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Who are the Baha'is and what they do?

Baha'is are the enkindled souls...that are seeking to gain an ever more profound understanding of Bahá'u'lláh's teachings—"the sovereign remedy for every disease"—and to apply them to the needs of their society. They are committed to the prosperity of all, recognizing that the welfare of individuals rests in the welfare of society at large. They are loyal citizens who eschew partisanship and the contest for worldly power. Instead, they are focused on transcending differences, harmonizing perspectives, and promoting the use of consultation for making decisions. They emphasize qualities and attitudes—such as trustworthiness, cooperation, and forbearance—that are building blocks of a stable social order. They champion rationality and science as essential for human progress. They advocate tolerance and understanding, and with the inherent oneness of humanity uppermost in their minds, they view everyone as a potential partner to collaborate with, and they strive to foster fellow feeling even among groups who may traditionally have been hostile to one another. They are conscious of how the forces of materialism are at work around them, and their eyes are wide open to the many injustices that persist in the world, yet they are equally clear sighted about the creative power of unity and humanity's capacity for altruism. They see the power that true religion possesses to transform hearts and overcome distrust, and so, with confidence in what the future holds, they labour to cultivate the conditions in which progress can occur. They share their beliefs liberally with others, remaining respectful of the freedom of conscience of every soul, and they never impose their own standards on anyone. And while they would not pretend to have discovered all the answers, they are clear about what they have learned and what they still need to learn. Their efforts advance to the alternating rhythm of action and reflection; setbacks leave them unfazed. In places where growing numbers are helping to build communities of this character, the power of the Faith to transform people's social existence, as well as their inner lives, is becoming increasingly visible. Together with the well-wishers of humanity, Baha'is are working earnestly for the emergence of many such communities throughout the world.

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Even from the days of announcing Narendra Modi as the Prime Minister candidate and in fact from the days of 2014 general elections the congress has remained busy in heaping abuses and dishonoring the Prime Minister which should not be done by any responsible political leader and more so of Congress party. In a democracy the political parties and the opposition parties have a constitutional right to oppose and differ with the policies and programs and the working of the government and criticize

Narendra Modi has remained the eyesore of the so called secularists and the congress leaders who are not tired of

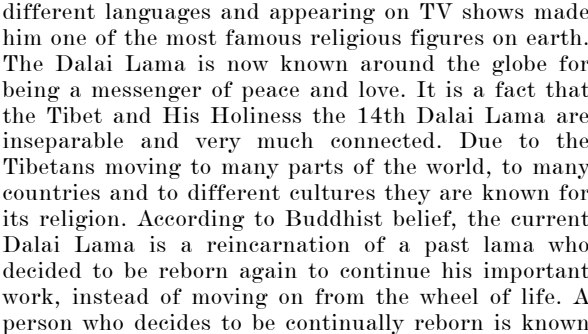
Opposing the policies, programs and working of the BJP government is the democratic right of the congress and the

To conclude it can be said that congress leaders should abstain from mud-slinging on the personality of the Prime Minister as doing so only backfires on the political fortunes of the congress. Itself and such malicious remarks about the Prime Minister only strengthens the resolve of Narendra Modi to fight for the cause of the country and the downtrodden sections of the society.

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Dalai Lama's message on purpose of life

Recently, Tibetan community in Nepal celebrated the spiritual leader Dalai Lama's birthday with much fanfare. The 14th Dalai Lama, has achieved a level of visibility and celebrity that would have been unimaginable for his predecessors. He became the most famous Buddhist teacher in the world and is widely respected for his commitment both to nonviolence and to the cause of Tibetan freedom. The Dalai Lama means ocean of wisdom and is the manifestation of the Buddha of compassion. Dalai Lama is a highly influential figure of Tibetan culture, and his escape to India sparked major outrage in the region. He reiterated his mission to serve humanity and urged supporters to be compassionate. The Dalai Lama is a revolutionary because of the peace and love he spreads along his journey towards a Tibet free from china's communist grasp. The Dalai Lama, often referred to as His Holiness, is the Head of state and spiritual leader of Tibet. He calls himself a 'son of India' and somebody who has lived the longest in India as a 'guest'. His birthday celebrations, each year, in Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh had always been one of the biggest events for Tibetan community. There are many factors that helped in the Dalai Lama's fame and reputation in Tibet. Like his human rights pronouncements and holding degrees from different western universities, having talks with most of the world leaders about religion and politics, writing hundreds of books in many



