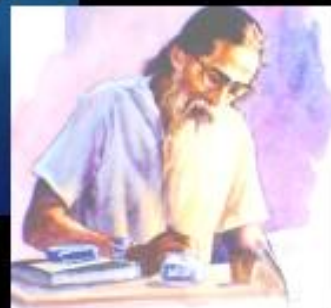


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## The inspiring story of the Guru

By M.V. Kamath

**Guru Nanak: Harish Dhillon; Indus Source Books, Mumbai; pp 224; Rs 195.00**

This extremely well-written book on Guru Nanak, founder of Sikhism, described as “the youngest religion of the world” is part of a series on Spiritual Masters published by the Mumbai-based publishing house, Indus Source Books which has already to its credit a book each on the Buddha and Sai Baba. Harish Dhillon’s study of Guru Nanak is third in the series and a most welcome addition, especially because there is so little known about this greatly saint who revelled in his ordinariness, constantly denied that he was in any way a saint, a saviour or a redeemer and who not even claimed any divine inspiration. Yet, not only was Nanak loved and respected in his own life time, his name continues to be revered in millions of homes across the country, and even abroad. His name is inscribed as Hazrat Rab-i-Majib, Baba Nanak Faqir Aulia on a memorial in Baghdad. In his own native land he is known as Satguru Nanak Dev. Sujjan Rai Bhandari, a contemporary of Aurangzeb, writing a hundred and fifty years after Nanak’s death, referred to him as “the chosen man of the world” during whose time “he was the leader of the caravan on the Path of Truth” and “the torch bearer on the way of real religion”.

Apart from this and a brief biography written by his near contemporary Bhai Gurdas there is little authentic information available on Nanak. Even the first attempts at writing Nanak’s biography, the Janmasakhis could only draw upon oral traditions. As Harish Dhillon writes, one often thinks of Nanak as belonging to the mythical times of King Arthur, rather than, as Navtej Sarna so pertinently points out in his excellent work: *The Book of Nanak*, someone who lived at the time when Columbus discovered America and Magellam completed his first voyage round the world, and the printing press was invented. That is why it needs to be stressed that Nanak founded the youngest religion in the world 1,400 years after the birth of Christ and about 900 years after the birth of Islam.

Nanak was born on the night of Vaisakha Sudh 3 corresponding to April 15, 1469 to a family in Punjab. The timing of Nanak’s birth will explain the emergence of a new religion. By the beginning of the 15th century, India had witnessed Islamic rule, mostly in north India. Starting with Mahmud Ghazni’s first invasion of India in 1001 AD, Muslim hordes had again and again sought to establish their presence in Bharat and they included the Ghoris, the Tughlaqs, the Suris and the Lodhis. The coming of these invaders started a process of ‘assimilation’ but only culturally. In terms of religion, Islam could never accommodate with the prevailing ‘Hinduism’. Hindus were invariably considered a threat to Muslim rule and they were subjected to every kind of humiliation and brutality by Muslim rulers in an attempt to force them to convert to Islam.

As Dhillon correctly notes: "For almost five hundred years the Hindus groaned under the yoke of Muslim rule-the cruelties and barbarism heaped upon them in the name of religion were beyond anything that they had endured in the past." Dhillon provides details of the barbarities and insults heaped on Hindus by barbarian Muslims and writes that the time was ripe for the reformist movements in Hindu society. As Dr R.C. Majumdar notes in his preface to *The Delhi Sultanate* (published by the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan), "It was the age of those mystic saints like Ramananda, Kabir, Chaitanya and Nanak whose noble lives and religious teachings, embodied in simple pious sayings, may be looked upon as the richest legacy of the period." Adds Majumdar: "These great religious teachers ushered in a Catholic spirit in religion and elevated it to a high spiritual level and by their precept and example shed a lustre on the age." How did they go about it? What, for example, are the origins of Nanak? What moved him to be what he was and became? Dhillon has taken great pains to describe the birth, childhood and growth of Nanak and his various travels to Macca and Medina and back to Punjab via Iran and Afghanistan at a time when communication was immeasurably hard and travel was only for the truly adventurous.

And yet Nanak travelled far and wide, from his native Punjab to Benaras, Golaghat, Shillong, Chittagon and Dhaka, Calcutta (then only a village), Cuttack, Puri, Central India and then all the way down to Sri Lanka and thence to west India all the way to Gujarat and from there back to Punjab via Rajasthan. Undoubtedly Nanak and his followers had tremendous stamina; His message was clear: "There is no Hindu or Mussalman, and so I can be neither. I worship only the one and only Eternal Lord." Dhillon not only records Nanak's extensive travels but his teachings as well. There is long composition by Nanak which his followers recite like the Japji and which Dhillon describes as a "popular folk form of a heroic ballad" known as the var and consists of twenty four pauris or verses and fifty nine slokas or couplets.

There is reference, too, to Onkar which is a summary of the discourses Nanak gave to learned men. There are references too, to Rehras or the evening prayer which Sikhs recite around sunset and the four short hymns by Nanak beginning with the Sodar, literally "the gateway to God". And Nanak's Bani sums up his perception of God, existence and man's place and role in the world. Dhillon's biography of Nanak happily covers Nanak's full life and is an easy read and brings out not only the spiritual man but the social reformer as well.

