

LEAD KINDLY LIGHT

Dear Readers,

We have sinned. For more than two hundred years now, we have plundered and pillaged Mother Earth. We have, in our selfish haste, in the name of development, burnt fossil fuels with total disregard to its ill effects. We have, in our mad quest to play the Almighty, devastated the fragile Eco system that you blessed us with.

Today, the signs that you we have unleashed your wrath are tell tale. The climate is changing alarmingly. Our Summers are becoming unbearably hotter. The winters colder and the storms harsher. The polar caps – frozen wilderness of pristine beauty that you created for all– are melting, making the sea levels to rise. Rising water levels, that promises to gulp up precious land that we need for our survival. No, you haven't showered fire and brimstone on us yet, but what is happening is no worse.

Yet, we are unrepentant. We see opportunity, even in this catastrophic state. And seek to profit by “greenwashing”, ignoring your wrath. We, the sinners, try in our desperation to don a cloak that proclaims us greener than thou. We the morally bankrupt preach the dictums of integrity. We the wanton coveters speak of sustainability. We the destroyers wax eloquent about creation and your benevolent omnipresence.

We speak of leaving behind for our children, greener, wealthier and cleaner world than what we had inherited from our forefathers. But how, I ask? “By making our corporate sector more socially responsible, by embracing sustainable development” they shout in unison.

Corporate Social Responsibility. Isn't that an oxymoron of sorts? Should it not be Corporate Spiritual Responsibility? Father, if our very souls are corrupt, bereft of spirituality, can our corporates truly be and act as responsible citizens? Can we sanitise our spirituality and still think of sustainability? Can entities, fired by sheer greed, work towards the greater good of mankind? Can one, mired in the cesspool of sin even think of, leave alone walk the path of righteousness? Father, you taught us that, “Someone who deliberately misleads other people can never be found righteous”(Matthew 12:36). Then why allow this sham?

Why try to cover the soot stained chimneys bellowing toxic fumes with green paints in an effort to mislead? Why cover the gory faces with dabs of green makeup? Why this cosmetic makeover? Are we not trying to fool ourselves? Show us the way God, show us how to embrace spirituality. Show us how to transform our Corporates. Show us how we and our companies can enact our Spiritual Responsibility for the greater glory of mankind so that peace and prosperity may prevail on Earth.

With Best Regards,

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