



EDITORIAL

BE STRONG AND FIRM IN YOUR FAITH

“Father Nathan, what is the best solution to solve this problem”?

“Your Excellencies, it is up to you as Papal delegation to find the solution after your meeting various groups in the archdiocese” I replied.

The Papal Commission comprising Thomas Menampampil (Bishop Emeritus of Guwahati diocese), Thomas Dabre, Aux.Bishop of Bombay, Agnelo Gracias (Bishop of Poona) have met lay and religious groups belonging to different language sections very particularly Thamizh and Kannada speaking groups in the Bangalore archdiocese. They were here to collect data about the problems that the archdiocese is facing since more than 3 decades.

I was the third individual to have met the papal delegation on the first day of their mission in Bangalore.

Thamizh and Kannada priests, nuns, laity from Bangalore, Mysore, Shimoga, KGF, and from various places came to the National Biblical Catechetical Liturgical Centre (NBCLC) here in Bangalore on 16, 17, 18 and 19 July 2012 and met the Papal Commission.

The Commission members namely the Bishops were calm, understanding and patient listening to the hues and cry of these groups, receiving reports and complaints affecting the liturgy and evangelization process in the archdiocese.

But the fact that cannot be ruled out is that they are Indian origin bishops and alleged that they may likely be biased favouring any particular group taking their own cultural origin and background in mind. The Holy See should have been more pastorally cautious in the selection of the Commission members or if not a fourth member preferably a European or an American bishop could have been added. Where there is more weight (!????), there the men will be inclined to....

In addition to this first meeting, there should be follow up meetings organized later, this time could be along with a 4th or different bishops of different nationalities because the problem is very sensitive, communal but pastoral.

Due to this perennial language conflict in the Bangalore archdiocese the missionary activities and spiritual life of the Catholics in the archdiocese has been affected seriously and severely since 4 decades. In the recent time the conflict has gone to hides that priests and people are spending more time almost like political heads discussing and debating over the language conflict in the archdiocese. In truth, a problem in disguise.....

Now, priests are worked up with this issue instead of concentrating on their life of commitment to the Lord and the flock.... Evangelical activities are sidelined. Gossips, talks among priests are almost centred round the problem and the issue.... psychologically the priests are disturbed and pastorally less motivated, their inter-personal relationship is deeply strained....Group mentality has come up among the religious and the laity in the archdiocese... personal health of the priests in the archdiocese is in danger... UNUM PRESBYTERIUM has become a utopian phenomenon. The mind of Christ is diminishing day by day. Counter witness to Christ is resulted in the Church. Even the newly ordained priests are obsessed with group spirit siding with any group favourable... Communal, linguistic, caste mentality is a deep reef in the mind of so called shepherd of the Catholic flock...There is a dire need for Priests-Priests unity and reconciliation in the archdiocese.

I think this may be the norm in every diocese in India. Local Ordinaries must approach this aspect with elder brotherly attitude.

Statistically out of 410,000 Catholics in the archdiocese of Bangalore a vast majority (70% and above) are Thamizh speaking community and the rest 30% are of other languages such as English, Kannada, Telugu, Konkani, Tigris, and Malayalam. In most of the city parishes Thamizh speaking faithful constitute a vast majority (70% and above). Bangalore archdiocese is multi-lingual, multi-ethnic and multi-communitarian.

Though many Pastoral Commissions were established in the archdiocese of Bangalore to gear up catechetical, devotional, social, Biblical, evangelizing activities, the fruits of these commissions are not still productive and not yet reached fully the common faithful due to the language cum power politics in the archdiocese.

Dissensions, divisions and animosities among priests and laity of the major language groups namely Thamizh and the Kannada-Telugu communities have been making heads towards sporadic conflicts in many parishes in the archdiocese harming the Mystical Body of Christ. Every group is looking for justice from their own point of view.

Believe or not, there is an objective solution for every problem provided all aggressive attempts must be given up. Only prayerful, spiritual and fraternal ways must be adopted. Interference of non-Christian fundamental groups and politicians must be kept out of reach in finding solutions to the problem. It should be done within the four walls of the archdiocese in the framework of Vatican's pastoral guidelines and precepts. One should know Church is higher than the state in the Church's pastoral matters.

The spheres of the problem are liturgy, education, economic development, administration, culture and so on.

Bangalore archdiocese is very unique and rich in its nature unlike any diocese in India. It has been multi-lingual, multi-ethnic and multi-cultural in its nature for the reason that Bangalore is a hub of software companies, and sectors drawing people of all walks of life from all over the world.

Arguing that Bangalore is the capital city of Karnataka and hence only the local language and culture must be honoured in all our spheres of life including worship, one cannot forget the historical fact that Bangalore was a part of the Madras Presidency that earmarked with a big

part of the present Bangalore territory. Thamizh speaking community was here for centuries and Thamizh language was used in most of the people's sectors of life like worship, school education, amusement, and so on. Most of the Bangalore city parishes had only Thamizh and English liturgy. Over the period of time due to cultural and economic revolution and transformation the demand to give priority to the state language and culture that took up a new vision in the recent past.

Another valid argument: If the problem of Bangalore archdiocese is really language in its nature and depth then its wings should have also pervaded not only in the Catholic Church in Bangalore archdiocese but also in non-Catholic denominations, other religious worship places as well. But the reality is only in the Catholic Bangalore archdiocese the fight is intense and serious. Why?

Also why the language fighters did not raise their language supremacy in other religious worship centres if their struggle was for language supremacy?....Is it not for temporal power struggle in the name of language?

One of the former archbishops of Bangalore said once to Media men, "It is not a language problem in Bangalore but it is the problem of few priests for power, position in the archdiocese"

The Holy See guided by the Second Vatican Council, has ruled that mother tongue of the faithful must be given priority in liturgy and education using the term LINGUA VERNACULA which refers to the language spoken by an ethnic group. In no way it refers to the language of the state or land. Regionalism, fundamentalism, fascism should have no place in the modern society nevertheless in the Church thinking.

The Vatican has recommended that liturgical services must be conducted in the mother tongue of the faithful rather than the language of the land alone.

