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## (A collection of flash tales)

#### Preface

My Book *Jihad* is an English version (partially) of my Hindi book Apne-Apne Taliban. I feel the Taliban has grown these days, as an omnipresent disastrous mentality that has gobbled up the whole world, besides taking its identity as the revolutionary organization in Afghanistan. Somewhere it is known as an apartheid system, somewhere racial classification. We know very well about the bad effects of this mentality and its bitter consequences that are irreparable, and so much more disastrous.

From the beginning, I wanted this book to be published in the English language, but due to my little command over English, I couldn't get it done. Needless to say, intellectual readers in the English language are in abundance, who knows the facts of literature. This was the reason why I wanted my book to be published in English. I strived to the best of my skill and ability to verbalize my words for the audience of the English language. My striving resulted in this translated book Jihad in your hands. For me, it's the culmination of immense pleasure. After the English manuscript was ready, I sought editing support from my close friends - **Mr Eka Dev Adhikari** from Nepal, and **Mr Kashif Ramzan** from Pakistan. I feel deeply indebted to Mr Adhikari and Mr Ramzan, without whose precious support; my book might not have got this form. I hope the readers will enjoy this book.

#### Short bio

Alok Kumar Satpute has been writing short fictional writing for the last many years. His area of fiction evokes a flow of thoughts in the minds of the readers. His interest in fiction is basically micro stories - shortshort stories that aptly hits the target he focuses on. His published works in Hindi include Apne Apne Talibaan, Baital Phir Daal Par, Mohra, Devdasi and Bachcha Log Tali Bajayega from reputed publishing houses. His fictional work Apne Apne Talibaan has also been published several other languages like Urdu and Marathi. His tales have been published in different newspapers, magazines of SAARC countries especially in India, Pakistan, Nepal and Bangladesh.

#### 1Genies

It was the Dark Age. People lived together, hunted in groups and ate together. The devil saw the virtues of humanity and their unity. Jealousy against human beings started making its roots in him. He started thinking about how to divide them. He produced genies and named them religions, and then he put them in the different bottles. Then he closed the lids of the bottles and threw them into the wilderness of the dense forest.

Next day the men went into the forest for hunting and saw the bottles. They shared the bottles among themselves. Curious men immediately opened the lids. As soon as the bottles were opened, all genies got out of the bottle and entered into all men. From that day onwards, men have totally changed themselves into different fanatic religious groups and fighting against each other ever since.

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#### 2Truth

In the quest of truth, two young men were going into the wilderness. As soon as they entered the forest, they heard a voice- Why are you heading towards the path of renunciation in this young age? time for escaping This not the is from responsibilities. Looking here and there, the first man said- My wife is a very cold lady. She is not interested in coitus, so I am not happy with her. In the fear of infamy, I cannot go to any other women. I am not satisfied with my life, so I am going to the wilderness in the search of truth.

"My circumstances are different from his. My wife says to me that I am a cold man. She says I am not an erotic man. We both are not satisfied with each other so I have come here in the search of truth." The second man said.

"Each and everything has its own truth. Your own truth is present in your own homes, but you do not know. Now go back to your homes and face your own truths. The voice said with gravity." On this both men said together - It seems that you are a very wise fellow...By the way, who are you?

"I am the truth of this wilderness." The voice replied.

#### **3** Calculation

Wife - I do everything for you, but you do not care about me.

Husband- Really? Tell me, what do you do for me? Wife - I wash your clothes.

Husband- I can get a housemaid just for three hundred rupees a month for this work.

Wife- I cook for you.

Husband-That together makes it six hundred rupees a month for a housemaid.

Wife- I am your Wife... I give you the physical and the mental satisfaction on the bed at night (A disappointed voice)

Husband- Whatever you are saying will be readily offered by a woman for two thousand rupees a month. I give you ten thousand rupees per month. After all the facilities provided by you, I am in the loss of eight thousand rupees a month. Do you understand?

#### **4** Intercourse

A river was flooded. For the affected villagers, the government provided all necessities in relief camps. Government officials were strictly instructed by highest authorities that any villager should not migrate away from the camps. All officials were ready to take care of the villagers. Even then one night a couple was caught by the guards, absconded from the camp. Officers scolded them-What is the problem? We are providing you with all your daily needs, but you are not satisfied yet and were trying to escape. What do you want for us to do for you?

"There is no doubt that you are providing us with all the daily needs, but what about our physical and biological needs of coition?" The man asked innocently.

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#### 5 Friar

Five dogs were following a bitch for mating. One of them realized that he could not get anything, so getting disappointed; he sat under a banyan tree. Just then one of his fellow dogs happened to pass there and he taunted on him, "It seems you are finished, *Yaar* you are defeated without even fighting. You seem to be impotent in our community."

On this first dog replied peacefully, "When I was following the bitch, I have self-realized that desire is the main cause of bad character. I think there should be a gentle dog in our dog community, so I am sitting here to be the premier.

"Oh! This is not you, but the banyan tree speaking." Saying this other dog walked away from there.

#### (Banyan tree is a symbol of asceticism)

#### 6 Call-Girls

#### (Four men, A B C & D are talking)

**Man A**- "First I believed in the religion A. Once my baby got seriously ill and was about to die. I went to every religious place of my own religion but got no output. At last, I reached a worship place of the religion B and suddenly my baby was cured. From that day, I believe in religion B.

**2Man B-** "First I believed in the religion B. Ten years passed to my marriage, but my wife was not getting pregnant. Women in the neighbourhood started gossiping my wife to be a sterile lady. Even my own friends interrogated me- "Are you impotent?" I was in big trouble. I went to each and every religious places of my own religion, along with A and C religion, but when I went to a worship place of the religion D, my wife became pregnant. From that day onwards my belief has been changed into religion D"

**Man C** -" I was the follower of the religion C. I had been trying to get a job for a long time, but I was not getting success. I too went to different religious places, but when I went to religion A, the next day, I received a call letter of job and naturally, my belief has been changed into religion A.

Man D- "All of you shut up. Are these your beliefs, or the call girls?

**Three (untimely)**- What is the use of clinging onto the religion that does not prove beneficial to us *Ustad*?

**Man D**- Bravo! If all the people started thinking like you three, the earth would be changed into heaven.

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#### 7 Belief

"You are a very good man."

"How could you say that?"

"Three years have passed of our marriage, but you never interrogated me about my past. Really you believe in me very much... don't you?

Absolutely I believe, but my belief is not on you. My belief is, "If any woman wants to be in illicit relations, nobody can stop her, That's why I am always mentally prepared for everything... ... Do you understand?

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#### 8 Law

In doubt of her character, a man killed his wife in mid of the market. There were so many people in the market who saw this. He was found innocent by the court, as the court didn't find any eye-witness.

9 Bankrupt

He respected all the religions and said Ram-Ram to Hindus, Salam to Muslims, Sat Shri Akal to Sikhs and Hail to Jesus to Christians. It means he believed in all the religions, but the mentally bankrupt people, who believed in religion fanatically, killed him. His crime was reported that he was conspiring to bring all the religions together.

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#### 10 Net

In a marriage ceremony, my friend introduced me to his friends. "Meet Mr Ajay Thakar, Mr Vinay Gupta, Mr Kabir Singh, Mr Sushant Khare,... I guessed their castes by their surnames. Gradually he kept on introducing me to all his other friends and I kept on guessing their castes. After some time, I felt there are different castes present in the entire marriage hall. Upper castes and lower castes, both types are present there, except mine which was quite non-existent, "Dalit Caste" (Dalit-lowest untouchable caste)

#### 11 Tradition

"Didn't three years pass to your marriage ¬*Bahoo*!" Staring into the daughter in law's stomach, a mother in law said.

"*Maaji*, He does not even touch me." Understanding the meaning of her sentence, daughter in law replied politely.

"I don't want to listen to anything. It does not mean your chastity or purity. I want a grandson for our posterity to advance forward, by hook or by crook. I may bring your co-wife too. You must know that I was also the second wife of your father in law. This is the tradition of our family, a woman born only for carrying forward the race. The mother in law interpreted the definition of a woman in her family.

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#### 12 Pati Parmeshwar

Today in the morning she got annoved at a man. The man came close to her and happened just to touch her in the rush of the crowd inside the bus. Other passengers who saw this thrashed him even she slapped him for this. The man got punished only for touching her She was being disrobed badly at night, one by one all her clothes were being removed from her body. Even though it was against her will, this didn't annoy her. Instead, she was looking pleased with this and was smiling looking at the man who was disrobing her, because he was her husband. (Pati-Husband, Parmeshwar-Supreme God. In Indian tradition woman should consider her husband God )

#### 13 Kundali (Horoscope)

A man to astrologer: "My son gets sick very often, kindly look into this *Kundali* and please tell me any solution."

Astrologer - "According to your son's Kundali, his mother doesn't take good care of him."

Man: "Nowadays, I am facing greater loss in my business as well."

Astrologer - "Your wife is responsible for this according to your *Kundali*. She seems to be a big hurdle in your progress."

Man: There is a quarrelsome situation at my home always. My elder daughter is above twenty-five years but there hasn't been any single proposal for her marriage."

Astrologer: "Sir, your daughter is responsible for this. Actually, she is a *Mangalik* (inauspicious)."

Man: "It means it's only women responsible for all the bad omens."

Astrologer: "Now what can I say, sir... a man might tell a lie, but the *Kundali* doesn't."

(According to the Indian astrology, Mars is an ominous planet. A person born under the influence of Mars is supposed to be a Mangalik)

#### 14 Co-relation

At the beginning of civilization, a man started worshipping God in his mind...man kept on growing. After some years he made a worship place at his home...he kept on growing continually. After some centuries, his internal worship changed into external worship and the worships started in groups. So many temples, mosque churches and many other worship places were built by the man, but unfortunately, man's growth got interrupted. Sooner we'll find massive sized religious places. Till then the growth of the human mind will be decreased gradually. As there is a negative correlation between these two.

#### 15 Saint

"Our boss is a well cultured and gentleman ... isn't he? He always addresses me as daughter ... really he is just like a saint." A newly appointed girl said to a middle-aged woman colleague.

