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# Thus Spake Ambedkar

## Nehru opposes Babasahab bid to reform Hindu society

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** I wish to read out to the House his letter of resignation because normally a statement by a Minister is related to his letter of resignation.

**Dr. Deshmukh:** How does it arise, since the statement is not there?

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** It arises this way. We have Ministers introduced to the House when a Minister is appointed under the direction or on the advice of the Prime Minister. It is open to the Prime Minister to read the letter of resignation to the House.

**Dr. Deshmukh:** It is the privilege of a Member to make a statement. If that is lacking I do not know under what rules you are proposing to act and how the necessity for any other statement arises.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** It is always open to the Chair to allow any statement to be made on behalf of the Government.

**Dr. Deshmukh:** I do not object to that. I want to point out how it arises out of the situation that arose this morning.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The Government wants to make an explanation regarding a particular matter and where all persons are interested an opportunity should be given.

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** As you know, Sir, so far as I am concerned I was expecting him to make his statement and if I may say so with all respect, I did not know that the statement would not be made then or that you would fix another time for it. I do not expect the developments as they occurred. But since this has happened and the statement has been published in the press or is going to be, I think the House would be interested greatly in the letters exchanged. I am not referring to the statement in the least, but I am referring to the letters exchanged between Dr. Ambedkar and myself.

The first letter he wrote to me does not refer to his resignation and is dated the 10th August 1951. It reads:

New Delhi,

10th August 1951

My Dear Prime Minister,

My health is causing a great deal of anxiety to me and to my doctors: they have been pressing that I must allow them a longer period of about a month for continuous treatment and that such

treatment cannot now be postponed without giving rise to further complications. I am most anxious that the Hindu Code Bill should be disposed of before I put myself in the hands of my doctors. I would, therefore, like to give the Hindu Code Bill a higher priority by taking it up on the 16th of August and finish it by the 1st of September if opponents do not practice obstructive tactics. You know I attach the greatest importance to this measure and would be prepared to undergo any strain on my health to get the Bill through. But if the strain could be avoided by getting through the Bill earlier I am sure you will have no objection. In proposing 16th August, I am allowing priority to all urgent Bills such as those relating to the Punjab, the Ordinances and Shri Gopalaswami Ayyangar's Bill relating to Part C States.

I write this because I heard that in the last Party meeting you are reported to have said that the Bill may be aken up in the first week of September. I am sure that that was merely your suggestion. It was not your decision.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- B. R. Ambedkar.

I wrote to him the same day:

My dear Ambedkar,

I wrote to you yesterday about the Hindu Code Bill. Today I got your things a little easy.

I am sorry that your health is causing anxiety. I suggest that you take things a little easy.

About the Hindu Code Bill, you know that we have a good deal of opposition not only inside the House but outside. With the best will in the world, we cannot brush aside this opposition and get things done quickly. They have it in their power to delay a great deal. We must therefore proceed with some tact and with a view to achieve results. I am anxious that the Bill should be passed in this Session.

The Cabinet decision was, and I think it was recorded in the minutes, that the Bill should be taken up at the beginning of September. I mentioned that at the Party Meeting and they agreed. For us to try to hasten it and bring it earlier would needlessly give a handle to our opponents and create trouble. (To be continued)

*Dr. Babasahab Ambedkar Writings & Speeches, Vol. 15, (pages 823- 825) 1997. Govt. of Maharashtra, Bombay. The book may be had from Director, Government Printing, Stationery and Publications, Netaji Subhash Road, Bombay - 400 004.*

## Big leap for Huntington's theory : India's nuclear "viagra" & bid to destroy Muslim Indonesia

If the White Americans are dancing today on their latest "miracle" pill called **viagra** that promises to cure their impotency, the more impotent but arrogant Aryan males are dancing and singing in India on their latest nuclear **viagra** that vows to fight Pakistan (Muslims) and the yellow peril (China). If song and dance alone can fill our stomachs, Indians would have been an over-fed lot long back.

Since everybody is today singing the same song, we too shall pause and listen. But the problem with this latest song is that its *sa-ri-ga-ma* nuclear music is set by a hated Muslim scientist, Bharat Ratna Abdul Kalam, a dark-skinned Tamil Dalit convert to Islam.

The upper castes are not bothered about who sets the music as long as they enjoy the song and dance and get the nuclear **viagra**. The American White male is crazy after the impotency pill (**viagra**) and the more impotent arrogant Aryan male is crazy after the bomb because that satisfies his hate-mongering value system.

**Staple diet of hate:** Whether it was the present Hindu nazi coalition govt. or the previous Janata Dal or Congress Govts., all those controlling every previous govt. were the same arrogant Aryans whose staple diet was hate. And they always wanted the bomb.

So, there was never a doubt about India's capacity to make the bomb. Aryan upper castes derive great delight in destruction and hence their heart has been always with the bomb.

**Bread or bomb:** These rulers are incapable or unwilling to solve the problem of bread for its starving millions. Their only magic wand to mesmerise the masses is the bomb. Ever since India became "independent" the starving masses have been fooled through slogans and stunts. And as all-round economic crisis, political anarchy and social chaos grips India, the ruling Hindu nazi party hopes to ride every storm bamboozling with bombs.

The London *Economist* (May 16, 98) editorial on India's May 11 and 13, 1998 nuclear explosions said the same thing:

**"India's govt. has made it clear five times this week that its priorities lie not in welfare of its citizens, but in building nuclear muscle, and damn the cost. That is India's choice".**

Right from India's first Prime Minister, Jawahar Lal Nehru to the latest PM, A.B. Vajpayee, perhaps with the exception of the farmer PM, Deve Gowda, everybody had the same priority, the bomb. Now, as India's upper caste elites (15%) have corrupted and co-opted another 10%, their size has grown to a formidable 25%. And this 25% elites — described as the "middle class" by the media — want to forget the rest of the 75% of the population in their eternal search for enjoyment which cannot be satisfied without the nuclear **viagra**. Hence the bomb.

**Wanted enemies:** But the bomb needs an enemy to fool the deprived 75%. One enemy, the Muslim (Pakistan), was already there. And another, a more formidable one, China, was suddenly manufactured to enhance the "danger threatening India".

The rulers are fully aware of the sociological truth that a sickly man can hardly fight even if armed with a gun. India is a sick society. Only a strong, healthy country can wield a bomb. But the Aryan rulers are not bothered about all these universal truths and facts of history. Because they are capable of bludgeoning any opposition and meeting any criticism because they do not believe in ethics, justice and truth. A Hindu believes what he wants to believe.

So much for the song and dance on the bomb — India's latest nuclear **viagra**.

**DV prophecy comes true:** Now, we come to what is not said, or what is kept a top secret.

The secret inspiration for the nazi bomb is the famous Huntington theory: the "civilisational war" (DV Edit March 16, 1998: "*White Western racists & zionists launch their civilisational war against Islam & China*"). And it is here that our prophecy has come true. What is this prophecy? Huntington said when he was in Delhi recently that "Hindu India" would join hands with the White Western world in fighting Islam and China, the two enemies against the New World Order

which is being pushed through by the United States.

**False sanctions:** So, all that has come in the media about "Western sanctions against India" is false. If anything has been announced, it is just to fool the innocent masses.

**The latest nuclear viagra, the Aryan lust for the bomb, was encouraged, developed and marketed at the instance of the White Western racists and their Zionist masters.**

They have appointed India as their regional policeman for Asia, assuring every economic and political support. And India is too willing to be the regional policeman because it satisfies the impotent Aryan's desire for nuclear **viagra**, this lust for hegemony, imperialism, open sex, naked exploitation, male domination, market economy. Already Lanka, Bhutan, Sikkim, Bangladesh, Nepal have been humbled. Now, the nuclear **viagra** may help the arrogant Aryan to threaten Pakistan and silence India's own 15% Muslims and later *hinduise* them.

The US, Israel and the entire White Western world are fully pleased with India's nuclear **viagra**. And you can take it from us that all these talk of "Western sanctions" is bullshit.

**Bid to destroy Muslim Indonesia:** Even as India is being encouraged to become the regional policeman, in keeping with the Huntington thesis, on another side the same White Western people are experimenting with the world's largest Muslim country, Indonesia, and trying to bring about a "revolution" there.

We had already warned Indonesia and its President Suharto for playing into the hands of the White Western world. But Suharto and his Westernised (corrupted) ruling class of Muslims did not heed our warnings. As this is written the Western media is predicting the fall of Suharto.

**If the Western conspiracy in Indonesia succeeds, the Huntington thesis will have a quantum jump.**

The next target is the Muslim Malaysia. Its earlier experiment with Muslim Iraq suffered a setback.

**Targeting China:** If these two Muslim countries in South Asia are economically targeted by the West, China and Pakistan will be militarily tackled by arming the ever-willing Indian Aryan ruling class.

Are we in a position to stop this mad, mad "civilisational war"? No. As we have to convert

every problem into an opportunity, we call upon the oppressed non-Aryan Indians to make use of this occasion to the best of our advantage. The mighty China, Pakistan, Malaysia and the entire Muslim world should note this warning and get ready for the planned Third World War. So, we on our part welcome such a war because only such a clash of contradictions will end the Western-Aryan hegemony and enable China and the Islamic world together with the Blacks to play their role in establishing world peace and justice. The power-drunk Hindu nazis are in an intoxicated mood today. Now that they have come to possess the nuclear **viagra**, they will be unstoppable. Further development will be electrifying. ■

## Archaeologists condemn Babri demolition

OUR CORRESPONDENT

**Bangalore:** The notorious *Chanakya*, in collusion with his *Jatwala* Hindu nazis, destroyed the Babri Masjid (Dec. 6, 1992) and then brought death and devastation to thousands of Muslims.

But Indian historians kept mum. Even self-styled authorities on ancient Indian history did not take any action against the criminals because they too were *Jatwals*. But that is not the case with intellectuals outside India. They spoke the truth because they were honest. The following story proves that India has no honest intellectuals:

**New Delhi:** The World Archaeological Congress (WAC) has condemned destruction of historical structures on the basis of "manipulated" archaeological evidence and specifically called the demolition of Babri Masjid a case of "vandalism" which the then Indian Govt. failed to prevent. A resolution, adopted by the WAC held in Croatia last week in the presence of a number of pro-RSS scholars from India, indirectly indicted the then Indian Govt. for having failed to protect the mosque saying that it was the duty of all govts, to protect their cultural heritage. Governments which failed to do so were to be "deplored".

Among those present at the WAC's inter-congress (a conclave held between two full-fledged congress) was Prof. B.B. Lal who concurred with the Sangh Parivar's contention that the Babri Masjid was built after demolishing a temple and therefore the destruction of the Masjid was justified. (*Hindu* May 14, 1998).