Francis Arinze, the *Prefect Emeritus of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments*, (served as prefect from 2002 to 2008) **derives few points from Sacrosanctum Concilium over mother tongue in the Sacred Liturgy** unfurling the importance of vernacular in the Latin Rite liturgy. He writes: (Source: L'Osservatore Romano, Weekly Edition in English, 23 May 2007, page 8)

1. **The reasons for the introduction of the mother tongue are not far to seek. It promotes better understanding of what the Church is praying, since "Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful be led to that full, conscious and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy... (and which) is their right by reason of their Baptism" (SC, n. 14).**
2. The introduction of local languages into the sacred liturgy of the Latin Rite is a development that did not occur all of a sudden. After the partial experience gained over the preceding years in certain countries, already on 5 and 6 December 1962, after long and sometimes impassioned debates, the Second Vatican Fathers adopted the principle that the use of the **mother tongue**, whether in the Mass or other parts

of the liturgy, frequently may be of advantage to the people. In the following year the Council voted to apply this principle to the Mass, the ritual and the Liturgy of the Hours (cf. [SC](#), nn. 36, 54, 63a, 76, 78, 101).

3. **Article 54 indeed adds: "Wherever a more extended use of the mother tongue within the Mass appears desirable, the regulation laid down in Article 40 of this Constitution is to be observed".** The vernacular had been introduced. The rest is history. **The developments were so fast that many clerics, Religious and lay faithful today are not aware that the Second Vatican Council did not simply introduce the vernacular for all parts of the liturgy.**

He further says, *"The liturgy in the mother tongue expresses not only the theology of the Mass but also our feelings, our sentiments, for example, in front of God's transcendence, majesty, mercy and boundless love (cf. Liturgiam Authenticam, n. 25).* Expressions like "To You most merciful Father, ", "Do not consider what we truly deserve", "All powerful and most merciful Lord", should not be deflated and democratized by some translating iconoclast. In mother tongue of the faithful these words create deep feeling of intimacy with God.

Well, Cardinal Arinze's above discussion gives us more comfortable and vivid answer to the question why do we need mother tongue in the sacred liturgy.

Conclusion

The Papal Commission having met the related groups in the archdiocese will discuss the matter deeply with the Pontifical Council for Evangelization of Peoples and Proclamation and the latter will find a solution catering to all communities particularly the Kannada and Thamizh faithful in the archdiocese. But the solution must be unbiased; The solution should not be culturally based but pastorally oriented. Until then priests and people in the archdiocese must keep praying so that all may be given a suitable solution for all in the archdiocese.

As Christians we cannot afford to be violent, jealous, envying, hatred, divisive in our relationship with one another in the world of untruth. Every priest, nun, lay leader including the chief shepherd must be good shepherds to the flock. We must avoid pretension in our leadership. Transparency is one beautiful virtue that is the need of the hour. Otherwise anti-social and anti-Christian elements that are hiding in the Church as well as in the society will target the church and attack the Mystical Body of Christ in Bangalore accusing our cold war in the want of temporal glory.

"Father may they be one as we are One". Jn.17

UNITED WE STAND IN CHRIST, DIVIDED WE FALL IN SATAN

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Liberated from the British rule

In 1947 Aug 15

Indians fought against the British and won

Still in bondage under selfish leaders

Need to march towards sanitation and health

Leads to self dignity and national pride

Gives the pride we are Indians

Individual transformation- need of the hour

Motherland

The New Indians must work for good of all



Bodily liberation from this life

BVM assumed-Declared in 1950 Aug 15

Mother Mary fought against the world

Totally free from bodily corruption

Pleads for our salvation

Shows the way to the Lord

Leads us to pride on heaven

Individual salvation is aimed - BVM

Mother of humanity

The New Christians must follow Him

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TURN TO THE SCRIPTURE

Interesting facts about the Bible

Here are some truly interesting and cool facts about the Bible. Bring the Bible to life by sharing these fun facts with your family and friends. These are facts about heroes, animals, kings, battles and more.

1. The word Bible comes from the Greek word Biblia, which literally means 'books'. So, reading the Bible is like reading 73 books.
2. About persons engaged in the writing of the Bible, during the period of about 1600 years-i.e, from 1500 BC to AD 100.
3. The authors as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.(2 Pet 1:21). They wrote not in words of human wisdom, but in words divinely thought (1.Cor.2:13)
4. The Bible contains 2 Testaments. The OT contains 46 books, the NT, 27 books.
5. Abraham is the first person in the Bible to be called a Hebrew.
6. The word 'Lord' occurs 1853 times in the Bible.
7. The book of Esther contains 10 chapters, but neither the word ' Lord' nor 'God' is to be found in it.\
8. The shortest OT book is Obediah (Prophetical book). It has 1 chapter with 21 verses.
9. The shortest book in the NT is 2 Jn with 13 verses.
10. The Shortest verse in the OT is I Chronicles 1:25 (Heber, Peleg, Reu.)
11. The shortest verse in the NT is Jn.11:35 (Jesus wept)
12. The longest verse in the Bible is Esther 8:9. It contains 90 words
13. The oldest parable in the Bible is in Judges 9:8-15
14. The OT has more than 60 references to Jesus
15. The NT contains more than 260 OT quotations
16. The longest book in the NT is Acts of the Apostles. It has 28 chapters, Mt also has 28 chapters, but is shorter.\
17. The NT has 7959 verses.
18. The longest word in the Bible is found in Is.8:1 (Maher-shalal-Hash-Baz)
19. The 19th chapter of 2 Kings and the 37th chapter of Isaiah are nearly identical.
20. The Bible holds the distinction of being the first printed book; it was first printed in 1450.
21. The revised version of the whole Bible was published in 1885.
22. The Bible was divided into chapters by Cardinal Hugo in 1250.
23. The NT was divided into verses by Sir.Robert Stephens in 1551.

look for a service road between Seventh Day Advent School and the hospital. Coming down to the dead end of the road, after bypassing many apartments including *The Urban*, a luxury hotel, take left and walk straight (Church Road, to be named so shortly) to the Church to your left.

