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over
Tamil Nadu

Debate
on
Buddhism

Discussion on Article 25 & 24 :

THUS SPAKE AMBEDKAR

Thus Spake Ambedkar

Discussion on Article 25 & Article 24

(Article 23, as amended was adopted and added to the Constitution).

ARTICLE 24

Shri T.T. Krishnamachari (Madras:General) : It is the desire of many Honourable Members of this House that this article should not be taken up now, but taken up later, because we are really considering various amendments to it so as to arrive at a compromise and Dr. Ambedkar will bear me out in regard to this fact.

The Honourable Dr. B.R. Ambedkar (Bombay:General) : Yes, Sir, I request that article No.24 be kept back.

Mr. Vice-President: Is that the wish of the House?

Honourable Members: Yes.

Mr. Z.H. Lari (United Province:Muslim) : Then what about article 15, Sir?

Mr. Vice-President: The consideration of that article has been postponed for the time being.

ARTICLE -25

The Honourable Dr. B.R. Ambedkar: Sir, I do not think that because this article is subject to the provisions of the other articles to which my Honourable Friend, Mr. Karimuddin has referred, it is not possible for us to consider this article now, because, as will be seen, supposing we do make certain changes in article 285 or others relating to that matter, we could easily make consequential changes in article 25. Therefore, it will not be a bar. Therefore, it is perfectly possible for us to consider article 25 at this stage without any prejudice to any consequential change being introduced therein. Supposing some changes were made in the articles that follow...

Kazi Syed Karimuddin: Then why not postpone this?

The Honourable Dr. B.R. Ambedkar: No.

Mr. Vice-President: I am going to put this amendment to vote, because if it is carried, then the consideration of all the amendments will be postponed.

Mr. Vice-President: The question is:

"That the consideration of this clause be postponed till the consideration of Part-XI of this Draft Constitution."

The motion was negatived.

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(To be continued)

Mr. Naziruddin Ahmad: Perhaps there is some mis-print; I do not know. If there is no mis-print it is certainly open to the comment that it is vague.

The only point that I had in mind was that the right to move the Supreme Court by appropriate proceedings is guaranteed. I wanted to allow the people to move other courts also. If there is a fundamental right granted here, and if any poor man is forced to move the Supreme Court...

The Honourable Dr. B.R. Ambedkar: See sub-clause (3).

Mr. Naziruddin Ahmad: That sub-clause empowers some other specified Courts to deal with this subject, but I wanted to make it more general, that the fundamental rights should be capable of being enforced by a motion in any Court...

Shri H.V. Kamath: I hope that Dr. Ambedkar will tell us why he thinks it necessary to specify the particular writs here and not just leave it to the Supreme Court to decide what particular writs or orders or directions it should issue in any particular case. I hope he will not merely send or prestige or some such consideration will give satisfactory and valid reasons why we should insist on mentioning these particular writs in this clause of the article.

The Honourable B.R. Ambedkar: Sir, I understand that Mr. M.A. Baig is not in the House. Will you permit me to move 789. I am going to accept this amendment. It shall have to be moved formally.

Mr. Naziruddin Ahmad: I desire to move it if that is acceptable to the House.

Mr. Vice-President: Does the House permit Mr. Naziruddin Ahmad to move this?

Honourable Members: Yes.

Mr. Naziruddin Ahmad: Sir, I move:

"That in clause (2) of article 25, for the words "in the nature of the writs of" the words "or writs, including writs in the nature of" be substituted."

Sir, this is a red letter day in my life in this House, that this is a single amendment which is going to be accepted. This amendment is a foster-child of mine and that is why perhaps the Honourable Member is going to accept it. It requires no explanation.

Why this sudden love for Blacks ? AIDS another White conspiracy to keep Africa enslaved ?

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We become naturally suspicious when the Enemy suddenly falls in love with us. How did the White Western racist rulers, who kept Africa enslaved and particularly South Africa under the apartheid regime, suddenly descend on South Africa and start fondling the Blacks and shedding tears on AIDS, declaring "AIDS as a greater threat than apartheid"?

This is how we get suspicious. Will the wolf ever love the little innocent lamb? If this is natural then how can we say the White Western racist's love for South Africa is natural?

Mother of all civilisations: Africa is the mother of the entire world and all its civilisation. The world's first human being was an African woman. The world's greatest civilisation was Nile Valley in Africa. But the Whites plundered Africa, its riches and took hundreds of Black slaves into America. All this is history.

All of a sudden the same Whites — who kept Africa as the Dark Continent, created all sorts of puppet rulers and made them fight each other and caused millions of deaths in inter-tribal clashes and wars — descended on South Africa in November 2003, carried Nelson Mandela, whom they only kept in jail for years, on their heads and started shedding tears on its "growing AIDS menace". What is all this drama?

Why the Blacks have become the darling of the Whites? This is where we get suspicious and start fearing that AIDS may be yet another White Western racist conspiracy to keep Africa and Asia enslaved. Naturally, we get such doubts. We will be happy if we are proved wrong.

Economic collapse: The Whites say AIDS is devastating the whole of Africa. A 5th of South African adults were infected as late as 1998. Today, it has more AIDS patients than any other country in the world — 5.3 million out of its population of 45 million. They release such shocking statistics. Is this true?

The Whites are crying, Sobbing. With tears in eyes they are shouting: "South Africa is heading for an economic collapse soon". Why the wolf is so much in love with the lamb? Anything wrong with the wolf?

Love for India: The same Whites are worried about India too. AIDS is as high as 5%. And China has pockets of high infection. American President Bush also took special interest in Africa, particularly South Africa. He visited five countries in the middle of 2003. His keen interest in Africa shocked his own White people. Why USA, the world's stingiest donor, is taking so much of interest in Africa?

Such a startling unnatural behaviour of the Enemy brings all

sorts of horrible memories of the past. We are deeply worried. We are deeply suspicious. The mass media, which is tightly controlled by the Zionists in the West and Brahminical forces in India, is not giving out the truth of this sudden White love for the Blacks.

The Whites, having lost the "civilisational" battle, do they want to stage a come-back via AIDS? Such fears are natural.

South Africa is African continent's most powerful country and under President Thabo Mbeki it is able to match any developed country. It is not a poor country like the mismanaged India. But the rich part of South Africa is under the Whites. The poor are the native Blacks. Still South Africa is the leader for the entire continent represented by Thabo Mbeki. We like him.

Stooge of West: It is the White racists who jailed Nelson Mandela, and kept him confined to prison for 27 years. Later, it is this very same Whites who lionised him, gave him the Nobel prize. And now using this "South African Gandhi" to fight Mbeki the uncompromising foe of the White racists.

The Whites are criticising South Africa and calling it the most violent state in the continent. But these very White do-gooders must note that apartheid is the most violent system of the 20th century. It is the Whites who pitted one Black tribal sect against the other and promoted violence. They have no right to criticise South Africa today.

Mbeki, the tallest leader of the entire African continent, has the same opinion that we have expressed about AIDS. He and his govt. are suspicious of Mandela whose pro-Western obligations make him play into their hands. The

West praises him because he is the Gandhi of South Africa. M.K. Gandhi spent years in South Africa serving the White British interests. (Velu Annamalai: *Sergeant-Major M.K. Gandhi*, DSA-1995).

CIA conspiracy: Mbeki and his govt. are also deeply suspicious of the sudden Western love for South Africa. Mbeki says he knows nobody who has died of AIDS. He is also suspicious not only about the causes of AIDS but also about the conspiracy involving the

West conspiring to topple Mbeki ?

The White Western racist rulers of the world admit the greatness of Thabo Mbeki, the South African President. They say he is honest, has great qualities of leadership and loved by the Blacks — not only in his country but in the whole African continent.

Having said this they use a big "But". They have hundred and one complaints against him. The Whites are the former colonial rulers of Africa and their slave masters. Hence the oppressors of Africans. As racists, even today they hate the Blacks. What right they have to decide who should rule Africa? It is for the Africans to decide what Africans want.

Mandela's nasty role: If Robert Mugabe is dishonest, it is for the Zimbabwe people to decide it. They call Mbeki erratic. The Western media has started a systematic campaign against him. They have started using Nelson Mandela to run down Africa's great leader.

All this make us suspicious that the West is out to oust him. Blacks of the world must unite to defend Mbeki from racist designs — **EDITOR.**

conspiracy involving the American CIA. Big Western pharmaceutical companies have invested millions and millions of dollars in raising this bogey of AIDS to sell their medicine by promoting the AIDS scare.

They also say Bill Gates, IT's international super boss and a Jew, is spending billions on AIDS to promote his own newly created drug firms manufacturing AIDS medicine. Part of his money is being spent in India also.

All these theories bring lots of doubts, lots of fears.

Whiteman & his Bible: This reminds us of the huge poster that we saw at a conference of Blacks of the African continent called by Libya's Gaddafi at Tripoli some years back.

The poster had the picture of an elderly Black woman telling a White Christian priest:

"When you came to Africa, you had the Bible and we had the lands."

Now, we have the Bible and you have the lands."

The poster shocked us because it spoke the truth. The White Western people are conspiring against the Blacks and Africa and want to keep it poor, divided and exploited. America, England, France, etc. are not allowing their former colonial countries to earn an honest living. They impose stooges, promote tyrants, prop up corrupt

regimes. France killed democracy in Algeria. **Now, a new plague has been invented to keep Africa under its thumb: AIDS.**

We may be wrong. But these are our honest fears going by the track record of our enemy. We Dalits — the Black Untouchables of India —

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DV Edit April 16, 1988: "An African Black historian weeps

and the Blacks of the world are brothers. In India, we are racially oppressed by the Brahminical rulers. And the Africans and American Blacks are oppressed by their White rulers. Both are racists. So, the pain of the African Blacks is also the pain of India's Black Untouchables. ■

for Dalits — Indian Untouchables find new powerful friends in USA".

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V.T. Rajshekar: "The Black Untouchables of India". Reclaiming our Cultural Heritage", from the *African Presence in Early Asia*, Transaction Books, New Brunswick, USA, 1988 (pp.236-243).

Dalit doctors must testify

Here is an honest question to our Dalit doctor family members of DV. The Brahminical rulers in India and the White Western racists outside are threatening that AIDS is going to kill Africa, India and China. Is this true?

In the name of AIDS, upper caste fashionable feminists are having all the fun and run. AIDS, according to experts, is caused by poverty of which Dalits are the chief victims. The upper castes are the cause of our poverty and exploitation. They never had a regret about caste system that caused untouchability and consequent deprivation. Why are they now humming and hawing over the AIDS?

CURING SYMPTOM NOT DISEASE

We had asked Dalit doctors in Delhi's Lohia Hospital, one of the biggest in the capital, and also Delhi's AIIMS, the biggest in India, to keep a close watch on AIDS patients and how many die of AIDS. The reply was they have hardly seen any deaths out of AIDS.

To repeat, AIDS is caused due to poverty, starvation, exploitation, insanitation. The Blacks and India's Black Untouchables are the world's poorest and hence

become its natural victims. So, what is important is to tackle the root cause of AIDS — that is poverty. Instead of curing the disease, they are trying to cure the symptom of the disease.

BOMBAY'S RED LIGHT DISTRICT

Bombay's Red Light district, the world's biggest den of flesh trade, is expanding like anything. Survey has revealed that not a single Brahmin woman is found there as prostitute. Over 90% of them are Dalits and Backward Caste. Some Muslims. They have become prostitutes not out of sexual hunger but poverty. All these years, these young women became victims of sexual exploitation. Now, the same decaying women are harassed as carriers of AIDS. Double tragedy. The South African President Thabo Mbeki also raised the same objection.

DANCING GIRLS

All these years, he refused to believe the White propaganda about AIDS. We in India are also getting the same doubts.

Our oppressors, who are making a song and dance out of AIDS without tackling the basic problem, poverty, will naturally arouse lot of suspicions.

We want our Dalit doctors to answer this question. Please don't believe the media propaganda, the drug company-financed stunts of upper caste women, their dance-dramas. Examine the patients in distress and those dying and come to your independent conclusions if it is AIDS or it is deaths due to hunger, poverty, etc.

Remember, our enemy is not an ordinary enemy. It kept us enslaved for centuries. It has never come to our aid even once. Why it is rushing now with drugs and horror stories of AIDS? This is our suspicion.

CONGENITAL LIARS

We will never believe a word of our oppressors. We believe only our family members. They are congenital liars. We have to call their bluff.

We want our Dalit doctor family members to write to us. We will believe only you. An year back we had made a request to Dalit doctors to report to us on AIDS but we did not get a single reply except one from Dr. Harsh. (DV Jan. 1, 2003 p. 8: "Western conspiracy to topple Mbeki & enslave S. Africa through AIDS") — EDITOR.

US admirer of Goenka stunned Vipassana has so many opponents

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The views expressed by S.N. Goenka opponent, Dr. Jamnadas, and the Buddhist moderator, V.T. Rajshekar, are startling. For want of better characterization, I have used the words 'opponent' and 'moderator' and I hope they will forgive me for my limitations.

