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Jesus Christ,
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Prosecution & punishment :

THUS SPAKE AMBEDKAR

Thus Spake Ambedkar

(iv) "That in clauses (3), (4), (5) and (6) of article 13, before the word "restrictions" the word "reasonable" be inserted".

(v) "that in clause (4) of article 13, for the words "the general public" the words "public order or morality" be substituted."

(vi) "That in clause (5) of article 13, for the word "aboriginal" the word "Scheduled" be substituted."

(vii) "That in clause (6) of article 13, for the words "morality or health" the words "the general public" be substituted"

Article 13 was added to the Constitution.

Shri T.T. Krishnamachari (Madras:General): Mr. Vice-President, Sir, the point I have to place before the House happens to be a comparatively narrow one...

I recognise that I am rather late now to move an amendment. What I would like to do is to word the clause thus: "No person shall be prosecuted and punished for the same offence more than once". If my honourable Friend Dr. Ambedkar will accept the addition of the words "prosecuted" and before the word "punished" if you, sir, and the House will give him permission to do so, it will not merely be a wise thing to do but it will save a lot of trouble for the governments of the future. That is the suggestion I venture to place before the House. It is for the House to deal with it in whatever manner it deems fit.

Mr. Vice-President: Does the House give the permission asked for by Shri T.T. Krishnamachari?

Honourable Members: Yes.

Mr. Vice-President: Now I will call upon Dr. Ambedkar to move the amendment suggested by Shri T.T. Krishnamachari.

The Honourable Dr. B.R. Ambedkar: Mr. Vice-President, Sir, with regard to the amendments that have been moved to this article, I can say that I am prepared to accept the amendment moved by Mr. T.T. Krishnamachari. Really speaking, the amendment is not necessary but as certain doubts have been expressed that the word "punished" may be interpreted in a variety of ways, I think it may be desirable to add the words "prosecuted and punished."

With regard to amendments nos. 506 and 509 moved by my friend, Mr. Naziruddin Ahmad...

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings & Speeches, Vol. 13, (pages 409 - 411) 1994, Rs. 190. Govt. of Maharashtra, Bombay. The book may be had from Director, Government Printing, Stationery and Publications, Netaji Subhash Road, Bombay - 400 004.

None can be prosecuted & punished twice

Mr. Naziruddin Ahmad: It is No.510.

The Honourable Dr. B.R. Ambedkar: Anyhow, I have examined the position the whole day yesterday and I am satisfied that no good will be served by accepting these amendments. I am however prepared to accept amendment No.512 moved by Mr. Karimuddin. I think it is a useful provision and may find a place in our Constitution. There is nothing novel in it because the whole of the clause as suggested by him is to be found in the Criminal Procedure Code so that it might be said in a sense that this is already the law of the land. It is perfectly possible that the legislatures of the future may abrogate the provisions specified in his amendment but they are so important so far as personal liberty is concerned that it is very desirable to place these provisions beyond the reach of the legislature and I am therefore, prepared to accept his amendment.

With regard to amendment No.513 moved by my friend, Mr. Kakkani...

An Honourable Member: It was not moved.

Mr. Vice-President: What about amendments Nos. 505 and 506?

The Honourable Dr. B.R. Ambedkar: I have already said that I am not prepared to accept amendment Nos. 506 and 510.

Mr. Vice-President: Have you anything to say about amendment No.505, the second part of it as modified by amendment No.92 in List V? Perhaps you have overlooked it. It is in the name of Pandit Thakur Dass Bhargava.

The Honourable Dr. B.R. Ambedkar: I accept the amendment moved by him.

Mr. Vice-President: I am putting the amendments one by one to the vote.

Amendment No.505 as modified by amendments No.92 of List V. I understand that Dr. Ambedkar accepts it. The question is:

"That in clause (1) of article 14, for the words "under the law at the time of the commission" the words "under the law in force at the time of the commission be substituted".

The amendment was adopted

(To be continued)

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How can Hindu rulers driven by hate & hegemony generate love & peace with China ?

The moment you say that China has galloped thousands of miles ahead of India, our upper caste yuppies will be furious and hit back saying: "China is communist and India is a democracy". They have a ready excuse for every failure. But they don't know that their own but forgotten icon, Sarvodaya leader Jayaprakash Narayan (JP), when confronted with a similar question on return from China, had hit back saying: "China had better democracy than India". The problem with our "highly educated" upper caste rulers is they don't want to learn anything new and forget anything old. Did we not say: Hindus believe what they want to believe? This cursed belief system is killing the Hindus who are their own enemies.

Vajpayee visit to China: This leader, therefore, is not meant for Hindus but our people who carry no prejudices, no hatred. As producers of wealth, they believe in facts, science and rational arguments which have convinced them that if India is weak and getting weaker it is not because of democracy but because of the Hindu caste system which is breeding intolerance, hatred, corruption and promoting violent rivalries on stupid non-issues. Ever since India became "independent" (1947) this micro-minority of 15% ruling upper castes (Hindus/Aryans) have been fighting only between themselves but uniting whenever their properties and positions are threatened by the productive and peace-loving non-Hindu (non-Aryan) majority indigenous Indians.

As this is written (July 3, 2003) Vaidik Vajpayee — Prime Minister of the world's second largest populated country being pushed backward because of the obscurantist policies of his *Brahmana Jati Party* — has just returned from an official trip of the up and coming China, the world's largest populated country poised to become the world's No. 1 nation in the second half of this century. India is sinking, pushed from the Third World to the fourth, but China is challenging the world's sole super power, America. India's ailing leader is 80 and too tired. But China's leader, Hu Jintao, is much younger and not only very energetic but much more brilliant and impressive.

Widening rich-poor gap: What is more important than any other miracle of China on the economic, social or military front is that it is universally loved and respected for its support to all just causes. But India is becoming a tail of the hated America. All the countries surrounding China love it but all the countries around India do not trust it, if not hate it.

Both India and China became independent almost together. The living conditions of the peoples of both the countries were

the same then but China galloped thousands of miles ahead of us. The average Chinese is twice as well off compared to an average Indian. But the 5% richest in India are much richer than the rich Americans. Nay. The rich in India are growing richer and the poor are sinking deeper and deeper into hell. Still the rich in India (meaning upper castes) are not satisfied with their wealth. The government itself is working overtime to make the rich more rich. The extra attention paid to promote information technology (IT) is the latest example to swell this discrepancy.

World's largest illiterate nation: Calcutta became a dead city long back. Bombay is dying. Old Delhi is filthy. Madras has become a vast slum. Bangalore and Hyderabad slums are growing. When cities, the abode of the upper caste rulers - start stinking, we can well imagine the fate of the villages. When the upper castes wanted to convert cities into a heaven for themselves with their destructive philosophy of urban boom versus rural decay, the productive forces revolted and retaliated. The result is cities after cities are turning into urban chaos. When thinking itself stops and the only thinking is how to exploit the weak and get richer and fatter, you can well imagine the outcome of this might-is-right Indian ruling class philosophy.

Just contrast China where the dreaded SARS disease was completely controlled and wiped out within two months. If SARS had gripped India what would have been our fate? Millions would have died.

Adult illiteracy is three times higher than what it is in China. Nay. India is turning into the world's largest illiterate country because the rulers have secretly decided to keep the poor (read "low castes") illiterate and at the same time promote superstition among them.

Where is democracy: Twice as many Indian as Chinese babies die in infancy because of lack of health care and female infanticide. The male-dominated India hates female child.

Such a yawning gulf divides India and China and yet our rulers are shameless. They all know the facts but refuse to admit it. They have a ready excuse for every failure - just as they blame India's democracy for its backwardness.

But where is democracy in India? The police station, the symbol of upper caste power, refuses to register a case of the aggrieved poor (read "low

caste" or Muslim). In the Gujarat Genocide-2002, the Muslims died out of police violence. The courts are anti-poor. So too the media. The bureaucracy is corrupt to the core. Politicians are good dramatists. Where is democracy in India?

The easy-going *Vaidik* Vajpayee's party leadership is a den of Brahminical obscurantists. Ever since they came to power their only mantra has been calling Muslims terrorists and killing them, banning religious conversions, converting Taj Mahal into a temple, and criticising Pakistan (read Muslim) for every failure, using Kashmir as a pretext. They have no other policy because having brought up in the Hindu nazi party of RSS, they know nothing else other than blaming Muslims, Christians and criticising Dalits, Tribals and Backward Castes.

In other words, their only policy is hate-mongering. Hating whom? Hating their own countrymen. Their firm belief is if you don't hate and violently tackle the Muslims/Christians on one side and Dalits/Tribals and Backward Caste on the other, their religion of Hinduism cannot be promoted. Who can save such hate-mongers?

War on every front: Compared to this hate-mongering upper caste rulers in this divided and sub-divided India, China is a solid, powerful nation which has become a marvel of the world.

India because of its ethnic strife and Brahminical bossism could not become a "nation" but China is a powerful, healthy nation backed by its awful military might. See the contrast.

The hate-mongering Hindus have converted every part of India into a war zone fully armed with their nuclear bomb. The revenues of the govt. are spent on further beefing up police, military and its nuclear arsenal because the upper caste rulers are feeling increasingly threatened. Though the excuse for such a feverish militarisation of India is the fear of Pakistan, the actual but unstated reason is their fear of the wrath of the indigenous Indians. Hence this mounting expenditure on security. War in Kashmir, war in North-Eastern India, war in Gujarat, war with ISI (read Pakistan). Every where war: religious war, caste war, language war, river water war, border war - all sorts of wars. There is not one district anywhere in India enjoying permanent peace. This is the result of 56 years of Hindu rule over India. How can there

be any progress? Progress needs peace. But the Hindu hate-mongering will not permit peace.

Failure on population control: Even in population control India lagged behind China. By 2001, India's population was 1,033 millions against China's 1,272 millions. But China's national income per head, according to the World Bank, was 890 dollars, nearly double of India's 450 dollars. That means the Chinese were 70% wealthier than Indians three years ago. And during this period China has further galloped.

Only about 5% of Chinese live below the poverty line compared to 30% of Indians.

Non-official statistics but more reliable put almost 35% of Indians below the poverty line. And this poverty line is going up submerging more and more population. But the rulers are totally unconcerned. The Hindu philosophy says if the poor are poor it is because of their fate (*karma*).

Basic human needs neglected: Whether it is health-care, education, employment, housing, transport — on every respect India is way behind China. This is because from the very beginning the Indian rulers neglected the basic human needs — food, clothing, shelter — not to talk of health and education. Meeting the basic needs of the people will simply empower the (1) Dalits 20% (2) Tribals 10%, (3) Backward Castes 35% plus Muslims 15%, Christian & Sikhs 5%. A total of 85% who constitute the indigenous people of India. The Hindu hate-mongering will not permit any attention to the basic needs of the people. The Hindu value system will not permit it. This is the crux of the problem in India. The Chinese leaders know this.