Don't you know anything about this old man? This man is a sensuous person. To regain his lost strength and youth, he took some medicines and drugs and because of its reaction he became impotent. From then onwards, he addresses all the women as the daughter. So many cases have been registered against him of provocation act in the different police stations. The middle-aged woman exposed the truth of the saint.

#### 16 Flight

A delighted little girl closed her both eyes. After a little while, she felt that two wings grew out from her body and with the help of them, she was flying higher and higher in the sky. She was very happy, suddenly she felt that a hawk pounced upon her and plucked off her wings and flew away with the wings. Getting frightened she opened her eyes. During these, all an era has passed. Now the little girl has changed into a woman and the hawk-like society has pulled out her wings.

#### 17 A Defeated man

At night a man wanted to impress his newly married wife about his intellectuality ....his wife kept on smiling. After a little while, he wanted to impress her by showing his prosperity she kept on smiling continually. Just then the man told her about his physical strength she kept on smiling till then. The man nodded his head in a gay mood and started peel of laughter. Suddenly his wife stopped smiling and said to him No doubt you have too many things but at night you are incapable to satisfy me. After listening to this, his peel of laughter stopped. He started to feel loser and now his victory was changed into his defeat. He was not capable to bear his ego and started beating her black and blue.

Now it was the wife's turn to start crying.

#### ------18 Identity

I am a Hindu. Sorry I was a Hindu (Because due to *Varna Vyavastha,* my ancestors had converted into Buddhism) Now I am a Buddhist, but in our country, Buddhism is a part of *Ambedkarism*. It means it is a fact that man makes religion; religion does not make a man. Meanwhile, I want to be a Christian or Muslim for a little while, because they don't believe in the worship of statues or persons and I too don't believe in these things, but now I'm thinking- Are not the Church and *Masjid* (Mosque), symbols of faith? Oh! I'm getting confused!

Now you should decide my religious identity.

(Varna Vyavastha- Caste system of India)

#### 19 Bazaar(Market)

Mother-These days tomatoes are very cheap... just two or three rupees per kilogram and you have bought this hundred grams pouch of dry tomato soup for twenty-five rupees...you utter fool.

Son- I'm not a fool. We will consume this when the prices of tomato would be too much high in the market.

#### 20 Credit

Husband – "Who was that old man you were talking with?"

Wife – "He was our principal. Today I am disciplined, dutiful and theorist, it's because of him."

Husband – "It means all the credit of all your spoiled behaviour, goes to him, too?"

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#### 21 Bankrupt

In the mid-town, the discourse was going on. *Swamiji* seemed very knowledgeable. During his sermon, *Swamiji* said- As a triangle has three angles, in the same way, the spirit meets the almighty.

The devotees said -Wah!

*Swamiji* further said- Just as the moon, sun and the earth are round, in the same way, God comes to the earth.

Devotees again said- Wah...Wah!

Too much encouraged *Swamiji* started dancing and said- As the computer has his own memory, just like the spirit is similar to the television.

On this, the devotees were too much excited and they also started to dance with the *Swami*. Suddenly an ambulance of a madhouse arrived there. The doctor and the compounders got down and told the devotees - This *Swamiji* is a violent lunatic. We have come here to take him back to the asylum.

How dare you to say our *Swamiji* is mad... saying this, the crowd of devotees started to beat them.

(Swamiji - Preacher)

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#### 22 Brahmhatya

Jailer to Hangman "Ajay: you will have to hang a criminal tomorrow at 5:00 AM."

Ajay: "What crime has he committed officer?

Jailer "He raped a minor girl and murdered her, that's why he is being punished by this severe punishment."

Ajay: "I will be happy to hang this sinner. If I had judgment power, then I would have hanged him today, instead of tomorrow. By the way, what caste does he belong to sir?

Jailer: "A criminal does not belong to any caste or religion. The criminal is just a criminal."

Ajay: "I know sir, very well about this, but after all, he must belong to any caste."

Jailer: "Yes He is a Brahmin I've just seen his file."

Ajay: "Then sorry sir...I can't do this, I don't want to be a sinner of a *Brahmahatya*. Although I am a hangman, I might have to face *Yamraj* on my death, please arrange another hangman."

(According to the Hindu tradition killing of any *Brahmin* is the biggest sin (*Brahmahatya*); Yamraj-God of death)

#### 23 Illegal Faith

Ustad - Jamure!

Jamura-Yes Ustad!

Ustad- I am worried about this country.

Jamura- Why Ustad?

*Ustad-* On every street and square, different religious worship sites have been growing like a mushroom. A few days later, the men will disappear and these Gods will remain...that's what I am worried at.

Jamura - Take it easy Ustad. There are so many leaders in the country to worry about that.

*Ustad* - These leaders are also the reason to worry. Meanwhile, have you seen a temple which is built in the middle of the square?

Jamura - I have Ustad ...even I have offered a coconut too there.

*Ustad* - *Abe* your offering has become illegal because that temple is built on an illegal land by encroachment.

Jamura - What are you saying Ustad? You are hurting people's sentiments and to provoke the communal riots, this is enough. *Ustad- Abe* the rights of hurting the religious sentiments and to provoke riots are reserved for either the big leaders or the big writers. We are slum dogs, so we are not capable to do this. Understand?

Jamura- Yes Ustad.

### 24 Conviction

Jamura- Ustad, yesterday night I kept on watching the Ganesh Visarian.

*Ustad- Beta,* I know as well about your character. You go in the crowd for provocation acts and or pick pocketing.

Jamura- No Ustad, these days I too live a very serious life and taking interest in the religious works. I am watching religious channels too... But Ustad after ten days of worshipping people sank the statue. I feel sad having seen this.

*Ustad - Abe,* take it easy. This is a tradition. Those are sunk, who are worshipped. In other words, they are worshipped to be sunk. Who is fond of worship himself, he should be prepared to be sunk. Do not be sad. Look this is a view of faith, not in the view of logic. Jamura- Ustad Now you started preaching me. Ustad- Actually, I am preparing for a change in the occupation.

#### 25 Democracy

Elections were about to be held in *Champakvan* Jungle. A tiger and a lion were main rivals. A leopard was the candidate of the third party. Wolves had their separate regional party and were complaining of exploitation, jackals had made their *Dalit* party. Wild dogs were independent candidates. Deer were voters and all of the candidates were telling them the importance of voting.

*Champakvan* jungle was known as a fully democratic jungle among all jungles.

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#### 26 Status

A *Dalit* boy to his friend-"*Yaar* this is a different matter that we are *Dalits*, but our terms are with blue-blooded people. *Brahmins* also come to us and we eat together. In the evening you must see this, I will have dinner with a *Brahmin Bhauji* in the same *thali* (plate)" Next day...

"Did you see, we were eating together in the same *thali*?"

'Stupid I was observing minutely. Your *Brahmin Bhauji* was eating only fried eatables with you, but in turn of eating rice, pulse and vegetable, she started to eat with her son..., I have seen what your social status is?.

## 27 Ash

Republic Day is being celebrated in a government office. The national flag has been waved. Everyone is happy. People are cracking jokes and laughing. Sweets will be distributed soon. The responsibility of buying the sweets has been assigned to a *Brahmin* employee, who is promoted out of tern as the clerk from being a peon, because of his priestly works at the officer's bungalow

Brahmin Maharaj is moving with the box of sweets man to man and requesting them to pick-up the sweet pieces by own hands. Having reached to a Dalit employee, he started to give him by his own hands. On this, the employee got angry and said -This is my insult. I will pick up the piece of sweets from the box with my own hands, but the *Brahmins* denied it and the fighting started between the two. The employee started to abuse him. He threats to him –I will show you, who I am.' and he put-off his shoes to kick the *Brahmin*. Boss and the other upper caste officers told the other scheduled caste employees, that they convince the employee and all other *Dalit* employees convinced to him and requested that he should not make this a prestige issue and with the slogan of equality and brotherhood, the Republic Day is celebrated.

This event is like ash, which is burning eternally.

#### **28 Conspiracy**

In an under-developed and so-called democratic country, the government issues official statement on every mishap that foreign hands are involved in this matter, foreign agencies are responsible for this mishap, as primary investigations show the evidence. Mishap maybe the bird flu, swine flu, or attack on the border the government found foreign hands guilty for this. Even once, granules of human bones were found in a *Babas* Ayurvedic medicine, the government said it's a conspiracy of multinational medicine companies to defame the *Babas* Company.

A while ago the *Dalits* of that country started the movement against partiality system (*Varna Vyavastha*), but the government convinced the main leaders of *Dalits* that they should take pride of their culture and behind this *Varna Vyavastha* system, the foreign hands are responsible, because this system is inspired by apartheid system of foreign countries.

And the satisfied *Dalit* leaders came back to their home to convince masses.

#### 29 Preach

In a religious TV channel, a saint was preaching - Our body is a mortal thing and affection with this body is not a good thing. We should save ourselves from affection. Suddenly a commercial comes on the TV- *Sir Me Hai Tension Badan Me Dardva, Leke Aai Saiyan Navratan Telva*. (If you got a headache and body pain l've brought you Navratan Oil to relieve your pain.)

#### 30 Views

A man was sitting in front of Vijay. He was afraid of him. He was looking like a monster with two big horns and massive nails on his hands. Vijay was perspiring due to the monster-like man; he wanted to kill him because It seemed if he didn't kill him, he would be killed by the monster-like man. You will be surprised to know that, till yesterday both were the fast friend because Vijay & Vikram (monster) were the followers of the same religion, but today Vikram has left his religion, and changed his name too from Vikram to Akram.

#### **31 Gods of riots**

In a communal riot-affected area, a frightened family hid in a house. Saying loudly *Jai Shri Ram* a group of Hindu rioters walked past the house. A child of that family interrogated his father- Papa who is this Ram?

His father was going to tell something, just then saying loudly *Allah Hoo Akbar*, a group of Muslim rioters too walked past that way. The child again interrogated- Papa who is this Allah? His father rebuked him, and then the child said innocently -Papa why are you getting annoyed? I know very well these two are the gods of riots and because of the fear of these; we are hidden in this house.