Hindu nazis do not know the cost of distorting history. If today's youth are fed on falsehood and hate philosophy, what sort of India we can have tomorrow? ■

# Kanshi Ram also disgusted with reservationwallas

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This is in response to your Editorial of DV May 1, 1998

"*Fiasco of Nagpur DV readers meet: Reservation-wallas cheat their Father & forget own community*".

Our Saviour, Dr. B.F. Ambedkar, said:

"Whatever I have been able to achieve, is being enjoyed by the educated few, who with their deceitful performance, have proved to be worthless lot, with no sympathies for their downtrodden brethren."

You said:

If the slaves want to enjoy their slavery no body can save them.

On the Hindu tricks regarding the *Harijan Sevank Sangh*, Babasaheb said:

"The whole object of the Sangh is to create a slave mentality among the Untouchables towards their Hindu masters."

This slave mentality is responsible for all the humiliation of present-day Dalits in India. If just 1% of the Dalits are reading DV or other Dalit journals, then what more can we expect from this *reservationwallas*? What are the reasons for this dismal record of slave mentality?

**Savarna wives:** 1. Most of our well-paid quota employees don't take part in any Dalit matters because they have matrimonial relations with the *savarnas*. 2. Rest of the employees are busy enjoying TV and *Bibi* and some are working for their self-interest only.

That is why Kanshi Ram has also given up the idea of organising the "educated" Dalits as he finds it a waste of time. A few scattered employees are working hard to overcome all kinds of disabilities but it is an impossible task. We are simply disgusted to see the position of our "educated", employed Dalits.

How to improve the situation?

1. All kinds of reservation facilities must be stopped. If anybody fails to submit his or her spouse's castes certificate in the office within a month of marriage.
2. A compulsory subscription policy should be maintained in all offices under the Dalit employees associations which should be empowered to look after the welfare of Dalit masses.

**Delhi agitation:** Some *reservationwallas* suddenly become very active after different govt. and court verdicts against the reservation in promotion. Such *reservationwallas* are now agitating in Delhi. Once, these very people were not even ready to hear the Dalit cause. Today, they are in the forefront. What does it mean?

M.A. KHAN, AEN OFFICE, C. RLY, MANMAD - 423 104.

I have read DV of May 1, 98 on "Nagpur fiasco" and could know your disappointment over the attitude of "educated" Dalits at your April 12 meeting at Nagpur due to which you are thinking of stopping your journal itself. Instead of stopping it, you should deeply ponder and analyse the behaviour of these "educated" Dalits. In Mahatashtra, English-knowing Dalits have not even heard of DV. Only 1% of people are interested in reading DV, that too if it is given free. You are a scholar in Islamic literature also. So, you better know the principles of Islam which asks you do your duty for the sake of god. Do not be disappointed. Continue your mission. A day will come when everybody will know the voice of *Dalit Voice*. I am always spreading your thoughts among intellectuals. I have also observed that the greatman, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, converted the Dalits to Buddhism but they do not follow Buddhism. Even they do not know the ABCD of their religion but adopting all trades of Hinduism. Please try to publish *Dalit Voice* in every state language, so that people will know your message.

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I am one of the two women who attended the DV readers meet on April 12 at Nagpur. The poor participation of Dalit women can be attributed to the thinking of our Dalit brothers who consider that Dalit women are fit to be full-time house-managers. They do not attach much importance to their women attending such functions. Dalit women too do not insist upon it and gradually lose interest in such activities, thus turning it to be a pure men's show as it was evident on April 12 at Nagpur. Though women by nature are less aggressive, it is the duty of our brothers to create awareness in them. They need to be educated and encouraged to be an active element on such functions. Our women should also realise that their salvation does not lie within the four walls of their houses. Women also must be assertive in becoming equal partners in the social field. When the Editor asked me to speak before the audience, I could not communicate properly. However, I still remember his words of encouragement which boosted my morale and strengthened my resolve to study more so that I could effectively express my views in future. If women are given encouragement they too can prove to be very helpful and complimentary to their Dalit men in social field.

## DV silence amidst media madness

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**The ideal & the obscene:** Until a few decades ago, men and women were inclined to turn away from vulgar scenes. Parents would project an idealistic exterior before their children and vice versa. Newspapers used to ignore or minimise the sex scandals involving personal lives of monarchs, princes and public figures. A top Congress leader, who enjoyed M.K. Gandhi's special grace, was a heavy drunkard and drank in public but the media refrained from dwelling on his personal tastes. Even today, the devotees of Gandhi create ugly scenes if there is a public reference to his 'sex experiments' involving naked women.

Mass media originated in the need to convey news to the public. In the course of time, the cinema industry, TV and advertisements brought huge profits in the world of commerce with the help of mass media. The traditionally vulgar in many forms gradually came to acquire acceptance as it had pragmatic value for the media and commerce alike. Now, parents can sit together with their young sons and daughters before a TV and observe the scenes which were formerly treated as obscene.

Leading newspapers and magazines have of late entered into an ugly competition displaying indecent poses in the name of fashion parades and biographies of actresses and sex scandals of women who come to acquire public attention just because they are married to any royal family or had illicit sex relations with the presidents or top political leaders of the world.

**Unprecedented fuss:** Two thousand years ago, Jesus Christ taught that the woman to be stoned to death was not any special case of adultery. The first stone could be cast by one who was himself/herself quite pure in thought, word and deed. And lo, no one came forward. Vatsayana stood vindicated. Dr. Fried renewed this vindication. Yet people continue to make fuss over any such case involving love affairs, divorce, remarriage or scandals involving some big person. Quite recently an unprecedented fuss had been made by the media all over the world on the accidental death of Diana. Newspapers vied with each other in making her a front-page figure wasting their valuable space which she didn't deserve.

David Manoharan is one of those millions of admirers of Diana. He remarks that he expected a "good coverage of Diana" by the *Dalit Voice*. He holds that "Diana was the world's No.1 celebrity". He is, therefore, very much "disappointed" to note that the *Dalit Voice* chose to ignore her. (DV Nov.1, 1997p.10: "DV silence on Diana & Teresa").

The Editor of *Dalit Voice* (*ibid*) has given a frank, honest and fitting reply for DV's "stoic silence" over "Diana affair". He wrote:

"We don't go mad like other papers... We don't use pictures or indulge in sensations... Media feeds the readers with matter on sex, sensation, entertainment, glamour, drink, crime, gossip, gambling, etc. Diana supplied all these in a capsule. The deafening noise was that she was famous... But famous for what? We did not get the answer". (*ibid*).

**Love of fair-skin:** Indians in general have shown great fascination for a foreign woman with White skin coming from the West to settle in India, Annie Besant, Nivedita, Sonia Gandhi and Teresa are some of them. Once a big newspaper lauds a woman as "charismatic", other editors of big and small newspapers join the chorus of "charisma" as it is a question of their survival. Money makes the mare charismatic.

In this way, non-entities are raised to skies. People are asked to see charisma where it is not.

**Mother Teresa:** The Editor of DV has also given his justification on for not giving publicity to Teresa as the other mass media had done. Hundreds of workers have been working for the uplift of the poor. Teresa did not take interest in the misery of the Dalit Christians who were converts from Untouchables.

There are many "servants of the poor" in society. They are silent servants. Media does not take note of them but selects a few of them for its own reasons and shows extravagant publicity on them.

The explanation given by the Editor of the *Dalit Voice* provides a useful and imitable lesson for other editors and directors of mass media all over the world, so that they refrain from creating misplaced emotions of charisma where it does not exist.

Those who are honest usually think when anyone dies that he is not much missed, and the pompous funeral orations are pieces of hypocrisy, said Nietzsche.

*In this cacophony raised by the media madness real donkeys are palmed off as Derby horses and the prize-winning race horse is condemned as a stupid ass. There is no dishonesty or corruption greater than intellectual corruption. The Indian upper caste elites are drowned in this intellectual corruption. They don't know where they are going. Let them rot and drown but our fear is that as they go down and commit suicide they are forcing the innocent Bahujians also to follow them. This is our worry - EDITOR.*

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## **A Dalit View of India's Muslim Problem**

The book presents in nutshell some of the greatest writings of the 20th century on India's Muslims — forming over 15% of its 1,000 million population — by V.T. Rajshekar, a noted authority on the subject.

Selected historic Editorials of *Dalit Voice*, the most powerful English fortnightly of India's Untouchables and other persecuted nationalities, are reprinted here following world-wide demand.

As Muslims are mostly converts from the Dalits (20%), Tribals (10%) or Backward Castes (35%) — original inhabitants of India — they have all become victims of a common oppressor, a tiny (15%) alien Aryan ruling class, whom he calls Hindu nazis.

The book provides many morale-boosting insights to Muslims who, says the author, can find in Dalits their most trusted ally. The different warnings and prophetic pronouncements of the author, whose writings have caught the imagination of the entire Islamic world, have all come true. Muslims can ignore this book only at the cost of the community.

With deep philosophical insights, the author paints the picture of the country's single largest community, which ruled India for about a 1,000 years and contributed so much to enrich its culture, civilisation, social harmony but now being dubbed anti-national, subjected to periodic violence, its very identity threatened and virtually enslaved — all within a short span of 50 years.

The author warns of an international conspiracy to wipe out Islam in India — a repetition of Spain.

# Wanted Ambedkarites to distribute deadly "jati identity" weapon

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This has reference to the speech delivered by our Editor at Pune on "jati identity" (DV May 1, 1998 p.19: "Brahmins became rulers only by strengthening their jati identity").

His revolutionary slogan — "strengthen every jati identity" — will stimulate the Bahujans (SC/ST/BCs and religious minorities) to fight their enemies, the upper castes. To deceive the toiling masses, the BJP and marxists, both led by the upper castes, are forcing us to forget our jati identity. They want to strengthen their "Hindu unity" and "Hindu nation" so that the upper caste leadership is further consolidated under the over-all leadership of the vaidiks.

**Though the BJP and marxists are wearing the shirts of different political ideologies, internally they are all one and the same because they are all alien Aryans.**

Even though they form a mere 15% of the total population, they are the rulers of the country. The Brahmins have destroyed the Tribal identity of the original inhabitants of India, put them under the Hindu caste system and called themselves as the single largest religion of India. Our Editor said:

"In India, it is the caste that can be compared to a nation. We have to destroy the notion of caste but strengthen the nation of caste" (DV May 1, 1998 p.20).

The BJP is bending backwards to promote "Hindu unity" but the same fellows are against the "Bahujan unity". The BJP after coming to power is preparing to spread its *Hindutva* or "cultural nationalism". The BJP fears that the "jati identity" will encourage the "lower castes" for a confrontation with the upper castes leading to social conflicts. So, they are working overtime to promote social harmony.

**BJP "hidden agenda":** The BJP being part of the RSS has a "hidden agenda" which includes construction of Ram temple at Ayodhya, a uniform civil code and son on. Most of the items in the "hidden agenda" will used to destroy the Bahujans which in their dictionary means destruction of distinct identity of our different Tribal units.