Sheltering Dalai Lama: If this is the internal policy of India, look at its hate-mongering foreign policy which made even the "world's only Hindu country", Nepal, to distrust "Hindu India". The Indian rulers are not only sheltering the Dalai Lama, who being a Buddhist criticised Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar and said Babasaheb's Buddhism was not Buddhism. Not only this, Dalai Lama did not believe even in religious conversion but became the darling of the Hindus. As long as Dalai Lama is kept entertained in India enjoying official hospitality how can there be any understanding between India and China?

We don't want to go into the "border dispute" between the two because we have written enough on that. (DV Edit Oct.1, 1985: "*Who Faked the boundary document? It is time to patch up with China*").

False claim on Tibet: India's indigenous people want peace with China because the two Asian giants have many, many things in common. But the rulers of India are running behind America, the Enemy of the whole world, which hates China and is doing everything to destroy it as part of its "clash of civilisation" theory.

In the light of all these well-known facts how can *Vaidik Vajpayee* achieve any breakthrough? Even the tall claims made on Tibet have later proved to be false. Small minds and petty minds can never think big. If your very purpose of life is hate and hegemony, how can you generate love, understanding and peace?

That is how *Vaidik Vajpayee* mission to China became a failure because the Hindu in him blocked his way to become a statesman. ■

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DV support for regional party: "Kannada Nadu"

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: We support the "Kannada Nadu" regional party launched by Vijaya Sankeshwar, a powerful Lingayat Member of the Lok Sabha just resigned from the *Brahmana Jati Party* (BJP). We are sure the Lingayat-dominated North Karnataka (NK), the most neglected part of the state, will support the party.

Lingayats form about 15% of the state population and if NK is separated their strength will be doubled and they easily can become the ruling class. That is why the Lingayat religious heads are keen about separation which is good not only for the Lingayats but also the non-Lingayats of NK. Smaller the state better attention the people will get. Small is beautiful.

Vokkaligas must welcome it: Vokkaligas of the Old Mysore had opposed the merger of the state with Karnataka fearing Lingayat domination. Their fear has come true. A majority of the chief ministers were Lingayats. So the separation of NK will be good for the Vokkaligas also. They form about 14% of the state population now. When NK gets separated, the Vokkaliga percentage will be doubled and that means they can be the permanent ruling class. Their daily skirmishes with the Lingayats will end. That means the NK separation will be good for the Vokkaligas also.

Lingayats and Vokkaligas are the state's two dominant castes (nations) always at loggerheads which has been badly damaging the progress of the state. So the NK separation will be a great blessing for not only Lingayats but also Vokkaligas.

Fight of 2 elephants: Not only that. The unending feud between the two has effected the progress of Dalits and Muslims who too will get lot of relief with such a separation. When two elephants fight, the entire grasslands and the trees around are destroyed. Dalits, Muslims and BCs will be saved from the constant fight of the two elephants. In other words, division of Karnataka will strengthen every caste and community.

Lingayats are not Hindu. Basaveswara had founded a new revolutionary religion to liberate all the oppressed sections from the thralldom of Brahminism. Vijaya Sankeshwara's persecution inside the BJP, particularly under the dictatorial

rule of Vaidik Anant Kumar, a Union Minister, must have steeled his resolve to save NK from the Brahmin stranglehold.

Willing servants of vaidiks: But this is not the case with Vokkaligas, a *shudra* caste group under Hinduism. The Vokkaliga suffering is essentially due to their own willing servitude to Brahminism. Hence the Lingayats and Vokkaligas are two poles which can never meet. This artificial unity has to end sometime or other.

Lingayats are perhaps the country's most organised community, next only to Brahmins, but their organisational strength under their able religious mutts coupled with their population strength could not bring them any benefit because of this unending feud with Vokkaligas. The capital of the state being outside NK has added to their misery.

When so many states can exist for the vast Hindi-speakers comprising UP, Bihar, MP, Delhi etc., there is nothing wrong in Kannada-speakers having two states. Pondicherry and Goa are as big as a district. They are well administered because of their smallness.

Vijaya Sankeshwar deserves the full support of all Dalits, Muslims and BCs — and even right thinking Vokkaligas. Similar movements for regional parties must come up all over India. ■

Hindu nazism grips India
**THE VICTIM OF HINDUTVA FASCISM
IN GUJARAT**

(A Tribute to Ahsan Jafri)

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Ahsan Jafri, a former Member of the Indian Parliament, was brutally killed with his family members by the Hindu nazis in the famous Gujarat Genocide-2002. He was a victim of Hindu nazism which has gripped India's Brahminical forces who in their bid to enslave the Dalits are *hinduising* them to kill Muslims.

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How to defeat Brahmins intellectually?

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Caste is a notion. So also is the race. There is no genetic basis for racial discrimination or caste-based discrimination. Brahminical superiority and Dalit inferiority is a notion. It is important for the ruler to create a notion in the minds of the subjects who consider themselves inferior. That is what the Brahmins did to the Dalits. The colonial powers did the same to the natives.

When the Dalits feel that they are inferior, the Brahmins will continue to rule.

"We are no less than the Brahmins" or "we are equal to Brahmins", such slogans are not enough for the Dalits to become rulers.

BEHEAD DRONACHARYA

To become rulers Dalits will have to "behead Dronacharya intellectually", so that when there is a talk of intellect, the Brahmins will have to hang their heads in shame and feel inferior. When Dalit literature speaks of slums and shanties, hunger and humiliation, this (beheading Dronacharya intellectually) looks far away. When Mike Tyson floors his White opponent in the very first blow, the Whites do realize, in the heart of their hearts that they are inferior. When our Black William sisters play final match in all the four grand slams of the year, the White competitors do feel in the heart of their hearts, that they are inferior. The biggest challenge before the Dalit writers lies in changing the caste-based superiority and inferiority notions.

LITERATURE OF SORROW

Dalit literatures speaks of pity and the plight. And the more they write about it more awards and rewards

they will get from our enemies. Dalit literature talks of lowly castes, casteism, social segregation, menial jobs, poverty, starvation, dead animals and their flesh (carrion), raw sex and so on. Is perpetual pity and the plight the human spirit? No. The indomitable human spirit speaks of the victories and the celebrations. It talks about the misunderstandings straightened out and unhappiness replaced by happiness.

The time has come for the Dalit writers to look beyond the pity and the plight syndrome. They have to make a dead Dalit body alive, put soul into it and inject spirit — the spirit of victories and celebrations.

In a casteist society such a piece of literature will never fetch an award. A movie where the natives (burden of a White man) beat their English masters in the game of cricket and wherein an English woman falls in love with a native and even remains unmarried for him will never get the Oscar. The learned critics will maintain a perverse silence when Eklavya beheads Dronacharya — intellectually.

HIGHER BRAIN POWER

When a Brahmin discriminates against a Dalit what he wants to convey to the Dalit is that he (Dalit) has an inferior brain. When a White says nigger to the Black he wants to convey to the Black that he (Black) has an inferior brain. When an open-category looks down upon the reserved-category candidate he conveys that the latter has an inferior brain.

All living things — plants, animals and human beings — have two things in common, hunger (*bhuk*)

and emotions (*bhavana*). Plants exposed to good music grow faster. Cows and buffaloes looked after well and loved yield more milk. Man is different from the plants and the animals. In evolution, man has higher brain than that of animals. Man considers himself superior to animals only because of that higher brain. It is finally between man and man. All men — White Black, Yellow or Red are equal. That is true. But they are equal in their civil rights and not in their intellectual property rights. When two persons meet, they do not ask each other, what have you eaten? But they ask what do you do? With that, they want to know each others profession and with that the associated intellectual ability. A person of some calibre, in his or her lifetime, looks himself or herself beyond the stomach. A man tries to rise above the animal by proving his higher brain.

DALIT LITERATURE IN MARATHI

In the world of intellect where do the Dalits stand? And if they stand, have they left behind their footprints on the Dalit literature? I do not know about other regional languages. But I can talk with authority on Dalit literature in Marathi. Dalit literature passed through different phases. The first phase talked about the pity and the plight which had come to the writers as package of their birth — birth in a lowly caste. These include *Balut* by Daya Pawar, *Aathwaninche Pakhshi* by Pralhad Sonkamble, *Taral Antaral* by Shankarrao Kharat, *Akkarmashi* by Sharan Kumar Limbale, *Upara* by Laxman Mane, *Uchalya* by Laxman Gaikwad, *Kolhyatyche Por* by Kishore Kale and there are many more. These narratives put forth the

sub-human life of the Dalits. Such narratives got wide publicity. And this wide publicity was well deserved for the courage, conviction and the honesty these writers showed to write the truths of their survival. One writer was sued by his own relatives. But that is the price one has to pay for the honesty. The writers became famous and the publishers (most of them *savarnas*) reaped the harvest.

These narratives did not challenge the Brahmins, although it exposed their Hindu religion with all its inhumanity. These narratives talked about the hunger (*bhuk*) and emotions (*bhavana*). They talked of survival. However, they were far away from intellect — the thing which separates man from the animal. These narratives told to the world: Look, we Dalits are human beings. And we too have the stomach and the heart. The head of the Dalit was singularly missing in the first phase of Dalit narratives. The Brahmins who claim to be the custodians of the intellect felt safe. They thought Dalits will never be able to match their intellectual abilities. However, their myth was shattered.

NARENDRA JADHAV'S WORK

The second phase of Dalit literature starts here. *Aamcha Baap Aani Aamhi* by Dr. Narendra Jadhav (Granthali, 1993) proved that among the crows (Dalits), there can be swans too. In this narrative, the father asks his children to live by excellence. One son becomes an IAS officer and another son — the author himself — becomes an economist of a great repute. The message of this narrative was,

"Look, we Dalits have the stomach and the heart. That is all right. But we have head too. And that head is no less".

Even though the author lives by excellence, nowhere is the intellectual ability of the Brahmins

questioned and the ugly face of Hinduism/casteism exposed. And that is why, probably, this book got unprecedented popularity, among Dalits and *savarnas* alike. With the arrival of the swans from the Dalits, the Brahmins certainly didn't get threatened. As far as intellect was concerned, they were still in love with themselves. Whereas the first phase of Dalit literature talked of social equality, rather inequality, the second phase of Dalit literature talked of intellectual equality.

A Brahmin takes pride in being Brahmin because he thinks he has the best brain in India, if not in the world. A hit at his intellectual ability hurts the Brahmin most.

BRAHMINS HUMBLLED

In a decisive battle, a Brahmin chief cardiologist (modern Dronacharya) is made to accept that he has, in fact, inferior brain. With the arrival of *My Encounter with Dronacharya* (Sugawa Prakashan, 2001) by me the third phase of Dalit literature has started. This book is a true story. It is an intellectual war drawn out between a lone, helpless Dalit cardiac surgeon on one side, and on the other side, the powerful and the mighty Brahmin chief cardiologist. In a war, there is a victor and there is a vanquished. In this war, Dr. Milind Kamble, a Dalit cardiac surgeon comes out victorious. He enters the den and holds the lion with its mane. He makes the Brahmin chief cardiologist (the modern Dronacharya who swears by merit) intellectually naked, parades him naked in the full public view, beats him black and blue and finally beheads him intellectually.