Walking straight to the dead end from the Oxford House (a Corporate offices building), you will find to your right a tall untraditional structure, *St.Peter's Church*, a different one to your building taste. Welcoming you with praying shape hands, the St.Peter's Church takes you up to the main church building.

If you are new to Rustambagh, you will surely find little hard to locate the church building but once you reach the Church, you can be sure, I guarantee, you will enjoy every bit of the new structure, a unique edifice in itself. Someone commented, 'is this structure foreign in its model?'Waw! Certainly it looks like a foreign styled church with glasses in the front, 4 staircases leading you to church inside.

The moment you get in, you cannot avoid a feast for your eyes namely, 3 stain glass panels depicting 3 life events of St.Peter. They are elegant and beautiful. While the concept was conceived by the parish priest Fr.J.Arokianathan, Mr. Anand Rajan the master mind behind these stain glasses has taken a lot of creativity to design and structure the panels. St.Peter walking on the water of the Sea of Galilee imitating his master Jesus; Jesus empowering Peter with Keys of the entire Church and the letter denying Jesus 3 times in the courtyard of Antonio Fortress are the three pictured glasses very above the main altar sanctuary spectacular indeed!

The new church has a lovely and spacious balcony with rooms attached at either wings of the building. Balcony? Yes... but what about people elderly and physically challenged? Well, a lift will soon be installed. Heard of a lift for the Church here in Bangalore?! Perhaps ours is the first Church to have lift with 3 levels.

In a limited landscape and space this church looks elegant. It took nearly 2 years to complete, although it was quite hard to obtain sanction plan from BBMP (Bangalore City Corporation).

The church floors, altar sanctuary are done with smooth tiles and marbles. Strong wooden benches with cushioned kneelers are placed in the church for the devotees and parishioners that they may pray comfortably and participate in the Holy Eucharist actively.

And many more features in St.Peter's Church, at Rustambagh. Come and visit this church at any time.

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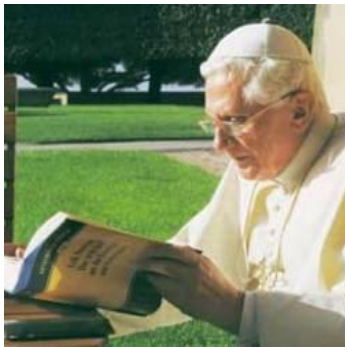
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NEWS FROM VATICAN

The Pope takes a working holiday



Benedict XVI delves into his reading

Benedict XVI is writing the third part of his essay on Jesus and preparing texts and reflections for the Post-Synodal Exhortation on the Middle East, the Year of Faith and the Second Vatican Council's 50th anniversary

The Pope arrived just last Tuesday at Castel Gandolfo, the beautiful town south-east of Rome where he usually spends a period of summer rest. But much of his time is going to be spent studying, praying and writing: "The Pope has started working on his book on Jesus again," Benedict XVI's spokesman, Fr. Federico Lombardi said in a briefing recently. Ratzinger has already published two books on "Jesus of Nazareth" and is now preparing a third on Jesus' childhood.

Lombardi said finishing work on his book "is one of [Benedict XVI's] primary objectives." But over the next few weeks of holidays, the Pope is also aiming to work on the "Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation on the Middle East" as well as "prepare the speeches for his upcoming trip to Lebanon."

Vatican-China relations: Holy See expresses concern over new bishop's arrest



Fr. Federico Lombardi

Fr. Lombardi's response to the increasingly difficult situation involving the country's government, the restrictions to religious freedom and the Holy See's prerogatives

The Holy See's spokesman, Fr. Federico Lombardi chose his words carefully when responding to journalists' questions about the new Auxiliary Bishop of Shanghai, Mgr. Thaddeus Ma Daqin, expressing "regret" for a situation he defined as "anomalous".

The prelate was ordained just last Saturday, with the blessing of both the Holy See and the government in Beijing. But during the rite, Mgr. Ma made an announcement which must not have gone down well with authorities: he was going to leave his position at the Patriotic Association - the official organisation of Chinese Catholics which is recognised by the Chinese government but considered illegitimate by the Vatican – in order to dedicate his time fully to his new role as bishop. Since then, no one has been able to contact Mgr. Ma, who is believed to be held inside the Sheshan Sanctuary in Shanghai, unable to communicate with the outside world.

This was also confirmed by the director of the Vatican Press Office: "We have no direct contact with him and have no detailed information." According to the Vatican spokesman, Mgr. Ma's ordination is "good news" and "was a source of joy and satisfaction" for the

Vatican. All the more reason why he regretted the fact that this “anomalous and negative situation has been created.”

In recent weeks, mutual accusations and condemnations have been fired back and forth between Rome and Beijing. After the Holy See made [the excommunication of the new bishop of Harbin](#), Mgr. Yue Fusheng, (ordained last week without the Pope’s approval) official, the Patriotic Association and the Council of Chinese Bishops - a sort of Episcopal Conference which the Vatican does not recognise either - accused the Vatican of “hindering unity, communion and the healthy growth of the Church in China.” But the two organisations also see Mgr. Ma’s ordination as a “serious violation” and have decided to launch an inquiry into the issue, calling bishops who participated in the ceremony back to Beijing.

Fr. Lombardi did not wish to respond directly to these statements, but only went as far as to highlight that the “Holy See’s position regarding ordinations is very clear, both from an ecclesiological point of view and in terms of the correct procedures to follow.”

According to the Vatican spokesman, one “fundamental problem” remains between China and the Holy See, that is, the distinction between political and religious systems”: “The Church is very clear about the fact that its autonomy must be respected in accordance with the system of the Church which is independent and does not wish to interfere in political affairs. But - he concluded – this is not easy to understand for those who look at this from a different perspective and therefore reason differently, believing they should have a say on the issue.” **ALESSANDRO SPECIALE**
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Cubans are ready to welcome the Pope and see him as a catalyst for change



Dionisio Garcia, archbishop of Santiago de Cuba

People are “proud” that Benedict XVI is coming to their island, and see him as bringing hope and helping push forward the transformation of their country

Cuba is ready to welcome the pope. In Havana a yellow and white papal canopy covers the altar in the Plaza de la Revolucion where Benedict XVI, like his predecessor - John Paul II, will celebrate mass and preach on March 28.