#### 32 Common factor

During the Hindu-Sikh communal riots Hindus and Muslims are brothers and during the Hindu-Muslim riots, Hindus and Sikhs are brothers or it may possible that Hindus and Christians are brothers. In these, both conditions Hindus are the common factor that is keeping the goodwill with the majority the minors should join the mainstream of communal riots.

#### 33 Gandhi-Jayanti

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Instructions had been received from the government to a municipal corporation, related to Gandhi-*Jayanti* celebration. For that purpose, the meeting was going on. An Anglo Indian corporator started saying- We must celebrate the Gandhi-*Jayanti* with pomp and show. On this, another corporator taunted -Yes brother...why not, after all, Gandhi was the friend of British. He worked as a

safety valve for the British. To prevent stressful industrialist corporator saidatmosphere, an Mahatma Gandhi was really a great man, so we should not comment negatively on him. On this another corporator taunted -Yes brother, you must say this, because Gandhiji was the supporter of the industrialist. Everyone knows he was much closer to a big industrialist of that period. He was completely capitalist. Gradually the noise was increasing. Muslim corporators were blaming on Vaishnav Jan To Tene Kahiye...(Favourite prayer of Mahatma Gandhi) and Hey Ram. According to them, these two were communal mottoes and Gandhiji was a communal leader. The staunch Hindu corporators were telling him a broker of Pakistan and fully responsible for partition. Dalit corporators were saying Gandhi was playing a drama to eradicate untouchability. Harijan is an insulting word given by him.

After a little while, the situation was out of control. At last the chairman of the meeting had to intervene. He said - Please keep quiet and listen-We will celebrate Gandhi *Jayanti* just for formality because we have received an order of government to celebrate it.

...And the meeting went on.

(Gandhi Jayanti- Birth ceremony of Mahatma Gandhi)

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#### **34** Broker of the prostitutes

A man to *Pandit - Panditji*, you have done all the religious deeds of my daughter's wedding. In addition to worship materials, please keep these five hundred and one rupees as your honorarium.

*Pandit*- Do you understand my status is just five hundred and one rupees?

Man- Well *Panditji* sorry...please keep these six hundred and one rupees.

*Pandit*- Just for rupees six hundred and one, I wouldn't have come here covering a long distance.

Man- Well *Panditji* then tell me your rate. How much do you charge?

*Pandit- Jajman* I am not a broker of any prostitute, do not bargain with me.

Man- *Panditji* I am not calling you a broker, but you are calling yourself.

(Pandit- Hindu priest, Yajman- Host)

#### **35 Donations**

"Hi, guys! Why are you crowding at my door?"

"We need the donation of *Ganesha* festival. (Rude voice) "

'You are begging donation, or charging a penalty on me?'

"Whatever you understand."

'How much to give?'

"As your trust."

'Keep these fifty-one rupees.'

"We do not give receipts for less than five hundred rupees."

'Then keep it without the receipt.'

"We are not asking for alms."

'Keep these five hundred and one rupees. In our country, except Hindu Gods, all other Gods are afraid of a crowd.

36 Meaningful discussions

At the railway station, two strangers were sitting on a bench. Since the train was late, so formal talk between them started:

First- Where do you work?

Second- I work in the ministry...in the Higher Education Ministry.

First -Wow! You are very useful to me. I am Ramakant Dubey (proudly)...Head of the Commerce Department in Punjab College.

Second- Actually I am just a clerk and not capable to do anything for you...My identity is as a writer there.

First- Oh! That's good. How do you like writing? I mean which ideology you write in?

Second - Actually I believe in meaningful writing.

Frist -Actually I too believe in meaningful discussion...Anyways what is your name?

Second - Ashok Ghorpade

First - What! Girpade

Second - No,... Ashok Ghorpade...G.H.O....

First- Ok... Ok... that's it... Where are you from?

Second - I am from Maharashtra

First - Oh! But in Maharashtra, there are several castes. Which caste do you belong to?

Second - You can't understand about my caste.

First- Well... no problem ... From which category do

you belong to?... I mean SC, ST, OBC or other?

Second- I Belong to SC category.

First (Sarcastically) -Oh! You are an S.C.

(The train arrives at the platform)

First- First- A meaningful discussion took place between us. In the future, I will contact you to set the minister.

(In Indian constitution *Dalits* are SC means Scheduled Caste. Dubey is a Brahmin surname)

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#### 37 Status

While addressing the *Gram-Sabha* meeting, the *Dalit Tehsildar* was very confident. During the meeting, he saw all member of the *Gram Sabha* sitting on the carpet, but a man sat separately in the corner of the hall. He asked him- Why are you sitting separately, "come on to the carpet and sit with others," *Tehsildar* said. On this, all villagers started to say - "Sir, you please go on with your duty." He could not understand what the matter was. This event pinched him. After a few moments he knew that since the lone man belonged to a *Dalit* caste, he was not entitled to sit with other villagers of higher castes even though his own son was a *Tehsildar* in another district.

By knowing this the *Dalit Tehsildar* started feeling that his self-confidence is waning on suddenly! (Gram Sabha- Village Voters Assembly, Tehsildar-Administrator of a Revenue collection unit-Tehsil)

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#### 38 Ram Rajya

"Women are the laughing stock in our country. We don't take them seriously. We use them like tissue paper, what we want we do with them, we can blame and unchaste them, we kick them out in no time. *Dalits* and Muslims are also afraid of us...because we are in the majority." A Brahmin said to another.

'Then say it straightly that "Ramrajya is back in your country." The second man replied.

(Lord Rama is a God of Hindus. *Dalits,* women and minorities were not happy in his kingdom )

#### **39 Revolution**

Ahmed read the newspaper daily while sitting in his balcony. There was a landfill where the colony threw the garbage and sometimes eatables too. He often saw the healthy stray dogs penetrated their nose into it and searched something to eat. Cows looked from a long distance because they barked on them terribly.

One day Ahmed saw a very healthy bull reached there and captured that landfill fully. Dogs were barking him terribly, but the bull was not impressed by them. Dogs were trying their best, but he was unaffected. At last, the bull also got wild and attacked them with his horns. Now dogs were in the position of surrendering and their barking was changing into howling.

Nowadays it happens often that the landfill is captured by the cows and bull every time and the dogs keep on looking at it from a long distance.

#### 40 Justice

In a country, the government employees also worked as a judge. The final hearing was going on in a court, related to the violence during the studentunion election. Violent students, professors and parents of the students, these three were accused. After the end of hearing the judge made a decision, since these students were involved in the elections and the elections were held in the order of the government, so these students are innocent. These professors are found guilty because their duty was to make every student morally strong, but they failed, so these all professors are to be punished with death sentence. Parents are warned that they admit their children in such colleges, where the students are changed into Gandhi and Vivekanand.

(Vivekanand- A great spiritual leader)

41 Alternative

During the *Pitru-Paksha* - a fortnight set aside in Hinduism to remember the deceased ancestors in the family, he thought about *Brahmin Bhoj* for his ancestors but he knew well that just for *Bhoj*, *Brahmins* would not come. He started thinking about some other alternatives; suddenly an idea came to his mind. Next day he cooked the food and threw it to the crows. After a while, he saw crows called many other crows.

"Really crows are the best alternative of *Brahmins*", he murmured while looking at them from a distance.

(*Pitru-Paksha-* An spiritual fortnight. Hindus offer special food to their ancestors. Crows are the symbol of their ancestors)

## 42 Laughter

To overcome his sadness, Mohit went to a psychiatrist. He saw that the psychiatrist was also sad. He advised Mohit with sadness - "To laugh is good for health, you should laugh at least two hours daily." A psychiatrist also advised him to be a member of a laughter club.

Next day in search of the laughter club, Mohit reached the laughter club. He saw contractors, leaders and many other anti-social elements were trying to laugh at their best. Even alleged intellectuals were present there. Their laughter was quite artificial as their lives.

Having seen such condition, He laughed loudly, but Mohit's laughter was not artificial as other because he belonged to the *Dalit* community.

43 Democracy

People of a country were frightened by the royal constitution and were fully prepared for a revolution. The royal detectives told the king about revolution, the king took advice from *Rajguru* about this report. The *Rajguru* had already known that the

people wanted democracy. As per the *Rajguru's* advice, the king changed his get-up. He put aside his crown and royal robes. He wore *Khadi* (Handlooms) clothes and put on Gandhi cap on his head. He declared himself as a public servant. Now he became very polite. Seeing these hectic changes in their king, people were very happy as they requested him to stay on continuously.

The King called himself as prime minister, the royal court members were named as ministers and the royal employees were termed as administrative officers. This brought democracy in the Kingdom.

44 Kalyug

A broker to other -'Yaar due to this new cabinet, we are unable to do anything'.

Another broker -"why?"

First broker – 'O *yaar* in this cabinet, there is no *Brahmin* minister, to whom we could say *Maharaj Ji Pai Lagi* (My Lord Brother) with oily tongue and get our work done. No one would doubt on our horizontal and vertical *Pranam* (Salutation) and flatter. Now all the ministers are *Vaishya* and

*Shudra*, so how can we offer *Pranam* to them... and by the way, if we'll do this, all ministers would understand. Really *yaar Kalyug* has come.'

# 45 Pind-dan

Panditain –"Listen, our daughter Rekha was saying yesterday that she wants to marry with Rakesh." Pandit burst out in anger – 'Arey, Did she get only a

Harijan (Dalit) to get married with?

Panditain -"Oh come on. He has a good government job and will definitely keep our daughter happy. The most important thing is that they'll get married in court, so we may save a large sum of money that would be spent. In future, we may use this money to admit our son Chhotu in the medical college or his marriage."

Pandit – 'But what will we say to our society?'

Panditain – "We'll declare her dead for us and will show the society that we are totally disconnected from her, we will make her *Pind-dan*. By doing this, we'll make a fool of our society very well. To throw dust in society's eyes is not difficult for us, and finally, our daughter will be happy."

Pandit – You are absolutely right Panditain.

