruni, the famous Muslim scholar who recorded events in India when he visited the country in 11th century, commented on the nature of Aryans/Hindus/nazis that they lacked historical accuracy of facts and when pressed took to tale-telling. The III chapter is devoted to the description of the Dravidians and Indus civilisation. The Section I of Chapter IV deals with the Aryan settlements in India. It says Aryans came to India through Kaibar, Gomal and Bolan passes in the northwest, which provided passages to the successive invaders from Aryans to Ahmad Shah Adali and dominated over the indigenous races. These invaders naturally followed the Ganges and extended their power to the whole of northern India.

*(We have received articles, documents and such other matter sufficient to last two years. Such is the flow of materials from all over India and outside. However, the document Brother Prabhakar Rao sent will be published as early as possible. Material meant for publication must be type-written (double-space) with enough margin on both sides. Please help us to see that we publish your articles - EDITOR.*

**Sohan Sehjal**, Mohalla-Rampura, Phagwara, Punjab-144 401: I want to translate two of your books into Punjabi. It will be first published in our daily Punjabi

newspaper, *Jantak Lehar*, and later in book form-to begin with 1,000 copies each. So, please name the two books of your choice from all the books you have written for purposes of translation into Punjabi. I passed my MA in English literature in 1973 and now, a bank employee. I have already written seven books, all about Babasaheb Dr. Ambedkar and Buddha-both in poetry and prose.

**T.K. Narayanan**, Pattom, Trivandrum: Stopping all other work, I am now on the Malayalam translation of the *Buddha and His Dhamma* which has been with me for the past 5 years. Dr. Ambedkar's prophetic prediction has come true. "Hindus" have fouled the entire atmosphere and the entire Indians-Sikhs, Muslims, Christians. On the top of all these crimes, they have declared the people who produce the wealth as Untouchables, unapproachable and unseeable. And thus they have committed treason against this hallowed land of ours. The very brain and breath of "Hindu" is caste. They clearly proved that they cannot rule this country. Caste is revitalised. Crimes rampant everywhere. The next target is the majestic statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar standing before the Parliament House. They will topple that statue declaring unhesitatingly that it is erected on the holy site where the holy wife of the Holy Ram is lying buried and the site should be purified by the Holy Ganges water, the Holy cow urine and the Holy cow-dung. The time is not far. The Constitution will be scrapped and it will be thrown into the rubbish heap of history. DV has given this warning.

**K. Venkateswarlu**, State Bank of India, Ongole, AP-523 001: With ref. to your question as to why the circulation of DV is not increasing, I have to state that mere subscription, reading and appreciating for oneself will not serve the purpose. Every subscriber of DV, if convinced of its contents, should have commitment and honesty in the sacred mission and must have the will to propagate Ambedkarism in its right spirit and maintain continuity of the purpose. I am doing it in my humble way. If every subscriber does this, the circulation of DV will certainly increase and the caravan will move further.

**Angad Nag**, Puri-752002: I am a Dalit and a new subscriber of DV since August 92. I thank B.K. Nag, my elder brother, who introduced me to DV which is helping me to know the "Hindu Mind", our present situation, past history and future programme. I am an Ambedkarite and want a holy war against our oppressors. I am trying to convert my friends from Gandhism to Ambedkarism by introducing DV. Unless we are made aware of our origin, our liberation is not possible.

**R.L. Yadav**, 2/18, Ramanand Nagar, Alahpur North, Darganj, Allahabad-211 006: You had forecast two

years ago that "Hindu unity" and Rath Yatra was only to fool the people so that we sleep soundly and then the unity-breakers do the mischief. You had visualised their intentions so clearly that you requested the readers of DV to translate your editorial on "Hindu unity" in all Indian languages. I too did my bit by distributing 4,000 copies in Hindi.

**Tulsi Das Langeh**, Ex-President, BAMCE, J&K: I have resigned from govt. service and joined the Bahujan Samaj Party. G.L. Bhag, President, BSP, J&K welcomed me.

**S.S. Yadav**, New Delhi: The Dalai Lama, who claims to be the leader of the Buddhists, showed his true anti-Buddhist colour when he recently declared, in connection with the ongoing Mahabodhi temple struggle, that Buddhism is merely a part of Hinduism. He believes that by making such insane declarations he can flatter the brahminical fascists, merely to win their support to re-establish the oppressive feudal order in Tibet. However, the Dalai Lama was recently delivered a rude shock when the leading priests of Hindu temples of South India refused to let him enter them on the ground that he is Buddhist and not a Hindu. According to a report in the *Statesman* (Jan. 18 1993), the Dalai Lama was recently on a visit to Trivandrum, where he sought to pray at a church, a mosque and a Hindu temple. He was able to pray at the St. Joseph's Catholic cathedral and the nearby Muslim mosque. But no Hindu temple priest was willing to let him enter the temples. The report says that, "But the important Hindu temples in the city had no time for the Dalai Lama because he is not a Hindu". This conclusively proves that Buddhists are not Hindus, and that Buddhism is not part of Hinduism. This being the case, the "Hindus" have no right whatsoever to usurp the Buddhist Mahabodhi temple. Also, this shows that the Dalai Lama has been grossly distorting Buddhism (by wrongly proclaiming it to be part of Hinduism) merely to win the brahminical fascists' support so as to re-establish his feudal empire in Tibet. For him, Buddhism is not at all important and he is quite willing to distort it for his own petty ends.