The papal platform stands at the foot of the massive statue of Jose Marti, the Cuban journalist and poet (1853-1895) who fought against the Spanish occupation. When he looks across the Plaza from the altar Pope Benedict will see right opposite him the **bearded face of Fidel Castro on the Ministry of Communications, and the image of Che Guevara on the Ministry of the Interior building, ever present reminders of the revolution that changed this country.**

Everyone one I spoke to in Havana expressed happiness that the Pope is coming, “proud” (“orgulloso”) is the word most frequently used. People look to him to bring “hope”, they want his visit to herald the change that this society greatly needs.

Former President Fidel Castro first tried to reform the economy in the early 1990s but pulled back in 1995, and now his brother and President, Raul, is trying to do so gradually in a country where the Armed Forces control an estimated 60% of the various industries and economic ventures. For most ordinary people life is an uphill struggle, even to get the bare necessities of life is an increasing challenge. The Government is getting rid of ration books for basic necessities, but has also laid-off many people from unprofitable **state run enterprises and so many people are worried how they can manage.** “The socialist economy is in a state of controlled-demolition” with devastating immediate consequences for many people who suddenly find themselves without a job, a Cuban journalist told me.

Many suffer malnutrition, particularly outside Havana. The once esteemed health care system often lacks basic medicines; education too has suffered from poorly trained teachers. “People are discontent and show their resistance by not working the hours they should; they work less hours in their state jobs and use the other hours to try to compensate for their low pay in other enterprising ways”, the journalist added. (GERARD O'CONNELL HAVANA)

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Cardinal John Tong of Hong Kong

He said his client had been motivated by "the desire to do something that could be an act of help, an act of love, towards the pope".

He added: "Obviously the way in which each person expresses (such desires) is subjective and debatable."

Mr Gabriele has had plenty of time to reflect on what he did, after being arrested on May 23, and now regretted the theft of the documents, his lawyer said.

"We can say with absolute certainty that there was no network, there were no plots, either in the Vatican or outside the Vatican, that Paolo was part of," Mr Fusco said.

The butler's legal team insisted that he received no money or other reward for stealing the papers in what has been dubbed the "Vatileaks" scandal, amid perplexion among Vatican analysts over what motivated the theft.

A Vatican magistrate will decide in the next two weeks whether to formally charge Mr Gabriele with "aggravated theft", a crime for which he could be sent to prison for up to six years.

If he is sent to trial, as seems likely, it would start sometime after September.

But it is also likely that he will ask for a personal pardon from the German-born pontiff, his lawyers said.

Meanwhile, Benedict blessed the London Olympics during an audience at his summer residence in the hills outside Rome, Castel Gandolfo.

"I pray that, in the spirit of the Olympic Truce, the goodwill generated by this international sporting event may bear fruit, promoting peace and reconciliation throughout the world," the 85-year-old pontiff said.

"Upon all those attending the London Olympic Games, I invoke the abundant blessings of Almighty God," he said to cheers from the crowd

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NEWS FROM SECULAR WORLD

Bishops condemn blasts in Shia processions

ucanews.com reporter, Lahore, Pakistan January 27, 2011



The site near the bomb blast in Lahore

Bishops in Pakistan have condemned the bomb attacks in Lahore and Karachi in which 15 people died and more than 50 were injured.

Bishop Max Rodrigues of Hyderabad called for reformation of the education system in the country.

“The tragedy is the result of divisive and repulsive thinking. Our country has detracted from the purpose of its creation. Things will get worse in the absence of a positive thought for unification,” he said.

Auxiliary Bishop Sebastian Shah of Lahore termed the violence as a conspiracy to disrupt peace. “People are now afraid to attend big gatherings like marriages and religious events. The bombings are also an alarm for us,” he said.

The Church has for a long time argued for a “balanced curriculum,” saying the present school courses encourage extremism.

Two separate suicide bombs exploded yesterday while members of the Shia community held a procession marking the end of 40 days’ mourning for Prophet Imam Hussain. The bombing in Lahore occurred as the Sunni Muslims flocked to the sufi Data Darbar shrine, situated near a Shia shrine, for the annual gathering. The banned “Movement of Taliban” has accepted the responsibility of the bombings.

Yasir Bokhari, a Shia Muslim in Lahore, says God saved him from the incident. “I was at Karbala Gamy Shah shrine the same morning. People described a teenage boy running towards the police and later detonating himself,” he said adding the same shrine was bombed last Ramadan, the Muslim month of fasting.

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Israel: MP tears up Gospel after calling it an “abominable book”



Ben-Ari rips the New Testament to shreds

Michael Ben-Ari a religious conservative was photographed tearing up a copy of the New Testament which was given to him by Israeli Evangelicals

Yesterday (17.7.2012) a photographer captured the shocking scene of Israeli MP Michael Ben-Ari tearing up a copy of the New Testament and throwing it in the bin. He did not commit this act in just any old place; he did it in the Knesset, the Israeli Parliament. Mr. Ben-Ari is a member of *Halhud HaLeumim* (National Union) a religious Jewish right wing party close to the Occupy Movement.

The gesture - which brings to mind the action of U.S. pastor Terry Jones who set fire to a copy of the Koran - was in response to an “unacceptable provocation” by the Israeli Bible Society, an Evangelical entity which in recent days sent a copy of the New Testament in

Jewish to all 120 Israeli MPs. ““We are pleased to send you this book which we hope will help you and illuminate your way,” the accompanying letter written by Victor Kalisher read. “We hope and pray that this book may help you in your important position in service of the people.”

A very unwise move in a country like Israel where Christian proselytism is a topic that has always caused tension. *Arutz Sheva*, the news agency that is most sympathetic to the religious conservatives, promptly reported the news the other day, with the headline: “Christians Flood Knesset with ‘New Judaism’”. The article said many MPs were furious about this gesture and that Tzipi Hotolevy, a member of the *Likud* party, has specifically asked *Knesset*’s president, Reuven Rivlin, “to put a stop to the dissemination of what she said is outright missionary material in the Knesset.”

