

# Mt/Hindu National School, Matale

**Why throw away the right and  
the best due to false values?**

I believe in realism as I am more of a practical nature when it concerns Sri Lankan schools and kids.

Principal

# The west has nothing better than the Four Major Religions of this Country.

- So the unnecessary and irrelevant importing of all that is attractive and saleable should not be the order of the day.
- The reason is the outcomes are there to be seen and doesn't auger well for the future of the country or the basic foundation of the society which is the family unit.
- Just spent a few minutes to sit back and reflect upon what is happening in the world and what happened before causing the downfall of great civilizations like Mohanjadaro and Haraffa. Sodom and Gommorah mentioned in the bible. Pompeii, regarding which you can read in the internet and the Holy Al Quran which very strongly speaks of the last day signs which spell out the destruction that could be caused due to man's false values and pretentions in the name of civilization or higher education.

# The Bible and Baghavad Puranam

- The chapter “Asia is Doomed” clearly spells out what the future holds and what the reason is. So if really education means anything, we need to change our paths to a certain extent to ensure a good living as god fearing citizens.
- Baghavad Puranam speaks of sage Viyaser’s predictions and very clearly outlines the present day happenings as it is to the last detail which makes one wonder how someone could have predicted things in such detail five thousand years before.

# The Bible and Baghavad Puranam

- The Bible
- 46 You, Asia, are to be pitied. You are doomed! You have enjoyed the splendor and glory of Babylon. You have imitated her and dressed up your daughters to look like prostitutes to please and gratify your lovers, who have always lusted for you.
- I will send disasters upon you and no one can stop me.
- I will send fire, famine, epidemic, thunder, lightening, floods, wars and earth quakes upon you because you have sinned and need to be punished,
- Homo-sexuality will be the order of the day and will bring about destruction.
- Baghavad Puranam
- Husbands and wives will not be faithful to each other and will have extra marital affairs without any shame. This will result in murders and broken families whereby ruining the lives of children who will later turn out to be bad elements in the society due to their animosity towards the society.
- Fast food.
- Death at young age.
- Gurus not respected.
- Ladies learned but disrespectful towards their husbands.
- Ruler unjust.
- Avarice and wrath the order of the day and murders plentiful.

# The Bible

- **36** It is the Lord's message, so receive it and believe what he says.
- **37** The disasters are approaching rapidly, and they will not be delayed.
- **38** A woman in the ninth month of pregnancy may suffer labor pains for several hours, but when the time comes for the baby to be born, there is no longer any delay.
- Abnormal children will be born and men will become impotent.

# The Holy Al Quran and Lord Buddha

## Islam

- The chapter under cow Sura 2 very clearly states that the non believers would say “We are peacemakers although they don’t really believe in Allah”
- When it is said to them “Do not commit evil in the land,” they reply: We do nothing but good. But it is they who are the evil doers, they may not perceive it”
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## Buddhism

- The 16 dreams of King Kosol explained by Lord Buddha around 2500 years before very clearly predict the present day events and you can check on them for your own satisfaction to see that he was totally right and that the time has come to face the consequences. I am not merely suggesting total destruction but a way out of this mess which has been caused due to failing to understand what real education is.

# The Holy Al Quran and Lord Buddha

## Islam

- Your lord will not destroy a nation without just cause and due warning. They all get degree ( of reward) according to their deeds. Your lord is watching over all their actions.
- Your lord is Self Sufficient and Merciful . He can destroy you if He will and replace you by whom He pleases, just as He raised you from the offspring of other nations.

## Buddhism

- Even of the things that I have spoken if there is anything that seems not reasonable to you, you have the freedom to, not accept.
- Buddha will be born again to show the right path.

