

Chapter 29

Such preachments are highly dangerous

Once I was attending the Holy Mass in a distant catholic church(I am a catholic believer). The priest who executing the Holy Mass was a smart and dynamic youth. Preachment is common in the Holy Mass and during that time, the believers use to sit on the floor of the church. To hear the speech, I also sat down comfortably on the floor.[Its better to adopt the custom of sitting on the floor. It indicates the politeness of mind].

The priest had read the portion of Bible in which Christ send all his disciples all over the world to spread the gospel. The matter of the speech was the holy Words of Christ. “Go, ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.”.

Let me quote a fraction of his preachment here.

“ Preach the gospel to every creature” means we have to protect the biotic flora and fauna. We have to obey the holy Words by means of activities protecting the wild animals. But don't preach gospel to every creature by building monument to the dead elephant, is not by serving milk to snakes on the altar for snakes. It is not by kissing and embarrassing trees.....

We see the criticisms against the Hindu religion in the speech. Let us think of the bad side of this speech. Suppose a believer who used to drink liquor happened to hear this speech. Suppose he is passing beside a temple or an altar for Snakes of fire, after consuming alcohol, then the speech of the priest may come to his mind. The priest only sermonised but this person may try to come that into action. Does the drunkard has consciousness? He may throw a stone to the temple with the misunderstanding , “the Christ may bless me for doing this”. That will definitely leads to the communal riots. That will create the background for the clash between the Hindu brothers and Christians. The innocent people will be killed. But where is the origin of this disaster? From the tongue-tip of the priest.

Then no matter to blame the believer.

Years back, a Christian boy was accused and imprisoned by the religious court in Pakistan for writing something on the wall of a mosque. The Christian world had feared that they would kill the boy. Christians all over the world had prayed for his release with tears. It was a great relief to the Christian world that the authorities freed him. If this incident is true, then we can speculate that the boy had a misunderstanding in his mind about the holy Islam. Ideas given to immature minds will be well-settled in their personality.

Let us go back to our matter of thinking. Thoughts regarding the bad aspects of the preachment of that young priest made me restless. After the holy mass, I approached the priest and said “I am Brahmin youth. I have to do some offerings today. Because some astrologers said that an unknown Christian bewitched me with the help of a Muslim sorcerer. For exorcism, I have to do some offerings in this church and in the mosque in the city. I have completed it in this church and I am going to the mosque now.

But father, your preachment made me very sad. I am so painful that you severely contemned the doctrines and rituals of the Hindu religion.”.

After hearing this, he became blushed. He said sorry to me. I consoled him, “ Don`t mind. Remember it in your future preachments”. [I introduced me as a Brahmin youth as he would not be frightened because Brahmins won`t torture others usually].

How did the young ones in the church feel after hearing our priest`s preachment?. What will be the outcome if they write something on the wall of the temple or compound wall?

Any use if we mourn after they have been caught hand-threaded? We , different religious believers, used to speak uninterrupted that the essence of all religions are one and the same, in venues for communal harmony. It is not proper to say the contrary while addressing only the believers of our own religion. Communal harmony should be begun from the altar of every religion. It should be given birth from the tongue-tips of the clergymen of different religions.

All religions have training institutions for priests. Such institutions of Christian religion are called seminaries. It is difficult to form a new generation of priests who have positive attitude towards communal harmony if we choose the holy book of that particular religion only as the matter of study in such religious training centre.

In my opinion, the Christian seminarists should include the Upanishads, Geetha, Holy Koran etc. as subjects of their studies apart from the study of holy Bible. The priests belonging to the neighboring religions should have the knowhow about the Bible. If so we , the believers of different religions, can understand and love each other. A new generation of priests will be formed or aroused who don`t speak blunders. I

It is suitable here to remember some facts that we have learned from the earlier chapters.