But yesterday, Michael Ben-Ari decided to go even further and got a photographer to capture the moment when he publicly ripped the pages out of the book in question and then threw them in the bin. As he did so he said: “This abominable book [the New Testament] brought about the murder of millions of Jews in the Inquisition and autos da f e.” “This is a provocation by church missionaries and there is no doubt that this book and those who sent it belong in the garbage can of history.”

One look at the MP’s CV and it becomes instantly clear as to why he decided to make this gesture. Mr. Ben-Ari who is 48 years old was born to Eastern Jewish parents and grew up in one of the roughest neighbourhoods on the outskirts of Tel Aviv. Today he lives in the Karnei Shomron settlement and is the first Israeli MP to not hide the fact that he is a follower of Meir Kahane, founder of the racist party *Kach*. The party was banned in Israel for inciting anti-Arab hatred after the massacre of 29 Palestinians in 1994 by colonizer Baruc Goldstein at the Tomb of Abraham in Hebron. For this reason, the U.S. has denied him a visa on more than one occasion, referring to U.S. anti-terrorism legislation. In 2009 Mr. Ben-Ari captured people’s attention when he made some inflammatory comments about Benedict XVI’s visit to Israel: “Giving the Pope a State welcome would mean turning one’s back on the millions of Jews who were killed throughout the history of Christianity.”

The MP’s glaring insult to the New Testament could have repercussions for relations between Israel and Evangelical conservatives, who have been one of Prime Minister Netanyahu’s foremost allies in the U.S. The incident comes just a few weeks before Mormon Mitt Romney’s visit to Israel. . (GIORGIO BERNARDELLI
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Batman shooting: cinema staff criticised for gas mask stunt

Cinema-goers sitting down to watch the new Batman film watched in horror as an assistant strolled in wearing a gas mask just like the suspect on the Colorado gun massacre.



Alleged cinema gunman James Holmes appears in court after his shooting spree at a Batman premiere in Aurora, Colorado Photo: Getty Images

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Schoolteacher Elizabeth Atkinson, 24, was in Worcester's Vue cinema with brothers James, 27, and Leo, 19, and said they were "appalled and sickened" by the publicity stunt.

She said a male member of staff walked into the cinema dressed as the film's villain Bane during a screening of the new Batman film on Friday, the same day a gunman also wearing a gas mask opened fire on a US cinema audience.

James Holmes, aged 24, appeared in court in the US yesterday, with his hair dyed red, following the killings which claimed the lives of 12 people, including that of a six-year old girl. The gun attack during a midnight screening of *The Dark Knight Rises* in Aurora, near Denver, left 59 others wounded, many critically.

Elizabeth, from Worcester, said: "In light of the recent and tragic event during the screening of the new Batman film in Aurora, Colorado, I was shocked and appalled by the attitude displayed by the staff at the Vue cinema here in Worcester.

"While the trailers were in progress, one of the cinema attendants entered the screen room wearing a gas mask and stood to the side looking at the audience.

"This is exactly as the gunman in Colorado was reported to have been dressed. I was not the only one who found this to be extremely disconcerting and inappropriate.

"I raised my concerns to other staff members outside, explaining that this attendant was causing discomfort. The response I received was one to suggest that they were either unaware of the recent shooting, or they were indifferent to it.

"I was told simply that he was 'Dressed as the villain, Bane'. It was only when I explained further that the Colorado gunman was also dressed in this way, that the attendant was spoken to and the mask removed.

"One would have expected that the management of the Vue cinema would have been sensitive to this issue and dissuaded the staff members from dressing up. This incident was at best in poor taste, and at worst a sickening lack of respect."

Her brother James has written a letter of complaint to Vue.

a number of ministerial capacities culminated in his first stint as Finance Minister in 1982–84. Mukherjee was Leader of the House in the Rajya Sabha from 1980 to 1985.

Mukherjee was sidelined from the Congress during the Prime Ministership of Rajiv Gandhi, Indira's son. Mukherjee had viewed himself, and not the inexperienced Rajiv, as the rightful successor to Indira following her assassination in 1984. Mukherjee lost out in the ensuing power struggle. He formed his own party, the Rashtriya Samajwadi Congress, which merged with the Congress in 1989 after reaching a compromise with Rajiv Gandhi. Mukherjee's political career revived when Prime Minister P. V. Narasimha Rao appointed him Planning Commission head in 1991 and Foreign Minister in 1995. Following this, as elder statesman of the Congress, Mukherjee was the principal architect of Sonia Gandhi's (Rajiv's widow) entry into politics in the late 1990s.

When the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) came into power in 2004, Mukherjee, never a mass leader, won a Lok Sabha (lower house of Parliament) seat for the first time. From then until his resignation in 2012, Mukherjee was number-two in Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's government. He held a number of key cabinet portfolios—Defence (2004–06), External Affairs (2006–09) and Finance (2009–12)—apart from heading several Groups of Ministers (GoMs) and being Leader of House in the Lok Sabha. After securing the UPA's nomination for the country's Presidency, Mukherjee easily bested P. A. Sangma in the race to Rashtrapati Bhavan, winning 70 percent of the vote.

Writing is easier than publishing. Producing is easier than marketing. Composing music is easier than taking it to the public. Listening is easier than practising. Thinking is easier than articulating. Procreation is easier than bringing up the kids. Sowing is easier than protecting, harvesting and bringing home the crop. Planning is easier than executing.

Well, anything is easier to start than to carry it on till its objectives are achieved. Anything when purchased new is cute and beautiful but its utility and value is almost brushed aside as the time moves on.

Entering into a new house gives us great joy. As people live on in that house, it becomes so used to that the thought and respect for that house becomes almost dull and old.

Mr. Pranab Mukherjee is elected as 13th President of the Free India. He is elected with 69.3% votes. He is considered as an efficient man. His efficiency will be known as time moves on. With all his economic and finance knowledge he is believed to take the nation on right track. But only the time will prove this statement.

Anything that we start is so interesting but as times moves on, we lose interest in it. We lack consistency. Our mind is never satisfied with anything for long. It craves for change. But urge for change in certain spheres of life like marriage, faith, convictions of life will result in harm and loss.

