



**"On Mumbai Terror Attacks "
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At a time like this while mourning for those who lost their lives in the terrorist attack in Mumbai, we are forced to wonder how can a group of individuals become so insensitive and brutal that they heinously slaughter so many innocent people who have nothing to do with the cause they are trying to advocate.

At a time like this we are forced to wonder what is really happening to this world and how safe is the future of our children and loved ones. At a time like this we are forced to wonder why such these young individuals who could have had a future full of hope and promise, sacrifice their lives for a cause that will only bring suffering and misery to themselves as well as the rest of the world.

At a time like this we are forced to wonder, why there is so much violence and brutality in the name of religion, which is actually meant to establish peace and happiness in this world.

In order to find the answer to these questions we have to first recognize where we went wrong. We have to honestly identify the real problem and then sincerely try to find its solution.

This problem that is haunting the entire world today cannot be solved by a handful of individuals. Rather it is the solemn responsibility of all the thoughtful men and women of this world to take

up this cause and collectively consider how to deal with this terrible menace and rid the world of its devastating effect.

This problem is particularly difficult to deal with because it is happening in the name of religion, while religion is actually meant to establish peace and harmony, love and trust, understanding and sympathy. Therefore the first responsibility we have is to recognize the real purpose and objective of religion. We have to recognize that all the religions of this world have a common goal and that is to understand God and reestablish our lost relationship with Him. Therefore, in order to solve this problem it is absolutely essential that we all work collectively towards achieving that common goal.

Let us not try to recognize the existence of God through some blind faith and superstitious rituals, but apply our common sense to understand Him and recognize His true identity. And in order to do that first let us observe all the wonders of the living world around us, and find out their cause with all sincerity.

Let us observe with a truly inquisitive mind and wide open heart, how a small seed falls on the ground and turns into a seedling. Then it grows in to a tree and bears beautiful flowers with exquisite display of colors that gradually turn into fruits with innumerable seeds. And in each seed there is a tree with the possibility of producing innumerable fruits. Let us honestly consider can this be a result of a chance happening or accident?

Let us consider that the most important element for our sustenance, oxygen, turns into carbon dioxide through our respiration and in course of time the entire atmosphere would have been filled with carbon dioxide and no oxygen would have been left for us to breath. However, that never happens. The trees and plants through their process of respiration inhale those carbon dioxides and give the oxygen back to us.

In this way there are so many wonderful things happening in this world around us. How our food grows, how the water is evaporated from the ocean and transported throughout the planet. How the earth is rotating with a tremendous speed and although we are on the surface of this earth still we are not thrown out in the space. Let us seriously consider with all honesty and sincerity whether all these wonderful happenings can be the outcome of an accident or is an arrangement of an intelligent Personality with incredible ability and power.

Let us rise above all petty superstitions and blind faith, and sincerely try to get to know Him. Let us recognize the fact that all religions are speaking about Him and showing the way to develop our loving relationship with Him.

Due to difference of language He may be identified by different names but He is the one and only one Supreme Personality, who created everything and maintaining everything. He is our Supreme Father and Dear most friend. We speak of universal brotherhood. That brotherhood can be established only with that Supreme Father in the center.

We aspire for everlasting peace. That peace can be achieved only by recognizing Him as the Supreme Proprietor and our greatest benefactor who is so concerned about us that He is

providing us with everything that we need and taking care of us in all respects. It is due to our ignorance of Him that this world is in such a precarious condition. And the solution to practically all the problems of this world lie in our recognizing Him and accepting Him.

Therefore, my sincere appeal to all the intelligent, concerned and thoughtful people of this world, is, "Please become united with a common mission to recognize the ultimate goal of your lives. Please become aware that you have been endowed with a wonderful ability to expand your consciousness that enables you to perceive a reality that exists beyond your sight. Recognize that you have a Supreme Father and dear most Friend who is waiting for you to return to His loving embrace. Utilize your intelligence and common sense to become convinced about His existence. And if you are convinced then try to get to know Him. Information about Him are available. Please make a sincere endeavor to collect those information. Please, act according to His instructions and develop your loving relationship with Him. And when you have experienced that love, distribute it generously to others and invite them also to experience that joy that is the natural outcome of that Divine Loving Relationship. Thank you. Hare Krishna!"