(Pandit- Hindu priest, Panditain- His wife)

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## 46 Ghar-Vapasi

Ustad – Jamure!

Jamura - Yes Ustad!

Ustad - Where did the crowd slip away?

Jamura – Ustad I've heard that some street artists have come to our city and playing *Ghar-Vapsi* named drama at every square of the city. People have gone to see their drama.

*Ustad - Jamura*, they are not just artists rather they are mind-blowing players and their play *Ghar-Vapsi* is a super hit play.

Jamura - Ustad, what type of drama it is?

*Ustad* - In this drama the performers' exercise to take back in Hindu religion, those people who have converted into Christianity, Islam, Bodh or any other religions, but nobody comes back.

Jamura - Ustad, why the people convert from the Hindu to others, but nobody converts into Hindu from other religions?

*Ustad - Abey* in the Hinduism, there is a great China wall between upper and lower caste. Lower caste

does not get there due respect, because, in this religion, honour is reserved only for upper caste. Actually, people want to live with self-respect and to get it they convert into other religions.

Jamura - Well Ustad, Then the play should have flopped rather blockbuster?

*Ustad* - No, these dramatists are primarily politicians. They aim at Assembly and Parliament as their homes. To reach there the use short-cut of *Ghar- Wapsi*. You can say that this is an expedition of their own *Ghar-Vapsi*. Behind these all deeds, they want to provoke the religious sentiments and take advantages from the voters. Do you understand ?

Jamura – Yes Ustad.

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## 47 Fusion-1

Ramleela was going on in a village. In a scene, Maryada Purushottam Ram was making the tribal lady Shabri eat plums. A great devotee Shabri wanted to see the biggest size of God. After a few seconds, by the power of devotion, she got it. She looked Shudra Shambuk's murder damaged nose of Shurpanakha and abandoned Seeta and so many other evil deeds of his character. Having seen all these, her hands reached his collar and she started saying- Hey! The biggest communal and opponent of the women empowerment, who are you and which staunch organization do you belong to? Tell me soon.

... And after that, the *Ramleela* stage was set on fire by the staunch organizations.

## 48 Fusion -2

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Thousands of years ago, the monkeys lived together lovingly in the Indian jungles. No one among them was upper or lower. All monkeys were equal. Criminal-minded monkeys were punished by exile punishment. They used to go to the nearby democratic jungles as migrants.

Once, a group of the punished monkeys came back to the forest. They put on Gandhi caps and wore *Khadi* clothes. They looked very attractive. They taught a lesson of democracy to the Indian monkeys and proved that democracy is the best ideology and policy. Now Indian monkeys started the movement for the democracy. During these all, suddenly Darwin's theory came, and all the monkeys changed into the human being and those monkeys, who were putting on Gandhi caps and *Khadi*, changed into democratic leaders. Nowadays they are leading us.

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#### 49 Wisdom

In Ancient Time, a group prayer was organized to receive blessings of wisdom for all humanity from God by people all over the world. Being happy the God gave blessings of wisdom to all of them. After receiving wisdom, some people started to challenge God's existence. The belief had vanished. God understood that His existence is now in danger. Seeing the terrible future, He took back his blessings.

Now as God is fully aware, He doesn't get impressed with any type of prayer, and not willing to give blessings to all of them.

## 50 Brahmin

He is a retired *Dalit* professor and does some social works to pass his time. He uses separate utensils to give his housemaid and a damaged cup to give tea to street sweepers. He is a *Brahmin* among *Dalits* and all *Dalits* worship him.

# 51 Correction of Mistake

A man had passed his whole youth in penance. Having crossed his mid age he became old. Then, at last, God was pleased with him and emerging before him, He asked - "Tell me now what do you want in the blessing?"

"Now I have only a desire to get a woman." The old man requisitely replied.

"Oh! You utter fool, you could find a woman in your worldly life easily, but you have wasted your whole life to get her. You have committed a blunder." God scolded him

*Prabhu*, The aim of my penance was something else, but I have known by myself as well that one cannot find anything to escape from the world, and this is the reason that I want to correct my mistake and make my remaining life meaningful.

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#### 52 Ash

To show the national unity, an artist turned a Hindu temple, a mosque, a church and a *Gurudwara* in a big wooden staff. Since the wooden staff was a little zigzag shaped, so the temple and the mosque could not be made in the equal size and between the temple and the mosque created disputes on this matter and being irritated both set each-other on fire. Gradually the *Gurudwara* and the church too came into the range of fire.

...After a little while, there remained only ash, which belonged to neither the temple, the mosque, the church, nor the *Gurudwara*. It was just ash.

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#### 53 Love

In his neighbourhood a young beautiful lady lived, he always tried his best to be frank and flirt with her; finally, he succeeded and went on a stage where he used to make physical relations as well. He was assured that there is just flirt between them and probably she also flirts her too. One day he saw her in an objectionable position with another man, he became angry at him and thought she was throwing dust into his eyes. He pocketed his insult and break up with her.

...After a few days, he felt there is love what he feels for her.

## 54 Tragedy

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Since I was a sentimental guy and was getting sad on the murder of an innocent man named Gandhi, I committed suicide as the murderer was not hanged. I'd passed my rebirths in the different *Yonis* (origin), but the murderer was alive in the same *Yoni* and finally, I'd reborn in the human *Yoni* with much difficulty found that the murderer was still alive.

I'm nowadays a blind follower of the murderer and involved in all types of violent works, every time and everywhere he leads me I follow him blindly without having the question in mind.

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# 55 Jihad

Five men were travelling to a city, for the sake of killing time they started gossiping on the bus. One of them was a *Brahmin*, others were *Kshatriya*, *Vaishya*, *Dalit* and an atheist.

*Brahmin* to the atheist - "The followers of the other religions are too much staunch. They are not liberal, always ready to die in the name of their religion."

Atheist- 'Who has prohibited you? You can become a staunch though.'

*Brahmin*- "Sir, our religion teaches us the lesson of generosity and tolerance"

Atheist- 'This is a lame excuse for not to be staunch. Can you die for your religion?'

*Brahmin*-"Why shall I die? I am a *Brahmin* and according to our scriptures *Kshatriya* should die to protect our religion."

Atheist to another man sitting there- 'You belong to *Kshatriya* category. What do you want to say on this matter?

*Kshatriya*- Sir, These *Brahmins* are using us for a long time, but nowadays they are unable to fool us.

Atheist to another man - And you?

"Sir, I belong to *Vaishya* category...I don't have enough time for these worthless talks. I remain busy in my business, but if I will get an opportunity to earn money from religion, then I will think..."

Atheist to another one

'And how about you Mr.?'

"I'm from *Dalit* community. You should be ashamed in asking me to die in the name of my religion"

# 56 Gandhi's Goat

Being trapped in clutches of the wolf a goat requested him - "I am from NIRMALA tribe (Gandhi's goat name was Nirmala) Mr Sher Singh the king of this jungle talks with me respectfully, too. Leave me otherwise you'll be punished by Sher Singh soon".

"I wouldn't leave you at all, because, in my previous life, I was Nathuram Godse (Killer of Gandhi), as you are dying, I want to increase your knowledge that we are ruling this jungle for six months and Mr Sher Singh is in opposition. After saying this, the wolf stuck its sharp teeth into her neck and killed her.

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# 57 Comfortable

I told him –"My country is great." He said with surprise – 'Good!' I told him further-"Our culture is incomparable." He said again with enthusiasm– 'Very nice!' "Even stones are worshipped in my country," I told him with excitement.

'Only stones are worshipped in your country.' He replied me with taunt in his tone.

I was mouth-locked after hearing his reply.

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#### 58 America-1

In front of my home, some street dogs were playing. Dogs' bitches and puppies all were playing. They were pulling legs of one another. They were dashing one another...They were licking one another. Stuffing in the mouth something else, they were running fast, returning fast and again running fast. I was observing them for a long time. Suddenly I got up and brought out a stale chapatti (bread) from my kitchen and threw among them.

Now they were quarrelling terribly and a devil smile was on my lips.

## 59 America-2

Since I was getting late so was walking fast. Seeing a big crowd, I stopped and saw that two men are abusing and quarrelling holding their collars. Like other people, I also was watching the dangerous turn of the fighting. I was guessing that after some time one of them will take out the dagger or possibly a pistol. If this situation would be created than what I would do, either I would mediate or would flee. I had been thinking these all things; suddenly I saw that they have left their collars. Abusing each other, they had gone from there. Viewers were also disappointed and going to their ways.

I too forwarded my steps and murmured-Idiots, if you don't have the fighting manners, why were you fighting. Due to your drama, I have lost my precious time. I would have to go to my office soon.

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## 60 Love

Judge – "How can you say that you love your wife very much?"

Accused- "My lord! I never beat my wife. It proves itself that I love my wife very much"

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#### 61 Slavery

"On your request, I had released you but you have come back to me...why?"

Slave – 'Sir, I had been released by you, but I could not release from my own mentality of slavery, so kindly make me your slave again.'

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## 62 Public interest

During a sting operation, a CD had been made by a popular news channel in which a big leader of the ruling party was shown taking bribery. The ruling party managed the channel and the channel announced that in the public interest, contents of the CD are not being broadcasted.

After a few months, when elections were about to be held, the channel was managed by the

opposition and in the public interest, the CD was broadcasted.

## 63 System

Staring at the big English Mastiff, a puppy growled. the Giant English Mastiff calmly entered his teeth into the puppy's neck and killed him instantly. I was there when this occurred, from that time a tail has grown out in my backside which always keeps on wagging.

# 64 Captured

(In a shop)

Son – Papa! I want this packet of noodles.

Papa – No *beta* (dear son), this is a portion of junk food. You may become sick by eating this.

Son – Mummy, please!

Mummy – No *beta*, papa is right. This is a harmful product for your health.

Son – But on the TV commercial, the company says it's nutritious.

Papa – *Beta*, to sell their products companies always tell a lie.

Son – No, it's impossible. I think both of you are telling lie to save your money.

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#### 65 Status

## (At a stationery shop)

Customer – Brother, please let me have a cheap ballpoint pen.

