WORSHIP A GODDESS OR WARSHIP FOR A GIRL?

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I am sick, tired and disappointed with the dichotomy that follows the love of women in our land. The land of beauty and the land of down fall. The land of rich heritage and the land of poor laws. It's heart breaking how we refer to women as the Goddesses of everything important. Goddess of Love, of Education, of Honesty, of Mankind, of Sexuality, of Dreams, of Money, of Being.

The birth of a daughter in homes is welcomed by cries of the Goddess Lakshmi blessing the house with her benign presence. And the men of the house rape the Goddess of the neighbouring home.

I am sorry if anything I write in this post annoys or makes some people of the society feel like I have violated their morals but this is the harsh reality, the truth we are so scared of saying in the open, afraid that the same Goddesses might feel offended and bring bad will upon us.

If you and I could stop a crime, what would it be? Murder? Rape? Robbery? I would choose robbery. Robbery of a girl's soul, the idea of her being, the spirit of her existence. I want to stop the robbing of morals of our society and I want to stop the deferring of punishment to these robbers.

Rapists can have a million excuses. Being brought up in a state of abject poverty, no education, and deprivation of basic means of survival. But in my eyes NOTHING gives them the right to go out on the street and RAPE a girl. Steal the one thing she has that nobody will respect her without.

The second thing that irks me so much. The mentality of the people WE very staunchly elect (or not elect because some people do not recognize their right to vote as important) to the ruling seats. The defence lawyer, (the statement of whom actually made me so mad and want to write this) in the Nirbhaya, 16 December rape case says, "I would burn my daughter to death if she would go around having pre-marital sex and go out at night with her boyfriend".

For one, I am so disappointed that God decided to bless him with a daughter. Secondly, if a daughter has been living with him all these years, why has she failed to change her own father's thinking? If her father would have seen his daughter as the girl who can stand up to any guy, make her own decisions, he would probably have been forced to eat up his own words, but NO. That wouldn't happen for the 'poor' girl shall be the subject of her father's orthodox mentality till she gets married and then of her husband's and then her son's and so on and so forth.

Disappointing.

Why don't the women realize? Unless you are willing to stand up for yourself, no one will be willing to help you! We are the people and it takes the people to bring about a revolution! If today we decide to not sit quiet and be the silent sufferers of crimes on our souls, nothing can stop us. Empower yourself to empower the nation! Take it one step at a time. Help a poor girl understand her place in this world, her rights; give her education and help her reach out for all she deserves in this big world. It doesn't take a lot. It takes time and some old books. Or just 5 rupees a month to make sure they go to the Government school round the block. If you don't wake up today, tomorrow another girl is going to be the sheep of man's animalistic lust.

The cruel truth isn't it. We'll respect them in temples and want them in our beds in the evenings.  
Anger is not my only cause of writing this in plain words. It's the urgency, the need of something to GET DONE. DO IT.