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BRAHMINISM FACES WORST CRISIS

Dalit-Jat Sikh confrontation in Punjab

Motive behind war on Muslims

Simon Commission visit :

THUS SPAKE AMBEDKAR

Thus Spake Ambedkar

Simon Commission meets Dr. Ambedkar

"In order to ease the troubled situation in India, the British Government decided to re-examine and revise the Act of 1919. So it announced the appointment of the Indian statutory Commission better known as the Simon Commission after Sir John Simon, its chairman. The Commission consisted of two Peers and four Commoners to work under Sir John Simon, who was a great parliamentarian, and it was declared that the proposals framed in the light of this Commission's recommendations would be submitted to a Joint Select Committee at Westminster before which Indian witnesses would be examined.

The Simon Commission came on its first visit, and landed at Bombay on February 3, 1928, to commence the work of re-examination of the Indian problem as declared in the Act of 1919. Its non-Indian character offered an affront to almost all Indian parties. The Congress Party decided to boycott the Commission at every stage and in every form. So, on its arrival, the Simon Commission was greeted with black flags, curses and placards with the slogan "Go back, Simon". Congressmen staged hostile demonstrations on a nation-wide scale, and the police had to open fire at some places. This black welcome was also extended later to the Commission during its second visit in the winter of 1928-29.

Meanwhile, the All Parties Conference convened by the Congress Party met in February and later in May 1928, and appointed a Committee under Pandit Motilal Nehru to draft a *Swaraj* Constitution for India. The Nehru Committee worked from June to August 1928 and drafted a Constitution. (*For comment by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, see editorial of "Bahishkrit Bharat", dt. Jan.18, 1929 - Editors*).

It mainly aimed at closing the Muslim breach. As regards the Depressed or Suppressed Classes, the Nehru Report said: "In our suggestions for the constitution we have not made any special provision for the representation of the "depressed" Classes in the legislatures. This could only be done by way of special electorates or by nomination". But as these two methods were considered harmful and unsound, the Committee said that they were not going to extend either principle. They observed that their Declaration of Rights would be a panacea for all the ills affecting the Depressed Classes. (*All Parties Conference Report*, 1928 pp.59-60). The attitude of the Congress Party towards the problem of the Untouchables will be clearer when one notices that the Congress Working Committee issued invitations to all prominent Muslim, Parsi, Christian, Sikh, Anglo-Indian organisations and even the non-Brahmin institution and the Dravida Mahajana Sabha, but not to the Depressed Classes Institute led by Dr. Ambedkar or for that matter any Depressed Class Institution. It may be recalled that ten years before this Dr. Ambedkar had given evidence before the Southborough Commission.

To co-operate with the Simon Commission the Central Government appointed a Committee for all British India, and every Legislative Council elected its Provincial Committee to work with the Simon Commission. On the Bombay Provincial Committee was selected Dr. Ambedkar along with other Members by the Bombay Legislative Council on August 3, 1928.

The proceedings and tours of the Simon Commission lit up the Indian political firmament, and along with other forces if brought to the front the force, intellect and vitality of Dr. Ambedkar.

Eighteen Depressed Class Associations gave evidence before the Commission and placed their memorandum before it. Sixteen of them pleaded for Separate Electorates for the Depressed Classes. On behalf of the Bahishkrit Hitakarini Sabha, Dr. Ambedkar submitted a memorandum to the Simon Commission demanding Joint Electorate with reservation of seats for the Depressed Classes. (See *W&S* Vol.2, pp.429, 458).

The Madras Central Adi-Dravida Mahajana Sabha demanded nomination for the Depressed Classes. The Bombay Provincial Non-Brahmin Party in its memorandum recommended Separate Electorate and reserved seats for the Depressed Classes. The Muslim League reiterated its demands for separation of Sind, creation of a new Province in the N.W.F., Separate Electorate for Muslims and residuary power for the Provinces in the federal constitution.

On October 23, 1928, the Simon Commission, the Central Committee and the Bombay Provincial Committee examined Dr. Ambedkar in Poona. (*Ibid* pp.459-89).

(To be continued)

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We welcome RSS decision to go back to Golwalkar & kick out *Vaidik* Vajpayee

Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), the country's most dedicated and disciplined Hindu military force led by Brahmin generals, is in the midst of a worst crisis since its birth following the defeat of its political wing, BJP, in the latest Parliament elections.

Brahmins have been ruling India ever since India became "independent" (1947) but they are not satisfied with mere rulership because different forces, particularly the Untouchables and Muslims, have been often challenging their rulership giving them sleepless nights. They wanted to clamp their Brahminical dictatorship as advocated by M.K. Gandhi, the Gujarati Bania, describing it as *Ram Rajya*.

The Atal Behari Vajpayee-led Govt. that brought BJP to power was not a rule exclusively of the *vaidiks*. It was a coalition govt. with many Dalit, Backward, Tribal and even *shudra* interests in it. *Vaidiks* form a mere 3% of the population though the entire 15% of the country's Hindus are willing to be led by the *vaidiks*.

Dalits as permanent headache: But the worst challenge to the *vaidiks* comes from the Dalits and then the Muslims, the latter being mostly Dalit converts. Lately even *shudras* like the Marathas of Maharashtra have started revolting against the *vaidik* dictatorship. The powerful Yadavas are also joining the anti-*vaidik* forces.

All the anti-*vaidik* forces jointly protested against the *vaidik* bluffs and their dictatorial rule in the latest Parliament election. And the result was the *vaidiks* suffered a big defeat.

Question mark on Brahmin brain: Though we knew that the *vaidiks* would face a sure defeat in the election, their political party, the *Brahmana Jati Party* (BJP), and its mother, RSS, never expected it.

That means the *vaidik* brain, which they claim to be the best and the sharpest in the whole world, did not foresee its own debacle and disaster. What brain is this?

The defeat came as a worst shock at a time when they were dreaming of launching their *Ram Rajya*.

Secrecy on Raipur conclave: The recent "secret" meeting of the top brass of the RSS at Raipur to take stock of this defeat has not been properly covered by the Brahminical "national" media. The reason is this "secret" meeting puts a question mark over Brahminism itself. The *vaidiks* don't want to admit that their *Ram Rajya* concept has been rejected by the people. Hence the secrecy about the Raipur conclave.

In the latest election their "India shining" party fell and

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fractured its backbone. A.B. Vajpayee, the blue-eyed boy of the Brahmins and the easy-going, comfort-loving ex-PM, cited Narendra Modi's anti-Muslim mayhem for the defeat of the BJP.

But the Raipur conclave did not agree with *Vaidik* Vajpayee. Rather, it gave a slap on his face. The RSS *vaidik* bosses said the exact opposite. They said the party got defeated because they did not have more such Modis. Since the RSS did not like to say this in public, their Brahminical toilet papers are not giving it publicity.

Wanted more Modis: Anyway Vajpayee deserves the RSS snub. He converted the BJP into another Congress, the party of the more dangerous "Socialist Brahmins". He never allowed free hand to his honest Hindu nazi colleague, L.K. Advani. He spoke one thing today, denied it the next day. And thereby confused everybody.

The RSS bosses did not like his five-star culture and found fault with his much-publicised "moderate face" that confused everybody.

Honest Brahmins: M.S. Golwalkar, the great Chitpavan Brahmin from Maharashtra and the chief ideologue of the RSS, wanted his party to emphasise the ideology of Brahminism by *hinduising* (enslaving) Dalits and other oppressed and then instigating them against Muslims and Christians. This is what Narendra Modi did in Gujarat which Vajpayee rejected.

Golwalkar was an honest "Sacred Brahmin". We like him. His book, *Bunch of Thoughts* (Jagarana Prakashana, Kempegowda Nagar, Bangalore-560 019, 1980), which the RSS has stopped printing because his thesis did not find favour with the party then, is the bible of all Brahmins. But under Vajpayee's leadership the whole thing got diluted and the Pune Brahmin's song of hate and violence lost its taste.

Balasaheb Deoras, the hypocritical Chitpavan Brahmin who succeeded Golwalkar, changed the Golwalkar line and said Brahminisation of India will be quicker by capturing political power. Vajpayee followed this line and corrupted the whole party. The RSS top-brains who met at Raipur snubbed Vajpayee and rejected this line which proved a disaster to Brahminism.

That means Vajpayee is on the way out —not Modi. RSS wants more Modis.

But why it is feeling shy to say this? That means it still wants hide its real intentions.

The Golwalkar line is clear, direct, simple and easy to understand. We have absolutely no hesitation to accept this honest "Sacred Brahmin" Magna Carta. (V.T. Rajshekr: *Hinduism, Fascism, Gandhism*, DSA-1985).

We congratulate the RSS for taking an honest stand but feeling shy to say it in public.

Brahminism should not hide its real face under the socialist mask given by Vajpayee. Gandhi did it earlier. The country rejected Gandhi and gandhism. Vajpayee faces the same rejection.

We welcome an honest, straight-forward battle between Brahminism and its vast victims.

The battle between Brahminism and Bahujan Samaj that began with the advent of Budhism is over 2,500 years old. It shall continue until one side is fully defeated. Let the battle continue. ■

Iraqis taught Muslims how to live & die

SHAMSUL ARIFIN

The Muslims should not take the US humiliating defeat in Iraq as a moment of only joy and celebration but also it should be a matter of contemplation for them. (DV July 16, 2004 p.9: "*Defeated US flees Iraq*"). Should we not think it deeply and thoughtfully over how the valorous Iraqis defeated the king of the devils (US) and jolted its colossal empire (imperialism)? This perfect example of gallantry of Iraqis needs to be adopted and followed by all the Muslims of the world. Let us ponder over how the amalgamation of the devils (US-led coalition) had a bloody nose there in Iraq.

According to the findings there is nothing but only the Islamic teachings of *jihad* and sacrifice that were followed by the heroes of Islam in Iraq made the Americans and its impotent allies have this ignoble and serious defeat there. The gallons of blood and tons of flesh changed the era now.

I am asking all the Muslims of the world to learn from Iraqis how to live and how to die. Especially those Muslims, who have confined Islam in the mosque and *kaba*, *haj* and fast, must reflect on it. And also they will have to learn the real meaning of sacrifice. Of course, Iraq and the Iraqis are the best example of that today.

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A must book for every DV family member

A TRIBUTE TO D.V.'s PIONEERING WORK TO PROMOTE DALIT-MUSLIM UNITY

ISLAM, CASTE & DALIT- MUSLIM RELATIONS IN INDIA

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Dait Voice not only removed all the prejudices generated by the Hindu nazis against Muslims but tried to unite the Dalits & Muslims, the country's two worst persecuted sections.

The book deals with this subject by a writer closely associated with DV from its early days.

At least 80% of India's Muslims are converts from Dalits and hence the two are blood brothers. In the latest Parliament elections the two jointly threw out the ruling Hindu nazi govt. in Delhi. The two live together in all urban slums and both are persecuted by the same common enemy. Hence the need for Dalit-Muslim unity. Nobody questions such a unity except the Hindu nazis who thrive on dividing the two and instigating the Dalits against Muslims.

MUSLIM WRITINGS IN DV

The minority elite sections within Muslims are closer to the upper castes (Hindus). This was proved in the Shahi Imam of Jama Masjid in Delhi supporting the Hindu nazi party of BJP in the Parliament election, a call outright rejected by the Muslim masses.

No other paper in India has written so much on the common problem of Muslims and Dalits as DV. The book devotes one whole chapter to the "Muslim writings in *Dalit Voice*" (DV Nov. 1, 2002 p.9: "*Muslim writings in DV advocate struggle against Brahminism*") and says though the Editor of DV, V.T. Rajshekar, is not a Muslim,

> "He has a large following among the Muslims of India for his unstinting commitment to Muslim causes, for his favourable views on Islam as a force for social liberation and his fierce opposition to upper caste Hindu aggression" (p.94).

SUPPORT TO BACKWARD MUSLIMS

DV supports the movement of Backward Muslims and their demand for revolution.

It also criticises the Muslim religious organsiations and religious leaders for not taking up the revolutionary aspect of Islam. The *Quran* even sanctions *jihad* and urges the Muslims to fight and die to secure justice for the oppressed. But the Muslim leadership not only did not fight for the country's most oppressed Dalits but did nothing to support the struggle of their own Backward Muslims.

