

India's Fate

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India's value to the world lies more in her spiritual heritage, now in danger of being corrupted, than in her example of Western-style modernization.

To tame the heart is not an easy task, to bring it from wanton desires to obedience requires time and patience. It has been India's fate to be subservient for many years under differing conquerors. Through all this, her people did not revolt and deteriorate. Rather they turned their hearts toward God. In faithfulness they endured the tortures of those who sought to rule.

Now her people are free from outside dominion. But at such a precious hour, India is losing her faith. Through all of her suffering God had suffered, only to bring her to the point where she is today, to reap the rich harvest of the soul. But before the harvest can be reaped, a thief is plucking away the sweetness. That thief is none other than the corruption,

the violence, the lust, the cold-hearted cheating that are found in every aspect of Indian life. At the time when the fruit is the best and can be a fragrant blossom to the world, she smells the putrid smell of godlessness and selfishness.

Some buds are lost. But the orchard remains. India -- her people -- must at this crucial time keep her faith in God, not as a servant, not as one who must only obey the passage of time. But she must keep her faith as a daughter of God, one who takes control of her destiny to shape it to the form of her inherent greatness. She must harvest the long years of suffering, which have made her heart one of radiant beauty. She must bring greater glory to God, not as a harlot who flaunts her treasures so anyone can see. But as the daughter of a king, one who has something precious, and waits for the proper moment that it might be duly appreciated. If India has something to give, it must be deeper than the changes that come with modernization. If there truly is value in India no amount of Westernization or modernization can take away that value. It can only polish it, as the grinders polish a precious gem.

The danger in India is not the grinders. No, the danger is that India will lose God, and thereby cease to be a jewel. It doesn't have to do with the government, but each person -- and that is India. On each person rests the responsibility to take India from her servant position, up through the struggle of greed and selfishness, to the position of a queen. Each person must make his life the life of royalty. Then this country can be the royalty she is, that is now hidden.