I am stunned by their comments. What a great attack, what fire power the arsenal in their armory has. I promptly surrender. I am no soldier in any battle of wits. I have no scholarship, no intellectual acumen to face the Goenka opponent or participate usefully in the Debate that the *Dalit Voice* is conducting on Buddhism and meditation.

Hindu background: I try to journey into my own self, mostly in silence, following Goenka instructions, identifying defilements one by one, deconditioning myself of the *vedic* beliefs and all other dogmas that have been plaguing me because of my Indian, predominantly Hindu traditions. Besides these common traditions, I have also been suffering from the vestiges of my past involvement in Indian politics with my hatred of the British (I was beaten up and jailed by the British in our freedom movement) and my erstwhile profession as an economist with low tolerance of capitalist economy. But how exulted I was when I came to see things as they were, see through the inside of my inside, free of all defilements, through the *Vipassana*. How enlightening, how inspiring.

Same wave length: I am prompted to think that I and leaders like V.T. Rajshekar and Dr. Jamnadas are presently on different modes (or planes or levels if you prefer to call them) of investigation. For that reason, we cannot truly communicate. To bring home the point that I am trying to make, let me tell them that when I read messages from meditation practitioners like Shiv Shankar (sshankar@cmi.ac.in) and Ms. Roopali Rokade (rokaderoopali@hotmail.com), I feel that I am on the same wave length with them but it is disconcerting and derailing when Dr. Jamnadas and V.T. Rajshekar try to interact with some of us who are trained in Goenka's method of insight meditation.

I was indeed a subscriber of *Dalit Voice* for several years in the past but no more. If, as Rajshekar says, most of the participants in the DV Debate numbering about a hundred, are opponents of Goenka I suppose I should expect at least some of them get on to the internet as the Editor himself is doing now. There is a common language among all *Vipassana* practitioners,

whether they are opponents or supporters of Goenka. But it is hard to believe that there are so many opponents of Goenka. May be the Editor is right and I am wrong. It would indeed be a worthwhile investigation to find out the truth.

I am sorry I have to labor so much to make my points clear. I am an octogenarian with the age-related weaknesses and health problems. How I wish that sooner or later Dr. Jamnadas and the Editor in their wisdom decide to try the Goenka method of insight meditation and see for themselves what it can do for them. It will lead to personal betterment, no doubt. But it leads to much more in the case of individuals in leadership like our Editor and Dr. Jamnadas. They will continue to serve their constituencies as they are doing now but doing it better. (lakshmanpp@hotmail.com).

In defence of Goenka

MS. ROOPALI ROKADE

Dr. Jamnadas views seems to me an unfortunate misinterpretation of *Vipassana*. It is only a way of concentration which doesn't take away the "Spirit of revolt". And Budha taught it to the common people of his day not only to the monks. That is only an inseparable part of Buddhism, though not the whole. The person who joined BJP under the pretext of *Vipassana* might be having his own, unraveled reasons for his shift. If Goenka happens to be Bania by birth I don't think that should be a reason enough to denounce the *Vipassana* or to ignore and excuse those Ambedkarite Buddhists who shelter Hindu gods, celebrate Hindu festivals and perpetrate *Manuwadi* chauvinist ways (sexist and castesist) may be in their own ignorance. I don't mean any offence, with my limited learning and age. But that is my humble opinion.

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Meditation is idleness: Dr. Ambedkar

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This refers to the appeal of Anil Rangari about meditation (DV Sept. 1, 2003 p.7). Dr. Ambedkar called it "idleness".-

"The *Bhikkhu* Sangh in its present condition can therefore be of no use to the spread the Buddhism, of these a large majority are merely Sadhus and Sanyasis spending their time in meditation or idleness". (*Buddha & Future of His Religion*, Dr. Ambedkar p. 15).

Vipassana will cure restless revolutionaries

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I have not been able to bring home the conception of *Vipassana* to our Dalit brothers. Of course it is not a thing which can be understood by reading books. It has got to be practiced. The medicine has to be consumed. Merely its appreciation in forceful language does not enable any one to derive its benefits. I have tried to explain further, specially in response to Brother Vijaya Sonawane from Chandigarh.

Defects of Ambedkarites: Ambedkarites feel they are Ambedkarites only because they oppose the caste system belong to lower strata of the society and hence different from others, specially Hindus. They generally suffer from inferiority complex and feel isolated. It only they feel that caste is nothing but the name of any group of the Indian society and it has no more difference in culture, tradition and occupation etc. and is only a mental status of individuals creating a barrier in self-respect and intermixing of various groups, the confusion can be overcome.

Vipassana is not only for concentration of mind. It is beyond that. It is the process of controlling mind and cleaning it of the various mental blots and stains on it due to the *sanskartas* or reactions on every action good or bad. It is the process of cleansing the mind for which the Budha has said *Sachitta Paridapanam*. *Vipassana* is misunderstood to be rumination and assimilation of knowledge in seclusion. A man who practices *Vipassana* keeps himself free from all sources of knowledge during the practice and watches the movement of mind, controls and brings it to see internally what is going on in the mind and body with every breath and thus frees mind of its restless movement from one object to another and merges in the eternal peace.

Vipassana helped Budha: After a practice of one hour of *Vipassana* meditation the *sadhaka* or the practitioner is relaxed and ready to concentrate his mind on any attempt of thinking or acquiring knowledge with much more efficiency. A common man's mind is not fit to concentrate on any subject continuously for longer periods as the mind keeps roaming on many unwanted subjects. Thus *Vipassana* helps increase mental efficiency and thereby acquire any desired knowledge by any available technology or method.

Only a man who has not practiced *Vipassana* can say it misleads people. Actually it restores misled people to the right path. Just like *sunna* or the actions of Prophet Mohammad are supplement to the *shariat* or

verses of Quran, *Vipassana* meditation is a supplement to the teachings of Budha. Only through *Vipassana* meditation he achieved enlightenment. So, no sane Buddhist can separate *Vipassana* from his life-style and daily activities.

Budha reached the enlightenment only by *Vipassana* meditation when all his practices during first six years had failed to take him to his goal. Of course he reinvented it and was not its originator.

No one can understand anything without doing it. Fundamental rules for learning are: -

1. You forget what you hear, (2) you remember what you see, and (3) you understand what you do.

So anyone who has not practiced *Vipassana* for at least through one session of ten days at any center cannot understand *Vipassana* and his statement on this subject is entirely unauthorized and childish effort.

Bogus Ambedkarites: The term "Ambedkarite" is highly misconceived. Most of the Ambedkarites do not believe in following the path shown by Dr. Ambedkar. They only assemble on April 14 and Dec:6 to garland the statue of Babasaheb and then forget him throughout the year. They do not follow his 22 resolutions. They do not believe in equality, freedom and fraternity. Many of them go to Vaishno Devi regularly every year. Many Budhists are habitual drunkards.

Merely belonging to the Dalit community and reading books of Babasaheb does not make one an Ambedkarite. In fact one is true Ambedkarite only when he practices what Babasaheb has taught and advised.

There is no religious ceremony or social gathering which brings all men nearer to humanity than a *Vipassana shivir*. Only by practicing *Vipassana* one can appreciate the teachings of Budha. A mere conversion for namesake and no change in behaviour and conduct cannot make one a real Buddhist. The dream of Babasaheb can be fulfilled only through *Vipassana*. Anything else will only create restless revolutionaries and politicians. Babasaheb wanted lateral spread of good virtues to establish a good human society and not vertical relationship with some supernatural entity. This is being very skillfully propagated and implemented by S.N.Goenka. In fact he is a real Buddhist and Ambedkarite. He is giving sugar-coated pills of "eightfold path" of Budha to all those who want to be good but have aversion to Budha's name and Buddhism due to their die-hard religious conception. ■

Goenka is RSS agent: Vipassana aims to kill Ambedkarism

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I had criticized S.N. Goenka for different reasons. But P.P. Lakshman is praising *Vipassana* for different reasons. I must congratulate him that his life has changed like many others. It would have been better if he had said that he became a better Ambedkarite thereby.

They say *Vipassana* creates "peace of mind". I know a staunch Ambedkarite. He joined BJP. On inquiry he revealed that he devoted lot of time to *Vipassana* and consequently developed lot of *karuna* for BJP. Good for BJP also because he got a job in BJP-run school. Anyway, a strong activist is lost to the Ambedkarite movement. They say *Vipassana* is good for certain ailments like blood pressure or diabetes or for alcoholism. Such people should do *Vipassana*. Read a poem on *Vipassana* translated by me on the poetry section of www.ambedkar.org.

Good for rich people: I do not think *Vipassana* is good for Ambedkarites who should keep the flame burning in them. Yes, if you want to cure some illness or become a *bhiku* or renounce the life of a house-holder, you may do *Vipassana* or if you want to join RSS etc. you may do *Vipassana*.

If *Vipassana* can extinguish the revolutionary spirit of Dr. Ambedkar's Buddhism but keeps the theological spirit of traditional Brahminised Buddhism alive, it is not good for Ambedkarites. A much-publicised *Vipassana* writer has described the rite akin to *kanya-daan* in Buddhist marriage ritual. I think it is not right for an Ambedkarite to follow such rites.

I have not criticized Goenka for teaching a wrong technic of *Vipassana*. He must be good. I criticize Goenka for spreading it among Ambedkarites. Those who are well off, well settled and do not want any change in social order, for them *Vipassana* is good for their health and wealth. Goenka may teach that for *shetjis*, *bhatis* and *latjis*. I have no objection. But for poor, toiling struggling masses, *Vipassana* will deprive the stimulus to struggle for his existence against the Brahminism. Up till now nobody has answered my question that I raised in *Dalit Voice*. The question is:

"Are you, the Ambedkarites, willing to accept Goenka as your leader in negotiations with the leaders of Brahminism". (DV guest editorial May 16, 2003).

Vedic origin: I need clarifications on some more points:

(1) Goenka's arrival from Burma, how did it coincide

with Dr. Ambedkar's conversion? Was it a coincidence or planned by higher ups in the BSO? (2) Who were his first disciples? Anything to do with RSS? Who got him settled? Were they converted Buddhists of Igatpuri or Bombay? (3) Does he say *Vipassana* is of Buddhist origin? (4) Does he not say it was an old Indian practice, thereby claiming a vedic origin of *Vipassana*? (5) Does he say that by doing *Vipassana*, you follow Buddha's path? Or does he say people do not become Buddhist by doing *Vipassana*? (6) Are his teachings of Buddhism in consonance with Ambedkarite Buddhism or are more in tune with Buddha-*avatara* of Vishnu? (7) Why Goenka addressed the Vishwa Hindu Parishad's international conferences where the Buddha was projected as an *avatara* of Vishnu? Is he propagating the Buddha as Dr. Ambedkar did or as VHP does? (8) Who gave him authority to negotiate on behalf of Ambedkarite Buddhists with Kanchi Shankarachari? (9) Has he conducted any function to convert others to Buddhism or at least participated in such functions? If not, why should he participate in functions which declare Buddha as Vishnu *avata*? Or to put it more bluntly are his loyalties with the Buddhist or with the VHP? (10) Please understand me. I am not questioning the capability of *Vipassana* in curing some diseases or in giving some mental peace to those who need artificial solace. I am questioning its usefulness to Ambedkarites who are striving for social change through Buddhism.

For us Buddhism is not an end. It is a means to an end. Our aim is social transformation and economic emancipation. And I feel the *Vipassana* is a hindrance to it.

(11) Is he not a small cog in the giant wheel of RSS in co-opting the Buddhists and nullifying the revolution effected by Dr. Ambedkar? (12) So, I agree with scholars like Yashwant Manohar who said that, "*Vipassana* is **polluting** the Ambedkarite movement". If my criticism was out of ignorance, I would like to be enlightened on these points.

Give space to "Middle path"

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I am impressed by your conclusions on national and international events. As regards the *Vipassana*, extreme views on both sides are being published in DV. "Middle path" needs to be also given a place in DV. Concentrated mind trained on the lines of Buddhism may also work wonders. Thinking, breeding, planning, preparation and action are nothing except the joint name given to the terms like meditation.. It is a study of the problems in and around us.

If Vipassana is pro-Dalit why this pressure on DV to stop Debate?

V.T. RAJSHEKAR

1. Brother P.P. Lakshman our good-old DV family member from America, must know that *Dalit Voice* is India's oldest and the largest circulated journal of Dalits and an uncompromising advocate of Ambedkarism.
2. He says we criticised *Vipassana* without undergoing the course. But our criticism is Lakshman is commenting on us without reading our two-year-long Debate in DV on Buddhism. At least 100 DV family members had participated in the Debate and most of them had attended the Goenka course. Barring 2-3, every member had criticised Goenka.
3. Even those who praised Goenka were given full publicity. DV always gives prominence to the critics' opinion.
4. Nowhere during the Debate we had given our opinion. Then how does he say that we had criticised Goenka?
5. **To disclose a secret: During our visit to Bombay last year, three top Dalit govt. officials (total strangers) met us at the airport and took us to a five-star hotel and said they would give us anything to stop the Debate on Vipassana.**
6. We told them that no Debate could be stopped in DV however unpleasant it was for some people. DV would rather be closed down but never compromise

Why attack everything vaidiks do?