The enemy should be demoralized, his pride shattered and he should be made to accept that he is inferior. This is a pure and simple intellectual exercise.

My Encounter with Dronacharya has

just done that. It declared:

Look, we Dalits have stomach and heart like any other human being. That is all right. We have head too. And that head is no less. But this is not all right. Actually, that head is superior.

And that is not all. It went further. It beheaded Dronacharya intellectually, hanged that head to the nearest lamp-post and declared:

Brahmins, o Brahmins look, this is the head of Dronacharya, your father and the father of your forefathers. He is not only casteist and mean he is moron too.

The first phase of Dalit literature talked of social equality, the second phase talked of intellectual equality and the third phase talked of intellectual superiority.

When you walk with your head high, your enemy should hang his head in shame, when you stand up, he should sit down, when you talk, he should keep his mouth shut, when you look straight in his eyes, he should look down. When your enemy takes pride in his best brain, he should be made to shy away to talk about intellect. And this is the only way known to a civilized man to overcome the discrimination.

BLACK LITERATURE

I heard a lecture on Dalit literature and Black literature. The speakers were supposed to be experts. That was in August 2002. The speaker on Dalit literature talked about the narratives which described the Dalit Untouchable colony life and the speaker on the Black literature talked about the American ghetto life. He talked of "body poetics". He limited his talk to body — physical structure of a Negro and its effect on his social standing. The man has the animal needs and the human needs. Even after 140 years of emancipation, hasn't the American

Negro elevated himself above the animal needs? And even after 50 years of reservation hasn't a Dalit elevated himself above the animal needs — and thus above the animal? If the higher brainy activities differentiate between man and animal, and between man and man, then has Dalit proved his manhood by proving his higher brainy activities? Has he proved his intellect? If he has proved his intellect, has it found place in the literature? And if it has found place in the literature, is it being talked about?

Because Dalit literature has to play, among its many roles, the role of image building too. The speaker on Dalit literature did not make a mention of *Aamcha Baap Aani Aamhi* by Dr. Narendra Jadhav. And she was not aware of *My Encounter with Dronacharya*.

ANIMAL LIFE OF DALITS

The face of Dalit literature continues to be that of animal life of a Dalit, the pity and the plight. There are Dalits and there are sufferings because of their Dalitness. But that is not certainly the total picture of Dalit society today. Changes have occurred over the last 50 years — both among the Dalits and their milieu. But have these changes been brought out in the contemporary Dalit literature? And if they have been brought out, how many have understood them? This seminar of Dalit literature and Black literature was presided over by Prof. Ranjit Meshram. It was only he who talked of *Aamcha Baap Aani Aamhi* and *My Encounter with Dronacharya*. Not many Dalits have really understood the importance of beheading Dronacharya intellectually on the way to become a ruling class.

Phase-1 Dalit literature (it talked about social inequality. And thus, at the same time, it was a cry for social

equality too) played a great role to attract the attention towards the sufferings and the subhuman life of the Dalits and the downtrodden. But, today, it lost its importance due to repetition ad nauseam. It lost its relevance too. Not that there are no Dalits and not that there is no casteism. There are Dalits and there is casteism. But the brutalities of casteism in its most naked form are not there. And even if they are there today, their number is definitely small. The present generation of Dalits does not share the experience of casteism with the experience of their father's generation. Nor they want to be associated with their shameful past.

The present generation of Dalits cannot disown phase-1 Dalit literature simply because it is the part and parcel of their own flesh and blood. However, they do not want to cling to it... to their shameful past.

What is the present generation of Dalits up to? Today's Dalits know that they are Dalits. They also know that, because they are Dalits, they have reservation benefits. For present generation of Dalits their caste is at their backyard. On the front yard, they are socially equal. They have proved themselves in every field of human endeavour. In Maharashtra, at the entrance level, there is hardly any difference between the open category students and the Dalit students.

DALIT INTELLECTUALS' RESPONSIBILITY

The intellectual gulf between the open-category students and the Dalit students as of today has almost vanished. This social change has reflected in the phase-2 Dalit literature i.e. intellectual equality. Its prototype is singular *Aamcha Baap Aani Aamhi* by Dr. Narendra Jadhav. This narrative was published in 1993. After that, there is a big void.

It is the moral responsibility of the custodians of the Ambedkar Thoughts to talk and write about the things which will make Dalit community proud. "Dalit intellectual", carries the burden of his community on his shoulders. He becomes a spokesman for the community and even sings songs like a bard for his community. But this is not all. If possible, he becomes a prophet to lead his people to the promised land. What is this promised land? What road leads to the people to the promised land? Do the Dalit intellectuals know this? I think they know. But their fault is — they move with the time. They do not want to be controversial, else their interests will be marred. They talk what people expect of them to talk. They do not talk what they think, if at all they think. Severe the Brahmin-bashing, bigger the Dalit intellectual.

BRAHMIN BASHING

Brahmin-bashing is needed. But the time has come for Dalit intellectuals to lay the path which will lead to coming generations of Dalits to become a ruling class.

My Encounter with Dronacharya is not a mere book. It is a document which challenges the Supreme Court judgment (August 1999) which prohibits reservation in the medical and engineering super specialities. The book has exposed the homicidal ignorance of the many a few open-category medical super specialists who swear by "merit".

This book has 40 chapters. The first chapter is Eklavya and the last chapter is a ruling class. It is not a mere book, it is a path. If traded, the Eklavyas can become a ruling class. This book gives the mantra to save the thumb. And, at the same time, to beheaded Dronacharya — intellectually. ■

The doctor who diagnosed the disease & also prescribed medicine to cure it

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I was also present at the 3-day seminar on Brahminism, a report on which appeared in DV April 16, 2003 p. 7: "*Brahminism can't be cured hence endured?*". Here I present my reflections on the subject.

"When one remembers that it is the *shudras*, who have largely been instrumental in sustaining the infamous system of *Chaturvarnya*, though it has been the primary cause of their degradation, and that only the *Shudras* can destroy the *Chaturvarnya*",

says Dr. Ambedkar. (*Who were the Shudras?*, W&S Vol.7, p.18).

Destruction of *Chaturvarna* (caste system) meant ignoring the supremacy of Brahmin and his Brahminism.

Brahminism, the deadliest mental virus, has infected every person in India. Not only the so-called Hindus including the Brahmins. Even the Muslims, Christians, Sikhs and all other sundry groups are suffering from this fatal disease.

HOW TO MAKE VAIDIKS JOBLESS

While research is going on to find medicine for deadly AIDS, SARS, cancer and such other diseases, nobody is coming forward to do any research to cure the disease of all diseases, namely Brahminism. Sufferer alone must find a medicine to get it cured.

The peculiarity of the disease is Brahminism cannot be isolated from the Brahmin. He is the transmitter of the disease. A Brahmin has Brahminism in his blood. But a non-Brahmin has it in his attitude. When we refer to a Brahmin, it means a *vaidik* and a priest.

No priest comes to the doors of a non-Brahmin begging for an opportunity to perform any religious duty. No. It is the non-Brahmin, the *shudras* and the urbanised *ati-shudras* (Untouchables) who go in search of a priest to his doors, beg for his services, pay not only money but also respect by touching his feet. If the *shudras* stop this custom, the *vaidik* will be jobless.

End of *vaidikism* and the priest-craft will end once for all the evils associated with Brahminism.

Superstition, dogma, fear of hell, inferiority complex, generation of self-hatred are all part of the priest-craft.

Thus, Brahminism is the mother of all discriminations and hatred.

It is the *vaidiks* who invented the *varna*. The fourth *varna* created the castes and the caste system. The first three *Manuvidis* comprise a single group of Brahmin, Kshatriya and Vaishya. But the fourth is a bunch of castes numbering over 6,000. It is not just a division, it is a pyramid of human beings. This pyramidal order of castes, created hatred and contempt between castes. Ascending order of reverence and descending degree of contempt. This is exactly the purpose of Brahminism

GREAT QUALITY OF BRAHMIN

The Brahmin takes great pride in his caste. Loves his caste. He is always interested in the welfare of his caste. It is his sole self-interest. It is this selfishness that gave him the strength.

When the Brahmin is casteist, top to bottom, he derives great strength out of it, it is a lesson

that all other castes have to learn from the Brahmin. This love of one's caste is called as "*caste identity*" by our Editor. The strength of the Brahmin comes from this great quality.

The Brahmin is a master strategist. The manner and method of its operation, its timing is beyond anybody's imagination. All other castes once they get united, can also plan their strategy.

But how to unite these hundreds of warring castes? The *vaidiks* will not allow it. The secret of his strength is in keeping all these divided. The gameplan of Brahminism is to set one caste against the other. A particular caste succumbs to this Brahminical conspiracy because of the inherent weakness of hatred between one and the other caste.

VAIDIKS HAVE NO HOMELAND

Therefore, "*Caste identity*", caste consolidation, caste progress is the first step to avoid this friction between castes. Once each caste becomes strong, shares property, privileges and power, there can be reason for jealousy. All the Brahminical tricks will fail.

Infighting of *shudras* in politics, during the last three years has proved a great boon to Brahminism. But are the *shudras* learning from it?

Tolerance, understanding, adjustment, non-interference, progress of each caste and sympathy for the other caste to progress are solutions. But this process is not that simple. The *vaidiks* put all sorts of hurdles. We have to face it for sometime.

The problem with the *Manuvidis* is

they know that they are a micro-minority. Their great leader, B.G. Tilak, has said that they are outsiders to India. They have no homeland of their own.

Even after "independence" and getting political power, they failed to find a trusted friend outside India. Or even inside India.

Their foreign policy first failed with China. Next in Bangladesh, then in Sri Lanka. The Indian army which acts at the behest of Brahminical rulers proved a failure everywhere.

ISLAM AS AN EXCEPTION

Their calculation of Hitler, whom they hailed as an avatar, coming to power failed. Now their only hope is America. The result is known. They have no security. This micro-minority *manuvadis* are not getting a sound sleep in the night because of the eternal fear of the enormous enemies they are surrounded with. Because of these frustrations they are behaving like mad dogs.

Dalits are their permanent enemies for over 3,000 years. Brahminism succeeded in co-opting Sikhism. Corrupted Christianity to some extent. But their only failure is with

Islam. This is because Islam stands for justice, equality and brotherhood. A majority of Indian Muslims are *Moolabharatis*. Only a few Brahmin converts and rich Muslims are dancing to the tunes of Brahminism. But the masses are anti-Brahminism. They never trust the *vaidiks* and *Manuvadis*.

In the midst of such vast enemies surrounding the Aryans, the *vaidiks* get no peaceful sleep.

