

Dear Sir:

Conversion Is Not Prerogative Of Muslims and Christians

I was amazed to read this article in TOI. Our founding fathers, never mentioned the word SECULAR in the constitution. They knew that India is a Hindu majority country.

The word secular was inserted by non-Hindu PM Indira Gandhi during emergency to safeguard her and her family interests - dynasty. **Till date, nobody has defined what secularism in India is.**

I am reproducing below, what Gandhi said about conversions:

QUOTE

Mahatma Gandhi:

"I disbelieve in the conversion of one person by another. My effort should never be to undermine another's faith. This implies belief in the truth of all religions and, therefore, respect for them. It implies true humility ".

(Young India: April 23, 1931)

"It is impossible for me to reconcile myself to the idea of conversion after the style that goes on in India and elsewhere today. It is an error which is perhaps the greatest impediment to the world's progress toward peace. Why should a Christian want to convert a Hindu to Christianity? Why should he not be satisfied if the Hindu is a good or godly man? "

(Harijan: January 30, 1937)

"My fear is that though Christian friends nowadays do not say or admit it that Hindu religion is untrue, they must harbor in their breast that Hinduism is an error and that Christianity, as they believe it, is the only true religion. so far as one can understand the present (Christian)

effort, it is to uproot Hinduism from her very foundation and replace it by another faith."

(Harijan: March 13, 1937)

"If I had the power and could legislate, I should stop all proselytizing . In Hindu households the advent of a missionary has meant the disruption of the family coming in the wake of change of dress, manners, language, food and drink."

(November 5, 1935)

UNQUOTE

You (the author of the article) are also wrong about Ambedkar. What Ambedkar told Gandhiji at the time of partition? Ambedkar told Gandhi that all Muslims must be sent back to Pakistan, as Ambedkar felt that Muslims can never co-exist with Hindus. He wanted exchange of population. Rajendra Prasad told Gandhi that in case Muslims are detained in India, then they must be disenfranchised. So much for the constitution.

Tell me one positive point WHY INDIA MUST BE SECULAR. You will never answer this question.

Pakistan is an Islamic state, so also Bangladesh. The Hindu population in Pakistan has dwindled from 18% at the time of partition, to the present less than 1%. Why? Similarly, in Bangladesh, the Hindu population has dwindled to the present 7% from 33% at the time of partition. Why?

Bush said, America is a Christian country and we are proud of it. The Australian PM said that we are whites, we are Christians and if you want to live in Australia, follow Australian ethos; otherwise get out.

German, Merkel said that we are Christians and whites and if you want to live in Germany, be a German. Otherwise, you are free to go.

The Muslim population in India, has grown from 4 crores - at the time of partition, to the present level of 24 crores. What is shown?

The Christian population has made tremendous strides. See north East, Kerala, Tamilnadu, and Andhra etc. Christians never reveal the number because, the converts stick to the Hindu traditions and names, to avail the reservation and other benefits.

Tell me one place in the world - where Hindus enjoy the minority status like Muslims and Christians in India?

Once Nehru (I think in 1948) told a gathering in Banaras Hindu University - there is no Christian or Muslim. All are from the same Hindu stock.

Your (article author's) paper gives the impression that Hindus should not indulge in conversion. It is the prerogative of Christians and Muslims.

I never thought that TOI will misguide public without telling true facts.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely

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