# Quotes on Education

- *One is educated by one's vocation, by home-life, by friendship, by marriage, by parenthood, by reaction, by travel and so forth.*
- *Education is life and life is education.*
- *Education is a life long process, starts in the womb and ends in the tomb.*
- *Education makes an individual physically, intellectually and emotionally fit to adjust in the process of life.*

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- *The children of today are too much in love with luxury. They have bad manners flout authority and have no respect for their elders. I can only fear what kind of awful creatures they will be when they grow up. Socrates*
- *Creation of a sound mind in a sound body. Aristotle.*
- *Yes, being a teacher changes lives! No other people have such an important effect on my life as my teachers do.*
- *Setting an example is not the main means of influencing another: it is the only means. Albert Einstein*

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- *Don't use students to build a great teaching career: use your teaching career to build great students.*
- *Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire. William Butler Yeats*
- *The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be ignited. Plutarch*
- *To be successful in life what you need is education, not literacy and degree.*
- *Education must not simply teach work, it must teach life.*

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- *The mediocre teacher tells, the good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates, the great teacher inspires. William Arthur Ward*
- *Education is adjustment with the environment.*
- *It is a process where some purposes are aimed at and efforts accordingly are made to attain them.*
- *The only person who is educated is the one who has learnt how to learn and change.*
- *Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely. The real safeguard of democracy, therefore is education.*

*To be involved with providing education we should be very clearly aware of the following;*

- *Education is based on the absolute values of truth directed towards self-realization. Education must produce men of integrity, dedicated administrators and socially conscious citizens. It must cultivate values of life like; honesty, love, sympathy, non-violence, restraint, co-operativeness, sacrifice and finally faith in man and God.*

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- *Religion is a synthesis of values and an integration of experience. It stands for the entire personality of man. Since divinity and perfection are one and the same, there can be no anti-thesis between religion and education. However, the virtues to be developed in the students are purity, real thirst for knowledge, perseverance, faith, humility, submission, veneration towards the teacher, values of patriotism, freedom and courage are also advised, to be developed in the students.*

# Mahatma Gandhi on Hand Writing

• *When later, especially in South Africa, I saw the beautiful handwriting of lawyers and young men born and educated in South Africa, I was ashamed of myself and repented of my neglect. I saw that bad handwriting should be regarded as a sign of an imperfect education. I tried later to improve mine, but it was too late. I could never repair the neglect of my youth. Let every young man and woman be warned of my example, and understand that good handwriting is a necessary part of education. I am now of the opinion that children should first be taught the art of drawing before learning how to write. Let the child learn his letters by observation as he does different objects, such as flowers, birds etc, and let him learn handwriting only after he has learnt to draw objects. He will then write a beautifully formed hand.*

# Summary

- *If all our religions are suggesting that we have to pay for our sins isn't there something that we should think about twice? Have we ever thought that our blind faith in science has led us away from God and therefore, away from the right path of living as proper human beings? Otherwise, would we be spending so much money on weapons of destruction and pointless space research while millions are suffering on earth due to poverty.*

# Summary Continued.....

- *Have we ever thought that Neil Armstrong misled us when he uttered his famous words, “ This may be a small step for me but a giant leap for mankind”? Because it had been a giant leap for him personally as he is well known through-out the whole world as his feat is mentioned in text books of many countries. But for mankind it has been a mere waste as even in a country where farmers are committing suicide due to financial strain billions are being spent on space research even when missions end up in total failure. That too, in a country where the Father of the Nation said, “ I wish to realize God through Service to Mankind. What a pity!*

# To wind up;

- *As the great leader Nelson Mandela said, Education is the best weapon to bring about a social change and education is not just knowledge but action born out of that knowledge. If we all can work towards this, all beings, plants and mankind can co-exist in this world peacefully or we are all doomed as the bible predicts very clearly. So the choice is in our hands and the God is just watching over us to see how we play the game and if it is a foul game in selfish interests he will have the last laugh. So the great Shakespear was exactly correct when he wrote that the world is a stage and we all are mere actors who have come to play our part. So let us play it well although we cannot play it as well the greatest soul “Mahatma Gandhi.”*