Moolabharatis (indigenous people) are worshippers of female deities. Their culture, language, habits and ways of life are different. Muslims, converted Christians, and Dalits are beef-eaters. Because of this they have kept a distance from Brahminism.

Beef-eaters will never compromise in their food habit, their customs, manners, cultural traditions.

Brahminism has no god, *dharma* or culture. Its sole preoccupation is in power and more power for better exploitation. The "Aryan culture" is a big bluff. They are the most uncultured barbarians, the laziest lot in the world. The only thing they could give in abundance is hypocrisy.

Moolbharatis have matriarchal culture, languages of their own developed and well-established for 5,000 years. Art, architecture, dance, music, crafts are all the inborn wealth of these people.

3-DAY SEMINAR

The Aryans expected Hitler to win the Second World War. Now they are looking to America for their survival. Islam and Christianity are found in over 50 countries but Brahminism has their Viswa Hindu Parishad only in India.

The three-day seminar on Brahminism held at the Indian Social Institute in collaboration with *Janamata* was a great event. Learned people participated. The subject was well analysed. But the disease was not diagnosed, no drug was prescribed.

The author of the book, *Brahminism* (DSA-2002) and also the *Caste — A Nation Within The Nation*, V.T. Rajshekar and Editor of *Dalit Voice*, delivered the valedictory address. In the first book, the doctor has diagnosed the disease and in the second book he has prescribed the medicine. ■

DV workshop on Aug. 20-21

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: *Dalit Voice* in collaboration with Motilal Bhimaji Trust, New Delhi, proposes to hold a two-day workshop here for 25 selected senior Dalit members of the DV family in Karnataka and neighbouring states on Aug.20-21, 2003.

The purpose is to discuss the future of the Dalit community.

(1). On one side the reservations are dead because of privatisation. On another side, the rising Hindu nazism is trying to destroy our very **identity** by *hinduising* us. (2). Dalit movement itself is dead. there is no socio-cultural awareness. Instead of mastering the thoughts of Dr. Ambedkar and using it to groom the younger generation, our people are becoming easy tools in the hands of upper

caste politicians. (3). Dalit intellectuals are getting coopted and corrupted by the ruling upper castes. (4). Efforts to brainwash Dalits that the Backward Castes are the enemies of Dalits and not the Brahminical upper castes.

The 23-year-old *Dalit Voice*, the oldest and the largest circulated Dalit journal in India, has been seriously discussing these issues but our voice is getting drowned in the much louder mass media which is the monopoly of upper castes. What then is our future — the future of the original inhabitants of India, the children of Babasaheb? Till now we have been allowed at least to shout. But even this shouting may not be permitted henceforth. Some senior, thinking members of our family have been invited to ponder over these.

Letters to Editor

Gurdeep Singh Mann, Member of Sher-e-Panjab Forum, (jatsikh_braderee@yahoo.co.uk): There are no castes within the Sikh community. We have no association with the caste system and Hinduism. Different groups within the Sikhs are described as *braderees*, meaning equality. *Braderees* are not like the Hindu castes. We consider it offensive when people talk about Sikhs as different castes. The *Guru Granth* contains the writings of many Hindu and Muslim saints (*Bhagats*). When a Sikh bows to the *Guru Granth* he is also respecting the *bani* of Baba Beni (Brahmin), Bhikhan (Sufi Muslim), Dhanna (Jat), Farid (Sufi Muslim), Jaidev (Brahmin), Kabir (Brahmin-Muslim), Namdev (Tailor), Parmanand (Brahmin), Pipa (Yogi), Ramanand (Brahmin), Ravidas (cobbler), Sain (barber), Sadhana (butcher), Sudras (Brahmin) and Trilochan (Vaish-Arora). Sikhs are offended by the use of words like Churra, Chamar etc. when making reference to our Sikh brothers and sisters. They occupy the same status as any other Sikh within our faith and they should be referred to as Sikhs with respect. The charge that certain castes are not treated equally in certain *gurdwaras* is untrue because the *gurdwaras* are open to everyone no matter what caste, creed, colour or religion they are from, and everybody is treated with the same courtesy and respect. People may not marry some of a different *braderee* because of the cultural differences that exist between *braderees*. Some people may not even marry some of their own *braderee* if they are from outside their religion because of the cultural differences between the regions.

Harpreet Singh, (hsingh@careworks.ie): A former priest of the Golden Temple, Bhai Ram Singh (40), an aide of Sant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, has been appointed the 15th Jathedar of Damdami Taksal. A decision to this effect was taken at an emergency meeting in Tressy, USA, presided over by Baba Thakur Singh, acting chief of the Taksal. Bhai Ram Singh is nephew of Sant Kartar Singh Khalsa, the 13th Jathedar of the Taksal. The appointment of Ram Singh as Jathedar was necessitated when the Jathedar of Akal Takht and the SGPC made a formal announcement on June 6 declaring Sant Bhindranwale as a martyr in "Operation Bluestar". Ram Singh replaces Sant Bhindranwale after 19 years of his death. Ram Singh had resigned as priest of the Golden Temple in protest when he was transferred to Jind in Haryana by the SGPC.

Raju Kamble, 318 - 3600, Brenner Drive NW, Calgary Ab, Canada T2L 1Y2: The advice by Gail Omvedt in the *Hindu* to Dalits to vote for Digvijay Singh's Congress

Party in MP is definitely an ill advice. Neither it fits into any theories of Dalit empowerment nor the round realities of today. In today's situation BSP has definitely worked well and destroyed the Congress from UP. The RPI vote bank is quite intact in Maharashtra despite its failure to develop into powerful political party. In Tamil Nadu, Dalits have started asserting themselves politically through their own parties of Tirumavalavan and Dr. Krishnaswamy. Even if one assumes for a moment that BSP is not working for the empowerment of Dalits in UP, then also advising Dalits to vote for the Congress or BJP is absurd from any point of view. Dalits can empower themselves by forming their own parties and trying to be a balance power and not by joining any of the "national" Brahminical parties like the Congress or BJP or Left parties. (kamblerd@hotmail.com).

Mohinder Paul, Deputy Registrar, Punjabi University Campus, Patiala - 147 002: I have been a member of the DV family right from the inception of *Dalit Voice* (1982). Your efforts highlighting the acute problems of the Dalits who have been kept suppressed since centuries by the upper castes are laudable. I read DV seriously and with devotion and always remain in wait for the new arrival.

Ilyas Patel, c/o Anjuman-e-Imdadul Muslimeen, Furja Road, Bharuch - 392 001: Strategies are being made by Hindu nazis to defame Islam and Muslims in various directions and also on every occasion. Whenever they get opportunity to ridicule Islamic traditions they don't lose it. Brother Raju Thomas' Letter in May 16 DV give us pondering moment as to why Hindu nazis are opposing conversion. They are working on the principle of "offence" is the best form of "defence" while criticising Islam, while Hinduism itself is a bunch of unimaginable traditions which are inhuman in many cases. Yet they are giving an advice that some of the verses of the Quran must be omitted. How many Muslims have four wives? This is a matter of research. Once the Dalits of India totally convert themselves to other religions, India's destiny will be like that of America.

Rev. J. Yesu Natha Das, COTR Seminary, PO Box-3, Dorathota, Bhimili PO, Vizag - 531 163: I am a regular reader of DV for many years. I, indeed, acknowledge the great contribution of DV and the leadership of its respected Editor for the cause of Dalits awakening. Yet our people are not much sensitive towards our issues and struggles. We are still remaining in division and discrimination. Even the Backward Castes are not considering the Dalits with due respect. Few BCs are well organized and able to bargain their demands politically and socially. Still they do not like the advancement of Dalits. Dalit organizations are in strife

and fight due to the Brahmanic tricks. Dalits are not able to reach higher positions because of their economic and educational backwardness. There are many intellectuals among Dalits children who are not able to afford world-class educational opportunities. Since private institutions are monopolizing all such institutions and disciplines, our children are shut out. Though our children can emerge as competent candidates in field, they lack privileges. We know that the government concessions and reservations are nominal are disappearing now, we have to think and act to produce a new Dalit generation with quality education, social status and sharpened competency. The writer reminded of the great slogan of our Dalit leader Dr. Ambedkar, "Educate, agitate and organise". It is true that in order to change the course and prospect of Dalit intelligentsia, we need to equip our children with standard English education. The writer is an experienced secular and theological educator. I feel that we have to initiate some creative, positive and practical organization to promote educational facility in all disciplines to all possible Dalit children without any discrimination. It will be a mega programme for our Dalit children in the 21st century. Those interested may write to me. (dasbless@yahoo.co.in).

Mulnivasi Mala, 8/4 - Siddhi Chawl, B.S. Road, Dadar (W), Bombay - 400 028: I went to my native place in Andhra Pradesh where Manda Krishna Madiga and myself toured the whole day (May 19, 2003) in

Jukkal Taluka and addressed Mala meetings to unite the

Dalits graduate from menials to masters

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DV of June 16, 2003 with your Editorial, "*Power of Jews & Jews of India*", is one the best. DV is bound to draw more attention to itself because it speaks the truth about Jews and Brahminism — a subject off limits in much of the world. Denying the holocaust, for example, is a crime in Germany, France and Switzerland. Drawing attention to the number of Jews in high office in the UK or USA results in automatic dismissal of a journalist. But the truth has to be faced because peace on our planet is being sacrificed for the sake of Israel. The truth is that Israel is the ultimate 'failed state.' The billions of Dollars given to that country by the US Govt. and many times more collected or contributed by Jews in USA and Europe have not been able to keep the economy afloat. Israel was seen as David facing Arab World Goliath it fought and defeated. It was admired for its skilful conduct of war. Now it uses tanks, armed helicopters, and F-16 aircraft to kill hapless Palestinians only because they demand vacation of territories it occupied in 1967 War. That main purpose of invasion of Iraq was to save Israel from collapse in the wake of suicide bombers that it is powerless to stop. Now the Palestinians are seen as David and Israel as Goliath. Israel — the unsinkable aircraft carrier in Eastern Mediterranean — was clearly sinking when the Zionist conned America into invading Iraq. The conventional wisdom that road to Jerusalem goes through Baghdad has been put to test. It has proved to be wrong. Getting India and America involved in its war with Arabs and Muslims were the trump cards that Israel held; it has used them now. This is not a development that anyone in India can or should ignore. It has perhaps remained unnoticed that DV has changed as the self view of Dalits has changed. With this issue, DV is shouting from the rooftops that Dalit are more than merely oppressed and exploited. Dalits are the majority in India that has regained its pride as indigenous peoples of South Asia who would not accept the creed that reduced them to lowly status in the caste system brought to the subcontinent by Aryan invaders. DV articulates the voice of that majority with alacrity that has sympathy with the oppressed and empathy with the majority on this planet. In contrast, the Brahmin rulers have made India a '*partner of pariahs*'. With this issue, DV has become the voice of mainstream India of multiple nations - a Union of truly free peoples as Dr. Ambedkar visualised. Please accept my congratulations on this issue that marks the transformation of Dalit self view from *menials to masters* of their lands and their destinies.