The "Mandir agenda" of the BJP was primarily aimed at destroying Janata Dal's "Mandal agenda". The Mandal Commission tried to restore the stolen human rights of the Backward Castes. But the *Hindutva* heroes launched their Mandir agenda to destroy the Mandal.

**Stooges criticising DV thesis:** Some of the SC/ST/BCs have been brought into the BJP-RSS Hindu fold to be used as sacrificial goats. They have become stooges of the upper castes — slaves enjoying slavery, to put it in the words of our Editor. They believe that they are Hindus. But no SC/ST/BC has been made a temple priest. Not one of them has been posted to the place of a leader having commanding powers. Most of the fellows demanding "annihilation of castes" and criticising the DV thesis on caste are the stooges of upper castes. It is a fact that SC/ST/BC leadership has emerged as a result of Dr. Ambedkar, Periyar and Lohia movements.

**We need hundreds of dedicated Ambedkarites from the Bahujans to carry forward the revolutionary message of "caste identity" of our Editor.**

The Brahmins have their own religious mutts to guide them on their "caste consolidation". But we have no such mutts.

Hence, we have to find out dedicated Ambedkarites to spread the ideology of "jati identity".

Raju Thomas is one such dedicated Ambedkarite distributing the powerful weapon "jati identity", manufactured by our Editor, among the oppressed classes.

This deadly weapon is more powerful than the most powerful hydrogen bomb and hence sure to destroy the Brahminical Social Order (BSO) — without a single drop of blood.

## Nazi-Sikh war on Uttarkhand

OUR CORRESPONDENT

**Bangalore:** The formation of Uttar Khand, a hill state where the *vaidiks* and their *chelas* will be the single largest population, is facing serious trouble. The Akali Sikhs, who are shaking hands with nazis in Delhi have started kicking them on the Uttarkhand backdoor. Utham Singh Nagar which has a big population of Sikhs, is refusing to join the new state. But the *vaidiks* are bent upon annexing this district.

That means confrontation between the nazis and the Sikhs. Prime Minister Vajpayee had announced the formation of Uttarkhand within 90 days of taking over. But the nazi state is refusing to be born.

# How "caste identity" survived even after conversion to Veerashivism

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I am writing this article on "caste identity" Debate which is continuing for months together, so that we may know each other — who is my friend, who is my enemy and why all the revolts against brahminism has failed so far?

I will start with "caste identity" article in DV April 1, 1998 p.6-7: "*It was a wholesale consolidation of Lingayats and Brahmins, under the leadership of BJP.*"

The word Lingayat means nothing because people of all castes joined this movement when in the year 1106 AD, Basava was born. He broke away from the Brahmin fold and set up a religion of which one of the main features was a disregard of Brahman supremacy.

Edgar Thurston, in his book, *The Castes and Tribes of Southern India* (Asian Educational Services, C-2/15, SDA, New Delhi - 110 016) Vol. IV, p.248 says:

"It has been already stated that one of the principles of the religion is a disregard of caste distinctions. The prevailing races were Dravidar, and it is an accepted fact that the theory of caste as propounded by Manu is altogether foreign to Dravidian ideas. Historians cannot tell us how long the process of grafting the caste system on to the Dravidian tree lasted, but it is clear that, when Basava appeared, the united growth was well established. Brahmins were acknowledged as the leaders in religious matters, and, as the secular is closely interwoven with the religious, in all eastern countries, the priestly class was gradually usurping to itself a position of general control."... "Basava and Ramayya were Saivaitic Brahmins, from whom has sprung a race of free thinkers, who affect the disregard of caste and many of the ceremonial observances created by the Brahman priesthood."

**Linga worship:** "The *lingam* was to be regarded as the universal leveller, rendering all its wearers equal in the eye of the deity. High and low were to be brought together by its influence, and all caste distinctions were to be swept away..." "All the iron fetters of brahminical tyranny are, in fact, torn asunder, and the Lingayat is to be allowed that freedom of individual action, which is found amongst the more advanced Christian communities. Even the lowest castes are to be raised to the level of all others by the investiture of the *lingam* and all *Lingadharis*, or wearers of the divine symbol are to eat together, to intermarry, and to live at unity."... "But social distinctions inevitably assented themselves

later" ... (p.249) "New converts were placed on a lower social footing the priests alone continuing as a privileged class.."

P.250: "Jangam or Lingayat priest, who is summoned for the purpose, on his arrival, the parents wash his feet. ... "Occasionally the double character of guru and Jangam are combined in one person".

P.251: "It is the modern practice to deny to these low castes (Dhor, Chalvadis etc) to style themselves Lingayats at all."

P.251: "In the second and third divisions, i.e., non-Panchamsalis, and others, the subcastes are functional groups and are endogamous, i.e., intermarriage is prohibited."

**P.252: "A Paraiiah or a Mala cannot be invested with the Lingam, and, if he pretends to be a Lingayat, the Jangam does not acknowledge him."**

**Imitating Brahmins:** "But the tendency of today is to follow the lead of the Brahmin, and while no Lingayat will admit the superiority of that caste, they practically acknowledge it by imitating many brahminical practices."

"It may be noted that, at the time of the census of 1891, there were numerous representatives from Lingayats claiming the right to be described as Virshaiva Brahmins. Further, on the occasion of the census of 1901, a complete scheme was supplied to the census authorities professing to show all Lingayat subdivisions in four groups viz., Brahman, Kshatriya, Vaishya and Sudra."

P.258: "Virshaiva Brahmins are also known as Sudha Virshaiva, Virshaiva Kings are Marga Virshaiva, Virshaiva Vaishyas are Mishra Virshaiva, and the Sudras of the community are Anter Virshaiva".

P.260: "If Lingayatism was an island thrown up within the "boundless sea of Hinduism", it would appear that the waters of the ocean are doing their utmost to undermine its solid foundations."

P.266: "Theoretically, any one may become a Lingayat by virtue of investiture with the Lingam. But in practice very few outsiders are admitted., the priests do not proselytise."

**Dalits not Lingayats:** P.268: "It is, however, the accepted rule amongst Lingayats of the present day

that a Mala or Madiga cannot wear Lingam."

P.270: "In 1899, it was decided in a civil court that the bells used in the processions of the Lingayats should be rung with the hands and not with the feet, and that the Chalvadis, or bell-ringers, should not utter any cries or chants offensive to the feelings of the Brahmins."  
**"At the present moment, therefore, the Brahman-Lingayat controversy is exactly where it was a hundred years ago."**

I have written this long note to show that the word Lingayat is neither a separate caste nor a separate religion. It is as vague as the word Hindu — which is neither the name of a caste nor that of a religion.

It is clear that the reformer in this case (Lingayats) was a Brahman, Basava. Whenever brahminism is in peril, a new reformer is born among them. Within last 120 years, two such Brahmins have come up in North India — Dayanand and Sri Ram Sharma. They have practically succeeded in establishing Vedic religion by introducing *Gayatri Mantra* — which according to me is pure nonsense.

It is a shame upon the Lingayats, who are non-Brahmins, to vote for the BJP which is all-out to introduce *Manuvad* in India. It is clear that Brahmin Lingayats

have separated themselves from other Lingayats. A Brahman is no Brahman at all, if he merges up with other classes of people.

### GODS, FALSE-GODS & THE UNTOUCHABLES

Kanshi Ram,  
President,  
Bahujan Samaj Party,  
will release the book

by S.K. Biswas  
on June 7, 1998.

Venue: The Constitution Club,  
Rafi Marg, New Delhi - 1.

Time: 5 p.m.

Krishen Kumar, R.C. Arya,  
Thomas Mathew,  
Pranod Kuri

Mohinder Singh, R.S. Adli,  
Deendayal,  
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## Indian rulers are big boozers

### OUR CORRESPONDENT

**Bangalore:** A report in the *Times of India* (Oct. 17, 1997) says:

*I was horrified to learn that India is a major consumer of whisky. Doesn't Hindustan disallow the consumption of alcohol", asked an official horrified by the alcohol consumption in India.*

Scotch is the costliest among imported whisky in India. Who can afford to drink such an expensive whisky? Of course, not the "poor" who in India are none other than Dalits. The SC/ST/BCs and Muslims come under this category of "poor" as per the govt. statistics. Who then are the "rich"? Naturally, the upper castes who are also India's rulers.

**Sura pana:** These upper castes are also called Hindus and Hin-

duism is said to be against alcohol. No. This is false. Every Hindu god drinks. Ram and Krishna were all big boozers. **Sura pana** means liquor-drinking which was the main pre-occupation of these gods. Since Hindus follow their gods, Hindustan has become the biggest market for intoxicated drinks.

**Scotland's Scotch manufacturers themselves were shocked that India consumes more Scotch than the Scotch produced in Scotland.**

Nowhere in the world we can get such a unique brand of glaring contradictions. The Gujarati Bania, M.K. Gandhi, was responsible for enforcing his fake "prohibition" policy. But right under him, his No. 1 disciple, Jawaharlal Nehru, a Kash-

miri Brahmin, and Vallabhai Patel, a Gujarati shudra, used to drink.

**Beehine to beefsteaks:** The upper caste Aryans are a pack of hypocrites. They say one thing but do the exact opposite of it. (**Know the Hindu Mind**, V.T. Rajshekar, DSA 1990).

They say cow is their mother and cow-killing is **mahapapa**. But go to our five-star hotels and you will see the upper castes making a beehine to beefsteaks.

Drinking, eating, mating, fighting, pleasure-hunting, idling, gossiping, quarrelling, destroying, lying, cheating, killing are some of the favourite pastimes of these **hindutva** heroes who have converted India into an open slaughter house.

# किसने सोचा था... हर चौपाल होगी भोपाल?



किसी ने नहीं।

लेकिन सच्चाई आपके सामने है।

पांच लाख से ज्यादा पंच-सरपंच गांव के बाकी लोगों की रजामंदी से फैसले करते हैं- गांव में पढ़ाई-लिखाई के, इलाज के, गांव की तरक्की के, लोगों की खुशहाली के।

जो फैसले कभी होते थे भोपाल में वो अब होते हैं चौपाल में।

**मध्यप्रदेश**

**एक कदम और...**

**ग्राम स्वराज की तरफ**

# Letters to Editor

**Landeem-ben-ammi-mizraem-strange**, DF-5746, Prisoner of War, PO Box 99901, Pittsburgh, PA 15233, USA: As a "Black African Hebrew Israelite", I am a POW in the "United Snakes of Amerakkicca". I read your chapter in the

## DV earns a place in history

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book, *African Presence in Early Asia*, by Runoko Rashidi and co-Edited by Ivan Van Sertima and I feel the pain that you are going thru with the Aryan- Brahmin-Hindu caste system (racism) and was pained to hear about your sufferings. I am 21 years old, and I know my African roots. I am from Ethiopia and from the ancient African Hebrew Tribe called The Falashas. You might of heard of that: I was born in this country (USA - Under Satan's Arms) but my great-grandparents are from Ethiopia (Kush). Right now, I am locked up and I don't have any money and I need your help. I know that my brothers and sisters of India didn't practice Hinduism, but they practiced nature worship. Please send me some more books on the nature worship that you did and the Black Cochins Jews and all Black Indian Jews of India and could you send me your books, *Who is the Mother of Hitler?* and *Why Godse Killed Gandhi?* I need to know more about the Dalit — the Black Untouchables of India. I love all of you, and fight the power of the White Leviathan Beast.

