



from a different denomination, in the name of religion. Seven decades later, we are still graced by goosebumps as we remember the gruesome aftermath of the partition. Tears stream down our faces as words about the cruel Pulwama attack are exchanged in our dining rooms. Our hearts cried out for those young children who were robbed of their lives during the Gujarat riots of 2002.

In theory, our world is moving towards an age of acceptance. However, reality offers a stark divergence. In fact, it is quite ironic that the ones sermonizing and vocalizing about the virtues of a religion, are the same people who bend their morals and words according to their benefit.

Using God as a mere excuse to exercise their diabolical rationale is the lowest level of the pit that an individual can stumble upon. According to the supreme lord, all of us on earth are his children. Assuming the role of God and deciding the fate of our fellow human beings will only pave the way for our own destruction.

No religion teaches us to instill pain upon the other. There must be numerous theories and ideologies, but at the bottom line, every religion asks us to be kind and warm, to celebrate brotherhood and love all. God is way above our fickle nomenclature, he must not be underestimated. He is not someone we should be afraid of; he is the one generating strong will among us. God is our protector, not our destructor.

Amidst all the grandeur that the word religion holds now, it is slowly losing its real essence and significance. Sprinkling the term occasionally without understanding its actual reference is being normalised. That is why we, as a community, must take charge and alert the budding generations about the consequences of the ongoing events; along with how to undo its effects. It is indeed a hefty task, but the world revolves around hope.

As I conclude, I pray for all the innocent souls and their families who lost their lives in the heinous shackles of “religious affairs.”



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