**Nathuni Yadav** Vill. Simari (West), dt. Madhubani, Bihar, - 847 222: More I read, more I become interested in reading your literature which provide glimpses of Aryan exploitation. Identifying the enemy ("*Laloo names the enemy*", DV Dec.1 92) and not awarding crushing defeat to them accelerates the rate of exploitation, widening the gap existing between the deprived and the privileged. I became victim of this. The news that Phoolan Devi, the saviour of the downtrodden, was debarred from "breeding" more Phoolans gave heart-rending shock to me. May I hope that the crying humanity shall survive the predicament?

**Q.A. Zameenzad**, N.Delhi: The destruction of the Babri Masjid and the gory anti-Muslim violence that followed it have very clearly shown that the ruling *savarna* Hindu castes and their govt. will, henceforth, never let the Muslims breathe a moment of peace. In such a critical situation, the decision of certain leading Muslim religious leaders demanding separate settlement for the Muslims is to be warmly welcomed. However, I feel that since it is not only the Muslims who are oppressed by the brahminical villains but also the Dalits and Backward Castes, the scope of the proposed separate settlement should be made wider. Let the (*savarnas*) be confined to a few areas, and let the Muslims, BCs, tribals and Dalits be accorded one common territory which would comprise 85% of the total area of India, since these groups comprise 85% of the population. Being delivered from the malignant presence of the satanic (*savarna*) "Hindus", I am confident that the Dalits, BCs., tribals and Muslims will be able to live in harmony with each other. As regards DV's appeal to Muslims to abide by the Quranic injunction of self-defence against oppression, one can only say that certain self-appointed leaders of the community are today preaching restraint merely to preserve their own vested interests. However, the Muslims need to understand that since it is basically the *savarnas* who are their oppressors, violence in self-defence needs to be directed not against the BCs, tribals and Dalits. Unfortunately, the Muslim leaders have done nothing by way of educating the Muslims about this. Nor have they identified the enemy - *brahmanvad*.

## Nazi state in fast taking shape

OUR CORRESPONDENT

**Bangalore:** How weak the Indian state has become is proved from reports that the Bombay police are unwilling to file criminal cases against the nazi leader, Thackeray, let alone arresting him for the major anti-Muslim riots resulting in 600 deaths. Hindu Nazi leaders go about without any fear even after committing murder and owning it.

**Bombay:** Bombay police on Jan.23 sought the govt. permission to prosecute the Shiv Sena chief, Bal Thackeray, and two others under Section 153A of the IPC for inciting communal passions through writings in his Marathi daily, *Saamna*, earlier this month. They ruled out his immediate arrest. Four cases were registered against Thackeray in his capacity as editor of the daily, the executive editor, Sanjay Raut, and the publisher, Subhash Desai, at Dadar police station. (*Statesman*, Jan.24)

But the same state is merciless when it comes to the question of Dalits BCs, Muslims, Sikhs and even if they are innocents. The Hindu nazism, meaning "Rowdy Raj" is coming with a vengeance. Be ready.

## People who demolished Babri Masjid & destroyed Bodh Gaya are same

M. GOPINATH & P. DEEKAYYA, KARNATAKA SAMATA SAINIK DAL, BANGALORE

Ven. Bante Arya Nagarjun Surai Sasai, a Japanese Buddhist monk now an Indian citizen who gave a new turn to the history of India, is a big name in the Buddhist world. We had an opportunity to share his intimate thoughts and experiences at the Indora Buddha Vihar at Nagpur on Dec.28 1992.

The monk came to Nagpur as an alien about 25 years ago. Today, he is an Indian and Buddhist perhaps better than many other Buddhists. It is difficult to make out his Japanese origin because of his fluent Hindi and his simple lifestyle as a monk. His recent historic struggle to liberate Bodh Gaya from the hands of brahminical priests has earned him great respect and recognition. (DV Nov.16 1992 p.14: "Japanese monk wins Bodh Gaya Battle").

**Question:** We congratulate you for the historic task undertaken by you to liberate the Bodh Gaya from the clutches of brahminism which none else in this country ever had the courage to lead. How did this liberation idea come to you?

**Answer:** Thirty years ago, when I first came to India, I undertook a nine-day meditation under Bodhi tree at Gaya. While doing so, I was shocked to see the "Hindus" performing Satnarayana Puja and tonsure (shaving the head). I sensed the danger of brahminising this great Buddhist temple. After a few days, I was assigned the project of supervising the construction of Shanti Stupa by Ven. Fuji Guruji of Japan. During the same period, the All-India Bhikku Sangha of Bodh Gaya had entrusted me the job of training the Bhikkus. Some youths told me about Dr. Ambedkar. (Till then, I knew only about Gandhi and never heard of Dr. Ambedkar. Till I came to Nagpur, 25 years ago, I had not even seen a picture of Dr. Ambedkar). I became anxious to know about Dr. Ambedkar. Later, I pressed the management of the temple to have a statue of Babasaheb. It was a big shock to them. They never entertained any Ambedkarite. They scented that I would become an Ambedkarite and a threat to their business. They decided to throw me out.