**Runoko Rashidi, USA:** Read the *Dalit Voice* of May<sup>1</sup>,

and I was depressed by the gloomy tone of the Editorial. Kerala Dalit Panthers helped me to get over the disappointment at Nagpur. I am still excited about the trip and consider it to have been a tremendous success. In spite of the few mishaps, I accomplished essentially everything that I set out to do. I went many places where no one had ever met a Black man from outside India before. All things considered, it was a phenomenal trip full of historical significance, so don't be too disappointed for my sake. What we have to concentrate on in this regard to begin planning for the next trip. It might be worth considering whether or not we should begin publicizing the trip.

**It was painful to read your "Fiasco of Nagpur DV Readers meet" (DV Edit May 1, 1998). I hope you will not be discouraged. In a somewhat similar situation in the U.S., Blacks and Whites in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (formed in 1908 as a direct result of the lynching of two Blacks) tried and failed for decades to awaken the Black people. E.B. Du Bois, the only Black in the leadership, joined specifically to oppose the previous conciliatory policy of Booker T. Washington. Du Bois and others of the NAACP were condemned as radicals and revolutionaries. It was not until the 1960s that their ideas began to take hold among Black people.**

**Your task is a thousand times more difficult. Racism in the West is fairly recent. (Remember, Othello was a dark-skinned Moor and yet was accepted as a general and married the daughter of an elite family). Casteism in India is the product of thousands of years and is entrenched in every aspect of its history, literature and custom.**

**Dr. Annamalai's comment:** You are a pioneer. Perhaps it will take a generation or more for your fighting message to be accepted by all Dalits. But no one who accepts in the essential humanity of all people can believe you will fail. **You did not start this struggle for personal honor or gain. I also know what it costs you in time, effort and frustration. You have given the most precious of all gifts, your life, to the cause. All Prophets are without honor at home. But there can be no doubt that you have earned a place in history as true successor to Dr. Ambedkar. You will be remembered as the man who gave a popular base to the struggle.**

**On another point, there is justification in Dr. Annamalai's criticism of some of your approaches, especially on the issue of Islam. However, the originality of your struggle is that you do not limit yourself to the narrow field of atrocities against Dalits. What you are saying, although not directly, is that casteism is systemic to India. Thus, light must be shown on all aspects of Indian culture and even, at times, on foreign affairs. If Dalits are to be thought of as full Indian citizens, it must be accepted that they are as interested as anyone else in what happens in the rest of the world. Do not despair.**

tre" is a **must**, but everything boils down to finances. I wish to clarify that I don't have funds for Dalit media individually. I have tremendous amount of expenses since two of my sons are going to college. I will try to

generate some funds from people outside India but I will again suggest to meet Dalit leaders like Kanshi Ram or Ram Vilas Paswan. If Dalit Ezhilmalai is unable to help you in getting your passport, I will organise a protest with my Afro-American brothers to make it an international issue.

**Dr. Veju Annamalai**, 14902 James River Lane, Houston, TX 77084-2112, USA: The *Time* magazine of April 13, 1998 is devoted to "100 Leaders & Revolutionaries" in which Salman Rushdie on M.K. Gandhi says "...frequently going on hungerstrike so that others might live". Rushdie should have checked his basic knowledge on Gandhi and his cunning game he played on the lives of the Dalits (Untouchables) and the other poor and persecuted Indians. Gandhi killed the entire future of Dalits by his evil-designed "epic fast" and the resultant destruction of lives of the Dalits by keeping them as permanent slaves of the tyrant caste-infested Hindus. Gandhi did everything in his power to save the evil caste-ridden brahminical Hinduism at the cost of Dalits human dignity and simple social justice. Because, Gandhi lived and died a "Evil Caste Man". This was the reason why Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the greatest intellectual giant and an ardent social emancipator of India, called Gandhi as the No. 1 Enemy of the Untouchables. There are over 350 million Dalit sand Tribais in India and Gandhi was, is and will always be their No. 1 enemy. Gandhi made the Untouchables not only the permanent physical slaves but also the permanent mental slaves of his evil caste-infested Hindu oppressors. The *Time* magazine should not have added Gandhi's name to the list of world revolutionaries, because Gandhi was a 100% counter-revolutionary. He single-handedly succeeded in keeping India a poverty-stricken, illiterate, backward, blind, ritualist and beggar nation. He took India to the dark ages by his fanatical and weird beliefs and practices. The magazine has glorified a man who protected the evil caste system, barbarous and inhuman practice of untouchability, world's most cunning hypocrite, and who killed the future lives of over 350 million people. He was a counter-revolutionary or a fake revolutionary.

**Dr. N. Srinivasan & Cilir S Segaren**, Oxford Dravidian Amnesty Council, 33 Ryemers Lane, Cowley, Oxford OX4 3JU, UK: We want to start the above organisation to work towards re-establishing the denied human rights for the Dalits in India and other parts of the world. To internationalise the atrocities perpetrated on the Dalits by drawing the attention of the international community, to organise an enlightened force to combat

the evils of a divided social order in the name of religion. We need your support.

**V. Rattai**, Teacher, St. Benedict's College, Colombo-13, Sri Lanka: I have resumed my teaching job back in Sri Lanka. I had a mild heart attack due to my mental agony. Still we have been suffering due to the on-going war in Lanka. I need your helping hand to get an admission to a relative in a Indian university.

**Mohammed Ayub Ali Khan**, Chicago, IL, USA: An Islamic scholar, Rafeeq Zakaria of Bombay, even in his 1995 book, *The Widening Divide*, said that Sayyidna Ali, *Radi-Allahu urhu*, Imam Ghazali and Shah Abdul Aziz allowed the many forms of family planning, including the use of contraceptives and abortion (pp. 186-88):

"The hue and cry that some of the countries raised, in consort with Catholics, at the UN conference on Family Planning and Development at Cairo in September 1994, was more politically instigated than religiously inspired".

Who motivates Rafeeq Zakaria? Surely not politics of common sense, probably politics of money.

*There are many Muslim "scholars" and Moulanas like Rafeeq Zakaria who get fame and name by supporting Hindu nazis — EDITOR.*

**Richard Cottrell**, Reg.No. 13114-07, Qtr Knox-A, PO Box 4000, Manchester, KY 40962-400, USA: I am in this jail and want to read *Dalit Voice* in the jail. Send me all your literature.

**Ms. Ashira Na'im**, Administrator, Masjid Jamaat-al-Muslimeen 4624 York Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21212, USA: Last week I returned to my home in Baltimore after a 10-month stay in The Sudan and was informed by my friends in the African-American community of the slavery in Sudan stories published by *The Sun* and publicized by WJHU Radio. Aside from being false statements, these abusive attacks on Sudan are so unfair and hurtful to the Sudanese people that I am compelled to respond. I saw a nation struggling to survive the pressures of a foreign-inspired rebellion in the south and intense economic pressure created by sanctions imposed through both Israeli lobbies here in America and the pro-Israeli govt. in Egypt. I see these moves as attempts to weaken a govt. that is trying to follow a relatively independent foreign and domestic govt. policy. I did not see Islam being imposed on Christians or other non-Muslims. My 16-year-old son, like countless other African-American young people, was about to become a victim of American materialism. I took him to Sudan, and he was saved from a fate which awaits many young African-Americans imprisonment or early death. I urge

Americans not to be misled by Zionist propaganda. The Sudanese people want to be our friends. They welcomed me into their homes and families. We must stand against those forces which were trying to destabilize Sudan.

**Mumtaz Hussain**, Doha, Qatar: *The Muslim India of April 1998* (p.159) has disclosed Priyanka's RSS connections:

... The Vadra family farm in Bagarpur, 12 km from M:cradabad, hosts a Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh-run school and occasional shakhas. Vadera Farm has a tastefully done-up farmhouse, a swimming pool and Saraswati Shishu Mandir, a school run by the RSS. Om Prakash Vadera, the family patriarch and the uncle of Robert Vadra, donated the school to the RSS in 1995. "I am the permanent chairman of the school", he says. Priyanka's father-in-law, Rajendra Vadra is also associated with the school. "Rajendrajai is a regular visitor", says Princi-pal. An employee of the school says that even Priyanka had visited the premises when she had come to the farmhouse before her marriage....Among the photographs on the walls of Principal's office are that of the RSS founder Hegdewar and Golwalkar. Copies of *Panchjanya*, the RSS mouthpiece, lie prominently on the principal's table. The school has on its roll around 270 children from nursery to class VIII from nearby villages. All teachers are committed RSS workers. In the evenings, the school pre-mises once again come alive with... extra-curricular activities. "It is a chance for the Hindus to come together play together and think together", says Singh. RSS shakhas are sometimes held in the school pre-mises. On the other occasions, the children and neighbouring youth hold the shakha at the government primary school nearby. (Source: *The Indian Express*, March 9, 1998).

**Eleanor Zelliot**, Laird Bell Professor Emerita, Dept. of History, Carleton College, One North College Street, Northfield, Minnesota 55057, USA: Dr. B.R. Ambedkar is better known now that at the end of his life, 1891-1956. He is a symbol of pride for the lowly group that now calls itself Dalits (the oppressed). But he is much more than that also and the range of his influence continues to spread.

**Council of Khalistan**, 2025 Eye Street, NW #922, Washington DC 20006, USA: The World Sikh Council will appoint a Citizen's Commission to investigate the genocide in Punjab, according to the *Times of India*. Retired Supreme Court Judge Kuldeep Singh, President of the World Sikh Council, announced the formation of the commission, which will begin its work next month and is expected to report on its findings by the end of the year.