DV is the first and perhaps the only paper to take up this question so seriously, even going to the extent of antagonising the elite Muslim leadership.

The book devotes considerable space to the Dalit Sahitya Akademy book, *Dalit-Muslim Unity, Why & How?* by Dr. Ram Nath, with a foreword by V.T. Rajshekar (DSA-1995).

Yoginder Sikand pays tributes to the work of Iqbal Ahmed Sheriff, noted advocate and the Bangalore representative of *Dalit Voice*, for his Urdu and English writings and his critique of the Muslim religious organisations.

REVOLUTIONARY MUSLIM MEET

Following the publications of the article, "*Muslim writings in DV*", a number of revolutionary Muslim writers, whose articles had appeared in DV (DV Dec.1, 2002 p. 8: "*DV Muslim writers must meet to plan future action*"), proposed a meeting of such writers. A Hyderabad-based Muslim organisation had agreed to host such a meeting.

WANTED URDU TRANSLATION

The need for a revolutionary Islamic leadership to expedite the Dalit-Muslim unity to tackle the Hindu nazi violence and thus help establishment of the Bahujan rule is the aim of *Dalit Voice*.

All these are very well brought out by Sikand's book, first of its kind on the subject, which needs to be translated to Urdu to bring it to the notice of revolutionary Muslim masses.

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Why Dalits need reservation in private sector?

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The reservation in private sector is the talk of town. There are those who support and oppose it. The Maharashtra Govt. has passed a Bill paving the way for reservation in private sector for Dalits and Backwards which is being opposed by the Shiv Sena. As amended now the reservation will be applicable to only such business houses which are assisted by the govt.

ARYAN INVASION

The big question is why Dalits are feeling the need for reservation in private sector when they already have reservation in govt. jobs? In 1999, there were 481 judges in the High Courts of India out of which only 15 were of Dalits while there were 21 judges in Supreme Court and there was not a single Dalit judge. And in 1995, in Group A Central Govt. services the Dalits' participation was just 10%. Now that PSUs are being plundered and privatisation is on a warpath where will Dalits go for earning their livelihood and respect?

After the Aryan invasion, they got involved in a fierce struggle with the natives who are Dalits of today. The Aryan outsiders or invaders, finally won. They came to the conclusion though that it would be difficult to establish their rule with the sword so they conjured up the idea of reservations in religion, occupations and privileges for themselves. The miserable life of the indigenous people was attributed to sins of past lives, fate, curse and divine will.

A strict *Varnashram Dharma* (caste system) was enforced to maintain the Brahminical Social Order. Upper castes, say they don't believe in caste but enforce caste order in a subtle way.

At any meeting place one's name won't be sufficient in introduction, conversationalists one way or the other try to get to know the caste of each other, if not directly. And without it the profile or introduction remains incomplete which can't be said of other religions.

With the help of reservation in govt. jobs and education, Dalits have come to participate in mainstream. There is no reservation in media, judiciary, export-import, business and high skilled technical and professional jobs. Over 100 "celebrities" participated in Olympic Torch Relay in Delhi but not a single Dalit was part of it. Why? Why this prejudice?

POOR QUALITY BUSINESS

The people who speak against reservation are generally Hindu nazis. In 1990, when V.P. Singh announced reservation for OBCs, BJP didn't oppose it directly. Instead L.K. Advani took out the *Rath Yatra*. The success of the *Kamandal* was due to Mandal and BJP was able to achieve what it couldn't since last 30 years. It came into government.

The lack of intelligent leaders among Backwards was a big reason why they failed to see through this strategy.

Or why would Narendra Modi, Uma Bharati, Vinay Katiyar and Kalyan Singh should work for BJP? The logic doing round these days against this move is that the efficiency and meritocracy will be adversely affected.

There is no reservation in private sector unlike in America. Why the Indian economy hasn't been able to challenge global companies and products? Tell me one Indian product which is a global brand?

BILL GATES PLEDGE

Indian industries consider American businesses as their role model but they don't want to know a thing or two about the compassionate work done by them towards the weaker sections. In America on their own, without any legal necessity, provide Afro-Americans, Hispanics, Red Indians with employment keeping in mind their populations. In 2001, when Bill Gates came to India, he pledged Rs. 5,000 crore for computerisation.

When an American businessman has so much caring concern for a foreign country just imagine how much committed they must be to the welfare and needs of their fellow countrymen? In 1982, American media came to know that there were only 2% Afro-Americans in media. This stunned editors and owners of big newspapers and they started making extra efforts to search for the Blacks. Finally, they trained them and employed them.

FORD FOUNDATION SUPPORT

One more survey was done after 7-8 years and within this short span, it came out that their participation has reached 8-9%. This is called patriotism.

Last year in Michigan University a

White student, who had secure more marks than an Afro-American but who still failed to get admission in Law School, challenged the Affirmative Action and lost the case in US Supreme Court of 5-4. It is to be noted that most of big business, educational institutions and philanthropic organisations like Ford Foundation came in support of the Black student and aired their views that under no circumstances should the Affirmative Action be discontinued.

RESERVATION FOR BLACKS

Finally, US Supreme Court gave a verdict in favour of reservation for Blacks. Indian corporates benchmark their business strategies against American business but they don't want to emulate social obligations which they practice. In fact, they should take up this wonderful opportunity to set right the wrong which is continuing for thousands of years.

Indian brands, products and services have never been able to match with the standard we generally see in America and Western Europe one of the reasons may be the exclusion of hard working, honest and Dalits from economic life of India.

RICH DON'T PAY INCOME TAX

It shocks me that some corporate houses are opposing reservations saying that private enterprise is the result of their hard work and money. I want to ask the Indian software industry, which is flourishing, could it have done even 1% of it had their been no IITs and IIMs around? Certainly, these were not the creation of richest people in India and surely we know a thing or two about market failures, who pays them up in India unlike developed countries?

No rich or poor man lives in vacuum anywhere on earth. If Dalits are employed they will be paid according to their contributions. It won't be a free lunch. The revenue collection of Indian govt. is about 8.5 to 10% of total GDP. In developed countries it is about 25% and even in less developed economies it ranges from 16 to 20%. The source of govt. revenue is mostly income tax in foreign countries while in India most of it is excise and customs.

There are thousands of rich businessmen who have about 15-20 ACs in their homes but while filing income tax returns they show their household expenses around Rs. 50 to 60 thousands.

Many do not deposit sales tax which is collected from public and when sales tax officers come calling they protest and cry foul that they are being harassed.

"MIDDLE CLASS" COMPLAINT

A nation is the extended concept of a home. If a person in our home is depressed or not in the best of health, it affects the well being of the entire family. Similarly, if Dalits don't have proper education, decent places to live and prosperous means of earning livelihood, the country as a whole won't be prosperous, happy and peaceful and in Indian context it is already true.

I hope the verdict of 14th Lok Sabha teaches them a lesson that how angry Dalits and minorities threw NDA out of power. BJP during its rule was concerned about only one section, upper-caste rich, who wanted to get further rich. And it lost the power. Lets think about the weak too. The middle class always complains that there is too much of caste in Indian politics. When there is caste in society it will always affect politics. Various Indian communities used to watch spectacle of one invasion after the another and doing nothing. It happened because only one caste (Kshatriyas) was expected to secure the borders and country at large. Other communities thought it was beyond their jurisdiction. This same caste system has prevented the growth of sense of belonging for the country and feeling of responsibility and concern for one another. When the British tried to open the doors of public education for Dalits they met with immense resistance from upper castes. The foreigners could come and rule over the Indians but Indians wouldn't like to treat their fellow countrymen as humans.

MISCHIEF OF MNCs

If Indian industry opposes reservations, history will repeat. If by hook and crook FIIS, WB, MNCs and IMF are helped by various policies, subsidies of the government, Indian industrialists aren't seen protesting it. In capital market there is shocking clout of FIIs and this clout makes very volatile but not a single industrialist criticises it.

The real loss to Indian industry occurs when MNCs get favourable policies and when agreements are dictated by agencies like WB and IMF. Indian corporate houses should fight them instead of fighting against reservation for Dalits in private sector. If Dalits get opportunity to get ahead in life, nation as a whole will get ahead. It won't be a benefit which will accrue to outsiders. They should help Dalits become entrepreneur or at least they should buy raw materials, products and services from them so that caste-based occupation is done away with once and for all. ■

Bangalore Papatti nearing her political death

V.T. RAJSHEKAR

The country's most arrogant, autocratic and venomous *vaidik* woman, often described in DV as the *Bangalore Papatti*, hated by the people and trounced in the latest Parliament election in Tamil Nadu, is expected to meet her political death in the coming Assembly elections in the state, expected by the end of 2005.

This became clear during our visit to Madras on July 14 and 15, 2005.

The megalomaniac Iyenger Brahmin woman lost her powerful supporter in Brother Veeramani, the General Secretary of the Dravida Kazhagam, a grassroot organisation with state-wide spread started by the revolutionary Periyar E.V. Ramaswamy. She had already antagonised the state govt. servants, student community and even her own party leaders in AIDMK.

Brahmin hatred: Never before this ex-film actress with a very bad personal reputation, is hated so much by every section of the society. Even thinking Brahmins in TN have started saying that she is a liability to the community.

Her last remaining supporters are the notorious Hindu nazi leader of the Kanchi Mutt, Jayendra Saraswati, the ex-President of India, R. Venkataraman Iyer, and another notorious yellow journalist, Cho Ramaswamy — all hated *vaidiks*. Instigated by these *vaidiks,* she tried to take over the Periyar Trust from Veeramani, an action which has infuriated the whole of Dravidian masses.

A legal battle has started between the *Bangalore Papatti* and Veeramani and this may go on until the Assembly elections which will see her political death.

The fate of *Cut-Throat*: But what is worrying the thinking people of Tamil Nadu, the country's purest Dravidian state, is the terrible confusion prevailing in the state. This confusion, they say, will be cleared only when both the *Bangalore Papatti* and her political rival, *Cut Throat*, are politically dead. That day also may come soon.

Periyar's revolution once again will be on the top only when these two crooks are out.

The case against her unlimited corruption, long delayed by the country's corrupt judiciary, is coming up in a special court in Bangalore.

Meanwhile, the DK has decided to mount state-wide agitations against the *Bangalore Papatti* and her endless crimes. DV will extend full support to this campaign.

Debate: AIDS — a biological wepaon of racists ?

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AIDS is a real, definite disease caused by a virus (HIV). There are some diagnostic tests available to identify the disease. Some of the tests are Alisa, Tridot, Western Blot.

The HIV virus destroys the immune system of the patient mainly by interfering in the cell-mediated immunity system so that the person infected with HIV virus is prone to get infections very easily and may not be able to defend himself from infections and ultimately succumb to it. I have seen a couple of patients die within one year and some living for over three yeas. But a person with HIV infection is a potential biological hazard to the society.

AIDS came into the international scene suddenly. Early reports came from African countries. We may not rule out that this virus may be a biological weapon developed in racist countries which have genetic technology by scientists working in secret military labs.

In African countries, young and poor are dying prematurely.

Dalit victims: Poor girls in India— pushed into the flesh trade (read light areas) hailing from AP, Maharashtra, Kerala etc. and tribal girls from North-Eastern states —have become its victims. The poor are mostly Dalits and Tribals.

Business for drug firms: Certainly AIDS is helping those companies producing:

(1) Condoms, (2) syringes and needles, (3) diagnostic lab kits and (4) pharmaceutical firms.

Budhists who practice *pancha sheela* are totally immune to AIDS. ■

Dalit Budhist elites hypnotised by *Vipassana*

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I was shocked to read how three top Dalit govt. officials took the Editor of *Dalit Voice*, V.T. Rajshekar, to a five-star hotel from the Bombay airport and tried to corrupt and co-opt him by "offering anything to stop the Debate on *Vipassana*". What a shame to Budhist. (DV Jan.16, 2004 p.9).

This proves that some top Dalit Budhists are hypnotised by *Vipassana* and trying to ruin the Ambedkarite movement. The *vaidiks* have mastered the art of selling meditation in the name of *Adhyatm* and *hygiene* and then rule and exploit the credulous masses.

