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A Recapitulation of Four Queer Incidents.

1. Once some friends in a western country while travelling together commented that it is rather strange that Hindus in India consider and respect cows as mother and even refer to them as “Go-mata” meaning thereby as if cows are their second-mother. They said that they are indeed amazed and amused as to why just one species of animal, among so many other species, is considered so holy as mother. It is because of this widespread sentiment of a vast majority of Indians that the Government has, of late, banned cow slaughter.
A smiling response to the above, was: “India is a poor country, mothers are generally undernourished. Thus they go dry very soon and are unable to feed babies. Thus when mothers fail, cows take over! The children, therefore, grow up on cows’ milk. Indians are perhaps sensitive and they are thus inspired to consider cows as second-mother! It is not possible for anyone to kill one’s mother and eat her flesh! No wonder that this sense of gratitude make Indians demand non-killing of cows!”
Western friends, hearing this, felt embarrassed and apologized. They very much appreciated the reason for Indians’ respecting a cow as second-mother.
2. In this context, it was remembered that once a high profile Bengali Muslim couple visited the writer of this Message and the gentleman, in some context, proudly declared that his wife cooks beef-preparations superbly well. It was evident from his face that he was enjoying to hurt the Hindu sentiment intentionally.
This is indeed a tragedy that our education system does not alter our stupidity or inherent psychological violence! An uneducated fool becomes an educated fool! Foolishness continues unabated!
3. In a recent incident, a western lady Kriyaban presented the teacher a beautiful expensive gift –a superbly designed Holy Cross with double horizontal lines. A Cross means “I”, the vertical line, the ego, is symbolically cancelled by the horizontal line. Here was a double-crossed Cross indicating a most profound eradication of the ego. But the subsequent events made it clear that ego was emphasized in every step of her manners. Even this expensive gift was perhaps a gesture of the ego. Realizing this, the teacher suggested a devotee to return the gift to the lady. But the lady arrogantly replied to the devotee suggesting him to throw the gift in the ocean nearby!
This perhaps indicates that despite the dangling Cross on the chest, many Christians use it only as a symbol of their “I”-ness –not “I”-less-ness!
4. In the Retreat, a participant pathetically said that one of his close relatives committed suicide as she could not withstand her constant schizophrenic torture in her inner being. All kinds of treatments and advices which were given to her to combat this, ultimately failed.
Mind is the enemy of Life, except for functioning in the day-to-day technical tasks. Meditative dimension of “No-Mind” in the phenomenon of “Me-deletion” is the only way. There is nothing else one can do or not do. The “doer” is the same distorted mind giving continuity to the mental problems. Non-doing in the dimension of a total let-go, is the remedy of all mental aberrations.

Jai “Go-mata”, Jai Holy Cross, Jai “No-Mind”!