**Shakaeel Ahamed**, PO Box 40308, Sharjah, UAE: The

greater part of Africa was supposed to have been independent for well over a quarter of a century. Yet Africa's ordeal is far from over. Contemporary African states have, since their creation by European imperialism, been epitomes of economic dependence, political instability and social dislocation. These disabilities were further compounded by ecological disasters, civil and inter-state wars and, perhaps more devastating, the debt burden. The roots of all these calamities go back to Africa's relationship with the colonialist masters. Since Europe discovered Africa the relationship between the two had passed through three distinct stages: slavery, colonialism and now neo-colonialism. Islam's relationship with Africa, on the other hand, was a complete contrast to this. It entered Africa and liberated the Copts of Egypt from the shackles of the Byzantine Empire in the 7th century. It had since remained a liberating force. It spread literacy, boosted trade and commerce and developed states of varying complexity. Above all, it resisted and fought the encroachment on the continent. For several years, Abdul-Qadir fought the French in Algeria, Umar al-Mukhtar fought the Italians in Libya, Umar al-Futi fought the British in the Sudan, Muhammad Abdullah Hassan fought the Italians in Somalia and Sultan Attahir fought the British in Burmi in Nigeria. It is difficult to conceive what Africa would have been today but for the resistance put up by Islam against European imperialism.

**Ameer**, JAMI (UK), 94B Caistford Street, London, NW5 2EH: I have read your three booklets: *Brahminism*, *Islam Prohibits Priesthood*, and the *Curse of Allah*. I have been to Toronto and have already received about 100 copies of the *Curse of Allah* and *Islam Prohibited Priesthood* from Br. Shamsul Hassan. I appreciate the articles in *Dalil Voice of March* 1998, "*Will US defy world opinion & Saddam?*" and "*How every DV prediction on Saddam proved right?*". Prof. Rahmatullah writes well and I enjoy it. The professor must also remember that Saddam Hussain started his career as a hireling of the British in Baghdad to destabilize the previous governments. He killed over 5,000 Iraqis in a few hours in Halabcha by gassing them for collaborating with the Iranians. Saddam is a dictator and he should not be glorified unduly. During Iraq-Iran war he was the favourite of Zionists and Americans. Saddam built the greatest mosque in Iraq, while his countrymen are dying for want of food and medicine. We must, however, support the people of Iraq and fight against Zionist-American imposed embargo. Prof. Rahmatullah is a good critic. I have been to Goa and Karwar in the year 1995 and

1996, twice, but when I met and spoke to a few teachers about *Dalit Voice*, which they have not heard about.

**Nicolas Jaouli**, Centre De Sciences Humaines, 2-Aurangzeb Road, New Delhi - 110 011: Even though we have never met, I am writing to you to seek some data about your movement. It is Dr. Ram Nath, Vice-Chancellor of Kanpur Agriculture University, who gave me your address. I am a French student affiliated both to JNU (Delhi) and EHESS in Paris, writing a Ph.D., in Political Sociology on the history of Dalit mobilization and leadership of Kanpur in UP. I had earlier stayed in Lucknow in 1995 to write about the experience of BSP in the UP Govt. Then, I visited Kanpur and took interest in this city, because the Dalit movement has a long history here (since the days of Swamy Achhutanand) and also because it can help to understand how anti-Muslim riots have been used to create diversion in the consciousness of Dalits. I am looking for any available data and analysis on my topic, be it written documents, but also photographs and films as I am also planning to edit a documentary on the subject, my field of interest are the following. Dr. Ambedkar's visits to UP, especially in Kanpur in 1946, Kanpur's Dalit leaders, involvement of Dalits in anti-Muslim riots and conversion ceremony at Nagpur on Oct. 14, 1956 (has anyone filmed this event?). I am very much interested in conversion to Buddhism in India. So, if anything is organised on the conversions front keep me informed so that I can film it. I will be leaving India at the end of May and come back in October 98. DV readers can write to me also to France: at 12 ter rue Rere Descartes, 31500 Toulouse, France.

**Dalit Ezhimalai**, Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India, Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi - 110 011: I have written a letter to Dr. Laxmi N. Berwa, USA, in reply to his letter of April 12, 1998 inviting me to USA. We have heard a lot about Dr. Berwa's services and also read about it in *Dalit Voice*. In my letter I have reminded him of the need for "Media Centre". The Editor of *Dalit Voice*, V.T. Rajshekar, who is my colleague, has been for long dreaming of setting up of a "Media Centre" in Delhi and his arguments in favour of such a project cannot be questioned because our battle has not been succeeding and Babasahab's message has not been reaching the masses because we have no powerful media of our own. We are sure that Dr. Berwa and his friends dedicated to this cause are in a position to make this dream come true. I have asked him to expedite this project before the 21st century, "Dr. Ambedkar Era", begins and so that the credit goes to Dr. Berwa. I am waiting for his reply.

**Krupakar Madiga Ponugoti**, Gen. Secretary, Madiga Reservation Porata Samiti, 49-New MLA Quarters, Bashaerbagh, Hyderabad: In AP, there are 59-subcastes listed as Scheduled Castes (SC) in the Presidential Order 1956. Since independence very few castes in SC list are enjoying all the constitutional benefits leaving other major castes in distress. Among the 59 castes, Mala and Madigas are dominant subcastes. According to the 1991 census, the Mala population is 40 lakhs and the Madigas are 70 lakhs. But the Malas cornered the major portion of reservations in both education and govt. jobs depriving the other subcastes. The Madigas with its subcastes are the most affected because of this reason. Of the 15% reservations, the Malas are enjoying 13% and the Madigas are left with just 2%. The Malas have 22 MLAs, two ministers and four MPs. The posts IAS, IPS down to the rank of peon both in govt. and public sector have been monopolised by this single Mala subcaste depriving all other SC subcastes. That means the Malas are enjoying more than their share of population. Under these distressing conditions, the Madigas consolidated themselves under the banner of Madiga Reservation Porata Samiti (MRPS) otherwise known as *Dandora* and demanded sub-classification of all 59 SC subcastes into ABC and D just like the principle adopted for the Backward Castes. Our request was considered by the AP State Govt. and a one-man commission was appointed with the Justice Ramachandra Raju as its chairman. The commission accepted our demand for sub-classification of SCs. But the same was challenged before the AP High Court which quashed the GO of AP State Govt. on a technical ground that the subclassification was done "without consulting" the National Commission for SC & ST, New Delhi, as a statutory obligation. The High Court decision was challenged by the State Govt. before Supreme Court. We demanded the State Govt. to withdraw its plea before the Supreme Court and consult the National SC/ST Commission. The State Govt. finally approached the Commission. The MRPS has been taking a very peaceful agitational path on democratic lines. On April 14 1997, our state president, Krishna Madiga, started a *padayatra* covering 1200 km from Naravaripalli, the native village of our Chief Minister, to Hyderabad. On June 6, 1997 he reached Hyderabad and culminating in a public meeting of 10 lakhs blocking the state capital. The *padayatra* was a historical event. The guiding principle behind the "*Dandora* movement" that fruits of social justice produced by Dr. Babasahab Ambedkar should be shared among all the SC subcastes in proportion to

the population of each subcaste. The AP State Assembly unanimously adopted a resolution in support of the policy of "categorisation" of SC castes. (DV May 16, '98 p. 7). All political parties supported the resolution and urged the National Commission for SC/ST to give its acceptance. In view of the injustice done to the certain SC subcastes in the existing reservation policy, we hope the Commission will endorse our demand. The main intention of the new policy is to overcome the imbalance among SCs and that the SCs should be "categorised" on the basis of their backwardness and population to ensure a more equitable distribution of statutory rights in employment and admission to educational institutions.

**Sudesh M.R.** Dooth Books, PO Edavanakkad, Ernakulam - 682 502: Once you have written that the problem of Kerala is the problem of its Backward Caste Elavas, the single largest Untouchable community of the state. This is true. Today, the Elavas (Thiyas) have been very much *hinduised*, that means enslaved by the brahminical religion. They are being discriminated against in every field even today. They have almost forgotten the teachings of their liberator, Sri Narayana Guru. The upper (evil) castes had nick-named the Guru as "Cement Naanu" earlier but now they have changed it as "Bank Manager" since most of the statuses of the Guru are kept in glass cases. Some of our Dalit brothers also use this derogative term unknowingly. What Dr. I.S. Jawahar has written in DV March 1, 1998 p.16, about the Guru is not correct. He may read the book *Narayan Guru* anthology, edited by P.K. Balakrishnan, before commenting on the Guru. The SNDDP Yogam, the caste organisation of Elavas, has virtually no control on the community. The SNDDP Yogam has neither a powerful media to enlighten the community nor any idea of establishing one. Though the *Kerala Kaumudi* is an Elava-owned daily, its very executive editor is an upper caste Nambiar. Its "intellectuals" like Nitya Chaitanya Yati, Dr. Sukumar Azhikkode, Dr. T.K. Ravindran, Prof. M.K. Sanu etc., have been corrupted and co-opted by the Hindus. A noted exception is Athirunkal Prabhakaran, who translated the *History of Hindu Imperialism* of Swami Dharmatheertha into Malayalam, died recently. Sivagiri, where the Guru died, has also been captured by the upper castes. B.R.P. Bhasker, Cheral Ramadas, Sankaranarayan Malappuram. Prof. M.S. Jayaprakash, Dr. P.K. Sukumaran, Anil Kumar Vedakara and some others are committed and capable of leading this community to the path of liberation, but the more committed among them are not financially sound to establish a "media centre" for the community. However, we have started a monthly, *Uparodham*

(Annual sub Rs.30, address: Cheral Ramadas, Edit Desk, Kaakkanaat-682 030).

**K.N.Kuttan**, H. No.92, Burma Road, Kumarapuram, Trivandrum - 11: The Letter of P.M. Sureshkumar from Kottayam (DV March 16, 1998 p.14) is purely subjective which reflects his own brand of sensationalism. It is evident that his aim is to malign me personally. Contrary to good journalistic practice, defamatory statements against me had been permitted to appear in DV which should not used for personal vendetta.

**G. Gopala Rao**, 1-61, Rayalam, Bhimavaram, AP - 534 208: This refers to S.P. Singh Letter (DV May 1, 98 p.15) praising Vivekananda for "revolting against Brahmins and other upper castes". He might have criticised and revolted against Brahmins (priests) but he was fully drugged with the most powerful potency of religious brown-sugar. He loved to play the role of "Hindu Nepolean". Please read the following to know the real face of this Bengali Kayasth. (1) "*Vivekananda was a stooge of British and slave of brahminism*" by S.K. Biswas pp.4 to 10, DV March 1, 1995. (2) "*Vivekananda's racism exposed Hindu bid to bring caste to US*", by G.B. Singh (DV p.7-10 Feb.16, 1996. (3) "*Being a sanyasi Vivekananda loved to play the role of Hindu Nepolean*" (p.52, 53 in *Poverty of Intellectualism in India* by V.R. Nartla). He did nothing to elevate and render justice to the Untouchables.

Vivekananda said:

"This old religion of India is not the vedic but vendantic or upanishadic religion of India. (DV p.8 Oct.16, 1997).