Nanak was opposed to idol worship; he was against the caste system. Writes Dhillon: "Nanak preached that life is real and not maya or illusion. In this concept Nanak shows a spirit of affirmation which is the essence of all his teachings. He supports the institution of marriage and family and encourages man to be positive and productive member of society. He exhorts us to remember that the Supreme Reality that created this universe will not neglect His creation." As was stated earlier, the Janmasakhis were the first attempt to compile a comprehensive biography of Nanak, but as Dhillon ruefully admits, interesting

and fascinating as they were, they do not carry the stamp of authenticity. But no matter. What Nanak sought was to bring about not a synthesis of Islam and Hinduism but to emphasize such similarities between them as could be acceptable to both Hindus and Muslims, both of whom claimed Nanak as their own, as was best noticed during Nanak's last hours so beautifully pictured by the author. Nanak did not seek to change Hinduism which, because of its very catholicity would have been hard to change anyway. But if his teachings have survived, it is because, as Majumdar puts it "their root lay deep in the soil of India".

## **Congress Madrasa politics**

*The Organiser*

After communalising government jobs and educational institutions, the UPA government has turned its attention to Indian Armed Forces. The reservation for Muslims in the state government jobs in Andhra Pradesh and minority status for Aligarh Muslim University have been received well in a section of the Muslim community, who are working for Dar-ul-Islam. Setting up of enquiry committee to look into the ranks of Muslims in the Indian Armed Forces, which is another appeasement stunt of Congress party and the constituents of UPA, will have long term negative impact on the morale of Indian Armed Forces as well as national security.

Congress party's attempt of creating a ground for advocating reservation of Muslims in the Armed Forces is clearly aimed at projecting itself as more Muslim friendly than the other pseudo-secular political parties-SP, RJD, Left parties and a number of other UPA constituents-in the objective of recovering the lost ground. Keeping an eye on the coming assembly elections in Kerala and West Bengal the grand old party, which has lost its vision and objective, thought that the "reservation stunt" is the best weapon to deal with the Left parties. At one hand, the self-proclaimed custodians of secularism in the country promote Madrasa education for their electoral advantage and on the other hand has set up an enquiry committee to look into the number of Muslims in the Indian Armed Forces. How a Madrasa educated Muslim will uphold the secular credential of the Armed Forces?

There is no disagreement that Madrasas preach fundamentalist views deviating young mind towards militancy in the aim of creating a barrier free Islamic world. Muslim appeasement policy in India started with Congress' support to Khilafat movement. At that time the Congress leadership had not thought that the Muslim community will be main hurdle in the path of India's independence and also integrity. The appeasement of Muslims by a section of Congress leadership during 20's and 30's was to neutralise the strength of nationalists within the Party and also to curtail the influence of Hindu Mahasabha. The Partition of the country on the basis of religion has taught us that when and where there is a little chance of Partition the greatmen like Mahatma Gandhi can not prevent it.

The call in the name of Allah by shrewd politicians like Mohammad Ali Jinnah for fulfilling their own political ambition make the whole community dumb towards the voice of national leaders like Gandhiji. During the period of Partition there were nationalist leaders like Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad and Khan Abdul Gafar Khan, who were against division of the country, but they were no match to the communal army of Jinnah, as he was fighting for the cause of Islam and faithfuls. "Islam in danger" cry has been used many times to protect an unholy cause whether it is support to terrorism or destruction of famous sculptures like Bamiyan Buddha.

## **The BJP governments will not teach the distorted NCERT history —Ghanshyam Tiwari**

*Education Minister, Rajasthan*

When Human Resource Minister, Shri Arjun Singh and his left friends initiated a move to alter the NCERT textbooks to make them, what they called, 'secular', the BJP decided to oppose it. Its leadership was looking for a person, who could take up the issue with NCERT effectively. They identified Shri Ghanshyam Tiwari, the Education Minister in Vasundhara Raje government, Rajasthan. A product of RSS, Shri Tiwari was very active in Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad during his youth days. The veteran of many elections, he was a minister in the previous Bhairon Singh Shekhawat government, too. The intelligent and articulate, Shri Tiwari has made a mark as Education Minister and initiated many schemes, which were at the top of the BJP agenda. Both his friends and foes acknowledge his skill as a minister. Among the ministers in Vasundhara Raje government, his rating is very high as he has successfully made his ministry the most vibrant one. Here are excerpts from an interview taken by Lokpal Sethi.

**You make headlines whenever you speak in NCERT and other such forums on UPA government's so-called 'secular agenda' to alter the school books. What precisely is your and your party's view on it?**

Let me tell you at the outset that the UPA government, under pressure from its left allies, want to distort the history by making changes in the textbooks published under the National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCFSE), approved by Parliament. The Human Resource Minister, Shri Arjun Singh and his left friends are fully aware that no changes could be carried out in the textbooks by the recommendations of any committee that has no legal or constitutional authority. Recently, they made some changes in the history and social science textbooks. But we are not going to incorporate these changes in the textbooks in Rajasthan.

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**In the last meeting of NCERT this issue had come up in a big way. Reports suggest that you were not the only one who opposed these changes, representatives from some of the Congress governments were also with you?**

For the past many months I have been trying to convince my Congress friends that the history could not be secular or communal. History is an account of events, which took place in the past. These are the facts and realities, so history should be taught in a factual manner and authentic. I am happy that almost all

the representatives from the Congress states and many others joined me on the issue. It was only West Bengal, where there is the left party rule in the state, which was initiating these changes. But they were completely isolated in the meeting on the issue.

**Being the Education Minister in one of the BJP-ruled states, what changes have you made in the education system?**

We have revamped the whole system. Things that had remained on the papers or in the government files are being implemented. The results are enormous. You would not believe that, with this measure, the school drop-out rate has come down to just 23 per cent from 57 per cent, in two years. No other state could have achieved this in such a short period. Even the Centre has appreciated our achievement. We are using every penny of central assistance given under DPEP and is being used under Mukhaymantri Sarv Siksha Abhiyan.