Shopkeeper – Look this one. This is really a good and branded pen. You can't find a smooth and better-looking pen like this anywhere and it's only for twenty rupees.

Customer - Brother, I want a very low price pen which I use and throw and price should be two or three rupees.

Shopkeeper – Sir, look at this one. This is also a branded pen and price is not so much, only ten rupees.

Customer – Bro, I've told you earlier that I just want a low price pen, the price should be two or three rupees, but you are showing me expensive pens and wasting my time.

Shopkeeper – For your kind info, I want to say that we don't sell cheap items here in our store. We

keep only quality products as our customers are not from low status.

Customer – It means, I dare not buy a pen from your store and my status is not as your customer? Shopkeeper – It maybe sir.

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## 66 Insecurity

*Miyaan* (Bro), why are you collecting the *chanda* (donation) for a Hindu festival? Don't you know that worship of statues is strictly prohibited in Islam?

*Bhaijaan* (Dear brother) don't you know that a Muslim killed by some extremist Hindus in suspicion of eating beef. I just want to say Jan hai to Jahan hai. (If there is life, there is a world)

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## 67 Eunuch

Eunuchs *Hai-hai Chikane*, (Hi Handsome) give us money and get blessings from us. Our blessings are too much effective. You'll get married to a very pretty woman and will keep her like a queen.

Man - I'd got married to a very pretty woman but she left me for my own friend.

Eunuchs - Then what are you doing here? ... Come with us to clap.

#### 68 Lesson

I remember my memories of childhood when there was a single guy who had a cricket kit in the entire colony. He shared his kit with us in a special condition that he had the opportunity to bat as long as he wanted. We got tired with bawling and fielding but when he got bored from it, he gave us the opportunity to bat.

Now, on every stage of my life, I remember my childhood memories.

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## 69 Bitter truth

"Really *yaar*, this era is not for gentility. People consider a poor fellow to be a gentleman."

'My dear brother, these days only poor fellows are the gentlemen'

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# 70 Speed

"I saw your race yesterday. After seeing your willpower and dedication for your master, I started thinking that we dogs are nothing in comparison with you." A Street dog said to a racing horse, near a stable.

'No brother, this is not true. Willpower and dedication are meaningless for us. Actually, we got a fierce punishment after losing the race, fear is all behind our speed'. The horse replied.

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## 71 Character

Ustad - Jamure!

Jamura-Yes Ustad!

*Ustad* - Who was she, you were wandering with yesterday? I'm pretty sure she was not your wife.

Jamura - Ustad, she is...but Ustad why are you interrogating about her...? Are you doubtful of my character?

Ustad - *Abe*...this is not only my doubt but my belief that you are a characterless fellow.

Jamura - Ustad, You are spoiling my character.

*Ustad- Abe,* Not only me telling that but the whole world. Is the whole world is characterless?

Jamura - How can you say this, Ustad?

*Ustad - Abe*, Before yesterday, I believed that you were a well-cultured man but last night I saw you without a mask. *Beta* this is the tradition of the world, a man remains innocent until he gets caught red-handed. Everyone lives in a house made up with glass and he keeps throwing stones towards others, forgetting the fact every action has a reaction.

Jamura - It means Ustad, you are a characterless fellow too?

*Ustad* - *Abe*! Am I beyond this world, or am I an alien? Now it's proved that you are a characterless fellow.

Jamura - (moaning) What can I do Ustad...I've been insulted by my own wife many times for without any reason.

Ustad - Then why you don't kick out her from home?

Jamura (Emotionally) - Ustad I have a child too...my own blood Ustad...I can get the woman in the market, but my own blood Ustad... *Ustad*- It means, you are compromising for your son.

*Jamura - Ustad,* not only I but whole world compromise after the marriage.

*Ustad- Abe,* You are talking like a guru. *Jamura-* It's due to your company I kept.

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## 72 Equality

Unemployed Arjuna reached at Eklavya's office to get a job. Eklavya was the head of the department. After a long waiting, he was called by him. As soon as he entered into Eklavaya's chamber, he got surprised to see his glory. His thumb was also intact in its proper place. In the hope of getting a job, Arjuna started telling him about his poor financial conditions. On this Eklavya Said to him- 'A few centuries ago, due to the Dronism and Arujnism, my financial and social status were very low, as today is yours. Now, this is the time of ours, equality comes from this way.

Having heard this, Arjuna's inner self awoke and he said that equality does not come from this way. It is by turn that this time is yours. Now the turn went to the inner self of Eklavya- he said angrily- "Get out. Get out from here."

# 73 Honour of needs

Yesterday I had explained to my beloved Uma -"Love is a spiritual thing and there is no space of sexual relations in it. We should respect the feelings of each other.

Today she is caught red-handed with an already married man in an objectionable situation. They might have been beaten by the villagers.

Perhaps Uma prefers to respect the physical need than the respect of mental need.

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## 74 Moccasin

I remember that in my childhood when I wore shoes for the first time, it bit me but in the enthusiasm of wearing new shoes, I forgot the trouble I grew up. During my growth, I bought shoes many times and all shoes troubled me and gave me wounds.

On the occasion of my marriage, I had purchased a *Sherwani* and a pair of *Jooti* (moccasin) I wore it and like nature, it also bit me. I tossed in pain. I could

not bear the pain. My ego was hurt because it was a feminine gender and my manly ego could not bear this.

From that day onwards, I never wore the *Jooti* (moccasin)

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#### 75 Mother

We often gave stale foods to a pregnant street bitch. At the proper time, she delivered puppies. To supply the food to the puppies, she went in search of food here and there and brought eatables for them. I used to observe her. After some week she started coming along with her puppies to us and looked us with hope.

Nowadays her puppies are grown-up and keep on fighting for foods in our courtyard and they do not winnow their mothers in the courtyard.

76 Ostrich

On that country, it's a neighbouring country made attacks many times. On the first attack, the king of that country did rebuke hardly and on the second attack said that this is a cowardly activity. On the third attack, he said that neighbouring country is trying to examine the patience in us. After some years, the king passed away and the prince declared new king. Some months later, the neighbouring country again made an attack. To follow the traditions, the new king too said that this is a cowardly activity and we rebuke hardly.

At last that country was captured by the neighbouring country.

# 77 Bazaar(Market)

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I interrogated to the government- I am afraid of AIDS. What should I do to protect myself for this disease?

The government replied-Don't worry. To protect yourself, use condoms and pay attention, it's not required to avoid immoral sexual relations. Only use condoms. Branded condoms of all companies are available in the market.

...And I started to believe in the greatness of our country.

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## 78 World Renewal

He was a reformist and wanted to change the world. For this, it was must to awake the sleeping people. First of all, he tickled their heads and said lovingly- 'Please get up. 'But people were unaffected. After a while, he shook them badly. On this activity, they acted something and again slept off. Now he got irritated. He got up and poured a bucket of water upon them. On this, all the people woke up and got him to get asleep forever.

# 79 Knowledge Selling

I had knowledge of a lot of different subjects. Daily in the morning, I kept this Knowledge in a sack and keeping on my back I distributed it among the needy people. Since the distribution of knowledge, increases knowledge, so my storage of knowledge had been increased and I started distributing it with more generosity.

One day I opened my sack before a man and started to explain about knowledge to him. Suddenly he got wild on me and said that now pick up your garbage and get out from here. Hearing this, I was shocked. I collected my all knowledge into the sack and returned with heavy steps. After that day this happened regularly with me. People were freighting of me, suddenly my soul told me that this time is not for distribution of knowledge but it's time to sell knowledge. From the next day onwards I started to sell the knowledge.

Nowadays my business is going on worldwide. So many branches have opened of my knowledge, like Yoga Guru, Management Guru, and spiritual Guru etc.

# 80 Defect

"Sir there are too many defective lots being rotten in our storehouse. We can start a 'sale' and all defective lots sell out in it. Doing this, we can earn money." A manager advised his owner.

'You are a man of fully defective mentality. You should know that in the defective materials salespeople come fighting shy of it and as same they go back.

By the different media you should propagate that our productions are hundred per cent exported, but on the occasion of Gandhi-*Jayanti*, we are providing the export quality clothes in the cheap prices and listen- Put the photo of Mahatma Gandhi on the small defects and tricolour flag on the big defects.

#### 81 Talent Hunt

The king of that kingdom was fond of watching TV programs. One day an idea struck in his mind that he should select his prime minister, cabinet ministers and royal employees by the talent hunt programs. He started preparing for that. He took help of all the TV channels. To select the ministers, a program Laughter Show, was prepared because the king knew as well that the ministers should be like the jokers, who can divert the public's attention from all problems by making others laugh and laughing. To select the Prime Minister a program, named 'Father Of Comedy' was prepared and to select the members of the royal court, a program named 'Sasti Music Mein Jhoom' prepared. This program was fully based on *Raga* Darbari and Raga Jaijaivanti, because oily tongue was must to become a member of the royal court. Inspired by IPL cricket, royal employees were purchased auction. in an For woman

empowerment, fifty per cent reservation was provided for all the posts and to select them 'Smart Miss' and 'Smart Mrs.' named programs were prepared.

By these all efforts, a new government had been formed. Some months, later the new government took a decision to hang the king because except the king, all were talented and the king was useless for them.

## 82 Impotent

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He had no knowledge about the sexual relationship. His friends used to tell him that this is a heavenly experience. He also wanted to make this relationship with someone. His manly ego provoked him to do this, but his sacrament stopped. A war was going on between his ego and sacrament.

Once by the provocation of his ego, he reached to a prostitute. He was about to prove his manliness, suddenly his sacrament started to stop him. At the eleventh hour, he cancelled his program and immediately prepared to come back. On this act, the prostitute said to him with a disgusting voice *-Saala Hizda* (Hey you impotent).

When he came out from there, his friends asked him about his experience. He told them all happenings. On his reply, his friends also said-*Saala Hizda*. After listening much more from his friends, He even thinks that he is an enlightened impotent.