The following are the Dogmas which sum up the teaching vedanta or upanishads:

(1) Brahman is the only reality. (2) The world is *maya* or unreal (3) *Jiva (Atman)* and *Brahma (Paramatma)* are identical (same) [p.285 Vol.IV W&S of Dr. Ambedkar].

Why the philosophy of Upanishads became ineffective? Why this philosophy has no influence on the way of life? Because the philosophers of Upanishads did not realise that to know the truth was not enough. One must learn to love the truth. Philosophy is concerned with only knowing the truth. Religion is concerned with the love of truth. The difference between philosophy and religion are merely two aspects of one and the same thing. Unless religion is dynamic and begets in us, the emotion of love for something, then it is better to be without any thing that we call religion. If religion were metaphysics and nothing else, one thing is certain, it would never be the concern of the simple and humble men. "The

philosophy of Hinduism is the philosophy of Upanishads. Both are one and the same" (p.84 to 87 Vol.3, *W&S of Dr. Ambedkar*). S.P. Singh said:

Subhas Bose was a real political leader, who challenged the *mahatmahood* of M.K. Gandhi and claimed reservations for Muslims in Bengal.

Subhas Bose might have claimed reservations for Muslims but he did nothing for the Untouchables. Bose might have challenged the *mahatmahood* of Gandhi but he did not challenge the social imperialism of the Hindus. If Bose was a versatile and genius, why did he leave India secretly, instead of mobilising the Indian masses against Gandhi and the British? Why did he join hands with "fascist Japan and Nazi Germany" and invade India with the Army of Japan and Germany? Is this bravery? In the participation of Dr. Ambedkar in RTC in London as a representative of the Untouchables, Bose had criticised Dr. Ambedkar. He said:

"Dr. Ambedkar had had his leadership thrust upon him by a benign British Govt. because his services were necessary to embarrass the nationalist leaders." (p.67 *Dr. Ambedkar's Role In Nationalist Movement* by Dr. D.R. Jajav).

Bose was thus pro-Gandhi. S.P. Singh said:

No SC or neo-Buddhist leader is interested in criticising the Brahmins and the dirty role they have played in Indian politics. Instead they are vocal in abusing Rama and Krishna.

Both Rama and Krishna were Brahmins by birth and Anyans. Both very loyally served the Brahmins. They preached and propagated the Vedic *Dharma* of the Brahmins.

"He (Rama) was begotten upon Kausalya by the (Brahmin) Sage Shring, although they did not stand in the relationship of husband and wife (p.324 Vol. IV *W&S of Dr. Ambedkar*).

King Dasharatha was the nominal father of his son Rama. Please read the *Narendrapuran* by R.D. Paswan, Patna (p.12 DV May 1, 1998). Krishna was the son of Satyawathi (fisherman) and the father of Dhrtarashtra, Pandu and Vidur (p.88 Vol.IV W&S). He (Krishna Dwayupayeen) was begotten upon (Satyawathi) Matya Gandha by the (Brahmin) Sage Parashara.(ibid p.229).

**Sonu Maru**, New Delhi: I want to invite the attention of DV readers world-wide to the following. *Hindutva's* real face is getting unmasked as days pass. The *Brahmana Jati Party* (BJP) and its sister-serpents (RSS, VHP and Bajrang Dal) were earlier responsible for demolition of Muslim's sacred place, Babri Masjid, when the situation became too hot and tense, they

started pretending that these were not the militant organisations but the social ones, involved in social services to Hindus. In the latest parliament elections, they managed a majority with the help of sundry regional parties and formed the govt. in Delhi. They have also declared a "national agenda" and started showing as if the BJP is a secular/democratic party and concerned about the welfare of the masses irrespective of their faith. The BJP also claims that its sister-serpents are all civilised organisations and concerned only with social services. Few days ago the Bajrang Dal attacked the house of noted painter, M.F. Hussain, in Bombay. Luckily he was not at home. Otherwise, he would have been lynched. The Bajrang Dal complaint was that the painter had maligned the Hindu gods and goddess. M.F. Hussain is also praised by a section of Hindus for his "secular" credential and he has devoted his whole life to Indian art and culture. But his creative work cannot be tolerated by the Hindu nazis. Earlier, the same nazis ransacked the art pieces of Hussain at a Delhi exhibition. On another occasion another nazi outfit stormed an art gallery at Ahmedabad, where his works were stored and put it to fire. Such terrorist activities are being undertaken by these nazis under the very nose of their ruling bosses. But not a single BJP boss condemned such violence, leave alone ignoring punishing them. We Indians are heading towards a nazi dictatorial regime where there will not be freedom of speech guaranteed under the Constitution of India. Any citizen who does not fall in line with them will risk his life.

**Saji K. Joseph**, GMPH (Boys), Cochin, Kerala - 682 016: I could not come over to Nagpur being a final year LLB student and my examination was on the way. Secondly, my financial position was bad. My parents are illiterate coolies. So I failed to be at Nagpur for the DV readers meet. I had arranged Runoko Rashidi meeting at Cochin on April 16 morning as directed by you through Raju Thomas. Early that morning Raju Thomas phoned to say that Runoko was visiting Ayyankali's birth place and asked me to postpone the meeting to 3 p.m. I did the same. But Runoko came here after 6 p.m. By then our people had left away. Runoko came with Raju Thomas, Ambujakshan and some others. We met Runoko at his hotel that night. Runoko apologised for being late and that he had no control over his tour programme. On April 17 we planned a visit for a tribal area. We took him through dense forest for almost 50kms. But Runoko was not satisfied as he could not meet the tribal whom he wanted to meet. I know I am a product of DV and I am proud of that. I have great respect for you next to Babasahab. I am sure I have not done anything

against my community, against my ideology, against my movement. History will prove it. But I am deeply hurt by certain unpleasant things that happened in the presence of Runoko Rashidi.

**K. Ambujakshan**, Gen. Secretary, Kerala Dalit Panthers, PO Box 1126. Pattom, Trivandrum - 695 004: Runoko Rashidi, the Afro-American leader and world famous historian, arrived here on April 14, 1998. He was given a big airport reception by our Panthers activists and Dalit employees. That evening, he led the massive "Ambedkar Jayanti" rally along with Ramesh Nanmanda. The rally ended at a big public meeting at East Port, Trivandrum city. Runoko inaugurated the rally. I translated his speech into Malayalam. His speech electrified the entire audience. He called for the "global unity" of all Blacks. On April 15, Runoko visited the head office of the Kerala Dalit Panthers at Pattom, Trivandrum, and met our central executive members of Prof. Valsala Baby, Mrs. Sali Raju, T.H.P. Chentharaserry (historian), K.M. Kuttan, Prof. Baby, Dr. Sagar, R. Anirudhan were among the participants. Runoko explained how the African Blacks were taken into America as slaves and the history of Black struggle in America. In the afternoon, we organised a Kerala Dalit intellectual meet, Raju Thomas presiding. We had students from different colleges, Dalit employees, journalists, women leaders and Dalit activists. Runoko analysed the Dalit-Afro-American struggle. He said:

When I come to Kerala I feel that I come into my own family. We Blacks belong to one family but we have been separated from each other. The three oldest civilizations of the world, the Egyptian, the Nile Valley and the Indus Valley, were all the creations of our ancestors. The oppression of Black people in India has become a way of life. You are enjoying your slavery. I am impressed that at least the Kerala Dalit Panthers have a different tradition. You are ready to fight. You must resist. If you do not fight, the people will never respect you. We Blacks are fighting the White oppression. Whatever we the Black people gained in America, they gained only because of our fighting. Every human being has a right to fight. I regard Hinduism or brahminism as evil. All religions are practicing social inequality in India. In found this among the Indian Muslims also. There is upper caste Muslim and Dalit Muslim. Islam is supposed to be a religion of universal brotherhood. But in practice there is inequality. Hinduism is fooling the Dalits in the name of *karma* and rebirth. We want a heaven right here in this earth. Though untouchability has been abolished by law, it is practiced in India.

Dalits in India have great respect for Dr. Ambedkar. They have Ambedkar photos but the question is how

many of you follow his life and read his books? What is important is not praising Dr. Ambedkar and worshipping but following his footsteps. Dr. Ambedkar was a man of vision, he was committed to uplift his people. Be proud of your fathers. Be proud of your mothers. Lift your heads. You have nothing to lose. When the White people were living in caves in Europe, the Black people were building the Pyramids. When you fulfil your duty, when you carry out the mission of Dr. Ambedkar, he will look back and be proud of you. The Black people of America, the Black people of Africa and the Black people of India are one people and once we all join hands we become one billion people. We will take the world, we will control this planet, we have to believe in ourselves. Lift your head, brothers and sisters, as shown by Dr. Ambedkar and Marcus Garvi", he said.

This was followed by discussion. Lot of questions were raised. S. Faizi, a noted ecologist, Prof. Ninan Koshy (theologian) and Mukundan C. Menon (writer) were also present. That evening Runoko was invited to the Asianet Channel TV for an interview at their studio. Prof. Ninan Koshy interviewed him. On April 16, Runoko visited Kerala's Dalit revolutionary Mahatma Ayyankali's birth place at Vengannur. He paid homage at the grave of Mahatma Ayyankali. He visited the Dalit settlement at Alummoodu, Kollam, where hundreds of Dalit Panther families were attacked by Kerala's ruling Marxist Party gundas and the police. On April 17, 1998 he was taken to Adimali, Idukky district, to see the tribal areas. Next day Runoko was given a reception by the Ernakulam dt. committee of Kerala Dalit Panthers at MES Auditorium, Cochin. Kerala Dalit Panthers gave him a grand sendoff at the Cochin Airport. He said he was very much impressed by the Kerala Dalit Panthers. "Among all the people, I have met in India, yours is the most outstanding organisation", he said.

**Bhimrao Ganvir**, Dr. Bhagat Nivas, Kaji Ward, Hinganghat, MS - 442 301: I was shocked to read the Editorial, "*Fiasco of Nagpur DV readers meet: Reservationwalas cheat their Father & forget own community*". I could not attend that most important meet of April 12, 1998 due to chest pain. I am on leave since March 8 because of my illness. But my friends, B.D. Nanawate of the LIC and Nagesh Choudhari, Editor, *Bahujan Sangharsh*, gave me full report of the meeting. I expressed my deep sorrow over this poor attendance of our "*reservationwalas*" describing themselves as Ambedkarites.

**Ramesh Nanmanda**, state president, Kerala Dalit Panthers, Bhim Bhavan, Nanmanda PO, Calicut - 673 613: We organised a massive Ambedkar Jayanti rally and public meeting on April 14 at Trivandrum. Our

Black Brother Runoko Rashidi inaugurated the public meeting. Rashidi has created a new hope in our people. But our "national" toilet nazi papers did not report his visit. Runoko announced the all-out support of the American Blacks to the Dalits, the Black Untouchables of India, fighting the Aryan Hindu nazi foreigners. He said:

"The communists can't save the Dalits. Hindus can't save the Dalits. M.K. Gandhi can't save the Dalits. Only Blacks are there to save the Blacks".

