



The heads of four Mutts in the South have issued a joint statement, emphasizing the intrinsic glory of Bharatiya culture, the importance of Dharma and Desachara and the need for 're-orientation of education so as to bring out the best in our children, in conformity with the great culture which they have inherited.

Surely the appeal contains little that most of us are not aware of - we have been reading such pronouncements in the press almost every morning. But it does have a significance in this that the Heads of four mutts, widely separated from each other due to very many reasons, have at last come together and addressed the public. Perhaps this is a phenomenal event in the history of Hinduism. Let this event herald the beginning of their collective endeavour to revive the spirit of Dharma in the hearts of millions of Hindus in this country!

Menace to our Dharma and Desachara did not come so much from the crusaders of alien faiths as it came from our own religious leaders and pundits. Under the pretext





of caste and cult, the Hindu society was split up into groups and ival groups. It is alive with sectarianism, bigotry, and ever so many other negative forces. If we are to covert the Hindus into true Hinduism, we should help them first rise above these negatives. For this, they are to be educated - educated thoroughly - in their scriptures like Geeta and Upanishads.

We feel religion cannot and should not be thrown upon a person. By persuasion and compulsion we cannot make a man truly religious. And this is the reason why, in spite of all our appeals, the people all the world over are growing more and more irrelilgious. If appeals could salvage the people from their colossal wreck, the Ten Commandements would have done the job long go.

Religion springs forth from within. A man who has understood himself and therefore his relationship with the world and God, is religious. We, therefore, opine that the Heads of Mutts will do well to take such steps as to effect understanding in the hearts of millions of ignorant Hindus in our society.

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