**There was a criticism for introducing English from class one as BJP has always stood for the promotion of Hindi and is opposed to Englishisation of education?**

We may be accused of opposing the English mentality by some people in India, but we are not opposed to English language, which is an acknowledged language of most part of the world. To catch up with the growing computer literacy world-wide, the study of English language would be an added qualification. Keeping this in view we introduced English at an early stage, so that the students in Rajasthan should not lag behind in becoming computer literate. In the last two years, we have signed about a dozen MoUs with world-renowned computer majors, who are ready to help us in increasing the computer literacy in Rajasthan. This is all being done under Rajasthan Education Initiative, which was launched last year. One more things that is not being highlighted by the media is that now Rajasthan has become the first state, where Sanskrit language is being taught through Sanskrit medium and not by any other medium. We believe that this is the only correct way to teach any language.

**You said the school drop-out rate has come down considerably. How could you achieve such a goal in a very short period?**

It is the determination of the government. During the past two years over 17,000 new schools were opened. Now there is at least one primary school within a radius of one kilometre. School books in these schools are made available free. So far this was limited to poor students and girls

**Is mid-day meal scheme helping in checking the school drop-out rate?**

Yes, in a way, it is helping. So far school children up to class five are being provided mid-day meal under the scheme. Since many schools are up to the

eighth standard, we felt it was not wise to provide food only to the students up to class five and leave the others. So we approached the Centre with a proposal that all the students in middle schools should be covered under the scheme. We have been assured by the Centre that this provision would be made in the next year's budget.

**There are large number of illiterate people among higher age-groups. Do you have any new adult education scheme?**

Yes, we are aware of this situation. We are also aware that many of these people want to become literate, so we have started an open-school scheme for them. These are informal schools and their working hours are also flexible. Results are also very encouraging, as so far about 30,000 people have registered their names in these schools.

## **Sangh Samachar**

### **Rashtradharm institutes Hindi Sewa Samman**

Rashtradharm, a leading nationalist Hindi monthly from Lucknow, has set up a Hindi Sewa Samman in the memory of its late director and veteran Sangh Pracharak, Shrikrishan Das Maheshwari. Under the Samman at least two Hindi writers from non-Hindi speaking states would be awarded with the cash prize of Rs 21,000, who strengthen Hindu dharma and culture through their writings. This year the awardees will be selected from West Bengal, Orissa, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Nagaland and Sikkim. Rashtradharm has invited entries from the Hindi writers of these states for the award.

### **600 Christians return to Hindu fold**

About 335 Christians belonging to 55 families returned to their original roots at a function held at Soharpat village of Gumla district in Bihar. Before the home-coming ceremony, joint worship of Sarana Mata was performed by priests from 102 villages. Shri Sudarshan Bhagat, former minister, Shri Samir Oraon, MLA, Shri Mahirang Oraon, state organising secretary of Vanvasi Kalyan Kendra, welcomed them by washing their feet. They were also offered Gangajal before the ceremony. Speaking at the ceremony, Shri Sudarshan Bhagat demanded the state government to put a complete ban on conversion. He said the Christian missionaries had been trapping local gullible Vanvasis and converting them to Christianity. Shri Samir Oraon said the missionaries took unfair advantage of the famine of 1967 by launching at that time work for dharma campaign. He appealed to all people of the community who have somehow adopted Christianity to come back to their original roots. Meanwhile, in another function held at Bhojpur village of Etah district in Uttar Pradesh, over 300 Christians returned to Hindu fold. They also converted the local church into a temple. The father of the church himself installed the pictures of goddess Durga, Vaishno Devi and Hanuman in the new temple. After returning to Hindu fold, he also said the missionaries took unfair advantage of his poverty and used him for conversion in the area.

### **Annual function of Sewa Bharati, Ranchi**

Ranchi unit of Sewa Bharati organised its annual function on February 5 in which over 3000 children from downtrodden section of the society, about 300 women members of Self-Help Group and about 250 trainees from Swavlamban Kendra participated. Speaking at the function, Shri Hastimal, Akhil Bharatiya Sampark Pramukh of RSS, said the society did not lack talented children but efforts should be made to find the talent. He said the Sewa Bharati was working in that direction. Speaking at the concluding ceremony, Shri Arjun Munda, Jharkhand Chief Minister, stressed the need to spread education. He said special efforts

should be made by all to make everyone literate. Shri Pradip Yadav, Minister for Human Resource Development, Jharkhand, was also present on the occasion. Children from various centres run by Sewa Bharati also presented various cultural activities at the function.

### **Orissa gears up for grand Hindu summit**

A grand Hindu summit is scheduled to be organised in Orissa as part of Shri Guruji's birth-centenary year celebration. As part of its nationwide programme, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh is organising this three-day event on April 8, 9 and 10 at Chakapad in Phulbani district. About 10 lakh people are expected to participate in the event. The event titled as Sapta Mahajagnya, intends for unification of Hindus of Orissa and to protect them from conversion and other internal, external attacks. The preparations of the event are in full swing. Village-to-village campaigns are going on to unite people against all the hazards and anti-national forces responsible for degradation of Hindu society, said Shri Ajit Prasad Mohapatra, Prant Pracharak. RSS Sarsanghachalak Shri K.S. Sudarshan, Sarkaryavah Shri Mohan Bhagwat and other stalwarts of the Sangh family will attend the function.