Great message.

**B.P. Chandel**, Kusum Cottage, Mission Road, Chapra - 841 301. D.X. Gnanaraj of Madras (DV April 16, 1998 p.5): "*Rise of regional parties indicate surge of Backward Castes*" has very incisively commented that the surge of the Backward Castes is dangerous to the Scheduled Castes and Tribes. I seriously challenge him and ask him to read what our Editor had said (DV March 16, 1998):

"Backward Castes (35%) who lack an all-India leader and philosophy (which Dalits have) are much better..."

Backward Castes are not dangerous but some Scheduled Castes under the guise of non-Aryan blood-brotherhood and claiming monopoly of Babasaheb, pose themselves superior to BCS just because they are listed as SCs. If you observe the results of the latest parliamentary elections, it is the BCS who asserted better than the SCs but the SCs succumbed and have become leaderless. BCS are fully aware of the brahmanic "mumbo-jumbo" rituals. They very well understand its hollowness whereas 90% SCs know nothing of this and hence get spell bound and become blind followers of Brahmins. Only they (BCS) will be the first to slap the BSO.

**Uttamrao N. Khobragade**, Advocate, 21/253, IAF Station, Pune - 411 032: The BJP had no guts to include "the review of the Constitution of India" in its election manifesto. So it has no mandate now from the people to "review" the Constitution of India after forming its government at the Centre. Such a life and death issue of the Bahujans can't be dealt in a casual manner. We want to know (1) what part (Articles) of the Constitution they want to amend and for what reasons and (ii) why they want to review the entire Constitution.

**Sadhvi Asha Manav**, Humanitarian Thoughts & Practice, Rajghat, Kurukshetra, Haryana - 136 118: We read your very scholarly Hindi book, *Brahmanvad: Bharat Ka Abhishap*, after our swamiji returned from Hyderabad attending 2nd national conference of Indian Rationalist Federation, March 21-22, 1998. This work

is no doubt an invaluable piece to liberate our people who had been physically, mentally, intellectually, economically and socially grinded by an inhuman group of people, the self-styled highest class (caste) people of this sub-continent. Further, the value of this work is highly multiplied when you published it in Hindi language when literature of similar merit are very rarely published in Hindi. I am sure that this small book will blow a very effective spirit into the lives of the deprived people. Dravidar Kazgam is doing a highly laudable service by circulating it for the Hindi-speaking people.

**M.K. Jos**, All-Goa Citizens' Committee for Social Justice & Action, B/4, Mayfair, 2nd Floor, Dr. Dada Vaidya Road, Panjim, Goa - 403 001: Where is Govindaacharya. Uma Bharati, Ritambhari, Singhal, Bajrang Dal fanatics and activists, and more importantly the 179 MPs of BJP who got elected in March 1998 on BJP's election manifesto promising Ram temple, abolition of special status of Kashmir, introduction and implementation of Common Civil Code, ban on cow slaughter, aggressive promotion of *hindutva* to convert India into a *Hindu Rashtra*? During his *yatra* in March 98 towards PM's *kursi*, Vajpayee dishonoured BJP's promises to people one by one. Vajpayee thus cheated 69.3 million voters who trusted the BJP. How would BJP's 179 MPs face voters in their constituencies and how would they answer their questions? Mirus Ram Temple at Ayodhya, BJP would reduce itself to a *koka* in share market vocabulary. What is the legal status of an election manifesto? Should it not be considered on par with a public issue document such as a prospectus while entering the market? Do the promises in the manifesto (issue document) create a contractual obligation on the part of the party? When BJP discards the promises in its manifesto, should it not be considered as a betrayal of those who elected 179 MPs of the party? We urge MPs constitutional experts, legal pundits and the media to start a public debate over this vital issue for the enlightenment of citizens and to clear their confusion.

**Baldev Singh**, E-190, Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar: Social unity is must for political stability. This is the point I have made in my research proposal for Ph.D. in the Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, taking the social and political behaviour of the Sikhs (1699 to 1849). Social behaviour has direct bearing on political behaviour of any caste, community, race, tribe, religion all over the world. People's social habits, superstitions, taboos, beliefs and disbeliefs, their culture, food and dress, language, script, their matrimonial relations, interaction, treatment of other people etc., all influence their political behaviour. It is the society that make or mars political system of a state and its people. It is precisely for this

reason ten Sikh Gurus for over 200 years stressed and worked for restructuring and rebuilding a new society, so that a new political order could develop to serve the society. In a society where caste, tribal, racial, regional, religious, linguistic hatred exists beyond limits of toleration, it is not only difficult but inconceivable to have a political system and leadership that would emerge to provide peace, prosperity and progress to its people. Nor such a system and state would survive for long. For a harmonious society, Sikh Gurus stressed equality, brotherhood and co-existence. They introduced *langar* (community kitchen), cooking and eating together by people of all castes, tribes, religions, regions. Taking of *Amrit* by volunteers from the same bowl was the culmination of their philosophy that there is but one god and the whole humankind, irrespective of colour or creed are his children and the *khalsa* are chosen volunteers to serve the society. Social hatred was the main cause of partition of India (1947) and again the same cause repeated Bangla Desh in 1971-72. There has not been research on social and political behaviour of the Sikhs, therefore, there is ample scope for research in this field. The finding will be presented in seven chapters.

**Sada-e-Huq**, 126-Surya Nagar Colony, Toil Chowki, Hyderabad - 500 008: Take any history textbook, Muslims are described as foreign invaders with Quran in one hand and sword in the other. They went for looting spree in India, forced "Hindu" people to convert into Islam, destroyed temples, built mosques, raped Indian women, unleashed many atrocities upon innocent Indians and.. etc... In a nutshell Muslim rule was described as the slavery of Indians. Communal forces in India are thriving upon this type of hate propaganda. Concocted stories and distorted history is being propagated to malign Islam, to give air to anti-Muslim feelings. P.N. Oak's book is one such. He wrote that he took the material from *Mother India* (1966-68) magazines. The editor of the magazine, Babu Rao Patel, said he took the information from British historians and himself did his part of distortion and concoction to create anti-Muslim frenzy. Anti-Muslim riots became everyday affair claiming the lives of thousands of innocent Muslims, particularly the eighties witnessed large scale arson of houses, shops and many people were burnt alive, many women were raped, even children were not spared by the hooligans. Kids were thrown in flames, or beheaded mercilessly. All this barbarism was caused by the hatred spread by the unscrupulous writers of propaganda literature. Unfortunately the same psychological tendency is playing major role in our administration also. Many big shots at the helm of affair seems to be infected with this psyche. The govt. need to put a watchdog

upon provocative publications that are brought out at the incitement of *Sanghparivar* to ridicule Islamic teachings with concocted stories. Publishers and writers of such provocative books should be brought before the court of law with no delay to ensure communal amity. The propaganda of hatred against Muslims is a well contrived plan to grabbing political power without doing anything positive to the people.

**Nooruddin Taherali Mithaiwala (Bohari)**, Near Post Office, Bohari Compound, Manmad, MS - 423 104: I was so happy to hear that you have brought out a powerful document to fight the corrupt Islamic priesthood. So, I need your booklet, *Islam Prohibits Priesthood, Moulanas a pest on Muslims* (S.A. Mujeeb, DSA 1997) if available and its Urdu translation. I am in need of information to fight these mullas for expelling me from my community for not giving property and handsome amount as *jakat* or otherwise. Just mentioning "against maula". Please move your voice if they killed me. Politicians, the govt. are in the pocket of this *syedna* group.

**S. Haque**, Patna: The Aryan Hindus always praise that Nepal is the only Hindu country in the world. Even as the 21st century is approaching man is bought and sold like animals in Nepal. This is the quality of a Hindu state. In the Western Nepal (Dang, Banke, Bardia, Kailali and Kanchanpur area) have the *Kamaiya Partha* (bonded slavery). Men who are sold belong to the Dharu jati. All the 14,000 families comprising 40,000 *Kamaiyas* are slaves. Rich landlords force them to work 18 hours a day without any weekly holiday. (*Hindustan*, 28.4.98).

**Badrudin Ansari**, Post Box No.134, Rly. Station Road, PO Badohi - 221 401: It was certainly a pleasure to meet you at Patna and listen your lectures on various social problems which are so deeply rooted in our country. I am quite confident that a day will come very soon when your thinking and philosophy will be very much appreciated by the people who will certainly come forward and will join hands with you to fight these grave social evils which are the main topics subjects in your books and magazines.

**Dr. S.A. Hannan**, Imarat Shariah, Phulwari Sharif, Patna - 801 505: Prof. T. Rahmatullah's article, "*Jamate-Islami is upper caste and hence pro-Hindu*" (DV Dec.16, 1997 p.7) shows the ignorance of the South about North Indians. I was surprised to read it and repent that it is baseless and far from truth. The *Jamate-Islami* is hated by all class of Muslims who are theologians and scholars of Islamic religion. It is because it deviated from the path of god and Prophet in their policy of establishing a govt. by force and

imposing Islamic rules by force through what they call as *Mezame Mustafa*. The quoranic and Hadith says that nobody should be forced to accept Islam by force and also Islam and Islamic system should be preached only by invitation and noble behaviour and also service to humanity, character building. Actually, the Jamate-Islami has adopted the same principle which Dalits want. It is nonsense to say that Jamate-Islami is pro-Hindu. The Jamat believes in material power rather than power of faith in god. So, the remark of the author is quite reverse. To say that Jamate-Islami is an upper caste organisation is a blatant lie. The Kashmiri Muslims are converted Muslims and their leader was a Hindu, Nand Rishi, who became a Muslim saint later. A majority of Kashmiri Muslims are, however, backward. Rahmatullah should know that the main field of Jamate-Islami was Kashmir in India and Pakistan. They instigated the Kashmiri's to fight a suicidal war against the mighty India and the result was massacre of 70,000 Muslims of Kashmir, their women raped, their houses demolished and their religious places demolished. Hundreds of Jamate-Islamic leaders were killed and many are languishing in the jails. The curse on them befall due to foolish and un-Islamic fanaticism perpetrated by the backward (so-called) Muslims. I do not understand this wrong and un-Islamic theory of some fanatics or ignorant people who propagated and divide the Muslims of India as upper caste and lower caste. Caste has nothing to do with Islam. It is totally against the principle of Islam. Our converted Muslims have taken caste from their Hindu ancestors and propagating as their paternal property with Hindus.