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#### 83 Message

During a communal riot, I was killed by a rioter. After death, I reached *Yamraj's* court. *Chitragupta* told *Yamraj* about my worthless deeds. Saying this -"All over the life you did not believe on almighty authority and wrote articles to spread atheism, so you go to the hell " they sent me the hell. There I saw the people, who were killed by the rioters in different communal riots, are in a conference. I also joined the conference. In that conference a proposal was passed unanimously - "We will send a message to the earth residents that they would become atheists."

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## 84 Status

*Dauji*, in your village a national awarded poet "Kumar *Saheb*" lives. Would you please tell me, where is his house in the village. I interrogated.

No one Kumar *Sabeb* named lives In our village. *Dauji* replied.

*Babooji*, Dagdu *Chamar's* son Bheekhu writes poems by the name of Kumar *Saheb*. *Dauji's* son suddenly said.

Oh! Hiding his caste he has become Kumar *Saheb* and got the award too. He thinks to change his name; he can also change his caste... *Dauji* murmured.

Sir, we do not go to the *Chamar* colony, but we can show you the way of the colony...saying this, *Dauji* started to show the way of *Chamar* colony Meaning - (i) Dauji - The richest person of the village

# (ii) Babooji - Father (iii) Chamar - cobbler

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#### **85 Caste and Status**

"Yaar, Today I have read a piece of news that trying to overtake a Honda City car, an auto rickshaw collided with a truck and all the passenger of the auto rickshaw along with the driver, passed away on the spot. A man informed his friend.

'In our country, anyone who wants to increase his status or to be equal with the upper caste gets the result like this.

#### 86 Chessmen

All the posts of chairman in the local institutions were reserved for tribes, in the tribal area of our state. I wanted to know the views of an exchairman, who belonged to the upper caste.

He told me with a devil smile - This is more comfortable for us. Now we will forward our chessmen.

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# **87 Classification**

The Varna Vyavastha system was imposed in that kingdom by the king. Due to this system that kingdom was defamed and the king was in the trouble. He took advice from the *Rajguru*. The *Rajguru* was a very experienced fellow. On his advice, the king announced the end of Varna Vyavasta, but in the practical convent educated people to be accepted as higher class and others as lower class.

...By this way *Varna Vyavastha* had been changed into *Varg Vyavastha* (Class system). There was not any basic difference between these two.

## (Varna Vyavastha system - Caste system)

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#### 88 Solution

Due to the bad administration, and mismanagement people of that kingdom were dissatisfied and organized revolts were being started by them. The police stations were also being burnt. Even the intellectuals, who were always neutral, also fully involved in revolts. The worried king took advice from his most experienced advisor. According to his advice, the king ordered all his detectives to throw beef into Hindu temples and pork into mosque and Gurudwaras. He also ordered to kill at least five pastors. The detectives of the kingdom followed the order of the king as it is. After a few months, the civil war started in that kingdom.

In history, the king is known as a very wise king.

# 89 Dalit

He was heading to a place blissfully; suddenly he heard something and felt the melting glasses were being put in his ears. He looked here and there and found a Hindu saint preaching on Manusmriti. Suddenly he remembered that he is also a Dalit.

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# 90 Solution

"That philosopher impresses to the people. Even he is challenging our Rajdharm.(National Religion) He is becoming more dangerous for our kingdom day by day. We should think something to handle him quickly. 'A frightened king said to his advisor.

The advisor replied politely "We can do a thing...We will give the order to all statue makers of our

kingdom that they would form the statues of that philosopher and when the statues would be formed, we will establish all the statues on each and every square of our kingdom. Along with this, we will spread a rumour among the people that the philosopher is a messenger of God and they should worship him. After a few days, we will find that the thoughts of the philosopher will have vanished and only statues remain, which are not harmful to us." Saying this, there was a devil smile on his tips.

...And this way, the king saved his kingdom.

# 91 Taliban

"Since America is a Christian nation and Jesus Christ was born in Israel, so Indian media keeps fanaticism for these two countries and for each and every mishap, blames on America. Even for the decomposition of USSR, Indian media says only America is responsible. Only CNN channel shows us real information" An Indian Christian said. "Indian media gives us false news about Kashmir. Only the PTV channel shows us real facts, so despite the ban, I watch PTV. "An Indian Muslim said. "Sorry...both of you are Indians, but you are talking like a traitor... "Saying this, a Hindu suddenly stopped.

"We don't live in India...Actually, we live in Hindustan, where the Hindu Taliban sometimes demolish Babri Masjid and sometimes kill the pastors." Both the Christian and Muslim replied together.

## 92 Dalit

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"We Hindus are generous and tolerant, that's why our religion and culture is alive till today." A Hindu said.

"We Muslims are too much staunch and to protect our religion, we can do everything, even we can die too. One Muslim is equal to ten others". A Muslim said proudly.

"We are Sikhs. The cause behind the birth of our religion is to save the Hindu culture from the Muslim attackers, but listen, we are not Hindu. Our bravery is famous in the whole world."

"We Christians are wise and believe in equality and teach the lesson of self-respect to the *Dalits*, which are converted into Christianity. Due to our wisdom, we have governed all over the world." A Christian said.

"Now what do we say? We have to say only that we are *Dalits*. A disappointed *Dalit* said.

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#### 93 Blackmail

One day I was overtaken by an unknown fear and went to my best friend and told him about my fear. He scolded me and said angrily - "Since you are an atheist, so you have got this result." After a little while, he mercifully advised me -"You should go to God."

I interrogated him - 'Where could I find God? Then he told about different brands of God. According to his advice, first of all, I reached a Hindu temple and told the priest about my problem. Listening to my problem he started preaching on sin and hell. When I knew about hell, Fear engulfed me even more. From there I reached a mosque. There the Imam told me that Jihad and only Jihad is the way of heaven and if you agree to be a suicide bomber, definitely you will reach in the heaven, guaranteed." Hearing this, I became too much fear and I went to a Church and when the pastor showed me the fear of Satan, I became quite disappointed and fully frustrated and to panting, at last, I went to a psychiatrist.

...Today I am fully free of the unknown fear and have decided to never to go to God.

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#### 94 Blackmail

A man to a child- "Hey! Where are you going with this bill book?"

Child- "Uncle, we are collecting the *chanda* for the *Ganesh* festival."

Man- "But where are your other companions?" Child- "Uncle we are going to collect the *chanda* door to door separately, with a separate bill book."

Man- "If you work this way, you never collect the *chanda*. You should go to in the shape of a crowd. *Beta*, people don't give *chanda* by self-inspiration and faith, but they give to it fear of the crowd."

As big the crowd...so big the collections...understand?

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#### 95 Gibbet

I read a quotation- "We should put our own views in front of the people, after the deep study of any subject. For the study, I selected the subject-'Religion'. I read each and every scripture of all religions and after that, I started putting my own views in front of the people.

Today the followers of all religions are gathered and are demanding to hang me up.

Now as I am about to die, I want to extend the quotation - We should put our own views in front of the people after the deep study of any subject but except religion.

96 Recognition

"This is no matter how much talented you are and how much success you have been. I cannot give you recognition, because you are a *Dalit* after all."

"The challenger of my existence, who are you? What is your qualification and why should I take recognition from you?'

"The biggest qualification of mine is that I do not belong to the *Dalit* community and this is my natural right to give recognition to *Dalits* ...understand?"

"Then O.K...From today to my coffin-day, I do not recognize you and this is my self created right...understand?

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#### 97 Comfortable

Man A -"Do you know in the Muslim period of our history, the Muslim kings were great oppressors and they forcibly converted Hindus into Muslim and too much devil deeds were done by them"

Man B- "Well...How do you know this?"

Man A- "Sir, I have read world-famous books of different historians."

Man B - "Then in those books did not you read that Aryans were attackers and in the Vaidic period beef was an important eatable thing among Hindus? Man A- Sorry sir, I have read only those books, which are written during the Muslim period.

## 98 An Empty Mind

We were four friends from different religions. One day we decided to see God and we started worshipping as our religious priests said. Even we postponed our necessary routine works. Some days passed. One day suddenly our different Gods emerged in front of us separately and said the same - "My dear son...an empty mind is the residence of either God or the Satan.

...And from the next day, we were busy in our routine works.

99 Compromise

Showing me a dagger, they ordered - "Say loudly, *Allah Hoo Akbar*". I did the same without any hesitation because to reach my colony quickly and to show the *Trishul* (trident) I wanted to make them speak - *Jai Shri Ram*, but it was possible only in a single condition when I would be alive. So I said loudly - *Allah Hoo Akbar*, without any hesitation.

**100 Democracy** 

In a democratic country, A and B were two main parties. After the parliament elections, both parties were won equal seats. Party 'C' was a *Dalit* party and it won three seats only. Party D is a regional party and it didn't win any seat. Remaining seats were won by independent candidates. Kindly tick the correct possibility, giving the fruitful reason.

1. The government would be formed by the party A

2. The government would be formed by party B

3. The government would be formed by the party C

4. The government would be formed by the party D

5. The government would be formed by independents.

6. Everything is possible.

Answer- 6. Everything is possible, because it is a democratic country.

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## 101 The biggest religious person

#### (Two men A & B were talking)

A- "A man should be religious. I am an example myself. I wake up early in the morning daily and go to the Ganga (The Holiest River of India) to take a bath. After coming from there, I worship God for at least two hours. I also perform fast regularly."

B- "Tell me, how many followers of other religions have you killed?"

A- "Not anyone."

B - "Then you are not capable of saying that you are a religious man. Look at me...I am an example. In

each and every communal riot, I kill a minimum of five to ten followers of other religions. Now tell me, who is more religious ...you or me?"

A- 'Brother, you and only you are the biggest religious person.'

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## 102 Eunuchs

That day I asked the group of eunuchs, why they don't do any respectable work?" On this question, they replied that they know nothing, except clapping.

Making fun of them, I suggested them to join any religious television channel.

Nowadays I'm watching them in the leading roles, on the different religious television channels. They clap and dance and the crowd of devotees clapping and dancing along with them.

Today I am afraid and worried to imagine that the people of the whole world are converting into eunuchs.