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I want to add a little to what P.P. Lakshman had to say. There seems an unfortunate tendency among our people to repudiate everything that the *vaidiks* do even if it is something they picked up from Buddhism or makes independent sense. For instance many people seem to despise vegetarianism simply because some upper castes practice it. It is however a fact that vegetarianism came from Buddhism. Similarly *Vipassana* is a great meditation technique discovered by the Budha himself.

DV is very democratic: I love reading DV and what I particularly like about it is that the Editor is very democratic—certainly far more democratic than our

on principles. Please read our reply to S. Krishna, a great admirer of Vipassana, in DV March 1, 2002 p. 9: "*DV will never shut out criticism*". Those "hurt" by the Debate would be given full coverage in DV.

7. DV came under terrible pressure to stop the Debate. Why this pressure, if the cause was so great? If *Vipassana* is universally liked by Dalits and also beneficial to Dalits why this pressure to stop the Debate?

8. Brother Lakshman says the Editor had "criticised" *Vipassana*. Never did we comment on it—neither praising it nor criticising it. The Debate is still going on.

9. During this Debate beginning from March 2001 to May 2003, Lakshman was not even a subscriber of DV. That means he had not read the Debate. How did he say that we had "criticised" the *Vipassana*? Somebody has misled him. He could have verified from us directly instead of playing into the hands of vested interests.

10. We are Ambedkarites and Buddhists, always wedded to Justice and Truth. In our Editorial of Dec. 1, 2002 we said: "*Babasaheb gave top priority to struggle but we find today Buddhism reduced to rituals*". Will Brother Lakshman, a dedicated Buddhist, ally our fears? ■

"national" papers. I see very often Letters criticising DV given fair space. My point of disagreement with Dr. Jamanadas is not whether Goenka is right or wrong. If he has been talking to the Shankaracharya then that by itself makes him suspect. But meditation sharpens the mind and steels the resolve of those wishing to fight Brahminism. Dr. Jamanadas certainly should equip himself with all the weapons available.

If meditation is one such weapon, especially if it is a technique discovered by the Budha himself, one of the first and most successful warriors against Brahminism, then why not? Meditation does not belong to the *dwijias* after all. ■

Goenka's Vipassana is not Buddhist meditation

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This refers to your Debate on *Vipassana*. I would like to quote from a book titled *Dalit Movements and the Meanings of Labour in India* edited by Peter Robb who is a Reader in Indian History at the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London. The book is published by the Oxford University Press.

Chapter 11 titled, "Making a tradition critical: Ambedkar's reading of Buddhism", is contributed by Valerian Rodrigues of St. Antony's College at Oxford University.

"Ambedkar attempted to relate the notion of *nibbana* with that of class struggle although he did not elaborate this point in the text under discussion except to state that it was "the correct analysis of class struggle, there can be no doubt". How both of them were related was an argument that he developed in the *Buddha or Karl Marx* which suggested energetic action for social justice which keeps the *asavas* in control while

preserving freedom and results in a moral order" (p. 323).

It seem very clear to me from above that if Buddhist meditation is practised from the point of view of personal satisfaction only, then this is not how Dr. Ambedkar understood Buddhism. On the other hand if social justice and moral order is eventual aim — and this implies serving Dalit Bahujans — then this is what *Vipassana* is all about.

Who is defending Goenka: Therefore, people such as Goenka can be taken as teaching nothing more than selfish satisfaction which in essence is attachment to "good living".

It seem to me that it is mostly the professional classes among the Dalits, as Dr. Jamanadas in his poem on *Vipassana* has elaborated, who are defending Goenka. Those seeking social justice and moral order probably do not even have the time to practice *Vipassana*.

Led by Bania money

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I attended the 10-day course of *Vipassana* but did not understand how it would help our movement. It is a *hindused* Buddhism. It may heal some people mentally but it cannot make us rulers.

I think that is what Dr. Ambedkar wanted us to be not to become "monk" who only thinks of his enlightenment.

I have nothing against Goenka nor do I claim that it is useless. We have to think what our aim is, why Babasahab took *dhiksha* in Buddha's teaching. He gave much emphasis on his social teachings and, of course, morality which, according to him, is the basis of equal and just society.

One more reason: This movement is led by corrupt Bania money. I witnessed in Lucknow the businessman who built a *vihara* Lucknow is sinking rich and I don't think he is earning money according to the *dhamma* teaching. All teachers there in *shivira* were Brahmins.

On the last day of my *shivira*, I asked few questions on caste system. Though he criticised the caste system, he reminded me of his upper caste origin. Now decide what is wrong or right. ■

Stage set for Lucknow DV workshop

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: The stage is set for the two-day workshop for senior Dalit members of the DV family at Lucknow on Jan.23 and 24. This is followed by a one-day seminar on our book, *Caste — A Nation Within the Nation*. DV family members all over UP and around are invited for the seminar to be held at: Om India, No-5 - Wazir Hassan Road, Lucknow - 226 001, (ph: 0522- 220 71 34, 220 64 68) including Muslims, BCs, Christians and Tribals.

The Editor, V.T. Rajshekar, will reach Lucknow on the evening of Jan.22, a day in advance.

So far 30 persons have confirmed their participation. Including the Editor and his team of four, we have reached the full capacity.

Bombarding the cow belt: If the members attending the workshop make it a big success, we can then think of a bigger gathering later. We remind the members attending the workshop about the discipline. Once they are inside the office of the OM India on Jan.23 morning 10 a.m., they can go out only at the end of the workshop on Jan.24 evening. Even Lucknow-based members will have to stay overnight.

Remember: Dalits are the leaders of Indian revolution and DV is the torch-bearer of such a revolution. UP being the heart of the stinking cow belt our family members in UP have the historic responsibility to bombard this Brahminical bastion.

Fascist clouds over Tamil Nadu

V.T. RAJSHEKAR

Vanakkam,
Fr. Claude Desouza, Director of Indian Social Institute, Bangalore, Fr. Sagairaj, the chief organiser, and my Tamil sisters and brothers. Please permit me to speak in English as I can't deliver a speech in Tamil though I can do some conversation.

Though I am not a Tamilian and I don't belong to TN, the Jesuit priests of the Indian Social Institute, Bangalore, have honoured me by asking me to inaugurate this seminar of great significance not only to TN but the whole of India.

This shows your immense confidence in me and my journal, *Dalit Voice*, for strongly supporting the historic Dravidian

movement launched by Periyar E. V. Ramaswamy whom we have rated as one among the three greatest personalities of "independent" India. The three are Dr. Babasahab Ambedkar, Periyar E. V. Ramaswamy and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia — in that order.

AGEING D.K. CADRES

I congratulate the ISI for holding this workshop and inviting many scholars from TN at a time when Hindu fascist clouds are gathering thick over our neighbouring state. Such a fascism is surging in other parts also but that it has gripped India's purest Dravidian state, the land of Periyar, is a shocking development that must perturb all of us.

Happy to see a young crowd with a sprinkling of women in the audience. This is quite a contrast to the ageing cadres of the dying Dravida Kazagham which is not

attracting the youth. This is the apt occasion to discuss and arrive at some conclusions over the Brahminical counter-revolution which, under the leadership of *Bangalore Papatti*, is trying to devour the great socio-cultural revolution launched by Periyar and also annex the purest Dravidian people towards the *hindusisation* of India.

STINKING POND

Though I am not a Tamilian, I keep close watch on the developments in TN and also keep touch with its different revolutionary leaders who are being terrorised. Many of them are in jail.

It is true that the TN fascist dictators

Edited and enlarged version of the inaugural speech delivered at the 3-day workshop (Nov.21-23, 2003) on the "Future of Dravidian movement in Tamil Nadu" organised by the Indian Social Institute (ISI), Bangalore, on Nov.21, 2003.

with the strong support of the Hindu nazi party leadership, have succeeded in striking terror in the hearts of the different political and cultural leaders. A stinking pond can be cleansed and the water made drinkable when dredging takes place. TN today has become such a stinking pond. And it needs a total overhaul.

Only those leaders in vote politics may be afraid of the fascist actions of the rulers but genuine revolutionaries are not bothered. To them such a trial and punishment is a test of their sincerity and dedication.

In fact, the current repressive measures have steeled the hearts of the Dravidian revolutionaries and I am sure they will use the current

fascist atmosphere and repressive measures to inspire the younger elements so that their collective anger will finally overthrow the current fascist rule over TN (*cheers*).

So, from this angle of sharpening the contradictions also, we must welcome the aggressive fascist rule clamped over TN. This will help the youth to become angry and revolt against the fascists.

We have to admit that the Dravidian movement launched by Periyar has been very much diluted.

ANNADURAI MISTAKE

Periyar had totally opposed Annadurai and others going away from his socio-cultural movement

called the Dravida Kazhagam (DK), and forming of a political party called the DMK. But Annadurai and others did not heed his warning and

this was the beginning of the DK movement getting diluted. The DMK under successive leaders further diluted the Periyar movement and the formation of Anna DMK inflicted a further blow. Even the DK gradually gave up the revolutionary path of Periyar.

REVOLUTIONARIES IN JAIL

And I am sorry to say that our esteemed Brother Veeramani, general-secretary of the DK with which I was so closely associated, has made this once powerful organisation, a tail of the fascist rulers. That is how the DK suffered several splits and every leader who revolted against it were harshly treated. That means the Brahminical counter-revolutionaries

are corrupting, co-opting the ring leaders of the Dravidian movement.

It is against such a powerful, counter-revolution some leaders like Nedumaran, Kolathur Mani etc. have fought and suffered.

On this occasion, it is apt we pay tributes to all such Dravidian revolutionaries who suffered, scarified and went to jail to liberate TN from the current Brahminical fascist rule.

ELAM MOVEMENT DISAPPOINTS

During the early days of *Dalit Voice* I used to confidently say that Tamil Nadu would lead the country. This confidence of mine today stands shattered. Young men and women are not taking interest in the Dravidian revolution launched by Periyar.

What a shame that we do not have even a good biography of Periyar in English.

In TN, today nobody even talks of Periyar or the Dravidian movement or his self-respect movement. The Brahminical media shuts out any reference to Periyar.

I am sure the current fascist clouds over TN and the repressive measures of the govt. will whip up the sleeping slaves and make them rebel and revolt. That is why we have to welcome the current fascist rule.

I am also sorry to note that even the Tamil Elam movement, though concerning the entire Tamil diaspora, did not take much interest in Tamil Nadu.

We had told the Elam leaders that their main enemies were inside India and particularly TN and so much in Sri Lanka. The Sinhala leaders were dancing to the tunes of India's Hindu nazis. And unless TN is cleansed of such counter-

revolutionaries, it will not be possible to further the cause of Elam. Nor did the Elam leaders make peace with the Tamil-speaking Muslims who are the blood-brothers of Lankan Tamils.

The Dalits in Lanka particularly the plantation labour are also Tamil speaking, like the Muslims. The Elam leaders cannot say they are the sole spokesmen for Tamils by keeping the Muslims and Dalits out.

The Elam leaders did not heed our warnings. Revolutionaries cannot be selfish. It is this selfishness that was the cause of several setbacks they had suffered. But even now it is not too late to correct the Elam struggle.

TELUGUS RULING TAMILS

Yet another problem of TN is the hold of Telugu-speakers on the Tamils—not only their hold on the Dravidian movement but even on Tamil politics and its socio-cultural life.

According to an *Anand Vikatan* publication, TN had only two Tamil Chief Ministers. Bhaktavatsalam and Kamaraj Nadar. The rest of them were all Telugu-speakers including Karunanidhi whose innumerable compromises led to a steep decline in Periyar's movement. Karunanidhi may say that the AIDMK is a total negation of Periyar thoughts. But Karunanidhi's vote politics made him join hands with the Hindu nazi party in Delhi. Is this not a compromise? Not only both DMK and AIDMK have compromised but even other parties like the PMK and others have compromised.

WAS PERIYAR ANTI-DALIT?

M.G. Ramachandran, a Malayali, and the present one, the *Bangalore Papatti*, have struck the last nails on the Dravidian movement.

The *vaidik* forces are using different tricks to weaken the Periyar movement. They are using the media they control to bribe/wash the Dalits that Periyar did not take interest in Dalits and that he was interested only in *shudras* and the Backward Castes as he was a BC.

PAPAN MISCHIEF

I have made a deep study of Periyar's thoughts and I can assure you that such a *Papan* propaganda has not even an iota of truth in it. The *papans* want to divide the BCs and Dalits and instigate the Dalits against BCs. This is their usual divide and rule game.