**False allegations:** They started manufacturing allegations against me. They spread the rumour of money misappropriation and theft of construction materials against me. As they continued this character assassi-

nation, I gradually understood the real affairs of the temple.

**These Hindus had got trained a Brahmin in Sri Lanka as a monk and he was assigned an important position in the temple. Crores of rupees were being sent from Japan to the Indian govt. to improve the Bodha Gaya. But all the money was swallowed by the Brahmins. Finally they succeeded in throwing me out by entrusting the construction work to a private company.**

**Babasaheb dream:** Babasaheb Ambedkar wanted to make India a Buddhist country. Soon the brahminical forces conspired to "Hinduise" India.

**Remember, the people who demolished the Masjid at Ayodhya and the people illegally occupying the temple at Gaya are bhai-bhai (brothers). They are birds of the same feather.**

They are planning to build a 'Hindu Rashtra' to finish us all.

**Siva Linga:** Few years ago they had installed a Siva Linga at Bodh Gaya. They manufactured a story that the Pandavas came to Gaya and renamed the statue of Ven. Mayadevi (Mother of Ven. Buddha) as Draupadi, wife of Pandavas. They installed the statues of Vishnu, Ganapati etc. around the Vihar.

On the Buddha Poornima day, May 1992, over 2,000 Buddhists from Nagpur went to Bodha Gaya. Shocked by the rituals performed by the Brahmin priests, we strongly protested. Next day, the newspapers carried a story that Naxalites from Nagpur had entered the temple and beaten up the Bantes. All these disturbing developments made me resolve that I must liberate the Bodh Gaya from the brahminical fold.

**Q:** Do you get the co-operation from other Bhikkus and monks in your liberation struggle?

**A:** It is not the work of Buddhist monks alone. It is more so the task and responsibility of Ambedkarites like you. **I cannot expect cooperation from the Bhikkus. Because most of them are from Brahmin background and hence, naturally there is no unity.** These Brahmin Bhikkus are totally against liberating the Bodh Gaya from brahminical hands. If the real Bhikkus come forward, it is well and good. However, I

am getting big support from foreign Buddhist monks. Buddhists of many foreign countries have already sent their resolutions to that effect to the Govt. of India.

**Q:** What made you to settle in India? That too at Nagpur, the erstwhile capital city of the Nagas?

**A:** (laughing) After becoming a monk, I wanted to stay in Japan itself. My Guruji (master) sent me to Thailand and then to Burma. Then I came to Bodh Gaya, the place of Buddha's enlightenment, to pay my respect. After a short stay, I wanted to go back to Japan. But an unusual event changed my whole plan.

**Vaman Godbole:** On the Buddha Purnima (1967), I was in deep meditation. Suddenly, a well-built person appeared before me. He was tall, broad-chested, with long hair, and beard, *vibooti* on his forehead. He was holding a longstick in his right hand. I was dumbfounded and could not shake my body. I wanted to ask him 'Who are you?' The person started speaking in a thundering, but slow, tone: "I am Nagarjuna of Nagakula. Go to South - Nagpura is your Karma Bhoomi. I order you to work there". He then disappeared. I had never heard of Nagpur. I did not even know the local language. Some how, I managed to locate Nagpur. I was advised to meet Vaman Godbole, close associate of Babasaheb. When I came to his house, I saw a lifesize photo of Gautam Buddha. There was another photo by its side. Suddenly, I recognised the person in the photo. He was the one who appeared before me during my meditation on Buddha Purnima day. But here he was in fullsuit, clean shaven in the photo. I asked Godbole about this great man. He said: "Oh don't you know him? He is Dr. Bhim Rao Ramji Ambedkar!" Shock waves gripped my body.

**Naga people:** Later I read Babasaheb saying "I belong to the Santan (family) of Nagas. Nagpur was the capital city of Nagaloka. Nagas are the people who propagated Buddhism all over India".

I am here to work for the cause of Buddhism in India particularly in Nagpur on the divine order of Babasaheb.

**Q:** When Babasaheb's book, *Buddha and His Dhamma*, was released, the Buddhist monks of those times had criticised it as "Ambedkar and his Dhamma". Even today, many monks do not appreciate the views of Babasaheb's Buddhism. What is your opinion?

**A:** Babasaheb has not only revived Buddhism, he has brought the 'Buddha' to India. India has seen only the 'Buddha in Samadhi' sitting silent. Babasaheb did not like it. He brought the Buddha in action. He introduced the standing Buddha and Buddha in movement. Sitting Buddha was peaceful and interested in self-realisation. So are the Buddhists who use to undergo the oppression. But the standing Buddha never cared for self. He

is on his toes to rescue the people. He is a *sangharshvadi* (fighter).