Brother P.P. Lakshmanan from New York, a follower of S.N. Goenka's *Vipassana* meditation, is a traditional Budhist confines himself to prayers and worship of Budha. This is my experience with him after reading his article in DV and Letters for few years. Every traditional Budhist praises *Vipassana* for want of perfect scientific knowledge.

Cause of downfall of Budhism: Brother Ram Deo of Lucknow is wrong when he says that "Budha reached the enlightenment only by *Vipassana* meditation when all his practices during the first six years had failed to take him to his goal. So, no sane Budhist can separate *Vipassana* from his life-style and daily activities." (DV Jan.16, 2004 p.7).

The *Vipassana* meditation found in *tripitak* hypnotises the mind of every *Bhikkhu* and researcher and made them blind believers. This wrong notion of Vipassana meditation to free from past *karma* and rebirth inserted by Brahmanwadi *Bhikkhus* in the early *tripitak*, caused downfall of the Budhism in India.

Meditation was invented by the *vaidiks* and *Vipassana* is inseparable from past *karma* and rebirth. When the Budhists discarded the false doctrines like *karmvad* and rebirth, how can they hold on to *Vipassana*?

Rajnish corrupted Budhism: Japan, Burma, Lanka, China and other countries had ancient Budhist literature and also had meditation centres. But India had none till Goenka and Rajnish came.

Can Goenka claim that he is enlightened? Rajnish who called himself (false) Budha died long back corrupting Budhism. Are the scores of *Vipassana* practitioners collectively equal to one Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar who called *Vipassana* meditation fatal to Indians?

Vipassana meditation is a menace to Ambedkarite Budhism. All the *Vipassanavadis* who participated in the DV Debate did not research *tripitak* with a perfect scientific knowledge. ■

Corrupt educated Budhists

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I am a reader of DV since three years and its great admirer. I congratulate the DV work to destroy Brahminism. You have rightly called Brahminism as the "bane of India" in your "hottest book", *Brahminism* (DSA-2002). If India has to live, Brahminism has to die. Brahminism is not a religion but a deadly poison. You are right in saying that:

> "India is the only country where slaves enjoy their slavery".

On Dalit Budhists, my opinion is that our uneducated Dalit brothers are faithful to our forefathers. They are the true disciples of Phule, Shahu and Dr. Ambedkar. We cannot say when they observe Hindu rituals they will not be able to destroy Brahminism. But our educated Dalit Budhsits are deceiving the uneducated. We can excuse the illiterate Dalits for observing some Hindu customs but we can't pardon the educated Budhists. You have rightly said:

> We must love what our enemy hates and hate what our enemy loves.

Our educated brothers, occupying high posts, have forgotten the ideology of Babasaheb. I know a Dalit judge at Aurangabad. For his house-warming ceremony, he had called five Brahmin priests. He is an ex-student of Milind College. Shame. ■

Dr. Ambedkar on *Vipassana*

PRATAP TAMBAY

I read through the *Buddha & His Dhamma* by Dr. Ambedkar again to refresh myself. It is available on-line also. There is one reference in the book to *Vipassana* saying that people make the mistake of calling *Vipassana* as Budhism. But the book clearly describes the technique known to me as *Vipassana* at multiple places. I wonder from where the notion that Dr. Ambedkar was against meditation has come. Can someone tell me the source of this notion? I am determined to get to the root of this notion once and for all. (prataptambay@hotmail.com). ■

DOCUMENT

Dr. Ambedkar's warning on four Brahminical puzzles

The final manuscript of the famous book, *The Buddha & His Dhamma* (*W&S* Vol.11, 1992) was lying beside the bed in which Dr. Ambedkar died. Babasaheb, it is said, was then giving his final touches to this book to which he devoted so much of attention and wrote it to resemble exactly the Bible. He took so much care and poured so much pain to perfect his *magnum opus*.

Budhism would have finished Hinduism, the latest name for Brahminism, if only Babasaheb was allowed to live for five more years after his historic conversion at Nagpur. But he was killed within a couple months as it is now becoming clear following the DV Debate on the Brahminical conspiracy behind his sudden death (DV April 1, 2004 p.9: "*Dr. Ambedkar killed by a Brahminical conspiracy?*").

Nonsense of non-violence: The Enemy was aware of the dangers of Babasaheb's brand of *Bhim-Yana* Budhism, which militarised the ancient *Dhamma* by giving it an entirely new interpretation.

Babasaheb discarded the Mahabodhi brand of Brahminical Budhism which tried to make cows and goats out of Dalits. There was no room for soul, *karma*, rebirth or the nonsense of nonviolence.

Nowhere did Babasaheb speak of meditation.

We are reproducing the full text of the "Introduction" to the Book written by Babasaheb himself in which he has raised "four puzzles" caused by Brahminical Budhism.

It is through these "puzzles" the Brahmins destroyed Budhism. Babasaheb knew this and tried to tackle them in his *Bhim-Yana* Budhism.

But are the Dalits, who embraced Budhism following the footsteps of Babasaheb, aware of these "puzzles"?

***Vipassana* kills revolution:** We are not interested in those who are trying to introduce elements like *Vipassana* to kill the revolutionary spirit in Dalit Budhists. Such of them are doing their duty.

But the children of Babasaheb must be aware of the "four puzzles" raised by Babasaheb and how he tried to steer clear of them in his brand of *Bhim-Yana* Budhism.

However, we are sorry to note our people, the children of Babasaheb, being bewitched by the very same "four puzzles". Babasaheb wrote this book in 1956 and the book was published in 1992. It is now 2004 - about 50 years have lapsed. And yet instead of following the revolutionary path shown by our Father we are getting enslaved by following our Enemy — *EDITOR.* ■

Babasaheb clears doubts on Budhism

DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR

Indications of a growth in the volume of interest in Budhism are noticeable in some sections of the Indain people. Along with it there is naturally a growing demand for a clear and consistent statement of the life and teachings of the Buddha.

Anyone who is not a Buddhist finds it extremely difficult to present the life and teachings of the Buddha in a manner which would make it a consistent whole. Depending on the Nikayas, not only the presentation of a consistent story of the life of the Buddha becomes a difficult thing and the presentation of some parts of his teachings becomes much more so. Indeed it would not be an exaggeration to say that of all the founders of religions in the world the presentation of the life and teachings of the founder of Buddhism presents a problem which is quite puzzling if not baffling. Is it not necessary that these problems be solved and the path for the understanding of Buddhism be made clear? Is it not time that those who are Buddhists should take up these problems at least for general discussion and throw what light they can on these problems?

With a view to raise a discussion on these problems I propose to set them out here. **The first problem** relates to the main event in the life of the Budha, namely, Parivraja. Why did the Buddha take Parivraja? The traditional answer is that he took Parivraja because he saw a dead person, a sick person and an old person. This answer is absurd on the face of it. The Buddha took Parivraja at the age of 29. If he took Parivraja as a result of these three sights, how is it he did not see these three sights earlier? These are common events occurring by hundreds and the Buddha could not have failed to

come across them earlier. It is impossible to accept the traditional explanation that this was the first time he saw them. The explanation is not plausible and does not appeal to reason. But if this is not the answer to the question, what is the real answer?

The second problem is created by the four Aryan Truths. Do they form part of the original teachings of the Budha? This formula cuts at the root of Buddhism. If life is sorrow, death is sorrow and rebirth is sorrow, then there is an end of everything. Neither religion nor philosophy can help a man to achieve happiness in the world. If there is no escape from sorrow, then what can religion do, what can Buddha do to relieve man from such sorrow which is ever there in birth itself?

The four Aryan Truths are a great stumbling block in the way of non-Buddhist accepting the gospel of Buddhism. For the four Aryan truths deny hope to man. The four Aryan Truths make the gospel of the Buddha a gospel of pessimism.

Do they form part of the original gospel or are they a later accretion by the monks?

The third problem relates to the doctrines of soul, of karma and rebirth. The Buddha denied the existence of the soul. But he is also said to have affirmed the doctrine of karma and rebirth. At once a question arises. If there is no soul, how can there be karma? If there is no soul, how can there be rebirth?

These are baffling questions. In what sense did the Buddha use the words karma and rebirth? Did he use them in a different sense than the sense in which they were used by the Brahmins of his day? If so, in what sense? Did he use them in the same sense in which the Brahmins used them? If so, is there not a terrible contradiction between the denial of the soul and the affirmation of karma and rebirth? This contradiction needs to be resolved.

The fourth problem relates to the Bhikkhu. What was the object of the Buddha in creating the Bhikkhu/ Was the object to create a perfect man? Or was his object to create a social servant devoting his life to service of the people and being their friend, guide and philosopher? This is a very real question. On it depends the future of Buddhism.

If the Bhikkhu is only a perfect man he is of no use to the propagation of Buddhism because though a perfect man he is a selfish man.

If, on the other hand, he is a social servant he may prove to be the hope of Buddhism. This question must be decided not so much in the interest of doctrinal consistency but in the interest of the future of Buddhism.

If I may say so, the pages of the journal of the **Mahabodhi Society** make, to me at any rate, dull reading. This is not because the material presented is not interesting and instructive. The dullness is due to the fact that it seems to fall upon a passive set of readers. After reading an article, one likes to know what the reader of the journal has to say about it. But the reader never gives out his reaction.

This silence on the part of the reader is a great discouragement to the writer. I hope my questions will excite the readers to come and make their contribution to their solution. ■

DV attacking Budhism?

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I am very sorry to see your persistent attack on Budhism born out of ignorance of the Path. It is a sorry state of matters that outside Maharashtra the Budhist movement is not taking roots among Dalits. I see the main reason being that the so-called leaders there are not interested in Budhist movement. Like in Maharashtra, they are more interested in politics. I am surprised to see you too in the same line. If you can please ponder upon your hypothesis of "talking (writing) is a movement". No. It is not. Contrary movements create writers and literature. And not vice versa. I continue to respect you. ■

You say we are "attacking" Budhism. We are Budhists since over 10 years. We embraced Budhism at Patna.. What we are attacking is ***Vipassana*** *and not Budhism. As the Editor of a revolutionary journal, we can't shut out any debate or criticism. Hence a Debate is going on in DV. If you write in praise of* ***Vipassana*** *and Goenka, that will be also published. We are followers of Dr. Ambedkar's* ***Dhamma*** *and that Dr. Ambedkar nowhere talked of* ***Vipassana*** *or meditation. Instead of refuting us with facts, you criticise us saying that we are attacking Budhism. Intellectuals have to be honest —* ***EDITOR.*** ■

Beware of Hindu nazi culture-vultures

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Stunned and unnerved at the ignominious defeat in the latest parliament elections, the Brahmin Jingoist Party (BJP) and in fact every RSS-infected Hindu has gone berserk betraying a sick mind closed to all the niceties of a cilized behaviour under a democratic setup. The gimmicks (*nautanki*) played by the Brahmin woman, Sushma Swaraj, threatening to resign her Rajya Sabha seat, tonsure her head, sleep on the bare floor, wear a widow-like White sareer and live only on parched gram in the event of "the foreign-born" Sonia Gandhi becoming the PM of India, is nothing new or unknown to the history of Brahmins resorting to such unethical, mean and devilish methods to achieve their objective.