During the days of Periyar, the Dalit movement was not even born. Dalits had not even opened their eyes. Dalit movement was a product of Dr. Ambedkar's work. Dr. Ambedkar and Periyar were together. The fight during the period of Periyar was only against the Brahmins. Dalits then were fully behind the anti-Brahmin movement.

To say that Periyar was anti-Dalit is a Brahminical mischief. The *papans* want to misguide the Dalits saying that their enemies are not Brahmins but the BCs and the *shudras*. In DV, we have been having a Debate for the past couple of months.

WAS PERIYAR ANTI-GOD?

This propaganda, which is in full swing all over India, will not work because Dr. Babasahab himself was a product of Backward Caste movement. All the gurus of Babasahab were BCs.

Babasahab had declared Mahatma Phule, Shahu Maharajas as his gurus. All of them belonged to the Backward Castes.

The *papans* are also trying to brainwash the innocent people of

TN saying that Periyar was anti-god and hence he was anti-human. This is yet another big falsehood. I have attended many big meetings conducted by the DK under the leadership of Brother Veeramani in TN. At all such meetings, I found Muslim religious leaders, *moulanas* and Muslim political leaders waiting with garlands to greet DK leaders. I also found church leaders, priests and nuns standing in queue to greet the DK leaders. Muslims specially suspect the atheists.

If Periyar was anti-god and hence anti-human, would the Muslim and Christian religious leaders come to greet the DK leaders?

PERIYAR CALL TO EMBRACE ISLAM

I will give you yet another example. Periyar had delivered a speech at Trichy, just before the "independence" day (1947). In that speech Periyar condemned the *shudras* and told them if they wanted to get rid of their slavery imposed upon by the Hindu religion, they should quit Hinduism and embrace Islam. Their slavery would vanish.

Islam is a religion that believes in one god - Allah. If Periyar was against god, would he have asked the *shudras* to get converted to religion that believed in god?

Periyar was no doubt against the god. But which god? He was not against the Muslim god. He was not against the Christian god. Because both the Christian god and the Muslim god were not anti-slavery or racism.

He was only against the Hindu gods because they preached and practised inhumanity, slavery, racism, injustice.

Periyar was also not against the

indigenous deities of Dalits, BCs and *shudras*.

Periyar is being mis-interpreted to inject poison in the minds of our innocent people. I don't think this interpretation has been given even by the DK readers. If he was an atheist, why he had great admiration for Islam?

PLIGHT OF TAMILS

Before I conclude I have to speak a few words about the plight of Tamils in Bangalore. This city has 30% Tamil-speakers and they are occupying fairly good positions. Out of this, almost 70% are Dalits. But some Tamil Brahmin writers of Kannada literature had roused strong anti-Tamil hatred in their writings.

So much so a sort of anti-Tamil atmosphere is prevailing in Bangalore. The State Govt. itself is unhelpful in protecting the interests of Tamils. Some fascist, fanatical elements are now and then instigating anti-Tamil feelings. And because of this the statue of the famous poet, Thiruvalluvar, is still under a shroud under police guard. These fanatics are not allowing the statue to be unveiled.

VEERAPPAN EPISODE

The Veerappan episode has also contributed to the anti-Tamil feelings in Bangalore city.

Veerappan continues to remain in the forest unchallenged. Both the Karnataka and TN govts. have failed to catch him for the last 10-15 years.

This proves Veerappan's popularity among the Tribals and other oppressed people living in the forest.

For the inability of the State Govt. to catch Veerappan, anti-Tamil feelings are now and then raised in Bangalore. Brother Kolathur

Mani was a victim of this anti-Tamil feeling. Advocate Subramanian and writer Gunasheelan, again put in jail, are the offshoots of this anti-Tamil feelings in Bangalore.

The latest fight between the *Hindu* paper, which in our journalistic circles is called the *Mount Road Maha Vishnu*, and *Bangalore Papatti* has generated lot of heat. Both the owners of *Hindu* and the *Bangalore Papatti* are Iyengar Brahmins.

Have you ever seen two Brahmins fighting — that too in public?

If they fight, as they did recently, it must be for some big gain and perhaps to fool all of us. So we have to be careful and should not get deceived by such stage-managed fights.

TEARS & BLOOD

I have gone through the entire gamut of TN's social, cultural and political movements and I have also welcomed the various draconian measures launched by the Brahminical forces to suppress the Dravidian movement.

As a student of social science and social movements, I have welcomed such persecutions because only out of the tears and blood of the suffering people in distress a revolutionary atmosphere will develop — giving birth to a new Periyar.

I want the 3-day workshop to discuss all the aspects of such a persecution and devise steps to further sharpen the caste and class contradictions.

The Indian Social Institute has to be congratulate for thoughtfully organising this seminar.

I don't know how far my words have come up to your expectations. Yet I would request you to give it a deep thinking. Thank you. ■

Brig. (Retd.) Usman Khalid, 15 - The Hamlet, Champion Hill, London SE5 8AW, UK: Your Dec.1, 2003 Editorial says: "Saudi regime may be toppled if it refuses to apply oil shock to squeeze America". The title is the gist of your warning. It is warning, not a prediction. No one of right mind would court bloodshed and instability that attend revolutions. It is much better if America delivers the revolution, its revolutions would not be attended by internal or civil war but by international war that would consolidate the unity of the people. It takes much less time to direct the zeal of externally imposed war or revolutions to strengthen the forces of freedom and democracy. Every country does not undergo a revolution in order to change; much of the world reformed in response to revolutions elsewhere. In the short term, revolutions rarely deliver on the promise they make. The French Revolution that marked the dawn of the era of democracy in Europe installed Napoleon as Emperor whose reign ended in ignominious defeat. It were subsequent changes that made France a great country. The Communist Revolution in Russia did not deliver freedom or democracy, it delivered neo-imperialist communist dictatorship. It was not until the coming to power of Gorbachev that the Soviet empire began to break up and the Russians secured freedom and democracy. Revolutions are not good or bad, they sometimes become a necessity. A country flourishes when its leaders are just and they make right decisions to respond to internal or external situations. It does not matter what is the name or the nature of the system in a country as long as it is able to remove from power an individual or a group from leadership that is incompetent, unfair or evil in mind or methods. When a country has no mechanism to purge itself of evil and injustice, revolutions become necessary. The French as well as the Russian Revolutions were necessary because of the total control over power and callous disregard of the people by the entrenched ruling classes. Europe changed rapidly in response to the French Revolution and avoided bloodshed; the Russian Revolution had global impact and brought colonialism to an end relatively peacefully. China had an entrenched feudal ruling class, its revolution took the form of a protracted civil war. But it was fortunate in having an external enemy that allied itself to the internal enemy. The revolution was led by the Communist Party that had astute leadership and an Army. Its victory did not only restore order quickly, it put in place mechanism for reform and change that paved

the way for protracted reform on the same lines as protracted war. In contrast, Turkey, Iran and Afghanistan that underwent rapid and revolutionary changes in the wake of the First World war, the new socio-political order proved to be inadequate and inappropriate. Iran and Afghanistan have overthrown monarchies after bloody civil war but similar bloodshed has been avoided in Turkey because mechanisms do exist for it to change course. The map of the Middle East was drawn up by the British and French in the wake of the First World War but Saudi Arabia was an exception. It was set up as a "Wahabi State". Let this not be forgotten that Abdul Wahab of Nejd was a true revolutionary who restored *tauhed* to the status of focal point of Islam and his influence was felt all around the Muslim world — particularly in India. Shah Waliullah, who is considered to be the founder of *sans* imperial Islam in India — the precursor of Pakistan — was the disciple of Abdul Wahab. The question therefore arises, would Saudi Arabians evolve a democratic constitution and become true followers of the real founder of their country or continue as an absolute monarchy? The answer has been provided by DV. If the reform in Saudi Arabia came about in the wake of a reform in its role, it would be peaceful and good for the world. If "liberal democracy" is imposed, it would be destabilising, painful and destructive. Saudi Arabia has a pivotal role in the world as the country that can end the domination of the dollar and rob the US of the main weapon in its arsenal to dominate the world. It is not only Dalits in India but oppressed all over the world who have a stake in the emergence of a multi-polar world that can stand up to Zionist-Brahmin machinations. Saudi Arabia has been dealt a few cards that it could play to assuage America in an attempt to save the skin of its princes or it could play them to end the dominance of the dollar. I agree with DV that if it chose the former course, it will only hasten the end of monarchy in that country.

Edward C. Corrigan, 171 - Queens Avenue, Suite-506, London, Ontario, N6A 5J7, Canada: "Anti-zionism is not anti-semitism". Here is an important article by Brian Klug (Dec.3, 2003) in the *Guardian*. The author is senior research fellow in philosophy at St. Benet's Hall, Oxford, and a founder-member of the Jewish Forum for Justice and Human Rights. He says: As an idea, a Jewish homeland was always controversial. As a reality, Israel still is — and it is not anti-Jewish to say so. From the beginning, a political zionism was a controversial movement even among Jews. So strong was the opposition of German orthodox and reform rabbis to the

zionist idea in the name of Judaism that Theodor Herzl changed the venue of the First Zionist Congress in 1897 from Munich to Basle in Switzerland. Twenty years later, when the British foreign secretary, Aurlthor Balfour (sponsor of the 1905 Aliens Act to restrict Jewish immigration to the UK), wanted the government to commit itself to a Jewish homeland in Palestine, his declaration was delayed — not by anti-Semites but by leading figures in the British Jewish community. They included a Jewish member of the cabinet who called Balfour's pro-zionism anti-semitic in result. The creation of the state of Israel in 1948 has not put an end to the debate though the issue has changed. Today, the question is about Israel's future. Should it become a post-zionist state, one that defines itself in terms of the sum of its citizens, rather than seeing itself as belonging to the entire Jewish people? This is a perfectly legitimate question and not anti-semitic in the least.

When people suggest otherwise (as Emanuele Ottolenghi did on these pages last Saturday) they simply add to the growing confusion. Ottolenghi says zionism comprises a belief that Jews are a nation and as such are entitled to self-determination as all other nations are. This is doubly confused. First, the ideology of Jewish nationalism was irrelevant to many of the Jews, as well as non-Jewish sympathisers who were drawn to the zionist goal of creating a

Jewish state in Palestine. They saw Israel in purely humanitarian or practical terms: as a safe haven where Jews could live as Jews after centuries of being marginalised and persecuted. This motive was strengthened by the nazi murder of one-third of the world's Jewish population, the wholesale destruction of Jewish communities in Europe and the plight of masses of Jewish refugees with nowhere to go. Second, you do not have to be an anti-semitic to reject the belief that Jews constitute a separate nation in the modern sense of the word or that Israel is the Jewish nation state. There is an

irony here: it is a staple of anti-semitic discourse that Jews are a people apart, who form "a state within a state". Partly for this reason, some European anti-semites thought that the solution to "the Jewish question" might be for Jews to have a state of their own. Herzl certainly thought he could count on the support of anti-semites. **What is anti-semitism?** Although the word only goes back to the 1870s, anti-semitism is an old European fantasy about Jews. The composer Richard Wagner exemplified it when he said: "I hold the Jewish race to be the born enemy of pure humanity and everything noble in it". An anti-semitic sees

Dalit Chinta Sahitya Manch

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We have no organisation in the whole of India to protect the history and literature of Dalits and also make use of it to further our mission. Our brother workers have suggested that we have to launch an organisation which must be led by only a reputed intellectual from our Dalit/Backward society. I suggested your name as our first national president and this was unanimously accepted. The name suggested was "Bharti Dalit Chintan Sahit Manch". I was asked to give this information to you. We have also decided to approach our writers and *Dalit Voice* readers to support this Manch. We know that under your presidency we shall succeed in creating its branches in all states and even outside India. DV has readers all over the world. Starting a "Media Centre" is also our aim. English language is the only media for this service. English DV can become a great weapon if it is aided fully. None else can take this position except you being a great, honest scholar. It will be a historic event of my life if I succeed in establishing this Manch. We want to invite you to Punjab in March or April.

and Gaza Strip is no fantasy. Nor is the spread of Jewish settlements in these territories. Nor the unequal treatment of Jewish colonisers and Palestinian inhabitants. Nor the institutionalised discrimination against Israeli Arab citizens in various spheres of life. These are realities. It is one thing to oppose Israel or zionism on the basis of an anti-semitic fantasy, quite another to do so on the basis of reality. The latter is not anti-semitism. But isn't excessive criticism of Israel or zionism evidence of an anti-semitic bias? In his book, *The Case for Israel*, Alan Dershowitz argues that when criticism of Israel "crosses

the line from fair to foul" it goes "from acceptable to anti-semitic". People who take this view say the line is crossed when critics single out Israel unfairly when they apply a double standard and judge Israel by harsher criteria than they use for other states when they misrepresent the facts so as to put Israel in a bad light when they vilify the Jewish state, and so on. All of which undoubtedly is foul. But is it necessarily anti-semitic? No, it is not. The Israeli-Palestinian conflict is a bitter political struggle. The issues are complex, passions are inflamed, and the suffering is great. In such circumstances, people on both sides are liable to be partisan and to "cross the line from fair to foul". When people who side with Israel cross that line, they are not necessarily anti-Muslim. And when others cross the line on behalf of the Palestinian cause, this does not make them anti-Jewish. It cuts both ways. There is something else that cuts both ways: racism. Both anti-Jewish and anti-Muslim feeling appear to be growing. Each has its own peculiarities, but both are exacerbated by the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the invasion of Iraq, the "war against terror", and other conflicts. We should unite in rejecting racism in all its forms: the Islamophobia that demonises Muslims, as well as the anti-semitic discourse that can infect anti-zionism and poison the political debate. However, people of goodwill can disagree politically — even to the extent of arguing over Israel's future as a Jewish state. Equating anti-zionism with anti-semitism can also, in its own way, poison the political debate.