Dalits and Muslims to fight Brahminical fascist forces. Manda Krishna is following your footsteps. He is the first person in AP to stand by our Muslim brothers.

S.L. Virdi, Advocate, Civil Courts, Phagwara - 144 401: The following are the facts of the Talhan caste war (DV July 1, 2003 p. 5: "*Blot on Sikhism: Jalandhar clash proves hinduisation of a revolutionary religion*"). The village has a population of 10,000 in which the Dalits are an overwhelming majority (about 72%). Yet the land and social control is largely with the Jat Sikhs. Mostly due to the migration of the Dalit youth to foreign lands and the Ambedkarite movement, the Dalits in the area are relatively well off which is the cause of the caste war. The trouble started on Jan.14, 2003 after the *gurdwara* management was dissolved by the Jats who passed a resolution saying that only those who followed the Sikh *maryada* (religious code of conduct) would be allowed to enter the *gurdwara* management. This was just to keep out the Dalits. Dalits have been denied any role in the administration of the *samadhi* of Baba Nihal Singh-cum-*gurdwara*. The Dalits floated a parallel management committee and took the matter to court. Jats imposed a social boycott on the Dalits denying them work. They tore the portrait of Guru Ravi Das in the shrine. This infuriated Dalits. They approached the police

who refused to register a case. Dalits then approached to the district authorities which again ignored them. When the Dalits demonstrated against the injustice they were lathi-charged. Instead of registering a case against the Jats, the police registered an attempt to murder (307 IPC case), rioting with deadly weapons (148), voluntarily causing hurt to public servant (332), obstructing public servant (186), assaulting him with criminal force (353), causing damage to property (427) and the mob acting with common intention (149) to intimidate criminally (506) against the 84 Dalits on Jan.21 in the FIR number 21 of Thana Sadar Jalandhar, under which Talhan falls. Then the Dalits approached to the National Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Commission. The Commission visited the village on Feb.5 and asked the district administration to punish the guilty under the relevant sections of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989. The Commission also asked an IPS officer to probe and find out if the SHO had used more force than required. A Kapurthala-based IPS officer however gave the SHO a clean chit. No action was taken against the accused. After a futile wait Dalit Action Committee launched hunger strike before the statue of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, Jalandhar, Yet no action was taken. Then they held two meetings under the presidentship of Chanan Ram Paul on May 22 and then again on May 27 demanding justice. Santokh Singh, Punjab Social Security Minister, made a public statement that "documentary evidence of social boycott was established". A team from the National Commission for SC/ST conducted an on the spot inquiry on Feb.5 and ordered that "Kewal Singh and Bhupinder Singh be expelled from the village for six months". Dalits sought a share in the management of the *samadh* of Baba Nihal Singh that received an annual offering of about Rs. 5 crore. The five-month-long tension between Jats and Dalits of Talhan, 10 km from Jalandhar, took a violent turn on June 5 as armed clashes took place between the members of the two communities in the presence of police at an annual fair was in progress at the *mazaar* of Pir Baba Fateh Shah resulted in injuries to about 12 persons. A large number of houses, vehicles and property were damaged, forcing the district administration to clamp indefinite curfew in the village after the failure of the police to control the violence. The violence even continued after the imposition of the curfew. Chanan Ram Pal, president of the Dalit Action committee, said that the violence started when some police officials manhandled a group of Dalits standing near the stage at the fair at the instance of some Jat Sikh youths. Dalit youths opposed their action which was followed by

beating of Dalits by the police. Youths in the Dalit-dominated Buta Mandi area took to streets after they saw clips of a clash between the Dalits and Jat Sikhs in Talhan village on a local TV. In the Buta Mandi police firing one person was killed and 21 were injured. The June 5 violence infuriated the Dalits and they resorted to block the Jalandhar-Amritsar GT Road. There was also a Phagwara bundh. There was total support of the district administration and police to the Jat Sikhs. During the police-firing some policemen used abusive language against Dalits. The police were anti-Dalit. In Punjab, 33% are Dalits and another 33% are Backward Castes. Only 19% are Jats and the remaining Hindus. Hindus are in a micro-minority. The contradiction is mainly between Jats and Dalits. Jats are not only exploiting the Dalits economically and socially, but even sexually in their fields. If the Dalit resist, they are beaten, humiliated and then they were involved in false cases and finally socially boycotted. At present not only the Talhan village of Jalandhar but even the village Hasanpur in Sangrur and Aligarh in Ludhiana district are facing social boycott. (slvirdiadvocate@rediffmail.com).

Ronki Ram, Dept. of Political Science, Punjab University, Chandigarh - 160 014: The Talhan caste clash is not the first of its kind as press reports suggest. Punjab has already witnessed such types of episodes. The case of political activism during the *Ad Dharm* movement of the colonial Punjab is a case in point. When the *Ad Dharm* movement under Babu Mangoo Ram started advocating the cause of the Dalit liberation and their empowerment, the Punjab Dalits faced violent oppositions from the upper castes. Whenever the oppressed raised their voice for their emancipation they faced stiff opposition from the upper castes. They may be Rajputs or Brahmins or Jats. Dalit brothers in the academics and in various activist circles should give some thought to this issue.

G.V.K. Asaan, "Kalvi Agam", Vadakovil, Coimbatore, TN - 641 002: The author of an article "Questioning Periyar's legacy" (*The New Indian Express*, March 12, 2003), described as a "historian" of the Dalit movement, is no different from the Hindu nazi historians in misquoting views, distorting and misinterpreting facts to suit preconceived notions, and, in the process, misleading the readers. From the time he entered into public life in 1917 as the President of the Madras Presidency Association till he breathed his last on Dec.24, 1973 in his 95th year, Periyar EVR consistently and tirelessly worked for gaining equality of status, opportunities and treatment for all including women. He would not accept assigning a subordinate status for women just because they physically differed from men

in one or two aspects. Hindus becoming Christians or Muslims, rather he justified their change of religion to escape indignity and discrimination. He commended Islam between these two faiths because he found socio-religious equality practised better among the Muslims than among the Christian converts who continued sticking to their original divisive caste identities, a practice opposed to the teachings of Jesus. In spite of his support to conversion as a mode of getting rid of degradation and discrimination under the *varna-jati* system sanctioned by Hinduism, Periyar did not consider it as a final or perfect solution. The ideal condition can be achieved only when people begin to value self-respect above everything else, are imbued with the spirit of equality and liberty and cultivate an outlook of rational humanism. When Dr. B.R. Ambedkar informed him about his going over to Buddhism, Periyar encouraged him to do and asked to take along with him lakhs of people. To say that such a person "has never been secular" is simply ridiculous. The ideas expressed under the head minority community are quoted in the article. Periyar wrote them at the time of the third general elections on March 6, 1962. He did not like Muslims as a community supporting Indian Union Muslim League because it had aligned with the then rightist Swatantra Party of C. Rajagopalachari who wanted the Hindu ethos to prevail as against the secular values and planned economic development. Periyar's basic approach regarding the minorities was that he considered:

"Except Aryans, all those living in this country including Muslims and Christians as Dravidians. When it is said that Aryans are excluded, it should be understood in the sense that Brahmins are excluded".

The *Indian Express* article says Periyar was anti-Dalit and that he ridiculed the Dalit attempts to get education and jobs. The utter falsity of these allegations prove that his criticism of Periyar's views and service is perverse and motivated. Throughout his public life starting from 1917, Periyar made it one of his basic policies to work for reservation for various communities including Dalits in proportion to their population. He joyously welcomed the Communal GO of the erstwhile Madras province in 1928 because it made reservation in government jobs a legal obligation. But, at the same time, he found fault with the GO for providing inadequate representation to Dalits. The famous provincial self-respect conference, organized by Periyar in Feb. 1929, passed many resolutions with special reference to Dalits to give them equal status and opportunities and to promote their educational facilities and job opportunities. Even while he was in the Congress Party, Periyar threatened to burn

the *Ramayana* and *Manu Smriti* in 1922 because the Brahmins in Tamil Nadu Congress Committee thwarted the passage of his resolution to allow even lower castes, including SCs to enter the Hindu temples. He played a leading role, in Vaikom Satyagraha (1924-25) undergoing rigorous imprisonment, to win the right for *avarnas* and Untouchables to use the public roads. His agitation programme demanding appointment as *archakas* qualified persons, irrespective of their birth in any caste was his last major effort to establish an egalitarian social order. Instances of his endeavours to emancipate the downtrodden are too many to enumerate in a short space. He wrote in *Viduthalai* (Tamil daily Sept.7, 1972):

Large number of depressed Class (SC and ST) people should be recruited in government services. Large number of them should be introduced in police department and appointed as village officers.

M. Venkatesan, Thiruvalluvar Illam, Athimancheerpet, Pallipat Tq., Tiruttani dt. - 631 202: In the June 1, 2003 issue of *Dalit Voice* (p.13) your reply to Dr. K. Jamanadas about Periyar's contribution to Dalits and BCs was correct. I have also questioned Chandra Bhan Prasad's biased views on Periyar and the Dravidian movement as published in the *Vaaritha*, Telugu daily. Periyar fought against untouchability, *Vaidik Dharma*, *Manu Sastra* and Brahminism. He fought for the unity of Dalits and BCs. Dr. Ambedkar also fought for the same principle.

Dr. Ashok Adhav, MHB Colony, M-36/2521, Yerwada, Pune - 411 006: Kanshi Ram says (*Indian Express* May 2, 2003, Pune) he will have alliance with the *Brahmana Jati Party* (BSP). What then must be our strategy? Pro-BSP? Anti-BSP or wait and watch? So many BSP people have written in DV about the obligations of Mayawati in UP to form the govt. What was obligation for her to go to Gujarat to support BJP? I think BSP will be swallowed by the Hindu nazis in two or three decades like Periyar's Dravida Kazhagam. Mayawati and Kanshi Ram are not Buddhists. So, it cannot last more than two or three decades as an anti-BSP force. Kanshi Ram looks too much pro-Brahmin. Am I wrong?

Iqbal Ahmad Shariff, Advocate, No. 94/1 -11th Cross, Tank Garden, Jayanagar 1st Block, Bangalore - 560 011: Till some 200 years ago the news of wars and political changes used to reach distant places after months. Later, it took some months. In the early 20th century the news started reaching in days through the radio. At that time the news was verifiable and used to be fairly accurate. But with the arrival of electronic media we can see live battlefields but the beauty is it is false. Totally one-sided and false. TV stations are purchased. Reporters "embedded" with troops and reporters under control.

Everybody agrees that truth is the first casualty in wars. Read the excerpt from a *Guardian* article:

"The chief news executive of CNN wrote a strikingly honest article about the terrible news from Iraq that CNN did not report from Baghdad for many years in order to keep the networks accreditation and access under the dictatorship". (*Deccan Herald*, April 19, 2003).