BLOOD-SUCKING PARASITES

We find a very interesting but true account of blood-sucking parasitic class of Brahmins fleecing the poor common man through blackmail, coercion and treachery in the past that stands recorded in the preamble to the regulation XX1-1795 of the East India Company (*Writings & Speeches* Vol.1, p.220). While focusing on the question whether Hindu civilization was a civilization or infamy, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar has very clearly brought out the dark and despicable features of the character and culture of the Brahmins who were lookedupon as super intellectual class (the salt of the earth) to rear and guide the civilization. The indictment runs thus:

> His profession had lost all its nobility. He had become a pest. The Brahmin systematically preyed on society and profiteered in religion. The *Puranas* and *Shastras* which he manufactured in tons are treasure trove of sharp practices which the Brahmins employed to befool, beguile and swindle the common mass of poor, illiterate and superstitious Hindus. It is impossible in this address to give references to them. I can only refer to the coercive measures which the Brahmins had sanctified as proper to be employed against the Hindus to the encashment of their rights and privileges. Let those who want to know read the preamble to Regulation XXI of 1795. According to it whenever a Brahmin wanted to get anything which could not be willingly got from his victim, he resorted to various coervice practices — lacerating his own body with knives and razors or threatening to swallow some poison were the usual tricks he practised to carry out his selfish purposes. There were other ways employed by the Brhamin to coerce the Hindus which were as extraordinary as they were shameless: A common practice was the erection in front of the house of his victim of the *koorh* — a circular enclosure in which a pile of wood was placed — within the enclosure an old woman was placed ready t obe burnt in the *koorah* if his object was hot granted. The second devise of such a kind was the placing of his women and children in the sight of his victim and threaten to behead them. The third was the *dharana* — starving on the doorstepof the victim. This is nothing. Brahmins had started making claims for a right to deflower the women of non-Brahmins. The practice prevailed in the family of the Zamorin of Calicut and among the Vallabhachari sect of Vaishnavas. What depths of degradation the Brahmins had fallen to.

Look, pause and think. Is there any change, a wee bit, in the behavioral pattern of the high profile *sindoor-bindi* woman of the 21st century and her uncivilized forefathers of the dark ages?

SONIA WINS

Sonia Gandhi almost single handedly won the parliamentary polls poised against a heavily armed hordes of cultural nationalists. In this no-holds-barred campaign if on one side was the Ayodhya hero Advani raising dust storms behind the wheels of his *rath* across the country followed by a whole brigade of loud-mouthed drum-beaters of *Hindutva* resurgence — Venkaiah Naidu, Nadrendra Modi, Pramod Mahajan, Arun Jaitely, Arun Shourie, Shushma Swaraj, Uma Bharti, Vinay Katiar and many others spewing venom — there was at the hed of the superman Vajpayee himself, a pastmaster in the art of speaking in two tongues and providing protective cover to his henchmen for their acts of omission and commisison like Tehelka defence deal scam, coffin gate scandal, Gujarat Genocide-2002 black deed.

Sonia's foreign orign issue was picked up and used aggressively to arouse emotions of the lunatic fringe of the Hindus against her which however backfired and boomeranged on the hate-mongers themselves.

May 13 proved to be the dooms day for them. The real masters, the people of India, had the last laught

to reject the self-announced *vikas purushs* and *lauh purushs* of the Golwalkar brand of *Hindu Rashtra*. Sushma's was the last act in sheer desperation of self-torture for preventing Sonia being installed as PM that also ended up in fiasco and ridicule.

By declining the highest post of PM Sonia killed many birds with a single master shot.

The high sounding catch phrases "feel good" or "India shining" evaporated in the thin air and those shouting it fell flat on the ground licking the dust.

GANDHI'S THREAT

The churlish pranks of Sushma and the damage and shame she has brought to the developing polity of the country has brought back to mind yet another bout of agonizing memories of blackmail, coercion and mental torture peculiar only to Hindu character and culture, when Babasaheb Ambedkar was put under the same type of excruciating pressure to give up the package of rights under the Communal Award in 1932 which he had won after a long drawn out battle with M.K. Gandhi and the Congress. Gandhi at that time underwent "fast unto death" to deprive the Untouchables of their right for separate electorate. The threats to murder Dr. Ambedkar also started increasing with each passing day. What a horrible ordeal it was for Babasaheb at that time has been penned by Babasaheb himself:

> "As to myself it is no exaggeration to say that no man was placed in a greater and graver dilemma than I was then. It was a baffling situation. I had to make a choise between two different alternatives. There was before me the duty, which I owed as a part of common humanity, to save Gandhi from sure death. There was before me the problem of saving for the Untouchables the political rights which the Prime Minister had given them. I responded to the call of humanity and saved the life of Mr. Gandhi by agreeing to alter the Communal Award in a manner satisfactory to Mr. Gandhi. (*W&S* Vol.9 p.88).

What a contrast. The humanists few responding to the call of humanity and the country on one side and the power-hungry cultural monsters obsessed with the philosophy of "one country, one culture, one nation" on the other. But till how long will this life of contradictions and the rule of tyranny last? The verdict 2004 has shown the way. ■

Death of old friend of DV at Patna

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My grand father, Syed Nasrul Huda, was a life-member of *Dalit Voice* from 1982. He died in 1996. He used to spend most of his time reading newspapers, *Dalit Voice* in particular, *Readers Digest* etc. He also spent his time offering prayers and charitable work. I am currently doing Bachelor in Information Technology. For the last two years I have found great pleasure in reading *Dalit Voice*. It is an eye-opener. I also type some important articles from *Dalit Voice* in my computer and send it to my relatives in India and abroad through email. My grandfather was a very honest and noble. Although he was deaf, he educated his children and gave them respectable place in the society. He used to send money to the leprosy home to help the diseased and in return he used to get cards of thanks from the people on the occasion of *Eid* and *Baqreed*. He died at the age of 82 (most probably) due to prostrate cancer.

Brother Noorul Huda's email intimating the death of his grandafather, S.N. Huda, came as a shock to us. What a pity that a soul so dear to us died eight years back and we come to know it only now. He used to be "stone deaf" and yet so warm and active. We remember visiting his house and having breakfast and lunch with him. Whenever we visited Patna, he was our permanent host and his car used to be at our disposal. ***Dalit Voice*** *was started in 1981 and in the very next year he became our life member. He used to write us so often about "Dalit-Muslim unity" efforts about which he was a great admirer. We were wondering why there was no communication from him in recent years and wrote a letter to his address at Patna and we get the reply that he died eight years back. Brother Noorul says his grandfather was a great friend of DV and he too likes DV. Is it not his duty to intimate us the death of such a dear friend? His family must carry on the good work and support the mission of* ***Dalit Voice*** *—* ***EDITOR.***

Letters to Editor

Kaj Krinsmøe, Abildgade 15, 1.th., 8200 Aarhus N, Denmark: This is about the donkey haul in Iraq. Blair and Bush have made it amply clear that zion use donkeys. And they are the cream of contemporary illuminated agents. But even back at the time of the French Revolution only Adam Weisshaupt divulged a talent of a sort. Whereas the historic actors, the Bushes and the Blairs, were lopping heads off each other, when Weisshaupt, having started it all, just sneaked away. This is the monstrous talent of zion - ignoble, sneaky scum, promoting madness. If Jews had a jiggy-jiggy rate like the Islamic communities all the devilish and cryptic machinations of zionism would be superflous. Actually, zionism is a symptom both of Jewry being more worldly than it is spiritual and of its timely desperation, its death-throes. The big mouth and small brain of President Bush has been exceedingly propitious for zion's devastating influence in Iraq, but his evangelical pretentions have no redeeming effect, at home or abroad. They are the frills put on the agenda by the script writers. Zion has a 1,000-year tradition for using Christian sentiments and conceits. The idea of a Jewish homeland is OK until you ask - on who's land? But no one asked that? The Christian dummies supported a zionist state on Palestinian land. It cost them nothing. The Zionist agents told them it was righteousness, yes, it was even God's will. Jehovah, the God of justice, of course. But the filthy iniquity of these conceits are quite evident to most people these days, yet they are not well able to formulate their apprehensions, and those who are able are mostly whores in the service of the zionist media. This monstrous squalour is a symptom of the tyranny of ideas, of devilishly sneaky persuasion, which exist in the conceits of Jewry and Christianity, but have no basis in spiritual reality. The world is a manifestation of spiritual evolution, condensed spirit. Man is born into this world because he needs the spiritual exercise to individuate. Tribal associations and institutional religions were formerly necessary environments for survival and for spiritual individuation in hostile and barbaric circumstances. It is obvious that zionism today endeavours to implement ancient barbarity, not to drive mankind back into monasteries and traditional religions, but to generate the chaos in which the warriors of zion will triumph. These monsters are a spiritual anachronism. Not even in Israel are souls incarnated for the purpose of being hijacked by political monsters to become the lackeys and soldiers of zion. It is madness we are witnessing. The Western world is indoctrinated, conditioned to the dialectics of madness, for them it is natural. Islam is an intact moral compound, reacting to the madness, more and more madly. A zionist ploy unfolds, divulging what spiritually corrupting and perverting scum they are. When European leaders, more corrupt than Hitler, chide Iran for flirting with nuclear technology and ignore Israel's atomic weapons they reveal who's useful idiots they really are. Already Europe flourish under zion's hegemony.

Pratap Tambay, Flat No. 101 - Madhuri Apts. Janardan Patil Marg, Chembur, Bombay - 400 071: The Dalit movement is significantly constrained by the limitations imposed by the "Poona Pact". The "Poona Pact" does this by ensuring that Dalit politicians cannot get elected without the support of non-Dalits. Given the geographic distribution of the Dalit population, Dalits can hope to come to power in only a few states. Moreover given their predominantly rural presence, with the concomitant illiteracy, limited organizability, poor communicability etc. there has been noticeable lack of a pan-India mass level nature to the movement. Despite the efforts of multiple Dalit parties (RPI, BSP, et al), Dalit politics continues to be marginal and matters only at the fringes. It is only due to the intense fragmentation in the voting pattern in the past decade, that Dalit political strength has become visible. However, I predict that the growing political strength is now hitting the natural barriers imposed by the "Poona Pact" and the scattered nature (geographical and socio-religious) of the Dalit population. In this context, I think the strategy of the Dalit movement ought to be to hit the metroes. Anyway, the rural poor has been moving towards the cities. In the absence of any significant property in the rural areas the pull of the cities pull Dalits first into the cities. So the Dalit parties should focus on the cities first. The cities allow the Dalit population more freedom to pursue various vocations and derive subsistence from them. Violations of their freedoms are also more noticeable due to the sensation-seeking media presence. Most importantly, their presence in cities allows the politics of the cities to be driven by their numbers. This is happening in Bombay. I am suggesting that we should capitalize on the visible trend. Wasting precious money on pursuing power through rural areas is poor strategy. Dalit politics should focus on cities.

1. We should attract Dalits into cities and help them settle down.
2. Dalits in cities should be organized and energized with the right political views.
3. Dalits should win power in the cities and use that

power to influence the national politics. Anyway the cities are creating the wealth with which "India is shining". So this is feasible since we would then be representing the money bags.

4. We should work hard to ensure that the Dalit politics coming into the cities get to experience the freedoms that were denied to them in the villages. This can be both a driver and an output of.

It is time to move from the villages to cities. *Challo Dilli* should be mapped to *Challo Mumbai, Challo Madras* and *Challo Calcutta, Challo Bangalore*. We can leave the upper castes to stew in the villages. Anyway most Dalits do not own any significant property in the villages. But in the cities no non-Dalit should be able to win without being fully acceptable in terms of his/her alignment with Dalit friendly policies. This will turn the perverse logic of the "Poona Pact" on its head and speed up the Dalit movement.