### **Tribute to a kala sadhak**

Dr Shailendra Shrivastava, national president of Sanskar Bharati, passed away in Patna on February 12. He was 70 and had been suffering from cardiac disorders for the last sometime. He is survived by two daughters, a son and wife Dr Veena Rani Karna. He was a leading educationist, politician and an art scholar. He was born in 1935 in Buxer district of Bihar. His father Shri Murlidhar Shrivastava was principal of famous Rajendra College of Chhapra. After completing his post-graduation in Hindi from Patna University in 1958, Dr Shrivastava started teaching. He worked as head of the department of Hindi in B.N. College of Patna, and became president of Teachers Front in Patna University and vice chancellor of Bhagalpur University. Apart from being an educationist he also worked as a politician. He started his political career as an ordinary worker of Jana Sangh. He was also vice president of Bihar BJP. He was elected an MLA in 1977 and an MP in 1981 from Patna. For the last few years he was totally dedicated to the Sanskar Bharati. His contribution in encouraging folk artists will always be remembered.

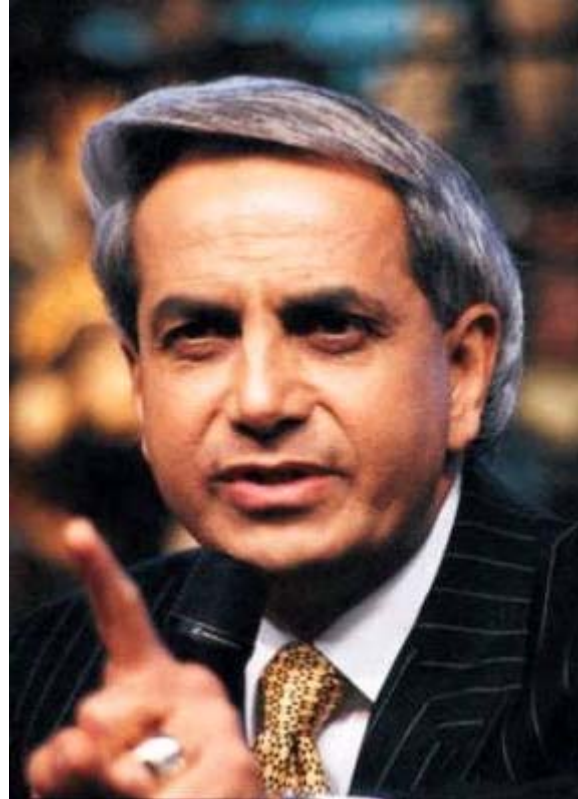
## Benny Hinn - A Symbol of Secular Adharma

By: V.Sundaram, IAS

**“Be ye men of valour and be in readiness for the conflict. For it is better to perish in battle than to see the outrage of your altar. If that be the will of God, let it be”.**

Till recently all enlightened people in India were generally shocked by the conduct and behaviour of most politicians in India. Now the stage of shock is over. We have moved over from the **STAGE OF SHOCK to the STAGE OF ABSURD AMUSEMENT.**

The *prima donna* of this stage today is N.Dharam Singh, Chief Minister of Karnataka who participated with gusto and **secularly religious fervour** at the prayer meet conducted by the American Pastor Benny Hinn, a gigantic global fraud, at Bangalore on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2005 Friday night. His participation is no doubt amusing. But what is shocking about him is his **Himalayan ignorance** about the conduct, character and past antecedents of Benny Hinn. **Swami Vivekananda went to America in 1893 carrying the universal message of Hinduism and Sanatana Dharma to the west. He did not go there for conversion or proselytization. Nor did he go to USA to attack the Americans as heathens and barbarians having faith in a false God and requiring the healing touch and light of Hinduism to save their souls.**



**Great deception** is afoot in the church today, happening right before our very eyes. In fact, it may have already come to your church. False doctrines, a different gospel, and even doctrines of demons have been introduced into many churches via books, music, videos, teachers and movements that claim to be of God. Viewed against this background, the known facts about Benny Hinn are not only shocking but also revealing.

Benny Hinn is a Roman Catholic mystic, who is taking the Pentecostal and Charismatic Church down the ecumenical road towards Rome. This has been known for some time. For example the Italian Assemblies of God refused to endorse his crusade in Rome (1996), sponsored by the independent Pentecostals, who themselves were shocked when Mr Hinn failed to even once open his Bible on the first night of the Crusade. On the second night the interpreter refused to interpret Hinn's favourable comments about the Pope and

the Catholic Church and the music group refused to sing. The up-shot was that the organisers signed a document of **"non-association"** with Benny Hinn, and promised never to invite him to Italy again. Despite this he was invited as guest speaker to the Australian Assemblies of God Conference in May 1997, where once more he spoke favourably of the Pope and the Roman Catholic Church. At that Conference he told how he had met with Cardinal Sin of the Philippines, with whom he formed an agreement to encourage people who attended his crusade not to leave the Roman Catholic Church. The Cardinal in turn promised to encourage Roman Catholics to attend the Hinn Crusade. Things have become worse since then! There is documented evidence that Hinn is into necromancy . Wayne Hughes is the General Superintendent of Assemblies of God in New Zealand and was one of the Church leaders who, together with Ian Bilby, former President of the New Zealand Elim denomination, endorsed the visit of Rodney Howard-Browne whose **"laughing revival"** has caused so much division among Churches and Christian families in New Zealand and Australia. It is also reported that Wayne Hughes was alerted to the fact of Benny Hinn's documented necromancy in late January or early February '98. Despite this he has continued to endorse Hinn and his ministry, although it is rumoured that he is concerned that he might be doing the wrong thing. **Council for World Mission (CWM)** has advised all true Christians in the world: *"Our strong recommendation to all Christians is that you do not participate in any supportive way - by means of donations or otherwise - in the Benny Hinn Crusade or to the Benny Hinn Ministries"*.

