

Patriotism alone is not Enough

Essay No. 01

Patriotism means love for one's country but it does not mean hatred for other countries. It means an instinct for working hard and honestly for one's country and making any sacrifice, if need be, for its security, freedom and integrity.

Today we are breathing the air of freedom because of true and great patriots like Mahatma Gandhi, Jawahar Lal Nehru, Subhas Chandra Bose, Sardar Bhagat Singh, Chandra Shekhar Azad and many others who made great sacrifices and suffered untold miseries to achieve the goal of freedom after a long and tedious struggle while fighting valiantly against the mighty and cruel ones, Britishers. Guru Gobind Singh had sacrificed his near and dear ones, including his entire family, to bring freedom to us. Some patriotism is the spirit which seeks happiness through supreme sacrifice for the country.

But today, unfortunately, the people of our country have lost the spirit of patriotism. It is particularly lacking among our leaders who have turned selfish and self-centered. Such leaders can't give proper guidance to the young men who are the future helmsmen of our country. They consider themselves above law. They pose to be highly religious, moral and patriotic but are now here near anything which is essential for a truly good and great life.

In spite of their mentalities, true patriotism still exists in the hearts of our young men and was particularly proved by our young brave soldiers during three wars with Pakistan and one with China when they showed utmost valour and courage. It is of utmost importance that the spirit of patriotism should be instilled in the minds of young children from the very beginning. The teachings and relevance of our great cultural heritage which is above all religious, regional and cartelistic barriers should also be taught.

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When we think of the importance of patriotism, four kinds of people haunt our mind.

People of the first kind are those who are chauvinists. They are obsessed with the idea of patriotism. They are practically fascists like Hitler and Mussolini. Such people may be imperialistic like Churchill.

The second kind of people are traitors like Quisling. But unlike Quisling, such people generally remain hidden under the surface. Many of them may pose to be great patriots but actually they may be outright traitors.

The third kind of people may be just indifferent to the idea of patriotism and they may maintain this indifferent attitude at all times even in the times of calamities and natural disasters.

The fourth kind of people who may be the commonest, may be of the type who remain indifferent to the idea generally but rise to occasion in time of war, floods, earthquakes, cyclones, famines or other disasters and national calamities.

To these kinds may be added a fifth kind. Such people may be more dangerous and treacherous than ordinary traitors. These are the people who engage themselves in anti-national activities such as terrorism, communalism, fake currency making, scams, smuggling, selling sensitive military and other information to the enemies of the country, etc.

We must bear in mind that the nation whose people do not have the spirit of patriotism in them, will just disintegrate sooner or later. We must bow to our country which is our motherland where we are born and which supplies us everything we need.

The man who does not love his country is just a dead soul as Sir Walter Scott has said: -`

Breathes there the man with soul so dead,

Who never to himself hath said,

“This is my own, my native land!”