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#### **103** Conversion

He fed a poor hungry man and asked just formally-"Brother what is your name? Which God do you believe in? And what is your religion?"

The poor hungry man replied to him respectfully-"From today my name will be as kept by you. You are my God and your religion would be mine."

...Now he understood the secret of conversion.

#### 104 Pride

He was a Hindu in the Sikh majority area. He used to go to *Gurudwara* daily and also read *Gurugranthsaheb*. After *Indira* Gandhi's murder, during the Hindu-Sikh communal riots, he saved himself by saying that he believes in Sikhism. After a few years, he was transferred to the Muslim majority area. There he used to go *Masjid* (Mosque) and read the Quran. After the *Babri Masjid* (Mosque) destruction, during the Hindu–Muslim communal riots, by saying that he believed in Islam to the Muslim rioters and he was a Hindu by birth to Hindu rioters, he again saved himself. Now, these days he is posted in a Christian majority area. He goes to church and reads the Bible daily. He curses both Hindus and Muslims for their staunchness. He gives references to Pastor's murder and destruction of churches. Definitely, he would save himself again.

He does say with proud that he is a Hindu, but only in his loneliness.

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## 105 Adopted Daughter (Two men A & B were talking)

A- " Sign on this form."

B- 'What type of form is this?'

A- "Actually the government wants that each citizen should adopt at least two poor girls and to bear expenditures of their education. Since we are government employees, so we should adopt more than two girls. It is our social and moral responsibility too."

A- Guru, your seat generates too much income. If you want, you can adopt a number of poor girls, because you are capable of this, but I dare not to do this.' B- "Listen...there are so many young girls too in the list." (A whispered voice)

A- 'Oh! This is the matter. Why did you not tell me this first?... Let me see the list. I would adopt all the young girls,

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#### 106 Worship

He reached his home late night from a marriage reception. In the morning, his wife gave him a list of worship materials, which were related to her *Karvachouth* fasting. He was warned by his wife to bring all materials of the list in any condition, but due to workload in his office and after a marriage reception, he forgot to bring the materials. He went into the bedroom. His wife was lying on the bed. He said to her with guilty – "Sorry darling, today I couldn't bring the materials."

'Oh! Come on darling... This time is not for worthless talks.' Saying this she caught his hand and pulled off him upon herself and by her left hand, she switched off the lamp.

#### 107 Majority

"To be attentive, a symbol is must, that's why I support the worship of statues, so I'm the best." Religion A said to two others.

"I'm quite opponent of statue worshipping, but I like worship of dead bodies, so I'm the best." Religion B said.

I also don't like the worship of statues, but I like to pray in front of a picture at the particular place, so I think, I 'm the best. Religion C said.

They went to a neutral man for decision. The man smiled at their logics because he knew that worship of a symbol is popular among these all three religions. After a little while, he made the decision with cleverness and said to all religions- "Wherever the followers of a certain religion, are in majority, at that very place that religion is the best. It means your superiority depends on the number of followers, not on your principles."

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#### 108 Rate

Ustad – Jamura

Jamura – Yes Ustad.

Ustad – Do you read the newspaper?

Jamura –Yes, I do Ustad.

Ustad – Then tell me what have you read today? Jamura – Ustad today I have read that a leader has been offered of two million rupees by the other party to change his party, but due to the faith on his own party, he refused the proposal.

*Ustad* – Do you know the truth behind this news? *Jamura* – No *Ustad*.

*Ustad* – It means in the future if the leader would change his party, his rate would be more than two millions. Indirectly he is telling about his minimum rate...understand?

Jamura – Ustad you should be in the politics.

Ustad – Abe I'm kicked out from there.

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#### 109 Bazaar(Market)

There was an established and reputed herbal shop in the midtown, named Agrawalji's Herbal Shop. After some years four more herbal shops were opened adjacent to it and all of the shopkeepers hanged boards in which they quoted the same After months the established name some shopkeeper made a change in his board– The Real Agrawalji's Herbal Shop. After some days the others copied as it was. At last, the established shopkeeper wrote on the board- Raghunandan Lal Agrawalji's Herbal Shop. Forwarding one step more, other shopkeepers wrote on their boards -The Real Raghunandan Lal Agrawalji's Herbal Shop.

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#### **110 Double Status**

A man bought shoes for Rs. eight hundred, but after fifty per cent discount he got it for four hundred rupees only. He kept on walking and walking wearing the shoes with the tag of Rs eight hundred. He was intervened many times by the people, but he did not pull off the tag. He wore the shoes until they were torn. ...This way he kept on his double status.

## **111 Achievements**

## (Three women A, B & C were talking)

Woman A- I like freedom very much. I left my husband too. I don't care for anybody. My freedom is my achievement.

Woman B -I believe to get achievements myself. I'm a meritorious student from the beginning and today I'm a self-dependent woman. This is my biggest achievement. My husband would not help me, so I divorced him.

Woman C- I'm facing mental and physical oppression from the beginning and till this day I'm neither divorcee nor abandoned. This is my biggest achievement.

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## 112 Bazaar(Market)

## (Two men A & B were talking)

Friend A-What is this yaar, today is our independence day and you are wandering with a long face. At least today we should show a nationalist ourselves. Look at me... I'm preparing for four days. First of all, I went to the market and

bought Khadi clothes. Today Khadi is also available in different varieties. This year I have bought a tricoloured shirt for my son. Really yaar, the uses of national flag have brought some latest designs. After buying the clothes, I bought tricoloured flags for each member of my family and you...

Friend B- Sorry friend...I don't want to say anything about the nationalism of the market or marketing of nationalism.

#### 113 Post mortem

In that democratic country, elections were about to be held. A leader of the opposition, who was also a businessman, had been killed. Both the ruling and opposition parties were accepting that it was a political murder. The ruling party was telling that to create the environment of sympathy, this murder is sponsored by the opposition, while the opposition was saying that frightened of his popularity among the voters, ruling party killed him. The late leader's son was too screaming and was cursing to the ruling party. Perhaps he was also interested to join the politics. Meanwhile, the opposition and the other regional parties appealed for the *Bandh* on a fixed date.

During the *Bandh*, covering deserted roads and shops, A TV reporter wanted to know the opinion of a common man in this event. Luckily he found a disappointed common man. On the reporter's question, the common man replied in a hopeless voice - Definitely, this is a political murder to the people, by the people and for the people.

This was the different matter that the opinion of the stupid common man was edited by the channel.

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#### 114. True Lover

Looking at the rose he irritated ever. He always felt that his faithless beloved is emerging from the rose. He wanted to kill her, but it was just his illusion, so he was not capable to do anything. At last, he crashed hard the rose, but after a little while, he felt that his inner existence along with his hands has become fragrant.

Now he forgot about revenge and became a true lover.

#### **115 Auction**

Three men A, B, and C were living in a village. Mr A belonged to the high class, B to the middle class and C belonged to the lower class. All of the three had taken the government loans separately and were declared defaulters. Once the recovery officers went to their village for recovery, First of all, they reached Mr A's bungalow. They're pulling out the legs of roasted chickens and taking wine, they said to Mr A- Dauji we will recover money form you any time...where will the money go? From there, they reached to Mr C's hut. Looking at his poverty, their eyes watered. They became sentimental and without saying anything to Mr C, they moved for Mr B and reaching there, they scolded him and said rudely- Seeing the money in a lot, you have become dishonest and trying to throw dust into our eyes. Now we will auction your guaranteed land against the loan.

...And after a little while, the procedure of auction started.

#### 116 Shop keeping

In that democratic country *Bandh* was a common matter. The *Bandh* was called on a very small matter, sometimes by the ruling party and sometimes by the opposition and other regional parties. During the *Bandh* shops were made closed forcibly and was published on newspaper – Market was closed by self-inspiration.

During the *Bandh*, a shopkeeper and two labours asked a small political leader –"What do people get from the *Bandh*, except the loss?"

'Appeal for the *Bandh* is our political shop keeping.' He replied with a devil smile.

**117 Offering to the Goddess** 

The stolen precious statue of a Goddess from a very old temple was recovered, from the thieves by the police. The statue was kept in the police station for the devotees. The devotees started offering in cash and in the kinds to the goddess. Now the *Thaanedar* along with his staff to become devotee due to the big offerings. Now all were happy. Looking profits in a lot, the *Thaanedar*  wanted may the statue to remain forever in the *Thana*. He prayed for it daily. The statue also thought that there in the old temple, no one came to me, but there are so many devotees, so it is good for me to stay here. Finally one day the statue said to the *Thanedar – Tathastu*.

After some months a temple of *Thaneshwaridevi* was built by the *Thanedar* and devotees in the *Thaana* premises.

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#### **118 Frustration**

The curfew was imposed in a communal riotaffected city. To prevent the riots, the city was handed over to the army. To cover the riots news, a press reporter wanted to know, how the army would control the riots. He went to the Major and asked about it.

The Major replied - "If the rioters would try to make a disturbance, we will take hard action against them and if they would try to burn any house or shop, we will take harder action against them and if they would try to kill someone, we will take the hardest action against them." "Sorry sir but you are telling like a political leader," The reporter said surprisingly.

"So what can we do? After all, we are the soldiers of a democratic country" The Major replied with frustration.

"But in these tough situations, you'd better tell - "We will shoot the rioters." The reporter said again.

"Now you don't talk nonsense, otherwise we will shoot you" The frustrated Major got wild and said.

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#### **119 Nervous Breakdown**

He formed a big statue with clay. He kept on looking at it with gladness. Suddenly he felt that the statue is smiling. He got frightened and sat down at its feet in down headed position. Now his happiness disappeared. After a little while, he looked up and found the statue has grown into a very big size, and he was a dwarf against it. Just then he accepted almighty to it and with an unknown fear, started crying for protection and from the daily worship of the statue was started by him. Today we can see the statue and the man both are dependent on each other everywhere.

## 120 Curse

A dog and a goat were standing together; suddenly a child picked up a stone and hit the dog. The dog cursed him.

In future, the child becomes the leader of a staunch religious organization.

The goat asked the dog - "Are you still cursing him? These days only these types of leaders are in position without doing anything.