For example: marriage. Marriage is for partnership of husband and wife for whole life. Faith in Triune God (Father Son and Holy Spirit) should be so convincing that no change in faith is permitted in true sense of the word FAITH IN GOD. One cannot afford to dwindle in his/her faith...it should be strong and convincing. He who perseveres till the end will be saved.

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Stowaway Liam Corcoran: boarding a plane was easier than doing my homework

Liam Corcoran, the boy who became a stowaway on a plane to Rome, has said no officials asked to see his travel documents as he boarded a budget airline flight.



Liam Corcoran managed to fly from Manchester to Rome on his own without a passport, ticket or boarding pass



By [Andrew Hough](#), and David Millward

The 11-year-old boy sparked a security alert after managing to fly from Manchester to Rome on his own without a passport, ticket or boarding pass.

The schoolboy passed through security without being checked, before boarding the Jet2.com flight yesterday.

Liam had travelled less than three miles from a nearby shopping centre, before evading five security checks to successfully board flight LS791 to the Italian capital.

The captain was only alerted to the extra passenger when holidaymakers raised concerns during the flight.

Speaking yesterday, Liam said: “Getting on the plane was easier than doing my homework. I didn’t have anything on me and no one asked me for anything. They smiled at me when I went through.”

He said he had just been looking for a lavatory and kept searching until he ended up on the plane.

The 11 year-old told The Sun: “I went to the toilet and sat there but I couldn’t get out. Then ‘whoosh’, we were going up in the sky.”

His mother Mary said she thought her son had been abducted when he slipped away from her in a shop near the airport.

Police phoned her more than four hours after he disappeared to tell her “we have found your son, he’s in Rome”, she said.

“I can’t get my head around it,” she added. “How did he get that far without anyone asking him one question? I just keep thinking how easy it would be for a terrorist, it’s unbelievable.

“All I read about is how airport security is the highest it has ever been. I’m disgusted and I want answers.”

Liam’s father, Aaron Fort, 34, said his son had “been a bit petrified by the enormity of it all”.

“If he had got off the plane as easy as he got on Lord knows what would have happened to him wandering round Rome airport,” he said.

He said his son had been swimming earlier in the day and got into difficulties, which had caused him to panic.

He said: "He wears armbands as he is not the best swimmer and I think he got into difficulties and the lifeguard had to throw him a rope to get him out.

"That sort of incident would have worried him-he is that sort of lad.He would have panicked.

"He must have got changed and given his mother the slip and then walked from the baths in Wythenshawe to the airport.

"It would have taken him about 30 minutes to walk it.

"Once there he seems to have mixed with some other children and followed them on the plane.

"I thought people should be counted on an off but that must not have been the case.’

"He has never had a Passport, never been to Rome and never been abroad.

“When we all lived in Blackpool we would go down to the front and ride on a tram-that’s about it.

“As far I know he has no great love for planes. He would rather kick a ball about.”

Liam's 1,500 mile "adventure" ended on Tuesday night when he returned to Britain unharmed and was reunited with his family.

At least three separate investigations were underway while several staff have been suspended over the security breach.

The incident comes as more than two million people arrive in Britain ahead of the Olympic Games, which open in London on Friday.

"I take any breach of security, very, very seriously," Justine Greening, the Transport Secretary, told the BBC.

"So we are now investigating with Manchester Airport and, indeed the airline, to find out exactly what happened.

"This is an unusual and serious breach and we are keen to find out what has gone on."

A Manchester Airport spokesman described it as an "extremely serious matter".

"It is clear that documentation has not been checked correctly at security and the boarding gate," he added.

"The boy went through full security screening so the safety of passengers and the aircraft was never compromised. It was our responsibility - we absolutely have to answer for that.

"This was a young lad on an adventure."

The drama began at lunchtime yesterday when Liam was reported to Greater Manchester Police as missing.

It appeared he had run away from his 28-year-old mother, Mary, while she was shopping at Wythenshawe Civic Centre, located just over a mile from their home.

It remains unclear how he travelled to the airport, located about two and half miles away, but when he arrived he passed through security in Terminal 1 without any problems.

It was understood that Liam had followed a family when he got to the packed terminal and that security staff scanned him but failed to realise he was on his own and had no boarding card.

He then went to one of the gates where passengers were boarding Jet2.com flight and managed to get past a security check without showing a passport or boarding card.

The airport spokesman said: "He was with a large group of other children, he appeared to be in a family group - for whatever reason he wasn't checked."

It was believed that after he boarded and took a seat, crew failed to carry out an accurate headcount to make sure that the number of passengers and boarding cards matched up.

During the flight, passengers became suspicious and alerted cabin crew.

The captain was informed and radioed back to Manchester, where police informed the boy's mother, he was safe and well but on a plane heading to Italy.

The boy remained on board after landing at Rome Fiumicino Airport, and returned to Manchester on the same plane, where he was met by his mother around 9pm last night.

A number of staff from Manchester Airport and Jet2.com have been suspended. Officials declined to comment further or say how many staff have been suspended.

An airline spokesman said: "On Tuesday, an 11 year old boy cleared security at Manchester Airport, without the necessary paperwork but had been through a full security search.

"The boy then boarded our flight bound for Rome. We have launched a full investigation into what is a serious incident, and the staff involved have been suspended pending the outcome.

"The boy has been returned safely to his family." She declined to comment further.

A Greater Manchester Police spokesman said: "Shortly before 12.40pm on Tuesday... police received a report of a missing 11-year-old boy. The boy was last seen by his mother in a shopping centre in Wythenshawe.

"Officers launched inquiries to trace him, but later became aware that the boy was seen on an aeroplane.

"The boy has now been found safe and well."

Colorado shooting victim on James Holmes: 'I forgive him with all my heart'



By [Dylan Stableford, Yahoo! News](#)



O'Farrill speaks with reporters, July 26, 2012. Click image for more photos. (Aaron Ontiveroz/Denver Post)

It would be understandable for the victims of the Colorado theater shooting and their families to want to seek retribution.

But Pierce O'Farrill, a 28-year-old who was shot three times, says he has forgiven James Holmes, the suspected shooter in last week's Aurora, Colo., massacre.