John the apostle of Lord Jesus Christ wrote: - ***"Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him (bid him God speed - AV) for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds ( biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds - AV)"*** - 2 John 9-11. This is THE WORD OF THE LORD.

Further documented proof about the necromancy practiced by Benny Hinn is supplied in the book - "THE CONFUSING WORLD OF BENNY HINN ".

When I researched about the Spurious Spiritual Voyage of Benny Hinn, I read about the Curing Ministry conducted by Benny Hinn on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2002 at The Sydney Entertainment Centre. I am quoting verbatim from an article in the September 2002 edition of **THE SKEPTIC**, The Journal of the **Australian Skeptics**:

"The Sydney Entertainment Centre. can hold 12,500 people when the seating is configured for the maximum capacity. On 7 June, 2002, more than that number turned up to see faith healer Benny Hinn do his act of curing people of many illnesses through the power of Jesus. A team of observers from the RatbagsDotCom Empire and the Australian Skeptics went along to see the magical Benny but, alas, they got there too late and were left standing outside with the many hundreds of other people who had also not bothered to start

queuing ten hours before the show started. Buses emblazoned with the names of Christian congregations from various parts of Sydney arrived, only to have the occupants be told that they could hit the freeway again because there was no room for them. People in wheelchairs moved through the crowd, and people stared at closed doors and security guards. There was a pall of disappointment that was almost palpable. **INSIDE, THE BUCKETS WERE PASSED AROUND TO COLLECT THE TAX-FREE CASH.**

We asked some of the waiting people about their disappointments and what were their expectations, had they been able to get into the building. What they said was depressing and bewildering. Some of the ones in the wheelchairs had expected to walk home. Some with diseases and ailments had expected relief. Some had brought written prayers from members of their families. **All had expected that this slimy charlatan would perform miracles. Inside, the buckets were passed around to collect the tax-free cash.** As we moved through the crowd, Hinn's henchmen followed, asking people what we had spoken to them about. We were told to get off the private property (it was a public footpath). Earlier in the day, a crew from a television current affairs program had fared even worse and were ordered to stop speaking to people waiting in line to get into the building. **IT SEEMS THAT HINN DOESN'T WANT ANY PUBLICITY UNLESS HE CONTROLS IT.** The fact that bookings could not be made for the show suggests that Hinn is just as shy about accounting for the tax-free cash that he steals from the gullible and desperate.'

'It did not seem possible that all of the thousands crammed into the building could be there to be cured of something and we were pretty sure that all of the skeptics were outside in Harbour Street, so we wondered about the motivation of the other people who had come to see Hinn. We received a clue when we fell into conversation with a young lady in a bar across the street from the venue. This girl (who was about 18 or 19) had travelled about 100 kilometres to not get in to the Hinn show, and she invited herself to our table knowing who we were. She expressed a theology and knowledge of Christianity which were so confused and incoherent that it seemed that she was totally detached from reality and had never absorbed even the rudiments of the teachings of any mainstream Christian church. It was quite unnerving to sit next to an extremely attractive girl who just talked nonsense. I spoke to her mother at another table and she seemed to be a normal church-goer. I got the impression she was only there because her daughter wanted her to come, so I guess that the silliness was not hereditary. I realise that a sample of one cannot be representative of much, but there is certainly the possibility that Hinn and his like attract people who are desperately seeking some sort of meaningful religious experience, as well as those who are desperately seeking relief from illness. **TO HINN THEY WOULD ALL BE THE SAME, ANYWAY, AS LONG AS THEY HAVE MONEY TO PUT IN THE PLASTIC BUCKETS.'**

'I should make it clear that I do not object to Hinn on any religious grounds. I have no idea what his theology is or what he preaches beyond a banal, infantile

reading of the Bible. In fact there was a gospel revival meeting at the nearby Sydney Town Hall on the same night and what was going on there was of no concern to me. What I object to about Hinn is that he is exploiting people's hopes and fears for nothing beyond his own financial gain. He does no missionary or outreach work, he funds no shelters for the homeless, the indigent, for orphans or abused women. He simply takes money and keeps it.'

'The Sydney Entertainment Centre is in the city's Chinatown district. Within that area it is easy to find prostitutes, pimps, drug dealers, fantan games and other illegal gambling games and producers of pornography. **The difference between these criminals and Hinn is that they at least provide some value for money. Hinn just takes and in return offers lies, false hope and (if the stories about people throwing insulin and other drugs onto the stage at his shows are true) potential death.**'

Against the above background I would like to put the following questions to the Karnataka Chief Minister:

- a) **If BJP and Sangh Parivar are reactionary forces, in what way are you less reactionary by supporting a known International Fraud like Benny Hinn?**
- b) **Are you supporting Benny Hinn because he is more 'secular' and less 'communal' than the BJP and Sangh Parivar?**
- c) Are you aware of the fact that under the Indian Penal Code Section 153A, promoting enmity between groups in religion is a cognizable offence?
- d) Are you aware of the fact that Benny Hinn was guilty of an offence under this section for making provocative anti-Hindu statements before large crowds?
- e) Is it part of Sonia Congress ideology that anti-Hindu statements made by Indian Nationals are only ordinarily Secular and non-communal and those made by foreigners are extraordinarily secular and non-communal in character?
- f) Is there any proposal sent by Government of Karnataka to the Government of India for the appointment of Benny Hinn as Chairman of the Christian Minorities Commission at the national level?
- g) Are you aware of the view that with Benny Hinn praying for India and the stories of sick people being cured through necromancy, Benny Hinn can also be arrested by the police on charges under the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisement) Act-1954? (This Act gives power to arrest the offenders even when there are no complaints lodged by anybody. Police can initiate action *suo moto* and charge sheet the accused).
- h) Do you sincerely believe that Benny Hinn is in the authentic tradition of great and revered saints like Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Francis Xavier, Saint Loyola and the like?

