

On Abolishing the Hindu Caste System

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This short article describes what is the caste system, why it is hated, and how to abolish it.

What is the caste system?

The Hindus' current caste system groups the Vedic society in four main groups. In the order of hierarchy from higher to lower castes are: Brahmins, Kshatriyas, Vaishyas, and Shudras.

Additionally:

1. One's caste is determined by one's birth. Thus, one's caste is the cast of one's parent, especially of the father.
2. Unfortunately, many who thinks one's self belonging to a higher caste looks down, disrespects, hates, discriminates, or exploits the so called lower caste person, especially if the person is poor.
3. Financially upper class marry inter-caste or inter-religion as they choose per financial and talent compatibility. The financially middle and lower-class people generally prefer to marry within their own castes.
4. The practice of untouchability is illegal. However, if one is doing worship of god after cleaning one's self, one would not prefer to touch anyone who is not clean.

Why the caste system is hated?

It is hated because:

1. The caste is determined by birth, not by one's guna (qualities) and karma (how one earns one's living.) The Vedic dharma scriptures tell that one's varna (Vedic social class) is determined by one's guna and karma, not by one's birth.
2. The new generation, influenced by the West, and the Bollywood, move away from the Vedic tradition and develop friendly or loving relations with the opposite sex person. When they fall in love, they disregard their caste or religion compatibility against the will of society.
3. The so called lower caste people suffer due to unhuman treatment by the so called upper caste people.
4. The Christians hate it, and never miss any opportunity to slander the caste system to show that Christianity is the best religion and the Hindus need to convert.

How to abolish the caste system?

Let us understand the caste system first. It has two components:

1. **Identifying a person belonging to a social class.** This human tendency to classifying a person, place, time period, thing, or idea in different category or class or type or group will never stop. It happens naturally. Life requires people to decide if something is good

or bad, beneficial or harmful, friendly or unfriendly, pleasing or frightening, peaceful or terrorizing, etc. Therefore, just the mental classifying act has no harm.

2. How one acts or reacts after classifying another person?

Everyone is free to choose how to act or react to another person's act no matter what cast another person is. Therefore, here is a full scope where change is possible and needed. The Vedic dharma of the Hindus, the most ancient, is universal religion for mankind. It provides a number of ways (yogas) for advancing spiritually. One can pick any one yoga, practice it regularly in life, and advance spiritually. A spiritually normal or advanced person will never mistreat, hate, exploit, look down or insult another human no matter what caste another person is. Now, most people already know if they are behaving nicely or not nicely with another person. They do not need to read Bhagavad Gita to know it. However, if they read Bhagavad Gita, and strive to live per dharma as provided in the Gita, that will speed up their spiritual advancement.

So, the bottom line summary is: Abolish the caste system by doing these things:

1. Be human,
2. act humanely,
3. give due respect to each human,
4. never exploit poor or so called lower caste person,
5. never keep an ego of belonging to a higher caste (the caste by birth is mal-practice of the Vedic varna-aashram system; and so, it is adharma),
6. abolish the current quota system providing free and unqualified benefits to so called lower castes because it keeps every beneficiary shudra a shudra. A spiritually advanced shudra or human will refuse to accept free benefits from the quota system
7. Defame those who mistreat so called lower caste persons or humans. Gov't should punish them too.
8. What else?

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