**Babasaheb has revolutionised Buddhism. It has no place for brahminism. It is 'Bhimayana'. In that way Babasaheb is the Buddha of 20th century and most relevant.**

**Q:** What is your future plan to spread Ambedkarite Buddhism?

**A:** Do you think I alone should shoulder that responsibility? Youngsters like you should take up this mission started by Babasaheb. He has declared 22 oaths at the time of conversion. As Bhimyanis we should follow them strictly. Babasaheb has taken every step to keep ourselves away from brahminical contamination. If we still have doubts about his path it means we have not made deep study on him. Let us all join together to fulfil his mission. *Dalit Voice* is doing a marvellous job. Convey my regards to V.T. Rajshekar. Jai Bhim.

*Bante Angarika from Sri Lanka was the first monk to break the grip of Hindus over Bodh Gaya in the sixties. Now, it is up to Bante Surai Sasai who calls himself as Nagarjun, following the vision of Babasaheb, to cleanse the Bodh Gaya from Hindu contamination. We are sure of his success in his mission.* ■

## Chundur Dalits cheated by upper castes

**Hyderabad:** Chundur is a village petrified in time. Its fossilisation began on Aug. 6 1991 eight Dalits were massacred by the upper castes, stuffed in jute bags and dumped in an irrigation drain. (DV edit Sept. 1 1991: "Chundur Proves non-Hindus can't live with Hindus".)

The dalits of this Andhra village being more educated than the upper castes had a high consciousness of their rights. But the promised manna from the government is as elusive as peace in the village.

The dalit cry for justice is yet to be fulfilled. A big lock greets those who visit the special court set up in the village to hear the massacre case. A school in the dalitwada had been converted into the court at a cost of Rs 5 lakhs. But frightened of the peace being disturbed if the court function from the village, it has been shifted to the district headquarters, Guntur.

Justice appears to be further delayed with 209 of the 219 charged in the case having some out on bail. The main accused, the village Sarpanch, died (of natural causes) and the other eight are still at large. The Justice Gangadhara Rao Commission to probe the massacre was boycotted by the dalits and not yet submitted its report. (*Indian Express*, Dec.2) ■

# You - the Indian Muslim, please identify your enemy

SANGAMITRA, MADRAS

Indian Muslims please make a search, internally and externally. Internally to know your psyche, to know your ancestry and roots. Externally to study the environment and the inimical forces brewing.

**You are Indians:** This nation called India belongs to you as much as it belongs to the Brahmins and upper castes. You have all been born and grown here. You are dust and sand of this soil. You have not been imported from Arabia. You are not immigrants. You are not slaves to anybody. Remember, when Mohammed Bin Kasim came to India there were only 6,000 soldiers with him. All the rest and the present-day Muslim population of Pakistan (8 crores) Bangladesh (14 crores) and India (12 crores) are children of this soil - bred and brought up in the land known as India. Also remember that India has the world's largest Muslim population. This much to prove that you are Indians.

**You speak Indian languages:** Irrespective of your faith, you speak Indian languages. Urdu is also an Indian language as it is not spoken in Uganda or Mexico. You speak Tamil, Malayali, Telugu, Hindi, Bengali. By language, custom, habit and culture, you are Indian. Yes. You too drink the holy water of Ganga and Cavery. Your dress, food and life-style are all alike with the people of different regions of this country. What other credentials do you need to assert your Indianness?

**Gods on earth:** Now, look at your enemies. Only recently they came to be collectively called "Hindus". But if you go into your ancestry you would now that you too had been in this crowd. You left this to become Muslim. Why? Because of the injustice, steeped social discrimination, pyramidically-structured and historically-hardened inequity and oppression. Note, among the huge conglomeration of this "Hindus", only 3% are vaidiks. Babasaheb Ambedkar said they are the sole beneficiaries of the caste system and they are the creators and preservers of the caste order. This bizarre self-perpetrating institution called caste has been a boon to the vaidiks. They can claim using caste labels, unearned profits and undeserved honours. They can keep the harvests on fields they have not sown. They are, in short, the "gods on earth" (*Bhordevatas*).

**Law of the land:** To enforce this atrocious self-aggrandising brahminical social order (BSO) has been the law of this land. The Law of Manu upholds brahminical supremacy. Arthashastra also speaks of brahminical invincibility and inevitability. Yes, it is the right of the vaidik to be a temple priest according to their *Agamasastra*. The State cannot interfere with the *Agamasastra* as it is religious and, therefore, a fundamental right. In short, it is a fundamental right of a vaidik to remain vaidik. The Tamil Nadu govt's. law to make every other person a temple priest was struck down by the Supreme Court of India. Listen, no one aspires to smell the stink and dirt of a temple sanctorum - but it is there that the brahminical arrogance and supremacy are tied down. A brahman is god even for Maha-vishnu. Says *Brahmano Mama Devatam* (brahmin is my god too).

**Brahmanocracy:** With this scriptural advantage, historical preminence and political patronage, the Indian vaidik is an all-pervading, all-prevailing eternal parasite. Out of the nine presidents of India, four have been vaidiks. Note, people who form 3% of the population get four out of nine chances to be the President, while the SC/ST who form 30% of the population have not got a single chance. Again out of the 10 Prime Ministers of India - five have been vaidiks. Three of them from one family. All of them from upper castes. Seven of them from Uttar Pradesh alone. A majority of judges, chief ministers, IAS/IPS officers, Governors, Secretaries, Chief Secretaries - are vaidik. The Press and bureaucracy are virtually in the inextricable grip of the vaidiks. The judiciary is totally and devastatingly being dominated by vaidiks.