The dog replied- "No I don't right now as I was a religious leader in my past birth."

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## 121 Manhood

In that court of the dogs, a case was filed against a dog. He was blamed that he had bitten his own master.

The judge asked him why he had bitten his own master.

He replied politely – "My lord, I watched the news on the television that the flesh of the dogs is eaten by the people of some countries. Seeing these all, I got upset and as protests, I bit my own master." But it was just symbolic.

'The judge- 'By doing this, you have done the act of revenge, which shows manhood in a dog and to bite your own master, you have defamed the dog community. This is an unforgivable crime, so you...'' "Sorry sir, not I'm, but you are showing the manhood, teaching me the lesson of faith after knowing to all the facts. Breaking the judge's sentences, the dog said.

"Shut up you fool... Now listen to my decision – 'By biting your own master, you have defamed the dog community and broken my sentences, you have condemned the court, so you are punished by the death punishment." The judge punished the dog.

#### 122 Democracy

After getting the freedom, that country accepted the democratic system. After some years, the ruling party started converting democracy into the imperial system. On this, the opposition staged the democratic method and in the next elections, the voters elected the opposition. After some months, people felt that there was no basic difference between the two. Next time the authority of ruling was handed over to the criminals by the people. Now all criminals of the country had got a license to commit the crimes. Being irritated, the next time voters elected the eunuchs.

Today people are being felt cheated by all these leaders.

...Perhaps the next time voters would prefer to choose slavery.

#### 123 Elites

"Saheb, please give me something stale eatables to eat, as I have not eaten anything for two days" A beggar begged to a man.

"You lazy fellow...you don't want to do any work, because this is your habit to live on dishonest means...Now get out from here" The man scolded him. When the beggar went away, the man put stale eatables before his dog, but he was full belly, so he smelled only and sat down near the food and kept watching to it. Whenever any other dog or hens came to eat the food, he reached to the food and again came back. It happened many times. This way neither the dog ate the food himself, nor fed to others. Observing his activity the man murmured- "It seems this dog is fully affected by me...after all a full belly master's dog should be full belly.

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## 124 Address

Girl – "Sir, you are looking very handsome like a film star."

Man - 'Oh really? My wife too says this'

Girl – "Are brother, are you married?"

Man – 'Aye, I have a son too.'

Girl - "Then uncle bye... bye ..."

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#### **125 Dignity**

*Ustad- Jumure,* why are you wandering with a long face?

Jamura- Ustad, yesterday I was beaten by the people for provocation acts.

Ustad- Abe, this is a matter of pride, celebrate this.

Jamura- Ustad at the mid-market, I was insulted by the crowd and you are making fun of me.

*Ustad - Abe* do not feel insulted and listen to me-Actually, respect and dignity are mortal things. Only money is the main thing. Your money has not been spent in the police station or hospital... that's it.

Jamura- Ustad, great men and saints have said that money is a mortal thing. Respect and dignity are immortal things, but you are telling just the opposite. Ustad, I am worried about my impression and you are joking.

*Ustad- Abe*, I am telling you for a long time that does not watch the religious TV channels, but you ignored my advice and stored the garbage of respect and dignity. Meanwhile, listen- respect and dignity are the illusion of the mind. You do not feel humiliated and know a fact more, that anyone's impression is not good in the whole world. Even your great men and saints are too in fame.

Jamura- Ustad this is wrong that you are creating bad images of our saints and great men.

Ustad -Abe, I Know everything, that's why I am an Ustad and you are a Jamura.

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## 126 Shop Keeping

# (In the evening Ustad and Jamura are both walking together in the market and talking)

Jamura- Which shop is that saffron coloured glow signboard hanging on?

Ustad - Jamure it is a temple of Sankatmochan.

Jamura- And Ustad, which shop is that, in which there is something written in blue letters that looks like a hotel menu. Is it an ice cream parlour?

*Ustad*- No *Rey*. It is a Goddess temple and the menu is showing the rate of blowing the earthen lamps in the temple.

Jamura – Ustad, I cannot understand that what is the need for glow signboards on the temples? Ustad-Jamure, this is also a kind of shop keeping.

## 127 Caste feeling

Today we are celebrating *Ambedkar Jayanti*. You all the intellectuals are gathered here for meaningful discussions. I am Anjali Sharma, correspondent of an English newspaper. For the column "View", I need your views on *Dalit* empowerment. "Mister, would you please, give me your introduction?"

'I am Ramanand Shukla. (in a proud voice)'

"Oh! Wow! I am also a Brahmin...by the way which kind of Brahmin are you?"

'We are *Kanyakubja* Brahmin'.

"From where?"

'Originally we are from Uttar-Pradesh, but since the past four generations, we have been living here.'

"Wow! That means you can make wedding relations with U.P. residents. I have an elder sister... please tell me any government employee groom for her."

'Aji, madam, due to these *Dalits*, we Brahmins are not getting any government job.'

"Yes, you are absolutely right."

A Dalit thinker - *Yaar*... you are making discussions on your personal matters. This is not a suitable time for this kind of discussions.

Correspondent- Looking the same caste, the caste feeling has come automatically. Well, I have collected enough matter for my Column. Kindly tell me your names only. I will prepare the article myself...and Mr Ramanand Shukla please give me your postal address and the mobile number. (Brahmin-Top upper cast, Dalit-lowest untouchable caste, Ambedkar- A great leader of Dalits, who provided them reservation in government sectors, Jayanti- Birth ceremony)

#### **128** Business

Jamura- Ustad, I am playing Damru (small drum) for the last two hours, but people are not gathering. Ustad- Jamure, it seems we should wind-up our business

#### Jamura - Why Ustad?

*Ustad- Abe*, so many other businessmen have come in this business and the competition is being tough day by day. Someone is playing *Jannat Se Jehad Tak* named play. Somewhere *Ghar-Vapsi* and conversion, both are going together. Someone making the program of deconstruction the *Maszid*. Sometimes a bomb is being placed in the temple. These people are too fools, who follow them.

Jamura- Take it easy Ustad. The taste of the people has changed. Ustad nowadays, the business of astrology is the business. Let us start this business. We bring a parrot and make him learn to pick-up a paper... that's it. *Ustad- Abe,* Once I brought-up a parrot for this purpose.

Jamura- Then what happened Ustad?

*Ustad* - I had made it cram, some *Shlokas* of Geeta and *Ayates* of Quran.

Jamura- Then?

*Ustad*- People started worshipping him, like a God and one day he passed away. The Communal riots had started in the town. Hindus were saying that his last sentence was a *Shloka* and the Muslims were saying, no it was *Ayate*.

Jamura- Then what happened Ustad?

*Ustad*- Under an agreement, *Toteshwar* Temple and *Miyan Mitthu Ki Mazar* had been built.

Jamura- Ustad, when the peace will be sustained in the world or people will have been killed in the name of religions in different communal riots.

*Ustad- Jamura*, The peace can sustain only when all the people would change themselves into impious or they would have to change the religions as clothes.

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## **129 Tulsidas's Court Martial**

Tulsidas after getting bored with the print media, reached to a TV channel, in which the program 'Court Martial' was going on. The host introduced him to all audience and invited them to question. The series of questions started.

1st question was from a woman-

Women: "Tulsidasji, In one of your famous couplets- *Dhol Gavar Shudra Pashu Nari...*, you have said that a woman and an animal are equal, that's why women are not getting respect in our community. What do you want to say on this?" Tulsidas: "In this couplet, the meaning of *Tadan* is to guess about the woman, not oppression, so your accusation is baseless."

2nd question was from a Dalit

*Dalit:* Do not try to fool us. Anyways in the *Ramcharit Manas*, you have made the image of Rama, fully racist and you have made him kill a *Dalit* Shambooka.

Tulsidas: "Mr., you must remember the Shabris episode. I have let Rama feed on by Shabri, so you cannot say that I am a racist." 3rd question was from a Brahmin

A Brahmin: "In Tretayuga, there were so many senior sages, but the religious sacrifice (*Yagya*) was done by a young sage *Shringi*... why? What was the purpose behind this?"

Tulsidas: "No comments."

(Tulsidas was the author of the Ramcharitmanas. According to him drums, rustics, untouchable castes, animals and women are the same and people should beat them.)

130 Ashvatthama and Dronacharya

"*Pitashri* to finish Eklavya's carrier and to promote Arjuna, you demanded the thumb of Eklavya. Giving his thumb happily, he slapped on your cheeks. You have morally been defeated by Eklavya and naturally, you would have been ashamed of this deed of yours." Ashvatthama said to his father Dronacharya.

'My dear son, as a disciple he has defeated me. It is really a very delightful experience for me because I'm his Guru, but Arjuna and you both have not defeated me till this day as a son or as a disciple. Ashvatthama. I want to be defeated by both of you.' Disappointed Dronacharya replied.

...And what happened further with Dronachaya in the Mahabharata battle is not necessary to mention.

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#### 131 New Caste

"Why *bey*? Why have you told everyone in the entire office, that I belong to the reserve category?" An officer, who was Eklavya's descendant, scolded his peon, who was Ambedkar's descendant.

"Sir, I thought that we all who belong to the reserved category, are brothers." Stammering peon told.

Don't you know that I'm Eklavya's descendant...Eklavya's, whose name is always remembered with Arjuna and Dronacharya and who's descendant are you? Now listen carefully, due to the association of my ancestor Eklavya along with Arjuna and Dronacharya, I have become upper caste automatically.

#### **132** Dronism and Dalitism

Having been disappointed by the policy of Dronacharya's partiality, Eklavya decided to leave Dronacharya and his company. He had understood that he would never be respectful like Arjuna. Now he wanted to do something progressive for his own *Dalit* community and he started. After some time he was elected unopposed leader of his own *Dalit* community. Now he was fully dedicated for social work. After a few years, he decided to get married to a girl of the same caste. For this purpose wherever he went, he was interrogated about his sub-caste and *Gotra* by the family of the girl. Then he found that his subcaste is untouchable in his own *Dalit* community and there is not any basic difference between Dronism and Dalitism.

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