

Feedback

India In My Soul

Musafir's article about India is a gem!!! It's so touching, so true to the core, so poetic, that I felt very emotional just reading it... It also has a photo of Musafir at younger age with his siblings where you can easily recognize him even without the description. I thank Musafir for opening his heart to the readers.

**Irene Rudra
Texas, USA**

I read the whole article. Very touchy and well informative . Thanks for sharing your views and your sentiments

**Niru Prasad
Michigan, USA**

Loved your article. I also can not take India out of my system. We have gone to India almost every year in the last 25 years. We love the food there but eat it now with more caution. We love the love we receive there like nowhere else. We love the people - friends and relatives. We try to see India as much as possible. The crowds and dust does overwhelm us. I also get physically sick by the time I am ready to return to USA. It is a feeling of great relief to come back to our adopted home. Come to think of it, we have now two homelands. We are really blessed.

**Chaitanya Swarup
Michigan, USA**

Victimization of Women

I was disappointed to read your article, "Victimization of Women" in the Winter 2018 issue. There is a passive acceptance of the "culture of sleaze" which has been around since the "origins of mankind". That's abhorrent to me. Using your logic, there was nothing wrong if the British colonized the world for a long time, if there was slavery in America for a long time, and if women were not allowed to vote in America for a long time. You also seem to imply that nothing much would happen if women do speak up against sexual misconduct. Do you expect women to keep putting up with sexual misconduct? And saying that "as long as there are givers, there will be takers" gives the impression that the victims are as much to be blamed as the perpetrators of crime. That's akin to blaming a rape victim for the rape, instead of blaming the rapist. Finally, no viable solution to the problem has been proposed.

**Pradeep Srivastava
California, USA**

Discourse Interrupted

I enjoyed reading your article, "Vis-a Vis Discourse Interrupted" (LinkedIn, February 28, 2018). Mr. Singh may have been a Sikh, but he understood the teachings of Hinduism better than many Hindus. Not only that, it seems he not only understood Hinduism, but also tried to practice it in his day-to-day life, which is commendable.

I would just make a few points, as follows.

One, Hinduism has identified six obstacles to spiritual growth, namely, lust (kam), anger (krodha), greed (lobha), pride (madd), delusion (moha), and envy (matsaraya). Mr. Singh got five out of six right!

Incidentally, "moha" in Sanskrit is "delusion" in English. However, in Hindi, "moha" means "attachment", as Mr. Singh has interpreted. I would personally prefer the Sanskrit version because our scriptures were originally written in Sanskrit.

Two, Gita says that lust, anger, and greed are the triple doors to hell. I don't see anything redeeming about these evil tendencies.

Three, attachment indeed is evil. True love must be selfless and unconditional, resulting in performing one's duties towards a loved one selflessly through performing selfless actions (nishkama karma).

Four, anger too is evil, as per our scriptures, including Gita, as mentioned before. Below are some of the quotes on anger.

Pradeep Srivastava
California, USA

My Life As A Snob

Very humorous article. Please keep this up.

Shashi Prasad
New York, USA

I just read Musafir's humor article "My Life as a Snob", and it really made my day on this cold gloomy morning! I laughed out loud! Musafir's scope of writing styles amazes me: just the other day I read his very emotional and touching article about India, and today - this hilarious one that cheered me up so much. Well done!...

Irene Rudra
Texas, USA