Dr.S.L.Bhyrappa, a noted litterateur, has come down heavily on the ‘**Pray for India**’ mission of Benny Hinn. He has stated: “Christian Missionaries have millions of dollars, donated by rich Christian Nations to be used for the conversion of the gullible into Christianity.....in my novel Dharmashree I have written about how Christians use their religion to convert the credulous multitude in India”.

Eminent Kannada litterateur also expressed his reservations about Chief Minister N.Dharam Singh attending religious prayer meetings of Benny Hinn at Bangalore on January 21<sup>st</sup> 2005.

In June 1995 the **Chicago Tribune** reported that Pope John Paul II had urged the Roman Catholic Church to seize the ‘*particularly propitious*’ occasion of the New Millennium to recognize the ‘*dark side of its history*’. In a 1994 confidential letter to Cardinals which was later leaked to the Italian Press, he asked:

***“How one can remain silent about the many forms of violence perpetrated in the name of the Faith---wars of religion, tribunals of the Inquisition and other forms of violations of the rights of persons?”***

Unfortunately too many have remained silent While historians have certainly written about the dark side of Christian history, their words have largely stayed within the confines of academe. And few have written of Christianity’s role in creating a world in which people feel alienated from the Sacred. In this context Helen Ellerbe in her popular book “**THE DARK SIDE OF CHRISTIAN HISTORY**” has observed:

**“The Christian Church has left a legacy, a world view, that permeates every aspect of Western Society, both secular and religious. It is a legacy which fosters sexism, racism, the intolerance of difference and the destruction of the natural environment. The church, throughout much of its history, has demonstrated a disregard for human freedom, dignity, and self-determination. It has attempted to control, contain and confine spirituality, the relationship between an individual and God. As a result, Christianity has helped to create a society in which people are alienated not only from each other but also from the Divine”.**

As we have ignored the horror of Christian history, so we have ignored the scrutiny of Christian beliefs and their pervasiveness in our seemingly Godless modern world. Without scrutiny, the destructive patterns have continued to alienate people from God, their natural environment, and each other.

The only statesman in world history who clearly saw the real horrors of Christianity like a hedgehog was **Thomas Jefferson** who observed with clairvoyancy in 1785:

**“Millions of innocent men, women and children, since the introduction of Christianity, have been burnt, tortured, fined, imprisoned; yet we have not advanced one inch towards uniformity. What has been the effect of**

**coercion? To make one-half of the world fools, and the other half hypocrites. To support error and roguery all over the earth”.**

**FORTUNATELY FOR THOMAS JEFFERSON HE WAS AN AMERICAN AND NOT AN INDIAN. IF HE HAD BEEN IN INDIA TODAY, DHARAM SINGH WOULD HAVE DISMISSED HIM AS A RABIDLY COMMUNAL AND NON-SECULAR HINDU. IN ADDITION IN TAMIL NADU, HE WOULD HAVE QUALIFIED FOR ARREST UNDER THE GOONDAS ACT.**

Thomas Jefferson made it clear that the belief in a singular supremacy lies at the root of chauvinism, racism and totalitarianism. It is a reminder to us all that we must move towards a world that values diversity, freedom and human dignity. Why should we not embrace the hope and pursue the dream that humanity can be free to act humanely?

## **Militarising Hindu – a debate to be looked upon**

**Dr. Shiv Kumar Poojari**

The history of Bharat is blood stained and what has been taught to the children is secular history. While Hindus are taught secular history, continuous propaganda by Islamic and Christian sects teach total intolerance to Hinduism. When would we realize that our children would be at the receiving end by the turn of another decade?

If we do not understand the clear and present danger lurking on our head then unfortunately it is assumed that, the whole hindu civilization will be drowned. As clearly stated in Quran that none other religion is tolerable and the same is taught in the Madarsas and encouraged to pick up arms against Hindu's. Looting, Killing, Raping and torturing Hindu is a holy activity according to the prophet in the quran.

Seeing the recent history and our fragile democratic set-up I think it will be matter of time that the whole civilization will perish. Anyone who picks up gun is called and the negotiation starts, but when someone protests against the violation of his rights it falls to deaf ears.

All terrorist outfits like Hurriyat Conference, NSCM (North east), PWD, etc., name them and they are in negotiation stage with the government. Does it not mean that till some Hindu organization takes up arms and start killing the anti-nationals the government won't listen? The same was the case with Punjab Militancy, they were called repeatedly by then government to lay down arms and they were gifted with Land and Money, in some cases even Police jobs. Is it not the time that someone should take a initiative to start pounding the Islamic Fundamentalists so that their father Pakistan and Middle-east get clear message.