**How to get justice?:** The vaidik is trained to be unjust. He believes that god has made him differently. He asserts that he is born to preside over everybody's destiny. What is 45 years of rule in independent India except that it is a series of brahminical bungling and mess? What is partition? What is Bofors? What is share market Scam? What is the reason for India going the world over with a begging bowl? What is the reason for our 206 "nationalist" enterprises working on loss? What brought our balance of payment difficulties? Why foreign banks find Indian soil suited for their fraud and swindling? There is one and only answer:

the inexorable vaidik greed for pelf and power. Though traditionally inefficient, the vaidik is astonishingly avaricious.

**Creating false enemy:** The BSO needs always a cloak for its crookedness. The British were a convenient cloak as a common enemy. Pakistan and Bangaldesh are a cloak. Now, Indian Muslims are made out to be an enemy. It is only to fool and cheat the Indian masses - the downtrodden "lower" castes who are now rising from their long slumber to fight for a share in dignity, honour, power and posts. The job and educational reservation for SC/ST won by Dr. Ambedkar even when the British were here is a severe blow to the vaidiks. The 50% reservation enjoyed by BCs in Southern States is an eyesore for the vaidik. The emergence of Mandal Commission on the Indian scene is the last straw on the vaidik camel's neck. Yes, to perpetrate their inequity and injustice against the majority of people - they spell out a common enemy for the "Hindus" - the Muslims.

**Sudras not Hindus:** Dear Indian Muslims, you are not alien. You are one with us, Dalits and BCs. And the Dalits are not "Hindus". They are outcastes. *Avarnas*. The BCs also are not Hindu. They are Dravidas. Even the sudras are not "Hindus" Sudras are slaves - children of the concubines of BSO, whose forefathers have been unidentified barbarians (rishis). So identify your one and only enemy - the Aryan vaidik. ■

## Why west is afraid of Islam?

OUR CORRESPONDENT

**Bangalore:** Western countries which see Islam as a threat to their permissive life have once again conspired to attack Iraq using the henpecked United Nations. Islamic "fundamentalism" has replaced communism. It is seen as a threat to western security.

John Esposito, a leading US specialist on Islam, shows in a new book, *The Islamic Threat: Myth or Reality?* (Oxford \$22), that this view is indeed held by many influential people in the US.

It is probably even more widely held in Europe. The normally sober London *Economist* in its imaginative history of the 21st century published last month, sees a new Arab-Islamic superpower, with Iran and Pakistan as satallites going for alliance with China to subdue Russia.

India's brahminical rulers in their new guise as Hindutva heroes are getting full support from the west to contain if not crush Muslims. Babri Masjid blast is a part of this plot DV has forecast all this long back. ■

## Are all the sane people dead in India?

OUR CORRESPONDENT

**Bangalore:** In the past 45 years the Hindu nazis have injected so much of anti-Muslim poison into our blood that everything in India is today anti-Muslim. Press, judiciary, police and even the fire brigade.

Here is a report: Tarique Ansar, Managing Director of Mid-Day Publications Ltd.

Bombay: A true story, stranger than fiction:

A mob attacks a building, intent on murderous destruction. Fire bombs and brickbats fly through the air. A portion of the building catches fire. A concerned citizen calls the fire brigade and the following conversation ensues:

"Please rush, there's building on fire at... and mobs are attacking it".

"Who is being attacked? Which community?"

"There are Muslims in the building"

"Goondas".

"Which community?"

"They look like Sainiks"

"*Theek hai, jalne do, Koi bachega to hum usko Pakistan bhej dega*". End of the conversation.

This is not a rumour. This actually happened. To someone I know and trust. Last week. In Bombay. (*Telegraph*, Jan. 20).

Where are we going at this rate? Are all the sane people dead in India? ■

## Rich Muslims also suffer in Bombay

OUR CORRESPONDENT

**Bangalore:** For the first time rich Muslims were also attacked by Hindu nazi forces in Bombay. All these years these elite Muslims, whose business dealings and all other contacts were with rich "Hindus" only, were simply blind to the nazi war and violence on oppressed Muslims. And when they finally got it on their back in Bombay for the first time, they realised the danger of Hindu fascism against Islam.

Hindu nazism will not spare rich Muslims. *In fact, more the Muslims get educated and acquire wealth more jealous and violent will be the nazis.* This is the lesson for the elite Muslims and that is why DV welcomed the Babri Masjid blast.

**Dawood Shoes:** According to the *Times of India* (Jan.25 '93) the most famous Muslim industry of Bombay to be destroyed is the famous Dawood Shoes, a chain store established in 1921 and owned by Sadruddin Daya. Eight of the Dawood Shoe shops were looted and torched. Loss Rs. 5 crores. Furniture king Mohamud Usman, owner of M/S Noor Mohammed, says his furniture store on Bhulabhai Desai Road is now a charred facade. Karim Jivani, owner of Kohinoor Electronics, Dadar East, lost Rs. 35 lakhs. The loss may be covered by insurance but they fear that they can never again come up. That is what the *Hindutva* hounds want. ■

# HINDU-MUSLIM UNITY: IS IT POSSIBLE?

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In the wake of the tragic destruction of the Babri Mosque voices are being heard vociferously advocating "Hindu-Muslim unity". However, it is plain to see that the "Hindu-Muslim Bhai-Bhai" slogan can serve little purpose other than diverting the attention of the public from the root cause of communal strife in this country. For the last 45 years, this slogan has been used ad nauseum but the only consequence has been riots and more anti-Muslim pogroms that grow far more fierce and bloody each successive year.