Gama Ram, A-2/4, Paper Mill Colony, Lucknow - 226 006: Hindu nazi organisations always boast that many old civilisations of the world lost their identity during the past several thousand years but in spite of repeated invasions by the foreigners including Muslims and Christianity these forces failed to eliminate Hindu *sanskriti* (culture). Is this true? If we analyse the facts and deeply study the history then we shall find that it was the manipulation of the 3% Brahmins who framed anti-human laws like the *Manusmriti*, *Purush Sukta* of Rig Veda and created thousands of imaginary *puranic* stories to mislead the 90% Bahujan Samaj. They declared that it was the god himself who created *varnashram* and laid down duties of each *varna*. God himself had desired that the only duty of *shudras*, who constituted 90% of India's population, was to serve the three upper *varnas* — Brahmin, Kshatriya and Vaishya selflessly. This was confirmed by their own god Krishna in the *Gita* (*sloka* 13 of chapter IV and *slokas* 41-44 of 18th chapter). Through these religious books all human rights including education, business, possession of arms even for self-defence, accumulation of wealth and possession of property etc. were forcibly taken away from them and they were forced to live a life worse than slaves and animals as they were destined to lead such life due to their ill doings in previous birth. As these Bahujans were deprived of all basic human rights they had been leading a life worse than that of slaves and animals. Even today a majority of Bahujans are living in utter poverty and are illiterate. Bahujans particularly in rural areas of the country believe in witch-craft, *tantra* and observe sacrifice of animals to get rid of evil forces. This is the Hindu *sanskriti* (culture) which is alive even today. It is not the culture but blind faith and ignorance of 90% slave-like Bahujans which is alive today and there is nothing to boast. Had the Muslim rulers, who ruled the country for about 800 years, taken interest in conversion of Hindus the entire 90% population of *shudras* would have embraced Islam. Similarly if the British rulers had extended help to the

Orissa workshop miracles

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I greatly admire your sincerity, initiative and stamina with which you finally landed here and interacted with us for three days (May 28 to 30, 2004). My dream was finally fulfilled by seeing you and hearing directly. Your thoughts are so much advanced that it will take a long time for us to catch up with you and translate them into action. But I am sure we will surely act as you directed. Your revolutionary ideas like social engineering " Bhim Yan", SC-BC unity, "caste identity" have brought new enlightenment and made us think on new lines. The following are some of impressions gathered by me and my friends about the memorable workshop.(1) The DV workshop has given wonderful exposure to the Orissa Dalits. Personally, I came to know so many Dalit brothers who are working for the same cause in different parts of Orissa in different ways. (2) I was very much encouraged by the tremendous response of young Dalit workers who came from far off places of Orissa and were present throughout the programme. All of them said they were inspired by you and were eager to do whatever possible to get the best out of your presence. They got all the weapons to fight the upper caste domination of Orissa. (4) All of them felt the urgent necessity to replace the existing rule of the 5% Brahmins and 2% Karans who are ruling Orissa for over 56 years. By uniting SC/ST/BC and minorities we achieve it. You gave this *mantra* and we will use it. (4) Your call for social change is possible only by spreading the Dalit literature and Mandalisation of BCs. The SC-BC unity which you stressed so much has been accepted. The two powerful BC castes in Orissa, like Khandayat (15%) and Yadav (13%), are egocentric, fully enslaved by the BSO and persecuting the innocent Untouchables. These two unthinking people, as you said in your speech, have to be brought to our side to build the Bahujan Samaj. I want to arrange a debate on Mandal Commission Report, make these two BC communities to join us. Your suggestion is taken seriously. You have done really a great job. We need your blessings.

Christian missionaries in their conversion movement the whole Dalit and Tribal population besides a good section of *shudras* would have embraced Christianity and thus freed from all bondage under the BSO. The orthodoxy and blind faith created by Brahmins is found among the cross sections of the society particularly among the *shudras* and Dalits. We often see that majority of Bahujans assemble on the occasion of *Kumbh* on the banks of Ganges and other rivers to take a dip. Similarly we find Bahujans going in large numbers to Shiva temples with *kanwar* (sacrifices) from distant places as also to Hanuman temples. With the BJP coming to power at the centre, the media including TV became busy spreading blind faith, rituals and orthodoxy. Even educated Bahujans including bureaucrats, politicians, teachers, scientists etc. have been eagerly attracted towards this blind faith. Before the British came to India 100% Hindu women including Brahmins were illiterate and were treated as slaves. Hindu religious scriptures endorsed it. The condition of upper caste Hindu widows was miserable as they were not allowed to remarry. As there was system of early marriage among the Hindus young widows of even 12 to 18 years were not allowed to remarry. But widow-marriage among *shudras* and Dalits was allowed. It was the British Govt. which opened the door of education to the *shudras*, Dalits and women. The British were responsible for bringing modern technology, industrialisaiton etc. to India and uniting the country through rail, telegraph, telephone, English language and disciplined army. A noted Hindu saint, Swami Vivekananda in his booklet, *Modern India*, said that in the first place scarcely any opportunity was given to the *shudras* for accumulation of wealth or earning of proper knowledge and education to add to this disadvantage, if ever a man of extraordinary parts and genius were born of the *shudra* class the Brahmins forthwith showered honours on him and co-opted him, up to their own circle. His wealth and the power of his wisdom were employed for the benefit of an alien class (Brahmins) and his own caste people reaped no benefits of his attainments and not only so, the good for nothing people, the scum and refuse of higher sections of the society were cast off and thrown into the *shudra* class to swell their number. Vashishtha (father of Brahma and mother unknown), Narad (mother maid servant and father unknown), Satya Kama Jabala (mother Jabala, maid servant and father unknown), Vyasa (mother, virgin daughter of a fisherman and father Parashar, a Brahmin sage), Kripa Chary (father a Brahmin and mother, the nymph Janpadi), Dronacharya (father, a Brahmin sage, Bharadwaja and mother the nymph Jaupadi), etc. He gave references in this connection from the *Rig Veda*, *Mahabharat, Srimad Bhagwat, Upanishad* and other religious scriptures. After implementation of the laws of *Manusmriti* about 2,000 years ago the Brahmins refused to take anybody of extraordinary intellect and genius from the *Shudra* class and Dalits even for their selfish motive. In this way we find that hundreds of thousands intellectuals from *shudra* class who could become writers, poets, philosophers, scientists, army officers, etc. if given equal human rights, died working in fields as bonded labourers like slaves during the past about 2,000 years due to the *Varnashram* and caste system in India. In other countries of the world except India every citizen has equal rights to progress in all fields. Due to the *varnashram* and caste system India had been overrun by foreign invaders during the past thousands of years and could not become a nation.

Gurnam Singh Muktsar, 2- Bhagat Singh Nagar, B/h Bus Stand, Muktsar - 152 026: I was reading your article, *Hinduism versus the Movement of Untouchables* (DV July 1, 2004 p.22). You write:

> "The invading Aryans drove them out and those who fled to hills and forests became Tribals and those driven out of village limits became Untouchables." (p.23).

As a result, the Untouchables came under the direct attack of Brahmins. But to know and meet the problems created by the brave Tribals hidden in hills and jungles the Aryans sent Brahmin *rishi-munis* to collect all information and secrets of Tribals. These *rishi-munis* came under the direct attack of our great ancestor Ravana, the Dravidian ruler, as per the Valmiki *Ramayana*. He did not permit the Brahmins to perform *homa* and *yaga* and animal sacrifices. To collect all secrets of indigenous rulers the Aryan Brahmins sat together in the guise of *homa* and *yagas*. Animal sacrifices at such ceremonies were just to meet their food needs. The Brahmin *rishis* and *munis* were the spies sitting in hills and jungles. The great king Ravana knew it as he was well versed in the *Vedas*. That is why he attacked the *homa* and *yagas* which indulged in reckless animal slaughtering to feed the Brahmins. Shudras and women were not allowed near such places. I have read Brahmin scriptures which revealed that *rishis* and *munis* came under the regular attacks of indigenous rulers. But the *vaidik* literature says India was the holy land of great *rishis* and *munis*, *gurus* and saints. This is false. Because these Brahmin *rishis* and *munis* were mainly responsible for our downfall. Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar has said:

> "The worship of cow is to be found in the struggle

between Budhism and Brahminism and the means adopted by Brahminism to establish its supremacy over Budhism" (p.23).

He adds:

"Without becoming vegetarian, the Brahmins could not have recovered the ground they had lost in its revival, namely Budhism." (p. 24).

Ashoka, the great Budhist emperor, stopped all kinds of animal sacrifices and this directly hit the Brahmins wealth and stomach. Brahmins had to go without meat for decades under his Budhist kingdom. The people also denied any alms to Brahmins. Brahmin priests became jobless. Brahmins were forced to earn for their living. Their most favourite food, beef, was denied to them. That is why the Brahmins conspired to kill Brihadrath, grandson of Ashoka. This killing helped them to come to power after decades. It was during this period the cunning section of Brahmins took a decision to turn vegetarian. And beef-eating was made a sin. This was the only strategy that could make the masses of people to come back to the Brahmins. If they had continued to eat beef and other meat it would not have been possible for them to fool the masses and make them worship the *Bhoodevatas*. Dr. Ambedkar called it an ingenious strategy to beat Budhism. The indigenous people loved their cattle because it helped them in their agriculture operation and also provided them food and manure. Cattle was their sole wealth in those olden days. Brahmins knew this. So they stopped beef-eating to save the cow. Thus cow was given a religious recognition by calling it a sacred animal. Until 1947, the Brahmins could not rule even once uptil 12th century they faced Budhist and Muslim rulers. Uptil 6th century strong Budhist rulers ruled here. They were not in a position to start beef-eating again as the Budhist rule and masses too must have not allowed them. Muslims who were beef-eaters conquered India. By abstaining from beef-eating, the Brahmins remained with general masses. During the past 2,000 years Brahmins have succeeded adopting one trick. That is cow and beef-eating. Whenever and wherever the people rise in revolt against this theory of "mother cow" and fight Brahminism, then definitely the Brahmins will quickly make changes. Then they will not be ready to sacrifice for their mother cow when they themselves start facing the wrath of the people they decide to save themselves first by abandoning their "mother cow". When the masses refuse to follow them, the Brahmins will make any compromise to survive in India. They learnt this lesson during Budhist rule.

S. Singhachoudhury, Ram Krishna Pally, PO Danesh Sk. Lane, Howrah dt. - 711 109: I want to form a forum like BDCSS (Bharti Dalit Chintan Sahit Sangh —a society of Dalit intellectuals of India) as proposed by Brother Gurnam Singh Muktsar (DV March 1, 2004 p.13). Gurnam's contribution to *Dalit Voice*, I often read under the Letters column, the most interesting and undoubtedly the richest part of DV comparable in quality to any other such column of any newspapers anywhere in the world. His Letters detain me by virtue of their sheer merit and relevance in Indian context. Here I underline his suggestive expression like:

"Lack of common languages and our own media... is contributing to disjointed efforts; we don't have a common platform like the Brahminical people have".

The Dalits have their own needs which are and have to be necessarily anti-Brahminic in tenor and tenet, in temerity and intrepidity. Every civilization constructs its own means to exploit its own people. The Brahminic civilization has set up its own means of exploitation of the people of India by constructing the caste system, the life-breath and vitality of the Brahmins. The Brahmins of India have combined their craftiness with intelligence in one solid mould to serve their self-interests. The author of the *Buffalo Nationalism* of the original Indian people (as against cow nationalism of Brahminic crime of astounding enormity) has correctly pointed out that the Brahmins without loss of a moment jumped to join the imperialist forces that inundated India to protect their interests treating the indigenous people as their worst enemy to be forsaken at opportune time. How many of the Dalits understand that all major political parties including the so-called Leftists of all shades — the more extreme the left, the more extreme enemy of the Dalits — are in roots, ramification and outlook are Brahminic. India's education system even in its so-called science, Naipaul innocently admits, is mired by the Brahminic mind. The sons of the soil in reality live like foreigners in their own country, thrown as they are from their own heart and home. This present reality the Brahmin historians want to make it a fact of history that is the *sudras* not the Aryans are the foreigners in India. Two hostile people dissimilar in all respects cannot occupy the same place simultaneously. If the Brahmins (Aryans) are originally sons of the soil, the *sudras* must be foreigners. They worship India and its history with pretentious perversion as their own creation. They focus on its culture with sententious solemnity; their sins are made to look like sacrifice. The assembled Dalit intellectuals with disposition to mutual aid can see more, learn more, understand more of India's great issues and

questions to precipitate urgency. All upper castes and their leaders and their parties evade the great questions of social reconstruction since they sabotaged Dr. Ambedkar's attempt at it in 1936, with Bengal Brahmins at the forefront of all. *Dalit Voice,* can as Brother Gurnam says, not only publish the bibliography of the Dalit intellectuals, it can pool them together to meet in a place of mutual convenience to formally sponsor BDCSS-like Forum with full equipment (1) A fund can be raised (I promise an advance of Rs. 1,000 only as my share of the financial responsibility) and entrusted to responsible and honest persons. (2) A recurring voluntary contribution of 1% of one's income should be contributed every month to the fund following Dr. Ambedkar's principle of sharing social responsibility in the form of contribution of money. And my share of Rs.100 pm is ready for the fund. (3) I never believe that an organisation formed for good purpose would dry and die for want of resources. The greatest resource of an organization lies in the able hands and wise brains dedicated to public purpose and I am convinced that such persons are not in short supply among Dalits. (4) The Dalit intellectuals should have a thorough grasp of various kinds of corruption prevailing in the society. It has just not one face, the monetary corruption. I am literally worried at the lukewarm attitude of Dalit intellectuals to the suggestion made by Gurnam. A daily devoted to Dalit interests is an easy step from the intellectual forum.

