

Perverse 'art' of subverting the 'spirit' itself!

Think "Utopia" is unrealistic daydream? Then "Dystopia" will be your reality

Mitron, zara sambhal ke. Saathiyon: Hoshiyaar. Beware.

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News: Big Man-Strongman-Maha Neta wishes to see India as a global spiritual hub

He stresses on embracing yoga to face uncertainties of life

Such are perhaps the adverse effects of Kali Yug / digitalized high-tech era that the thin line that separates the genuine and the fraudulent is getting increasingly thinner, blurring so much it all could appear the same, identical, uniform, or homogenous.

And, lest we forget, beware the pitfalls, or tricky aspects, of languages, especially English.

Like, the Oxford dictionary (lexico.com) lists as many as 15 meanings/usages of "spirit".

"Spirituality", thus, could be highly misleading, a loaded word. Lexico says: [the devil can quote scripture for his purpose](#). Beware.

That is not to say everyone who uses the word "spirit" or "spirituality" is a potential Devil. Nor does it mean you have to be paranoid and start suspecting everyone. It just means you must **be on your guard, alert, vigilant, aware, CONSCIOUS, if you care for Truth.**

Why Truth matters

And you must care for Truth. For, "Truth, the whole Truth, and nothing but the Truth", alone can save your ass, given the fraught situation across the world today, full of alleged "conspiracy theories" relating to the pandemic, vaccines, so forth. Intellectual laziness is NOT an option.

Don't take anything at face value. Nothing is as it seems. Nothing seems as it is. "Truth", Mark Twain said famously, "is stranger than fiction."

You must think. You mustn't generalize or go absolutist or primitive. You must use not just *mind* or basic *intelligence* but also *intellect*.

Intelligence and intellect

What is the difference between intelligence and intellect? Good question, isn't it?

Let's say a petroleum-fueled small wealthy nation full of orthodox religious elements and undemocratic clique of royals (who claim / hold power through heredity as inheritance) sends a satellite to another planet for the first time.

Media hails it (of course) as a breakthrough, a great milestone in science and technology.

Immediately, the media discourse encourages basic "intelligence" to jump to a conclusion. "Oh, what a progressive nation. It's changing with the times, for the better. It's becoming liberal, modern. It's worthy of admiration and emulation."

The human brain wants to conserve energy by working less, not more. Here, working should mean thinking. The natural tendency is to think less, not more. There's an evolutionary purpose behind that.

Now, the same nation makes news for allegedly keeping a woman (daughter) of the royal family as a hostage.

Can we continue to stick to the previous lazy narrative that we were encouraged/tricked to arrive at or "embrace"?

Should we just drastically reverse our opinion? Should we say the nation is as regressive and orthodox as ever, and the sci-tech space missions and such are a hogwash to hoodwink people?

Or, should we examine the timing of the selfsame media "expose"? Is the "story" about the royal princess being held hostage by her own family deliberately timed to undermine the nation's progressive march?

Connect the right dots

Or, does the wealthy petroleum nation have dark secrets to hide, the gravity of which is so strong that an odd seemingly-progressive step wouldn't make much of a difference at the big-picture level? How does the nation deal with foreign workers without whom its economy would collapse? Does it treat them fairly? Or does it ill-treat them? Did it establish diplomatic relations with a certain country recently? Is all this somehow related to the anticipated decreasing role of petroleum or fossil fuels in the future, which is expected to be dominated by clean, green, non-fossil energy resources like solar, wind, hydrogen, etc?

Are all these facts related, inter-linked? Are these the right dots to connect? If you connect the dots, is there a clear, reasonable, plausible narrative? Or, is this some stupid's speculation, output of fertile imagination?

Use intellect. As well as intuition. No one is obliged to serve Truth on a platter to you. If you expect media or experts to do the thinking for you because you are intellectually lazy, or busy with your own priorities, then you'll never be able to distinguish the genuine from the fraudulent.

And such laziness could eventually determine whether you will live or die, given the fraught situation across the world today, full of alleged "conspiracy theories" relating to the pandemic, vaccines, so forth.

Are some people deliberately labelling truth as “conspiracy theory”? Is Devil quoting the scripture? Be on your guard, alert, vigilant, aware, CONSCIOUS.

Another instance: another bigger, infinitely richer petroleum kingdom (dominated by the most orthodox version of a leading faith), and virtually ruled by a powerful royal prince, is portrayed as turning the tide, becoming progressive, allowing women to drive cars on roads, visit cinemas, display freeflowing hair.

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Next: a brutal, heinous, high-tech liquidation of a scribe. That too on foreign soil, in the most unseemly, unlikeliest place. The entire world is shocked. Truth is promised by some but never revealed. People lose interest after a while. “Public memory is short.”

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Not just the ruling elites, even the Big Spirituality Inc, a collection of global-scale MNCs in disguise, are capable of hoodwinking us, the ordinary people.