Please write back to send your views on this debate on [chanakyaguru@gmail.com](mailto:chanakyaguru@gmail.com)

## विदेशी वस्तु त्याग कर बोलो वन्देमातरम्

| वस्तु                                 | स्वदेशी उत्पादन-प्रयोग करें  | बहुराष्ट्रीय कंपनियों के उत्पादन - बहिष्कार करें   |
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| नहाने का साबुन                        | संतूर, निरमा स्वास्तिक, मैसूर सैंडल, विप्रो-शिकाकाई, मेडिमिक्स, गंगा, सिंघाल, तथा लघु-उद्योग के अन्य स्थानीय उत्पादन   | लक्स, लिरेल, लाइफबॉय, पियर्स, रेक्सोना, हमाम, जय, मोती, क्रैमे, डैव, पौड्स, पामऑलिव, जॉन्सन, विलएरसिल, डेटॉल, लेसा-न्सी, जर्मीन, गार्सडमिस्ट, लक्मे, अंगदे, क्वांटम, मार्गो  |
| कपड़े धोने का साबुन                   | निरमा, अंबटो, विमल, हीपोलीन, टी-सीरीज, डेट, फेना, उजाला, शुद्ध, ईजी, घड़ी, जेटिल, 555, बॉबी, मंजुला तथा लघु-कुटीर उद्योग के अन्य उत्पादन   | सनलाईट, व्हील, एरियल, चोक, डबल, ट्रीलो, ५०९, ओके, की, रिबेल, अंमवे, क्वांटम, सार्फ एक्सेल, रिन, विम्बार्, रॉबिन ब्लू, और हिन्दुस्तान लीवर लिमिटेड के अन्य उत्पादन  |
| सौंदर्य प्रसाधन औषधि                  | टिप्स एण्ड टोज, श्रुंगार, सिंधील, संतूर, इमामी, बोरोप्लस, तुलसी, बीको टर्मरिफ, अर्निका, हेयर एण्ड केयर, हिमानी, पॅराशूट, फेम, केडिला, स्विस्, डाबर, फ्रैंको, अपका, खंडेलवाल, टोरेंट फार्मा, युनिकेम, झंडु फार्मा, हिमालया, महर्षि आयुर्वेद, बलसारा जे. के. डाबर, झंडु सांडू, वैद्यनाथ, हिमालय, भास्कर, बोरोलीन, बजाज सेवास्रम, कोकोराज, मूव, क्रैक क्रीम, पार्क एवेन्यू तथा लघु-कुटीर उद्योग के अन्य स्थानीय उत्पादन | जॉन्सन, पौण्डस, ओल्ड, क्लियरसिल, ब्रिलक्रीम, फेयर एण्ड लवली, वेल्वेट, मेडीकेयर, लेवेडर, नायसिल, शॉवर टू, शॉवर, क्यूटीकुस, लिरेल, लॅक्मे, डेनिम, ऑरगॉनिकस, पेन्टिन, रूट्स, हेड एण्ड शोल्डर, अंमवे, क्वांटम, क्लीनिक, निहार, कोको केयर, ग्लैवर्स, नवराटिस, |
| टुथपेस्ट दंतमंजन दुग्धब्रश            | बबूल, प्रॉमिस, विको अँकर, डाबर, मिसवाक, अजय, हर्बोडेंट, अर्जता, गरवारे, ब्रश, क्लासिक, ईगल, बंदर छाप, वैद्यनाथ, इमामी तथा स्थानीय उत्पादन  | कॉलगेट, सिबाका, क्लोजअप, पेप्सोडेंट, सिग्नल, मैक्लीन्स, प्रुडेंट, अंमवे, क्वांटम, अक्वा फेश, नीम, ओरल-बी, फोरहैन्स   |
| दाढ़ी का साबुन ब्लेडस                 | गोंदरेज, इमामी, सुपर, सुपरमैक्स, अशोक, बी-जॉन, टोपाज, प्रीमियम, पार्क एवेन्यू, लेझर, विद्युत, जे.के., तथा अन्य स्थानीय उत्पादन   | पामऑलिव, ओल्ड स्पाईस, निविया, पौण्डस, प्लैटिनम, जिलेट, सेवेन-ओ-क्नाक, विलमैन, विल्टेज, अर्रैमिक रिवस, लॅक्मे, डेनिम  |
| शिकट चॉकलेट दुग्ध उत्पादन ब्रेड       | न्यूट्रीन, शाश्रीला, चॅम्पियन, अॅम्प्रो, मारले, साठे, बेकमन, प्रियागोल्ड, मोनैको, क्रैकजैक, गिट्स, शालीमार, पैरी, रावलगांव, क्लासिक, अमूल, न्यूट्रामूल, विजया, इंडाना, सफल, एशियन, बेरका, मधु, महान, गोपी, हिमधी, वीटा तथा अन्य स्थानीय उत्पादन  | ब्रिटानिया-गुड डे, टाईगर, मैरी, नेसले, कॅडबरी, बोर्नविटा, हॉर्लिक्स, बूस्ट, मिलकमेड, किसान, मैगी, कैरेक्स, अनिकस्टो, कॉम्प्लान, क्विटकैट, चाज, एक्लेअर, मॉडर्न ब्रेड, ब्रिटानिया ब्रेड, माल्टोया, श्विया, माइलो  |
| घोंघ कर्षी                            | गिरनार, टाटा टी, आसाम टी, सोसायटी, डंकन, ब्रह्ममपुत्र, तैज, टाटा कॅफे, टाटा-टेटली और अन्य स्थानीय उत्पादन  | बुक ब्रांड, ताजमहल, रेड-लेबल, डायमंड, लिप्टन, ग्रीन लेबल, टाईगर, नेसकॅफे, नेसले, डेल्टा, ब्रू, सनराईज, थी फ्लायर्स   |