Asghar Ali, State Gen-Secretary, RPI, MF-5/2, E Block, Nandini Layout, Bangalore - 560 096: This refers to DV dated June 16, 2004 "*Caste kills casteism*". Each and every word is true and a history by itself. The facts collected from DV are worth repeating. (1) M.K. Gandhi tried to keep Dalits as slaves. Gandhi was the boss of Indian politics, the dictator, the uncrowned king of Indian masses. (2) Hindu god Ram was born at Ram Kot. The map of Faizabad was prepared by P. Carnegy, commissioner. He had demarcated in 1870 the Hanuman Gurhee Ayodya complex as Ram Kot. How could now this Ram Kot be shifted to the site of Babri Mosque, 800 meters over the next 100 years? (3) In this election, the Editor is perfectly right. Once again the caste (nation) killed casteism which is the other word for Hinduism. Or, to be precise Brahminism. This was also the Editor's call given in his Editorial of April 16:

> Reject national parties but support regional and caste-based parties to destroy Brahminism.

(4) All "national" parties suffered. The Congress, the original Brahminical party of India, and the BJP, the pure Brahmin party, have registered a decline. Both will disappear and die soon. (5) But the micro-minority of urban-based no-changers, who are also the consumers of wealth voted for the BJP. When their pure Brahmin party was defeated the *vaidik* wicked brain suffered a shock and worked non-stop to keep Sonia out of power. (6) We need a cadre of dedicated Dalits, BCs and Muslims to shoulder this job of producing new crops and harvesting it. (7) The Communists have better promoted Brahminism in the name of Marxism. (DV Edit June 1, 1985: "*Marxism to the rescue of Brahminism*"). (8) The bureaucracy, media, judiciary, financial institutions are all loaded with Brahminical vultures. (9) The just defeated Jagmohan's so-called "clean Delhi" drive was an additional menace. In their collective perception. Jagmohan is a terminator threatening their very existence in Delhi. (10) The former Disinvestment Minister, Arun Shourie of *Worshipping False Gods* infamy (a book lambasting Dr. B.R. Ambedkar penned by him), was the most hated and feared name among educated Dalit circles. (11) India has been ruled by Brahmins who are not even 5% of the population of India. Together with other upper castes, they are about 15% of the population. The Congress Party as well the BJP have been the instrument for upper castes to rule India in perpetuity. (12) India making peace with Pakistan is a prerequisite for Indian to surge ahead economically. (13) Brahmins know what will happen to their Brahminical Social Order when Dalits get educated. Even primary education is systematically made expensive. Education has become a rare commodity which Dalits hardly could afford to purchase. Well-planned machinations are there behind this denial of human rights of Dalits. (14) Our Dalit movements are bristling with contradictions. There are more than 30,000 Dalit associations. Each association has its own object. There is none to handle the contradictions among these Dalit movements. (15) India can be described as a land of 3Ds - division, despair and death. (16) DV is continuing to lead the movement all alone though many claim that the movement is fast dying. (17) Dr. Ambedkar was the only genius who exposed the true face of Brahminism. (18) Nasser was a stooge of the Jews. The Editor discovered that Indian Brahmins are also Jews. (19) I appreciate the Editor's devotion and dedication for the cause of weaker sections of Indian society. (20) It is a pity that such veterans go unhonoured and unsung when frauds are praised and paraded. (21) All Aryan *vaidik* leaders like B.G. Tilak, V.D. Savarkar, M.M. Malaviya, Dayananda Sarasati, Nehru have asserted that they are Aryans, a pure race and that they never belonged to India. (22) Like all true Kshatriyas,

Shivaji and his successors exercised the highest power in socio-religious matters. The Brahmins wanted to wrest these powers from their hands and use them to put down their opponents and establish their own claims to those powers. (23) Being an intellectual giant, Dr. Ambedkar without a deep thought took the dreadful decision to marry a Brahmin who belonged to the enemy community. (24) For details of this conspiracy, we have the books like (i) *Savita Ambedkar, the Murderess of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar* (1987), (ii) *Savita Ambedkar's Misdeeds exposed* (1991) published by Balachander Lokhande. He collected a lot of material, analysed the events with evidence and challenged Savita on various counts that Dr. Ambedkar's death was not natural. (24) Savita did not allow any other doctor to treat her husband except Dr. Mavlankar which revealed her plan to kill Babasaheb and get all his property.

S. Sher Singh, (IAS), Flat 32, 247/1 - Minto Park, Alipore, Calcutta - 700 027: I an sending a copy of my letter addressed to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh: (1) Previous sanction of the govt. is not required by an IAS officer to write a book under rule 6 of AIS (Conduct) Rules, 1968. I got permission to get *Ph.D. on Babar*, vide memo no. 4724-PAR (IAS), dated 17/19.09.86. I was charged for writing the thesis which had the messages of "best wishes" from Rajiv Gandhi, Justice M.H. Beg and B.N. Pande. The entire proceeding against me stood quashed on 16.3.2000 under CAT order, dated 8.12.1999 in my OA no. 1321/1997 as no final order was passed within one month from the date of receiving the inquiry report by me on 16.02.2000. (2) Without making me the respondent party, an order was obtained from CAT, dated 4.05.2000, which referred to CAT order, dated 21.11.99 in my promotion case OA No. 48/97 and the parties wee given 1+2 months time to promote me w.e.f. 6.05.94. Even this time expired on 23.07.2000. No extension of time was granted to order, dated 8.12.99, regularising the period beyond 16.03.2000. Till date, my promotion order by CAT has not been carried out by DOPT. (3) DOPT filed MA No. 434 of 2000 before CAT seeking extension of time for five months from 24.07.2000. No extension of time was granted by CAT, but DOPT, Ministry of Personnel, PG&P, Govt. of India, passed order No. 106/5/2000-AVD.1 dated 22.11.2000 in violation of CAT order, dated 8.12.99; 21.12.99 read with order dated May 4, 2000, dismissing me from service without getting authority from CAT. This order is arbitrary and vindictive passed for my proving that Babar never visited Ayodhya in 1528, AD. DOPT MA No. 434 of 2000 was rejected as infructuous by CAT by its order dated 13.03.2003, DOPT has tried to set at naught CAT orders by applying for extension of time which they never got. (4) So:

i. Revoke the DOPT order, dated 22.11.2000, issued in violation of CAT orders, cited above; and (ii) issue my promotion order to Super-Time-Scale with effect from 6.05.94 as per CAT order, dated 21.12.99 and 4.05.2000 immediately.

Your timely intervention in getting the Court's order carried out by DOPT will render justice to me as justice delayed is justice denied. ■

Gandhi unmasked: New film

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The Gandhi film that myself, Ivan Tankushev and a few others are producing is going to be an international documentary. It is primarily based on the book, *Gandhi Behind the Mask of Divinity*, by Col. G. B. Singh. (DV July 1, 2004 p.28).

We have interviewed Gopal Godse, Dr. Aloo Dastur and other Gandhians at Mani Bhavan and M.V. Kamath here. In Ahmedabad we shot at Sabarmati and in Delhi we interviewed B.R. Nanda and Dr. Y.P. Anand, the director of Gandhi National Museum. We have also interviewed some Untouchables and common folks and even some foreigners at the Taj Mahal Agra.

Rajmohan Gandhi regretted. Tushar Gandhi was ready. Because of hectic schedule I could not interview him. Besides, I was told that he is not the real grandson of Gandhi.

Thank you for all your support on Gandhi film by sending your books.

For details visit my website: www.aidsalternativa.org.

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Brahmins not enemy of Punjab Dalits but Jat Sikhs

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V.T. Rajshekar, Editor, *Dalit Voice*, visited Chandigarh on July 7. 2004 on his way to Shimla to attend the three-day DV workshop there . K.C. Sulekh, a noted Ambedkarite of the region, falicitated him at a get-together at the Ambedkar Bhawan. The Editor was shown round the Bhawan complex built by the Govt. of India at a cost of over Rs. 1 crore and later handed over to the Dr. Ambedkar Study Circle in 1997.

Anil Kumar Lamdharia, general secretary, Ambedkar Bhawan, welcomed the Editor and Ram Parshad, a senior DV family member, introduced him to the large audience comprising advocates, govt. servants, university professors, artists and activists.

Divided RPI: The Editor recalled his earlier visits to Punjab. In 1986, he was brought to Punjab by the Chandigarh police under TADA for his support to the movement launched by Sant Bhindranwale. He visited the state again to participate in a two-day seminar on Dalit-Sikh relations. Then he came to witness a socio-religious congregation at Dera Ballan, Jalandhar, in June 2004. These visits made him familiar with the problems of the Dalits in the state. He dwelt at length on Sikhism and its present state of affairs.

He was of the view that Brahminism has crept into Sikh religion and has terribly effected its socio-revolutionary zeal.

While reflecting on the national political scenario in the context of Dalit struggle, he expressed anguish over the working of the various political and social Dalit organisations. He lamented that none of them could check the surging onslaught of the Brahminical forces. There is no hope from the severely factionalised RPI. The BSP under Kanshi Ram was, however, an exception. For the emancipation and empowerment of the Dalits, he laid special emphasis on the establishment of a strong Media Centre. Such a centre would help the Dalits to articulate and channelise their energy and organise them for their liberation.

Women & youth: He pointed out the conspicuous absence of Dalit youths at the get-together and advised the Ambedkar Bhawan officials to encourage the youth for such activities.

The paradox of Punjab

Our recent two visits to Punjab and the discussions with senior DV family members at Shimla have given us a very sad picture of the otherwise economically prosperous Punjab. We are seriously worried over the paradox of Punjab. The Punjabis may be prosperous but they are not happy. On one side Brahminism is eating up the very vitals of Sikhism reducing it to rituals. On the other Dalit Sikhs and Dalits, who form a formidable population, are furious with the ruling Jat Sikhs. Brother Ronki Ram and some other Dalit writers are saying Brahmins are not the enemy of Dalits but Jat Sikhs. During the Shimla discussion this line was rejected because the DV family felt when Dalits had already identified its principal enemy as Brahminism and was fighting it, how could they afford to fight another enemy? Meanwhile, the Dalit-Jat Sikh enmity has reached an explosive stage. Since ***Dalit Voice*** *is a great supporter of Sikhism and also Dalits, it was decided to hold a conference of intellectuals at Chandigarh inviting all sections — **EDITOR.***

The lecture was followed by a discussion. Dr. Ronki Ram of Panjab University pointed out that though the Editor talked about Brahminism and its impact on Sikh religion there was an urgent need to look into the case of Punjab a bit more critically.

In Punjab, Brahmins are not in control of the things nor they are venerated as in other states. Moreover, in Punjab they are often looked down. In fact Brahminism has never been a force in Punjab due to various historical reasons.

On the contrary, in Punjab, Jat Sikhs and other land-holding upper castes have been the main forces with whom Dalits are directly fighting because of their landlessness and the consequent dependence on agriculture labour, he said.

K.C. Sulekh requested the officials of Ambedkar Bhawan to organise a workshop in association with *Dalit Voice* to understanding the current Dalit scenario in North-West India. ■

Dalit movement will succeed better at individual, family & community level

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Due to the "Poona Pact", the politically focussed component of the Dalit movement is limited in the means that it can use and in the ends it can hope to achieve. Due to the "Poona Pact", solutions which put non-Dalit interests at risk will not get explored by the politicians and so tokenism will prevail for the foreseeable future. Hence in parallel with the politically focussed component of the movement, it makes sense to focus on Dalit movement at individual, family and community level in that order. These require an inward-looking Dalit community. When a reasonable level of maturity is achieved at these levels, these foci can be safely expected to merge into the body politic. Here I suggest a few means to accelerate the pace of increasing the said maturity.