He became honest after a decade. CNN was shameful enough not to report for 20 years just to be in the good books of Baghdad. What it did for the US during the war is glaringly witnessed by all viewers. When there was regular fight, the reporters said US marines, British forces etc. but when there was happy news, they said our forces exhibiting clear bias. The same was with the BBC, the so-called stalwart of truth. Read this headline and compare the contents:

US shuts down Iraq-Syria pipeline. See what Donald Rumsfeld said: "I am hopeful that they have shut it off, and I have **heard** that has happened. But I cannot **assure** you that all illegal oil flowing from Iraq to Syria is shut off. I just hope it is." (*Deccan Herald*, April 17, 2003).

Has electronic media come to tell the truth or hide it? See how the reporters in Palestine Hotel in Baghdad were shot and killed for telling the truth. The reporter of Al-Jazeera was targeted as a reporter from the enemy's side. This confirms DV calling reporters as of "intellectual prostitutes". DV had called only Indian reporters as such. But the British and US reporters are still worse. We should celebrate the killing of such reporters. Humanity had bitter days when there were no reporters, newspapers and TV in the ancient days, when free, unconcerned travellers and merchants used to report events.

Kartar Singh, A/73 - CGS Colony, Bhandup (East), Bombay - 400 042: How wretched a country that India is that everything is viewed through the eye of caste because of the wicked Brahminism. The Brahmin maintains his (mock) supremacy by dint of nefarious casteism. When Raghuraj Pratap Singh alias Raja Bhaiyya is rightly put behind the bars under POTA, the wicked people malign Mayawati by blaming her and calling it a "Dalit versus and Kshatriya" fight. Where is the question of one caste put against the other? Action against a criminal is taken as per the law, as per the gravity of his crime. This is perfectly in conformity with the law of the land. The biased and the corrupt media is predominately tilted towards Brahminism. All the ills and evils of this wretched country are because of the *vaidik* selfish and foolish activities. The country remained slave for centuries and now the country suffers from

backwardness and abject poverty. The media in India is dishonest, perverse, biased and prejudiced, always giving distorted picture of events titled towards Brahminism. Why this media is not writing about Budha's *Anatmavad*, Dawrin's Theory of Evolution, Psychoanalysis by Frued, the *God is dead* by Nietzsche, abolition of priestcraft by Vivekananda and abolition of Brahminism, capitalism and establishment of socialism by Sardar Bhagat Singh etc.? Why it does not promote rational thought to inculcate scientific temper in the masses, as directed by the Constitution of India? The Indian cinema made half a dozen of films on the life of Bhagat Singh without reference to his true ideas an ideology but giving a distorted and false picture of a great patriot and rational thinker. Media has failed to educate the masses in the latest developments and achievements of science. But it is playing a destructive role. I wonder if this country is ruled according to the dictates of *Manusmriti* instead of the Constitution of India framed by Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar. It is a historical fact that feudalism was the worst form of terrorism then, but in today's context it is Brahminism. The handbook for perpetrating terrorism is the *Manusmriti*, the echoes of which are found in the *Ramayana*, *Mahabharata* etc. History says the Brahmins refused coronation of Shivaji on the pretext that he was a *shudra* because there was no Kshatriya during the *kaliyug*. The Brahmin Parshurama annihilated Kshatriyas 21 times from the face of the earth. Later the wives of the slain kings implored the Brahmins to cohabit with them so as they may bear the children of the next generation of Kshatriyas. Brahmins did the same happily — by *Niyoga* in terms of religion. It means mixed generation of Kshatriya's in *Kaliyuga* came into existence. But the great Saint Ravidas says for him Khalas Chamar meaning thereby pure Chamar, pure of blood and action. What a wonderful fact comes to light that if there is anybody pure i.e. Chamar, which enables them to occupy higher status in society in face of other who are impure. It will be seen that all the ills and evils of this wretched country that is Bharat are the result of Brahminism. Mayawati comes from the ruling class of the world – the Chamar. But the Kshatriya have been stooges of Brahmins. Raja Bhaiyya, a Kshatriya, is a notorious goonda of the area and a confirmed criminal charged under several laws. Earlier CMs were eunuchs, spineless and corrupt fellows who could not take action against this goonda. When a lion-hearted CM took timely and appropriate action against the culprit, the people are praising her bold action.

P.D. Ubale, 6 - Mantri Residency-I, Kotkar Lane, Aundh Road, Pune - 411 020: It is really great that we call

ourselves Budhists. Then many times I wonder what practice do we do as Budhists? Hindus do their daily *puja* of whatever god. Muslims do their *namaz* without fail. Christians do their Sunday prayers well-organized. But what do we do daily as Budhists? I am afraid, the reply is we do nothing. Of course we too build shanty *viharas* in dirty corners, go there, offer *puja*, indulge in parrot-like chattering of *vandana* followed by senseless talks which nobody listens except the talker himself. I am sad as I see this picture everywhere, every time. And I wonder what the Budha himself would have thought after seeing us do all these rituals mechanically? And I am afraid he would have simply thrown us out of his *sangha*. Since we are indulging in the same senseless rituals which he objected and rejected as ignorance. I hope the intellectuals of DV family agree when I say this. The Budha rejected all these senseless rituals. He called them *unarya* (ignoble) actions. Then the question is if he has rejected these rituals, what he taught us to practice? Did he give us any alternative practice to *puja*, *namaz* and Christian prayer? If yes then what is that? To understand this we have to go to the basic question underlying these rituals. Right or wrong, what is the objective of all these rituals? There may be many and rather diverse as claimed by these sects. Still there is one common sane objective of these rituals. And that is to cultivate the mind. For good. For welfare of self and welfare of others. For developing moral values. For developing friendship, to evolve oneself into a good man. Whether these objectives are met or not by observing these rituals of *puja*, *namaz* etc. is their problem. We need not waste our energy in discussing that. We have abandoned it and chosen the *Dhamma* on the advice of our saviour. So, the main question is of our own practice as Budhist. Is there any practice in *Dhamma* which helps us to meet the above stated objective i.e. cultivation of mind? Yes, I am sure there exists such a practice. Very effective practice. Replying to a question on whom to worship after his departure from the world, Budha said:

Dhammanu Dhamma Patipattiya Buddham Pujemi

Dhammanu Dhamma Patipattiya Dhammam Pujemi

Dhammanu Dhamma Patipattiya Sangham Pujemi

i.e. by dwelling on *Dhamma* (by meditating), you worship the Budha, the *Dhamma*, the *Sangha*. And how? The lord has clearly prescribed it in *Sati Patthan Sutta*. And that is meditation. And he proclaimed that it is the only way. There is no other way for salvation from suffering. Of course Budhist meditation gives much more to the practitioner. But one has to practice himself to

earn its merits. Nobody can do it for others as in many other religions a myth again. Alas the scene around is that we, the so-called Budhists never do it. So, we don't do any Budhist practice. Let alone daily. The result is, we are not getting converted to a Budhist. There is no further progress beyond calling oneself a Budhist. Absolutely a stalemate. For a breakthrough one has to join a Budhist meditation retreat. May be of his/her own choice. There is no other path. That is the only path to get converted to a Budhist. Otherwise we remain raw human beings. Vulnerable to all ills and evils. A world of caution. Before joining any meditation school, one must take due care to verify whether the school believes in and observes *panchaseela* or not. Since *sheela* is prerequisite of the Budha *Dhamma*. (ubale@mah.nic.in)

Makhan Singh Bhai Rupa, c/o Begampure da Wassi, No.2 - Bhagat Singh Nagar, B/h Bus Stand, Muktsar - 152 026: On July 6, we are going to celebrate *Saftla Samelan* at Ludhiana as our Punjabi Dalit monthly, *Begam Pure Da Wassi*, has crossed five years successfully because of the efforts of our workers. Some of whom will be honoured on that day. Also an important book, *Main Hindu Nahin Marunga*, (fundamental thought of social and religious revolution in India) will be released. It is written by me in the context of Budha, Sikh and Phule revolutions against Brahminism. A state body of "Samaj Parvartan Sabhia Char Manch, Punjab, Muktsar hq., will also be announced on that day. Gurnam Singh Muktsar is the chief organising figure of the function.

M.M. Satpute, A/1 - Dinanath Coop Hsg., Near RTO, Andheri (W), Bombay - 400 053: This refers to your report on Mai Saheb Ambedkar's death (DV June 16, 2003 p.7). I do not understand why the late Shankaranand Shastri has been brought into the picture and also connected with the death of the late Savita Ambedkar, the widow of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar. Mai Saheb was associated with Dr. Ambedkar for about eight years as a wife as well as a life partner. It was her duty to take care of her husband in her own style and her own manner. After Babasaheb's death she lived as a common citizen of India. She did not enter politics nor begged for any post. This itself proved her greatness and also devotion towards her husband. We all must be proud of her. Otherwise like Mrs. J. Kennedy, the widow of late President Kennedy, she too could have married somebody. I knew the late Shankaranand Shastri personally. It was a fact that he made clear-cut statements and also narrated true facts in details in his published books about the death of Dr. Ambedkar. It was also a fact that he was a person who took the decision to take

the body of Babasaheb to Bombay for funeral against the wish of Mai Saheb. Today's *Chaitya Bhumi* of Babasaheb in Dadar Chopatty, Bombay, was made with the help of late Dr. P.T. Borale, then the Mayor of Bombay. In short, the entire credit goes to Shankaranand Shastri and his friend, P.T. Borale, for creating a holy place out of Babasaheb's cremation ground where millions of people from all parts of India gather every Dec.6 to pay their respects every year to the Bodhisatva Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar. Of course the great leaders of ours, well wishers and the family members of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar had excused her at that time for what had happened. The chapter was closed permanently there itself. I would like to bring to your notice a small incident to which I was an eye-witness. There was a function at Lucknow. I accompanied Shankaranand Shastri and also others to attend the same. As soon as we entered the hall, Mai Saheb came running from the stage and received Shankaranand Shastri with love and affection. He bent his head. In turn, she showered blessing on him and enquired "How are you *beta*?" This reveals the great relationship — mother and son.

Balwant Singh Boharu, B/257 - Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar - 143 001: I have been reading *Dalit Voice* for sometime and found it unrealistic about social events. You talk much about Dalit-Muslim unity which cannot be achieved unless all the Dalits go to Islam. On the other hand you think Sikhism is dead and do not want Ambedkarites and Sikh unity. What to say of this unity? The Ambedkarites of Jalandhar who claim to be Budhists (atheists) i.e. nonbelievers, wanted to take over a Sikh *gurdwara* and created hatred among the Sikhs and Dalits in the village Talhan, creating riots in Jalandhar city. Dr. Ambedkar went to Budhism but his conversion did not improve the condition of the Dalits except a few highly placed in the services. Even if the entire population of Dalits go to Budhism, their lot cannot be improved because in India it is already dead. It is not wise to ride on a dead horse. I had been in touch with the Ambedkarites of Jalandhar for the last 10-12 years, contributing funds and distributing their books and appreciating Dr. Ambedkar and his contribution towards humanity. After observing their hatred for Sikh scriptures and the part played them in the management of Sikh *gurdwara* at Talhan leading to riots, I have realised that they do not want any unity with Sikh masses. The Budhists and those who have no faith in the *Guru Granth* have no right to be a member of any Sikh shrine committee. The followers of Dr. Ambedkar should not interfere in the management of Sikh shrines.

