

On the Lighter Side! Maharashtra Burnings !

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Demons(trators): We would not tolerate any kind of injustice and desecration of our Lord aka Ambedkar at Kanpur. We vow that we would continue to burn down Maharashtra!

Mess(enger): Why burn Maharashtra ! you should have pointed your guns at Kanpur or UP. Does it mean you don't have enough strength in those areas to effectively communicate your protest and the way of protesting!

Demons: We are not going to listen to you, we would destroy whatever we can, as you rightly said Maharashtra is our stronghold, so we started our agitation here, it does not mean we would spare Kanpur or UP, if things were in our control we would even burn down the Whitehouse!

Mess: Oh really! Then in that case you should have first strengthened yourself in Washington and exert pressure on Bush to act and mediate to solve your vows! I think he is powerful enough! Probably you could sign a nuclear (arms) deal with him. It would only take one or atmost two nuclear blasts and in a trifle the whole country would come and kneel in front of you. No one would dare to touch the statute of Ambedkar forget desecration.

The days of stone pelting and burning sound too pre-historic, you see it reminds one of the stone and fire age, mankind has really matured in developing ever devastating means of destruction! Do you want to remain backward.

If I were you I would have protested and demonstrated on moon or maybe Mars! Maybe I would have bribed the heavens to rain

devastation, bring forth earthquakes and Sunamis to teach lessons to the erring Indians who dared to touch the Statue of my lord!

Demons; You seem to be right! What do you suggest. What we should do. How would be the idea of contracting Bin-Laden to take the revenge of Baba Ambedkar, do you believe he would be able to bring Kanpur into submission!

Mess: I don't know if he has his aides operating in Kanpur but if you promise enough money and free hand in killing anyone and that may include some amongst you as well, anywhere, he might seem to agree. Otherwise why don't you take your protests to Kashmir, he may not even ask any money he may simply ask some of your men to join hands in the game of death!

Demons: Well said! That sounds most appropriate but what if Kanpur still does not learn lesson!

Mess: Forget Kanpur, as such who is suffering from your deeds in Maharashtra, it could be one amongst you who might have missed to join the office due to riots and lose his job which he got with great difficulties despite all the reservation systems! Or worst, it could be one amongst you who might have accidentally got killed in the retaliatory police firing! That sounds pretty uncharacteristic of your intentions. I assume you never had the intentions of harming your own types!

Demons: You are thoughtful, we never looked at that angle at all, if that happens we would not live to regret in whole of our lifetime, we will die of shame, do you see! Agar aisa hua to ham sharm se doob ke mar jayenge! Ham kahin ke nahi rahenge!

Mess: Come on then! Leave this hassle of demonstrating, try and live a peaceful life, forgiving is the best trait a human being can develop. Ignore the atrocities and condemn the acts in silence and

not in violence. One day you would be respected like never before, Gandhi would smile from heavens that atleast some of his men have learned something from his sacrifices. You see, the Mahatma was very happy with Munnabhai, he told the lady Gandhi, free him from the troubles, he has repented for his acts and he is hero in his own right, he has taught Gandhigiri to the world, I am proud of him. Now it is upto you if you want to become Munna bhai or dawood bhai!

Demons: We realize there is some truth in what you say, we would give Gandhi a chance, we also promise that we would not remain backward and not harm our own types. It seems everyone is of our types. It was a mistake to have reacted the way we did, we have learned the lesson the hard way, we would strengthen ourselves to unite rather than to disintegrate from the rest. We would embark a new chapter of the powers of forgiving and protesting in silence.

Mess: Thank you friends, I always expected you to join the mainstream and solve the more serious problems facing the earth rather than protesting for mere cause of desecration of a statue.

At the same time, I would request the man who committed the sin of desecration to publicly accept his mistake on Aaj Tak, I assume that you would assure that he would be forgiven. Also, your representatives should come forward and accept that you were on the wrong path and would not resort to such violent reactions for this or any such issues in future.