"Of course, I forgive him with all my heart," O'Farrill [told reporters shortly before his release from the Univ. of Colorado Hospital on Wednesday](#). "When I saw him in his hearing, I felt nothing but sorrow for him--he's just a lost soul right now."

O'Farrill--a staffer at the [Denver Rescue Mission](#), a Christian charity organization that helps "people at their physical and spiritual points of need, with the goal of returning them to society as productive, self-sufficient citizens"--[told the Denver Post](#) he would eventually like to meet Holmes.

"I want to see him sometime," O'Farrill, one of 58 people wounded in the shooting, said. "The first thing I want to say to him is 'I forgive you,' and the next is, 'Can I pray for you?'"

O'Farrill's compassion is in stark contrast to the brother of Jessica Ghawi, one of 12 people killed in Friday's "Dark Knight Rises" rampage.

Jordan Ghawi did not attend Holmes' first court appearance on Monday because [he feared he might try to avenge his sister's death](#).

MON, TUES, THURS & SATURDAYS: IN ENGLISH @ 6.30 AM

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AND HOLY MASS IN THAMIZH

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E-MAIL BOX

John Alfred, KR Puram: Dear Father, we are sad that we did not get KEY last two months.... It is so nice to read the KEY. Please do not disappoint us

Raina Joseph, Bommanahalli, Bangalore: Father, health tips about almonds was very useful. I am sure The KEY is opening thousands of minds that are closed down with so many issues of the world. I have started eating almonds in my daily food. Thanks for the information.

Punitha, Gokunte: Father, the article with title, 'Why do we tress Traffic rules?' was really very informative and thought provoking. After reading I resolved not to tress traffic rules. I also thought to have concern for fellow riders, drivers and pedestrians during my ride. Thanks for your inspiring article. I hope the readers of these articles may learn good lesson as how to respect rules that are meant for common civilians.

Jeffrin, Babasabpalya, Bangalore: father, priests are called to be more human beings first and then priests proper. If they fail to honour their vocation to serve all people as they being Christ's representatives, then they must rethink to continue as servants of God. Woe to those priests who shepherd themselves and their community. Bishop, priests and nuns must be well

motivated to servants of Christ... they should avoid being *chamchaas* to people of money, power and wealth. The clergy of archdiocese of Bangalore is setting danger alarm to our Christian faith. Thanks to THE KEY for eye opening news of what is happening in the archdiocese

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TOWARDS TAMIL PAGE தமிழ் பக்கம்

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விவேகமில்லா நல்ல அரசன்

ஓர் ஊரில் அரசன் ஒருவன் இருந்தான். மிகவும் திறமைச்சாலி. உண்மையிலும் நேர்மையிலும் நாட்டை ஆண்டுவந்தான். மக்கள் மீது மிகுந்த அக்கறை கொண்டிருந்தான். அரசன் எவ்வழியோ குடியும் அவ்வழி என்பார்கள். ஆனால் இவ்வரசனின் குடிமக்கள் சற்று மாறுபட்டிருந்தார்கள். நாட்டில் கொலை கொள்ளைப் போன்ற சம்பவங்கள் அடிக்கடி நடப்பதாகக் கேள்வியுற்ற அரசன் காவல்துறையை நம்பாமல் ஊர் மக்கள் மகிழ்ச்சியுடன் பாதுகாப்புடன் வாழ்கிறார்களா எனக் கண்டறிய ஒரு பிச்சைக்காரன் வேடம் பூண்டு ஒருநாள் அரண்மனையை விட்டு யாருக்கும் தெரியாமல் வெளியேறினான். பல இடங்களையும் தெருக்களையும் உலா வந்தான். ஓரிரு நாட்களுக்கென்று உணவும் கொண்டு வந்திருந்தான். உணவும் ஓரிரு நாட்களில் தீர்ந்துபோனது. செய்வதறியாது திகைத்தான் அந்த நாட்டு அரசன். தான் இப்பொழுது ஆண்டியானது அவனுக்கு நன்கு தெரியும். மக்களின் குறைகளைக் குறித்து மறைமுகமாக துப்பறிய வேடமணிந்து வந்த அரசனுக்கு பசியெடுத்தது. படையாட்களையோ வேலையாட்களையோ யாரையும் தன்னுடன் அழைத்துக் கொண்டுவராததால் மிகவும் சிரமத்திற்குள்ளானான் இந்த நல்ல அரசன். சாப்பாட்டுக்கு என்னச் செய்யலாம் என்று யோசித்த அவனுக்கு ஒரு சிந்தனை எழுந்தது.....