| शीतपेय शरबत, चटनी अथवा मुरब्बा        | गुरुजी, ओन्जुस, ज़ाम्पिन, सीरो, पिगो, फ्रूटी, आस्वाद, डाबर, माला, सॅजर्स, विसलेरी, रसना, हमदर्द, मैप्रो, रेनबो, कॅल्वर्ट, सीटेम्ब्लिका, रूह-आफजा, जय गजानन, इल्दरीराम, गोकुल, बीकानेर, वेकफील्ड, नोगा, प्रिया, अशोक, मदर्स रेसेपी, उना, एच.पी.एम.सी. उत्पादन, हिम तथा अन्य स्थानीय उत्पादन   | लेहर, पेप्सी, सेवन-अप, मिरीडा, टीग, कोका-कोला, मॅकडोवेल, मॅंगोला, गोल्डरपॉट, लिम्का, सिट्रा, थम्स-अप, रिश्रंट, डयूक्स, फॅन्टा, कॅडबरी, कॅनडा ड्राय, क्रश   |
| आईस्क्रीम                             | अमूल, हिमालय, निरुला, मदर डेयरी, विंडी, वेरेका तथा अन्य स्थानीय उत्पादन  | कॅडबरी, डॉलॉप, नाईस, बुक ब्रांड के उत्पादन, क्वालिटी वॉल्स, बास्कीन-रॉबिन्स, यांकी-डूडल्स, कॉरनेटो   |
| खाद्यतेल खाद्यपदार्थ                  | मारुति, पोस्टमैन, धारा, सॉकेट, गिन्नी, स्वीकार, कॉरनेला रथ, मोहन, उमंग, विजया, सपन, पॅराशूट, अशोक, संफोला, कोहिनूर, मधुर, इंजन, गगन, अमृत, बनरघति, रामदेव, एमडीएच, एबरेस्ट, बेडेकर, सहकार, लिज्जत, गणेश, शक्तिभोग आटा, टाटा नमक, तथा अन्य स्थानीय उत्पादन  | डालडा, क्रिस्टल, लिप्टल, अन्नपूर्णा नमक, आटा और घघाती, मैगी, किसान, तरला, ब्रक-बॉड, पिल्लबरी आटा, कॅप्टन कुक नमक और आटा, मॉडर्न घघाती, कारगिल आटा  |
| विद्युत उपकरण गृहोपयोगी वस्तु घड़ियां | विडियोकॉन, बी.पी.एल, ओनिडा, सलोरा, ईटीएण्डटी, टी-सीरीज, नेल्को, वेस्टन, अपट्रान, केल्ट्रान, कॉस्मिक, टीबीएस, गोदरेज, क्राउन, बजाज, उषा, पोलर, एँकर, सूर्या, ओरिएन्ट, सिन्नी, टूल्सू, ब्रॉम्पटन, लायडस, ब्लू स्टार, कोल्टास, कूल होम, खेतान, एक्वेडी, जीप, नोविनो, निर्लेप, इलाईट, जयको, टाइटन, अजन्ता, एचएमटी, मैक्सिमा, आल्विन, घड़ी, बंगाल, मैसूर, हॉकिन्स, प्रेस्टीज, प्रेशर कुकर तथा स्थानीय उत्पादन             | जीईसी, फिलिप्स, सोनी, टीडीके, निप्पो, नेशनल-पेनासोनिक, शार्प, जीई, व्हर्लपूल, सैमसंग, देवू, तोशिबा, एल जी, हिताची, थॉमसन, इलेक्ट्रोलक्स, अकाई, सानरसूई, कैनबुड, आइवा, ऑल्विन फ़िज, कैरियर, कौका, टपरवेयर, जापान लाईफ, ओमेगा, टाइमेक्स, राडो              |
| लेखन सामग्री                          | जीफ्लो, विलसन, कैम्पिन, रेव्हलॉन, रोटामेंक, सेलो, स्टिक, घुदा, मॉटेक्स, कैमल, बिट्टू स्टिक, प्लेटो, त्रिवेणी, पलोरा, अप्सरा, नटराज, हिन्दुस्तान, लोटस कैम, लिंक तथा अन्य स्थानीय उत्पादन   | पार्कर, पायलट, विडसर-न्यूट्रान, फ़ैबर-कैसेल, लक्जरी बिक, गॉट ब्लैक, कोरस, असे, रोटरिंग   |
| जूते, चप्पल पॉलिश                     | लखानी, लिबर्टी स्टैन्डर्स, एक्शन, पैरागॉन, पलॅश, करोना, बेलकम, रेक्सोना, रिलैक्सो, लोटस, रेड-टैप, फिनिक्स, वायरिंग, बिल्ली, कार्नोबा, किवी शू, पालिश तथा अन्य स्थानीय उत्पादन  | बाटा, पायलट, चेरी-ब्लॉसम, आदिदास, रिबॉक, नाइक, लोकूपर, मैसोलीन   |
| तैयार कपड़े                           | मफतलाल, ट्रेड, कॉम्बिज, डबल बुल, झोडिएक, अरविंद डेनिम, डॉन, प्रोलीन, टीटी, लक्स, अमूल, वीआईपी, रूपा, रेमण्ड, पार्क एवेन्यू, अल्टिमो, न्यूपोर्ट, किलर, फ्लाइंग मशीन, डयूक्स, कोलकाता, लुधियाना, तथा तिरुपुर के सभी हीजरी सहित अन्य स्थानीय उत्पादन  | सी के सभी उत्पाद, पीटर इंग्लैंड, बर्लिंगटन, अॅरो लकोस्ट, सॅनफिस्को, कलरप्लस, व्हॅन हुसेन, लुई फिलिप, लेविंस, पेपे जीन्स, रैगलर, बेनेटोन, रीड एण्ड टैलर, अॅलेन, बायफोर्ड  |