Keywords hold the key

Keywords, key signs: Flowing beards, sonorous voice, deep, piercing eyes, mesmeric speeches, profound discourses, hypnotic effect, sweet demeanor, full of love and compassion, “spirituality”, philanthropy, charity, “do good”, “karma”, etc.

More keywords: crimes, rapes, murders, scandals.

Some more keywords: “spiritual” products (books, tapes, calendars, incense, images, handicraft, paintings, audio-books, DVDs, etc), services (satsang/communion, spiritual retreats, spiritual workshops, seminars, consultations, yoga, breathing exercises), donations, sales, profits, awards.

All frauds? Only some of them are frauds? Or, those who “expose” them are frauds?

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Not just the ruling elites. Not just Big Spirituality Inc. Not just Big Pharma. Not just Big Healthcare. Not just Big Tech. Not just Big VC-PE firms. Not just Big Finance. Not just Big Education. Not just Big Media & Entertainment. Not just Big Sport. Not just Big....

But, but, but...

Middle Class Are Culpable

But also “Big Middle-Class” (non-elites) – the majority in any community, society, geography or race.

The middle-class people are no less culpable. **The Truth involves us all.**

Imagine Mother Nature is observing us all silently inside out. Or, say, Cosmic Consciousness is observing from outside, from up above, all the lands, societies, communities, and all the “hubs” of spirituality.

What will Mother Nature and “Holy Father” detect?

Language, to reiterate, could be used cleverly to disseminate certain mixed-messages. Devil, too, can quote scripture.

Self-reliance = don’t come running to me for help, succour, you sucker; sarkar’s job is not to defend and protect you. Fend for yourself. Am busy. We the elites and the rulers are busy.

Embrace yoga = Fend for yourself, you sucker. We are busy.

Suckers or spiritual?

Are middle-class people suckers? Don’t they deserve better? Do they?

Are ordinary people “spiritual”?

Migrant labour’s woes during the sudden lockdown exposes the nation’s dark underbelly, the shameful social fabric that is in tatters.

Farmer’s travails in sub-zero temperatures for months on end exposes the nation’s ... busyness.

But, Mother Nature and Holy Father might see among the ordinary people, the majority, the same elitist attitude: “You suckers, don’t expect any help or solidarity from us. We are busy. We are busy watching “greatest” cricket (tennis / football / boxing / golf / whatever), livestreaming, e-shopping, reality TV. We are busy working from home. We are busy with our kids’ home education. We are busy sharing selfies, good-morning cheery messages, ideologies, troll messages, bullying messages, inane content, etc, on social media. We, including women, the Great Fake Feminists, are busy networking, building contacts, working contacts to somehow secure booze even during lockdowns, or lining up in km-long queues for cigarettes or liquor. We don’t have time for the world. We are very focused on our priorities. You the downtrodden suckers, fend for yourself. The elites’ responsibility it is to take care of you. We pay taxes. We don’t break law. We conform to social customs, cultural traditions. We mind our own business. We vote (and share selfies of inked fingers on social media). Come rain, come shine, it’s business as usual for us. *Paapi paytt ka sawaal hai* (livelihood is a sinful fight).”

And: “Oh, come on now, give us a break, you holier-than-thou pseudo-intellectuals. Spare us your BS. Come to your senses. Everything will be fine eventually. This, too, shall pass. Just bide your time. Be patient. We can ride it out. Just hold tight. The fittest shall survive.”

And: “Oh my! My pal / relative / acquaintance / colleague’s parent died of COVID. He/she had a harrowing time. Horrible hospitals. They are looting, making money out of death. No social infrastructure at all. Terrible *yaar*.”

The nation’s commercial capital. Full of celebrities, billionaires, iconic tweeters, Bharat Ratnas, wannabe Ratnas. Padmas. Home, too, to the continent’s largest slum, exposed by an Oscar-winning movie. But what the heck. “Don’t look at it. Don’t worry about it. Just get on with it.”

And: “Vaccines are coming. Chill.” But, wait a second – virus variants are coming too. Chill.

The second and third waves, it is said, are the killer ones, the lethal ones.

And: “Scare-monger! Fear-monger! Dark tongue. Acid tongue. Shame on you.”

Utopia or Dystopia?

And: “Don’t give me that Utopia BS dear.”

Well, if you think Utopia is a crazy dream that should never be pursued, what’s it you get instead? Dystopia, dear!

Don’t take my word for it. Look around. Rub your eyes. Smell the coffee. Grasp the Truth.

Which is better between the two? Utopia? Dystopia? You know the Truth. Don’t expect others to serve it to you on a platter. Work for it. Co-create it. Or plunge deeper into dystopia.

Who are your true friends? Who bring true value to your life?

The elites? The charlatans? The con artists? Pseudo-elites among the Middle Class? Mavericks among peers? Non-conformists? The maid who cleans your home? The nanny/babysitter? The farmer who brings rice/wheat, etc, to your table?

Think! Think you must. Transcend intelligence, use intellect. Value Truth. For “Truth alone shall triumph”. Become the “global hub” of genuine “spirituality”.