- “Aum”, “Amen” and “Ameen” all are the same (see chapter 4)
- The snakes of fire are heavenly bodies and nobler than man. (see chapter 12)
- The Hindus resurrect in the last day of Judgement (see chapter 1)
- The Hindu method of worship by annoying the rock (stone) is being approved by God (Chapter 23)
- The father in the holy Trinity is known as ‘Brahmavu’ and the Christ is known as ‘Prajapathi’ in Hindu religion (Chapter1).
- One of the seven holy spirits of God known as ‘spirit the great’ is acting upon the Hindu religion (Chapter 1).

Let us ignore the young priests who do bad worthless preachments like our said priest. We can consider the priests who speak very sensibly. Even the good preachments don`t have much utility to the believers until the confession or self deliverance from sin which God hates, exists in the Christian religion (daughter of God`s people). Because God says through prophet Jeremiah. ***** (Jeremiah 9:3).

It is clear from the holy Words that confession permits voluntary commitment of sin. We have already seen the prophecy about Christians in Isaiah 66:17.

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But good religious preachments keeping high standards are very useful for communal harmony.

Almost all the Christian priests say that confession is instituted in the church as a compensation for man's sin as human beings are fluctuant towards sin. Believers, listening to such 'Good Preachments' may feel like this. "No problem with the sin, let us confess to priest". For the same reason, so many Christians committing conspiracy and infringement and planning carefully not to fall in the hands of the Law. But most probably, caught thread-handed by the police.

Recently I have visited a jail. The inmates thought myself as a Hindu. When they came to know that I am a Catholic believer, one of the Catholic believers among them shared his sorrows with me. His words wounded my heart. He said "Sir, if we, the Catholic believers, follow the words of our priests, then definitely we will reach the hell. But if we lead a life following the divine laws as said by the Christ, then we will reach the heaven". I was amazed by the statement of that prisoner. I have argued that no Catholic Priest will persuade the believer to commit sin.

I came to know from further conversation that the idea of getting deliverance by confession tempted and prompted him to do the murder. "Man is fluctuant. He is liable to do sin". Such statements tempt the believers to do sin voluntarily.

In my opinion, a Christian is not fluctuant towards sin. His delicacy had been crucified along with Christ. Voluntarily doing sin is not delicacy. But it is belittling God. The ideology, 'Confession is a remedy for sin' create a tendency to do sin again and again.

Numbers 15: 29-31 clearly describes about sins committed by man voluntarily and involuntarily. "If it is an individual who has sinned by inadvertence, he must offer a yearning kid in sacrifice for sin. The priest must perform the rite of atonement before Yahweh over the person who has born astray by this sin of inadvertence, when the rite of atonement has been performed over him, he will be forgiven, whether he is a native one of the sons of Israel, or a stranger living among them. There shall be only one law among you for the man who sins by inadvertence

But the man who sins deliberately, whether native or stranger outrages Yahweh himself. Such a man must be outlawed from his people, he has despised the word of Yahweh and broken his command. This man must be entirely outlawed, since his sin is inseparable from him."

If the priest gives deliverance from sins which were done voluntarily, then the believers will continue doing it voluntarily. No special consideration to Christians before law and will be imprisoned.

Once a priest said to me, “Confession occurs after swearing not to commit it again”. Then another question arises. “Is it a deceit to persuade man to take oath who are fluctuant?”.

Sinner woman Mariam was a lady who had led a life doing sin deliberately. We see Christ gives her deliverance from sin realizing her repentance.[She did not say any sin with her mouth to Christ].

Christ had warned her not to repeat sin and she did it never. Christ didn't say like this, “Daughter, man is fluctuant. If you commit sin again, then you again come near me. I will make you pure from your sins”.

Here comes the main difference between the holy Advice of Christ and advice of the Christian priests. In the ancient Christian Community, there was no such method of directly confessing to the priest. It is highly noticeable that confession can not be seen in God's own people, Jews and also in Muslims, God's another set of people. We can see in Malachi 2:7 that priest is only a messenger of God. Christ also gives the designation of priests as equal to the angels.

“If any man serve me, let him follow me, and where I am, there shall also my servant be”. (John 12:26).

Since the Christian priests install themselves in the place of the Holy Father, (of the Holy Trinity), they are known as Fathers and may give deliverance to the sinners.