M. Sukumar, Immanuel Prayer House, 71/22 - Rajamangalam, Villivakkam, Madras - 600 049: DV is very informative and useful. Thanks for publishing my Letter (Dec.1, 2003). Like other liberating religions, Christianity also liberated many in India and outside. Its leaders may be corrupted and damage the name of the religion. But on the other side there are plenty of genius people. You wanted to know why 80% of Dalit Christians are oppressed within the church. It is true that there are more Syrian and other upper caste leaders within the church. But it is not correct to say that the 80% are oppressed under the upper castes. There are caste feelings within the church. Whatever is found in real life is found in the church. But there is no suppression. It is also not true that church leaders are all upper castes. In fact, the leaders belong to the Bahujan Samaj. In AP, most of the leaders are Dalits. In TN, both SCs and BCs. In North-East, it is the Tribals. In many other parts, the Bahujans. Except Kerala and some places, all the leaders are Bahujans. That way leadership goes to Bahujan, not upper caste. It is true, the upper castes are ahead of Dalits

and others. Christianity liberated Dalits and others. But they have to grow by themselves. Simply, because they became Christian, automatically they can't come up. They must work hard to come up. No upper caste Christian is working against Dalits. As a pastor I know both Dalits and others. I move here and also in AP. Everywhere, I find Dalits lagging behind. They lack commitment and sacrifice. This is our weakness. Hence it is not good to blame them. In the Catholic church the majority are from Kerala and some other upper castes. There are two reasons for this. Christianity first came to Kerala and spread fast. Upper castes especially Brahmins were the first to embrace Christianity. Naturally, they became leaders. Their hard work and sacrifice have to be appreciated. Even in Kashmir, they are found. The leadership goes to the capable people. Wherever capable people were there it gave them leadership. Of course, the grumbling on both the sides is common in any religion, politics, govt. To improve ourselves let us work among our people. Let us motivate them, help them and do whatever is needful. In my church I am doing this. They are coming up. I am able to see result. I am not angry with you nor you be with me. As a Christian I am impartial from the Bible point of view. As a Dalit I like to work for them. Whether they are Christian or not, I like to support them.

Udit Raj, 478 - Laxmi Bai Nagar, New Delhi - 110 023: Big rallies of different sections have been held but such a mammoth rally of Dalit employees and officers has been never held like the one here on Dec.14, 2003. By 2 pm, the Ram Lila ground was full. The participants were really angry with the govt. policy of globalization and privatization. They argued not only in the interest of Dalits but for others as well. Farmers are worst sufferers of globalization policy, dictated by international organizations like WTO, IMF and World Bank etc. New labour policy is dictated by international agencies. VRS, down sizing of govt. depts, and non-filling up of backlog vacancies are by-product of this policy. Due to this, the job opportunities are shrinking fast. From the Ram Lila ground itself I had announced the launching of Indian Justice Party on Nov.24, 2002 but also promised that fight for social and cultural cause would continue. The Confederation was founded in 1997 to fight for the cause of reservation and it was always facilitated through rallies and other democratic methods in subsequent years i.e. in 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2002. This will continue. The demands raised in the rally were Dalit reservation in private sector and higher judiciary, land reforms, compulsory and equal education, withdrawal of

remaining anti-reservation orders, enactment of Reservation Act and placing it in 9th Schedule of the Constitution, to give recognition to SC/ST organisations like the Railway Dept. etc., time-bound promotion to the Safai *karmacharies*, reservation in govt. contracts and giving recognition to caste certificate of one state in other states as well.

Dr. P.C. Ray, A-76, Shalimar Garden-II, Sahibabad, UP - 201 005: Sakhila Begum, the Van Gogh of collage art, has been selected "Woman of the year -2003" by the Bharatiya Vyaktitva Adhyayan Kendra of Sahibabad, UP. Since 1989, she has been practising collage art. She lives in a remote, unknown village, Noorpur, under the Mograhar Police Station of 24 Pargana (South), West Bengal. She is the mother of three sons. Her husband, Akbar Sheikh, is a vegetable vendor. Poverty is a big problem for their family.

Jyothi Raj and **M.C. Raj**, Booshakti Kendra, Nelahal PO, Tumkur tq, Karnataka: We celebrated the "Festival of Dalit Ancestors" at Tumkur on Dec.6. The celebration of the festival of our ancestors was one of the most fulfilling experiences for most people who gathered at the *Booshakti Kendra*. We expected about 1,500 people. However, over 3,000 people turned up. The local MLA gave rice to feed all the people. There were six Dalit *swamijis* to grace the function. These *swamijis* are already with one or the other upper caste *swamijis*. These *swamijis* belonging to the Left and Right came together to claim five acres of land to each Dalit family. The MLA who responded promised that he would introduce it in the State Assembly for discussion. Jyoti asked the *swamijis* to give up their saffron dress and take up the Dalit color of Black and Blue. M.C. Raj announced the second phase of our land struggle. The Dalits should cast their votes in the next elections only to that party which includes in its manifesto a promise to give five acres of land to each Dalit family. People have started visiting the *Booshakti Kendra*. A liberator will soon be born who will ultimately establish the reign of the Dalit people based on Dalitism for the peace and prosperity of the entire world.

Surendra Kumar, Ph.D. Student, R.N. 330, Jhelum Hostel, JNU, New Delhi - 110 067: The *varna* system (division of laborers) was the main basis of social stratification during the Vedic period and gradually paved the way for the caste-based occupation. The very nature of *varna* system was discriminatory, according to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. This system deprived the access to natural resources for the large segment of society but ensured smooth functioning of knowledge capital and

muscle nexus (Brahmin-Vaisya-Kshatriya) against the Untouchables. The Brahmins restricted the access to knowledge only to the Brahmin. Strict provision was made to keep out the *sudra* and Untouchable from education. The ideology of exploitation (*karma* theory) was propagated by the Brahmins to maintain their position. It was the Brahmin who acted as an interpreter in very corner for day-to-day phenomena. The same people even now control the knowledge. Islam challenged this Brahminical system. The Untouchables in large number, converted to Islam to escape the exploitative system. It was a great change for them. It was the first stage of liberation from caste system. Though discrimination on other basis existed in Islam but discrimination on social basis was always absent. Even in "independent" India, the Brahmin still holds command over knowledge and religious institution. The purity and pollution nature is carried on due to the caste-based occupations which determine the access to natural resources. Nobody can find a Brahmin, Vaisya, Rajput working as sweeper, leather worker and skin remover of dead animal etc. Thus, the discriminatory system (caste system) is perpetuated due to prevalence of caste-based occupations.

Dr. Thummapudi Bharathi, English Dept., S.P. Mahila University, Tirupati - 517 502: The Dalit movement in Andhra Pradesh is part of the nationwide movement. Hence the teachings of Dr. Ambedkar are the guidelines to AP Dalit movement also. In the post-independent India, the atrocities on Dalits in the villages like Karamchedu, Neerukonda, Chundur and Padirikuppam etc. are the immediate influences on the AP Dalit movement. It is against this background that the Telugu Dalit literature gained momentum. Before 1980, Telugu Dalit literature was mostly gandhian and focused on the misery of Dalits. Later it tried to assert the **identity** of Dalits more vigorously. The writers voiced the anger and protest by questioning the Hindu injustice. Untouchability is still in practice. Literature is used as one of the weapons in the struggle. In the 20th century Telugu literature, Balijepalli Lakshminantha Kavi in his play *Hartchandriyam* used the word Dalit in 1912. The creation of Dalit literature started with Kusuma Darmanna Kavi (1898-1948) in 1920s. He was the first voice for Dalits and worked entirely for their liberation. After him came a more popular Dalit poet, Gurram Joshuva. A separate Dalit movement emerged in 1920s in the 11 districts of AP (seven of coastal Andhra and four of Rayalaseema). English education and missionary conversions of Untouchables gave inspiration to a few

Hindu social reformers. During 1920s and 1930s the "extremist" Dalits rejected their identity of *Panchama* and *Harijan* and preferred to identify themselves as *Adi Andhra*. Bhagya Reddy Verma, president of Panchama Maha Sabha, demanded the removal of the word *Panchama* and the next day the delegates renamed it as the "First Adi Andhra Mahajana Sabha". From then onwards every year the Adi Andhra conferences were conducted till the early 1930s. Kusuma Dharmanna Kavi, an active participant of the Ambedkarite group, was also the president of the Adi Andhra Sabha conferences a few times. He was not only an activist but also a revolutionary writer, powerful speaker and also the founder of *Jayabheri*, a weekly journal. He became popular with his popular poem *Nalladoratanamu* (brown bureaucracy). This perhaps is the first Dalit revolutionary poem in Telugu. He was the first Dalit writer who grew from the Adi Andhra movement and torch-bearer in creating awareness among Dalits. Kusuma Dharmanna Kavi was so courageous to declare that Dalits will suffer more under the upper caste rulers. And he voiced that we do not want the rule of "brown bureaucracy" in his poem *Nalladoratanam* in 1921. During the 1930s, the Congress took initiative in organising the Andhra branch of *Harijan Seva Sangh*. *Harijan* was the name given to the Untouchables by M.K. Gandhi hence it became very popular even much against the approval of Dalits themselves. A large section of Adi Andhra leadership slowly absorbed in *Harijan Seva Sanghas* of the Congress. Of course a few staunch writers like Kusuma Dharmanna opposed it and showed their pro-Muslim stance. Perhaps Gurram Joshuva, another important Dalit writer during this period represents the gandhian thinking in his poetry. Though he was well aware of Dr. Ambedkar and his movement yet his poetry was mild. In his popular poem, *Gabbilam* (a bat), he elected a bat (ill omen according to Hinduism) as his messenger to Hindu god Siya. Boyi Bhimanna was a favoured poet of the Congress during 1930s and 1940s. His writings focused on the need for the establishment of a socialistic pattern of society. He not only showed the struggle and suffering of the Dalits in the hands of landlords in *Paleru* (a farm boy) in 1940 but also argued for a "casteless" Hindu society in his *Raaga Vasistham* (1940). In this work he wanted to prove that the *Harijans* are Aryans by writing about the marriage of Vasista and Arundhati. The powerful Dalit literature in Telugu today is the reaction to and the result of the atrocities on Dalits in Padirikuppam (1983), Karamchedu (1985), Neerukonda (1987), Chundurru (1991) etc. Dalit literature produced

after 1980 is revolutionary and militant in its presentation. The first Andhra Dalit Mahasabha (1985) after the Karamchedu massacre is the turning point in Dalit literature. The literature aims at Brahminism and its injustice towards Dalits. The protest against the hegemony of upper castes, anger, self-respect, in search of roots, social exploitation etc. are the themes of Dalit literature. Certainly all the writers of this category are much influenced by Ambedkarism. Dr. Ambedkar is the first Dalit to realise and denounce Hindu *Dharma Sastras*. In 1995 *Chikkanaikutuma Pata* (thickening song), an anthology of about 60 poets, created an upheaval in the history of Telugu Dalit literature. Later, *Nisani, Gunde Dappu, Bahuvachanam* (several voices) etc. followed the path. There are many powerful Dalit writers who have created an important place for Dalit literature in the mainstream Telugu literature. A few among them are Gaddar, Kati Padma Rao, Boija Tharakam, Saish Chander, Madduri Nagesh Babu, Jooluri Gowri Shankar, Masterji, Kolakaluri Enoch, Sky Baba, Challapalli Swaroopa Rani etc. Dalit writers are not only creating awareness about their miserable condition in the society but also demanding political power with which alone they will enjoy equal status and better life in the society. It is not enough if the writers try to establish their rightful roots in Indian soil, but they have to prove that they are the shareholders of Indian economy and socio-political life.