At individual & family level: The Dalit movement has to begin with oneself and modify ones family before anything else. People who shout from the treetops about being Ambedkarites— but do not live their lives by the path of education, agitation, organization to achieve *pradnya*, *sheel* and *karuna* in all spheres of their lives —are not Ambedkarites. We have to show ourselves and others, by our personal and work lives that we are capable of rising to the highest standard achievable by any human being anywhere.

The rising educational standards by which our youngsters are qualifying themselves and standing in the queue to receive their share of the growth being seen by the Indian economy needs to accelerate. We have to drive ourselves and our youngsters to achieve high marks, best degrees, best jobs, etc. A Dalit pattern of education (like the Latur pattern in SSC and the Kota pattern in IIT) needs to emerge from the heightened consciousness. In this context, I believe there is a unique opportunity available today, which represents a social shortcut to raise this consciousness quickly.

Girls education: Girls have free education these days till almost graduation. I have not come across any resistance to this from any section of society. We must educate our girls as much as they can and let them choose their grooms. Such educated girls, who today can get into good jobs, would marry boys who are at least as educated as themselves. If these boys are from our community, then it is safe to assume that their progeny will start with significant advantages than their parents, thereby accelerating the Dalit movement. Even if the girls choose grooms from outside the community, the Dalit movement benefits in two ways. Firstly this fosters integration with the non-Dalits and secondly the non-educated Dalit boys find it more difficult to get married, thereby creating pressure on them to educate themselves. Overall therefore, education of girls and giving them higher freedom will accelerate the pace of emancipation of the Dalit community.

Girls more sincere: I think any contribution of the participants of this list in educating female Dalits and helping them find jobs (call centres, BPO, software, banks, diamond polishing, electronics assembly, and many others) and or providing services which support female Dalits in reaching their full potential will illustrate the truth of this. I say this from experience. I have seen this happening. Dalit families (including my own) start with male-centric education policy, whereby the *gharanya-cha-diva* gets higher funding and facilitation for education and the *divti's* get less funding. The governments compensated for this by making education free for girls.

I have not come across any resistance to this from any section of society. I strongly feel that supporting this "affirmative action" by the government, through our actions will help accelerate the forces pushing our boys to leverage the educational facilities available. Most of the time, I have seen girls being more sincere and working harder than guys. If we support our daughters, sisters, girlfriends, wives in their quest to make the best of their potential, it will help improve our community radically in a few generations.

Community level movement: Dalit movement at community level is less important than the Dalit movement at individual and family level. Initially the former can be supported by ideology (books, cassettes, lectures, etc.). But over time, the community movement needs to come into its own and take shape

through institutions which embody the social ideals of the Dalit community.

The pathetic state of educational institutions founded by Dr. Ambedkar is symptomatic of the malaise that has gripped our community.

The very people that he bequeathed the vanguard institutions of the movement seem to have failed him. These institutions have decayed in the academic standards and one rarely hears their name being taken in the same breath as the better ones. Good students prefer to stay away from them. Good teachers too prefer to stay away from the internecine struggles in there. We have to find ways of resuscitating such old institutions from their problems of financing, HR, marketing as well as build newer institutions which help us improve the educational level of the community. The tradition of Christian convent schools could be replicated by Buddhist monks. Buddhist monks (male and female) need places to live. Buddhist religious places could co-locate marriage halls, lecture theatres, educational institutions, etc. which could be operated by the monks themselves in manner similar to the Christian clergy.

Dalit entrepreneurs should try to focus on making money by accelerating the education and delivery of Dalit human capital (both males and females) to the job markets by

a. Educational/training financing and/or advisory

b. Placement services

c. Training and/or grooming services focused on job procurement

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COMMUNICATION

DV as the best media for Bahujans

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I fail to understand what you mean by "Media Centre". You have never explained the structural details, its formal contents. As I understand, *Dalit Voice* itself is a good and fitting media. If the Dalit people are fit ones (normally) they could very well join the DV family in thousands if not lakhs and benefit from DV. What the Dalits need for their total emancipation comes in DV. I do not understand why do you go on crying. You have from the core of your heart written the booklet, "*Sunset on the Dalit world*" (Reprint of DV editorial of March 16, 2000) explaining the causes and reasons for such a "sunset". While managing the publication of such a superb media like DV benefiting the Dalits, why do you want to launch yet another "media centre"? ■

If DV is superb why Dalits are not joining it in a big way?

Brother Gopal Chandra Biswas is a member of DV family since 19 years and we have met him several times in Calcutta. He has been continuously with us without a break and hence he is competent to pass a verdict on our overall performance. But he did not notice that we stopped writing on "media centre" for quite sometime. Brother Kanshi Ram on our persistent demand started a "media centre" in Delhi. He took us and showed it when under final stages of completion. Brahminical forces however, never allowed it to be functional. We shifted to Delhi twice with this purpose of setting up our own "media centre" but we were never allowed to continue in Delhi.

SUNSET

All our Bahujan leaders often complain against the existing monopoly media of the ***manuwadis*** *who have never allowed the Truth come out. But when we tell them the need to have our own media, they start yawning. We got fed up and stopped talking about it. The havoc played by the very same media in the latest election has once again revived this subject. Brother Gurnam Singh Muktsar wants to push it.*

DV circulation is neither going up nor down. If DV is so good why Dalits are not joining DV family in a big way? What is happening to Dalits we don't know. The "Sunset" is complete and total — ***EDITOR.***

Muslims are terrorists?

(America's hidden motive behind war on Islam)

V.T. RAJSHEKAR

Whether the overwhelming peace-loving peoples of the world like it or not a micro-minority of war-mongers have already pushed us into a bloody war with Muslims in the name of "Clash of civilisations" which is also the title of a book by an American Jewish scholar, Samuel P. Hintington, *Clash of Civilisations & the Remaking of World Order*, (Penguin 1996).

INDIA PUSHED TO WRONG SIDE

But honest intellectuals in the West, who have studied both Islam and Muslims, do not subscribe to this hate- mongers' theory which guides America to violence and more violence — and the consequent unrest in the whole world.

They say it is a horrible mistake on the part of the zionist-controlled America to go on manufacturing enemies (Muslims) to cater to the selfish needs of war-mongers. By such an action, not only the world's sole super power has turned the whole lot of Muslims the world over to hate America but much more than that the hate-Muslim war and violence has seriously affected America's own economy and security.

In *Dalit Voice*, we have given enough such warnings but the Neo-Cons (zionists in disguise) who are controlling President Bush's Administration are not allowing sanity to settle down on Washington.

COMMUNIST SILENCE

What is much more worrying for India, which is a poor country with no say in international affairs because of the stupidity of its rulers, is that we too have been dragged into this "Clash of civilisations" because of the growing friendship between zionists and India's Brahminical rulers. (DV Editorial Oct.1, 2003: "*India pushed to wrong side of history: Hindu nazis once again fool brilliant Jews*").

Even the new Congress-led rulers are refusing to change the foreign policy. The communists made lot of noise on the tilt in foreign policy and even published a book but today having joined the power structure they too are mum.

IMAGINED ENEMY

This imagined collision with Muslims and Islam has seriously affected India's health and happiness. Because India has the world's largest Muslim population, barring Indonesia. The just defeated Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) controlled by the Hindu upper castes (Brahminical forces) thrive only on the hatred of Muslims. Anti-Muslim war and violence helps BJP to *hinduise* (enslave) the lower castes, who constitute a big majority and then instigate them against Muslims. This anti-Muslim war and violence has directed this poor country's scarce resources to strengthen its war machinery to fight Muslims, further impoverishing the country and injecting lot of poison into the country's socio-cultural side— finally culminating in the Gujarat Genocide of Muslims (2002).

Daily violence, daily killings and daily arrests are keeping the police, judiciary, media and even military fully pre-occupied. A government's job is to govern. But the BJP govt. was not interested in governing India because it was too pre-occupied with fighting this imagined enemy. The upper caste rulers have a vested interested in keeping up this war and violence and the media owned by this same class is fully cooperating in keeping the pot boiling.

DEFEAT OF BJP

The defeat of the BJP-led govt. and the formation of the Sonia Gandhi-led Congress coalition does not mean the end of anti-Muslim war and violence. Brahminism thrives only on anti-Muslim and anti-Christian staple diet. Sonia's victory may appear as a victory for anti-Brahmin forces but we have no reason to come to this conclusion.

The developments since Sept.11, 2001, when America launched its formal war against Muslims, prove that all the allegations of the super power against "terrorism" (read Muslims) are false. It is the Sept.11 attack on WTC and Pentagon that made America to formally launch its all-out war on "terrorism" saying that the attacks were launched by al-Qaida. But to this day America has not come out with a convincing proof that 9/11 was the handiwork of the al-Quaida. Nor there has been transparent inquiry on this world-shaking development. With the help of the American media, which itself is controlled by the zionists, the Bush Administration announced that it was a terrorist attack and then it quickly did a follow-up with an attack on Afghanistan telling us that Osama bin Laden master-minded the 9/11 from his hideout in Afghanistan. (DV Edit Nov.16, 2001: "*US facing defeat in Afghanistan: anti-terrorist*

attacks turn into wholesale war on Islam").

DEFEAT IN AFGHANISTAN & IRAQ

What happened in Afghanistan is well known. It could neither catch nor kill Osama nor destroy Taliban. The American army simply flattened Afghanistan, killed thousands of Afghan Muslims and finally America itself admitted that both Osama and Mullah Omar, chief of Taliban, were alive with all the battery of their followers. Afghanistan, ruled by its Afghan stooge, may be killed any moment and America itself driven out. America is definite to meet with a humiliating defeat in Afghanistan. We had predicted all this. (DV March 1, 2003 p. 7: "*US fails in Afghan war: Osama & Mullah Omar alive & kicking*").

Then America manufactured another enemy, Saddam Hussein, and announced that he was possessing deadly Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) which would destroy the world.

In *Dalit Voice,* we had predicted what would happen in Iraq even before the Iraqi war started. And we have proved right. (DV Feb.1, 2003 p.8: "*US defeated even before attacking Iraq?*")

Neither America could catch Saddam nor kill him. Nor could it find any trace of WMD. Americans say they have caught Saddam but have given no proof of it. Even Red Cross was not allowed to meet the "captured" Saddam. Like the series of lies after lies, Saddam's "capture" may be yet another big lie.

WHY U.S. SPEAKS LIES ?

Will it then be wrong on our part to conclude on the basis of the mountain of lies that the discovery of the Islamic demon was also based on total, sweeping lies? And yet the Western media controlled by the zionists is not ready to question America's tons and tons of false claims.

But in *Dalit Voice* we did it without fear or favour.

What does it all lead to? Why this theory of "Clash of civilisation" was manufactured? If Islam and Muslims are demons, the world's sole super power with all its claim for Justice and Truth should have caught and produced the demon for the world to see its cruel face. At least it should have produced enough credible proof for us to believe that Islam and Muslims are indeed terrorists. It is now nearing four years — which is too long a period. America is simply talking and talking without producing an evidence on the existence of this demon.

And every American claim has proved to be false. (*Dalit Voice*, Editorial May 1, 2003: *"Repetition of Afghanistan in Iraq: How can America claim victory when WMD not found & Saddam not caught or killed?*").

Why falsehoods after bigger falsehoods are manufactured?

ZIONIST BOOK OF CONSPIRACY

Perhaps we were the only one paper at least in India to have the courage to answer this question. Why the US thrives on lies? *Dalit Voice* Editorial June 1, 2003: "*Zionists destroy Christianity, then make US Christians fight Muslims to promote Israeli interests*").

The zionist clique, calling itself Neo-Conservatives (Neo-Cons), controlling the Bush Administration is forcing it to commit blunders after blunders, manufacturing demons after demons with the sole single purpose of protecting Israel and establishing it as a zionist state, after forcibly evicting the Palestinians and then forcibly imposing it on Muslims as outlined in the zionist secret book of conspiracy. (*Zionist Arthashastra — The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion*, DSA-reprint, 2002).

And since Israel is forcibly occupying the land belonging to Palestinians, it wants to manufacture all sorts of lies to drive out the Palestinians and also carve out its zionist state which will eventually envelop the whole of West Asia.