**Hindus not homogeneous:** There are some who, out of either ignorance or innocence, advocate 'Hindu' - Muslim unity, but there are also others who do this for very ulterior purposes. Those who raise the slogan of "Hindu" - Muslim unity project the twin myths of a Hindu majority community and a Muslim minority. The so-called "Hindu majority" is then presented as a homogeneous group devoid of any internal caste or class antagonisms and contradictions. This is a cunning way to preserve the oppressive social structure that keeps hundreds of millions of the so-called 'lower' castes under the hegemony of the "upper" castes, both of whom are projected by the unity-mongers as "Hindus".

**Myth of majority:** By churning out the myth of a "Hindu majority", the upper caste minority seeks to legitimise its own undemocratic hegemony. In the modern context, the majority has the right to rule. **The 'upper castes' acutely conscious of the fact that they are a minuscule minority, have created the myth of a "Hindu majority" community so as to ensure their own rule.** They then claim to be the divinely appointed leaders of the so-called 'Hindu majority community'.

Those who never tire of advocating 'Hindu' - Muslim unity have a vested interest in maintaining religious divisions. They would like people to define themselves solely in religious terms, never in terms of "upper caste vs. 'lower' caste or even rich vs. poor. For, if in public and political discourse people were to be defined on the basis of their social (caste) and economic (class) status instead of a nebulous religious status, our unity-mongers, such as the Congressmen and of course our Hindu fascist friends and their counterparts in the

Jamate-Islami, would be bereft of any political influence.

**Ideological war:** Hindu-Muslim unity mongers conveniently choose to ignore the fact that the Hindu (upper caste) - Muslim confrontation is actually an ideological war between reaction (brahminism) and revolution (radical Islam). *Can any sensible person ever advocate the harmonious co-existence of reactionaries and revolutionaries?* In this context, therefore, "Hindu-Muslim" unity can only mean betrayal of the revolutionary urges of not only the oppressed Muslim masses, but also of the vast Dalit and Backward Caste population.

Advocating Hindu (upper caste) - Muslim unity, therefore, can only mean supporting class-collaboration, for in today's India, the bulk of the Muslims are poor and dispossessed, victims of upper caste misrule.

**Misleaders:** There are also some professional Hindu-Muslim unity - mongers who argue that people ought to define themselves only as Indians and ought not to stress their caste or religious identities. It is this sort of misleading pontification that is employed by anti-reservationists, who assert that in a "secular" state, no public recognition or preferences should be given to social groups such as oppressed castes or minorities since they are all "Indians". **Passionate nationalism is employed as a cunning means to deny the rights of communities, castes and nationalities.**

Unity of different ethnic and religious groups may not be bad or harmful as such, but unity ought not to be projected as an ultimate end in itself. It is merely a means to facilitate the general welfare of all. Hindu (upper caste) - Muslim unity cannot ensure the welfare of the Muslim masses, the Dalits and the Backward Castes. It can only provide legitimacy and stability for the status quo to enable the upper caste oppressors to continue with their looting and plundering of the poor.

**Wanted unity of the oppressed:** It is obvious that only a unity of the oppressed Muslims, Dalits, tribals and Backward Castes can bury the monster of brahminical fascism forever and ensure security of life and progress for the millions of the marginalised and suppressed masses of India. ■

# Bengali Dalit writers conference Denounces brahminism

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The first conference of 'Bangla Dalit Sahitya Sanstha' was held in a remote village, Bhayena, West Bengal, about 80 km away from the brahminical hqrs. Calcutta, on Dec.5-6 1992.

Besides many Dalit writers and poets, a good number of Dalit dignitaries also attended the function. A Buddhist monk inaugurated the conference garlanding the portrait of Babasaheb Ambedkar.

**A presidium comprising Ambedkarities condemned the brahminical culture and literature and asked Dalits to abandon brahminical customs from their thoughts and habits and called upon Dalit writers and poets to promote Ambedkarism in their writings and create Dalit literature and culture in its truest sense of terms.** Every speaker criticized the brahminical cattlefeed literature which had no purpose but pollute the whole society and enslave the Dalits. Only a cultural revolution could liberate the Dalits.

**DV Readers Circle:** The speech delivered on behalf of 'Bandhu Mahal' (New Barrackpur), organization of *Dalit Voice* Readers Circle, was highly appreciated for giving clear guidelines to Dalit writers and thinkers on Dalit liberation.

The *Parinirvan Divas* of Babasaheb (Dec.6) was observed in a revolutionary way. All rituals were performed by a Buddhist monk from Calcutta. In the morning, a procession of thousands of Dalits went round the village with thunderous slogans like "*Hindu Dharam chhoro*", "*Ved Bhamin Joroor Chhoro*" "*Babasaheb ka path Dhara*" etc.