Mrs. Ruth Manorama, Convenor, National Federation of Dalit Women. 392 - "Mythili", 11th Main Road, 3rd Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore - 560 011; Forty young Dalit women from various parts of India received their certificates for successfully completing the course at the first "National leadership training institute for Dalit women" held here for 10 days from Nov.25 to Dec.4, 2003. Organised by the NFDW, the institute brought experts in social movements and senior academics from all over India to share their knowledge and insights with the participants. NFDW was born in 1980. In spite of their large presence and effective participation in struggle, no Dalit woman emerged as leader in any of these movements. The women's movement, though it articulates all issues of women, failed to take up the oppression which is unique to Dalit women. It also has not helped the emergence of Dalit women's leadership. Women from upper castes continued to lead and do not encourage or accept the leadership of Dalit women. Similarly, the Dalit movement has also marginalized women in the area of leadership and decision making.

Jeji Munneyya, No. 572 - 12th "A" Cross, 8th Main, 2nd

Phase, JP Nagar, Bangalore - 560 078: I want to know from where I can get the CD of the film, *Babasaheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar* (Hindi and other regional languages), produced by Jabbar of Bombay with the collaboration of the Govt. of India in which film Mummty acted as Babasaheb. Will somebody help?

Iqbal Ahmed Shariff, Advocate, 94/1- Tank Garden, Jayanagar 1st Block, Bangalore - 560 011: Zionist Chief Ariel Sharon's recent visit to India on the invitation of his *vaidik* cousins is the most welcome development of "post-independent" India. The first generation *vaidiks* who had learnt some elementary lessons of politics and diplomacy from the English hesitated for long under the wily Gujarati Bania's Congress. Responding to the heartfelt wishes of Hindu nazis, their *Brahmana Jati Parry* wanted to establish an axis of the world's two most blood-thirsty anti-Muslims on earth—*vaidiks* and zionists—before they lost the next elections. They have done a wonderful job. Fine. We welcome this development because it is only in India that the zionists can meet their end just like the Americans in Iraq. DV was the only journal in the world to welcome the Americans to Iraq to meet their graveyard. Its beginning started since April 2003 when the Americans received hearty welcome from the Iraqis in Baghdad—to face a slow death. Sept. 8, 2003 was the beginning of the end of the zionists and that would be in India. That would also be a slow death. With the aid of some sections of the Protestant Christians, particularly the evangelists, the zionists managed to fool the West for four centuries. The Protestants have acted as their shield. Their initial efforts were to destroy the Roman Catholic religion and the Vatican which they very successfully managed. The Catholics under the leadership of the Pope were confused until the Protestant-Zionist axis got exposed when the two powerful Protestant countries — US and Britain — both under the grip of zionists decided to launch a full scale war on Muslims in the name of "Clash of civilisations" (DV Jan. 1, 2004 p. 20: "*Pope must crush Zionist-Protestant gangup in anti-Muslim war*"). The war came to a head in Iraq which under Saddam was the most powerful Arab country. They thought that once Iraq was subjugated, other Arab countries would simply fall. The Arab intellectuals also knew this. Saddam and Osama bin Laden knew this much better. They knew how to tame their traitors and stooges. They formed the bin Laden-Saddam axis, an axis of irregular fighters to fight the new type of war — "the Mother of all wars" — a war between regular armies with conventional weapons (USA) and irregular fighters through unconventional

weapons and strategies (*fidayeen, mujahideen*, suicide bombers, Islamists or terrorists). You give any name it has no meaning. It is achievements that matters. The Protestant-zionist axis can only invent new words and phrases. The very use of these musical words and phrases is an indicator of the defeat of the zionist-Protestant axis. New and newer words are being invented to cover up their defeats. Many of these words are supplied by the *vaidiks* who are expert word-mongers. The most wonderful strategy of these Muslim leaders is shunning political power and authority which restricts presidents, prime ministers through international law, conventions and treaties. Three most important persons shaking the world are fugitives — Mullah Omar, bin Laden and the latest Saddam Hussain. Could any other power destroy WTC? Only a fugitive bin Laden could do it. The UN, which is in the pocket of US, could not be attacked by Saddam Hussein as President of Iraq to expose its subordination to US. But a fugitive could do. Yasser Arafat as chairman of Palestine Authority cannot send suicide bombers, but fugitives can. Fugitiveness is the biggest strategy which is the invention of the Muslim genius. The Kashmiri militants have shed gallons of tears for the Palestinians and dreamt of avenging with the Israelis. Being far far away they could do nothing. That was so with the Iraqis for the Americans. But the Americans went to Iraq like the sheep going to the slaughterhouse. So also the Israelis are coming to India. Bin Laden has warned India long ago. That was only on the plight of Indian Muslims. Now the sworn enemies of bin Laden have decided to come to India to become his easy targets. Zionists will be fought on the soil of India. *Vaidiks* are helping India to become a battlefield for Muslim-zionist war. That apart, India's interests in the Arab (Muslim) world will be in jeopardy. This will anger the entire lot of non-*vaidiks* particularly the Malayalees in India. *Vaidiks* may not care for it. Their hearts are in the US where their zionist cousins are the rulers. Intrigues, falsehood, media control, mind-manipulation, share brokerage, market economy, capital control are the means used by both. Both are hated in their respective domains. They may form a new axis for their survival. The aim of both is to loot India and loot US — together. But in this, both will suffer together at the hands of their victims soon. This will help the victims to come together. The American Blacks, the coloured and the minority Catholics will also soon form an axis of Blacks and Dalits which will change many things in their favour. Dalits will also be compelled to go militant. The loss of power of the *vaidiks* will be hastened. More

than this, the *vaidik* and zionists will bite each other like scorpion. If the *vaidiks* use the treacheries taught by the *Arthashastra*, the zionists have their bag of tricks in their *Protocols*. Already American companies — Pepsi and Coca Cola — have been blacklisted for adulterating their products in India. These multinational companies did not resort to adulterating their soft drink in other countries ever since they came to the market. One *vaidik* agent is enough to bring bad name to the American products. Their mutual destruction is the best result of the zionists-*vaidik* axis. That is why we welcomed Sharon's visit to India.

D. Prabathirajan, c/o Mrs. Poongal, Chittoor village, via Achundan Vayal, Ramamathapuram dt., - 623 502: I have an elder sister (dependent) who is doing BA. My father Durairampandi died in 1993 due to lack of medical aid. The church authorities gave Rs. 2,000 to my mother after seeing our condition. She bought two goats and struggled hard to feed me and my sister. She is suffering from TB. I entered 7th standard in Schwartz Higher Secondary School (school in which Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam studied). My teacher helped me. But the teacher got transferred. I entered the 8th standard. There was a competition on *Thirukkural*. My new teacher gifted the said book. I bagged the 1st prize in the competition. I reached the 10th standard. As my mother's health collapsed, I was forced to look after the goats at the cost of my study. My ambition is to do BE. But I have no money. If cannot do BE, I want to join BSc and become a scientist like Dr. Abdul Kalam. My elder sister is in final year of BA. I need support.

We have received the above letter from S. Dachinamoorthy, EL (Ph: 261 021 21, extn 2398, Mobile: 981 0984 746, email: sd.moorthy@eil.co.in) who says he hails from the same village of Durairampandi. Those interested in support may contact him — EDITOR.

Revanasidda Koli, at Gulagunjana, PO - Ko Bobalad, Sangli - 416 412: I recently came to know of *Dalit Voice* from a friend, Anil Sutar, professor at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Bombay. His articles were published in DV. I am a BA graduate and would like to study Dalit literature but my poverty is coming in the way to reach you. I read your articles. Since then I became a Dalit. When I heard and read about you and your articles I decided to plunge into the Dalit movement and serve the Dalit people. As you rightly said already about 95% of the Dalit people have lost their culture, tradition and *identity*. The Brahmins have snatched them away. My father and mother are illiterate. With great sacrifice, they

brought me up. They are farm labour. I want to meet you but no money. I want to buy your books but no money. Send me some books as gift.

Brother Bharat Patankar, husband of Dr. Gail Omvedt (both noted Dalit scholars) live in Sangli. Brother Revanna Sidda may meet them. They have all the literature to satisfy your intellectual hunger — EDITOR.

G.S. Bal, 14 - BB, Old Baradari, Jalandhar - 144 001: I read your Editorial, "*How 3% Brahmins are ruling India?*" (DV Aug.1, 2003) with interest. You are also right in saying that the Dalit movement in India is dead. We are busy criticising and fighting each other. Holding responsible our "educated" Dalits is not fully right. The political movement, which has occupied the centre stage of Dalit movement for the last about 20 years, was created with the all-round support of our educated class (BAMCEF) and the different associations of Dalit employees. But our Dalit movement neglected religious conversion, educational reform (setting up of schools etc. in rural areas), self-respect movement. On the whole the socio-cultural aspect of the revolution was neglected. As far as Punjab is concerned the pace of Ambedkarites movement has slowed down. Why? Because the BSP leaders have been shouting for the past over 20 years that once they get "political power" all other problems of Dalits will be automatically solved. They have been saying that there is no need to work on socio-cultural revolution. You are a great intellectual. Do you think they are right? Do you think "political power" will come just like that? It takes centuries to break the unjust system created by Brahminism. For that, an all-around attack on it is a must. In Punjab, the Dalits gave unprecedented support to Kanshi Ram. But what are the results? You cannot come to power only in Punjab. There is no established single leader of Dalits in Punjab. The dropout status of Dalit children in rural areas is terrible. In fact, in a majority of primary schools only Dalit children are studying. Upper caste children go to private schools. Dalits are buried deep in superstition. Nothing is being done to save them from Hindu mind manipulation. All subcastes of Dalits are maintaining their *identities*. One subcaste does not trust the other. To bring about unity and awareness, we need a powerful cultural movement first. But our Dalit movement does not take interest in socio-cultural education. It is very easy to enter politics. Once a Dalit becomes a political leader, he forgets each and every thing about Ambedkarism. In Malwa and Majha region of Punjab, the Ambedkarite movement is equated with Sikhism only. This is the present scene in

Punjab where Dalit population is sizeable compared to all other states. Hence I particularly blame our Dalit political leadership.

Anees Chisri, Editor, *Alpjan*, 1144, Sector-A, Pocket-B, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi - 110 070: Your criticism about the name of our journal, *Alpjan*, is well taken. We will publish it. We have to emphasise the *alp*-ness of those covered by us and we are trying to include a very large section of disadvantaged people in our sweep. I have been an independent journalist for quite some time and the journals for which I have written or worked for include the *Mainstream*, *Seminar*, *Shankar's Weekly*, *Point of View*, *Secular Democracy*, *Sunday Observer*, *Economic & Political Weekly*, *Newstime* (Hyderabad) etc. You may have noted my name in the context of the Bhopal Gas tragedy which I have reported for the *Enadu-Newstime* group. My dispatches were published as a book, *Dateline Bhopal: A Newsmans Diary of the Gas Disaster*. I had known you through your writings even before you gave up your *surname* and started *Dalit Voice*. In fact, soon after you left the *Indian Express*, I was in Bangalore and tried to contact you. But did not succeed. My wife was born in Arsikere (Hassan) and brought up and educated in Mysore. That is why we occasionally visit Mysore-Bangalore. I appreciate your effort at *Dalit Voice* and am aware of your past sufferings because of your bold writings and actions. Yoginder Sikand has done a very good job of writing in the *EPW* on DV writings on Muslims.

B. Ramaswamy, Chairman, AP Budhist Trust, H.No. 10-4-771/3 - Flat No. 403, Maphar Sheelings, Sreeram Nagar Colony, Hyderabad - 500 028: Your dynamic thesis, *Caste — a nation within the Nation* (Books for Change, 2002) was sufficiently discussed at a lengthy day-long seminar (14 hours from 9 am to 9 pm) here on Jan.26, 2003 and the majority endorsed your thesis. Your thesis to strengthen every caste requires no more theoretical discussion but the need of the hour is to swing into an action plan to capture the political power (the master key to solve all our problems). A lot of field work at a grassroots level is needed to mobilise each caste (6,000 castes) and educate them to share the power in proportion to the population of each caste. I like the daring demand of PMK leader, Dr. P. Ramadoss of forming "caste-based states". This is also not an easy job but requires rigorous missionary work.

Mansur Rahman Khan, Dekachang, PO Dekchang via Chamaria, Kamrup, Assam - 781 136: I am so much surprised, if not shocked, how you are able to predict

things so accurately. Every prediction proves true — one after another. What is the secret of your power to predict?
M. Venkatesan, Thiruvalluvar Illam, Athimanjeri PO, TN - 631 202: B. Narayana Swamy's question in DV Aug.1, 2003 (p.3) is pertinent and the reasons put forth by you for not converting mass majority into votes is quite justifying. The fact is that there is no unity among SC/ST/BGs and Muslim/Christians though they may be united politically, socially they are divided. To propagate and popularise any thought a powerful media is a must. This we are lacking. Even if one or two are there in regional languages, proper circulation is not there. Only the Brahmin media is popular and Bahujans are brain-washed by this media only. Hence the speech delivered by the Editor on May 25, 2003 at Bangalore on Dalit literature is extremely important. A community suppressed for centuries will be naturally angry and hence has to be anti-Brahminism. Your speech, therefore, is thought-provoking.