தன்னுடன் எந்த ஆபரணங்களையும் அணியாதிருந்த அவ்வரசன் தன் அரச மோதிரத்தை நினைவுகூர்ந்தான். ஆபத்துக்கும் அவசரத்துக்கும் தேவைக்கும் பாவமில்லையென உணர்ந்தவாறு தன்னுடைய அரச முத்திரை பொறிக்கப்பட்டிருந்த மோதிரத்தை ஒரு பொற்கொல்லனிடம் அடமானம் வைத்துவிட்டு கிடைத்தப் பணத்தைத் திரட்டிக்கொண்டு மீண்டும் தன் பணியைத் தொடர்ந்தான். நாட்டு மக்களுக்கு ஏதொ நல்லது செய்வதாக பெருமிதத்துடன் தன் உளவுப் பணியைத் தொடர்ந்தான். ஆனால் எத்தனை நாளுக்குத்தான் தன்னிடமுள்ள பணம் உணவளிக்கும்? தீர்ந்துபோனது பணமும் உணவும். கையில் அரசமோதிரமும் இல்லை. எனவே வேறுவழியின்றி பிச்சையெடுக்கத் துணிந்தான் ஆண்டியான அரசன். ஒரு நாள் ஒரு முதாட்டியிடம் சாப்பாடு வேண்டினான். அந்நாட்டின் அரசன் தானே என்றும் அவ்வுண்மையை யாரிடமும் சொல்லவேண்டாமென்றும் அவளிடம் கேட்டுக்கொண்டான். பெண்ணிடம் இரகசியத்தைச் சொல்லக்கூடாது என்பார்கள். அதுவும் கிழவியிடம் சொன்னால் வாயிக்குள் தங்குமா என்ன?... தான் அந்நாட்டு அரசனைக் காண்பதாக அக்கம் பக்கத்தாரிடம் முடிச்சை அவிழ்த்துவிட்டாள். உடனே மக்கள் திரண்டனர். பிச்சைக்கார வேடமணிந்தவனை அரசன் என்று எப்படி கண்டுக்கொள்வது என மக்கள் திகைத்தனர். உண்மையான அரசன் நீ தானோ எனக் கேள்வி மேல் கேள்வி கேட்டனர் ஊர் மக்கள். தன் மக்களிடமே ஒரு திருடனைப்போல் சிக்கிக்கொண்டுவிட்டோமே என அரசன் வருந்தினான். “நீ உண்மையாகவே இந்நாட்டு அரசன் தானா? அப்படியானால் அதற்கு சாட்சியென்ன? ஆதாரமென்ன? காண்பி!” என்றார்கள். அரசன் மௌனித்தான். “சரி, உன் அரசமுத்திரை கொண்ட மோதிரமாவது இருக்குமே அது எங்கே?” என துருவித் துருவி கேள்வி கேட்டனர். மிகவும் தர்மசங்கடமான நிலைக்கு ஆளான அந்நாட்டு அரசன் தான் செய்ததை எல்லாம் விவரித்தான். மக்கள் மலைத்துப்போயினர். அவன் மீது இரக்கமும் கொண்டனர். அவன் மீது மதிப்பும் அக்கறையும் கொண்ட ஒரு சிலர், பொற்கொல்லனிடம் சென்று அரசமோதிரத்தை மீட்டு மீண்டும் அரசனை

அரண்மனைக்கே அனுப்பிவைக்கவேண்டும் என்று தீர்மானித்து பொற்பொல்லனை நோக்கி நடந்தனர்.

அந்தச் சமயத்தில் ஒரு மாபெரும் மக்கள் கூட்டம் மேளதாளத்துடன் படைகள் சூழ எதிரே வந்தனர். யார் அவர்கள், என்ன நிகழ்வு ஏன் இவ்வளவு ஆர்பாட்டம் என்று அறியத்தொடங்கினர். அதற்குள்ளாகவே அரசனுக்குப் புரிந்துவிட்டது. பொற்கொல்லன், தான் அடமானமாகப் பெற்ற மோதிரத்தைக் குறித்து நன்கு ஆராய்ந்து தெரிந்துகொண்டதனால் அரசமோதிரத்தைக் கொண்டு அந்நாட்டு அரியணையில் அமரவேண்டும் என்ற பேராசையில் ஒரு சதி திட்டம் தீட்டி ஆட்களை திரட்டி தன் ஆதரவாளர்களைக்கொண்டு அந்நாட்டு அரசனாக முடிசூட்டிக்கொண்டு ஊர்வலம் வந்தான். அதுதான் இக்கூட்டம்.

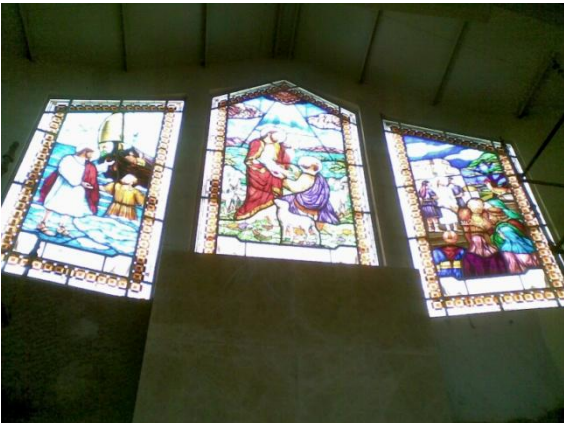
உண்மையான அரசனுக்கோ தான் எவ்வளவு பெரிய தவறு செய்துவிட்டோம் என்று கதறினான். துடித்தான். தேரில் அமர்ந்து உலா வந்த அரசனை எதிர்த்தான். கோபத்தால் அவனைத் திட்டித் தீர்த்தான். படைவீரகளில் சிலர் இவனைக் கைது செய்ய முயற்சித்தனர். ஆனால் அரசனாக வந்த பொற்கொல்லன் அவர்களைத் தடுத்தான். இதெல்லாம் அரசனுக்கு வேதனையளித்தது. அவமானம் அவனை பாதாளத்திற்குள் தள்ளியது. தன்னையே மாய்த்துக்கொள்ள அருகிலிருந்த மெய்காப்பாளனின் வாளை உறுவினான். ஓங்கினான். “மன்னா, நிறுத்துங்கள், மாய்த்துக்கொள்ளாதீர்கள், எப்படியாகிலும் நீங்கள் திரும்பி வருவீர்கள் என்பது எனக்குத் தெரியும், உங்கள் நல்ல உள்ளத்திற்கு நான் தீங்கு செய்ய நினைத்தேன். என்னை மன்னித்துவிடுங்கள். இந்நாடு உங்களுக்குச் சொந்தம். நாங்களெல்லாம் உமது மக்கள், தாங்கள் மாறுவேடத்தில் நாட்டில் நடக்கும் அக்கிரமங்களைப் பற்றித் தெரிந்துகொள்ள வந்திருக்கிறீர்கள் என்று அறிந்துகொண்டேன். இந்தாருங்கள் உங்கள் மகுடம் உங்கள் அதிகாரம் மீண்டும் என்னை மன்னித்தருள்க!” என்று மண்டியிட்டு உண்மையான அரசனின் மோதிரத்தையும் அதிகாரத்தையும் திருப்பிக்கொடுத்தான். அதே சமயம், அரசமோதிரத்தையே அடமானம் வைத்துவிட்டோமே அது நாட்டையே அடமானம் வைப்பதற்குச் சமமல்லவா, என தன் தவற்றினை உணர்ந்து நல்லாட்சித் தந்தான் அவன்.

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3 stain glass designs depicting events in St.Peter's life



The main altar work in progress



The new Church view from the sanctuary



The celebrants' seating in marble stones



New church view with balcony & high roof