

## **GODLINESS can prevail.**

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We humans have achieved many great things, reduced disease, hunger and suffering in the world, increased education, eradicated slavery etc. However, these in themselves are not justifications for complacency. As the mind is leaner in thinking, if we get complacent, we become un-alert. When we are not alert, awareness is low. Resultantly, thinking that is not up to our standard seeps into our system and then becomes part of our being. This is dangerous, as we then accept compromised and lower standards.

We should be alert like the story in Matthew 25: 1-13 urges us to. It ends with the following words *“Therefore stay alert, because you do not know the day or hour”*. Have we been complacent over the centuries of our development? As a result have certain thoughts and thinking seeped in and become such a part of us that we do not want to look at it? How do we know if that has happened? The tree is known by its fruit. If we get defensive and are ferocious in our defensiveness, we need to look into ourselves and see why these ferocious thoughts, words and deeds are stemming out of us. *(For out of the heart come evil ideas, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. These are the things that defile a person; it is not eating with unwashed hands that defile a person. Matthew 15:19-20)*

The good we do and the great things we achieve (like increasing education, eradicating disease and slavery) are not justifications for us to accept bad, criminal behavior or thought patterns. It is necessary for us to realize that the church more than any other single entity has enslaved the divine human spirit with centuries of inculcations of rituals, fear and guilt. As a result of the direction the catholic church has forced upon its members, the fear of punishments like inquisition, defrocking, refusal of burials in catholic cemetery (Galileo Galilei), excommunication and even eternal damnation in hell is imbedded in us. The repercussion of this is that "good catholics" that go to church and do all the things the church preaches, have been trained and inculcated to defensively think, act and do. Our actions are enacted to avoid going to hell, or avoid sin, or avoid hurting/angering God. This is not how a divine and free spirit should think or act. God created us in his likeness. We believe Jesus set us free. Well, a free spirit should think, act and do like itself.....a free divine spirit. *(I tell you the truth, unless you turn around and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 18:3)* What a free spirit little children have! Then, we teach them to behave, and take them to church and instill fear of hell, the devil, sin and darkness into them! Woe unto us! While appreciating, it is important that we look beyond the good the church does. What do garment and caps they wear conceal? Are they fraudulent? Are they harboring criminals? Are they accumulating massive wealth? Are they supporting dictators? If these were true of anyone else, we would think and act. Why can we not think and act if it is the church? Could it be centuries of enslavement of the divine human spirit? And if so, who benefits from such enslavement? Do you?

Think, think, PLEASE. Do not be afraid, if God is on our side, who can be against us?

This is my easter prayer:

May all who I am blessed to encounter find in me, something that makes me and them think. And that we may find the time to think divinely.

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