In the second session Dr. Santosh Sarkar, Ex-Vicechancellor of Kalyani University and a noted Ambedkarite, spoke on Buddhism. The audience was moved by his speech.

Prof. Jagat Bandhu Biswas, S.R. Talukdar and Swapan Biswas played a keynote.

Prizes were awarded to several Dalit writers, poets and thinkers in the name of Babasaheb Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Mahatma Jyoti Rao Phule, Janab AK Faziul Haq, Birsā, Munda, Raj Kishore Mahato, Chuni kotal, Vegai Haider, Guruchand Thaku Jogendra Nath Mandal, Thakur Parichanan Barman and Pandit Raghunath Murmu for their outstanding services to the cause of Dalits.

Prof. Achintya Biswas was elected new President of the Sanstha.

## Periyar on the greatness of Islam

S. S. YADAV, NEW DELHI

The official organ of the Dravidar kashagam, *The Modern Rationalist*, (Dec. 92) has an expert of a speech delivered by Periyar E.V. Ramaswamy at Madras on 3.8. 1929. It was first published in the daily *Dravidian*, dated 5.3.1929.

Periyar, the great rationalist, says: "Till a few minutes before my death, I shall fight for the abolition of this Hindu religion, caste and puranic prevarications, and will die as a Muslim. I wish to save my posterity from being steeped in superstition. I shall die as a Muslim to make my lineage give up the practice of washing the feet of the Brahmins and drinking that dirty water. There are no caste differences among the Muslims, and they do not entertain

the mean feeling that some are born superior and others are inferior by birth. In the mosque, the ruler as well as the commoner occupy the same status while worshipping. Their religion makes them brave and bold."

It is a tragic pity that the great Periyar died before he, along with millions of his devoted followers, could convert to Islam. Is it not the duty of all Periyarists today to fulfill his wish by throwing away the shackles of Hinduism (i.e. brahminism) and embracing Islam?

We have published the text of his speech under the title, *Salvation to Shudra slavery* (DSA 1986). The book was sold out long back though there is a big demand for it. The shudras and SC/ST/BCs should know the greatness of Islam which Periyar had praised and wanted to embrace. The Tamil speech was translated to English by Periyar's disciple, Prof. A.M. Dharmalingam, a noted scholar and an upper caste Hindu. Will somebody support us to reprint this book? pages 42 Editor.

## WCC must shift focus on racism in India

OUR CORRESPONDENT

**Bangalore:** Dr. Deborah Robinson, Professor of social psychology at the historically Black Howard University, Washington, US, has taken over as Chief of the Programme to Combat Racism at the World Council of Churches (WCC), Geneva, at a crucial time when the WCC is thinking of shifting its attention to India, the original home of racism, where the world's single largest racially oppressed people are cooped up under its racist Aryan rule. On behalf of the readers of DV and our Editor, we congratulate Dr. Robinson and request her to visit India to make a first-hand study of this world's most unique sanctified racism. People outside India do not know it because it is the world's best kept secret.

WCC has already taken up the Dalit Solidarity Programme about which a Dalit activist has already warned the WCC in his article (DV Feb. 1, 1993 p 17: "WCC warned,"....). The Constitution of India has assured our human rights, but the Aryan rulers - a tiny minority of less than 15% - are not only not implementing the Constitution but are using violence to crush us.

DV readers may contact Dr. Robinson at 150, Route de Ferney, PO Box 2100, 1211, Geneva 2, Switzerland, phone (011) (41) (22) 791-6202 791-0361 - so that she may be fully briefed about the Apartheid in India. ■

## Why "Hindus" are hated in S.Africa?

OUR CORRESPONDENT

**Bangalore:** The "Hindus" in South Africa, successors of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi who served the British during his 21-year stay there, constitute less than 3% of the population but they are an extremely influential lot. That they have a separate legislative power enjoying their own "House of Delegates" shows how close they are to the white rules.

Like Gandhi (*Gandhi - Saint or Sinner*, Fazlul Huq DSA-1991), the Hindus - racists at home - continue to be anti-Blacks. That is how in any clash between the Blacks and the whites they go with the whites.

The South Africa Blacks hate the Indians, meaning Hindus, because not only they side with their white oppressors but also practice racism. This is despite the fact that Mandela, whom the Blacks call a white western stooge, is heading the African National Congress. Mandela is a great admirer of Gandhi and received a hero's welcome from upper caste rulers when he recently toured India.

If ever the Black rule comes in S. Africa, the first to be kicked out will be the Indians (Hindus) rather than the whites. ■

## Where are the "secular Muslims"?

SYED TANVIR JAFFAR, PATNA

The true color of the "secular Muslims" is now before all of us to see in all its nakedness.

These fellows were being paraded all these years as the paragon of all virtues and a model for all other Muslims to emulate. They used to get front-page publicity in the brahminical press when hired for staging "Hindu-Muslim unity *nataks*" (drama).

Now, the Hindu nazis quickly collected these "secular Muslims" for a "joint statement" to condemn the Muslims themselves.

