



## Should a National Scripture Be Defined?

**Sir,**

In the present times the roots of all the problems of the nation are entrenched within religion somewhere. Religious illusions have shaken the conscience of the entire country; paths have been twisted. At one place bricks were laid to construct a temple, whereas on the other side a mosque has been erected. The law of the land surrenders to the religious fervour, saying, "This is a religious matter." Encroachments, terrorism and cold-blooded massacre are taking place in the name of the religion. Demands for a separate nation are also being voiced. The efforts of selfless and patriotic leaders engaged wholeheartedly in the development of the nation are getting wasted following such secular misgivings. In such circumstances, why not solve the riddle of religion?

Many thousands of years ago before the era of Lord Ram, *Vedic* sages as a result of severe penance and extreme spiritual pursuits created an image of one God and strove to preserve that knowledge in the hearts of their pupils by establishing schools amidst the forests of India. The same knowledge was reiterated in a proper manner by Shri Krishna more than five thousand years ago through the Geeta. They had said that a soul (*Atma*) is the Truth and all else is absolutely mortal and a nonentity. This message was addressed to entire humanity. The greatest sages and saints of the world adopted that message in its original form and presented it through the respective languages of the countries and regions. Ahurmazda, God, Allah signify the one and same Almighty. Therefore, the Geeta is the mother of all the religions of the world, India is the religious teacher of the world and all the others are its disciples. The Jain literature, Buddhist verses, Granth Sahib, Ram Charit Manas and the discourses by various saints are just the repetition of the tenets of the Geeta.

Religion is one of the process of worship of that one God is religion. Therefore, those who are shouting in the name of secularism are completely engulfed by illusion, because in the condition of more than one religion only discussion in favour of one or against the other can crop up.

Earlier, all the scriptures were in oral form and the pupils were traditionally asked to memorise them and books were nonexistent then. About 5000 years ago the great sage Ved Vyas converted those branches of knowledge – the scriptures into text form. Compilation of the four Vedas, Mahabharat, Bhagwat, Geeta etc. important volumes of knowledge are his creation. He wrote treatises on physical and metaphysical concepts, but didn't call them religious scriptures. He neither described the Vedas as a religious treatise nor recognised any other volume as a spiritual or religious treatise. However, while commenting on the Geeta he said, "The Geeta is worth placing in the heart after a deep study, as it contains the words pronounced by the Supreme Divine Himself." Now a question arises, what is the



need to think of preserving other volumes of knowledge? Hence, the Geeta is his religious treatise. The entire spirituality of India and the process of attainment of self-realisation have been clearly narrated in the Geeta.

The Geeta is meant for the common people. When it came into existence, the present-day sects or religions were not in existence. The Geeta provided solace in the social or religious turmoil of that era. The questions posed by Arjun are, in fact, the questions of every human being. Therefore, the Geeta provides an eternal code of conduct for everyone; this is the legacy of our earliest saints, this is a treasure of knowledge of the Aryan culture and a basic philosophy of the *Sanatan Dharma* (Universal Religion). This truth has remained absolutely unchanged in the past thousands of years and will not change in the future. It is a matter of pleasure that, during the last *Maha Kumbh* of the last century held at Haridwar, the gathered religious leaders unanimously recognised Shrimad Bhagwad Geeta as a religious scripture and the '**Yatharth Geeta**' provides its proper definition. This should be recognized as a religious treatise. The Geeta is a philosophy for mankind that eradicates the reasons for suffering and complex anguish embedded within their subconscious minds and provides everlasting happiness. This has been spoken addressing every human being: 'come to my refuge having received the rare human body, although it is devoid of happiness and subject to mortality.' Hence, the Geeta is for a person desirous of attaining eternal peace.

The Geeta is a treatise of unity, brotherhood and nationality. It proclaims that God is one, the process of His realisation is one, the fervour on its path is one and the result of all these is one; that is the realisation – the perception of the Supreme Divine, ultimate salvation and attainment of ageless life. If you want to see united India adopt the commentary on the Geeta – the 'Yatharth Geeta'— then let it reach the hands of every human being. As soon as a religious scripture is made available, the humanity would find solace. Nobody, then, will be able to convert Indians to Islam or Christianity. Nobody will be able to convert religiously. Everyone from huts to palaces will look at each other as the children of one God.

The Geeta does not belong only to Hindus, because in Hindu society, the worship of *Saraswati* for the Brahmins, *Durga* for the Kshatriya, *Laxmi* for the Vaishyas and *Vandevi* for the Shudras have been prescribed but the Geeta does not talk of all these deities. There is no mention of the word like '**Hindu**' in it. The Geeta is free from the conservative thought that divides men from men. The advocates of social orders call casteism the creation of the God, but incessant deep study of the '**Yatharth Geeta**' is a challenge to them because not a single verse of the Geeta can create a chasm in humanity. According to Shri Krishn, every human being is the purest form of the Supreme Divine. Despite such specific proclamation, thoughts of untouchability, high and low castes, down trodden and *Harijans* prevail in India. The creation of reservation for scheduled caste and tribes, Adivasi, Dalits etc. are but black marks of the stigma smeared on the face of the majority masses, which in a way is an insult to humanity and a wedge splitting humanity. You should provide reservation, but for those who have been suffering for centuries from blatant poverty. If you want to remove the stigma of ill-luck from their lives, want to perceive God in the right perspective and wipe the ever-flowing tears of the



poor masses and alleviate their sufferings and establish a spirit of brotherhood on this earth, promote the Geeta and its commentary the '**Yatharth Geeta**'.

The Geeta is the spiritual scripture of the world. Luckily it came into being in India; therefore, this is the scripture of the Indians, which has made them the world spiritual teacher. The day the Geeta is recognized at the national level, as a religious scripture, the religious diversity will be totally eradicated from India. There will be no place for inter-secular feuds; millions of rupees being wasted on different ostentatious programmes in the name of unity will be saved; spirituality will prevail in full bloom; an Indian living in any part of the world will be able to heave a sigh of relief; the stigma from the face of the people of higher castes living as a minority within their nation will be removed. Therefore, by according honour to the Geeta and making it available to the masses becomes a part of the movement to re-establish the esteem of India as the flag-bearer of true religion and the world spiritual teacher. Keeping alive the tradition of writing in indelible script on the surface of time, act in such a manner that the world should always remember you as a person of this era.

Many of the forecasts of Nostradamus might seem baseless, but his forecast worth noting is that, out of the grim situation of warfare and degradation of moral values, India will provide a meaning to religion, which will help to restore peace in the world. Luckily, religious leaders have already proclaimed the religious scripture and its definition; therefore, get at least three editions of the '**Yatharth Geeta**' by learned persons and having accepted it, spread it among the masses as the true definition of religion.