LONDON *ECONOMIST* SURVEY

The "Clash of civilisations" theory hides this conspiracy which has already resulted in so much of death, destruction, wars. And every Muslim and every fair-minded non-Muslim is today convinced about the hidden motive behind America's war on Islam.

The London *Economist*'s (Sept.13, 2003) scholarly survey of this problem, "*In the name of Islam — A survey of Islam and the West*", by Peter David also warns America:

> It would be a much bigger mistake for America to view foreign policy through the lens of some imagined collision with Islam itself.

It says the billion-plus people who make up the Islamic world (about one in four people in the world are Muslims) are not one single homogenous whole, with one point of view, pre-occupied with their relations with the West. Muslims live in a multitude of countries, speaking very many languages, quarreling more with each other than with the West. The main pre-occupation of Muslim continues to be the state of the Muslim world, not their relations with the West. The article warns the West against defining the true meaning of Islam and of assuming that democracy must be Islam's opposite.

The *Economist* is pro-American,

soft towards zionist aspirations, anti-Muslim, anti-Black, anti-China and pro-Brahminical forces in India. It supported the Afghan and Iraqi wars. Even such a solidly anti-Muslim weekly has warned the US against meddling with the Muslims.

DIVIDED HOUSE OF MUSLIMS

The Muslims are not only not a majority community in the world but they are a house terribly divided. The American war on Iraq was supported by some Muslim countries. Iran and Iraq had a prolonged war. Shia-Sunni divide is so deep. Not only they are a divided house but their economy is poor. The world is inhabited by the non-Muslim majority. The ruling Christian world, which is called the West, is not only the richest and the highest industrialised but it is also the custodian of world communication, having the most powerful armed forces, atomic power. How can such a weak part of the world think of going to war with the West?

WEALTHY CHRISTIAN WORLD

The Christian world is not only wealthy but more organised, better united through English language. The Roman Catholics have a single leader — the Pope. The Protestant Christians are organised under the World Council of Churches.

In contrast Muslims have neither one single Pope nor any united organisation.

ISLAM AS FASTEST GROWING RELIGION

In the Muslim world's holiest country of Saudi Arabia, Osama's followers are challenging its authority. So too the opposition inside the Shiaite Iran is equally strong. Conversion to Islam did not destroy the ethnic **identity** of the Muslims.

Viewed from any angle, Muslims stand no chance if they decide to fight the Christian West. And yet it looks Islam is winning and the West is losing. Or is it already lost? Islam has become the fastest growing religion in the world. Many thinking Western people are going over to Islam.

Yet another defeat that stares the Christian America is its own 20% Black citizens hating the White Christians and steadily going over to Islam. That means a formidable enemy is growing within the very bosom of America.

The West has been ridiculing the Muslims, humiliating the Muslims, saying that Islam is anti-democratic. They say only one out of five countries with Muslim majority is a democracy. They praise democratic "strides" in Malaysia, Indonesia, Turkey, Bangladesh.

But this stick of democracy, which the West is using to beat the Muslim, is very weak. The West, particularly the US, only speaks of democracy but supports always anti-democratic Muslim countries like Saudi Arabia. The US has lavished so much of wealth on Pakistan where democracy is a big question mark.

After the sexual humiliation of Iraqi prisoners in a Baghdad prison by the American armed forces, America will have no right to speak on democracy and human rights. Even the best friends of America in the West have denounced the American behaviour.

VILLAINS OF HISTORY

As this is written America, defeated in Iraq, is thinking of running away without telling anybody. Afghanistan is a total mess. Palestine is engulfed in bloody violence. Saudi Arabia's royal regime as the stooge of America is on the verge of collapse. (DV July 1, 2004 p.9: "*Osama decides to finish Saudi regime*").

The entire West, particularly America, is under a constant security threat. American economy is failing. The UN is reduced to a puppet. The American Big Bully guided by its zionist controllers has brought terrible misery upon Muslims of the entire world — painting them as terrorists. It looks the curve has hit the back and the down-turn has just begun. History has strange ways of punishing the villains.

(DV Nov.16, 2001 p.7: "*Who is a terrorist*"). ■

A Christian conspiracy against Muslims?

THE JEWISH OBSESSION

Soroor Ahmed

Asks Muslims not to blame the world's mere 0.25% of micro-minority community of Jews for the current violence against Muslims. The real culprit is the American Protestant Evangelical Christians. Criticises Mahathir Mohammed for saying Jews are ruling the world.

"Believe it or not, Evangelists are the much bigger champions of Israel than many Jews", he says.

The Jews and Muslims lived together for over 1,300 years without ever fighting a war or quarrelling. It is the Christianized West which harbour hostility towards Muslims since the hatred between the two serves the latter's interests. The Muslims fail to see any Christian conspiracy, he says.

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Marathas must take Bhavani — not the shattered Shiva

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The Marathas of Maharashtra have decided to get out of the Hindu fold. Great. Congratulations on their decision — though late — to get rid of their slavery from Brahminism.

Right now the Marathas are speaking of *Shiva Dharma*. What is that by using the word "Shiva" they want is not clear. Shivaji's name had Shiva in it but nowhere we find Shivaji worshipping Shiva. Rather he was a devotee of Bhavani. A legend is also attached to this relationship. It is said that Bhavani gifted a sword which was responsible for all his success in building his vast empire.

Brahmins hate Shiva: Shiva is a Tribal, a Moolbharati. This is accepted. Brahmins, even after co-opting him as part of their *Tri-Murthy,* were not able to give him a dress. He is relegated to the last row. Brahma is Creator, Vishnu is Protector but Shiva is a Destroyer. Look at the status of the *shudra* god and the work assigned to him. He is thrown into a cemetery or burial ground where nobody goes. Look at the contempt with which the Brahmins treat him. He is the *Jagada Jalagara*, as Poet-Laureate Kuvempu says.

Blood sucker: We have no records of his marriage. But Brahmins tagged him to more than one woman. One woman has more than one name — Parvathi, Gowri, in the extreme Kali. She is also made ferocious, ugly and a blood-sucker.

Shiva has a son too. A grafted god with human body and elephant head — neither man nor animal. This ferocious god (Ganapati) is the hero of Hindu nazis. And today this funny-looking fellow has become the Hindus most favourite god.

The crooked Chitpavan Brahmin, Tilak, brought this god to the street. We have him on every street in Maharashtra today. And no ceremony in India can begin without invoking this god of fury.

Brahmin bum-licker: With all this the Brahmins have permanently damaged Shiva's reputation because he was the god of the pre-Aryan indigenous peoples.

Added to this, we have our great Brahmin bum-licker, Bal Thackeray. He damaged Shivaji so much and projected the great Maratha hero as the enemy of Muslims and Dalits — the two most powerful enemies of Brahminism.

Maharashtra and Karnataka are neighbouring states, inter-related in many ways. Basaveswara, a great social reformer is equally popular in Maharashtra.

Blood unity is the only unity that can bring about unity among different communities, said Dr. Ambedkar. Basavanna took to this path. There came *Kalyana Kranti*. That was instigated by Brahmins to destroy the movement of Basaveswara. Bijjala, the king, was killed. Basavanna was to die. Then started the infiltration of Brahmins into Basavanna's new religion of Veerashaivism. They are the *mathadipathis* now. People say Veerashaivism is an independent religion. Nothing to do with Hinduism which is the latest name of Brahminism.

But these Brhamin infiltrators celebrate *Tharalabalu Hunnime* function. Basavanna rejected the Vedas. But these functions start with *veda ghosha*.

Why go for new symbol: My fear is the *vaidiks* will never give free time to Marathas to have their way. That is what they are doing with Budha today even after 2,500 years. Islam, Christianity and Sikhism are eroded and corrupted because of Brahminical meddling.

Bhavani is found and worshipped in every Maratha house. It is there in Maharashtra and also Karnataka. Bhavani goes with every Maratha family wherever it goes. Why the Marathas are going for a new symbol when they already have a well established one in Bhavani?

No new efforts are needed to convince a Maratha about the mother goddess Bhavani. Shivaji was a devotee of Bhavani known to every Maratha. There are photos of Bhavani with Shivaji at her feet.

Maratha leaders should note that Shiva's image is totally damaged by the Brahmins. In the name of Shiva Sena both Shiva and Shivaji are portrayed as monsters hated by both Muslims and Dalits.

Dalits and Muslims may have different cultural heritage, different religious background but both are united on one thing: They are the born enemies of Brahminism — life long. To fight Brahminism Marathas should identify their friends. The best friends of Marathas are Dalits and Muslims.

Brahmins are patriarchal. Make the Maratha matriarchal through Bhavani. The danger of Brahminism swallowing the *Shiva Dharma* is real and certain. The best way-out is to adopt Bhavani. ■

English — a must for every Dalit

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This refers to DV June 1, 2004 p.8: "*Two high-tech chief ministers bite dust*". You are right that we should not underestimate the importance of IT but find remedies that the "IT revolution" would not bypass the Dalit-Bahujans for want of 1. Phone, 2. computer, 3. knowledge of English as you mention.

For all the Dalit-Bahujans a phone and a computer is a distant dream but the knowledge of English must be acquired right now. At least they must start now. Our children should go to English-medium school, read English newspapers, watch English programmes on TV. The answer lies in "stop regional languages in personal life of Dalit-Bahujans".

Let the Brahmins preserve their regional languages. We do not want a part of these languages. They are not our languages. I do not like my children speaking Marathi even at home.

One more thing: all our students must learn **typing**. It does not cost much, may be Rs. 50 a month for one hour a day. Without knowing typing computer is no use.

I am mentioning this because even those who can afford may neglect to do this — some out of ignorance and some out of pride for their language. For those who cannot afford our leaders would be required to provide facilities from the taxpayers money. That would also require motivation. We have to create an atmosphere in the society for this.

First life security, then food, clothing, shelter and lastly health and education are basic needs. After those are fulfilled we have to compete with others for survival in open market. Let us start getting ready on our part individually and leave the rest to our leaders to fight for. ■

FALL OF BUSH CONFIRMED

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: DV has been predicting that President Bush is on the way out. We now have the confirmation that his exit is definite.

(1) The hush-hush exit of America from Iraq, virtually admitting defeat, is because the American voters are fed up with the Bush bluffs on Iraq. The angry voters are turning against him and his popularity is simply sinking.

(2) The way the European leaders led by French President Jacques Chirac during his recent trip to Europe twice snubbed him on getting the scent that Bush is becoming weak. Bush simply swallowed the public scolding and ran away. The European leaders (barring Blair, the tail of Bush) are fed up with America for throwing its weight around. They sincerely want Bush to be defeated. The mood of European leaders gives enough hints about the fall of Bush.

(3) Not only the world leaders but saner elements even inside America feel that the Bush drive for a "New World Order" has led to global disorder. It is the Neo-Cons (read pro-zionists) in America driving the Bush bandwagon who have created the "Islamic terrorism" and not vice-versa.

The mountain of falsehood created to invade Iraq simply collapsed. Not only the WMD was not found, Bush could not even check the soaring popularity of Saddam Hussein.

(4) He failed in Afghanistan and could not catch or kill Osama. But without any evidence waged a war against Muslims who today are bent upon attacking America. So much so, Americans feel threatened because of Bush.

(5) It looks the Neo-Cons have quietly deserted Bush bandwagon and shifted to Kerry camp, the winning horse.

The world's super rich Jew, George Soros, has started pouring millions into Kerry's pocket.

(6) The American voters feel that Bush has destroyed their country's prestige, their world leadership and authority. The American Supreme Court itself snubbed the Bush administration for the Quantanamo Bay torture of Muslim prisoners and the Abu Gharib prison atrocities in Iraq has humiliated America in the eyes of the whole world. All because of Bush. Americans are realising that never before they had such a President.

(7) The record-breaking success of Michael Moore film inside America, "*Fahrenheit 9/11*, which is a blistering attack on the warlord of the world, Bush, shows that Americans are fed up with Bush.

Moore even goes to the extent of saying that the "war on terror" is a fraud, a point often highlighted in DV.

Michael Moore is a famous American film director.

All these and many more indicate that the fall of George Bush is certain.

DV proves right.

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