Who are they? Shabana Azmi, Javed Akhtar, Farooque Shaikh, Kamal Farooqui, Shahid Siddiqui, Abdul Rehman, Zia ul Haq, Prof. Imtiaz Ahmed, Maulana Wahiddudin Khan, Kaifi Azmi, Monsoor Ali Khan Pataudi, Ismail Merchant, Shamsad Ussain, Javed

Anand, Ali Sardar Jafri, Ashgar Ali Engeer, Mohammed Naqvi, Shabi Ahmed and N.A. Siddiqui.

**Hamid Dalwai example:** These "secular Muslims" (their list is much longer) have not one Muslim behind them and this was tested during the Shah Bano case when these very names were paraded but without any effect. Some of them have brahmin wives.

Now, they are kicked by the Muslims on one side and the Hindus on the other. Since it has been tested that they are a "soft" lot, they will be the first to be kicked. Muslims call them traitors and Hindus call them stooges.

These Hindu nazi agents (the most well known name is the late Hamid Dalwai of Pune) will soon learn the lesson of their life for betraying their own persecuted community that has decided to die and seek martyrdom rather than cringe like a cockroach. ■

## Laloo to release Babasaheb book at Madras

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The general secretary of PMK, Dalit Ezhilmalai, writes saying that he wants Laloo Prasad Yadav to release his book in Tamil, *What Congress and Gandhi have done to untouchables*, by Dr. Ambedkar. I met Laloo. He has agreed. I wrote back to the PMK leader for a date in February. If it materialises, we shall all meet there.

Your visit to Patna may take more time. I am working out details. I want to invite a number of DV readers from all over India on the occasion. Let us first muster all our energies on the reconstruction of Babri Masjid on the same site. Your brain and Laloo's capacity to unite SC/ST/BC/ minorities shall see that we have a SC/STPM. Power at the Centre is a must for honourable existence of SC/ST/BC/ minorities.

**Misguided shudras:** I am unhappy for one thing. We are not having a study circle on all-India basis. I insist on a study of caste system - books written by eminent European scholars, plus our *shastra* which tell a different thing altogether. No temple, no idol, no creator god. These are not my theories. This is what Vashista said to Ram in his famous book, *Yog Vashishta*. Nobody reads it.

Kapus, Vokkaligas, Reddys, Lingayats etc. are misguided but they are our own people. They will come to terms when they know their own history. Let us know the life of Kolhapur Naresh, Sahu Maharaj. I shall write an article on him soon. ■

## Lot to hide in Punjab?

**New Delhi:** Any team of Amnesty International, (AI) a London-based organisation which monitors violations of human rights all over the world and has consultative status with the United Nations, will not be allowed to visit Punjab for the time being, though its teams would be free to visit other Indian states.

This has been conveyed by Union Home Minister S.B. Chavan to his British counterpart, Kenneth Clarke, when the latter visited New Delhi last week to discuss bilateral issues. This is proof enough, if one is needed, that the Indian government has a lot to hide in the strife-torn and unfortunate state. If its slate is clean and there has been no police repression, then it should have no hesitation in allowing any team to visit the state and see things for itself. (*Spokesman* Jan 18 '93) ■

## The greatness of BSO

OUR CORRESPONDENT

**Bangalore:** DV diagnosis of Tamil Nadu's Dravidian movement and the *Bangalore papatti* in particular has proved right. A top Hindu nazi leader, Govindacharya, a Varanasi brahmin, has said "ideologically" AIDMK is closer to the nazis. (DV Jan.16, 93, p.10: "DV proves right on Bangalore papatti".

Not one Dravidian hero or zero of Tamil Nadu, who owes his present existence to the great Periyar E.V. Ramaswami in whose name they have amassed crores of rupees, got angry on the nazi statement. Because the brahminical nazism has no objection to anybody making any amount of money. The word corruption does not exist in the BSO dictionary. You can indulge in any anti-national act, moral turpitude, break the Constitution of India, kill anybody. But never challenge the BSO.

**Loyal dog:** If you are a loyal dog of the BSO, you can become a leader, pleader, make money, cheat or kill people, run bars and brothels. Scam or even make business in the name of gods. But be loyal to BSO. This is the meaning of *dharma*.

Today, the AIDMK headed by the *Bangalore papatti* is getting tremendous appreciation from the nazis because the Dravidian movement has been swallowed and digested by the BSO. Those who surrender to the BSO will be tolerated but those challenging it will be subdued if not slaughtered. Look at the fate of Sikhs. And now of Muslims. ■

## Mamata only hope for Bengali Bhadrak

OUR CORRESPONDENT

**Bangalore:** DV has proved right on Miss Mamata Banerji: (DV Jan.1, 93, p.8: "Bengali Bhadrak switch over to Mamata).

Aryans/upper castes have no permanent party. They have only permanent interests. Now that the Bengali Bhadrak (upper caste) ship piloted by the shudra Kayasth Jyoti Basu is sinking, same-stricken rats are trying to jump out of the sinking ship. The diminutive Bengali brahmin woman has offered the berth to the rats. A hint to this effect is available in a Hindu (Jan.20) report. It says India's Chief Aryan brahminical party, BJP, has already established contacts with her and she is willing as the "marxists and Congress are likely to join hands". BJP has secured 11% votes in W. Bengal in the 1991 elections. ■

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