

Another New Year



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Another year has gone by and it seems that in the entire year everything else but time stood still. For the troubles that Assam was afflicted with are still there but the year has passed with no one the wiser. Goodbye 2007 - Hello 2008 but will it be any different. Will the terrorist bombs go silent in this brand new year? Will killing of the innocent stop this year? Will families feel sure about their dear ones this year? Will bandhs become a thing of the past this year? Of course not whom are we kidding?

The strides of modernism seem to have ushered in its wake a host of psychological anxiety to man's life or else why is the entire world wallowing in strife. Religious fanaticism, parochialism, regionalism in short all forms of "isms" have clouded man's reasoning. Or else why do we have the need for separate states, separate identities, separate ideologies why cannot we coexist as one nation, one people irrespective of black or white, Hindu or Muslim, Gujarati or Assamese. The progress we have made technologically or scientifically has stunted our progress in the spiritual plane. We have separated rather than being united from the one great Soul.

Rituals are all that is left of us. Mentally our thoughts have hit rock bottom. Winds of change has further drifted families apart, friends turn enemies in no time, money has become all powerful which has the power to create and ruin nations. Politics has become more and more self centric rather than people centric where corruption rules the roost.

A return to values is the need of the hour for if we do not rid ourselves of the resentment, distrust, hatred our minds will remain clogged for freedom from these inner maladies can only lead to an external emancipation in the true sense of the term. Otherwise we will continue to burn in the pyre of hatred and violence that our world is today.

Lets all collectively wish to erode away the rust that has permeated in the world society. Lets wish that the New Year brings with itself some kind of a panacea to heal our twisted lives.

A happy new year!

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