Balwant Singh Bohoru, B-257, Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar - 143 001: To promote the Ambedkarite-Sikh unity, I remained associated with the Jalandhar-based Dr. Ambedkar Mission for the past 10-12 years. Although I was their well wisher, I kept my Sikh **identity** in tact. Sikhism always supports the oppressed. As Brahminism is the enemy of them and also the Sikhs and considering the enemy's enemy as our friend, I associated with them. I admired Dr. Ambedkar and always quoted him in my writings. After my long association with this Mission, I found it one sided and nothing was written about the Sikh interests in the *Bhim Parika*, a monthly of the Mission. Still I supported them. When I attended a meeting at Jalandhar on March 30, 2003 with another Sikh after travelling from Amritsar in connection with Dr. Ambedkar birth centenary on April 14, 2003, I found the atmosphere anti-Sikh due to the Talhan incident. An important member of the Mission made angry gestures at us. He made some remarks against the *Guru Granth*. We protested and left the meeting saying good-bye to the Ambedkar Mission with which we wanted to have unity. This incident was published in the *Dalit Voice* in the July 1, 2003 (p. 5). One Ambedkarite, Gurnam Singh Muktsar, in his comments and also in an article in the *Dalit Voice* (Aug.1, 2003 p. 21) has made frivolous and false allegations against the upper caste Sikhs and tried to create a mountain out of mole hill which are as follows:-

"When a Sikh problem is raised by its intellectual class that problem pertains to the upper caste Sikhs. Our people (lower caste Sikhs) are meant to be beaten up,

humiliated, insulted, killed, raped, boycotted, banned. This is so in the whole Punjab though this problem (racism) is not as serious as in other Hindu states".

There may be some stray incidents of such incidents of such happenings which generally take place everywhere but such a mass crime of carnage does not go unnoticed in this age. Secondly, Dalits of Punjab are not sitting ducks as shown by our learned Gurnam Singh. In most of the cases the Dalits have been found more aggressive than non-Dalits as it happened in village Talhan and at Jalandhar in the first week of June 2003 and the *Bhim Patrika* (July 2003) has appreciated and encouraged the rioting. In the same issue of *Dalit Voice*, the learned Gurnam Singh Muktsar ("Sarpanch as slaves") writes;

"The people who want free water, free vehicles, free electricity, free bus passes, do not allow reservations to those oppressed and degraded since centuries. Now we have at least 40% reserved *sarpanchs*. But these are mostly slaves of upper castes".

No sane person can believe that the Dalit *sarpanches* are slaves of the upper castes. In some cases they proved better than the non-Dalit *sarpanches*. I am a retired officer of the Panchayat Department. So, I can say with authority. Gurnam Singh again on p.14 of the same *Dalit Voice* pretends to be a Sikh when he writes:

"We the Dalit Sikhs, who have fully understood the truth, will not allow any work to hand over Sikhism to Brahminical forces. To be Buddhist, a Sikh and Ambedkarite is one thing".

According to the Sikh tenets (Sikh *Rahar Maryada*), a person can be called a Sikh if he believes in one god, have faith in the teachings of the ten Sikh gurus and the *Guru Granth*. Any person who believes other than as prescribed above cannot be called a Sikh. But Gurnam Singh believes in Buddhism which believes in atheism, therefore, he cannot be called a Sikh as claimed by him as his code of life is not according to the Sikh tenets. This was the main reason of the conflict which happened and resulted in the clash between the Sikhs and non-Sikh Dalits who were instigated by the Ambedkarites to take over the Sikh shrine or have a share in its management which the Sikhs opposed at Talhan. The Dalits of Talhan are not Sikhs as they do not follow the Sikh tenets. The Ambedkarites fully encouraged it. The BJP/RSS, the champion of Brahminism, misguided and instigated the Dalits (non-Sikhs) to have a control on Sikh shrines but failed miserably. It is for the Editor of *Dalit Voice* to see if the Dalit-Sikh unity is needed to fight Brahminism.

Mrs. Sujata Wasnik, 14 - Thaware Colony, Nagpur -

440 014: You have been always an inspiration for us.

You express your feelings and opinions boldly and criticize exploiters and their agents without any fear. We derive courage from this most valuable characteristic of yours which is rarely found elsewhere. Therefore, you will always remain an important source of our inspiration. If such little awareness work we common people are doing can impress you, then undoubtedly Bahujan mission will grow and spread very rapidly and can successfully retaliate the *Tri-Iblisi* if every awakened Bahujan actively performs his role in mission (of his choice) and coordinates his actions with others. We are trying our best to accelerate this process. I am an ordinary housewife, I have to look after the needs of my two little daughters. My husband, Dr. B.K. Wasnik, is a Sr. lecturer in psychology in a govt. institute at Amravati, 150 km away. After all these family responsibilities, I have to handle all mail, post awareness books and reply to letters. Apart from our basic activity (awareness-building campaign), we try our best to coordinate with the activities of other similar persons. Shivpriya Raju Kumare's *Swarna-Sandesh* in *Dalit Voice Hindustani* is extremely important from the point of view of the mission. We have included it in *Tri-Iblisi* Part-II to popularize it. Ms. Sunita's letter on *Dhandhe Mataram* in DV, Shanta Mundare's and Shankar Godam's pamphlets on the *Dhandhe Mataram* topic are also very important. We are distributing these pamphlets. We have to undertake such additional activities because such literature weakens Brahminists and strengthens our mission. We have explained every thing including our own role in the *Tri-Iblisi*, part-II book. Chapter 12, 26, 27, 28 and 29 of the book are important. Daily we receive letters demanding both the parts of the book. Buddha Saran Hans of Ambedkar Mission Patrika, Patna, wanted books worth 10,000 from us. We could not send even a single copy of *Tri-Iblisi* - Part-I. We always try to learn and pick up anything that facilitates our mission. Therefore, we always eagerly wait for each copy of *Dalit Voice*. We are always with you in mission.

K. Karuppiah, 63 - Thirunagar, Karumandapam, Trichy - 620 001: With reference to S.R. Biswas article about "*Three exceptional Dalit IAS officers*", I have to state that if the Dalit officials are Ambedkarites they will face all sorts of trouble from Hindus. Nobody can touch him if he is honest and able. We can take S.R. Biswas himself as an example. I have heard about the activities of Dr. A.K. Biswas, IAS of Bihar. As a regular reader of *Dalit Voice*, I also know about the intellectual qualities of Shersingh, IAS. I am proud about him and his wife. Balwant

Singh, IAS, of UP should not have resigned from the IAS. He should have challenged the Hindu officials and created history. I read the first two books written by him. Because he was not an Ambedkarite he enjoyed the slavery. He has high regards for the (Brahmin) Nehru family. What was the contribution of Nehru family for the liberation of the Dalits? They used the Dalits as their vote bank. In one book he says he had read all the works of Babasaheb. In spite of this he is not an admirer of Babasaheb and his Dalit policy. This is what S.R. Biswas is pointing out. After reading his two books, I wrote to him. I asked him to write about his practice as a lawyer. But he had no courtesy to reply to a brother. With my 35 years of official experience I have to state that most of the Dalit officials are cowards and selfish. Their sole interest is their promotion. They are well-versed in the reservation rules with latest corrections. But they are least bothered to read even the biography of Babasaheb as a gratitude for the Father of India who brought them reservations which made them what they are today. They are unconcerned about the plights of our people. But they are very proud about observing the rituals under Brahminism. They spend hundreds of rupees for such rituals. But they hesitate to purchase even a single book

about Dalits. To overcome this situation, necessary missionary work must begin when a Dalit is at the student level. RSS-type mission work is a must.

Sorry, Brother Karuppiah. Who is to do this missionary work? When not even 5% of our English-knowing Dalits have become DV family members, will they agree to join a missionary work like the RSS which needs tremendous self-sacrifice, dedication and concentration? In TV, Periyar E. V. Ramaswamy, whom we have rated next only to Babasaheb, himself has been forgotten. The two principal Dalit subcastes, Paraiyars and Pallars, hate each other. Despite the population strength, Dalits have not been able to throw up a strong leader. Dalit politicians are busy making money like Hindu leaders. We have been receiving requests from different states to hold DV workshop after hearing reports about the big success of the Bangalore DV workshop (DV July 16, 2003 p. 11). But from TN, we did not get a single request. TN Dalits are fast sinking and their support for the Bangalore Papathi proves it. Our circulation in TN also has gone down. We are sorry that the purest Dravidian land of Thiruvallur and Periyar has fallen a prey to Brahminical intrigues — EDITOR.

What happened to Babasaheb's dream to build Budha Mutt in Bangalore?

RAJENDRA, AMBEDKAR PRATISHTANA, THORALAKKI PO, KOLAR DT. - 563 137

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar visited Bangalore in 1954. At that time, the *Raja Prammukh* of the state who was also the last Maharaja of Mysore invited him for breakfast at his Bangalore Palace.

Dr. Ambedkar then expressed his desire to launch an international Buddhist reserach center in Bangalore and requested for a suitable site for the same.

To build a centre to train Buddhist *bhikkus* (Buddha Mutt), a five-acre of land was gifted to Babasaheb by the benevolent Maharaja in the adjoining Palace Orchards — now the posh

Sadashivanagar or Rajamahahal Vilas Extn.

On formation of the new extension in 1959, this five-acre land was reduced to 3 acres and 17 *guntas*, as the then casteist men in power cornered the remaining extent of the land.

The late B. Basavilangappa, a powerful Dalit Minister, was elected president of the Peoples' Education Society (PES), Bombay (founded by Babasaheb), which owned the land.

Basavalingappa told the press on April 13, 1987, that the *Budha Mutt* project would be taken up soon. Sixteen years are over and nothing

has come up except a school for the elites.

K.H. Ranganath, a senior Dalit Minister for Forests, Govt. of Karnataka, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore - 560 001, is the new president of the PES. He told the media at Chitradurga on Nov.1, 2003 that he would soon build the *Budha Mutt*. (*Hindu* Nov.2, 2003).

As *Budha Mutt* was the last and the most important dream of our Saviour, Babasaheb, it is the duty of all Ambedkarites to see that the work starts on this historic project in the new millenium which DV called as the "Ambedkar Era".

Islamic jihad against Jewish Brahminism

SHYAM PASI, RANCHI, JHARKHAND

The Jewish origin of India's Brahmins has been questioned by some writers in DV. They do not understand that by pushing the

Jewish descent of Brahmins, Dalitism will benefit immensely for the direct consequences of the Jewish origin of Brahmins is that Muslims will be forced to identify their enemies in India, name them and declare a war (*jihad*) against them. It also drives a wedge between Aryans and Brahmins.

The Editor of DV has spent much time trying to convince the Muslim leadership that the Quran directs the Muslims to support Dalits, who are mentioned as the *Mustadafeen* in the Quran (DV Nov.16, 2003 p.20). His efforts have not made much headway so far because the Muslim leadership believes that the Quran does not mention "Hindus" or "Brahmins".

HINDU-MUSLIM UNITY

They have also not accepted our Editor's claim that the *Mustadafeen* are in fact India's Dalits. This is the main reason why Muslim leadership has not accepted the plea of Dalit-Muslim unity and keeps harping on Hindu-Muslim unity instead.

However, the Jewish descent of Brahmins throws open a new door. This theory was recently established by our Editor and several other eminent scholars including Dr. Bhandarkar, after whom the Oriental Institute in Maharashtra is named. This theory now has a highly explosive consequence namely it identifies the *vaidiks* with the Yehoods or Jews of the Quran. If the *vaidiks* indeed are a "lost Tribe" of Israel, then they are indeed mentioned in the Quran as Yehoods. The

scriptural position of *vaidiks* in Islam is thus decided by that of the Yehoods in Islamic theology.

Theology on Jews & vaidiks: What does Islamic theology say about these Yehudis?

A large section of Muslim scholars across the world agree that Islamic theology prescribes a Jihad against Jews. The Prophet himself fought several wars against Jews. Hamas, Islamic *jihad* and several other organizations have declared *jihad* against Jews.

PROPHET'S WAR AGAINST JEWS

The World Islamic Front recently declared a *jihad* against Jews. Several attacks on Jews in occupied Palestine occurred. However, there were no attacks on *vaidiks*, the No.1 "Lost Tribe" of Israel. The Jewish blood of *vaidiks* means that the World Islamic Front should also continue its *jihad* against *vaidiks*.

The Jews waged a never-ending series of conspiracies against early Islam, seeking to murder the Prophet and his followers. Prophet Muhammad himself succeeded in expelling two Jewish tribes from Medina and killed the entire male population of the third tribe and sold all the women and children into slavery. If the *vaidiks* are a "Lost Tribe" of Israel, it would mean that the Prophet himself fought *vaidiks*.