SC Judges' remarks on Nupur are alarming bells

A resonance that has occupied much space in the media as well as social media are the remarks of Supreme Court Judges about Nupur Sharma, knocking the door of Supreme Court for clubbing FIR against her in different states concerning her controversial remarks in a debate on a News Channel. The Supreme Court declined to provide any relief and came heavily with remarks on Nupur Sharma. The Apex Court criticized the News Channel also for the debates. A free mind can deduce that the remarks of the Supreme Court Judges are the red signals for the TV Channels, the spokespersons of political parties, the political parties itself and the law-enforcing agencies. "What is the business of the TV channel to discuss a matter which is sub-Judice, except to promote an agenda?" Remarks of Judges that 'there should have been a case against the host', is a red signal for all the TV Channels, who are biased in nature and carrying forward the debates on their channels around the subjects that suits to a particular political party and creating atmosphere of hatred in nature and dividing the society. The remarks of the Judges are alarming bells for spokespersons of many political parties, who cross the boundaries in making statements with the backup strength of their parties, when the Court said "What if she is the spokesperson of a party? She thinks she has back-up power and can make any statement without respect to the law of the land?" The most relevant message that emanates from Supreme Court remarks is that the

spokesperson has to keep command on their words and they are single-handedly responsible for the repercussions of their 'Loose Tongue'. For the political parties, the message is that they have to look forward to appointing such spokespersons for their parties having a secular character that is the preamble of the Indian Constitution and who do not cross the party line and take granted liberty to give leverage to their loose tongue. No more parties can shield their spokespersons on the strength of their position in power and giving legitimacy to toxic voices. From the remarks of the Judges, the law enforcing agencies have to break the red signal laid by the political empowerment as to dance to their tune and have to come forward as to maintain the sanctity of law, when the Justice Surya Kant said that Nupur Sharma was not arrested despite the case against her and this reflected her contempt. "What has been done in that FIR? We are asking you repeatedly" (Plainly we can say it might be regarding the arrest of Nupur Sharma charged with offences like 153A IPC for promoting enmity, a non-bailable offence and a cognizable offence, which means the police can arrest the accused without a warrant.) While police have arrested several of those who protested against Nupur Sharma's dirty comments, the same police have allowed Nupur to move freely. We should learn what the 'The rule of law' is! It is defined in the Encyclopedia Britannica as "the mechanism, process, institution, practice, or norm that supports the equality of all citizens before the law, secures a non-

Reacting to the remarks of Judges, some of the former judges and bureaucrats have alleged that these comments are not in sync with the judicial ethos and have sent shockwaves in the country and outside. These vocal faces have torn out the sounding page of this controversy and their specks became frosty as to read or understand, why the party maintained silence whose spokesperson's lose talk have invited strong language not only from Muslim countries like Qatar, Kuwait and Iran that summoned envoys and demanded 'Public Apology' from the Government of India. UN Tells India To 'Respect All Religions' After BJP Leader's Controversial Remarks. We strongly encourage respect and tolerance for all religions. Nupur's remarks have landed India in a tricky foreign policy situation with West Asian Nations with which it has crucial trade and diplomatic relations. Over 89 lakh Indians living or working in the Gulf also make it an area of diplomatic concern. The secular minds in India have also condemned Nupur's remarks. Several countries including Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bahrain, Jordan, Libya, Afghanistan, Indonesia, Maldives, and Pakistan, apart from the Gulf Cooperation Council and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) also vehemently denounced the offensive remarks of the BJP leaders, seeking apology in the matter. Those alleging that the Supreme Court Judge's

Here I remind the readers about a letter written by 34 top American lawmakers written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 25 Feb 2016, (Available on search Engines) almost on the similar situation.