

THE BIBLE OF HINDU FASCISM

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Why has this *Bible of Hindutwa, first published in 1939, succeeded by four reprints until 1947, been withdrawn from RSS shelves and made unavailable to the general public? Why has its authorship been denied, fudged over, and brazenly lied about in a concerted manner, among others including the author, by L K Advani, Atal B Vajpeyi, and David Frawley, who outdid all with three big lies in just two sentences: 1. Golwalkar just translated it, 2. in 1938, and 3. "it was only part of the general literature of the times that he was examining."

How fanatically vicious Golwalkar was in laying down his version of *Mein Kampf* informs this major handbook of Hindu fascism wherein he strips himself for condemnation and revulsion as an evil ogre of Dark ages. The long and well-researched introduction by Prof. Islam in itself has become an invaluable asset for serious researchers, scholarly academics, and committed activists. He deserves kudos for retrieving Golwalkar's poison spewing book, always revered by RSS and its affiliates, and widely regarded as the Bible of Hindutwa fascists, among others, by two CIA agents close to them Jean A. Curran (author of *Militant Hinduism in Indian Politics: A study of the RSS*, 1951) and Craig Baxter (author of *The Jana Sangh: A Biography of an Indian Political Party*, 1969).

An aside for relieving the tedium is in order, how shallow was Golwalkar becomes clear from his mention of names of historical importance in the field of literature: Sharatchandra Chakrawarti, Babu Premchand (p. 42). Golwalkar had casually heard these names and embellished them with his imagination. This imagination is at full play in his understanding, skewed and sickly, of history, human civilization, culture, and modern polity. No wonder only such a one could call Hindutwa "anadi" (without a beginning, beyond history, and pre-historical). His repeated use of the word "scientific" is comic and contemptible, and his exhilaration at Fatherland a slavish adoption of the German word *Vaterianct*.

With all its concomitant evils fleshing it out this unabashed and implacable devotee of three evil Ms - Manu, Mill (James, East India Company's employee, hack historian, who partitioned Indian History into three divisions: Hindu, Muslim, British, 1817, -not Christian-) , and Mussolini, besides Hitler, regarded them all as great regenerators and benefactors of mankind!

The riddle is why the Hindutwa luminaries who have always venerated this Bible of Hindu fascism are fighting shy of it at present. Not that they have abjured its ideology of racial hatred and violence against non-Hindus, of ethnic extremism and bloody purge, of India as the fatherland of Hindus only, once more adumbrated without any remission in Golwalkar's later book *Bunch of Thoughts*. The reason for this coyness and concealment is a mix of cowardice and criminality that have distinguished the bloody enterprise of the Hindutwa cult since its inception. It has vindicated its assassination of Gandhi on January 1948 by a recurrent series of mass slaughters since 1992 of Muslims, Christians, and others it decreed to be non-Hindu.

In Gandhi's murder the involvement of RSS became too evident, too undeniable for it to escape unscathed. Hence, a new political creature of Hindu communalism, Jan sangh, was fabricated. Hence too the disavowal of Golwalkar's book "we or Our Nationhood

Defined”, as an expedient, what, however, the book had already achieved remarkably successfully through wide diffusion was to remain inviolate, i.e., its racist precepts and its politically invidious indoctrination of the masses. The ban on RSS on 4 Feb.1948 was a temporary glitch, but it was also a safety valve, curiously, helping RSS more than hindering it. The legal hibernation thus secured, it went ahead with its perfidies and pogroms, neither handicapped, nor humbled. The title of this seminal booklet was well chosen, not in a symbolic but in quite a substantive sense. It defined the Hindutwa cult of crime and sedition, as it defiled the Indian nationhood at the same time. It thus upheld treason as virtue, pitched terrorism as duty, tyranny as statecraft, and theocracy as polity. The sinister screed had achieved its squalid ends well. □□□

Golwalkar's 'WE OR OUR NATIONHOOD DEFINED'

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