SUNNI-SHIA DIVIDE

The Jewish origin of *vaidiks* has another, far more significant consequence: it places *vaidiks* as the eternal enemy of Islam, right at its very foundation. For the Prophet himself was pointed by a cunning

Jewish in a most cowardly fashion. Many Muslim theologians are of the view that the Sunni-Shiah divide was also largely the handiwork of Jews.

By proving that *vaidiks* are Jews, we are putting an irremovable wedge between *vaidiks* and Muslims. This is important, for in recent times, the *vaidiks* have been trying to cosy up to Muslims. Muslims are warned of the dangers of allying with those who murdered their Prophet.

Hence, the Muslim leadership must review their opinions on there being no case for *jihad* against Brahminism. Now, the *vaidiks* are the Jews mentioned in the Quran, about whom the Quran says that one should not make friends with. The Quran itself mentions that the Jews — hence *vaidiks* — murdered the Prophets and are enemies no.1 of Islam.

Hence, the Indian Muslim religious leadership will definitely understand Dalits' anti-Brahminism better when this identification is made. They should have no hesitation in declaring *jihad* against Brahminism.

ARYAN-BRAHMIN SPLIT

Another perhaps equally important consequence is that the *vaidiks* get split from other Indo-Aryans or Aryans. The Jewish origin of *vaidiks* pits the *vaidiks* against the Kshatriyas, Rajputs and Banias, who are Aryans. In other words it isolates the *vaidiks* from those who are right now supporting them and puts them at loggerheads. The Kshatriyas, Rajputs and Banias will inevitably go nearer the "tower castes" in this case.

The Hindu nazi claim of upper caste unity collapses like a house of

cards. It also explains why the *vaidiks* exterminated the Aryan Kshatriyas under their fanatical leader Parasurama. It also explains why the *vaidiks* poisoned the Aryan leader of Arya Samaj, Dayanand Saraswati. Dayanand was poisoned by his Brahmin cook, Dhau Mishra. The *vaidiks* subverted the pure Aryan *vaidik* religion and introduced polytheism.

FAR-RIGHT EUROPEAN SUPPORT

It is hence important that Dalit and Muslim scholars whatever they have said in the past, make all efforts to push the Jewish-*vaidik* theory. It is the single biggest blow against Brahminism ever.

It is important to note that one of the main pillars of support for Brahminism came from the far-right Europeans, down from the days of Max Mueller to Koenraad Elst. Please read our Editor, V.T. Rajshekar's book, *Brahminism* (DSA-2002), which exhaustively deals with this question. The Europeans are enamoured of the *vaidiks* because they think they are Aryans. By proving that the *vaidiks* are Jews we drive this support base away and indeed against the *vaidiks* for the European far-right is anti-Semitic.

COMMON FEATURES OF VAIDIKS & JEWS

One does not have to be a rocket scientist to realise that there is a fundamental unity of *vaidiks* and Jews. The deep love for Israel displayed by the Brahminists is too deep to be of purely anti-Islamic nature. The deep love of *vaidiks* for the Jewish-invented communism is also no accident.

Thus, both are essentially a cunning, crafty priesthood. Both Brahminism and Judaism are priestly religions. In Judaism, the

priests or Levites were so powerful that an entire book of the Old Testament, Leviticus, was dedicated to them and their practices.

In contrast to these priestly or Brahmana religions are the warrior or Kshatriya religions spread not by cunning priests but by brave warriors. Islam and Shaivism are examples of such religions spread by the sword not by conspiracy. On the basis of these facts alone Jews and *vaidiks* are one and the same thing: a cunning, crafty priesthood.

WHO ENFORCED DEVADASI SYSTEM

In India, the *vaidiks* practiced human sacrifices. In Europe the Jews practiced ritual murders. In Europe, Jews dominated the illicit industries of liquor, gambling and prostitution, forcing innocent women to engage in shameful activities. Today, Jews still dominate the Western sex industry, ruling over pornography rings and shipping millions of Eastern European women into American brothels (David Duke: *My Awakening*).

Exactly the same thing happened in India: the *vaidiks* enforced the cruel *Devadasi* system, making dirty money by forcing *sudra* women into the sex trade. In Kerala, they enforced the *sambandham* system, sexually exploiting the Nayar women. All the ancient Indian pornographic books, from the *Kamasutra* to the *Anangaranga* to the *Fati Rahasya*, all were authored by *vaidiks*.

The same diseased blood flows through both Jewish veins and *vaidik* veins, forcing them to engage in abnormal activities.

The love for things Jewish is deeply ingrained in the *vaidik* psyche. *Vaidiks* dominate the Jewish-invented communism. Buddhadev

Bhattacharya, current CM of West Bengal, is a marxist Brahmin. EMS Namboodiripad, former CM of Kerala, was also a communist Brahmin. The founding father of Indian Communist Party was M.N. Roy, a Bengali Brahmin.

JEWS, A DIVIDED HOUSE

They press for never-ending centralisation and consolidation of power to enable a minority such as themselves to rule over others. Jewish leaders have called the Palestinians "cockroaches in a glass jar", "two-legged beasts", "lice" and "cancer". The *vaidiks* used worse descriptions against India's natives: *Dasa*, *Dasyu*, *Mlecha*, *Vanara*, *Pishachi*, *Rakshasa* etc.

One common objection to the Jewish origin of *vaidiks* is that the Jews will then start supporting Brahminism with Oracle or Citibank gold. This is an unfounded fear, as a moment's consideration of the Jewish community will show. There are numerous subgroups of Jews, such as Ashkenazim, Shephardim and Mizraim. The dominant group are the Ashkenazim who look down upon and discriminate against the Shephardim and Mizraim Jews. Visitors to Israel have noticed that it was essentially a form of apartheid the Ashkenazim practice against their own fellow believers, as Professors Israel Shahak <http://www.globalfire.tv/ni>, <http://www.abbcc.com> and Prof. Revilo P. Oliver noted (<http://www.revilo-oliver.com>).

Given this form of internal apartheid, it is clear that the Ashkenazim will not be forthcoming with bounty for their "Lost Tribe" of *vaidiks* in India. If the Ashkenazim hate the Shephardim and Mizraim, why will they come to love the *vaidik*? There may be many loud words on the need for closer Jewish

and *vaidik* co-operation but little else will be forthcoming.

D.V. INTERNATIONALISED DALIT PROBLEM

The main result of the Jewish-*vaidik* theory is the internationalisation of the *vaidik* problem. The Brahminists claim that the Brahmin-Dalit conflict is purely Indian, and internal to India, and hence it is of no concern to outsiders. Hence, the Dalits have been naturally trying to internationalise the caste (race) conflict in India.

This is exactly what the Dalits partly achieved at the UN Conference Against Racism in Durban, South Africa, a few years back. This was done by adopting pan-Negroism and pan-Black ideologies and thus getting the support of Blacks all across the world.

Here, once again our Editor was in the forefront with his best-selling book, *Dalit-the Black Untouchables of India*. The next logical step in this conflict is to internationalise the *vaidik* problem by revealing that they are in fact Jews. Then the *vaidik*-Dalit conflict will become truly internationalised.

WHAT MUSLIMS WILL GAIN

Even the Indian Muslims will benefit including the Aryan Muslims. For the conflict Indian Muslims have with *vaidiks* also becomes internationalised and the Arabs will provide them more support.

The beauty of the Jewish-*vaidik* theory is that it pits even the Aryan Muslims — traditional Brahminist allies — against the Brahmins. This is another reason why the Aryan Muslim clergy should drop its pro-*vaidik* stance and declare *jihad*.

WEAKENING OF BRAHMIN RAJ

It is clear that the main consequence of the Jewish origin of *vaidiks* will be a weakening of

Brahminism. All scholars belonging to non-Brahmin communities must do their best to push this theory.

Vaidiks in Arabia: According to Guillaume, the Jews of Arabia were just like the *vaidiks* of India, controlling all aspects of life until Prophet Muhammad liberated Arabia from Jewish tyranny:

"At the dawn of Islam the Jews dominated the economic life of the Hijaz (Arabia). They held all the best land... at Medina they must have formed at least half of the population. There was also a Jewish settlement to the north of the Gulf of Aqaba.. what is important is to note that the Jews of the Hijaz made many proselytes (or converts among the Arab tribesmen". (Guillaume, *Islam* pp. 11-12).

QURAN ON JEWS

The following are the Quranic verses which instruct Muslims to wage a never-ending war against the Jews. Note that the *vaidiks*, if they are a "Lost Tribe" of Israel, are automatically included:

"Ignominy shall be their portion (the Jews) wherever they are found... They have incurred anger from their Lord, and wretchedness is laid upon them... because they disbelieve the revelations of Allah and slew the Prophets wrongfully... because they were rebellious and used to transgress". (*Surah* 111, v.112). (*the Meaning of the Glorious Koran*, an explanatory translation by Mohammed Marmaduke Pickthall, New York: Mentor Books, 1953).

—"And thou wilt find them (the Jews) the greediest of mankind..". (*Surah* 11, v.96). Taste ye (Jews) the punishment of burning. (*Surah* 111, v.18 1).

"They (the Jews) are the heirs of Hell... they will spare no pains to corrupt you. They desire nothing but your ruin. Their hatred is clear from what they say... When evil befalls you they rejoice". Ibid. (*Surah* 111, v.117-120).

—"Because of the wrongdoing of the Jews... And of their taking usury... and of their devouring peoples' wealth by false pretenses. We have prepared for those of them who disbelieve a painful doom. (*Surah* IV, v.160,161).

—"Allah hath cursed them (the Jews) for their disbelief. (*surah* IV, v.46).

—"They (the Jews) will spare no pains to corrupt you. They desire nothing but your ruin. Their hatred is clear from what they say, but more violent is the hatred which their breath conceal. (*surah* 111 v.117-120).

—"O ye who believe! Take not the Jews and Christians for friends. (*Surah* V, v.51).

—"The most vehement of mankind in hostility (are) the Jews and the idolators. (*Surah* V).

—"Allah fighteth against them (the Jews). How perverse they are. (*Surah* IX, v.30).

—"They (the Jews) spread evil in the land... (*Surah* V, v.62-66).

—" (The Jews) knowingly perverted (the word of Allah), know of nothing except lies.

—"Early Hadith say that the Dajjal (Anti-Christ) will have 70,000 Jewish followers.

(source: <http://www/abbc.com>, <http://www.sacred-texts.com>, cf. The koran & institutionalized anti-Semitism <http://www.ereztyisroel.org/~ikatz/koran.html>, <http://www.ereztyisroel.org/~ikatz/quranhadith.html>, <http://www.adl.org/ess/roots.intro.asp>).

MUSLIMS ARE BLOOD BROTHERS OF DALITS

If the *vaidiks* are a "Lost Tribe" of Jews then the above verses also apply to them.

Hence the Editor's writing will have much more impact with Aryan Muslim clergy than the rather weak *Mustadafaen* argument. The Aryan Muslims are thus the double enemies of *vaidiks*: firstly because Islam is anti-Jewish and secondly

because they are Aryans and Aryanism is also anti-Jewish. Our Editor has been consistently

warning the Muslims about **identifying** and then fighting their enemy inside India. He has done immense service to Muslims

because they are also converts from Dalits and hence blood brothers.

Conclusion: Dait scholars should deeply study the Editor's theory of Jewish origin of *vaiddiks* as it deals a double blow to Brahminism. It

drives the *vaiddik* away from Rajputs and Baniyas and pits Muslims and Christians against them.

The Muslim leadership should give up all its reservations about Dait-Muslim unity and fully support the humanistic efforts of our Editor. ■

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Saddam's "capture" increases Muslim rage

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: Our family members may be wondering why the Jan. 1, 2004 DV issue did not say anything on the "capture" of Saddam Hussein. The reason for our silence is we don't believe the congenital, professional liar that is America. That is all.

Already several versions of the "capture" have come. Many more will follow. We would prefer to wait because in a world where news is tightly controlled by the zionist-dominated media nothing can be believed.

But this much can be said that Saddam's alleged capture has increased the Muslim rage against America and the West in general. It is over a month since he was "captured". Why no news? Why no picture of Saddam on TV? Where is he kept? Why this total silence? Will not this lead us to all sorts of suspicion? DV was the first in the world to hail Saddam. Every forecast that we made on Iraq since then has proved

correct. (DV March 16, 1991 p.3: "Salute to Saddam"). We have every confidence in the oppressed people fighting back. DV will not prove wrong. Hence our silence. ■

Uma Bharati turns anti-Dalit

Bhopal: Chief Minister Uma Bharati of MP has taken three anti-Dalit decisions, says *Dainik Bhaskar*.

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The birth anniversary of Ravidass is celebrated every year in a big way. Devotees from all parts of India and foreign countries come to Varanasi. A special train is arranged every year from Jalandhar to Varanasi and back to take pilgrims to join the celebrations. This year 2,000 pilgrims will go from Jalandhar on Feb.2.

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