Shamsul Arifin, M-91, Abul Fazl Enclave, Jamia Nagar,

New Delhi - 110 025: After rejecting the international mandate and rendering the UN more defunct and more paralyzed than ever before, the US invaded and changed the regime there. But, was it really only to change regime? The answer is an unambiguous no. The fact is that the unilateral decision of the US to attack Iraq to dethrone Saddam and exterminate his supporters was not only to change a regime. Rather, it was a kind of test and experiment of US to give a boost to its hawkish imperialism and terrorism. Now the righteous people and the countries weaker in arms and ammunitions must get ready to face state-sponsored terrorism more than ever before. Division and discrimination between poor and rich, weak and powerful nations will widen now. (DV May 1, 2003 p.5: "*Who can take this new imperialist America?*"). After Iraq, now Bush points his gun at Iran. And after Iran there are many more, especially the Gulf countries. Now question arises — why a Muslim country, especially in the Gulf, only on suspicion and presumption of possessing or developing a nuclear power, is warned, attacked and wrecked by the US? Why US is so worried about this region? Why not North Korea (NK) is making US so worried/ And not only NK but there are many more countries in the world which have nuclear power today. But why only this particular region has become a source of problems and worries for Bush? The answer is that the most powerful state of the US i.e. Israel is also there in this region surrounded by the Muslim nations. And not only NK but no other country in the world is posing any threat today to Israel. In fact, they may cause threat to US itself but it does not make Bush worry so much. Because Bush is more interested in the safety of Israel than the US today. After contemplating and analyzing the behaviour and attitude of Bush it seems that Israel has played more important role than the people of US to make Bush President of US. I appeal to the people, not to the puppet governments, of the Muslim world to take serious notice of the unsavory political activities of the US. The presence of Israel in the Middle East will never let peace prevail in the region. Also let me make it clear that it is not so easy to get rid of it. What I am sensing is one of the bloodiest wars in human history will be there before a permanent solution. Otherwise not one, two or three but dozens of so-called road maps cannot pave the way. Muslims will have to decide whether they have to live in the region or the Jews, because both of them can never live together. This is impossible. Forget it. Most importantly, my sincere suggestions for the Arab masses is that for the time being I would like them to forget about the US and Israel and start thinking seriously about their rulers, the people in

power there. They believe it or not, but the fact is that the root cause of all the problems in the Arab world today is only because of their un-Islamic and pro-American rulers. These rulers have been completely deprived of the "Spirit of Islam" and sense of thinking in the right direction by their highly luxurious and lustful life-style. They have badly fallen into the trap of American and Zionist conspiracy and now they are completely into their claw. The solution of their problems is only in rising against their anti-Muslim and pro-American rulers. They are only serving the American and the Jewish cause. (shamsr@rediffmail.com)

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Delhi: The Ayodhya dispute is back in the news. Though it is now being used as a political stunt, its dreadful effect is continuously felt now as the society is getting divided on artificial Hindu-Muslim grounds. Hence its solution is very essential for the welfare of the exploited sections of the society. For its permanent solution, one of the two communities has to withdraw the claim from the disputed site. The two community leaders must sit together to finalise this give and take formula. If the Govt. of India removes the religious restriction from Art 341, Muslims will be persuaded to withdraw their claim from disputed land in Ayodhya.

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ZIONIST-INSTIGATED WAR ON MUSLIMS SPREADS

Iran digs its own grave

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: After the pounding of Afghanistan and the "regime change" in Iraq, it is now the turn of Iran. Preparations have begun. The student protests on the streets of Tehran backed by the American CIA and President Bush clearest warning to the "axis of evil" — all these prove which way the wind is blowing.

In today's America, it is the Neo-Cons (read Zionists) who control its administration. And they have already directed Bush that Iranian regime **must** change. That means Iran is next in the firing line.

KILLER OF DEMOCRACY

On June 4, 2003, a top Zionist leader in the Pentagon, Douglas Feith, said that America "would support Iranian aspirations to live in freedom". He said Iran was much more dangerous to the "free world" than Iraq.

DV was perhaps the first in the world to warn Iran about the danger. (DV May 1, 2003 p.6: "Iran's strange silence", DV April 16, 2003 p.4: "Next target is Iran".)

The American preparations for the next war on Islam and Muslims can be made out by its support to Tehran student street riots and its warning on nuclear bombs. All of a sudden the killer of democracy is worried over democracy in Iran.

Instead of supporting Saddam Hussein in his heroic fight against America, Iran displayed its weakness by turning a blind eye to American violations of its air space and coastal waters during the Iraqi war. Iranian forces helped Northern Alliance during the war in Afghanistan. American leaders themselves praised Iran's "cooperation in its fight against terrorism". Now, it has to pay the price for this "cooperation".

When Iraq was attacked no Muslim country came to its rescue. American rulers and their Zionist supporters have made a careful study of this Muslim weakness. And this weakness is a product of the terrible corruption in the Muslim ruling class.

That is how a confident America is able to proceed step by step:

Afghanistan, then Iraq and now Iran. In between Palestine is pounded and pulped. A total disarray and disaster is staring at the Muslim world. The "Clash of civilisation" is in full swing.

ROAD MAP IN BLOOD

Meanwhile, the American-made Palestinian "road map" did not help Palestinians. This road is flooded in blood. This also we have predicted. (DV July 1, 2003 p.20: "Better commit suicide rather than get killed by Zionists").

We find darkness all round. In Iraq, total anarchy continues. Iraqis are refusing to accept the American rule. A guerilla war is being waged against US and British forces.

Meanwhile, the American and British bluff over weapons of mass destruction (WMD) has received world-wide publicity but the bluff-masters, Bush and Blair, are going round unperturbed. The world is heading towards more and more dangerous days.

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When Jews cursed & killed Jesus why Christians go on supporting them?

DR. ABDULLAH H. AL-KATHANY, RIYADH

Zionist monopoly of Christian sympathy: Religion and politics have been intertwined through history. It has become impossible to discuss events of rise and fall of nations and ideologies without having a comprehensive analysis of both (religious and political factors). So, any ideological account of events that divorces politics from religion will result in immature conclusions and interpretations. It is undeniable that what goes on in Northern Ireland, Southern Philippines, Kashmir, Palestine, India, Bosnia, Kosovo, Southern Sudan and many other hot spots in the world is very much a product of religious-political factors. Therefore, politically motivated solution cannot offer complete and final resolutions. The Palestinian conflict is one of that type.

BALFOUR DECLARATION

In order to attract sympathy of Christian people, the zionists linked the existence of the state of Israel to the coming of the Messiah who will establish the Kingdom of God on earth. However, do the zionists have the same belief about the advent of the Messiah as that of Christians? Do zionists regard Jesus Christ as the coming Messiah as the Christians? In a number of previous essays, I highlighted that religious factors were behind some of the most decisive decisions taken by Western leaders in relation to the Palestinian issue and the Arab-Israeli conflict. As a matter of fact, Balfour Declaration, which was the igniting spark for the establishment of the zionist state, was influenced

by religious factors as stated by the *Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge* (1991, pp.893-895).

Another question should be addressed and then answered first: Are the Jews the only descendents of Ibraheem, and therefore the sole legitimate inheritors to receive the claimed Promised Land? The zionists along with zionist Christians refer to Genesis 15:19 as the statement which gives Jews

him a great nation. (Genesis 18:18-21).

A question immediately emerges for those who believe in the Old Testament; who is the great nation of the descendents of Ishmael? Aren't they the Muslims who believe in all the prophets appointed by Allah with no distinctions?

Say ye: "We believe in Allah, and the revelation given to us, and to Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob and the Tribes, and that given to Moses and Jesus, and that given to all Prophets from their Lord. We make no difference between one and another of them; and we submit to Allah. (The Qur'an 2:136).

If it is a fact that the Muslims are descendants of Abraham, aren't they legitimate heirs to Abraham's promise in the Old Testament?

It was on that occasion that the Lord made a covenant with Abraham, saying to your descendants I give this land... (Genesis 15:19).

JEWS KILLED PROPHETS

If the Jews, as they claim, believe in the Torah (Old Testament) and derive guidance from it, why did they strip the Muslims from their right to the land promised by Abraham? Is it their arrogant nature, which they have practiced even against Allah and His prophets? Aren't they the ones who killed their prophets according to the Bible?

That upon you may come all the righteous bloodshed upon earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the

ZIONISM

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the right to occupy Palestine and the neighboring areas, extending from the Nile to Euphrates as Ibraheem's (Abraham) claimed Promised land. First of all, was Ibraheem the forefather of the Jews only? The answer is definitely no. The first son and the only son that was born to Ibraheem for about 13 years was Ishmael, the forefather of a large portion of the Arabs. As a matter of fact, Prophet Mohammad was a descendent of Prophet Abraham's progeny through Ishmael. According to the Old Testament, Abaham said to God:

Let but Ishmael live on by your favor... As for Ishmael, I am heeding you: I hereby bless him. I will make him fertile and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall become a father of twelve chieftains, and will make

temple and the altar. Verily, I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation. (Matthew 23:35).

Can such a people, who rebel against the teachings of God and kill his prophets, be given priority and be chosen over other nations?

Another fallacy that needs to be addressed here is the claim that Jews make that Abraham was a Jew. They even made such a claim long prior to the advent of Prophet Mohammad.

Ye People of the Book (Jews and Christians), Why dispute ye about Abraham, when the Torah and the Gospel were not revealed till after him? Have you not understanding? Ah, Ye are those who fell to disputing (even) in matters of which you had some knowledge, but why dispute ye in matters of which ye have no knowledge? It is Allah who knows, and ye know not! Abraham was not a Jew nor yet a Christian; but he was upright and bowed his will to Allah's (which is Islam) and he joined no gods with Allah. (The Qur'an 3:65-68).

If it is agreeable that Abraham had lived probably thousands of years before the revelation of the Old Testament, why would the Jews claim that he was Jewish and promised the Jews the Holy Land?

Yet, the above discussion might seem irrelevant to the political discourse about the Palestinian issue by the world community and international media, I think it is in the heart of the problem. Zionist leaders who plotted the occupation of Palestine took in consideration all possible means to attract the sympathy of powerful nations to support their cause. Our next discussion will focus on the fallacy the Jews ride on to derive support of the Christian world and right wing parties, that is the claim of

preparing the kingdom of god in Palestine to be ready for the advent of the Messiah. The question is what Messiah? Is it Jesus Christ?