**Sultan Akhtar**, Khanpur-Deh, Gujarat: The Gujarati daily, *Sandesh* (Baroda edition), had like the *Gujarat Samachar*, during the dark days of Babri Masjid demolition, displayed its pride and bravery by bordering its front-page with a string of pictures depicting the cracked structure of god's houses. Overjoyed, perhaps with its march in Gujarat, the April 27, 1998 edition on page 11 gave a detailed fullpage illustrated account of the Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh (RSS). Describing its nationwide activities in the 12 fields of its influence (1) all the three wings of the armed forces, (2) education, (3) spying agencies, (4) farmers organisation, (5) scientists' association, (6) lawyers' guild, (7) groups of backward areas, (8) women unions, (9) foreign affairs, (10) social activities, (11) labour problems and (12) world of media — the article shows how this work of "serving" the nation is being carried out throughout the country by 39,301 units of RSS in 17 provinces with UP on top. Under the subtitle, Jaasodsi Agencies, the article states that the influence of RSS

is great in the Intelligence Bureau (IB), Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) as well as the Military Intelligence — further revealing that these agencies seek the help of RSS for pushing their men among the enemies. The Kashmiri pandits are hand-in-glove with the RSS men who help them in planting their men in the ranks of separatists, that they are taught how to perform *namaz* and recite *quran*, that they employ staunch Hindus residing in Pakistan for any spy work and for the purpose they take help of RSS, that even our topmost spy agency RAW too has to obtain RSS assistance that such work is being entrusted to Hindu agents who are made Muslim, that this requires absolutely trustworthy persons, that the Intelligence Bureau finds out the dens of anti-India underground groups with the help of RSS.

**S.M. Aftab Alam**, HOD, Physics Dept., Patna Muslim Science College, B.M. Das Road, Patna - 800 604: The word "caste" was never used, and is also still never used in any Islamic countries except Pakistan and Bangladesh due to the premier effects of brahminism in *Aryavarta* (Indian subcontinents). Between the 10th and 13th centuries, several *sufis*, *majzoods* and orthodox elements arrived in different parts of India for the purpose of attracting even illiterate and superstitious people to Islam. During the 12th century, Al-Ghazali Imam endeavoured deliberately to reconcile mysticism with Islam orthodoxy. In the 12th century, Khwaja Moir-uddin Chishti, the most prominent *sufi* arrived at Aimer to increase the population of the true Muslims. But all of them never brought the caste into Islam. In 1414 AD, after the return of Timurlane to his destiny, Mongolia, his favourite disciple as commander-in-chief of Timur's army (Khizar Khan) ascended the throne of Delhi declaring himself to be descendant of Prophet Mohammad, and henceforth assigned himself the title of "Syed" according to his discreet exploitation policy. However, he was not a descendant of Prophet Mohammad. Nevertheless, he founded a new dynasty i.e. "Syed Dynasty" for self appreciation and selfignity. The Syed dynasty lasted for 37 years from 1414 to 1451. Khizer Khan's kingdom zealously encouraged other Arabians and Islamised Turks and even hybrids to adopt treacherous exploitation policy by dint of self-arrogance and apprehension of their own satanic ideas for classification of the Muslim into different categories on the basis of the prevailing Hindu caste system in the name of religion. During the "Syed dynasty" and Mughal dynasty, some Afghans, Mangolians, even hybrids and Muslim Rajputs were also persuaded to call themselves as "Pathan caste". During this period the remaining Muslims were forced to call themselves as Backward

Castes according to their individual occupation and professions. In the 18th and 19th centuries, during the British period, a majority of Sheikhhs and Syeds got zamindari in order to exploit the Backward Castes. That is how the caste system among the Muslims developed in India, Bangladesh and Pakistan. Nowadays some Backward Caste Muslims have organised themselves to retaliate against upper caste Muslims and to humiliate the Sheikhhs and Syeds etc. particularly in Bihar. By this they are also trying to perpetrate greater sins and crimes against the true laws of Islam to bring about the disintegration of the Muslim community.

**N. Hasan**, 131-1st Lane, 4th St., Raj Nagar, Dehra-  
doon, UP: This refers to your Editorial of DV April 16, 98: "*Leadership caused fall of Muslims*". I fully agree with the views of Syed Shahabuddin so far as the re-  
ciprocation by Dalits towards Muslims is concerned but I do not agree that Mulayam Singh Yadav has not done anything for Muslims in UP. He has actually provided bread and butter to Muslims by giving employment in various schools as Urdu teachers, PAC and police services while all other parties and leaders only appeased the Muslims. More important fact is that Mulayam's stand against communal forces has been firm. The Editor always refers to verses from Koran and inspires Muslim to "fight and die" to save the oppressed people who are none but SC/ST/BCs. Being oppressed themselves, though, Muslims may not struggle and fight for the Dalit cause, but they definitely do not jeopardise any Dalit movement. In fact, irrespective of party label, Muslim masses and leadership always extended moral support to the cause of the SC/ST/BC whether Mandal or any other cause. On the other hand Dalit leaders have tried to strengthen the hands of the Enemy of Muslims. BSP-BUP alliances and more recently Dalit Ezhilmalal's PMK-BUP alliance have proved this. But the Editor never criticizes such an alliances. I agree that India's "largest community" (15%) of Muslim is definitely fast sinking and the Muslim clergy and its political leadership is to be blamed for this downfall. But the Muslims certainly cannot be blamed for the conditions of Dalits in India. The Editor says in the above referred Editorial:

"Muslims, as our elder brothers and gifted with a wonderful revolutionary religion, had a duty to check the *Hindutva* forces and keep the SC/ST/BC on their side. What steps have been taken by the Muslims?"

Does he not know that it is only the Muslims all over India who unitedly voted against *Hindutva* forces and "checked" the march of BJP in parliament? Because this BJP could not form the govt and had to seek alliance of other non-*Hindutva* parties to form the govt.,

and dilute its anti-Muslim policies. Muslims, however, are aware that the Hindu nazis have not given up their efforts to conduct the "Spanish Experiment" in India. They are bent upon exterminating Muslims politically, economically and socially. I want to put the same question to our Editor: What Dalit leaders like Kanshi Ram, Mayawati, Dalit Ezhilmalal have done to fight *Hindutva* forces. Instead they are going with the enemies of Muslims. I need the answer. Dalit-Muslim unity cannot be achieved unless Dalits are sincere to Muslim cause and cease to be opportunistic. All non-Aryan SC/ST/BC (65%) must join the mighty (15%) Muslims to oust the *Hindutva* nazis forces. But our Editor sided with the Dalits and defended their action to go with *Hindutva* forces by saying:

"If they have done all these it is because of force of circumstances. These actions are never done consciously".

This is false. The Editor has expressed his fears about the speed with which Aryan *Hindutva* forces are *hindusising* (enslaving) the non-Hindu SC/ST/BCs, and in this respect you are again warning only the Muslim religious and political leaders and asking them to take up this issue with no clear suggestions from his side. Muslim masses are not following their religious and political leaders blindly. They are themselves taking "joint action" to check *Hindutva* forces. The case is reversed in the case of Dalits. They follow their leaders almost blindly. So, it is the duty of Dalit leaders to check speedy *hindusisation* of Dalits rather than of Muslim leaders. But the irony is that the Dalit leaders themselves are flirting with the nazis. Still the Editor is warning only the Muslims to fight the Dalit cause. Why? I agree with the Editor that the Muslim leadership is to be blamed for the worst condition of Muslims in India. DV's sincerity and dedication to the cause of Muslims can never be doubted by the Muslims. At the same time it is the duty of DV to urge upon Dalit leadership to support Muslims in their fight against nazis.

*The reply to Brother Nafisul Hasan is already given in our reply to Syed Shahabuddin in issue of DV May 16, 1998 p. 19. I agree that some SC/ST/BC political leaders have joined hands with Hindu nazi forces to gain political power. To that extent they have been opportunistic. But when we talk about Dalit-Muslim unity and the need for a joint action, we are not talking of vote politics. The Hindu nazi forces took over 100 years to capture political power in Delhi. Even then they could do only with the help of many caste-based parties. Hindu nazis have established dozens of social and cultural organisations and penetrated deep into the*

country-side and even military and police. They are spending billions and billions of dollars to **hinduise** (enslave) the SC/ST/BGs by spreading falsehood and resorting to all sorts of tricks. Brother Shahbuddin and Nafisul cannot understand the thrust of our argument. We do admit that the SC/ST/BG political leadership is co-opted and **hinduised**. And vote politics means corruption and compromise. Forget about the vote politics and the small fraction of politicians. The country consists of crores and crores of innocent SC/ST/BGs who have nothing to do with vote politics. What has the Muslim leadership done to save these crores and crores innocent SC/ST/BGs from the havoc of Hindu nazis? Islam has prescribed certain duties for the Muslims. It is this duty we are reminding them about — the religious duty of Muslims on the social and cultural front. Instead of answering this point, both our brothers talk about the "opportunistic" behaviour of SC/ST/BG political leadership. Politics means opportunism. Did not the Muslim League, born to fight the Congress, the original brahminical party of India, join hands with the very Enemy No. 1 in Kerala? Is it not opportunism? If we start finding fault with political opportunism, there will be no end —

**EDITOR**

**Naushad Ansari**, PO Box No. 1797, 1017/387, K.R. Garden, Bangalore - 560 017: This has reference to the Debate on your two reports: "Enemy sees **Spirit of Islam** more dangerous than **Rituals of Islam**" (DV March 16, 1997 p.7) and "Is it possible to ban **Spirit of Islam**? Western blunders in Turkey" (DV Feb. 16, 1998 p.6). Islam claims that it is capable of solving every problem of humanity. This capability comes because it is not a religion alone but a way of life, a **code** of conduct, a doctrine. It revolutionises the whole life. The worship under Islam is not a ritual as seen by any but the "**Spirit**" of worship lies in one's obedience for the pleasure of Allah. The different rituals like *namaz*, *roza* (fasting), *zakah* (poor-due) and *haj* (pilgrimage) are a means to come to that life of total worship which is complete surrender to the will of Allah. The ultimate objective of Islam is to abolish the lordship of man over man, and to bring him under the rule of one god. Moulana Moududi points out the importance of *jihad* in these words:

"...All acts of worship have been reduced to their spiritual content... Merely exhortations and good counsels will not help if you want to eradicate exploitation of men by men, prevent misuse of human wealth and talent, stop oppression and establish justice, erase exploitation and immorality, corruption, stop bloodshed, give dignity to the downtrodden, restore equality, prosperity and peace for all... Stand up and fight against corrupt rule, take power and

use it on God's behalf. It is useless to think that you can change things by preaching alone". (Let us be Muslims, p.285-88).

This is the revolutionary message and "**Spirit of Islam**". Unfortunately most of the Muslim scholars are sitting over these and refuse to propagate. The result is before all of us to see. The *neem* Mullahs have got us immersed in rituals alone. They are hopelessly ignorant of the essence of our great faith. Islam is to be rediscovered, at least, by its followers and its **Spirit** to be regained. ■

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