The Communal Divergence!

Ordinarily, this happens with me, people think I am a non-believer of God. But that is not true, because I just hold a different opinion being in a secular country, I have a different realization of God. I am agnostic; I respect every religion and their teachings and sentiments. Every human in this world has the right to express their views, until it is allowed by the constitution (applicable for a nation)*. Our constitution gives us the right to "**Freedom of Expression**".

In this high-tech era, we are becoming more communal in nature. Well, I thought it should be other way around, but technological advancements such as Facebook, WhatsApp has ignited the cold communal hatred. Every day I come across the news such as mob lynching, social boycotts and other communal violence that are connected with one or another religion in some way. The prejudice and illiteracy has surpassed all the limits and it is a matter of shame that government is feeding such type of violence by not acting against it. I am sick and tired of seeing this communal melodrama on news debates. You can assume me as a skeptic but this is the reality of our system. It is better to be sad now before this sadness becomes permanent. I have now one basic question. If you have to choose one word between **moral and character**, which would you choose?

Let me give you an example, in Panchatantra stories a moral lesson was conveyed with the help of an apologue, where birds and animals talk. Now, what will you choose from these fables: Moral or Character. I guess it would be moral because we are aware that birds and animals cannot speak and they are used in the stories as characters to convey a message.

Similarly, in our theological world we have lot of stories and mythologies which guide us through our life. The moral of these stories is almost same in all religions like Politeness, Humanity, Compassion, Gratitude, Honesty etc.

Well, my focus here is not to get into this never ending argument of whether the stories are

real or not. My point here is, what we should emphasize upon: moral or character? In this physical world, we are more inclined towards "characters". We are badly caught by the ropes of pseudo-bhakti. If we leave this un-conditional attachment to the characters and start working on the morals, life will become much easier in this diverse world. If characters are real gods, they do not need our devotion to save themselves. On the flip side, we should focus on our physical world leaving third world issues behind. Characters belong to some particular religion or sect, but the beauty of moral is it belongs to all religions. It is a way to say "Unity in Diversity".

Na mai aakha sahib uccha
Na mai aakha neeva ram

Mere lai kayenat to siva
Na koi duja haiga dhaam

Fass ke firkaprasti vich
Har koi peeve isde jam

Tera neeva te mera uccha
Ehi ajj kal naara aam

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