IS JESUS THE MESSIAH AWAITED BY ZIONISTS

In continuing my writing about the religious-political factors behind the Zionist claim to Palestine, focus in this article will be directed towards the Jews doctrine on Prophet Jesus. Most importantly when we realize that most Christian support to the Zionists is based on the idea that they are the seed of Abraham who will inherit the Holy Promised Land and establish the Kingdom of God on Earth in which Jesus (The Messiah) will reign. Do Jews have the same Messiah as the Christians? Before answering this question, I will cite the following statements from Rev. T.W. Pike's book, *Israel Our Duty... Our Dilemma*, to realize the extent to which Zionists (Rabbinic Jews) have been manipulating the Christian mind;

"... Modern or Rabbinic Judaism is the least understood of the great world religions. At the same time, there is no culture or religion that need to be understood, especially in light of events in the Middle East... Christians today are unbelievably ignorant of the history, beliefs and literature of the Jews... In fact most Christians know next to nothing concerning Jewish history during the 1800 years after the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD... It was during this period when the Jewish people returned again en masse to Babylon, that the bulk of modern Jewish attitudes and literature emerged." (p.1)

There are some facts in which both the Muslims and the Christians believe, among them, is the Jews' rejection of Prophet Jesus and attempt to crucify him (The

Christians believe that he was crucified); but Allah elevated him.

"That they said (in boast), "we killed Christ Jesus, the son of Mary, the Messenger of Allah"; but they killed him not, nor crucified him. Only a likeness of that was shown to them". (The Qur'an 4:157).

Jesus, according to the New Testament, said addressing the Jews who rejected him as a prophet:

"Ye reject the commandments of god..." (Mark 7:9).

Have the Jews changed their position towards Jesus Christ? Until today, the Jews hold the belief that Jesus was not a legitimate son; neither do they believe that he is a mighty prophet of god. I invite the respected readers to look at these statements written in the Talmud (the Jewish Book of Guidance) about Prophet Jesus and his righteous mother who are highly regarded by Allah:

R. Papa observed: This is what men say, She (referring to Mary) who descendant of princes and governors played the harlot with a carpenter. (1066) Did the children of Israel say with the sword among them that (referring to Jesus) were slain by them? Rab said: They subjected him to four deaths, stoning, burning, decapitation and strangulation. (The Babylonian Talmud, the Soncino Press, London, p.725 (106a-106b).

This quote from the Talmud carries a boasting arrogant tone that leaves no room for rethinking who plotted the crucifixion of Christ (keep in mind that this is the Christian and the Jewish belief, not that of Muslims).

JESUS DECLARED BASTARD

According to (Acts 5:28), the Jewish leaders have the greatest fear of Christians "...to bring this man's

blood upon us". In his last words before (the claimed) crucifixion, Christ made it clear to his followers that they should not expect any more mercy from the Jews than that which he received. "If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you". (John 15:20). As indicated in John 15:21, Jesus gave the reason why the Jews did not accept him as a prophet and a Messiah "But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not Him that sent me..." The reason is that they do not recognize god (Allah).

Let's look at what the Jewish Encyclopedia says about Jesus:

"It is the tendency of all these sources (Talmud and other Jewish literature) ,to belittle the person of Jesus by ascribing to him illegitimate birth, magic and a shameful death... All of the Toledo editions contain a story of a dispute which Jesus carried on with the scribes, who on the ground of that dispute declared him to be a bastard." (p.176).

A timely posed ideological question related to the basic principle on

which Israel is representing itself to the Christian Western world can be stated as: is Jesus the Messiah waited for by the Jews? According to the teachings of the New Testament, Christians believe that the Jews have rejected Jesus when he declared himself as the Messiah; and they still do. The Jews went further to execute all means to persecute him and his followers after him. They were the ones named by Jesus according to the New Testaments as: "synagogue of Satan which say they are Jews and are not but do lie" (revelation 3:9) (in T.W. Pike, 1988, P.11). Do the current Jews still have their ancestors' belief about Jesus? By looking at the statement above (taken from the Talmud), we realize the unfair and blasphemous image the Jews have about Prophet Jesus. They put him in an extremely low status as a person of illegitimate birth, a liar and a magician, not to mention recognizing him as a mighty prophet of God and a Messiah. Prophets before Jesus had realized this rebellious nature of the Jews.

Prophet David repudiated and renounced such people by saying:

"Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumbling block, and a recompense unto them: Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see and bow down their back always". (Romans 11:10)

Then, why do the majority of Christians donate tremendous support to a cursed and rebellious nation according to their Bible, one that does not even believe in the same Messiah as Christians? And yet, they expect them to establish the kingdom of Jesus before his advent. Isn't that in contradiction with the words of Jesus according to the Bible?

(Two chapters of the book, Zionism, 2000, published in Saudi Arabia is reproduced to explain how the zionists have fooled the Christians. This will answer the questions raised in our Editorial of June 1, 2003: "Zionists destroy Christianity, then make US Christians fight Muslims to promote Israeli interests"—EDITOR).

Bush as a zionist agent

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: The top secret is finally out: President Bush is a zionist agent. This is disclosed by a columnist of the world's most scholarly journal, the London *Economist* (June 21, 2003 p.36), which itself has strong pro-zionist leanings. Lexington, which is the pen-name of the columnist, says Bush is a great admirer of Leo Strauss, a zionist philosopher (died 1973) who was also the father of the American Neo-Cons. (DV June 16, 2003 p.8: "Neo-Con zionists hijack America", Usman Khalid).

Strauss was a German Jew who fled to America. His admirers are now in top positions in the "New-Con"-controlled Washington, headed by Paul Wolfowitz, Dy. Secretary of Defence. It is these "Neo-Cons" (read zionists), just 3% of the American population, who are controlling it and leading it to war against Muslims. After finishing Muslims their next target is the Blacks. And then the Chinese. This war is described as "Clash of civilisations" about which DV has written so much. ■

West may swallow al-Jazeera

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: There are alarming reports about the al-Jazeera, the free world's only satellite TV giving truthful news, being swallowed by the zionists. The world came to know of the Osama bin Laden tapes through this Qatar-based al-Jazeera which made history in the two American wars against Iraq. West Asia's 35 million people believed only al-Jazeera. But the "democratic" West, particularly the US which boasts of its free press, could not tolerate the Arab TV station revealing all its crimes. It forced Saudi Arabia to ban advertising in al-Jazeera. Kuwait and Bahrain, other loyal dogs of US, followed. Western multinationals also stopped their ads. Later the Western media started false propaganda against al-Jazeera saying that Saddam Hussein was influencing it. After a steep fall of revenue and serious false propaganda, the sinking world famous al-Jazeera, the only hope of the free world, is likely to be purchased by a media mogul, perhaps Rupert Murdoch, a Jew. Still America boasts that it is the greatest democracy in the world. ■

Vaidik trap that marred Advani future

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: Every *Ram Bhakht* Hanuman, slave of the Aryan Brahminical people, has to pay for his sin. Even after serving them loyally for years, he will still be slaughtered. Aryan *vaidiks* use the slave and then throw him out when found useless. This is the lesson of history. The Gujarati Bania, M.K. Gandhi, was used, squeezed dry and the moment he made a Kashmiri Pandit as the first Prime Minister, thereby handing over the country to the *vaidiks*, he was shot dead by Godse. (V.T. Rajshekar: *Why Godse Killed Gandhi?* DSA-1998). Poor Sindhi Khatri, L.K. Advani, is today crying. (DV Edit July 1, 2003: "*Advani suffers another defeat: Caste war within Brahmana Jati Party*"). But we don't know if he is crying after realising his mistake that he has become one such Hanuman. Very rarely a Hanuman realises that he has been made a monkey. The demon that Advani created is today eating him. The two demons are VHP and Bajrang Dal. Both are goading him not to give up on the Ayodhya issue on which he is now repenting. Being an honest Hindu nazi, Advani's heart

is in Ayodhya — the prime issue that made him so "famous" and what he is today. Ayodhya brought the Delhi throne to BJP. But Advani got nothing. The poor, unthinking Khatri did not realise that it was *vaidiks* who were using him to do their dirty work. Even as he obeyed the *vaidik* order and got the Babri Masjid demolished, they stabbed him in the back. Five prime witnesses have already testified before the court that they demolished the Masjid on Advani order. This evidence would permanently damage his chance of becoming the Prime Minister even if his *Brahmana Jati Party* wins the coming election. It is widely acknowledged that Advani is single-handedly responsible for bringing BJP to power. Even as his popularity was rising the *vaidiks* inside were silently and secretly planning his "funeral" — and that was Babri Masjid demolition. Advani's position is very precarious. If he says he is no longer interested in Ayodhya, he will be dubbed a traitor. If he goes ahead with Ayodhya, he will be called a war-monger, extremist and unfit to lead a "secular India". Both ways he is out. ■

Secret of Veerappan's invincibility

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: DV was the first in the country to announce that Veerappan can never be caught. The reason is this Backward Caste (Vanniyar) "forest brigand", as he is described in the Brahminical toilet papers, is a big socio-political force particularly in Tamil Nadu. Our opinion often expressed in DV (the entire reference is cited below for verification) is now supported by a top police officer of Karnataka. Sangliana is a Mongoloid Christian from North-East, noted for his honesty and bravery. He was once in charge of the catch-Veerappan mission.

People's support

Bangalore: The govt. cannot nab Veerappan even in the next 15 years, said H.T. Sangliana, outgoing Director-General of Prisons, here on June 30. According to him, the density of the forest, intelligence failure and non-cooperation from the villagers are the reasons behind the failure to nab Veerappan. The only option left for the State Govt. is to offer him a chance to surrender, Sangliana said on the eve of his retirement from the police department. (*Deccan Herald*, July 1, 2003).

Anti-people govt.: Both the State Govts. in Karnataka and TN know the secret of Veerappan's invincibility. Yet why they are not giving up? The reason is simple. The govts. in India, both the States and the Central, do not

represent the people. They represent the ruling class (V.T. Rajshekar: *Who is Ruling India?* DSA-1982). Veerappan represents the people. Hence this hunt to "catch or kill Veerappan" for the past 15 years spending crores and crores of rupees of people's money when the real thugs and pindaries of the country are going scot free. What a shame. A govt. which boasts that it is the fourth biggest military power in the world can't catch a forest brigand with just one gun capable of shooting birds only. ■

DV Jan. 1, 2003 p. 7: "Shame on a country that can't catch Veerappan".

DV Sept. 16, 2002 p. 8: "Veerappan back in the news".

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DV Aug. 16, 1997 p. 17: "DV proves right on Veerappan".

DV April 15, 1997 p. 23: "Why Veerappan can't be caught?" ■

DV proves right

American journalist confirms zionist hand in WTC attack.

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Thierry Meyssan

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