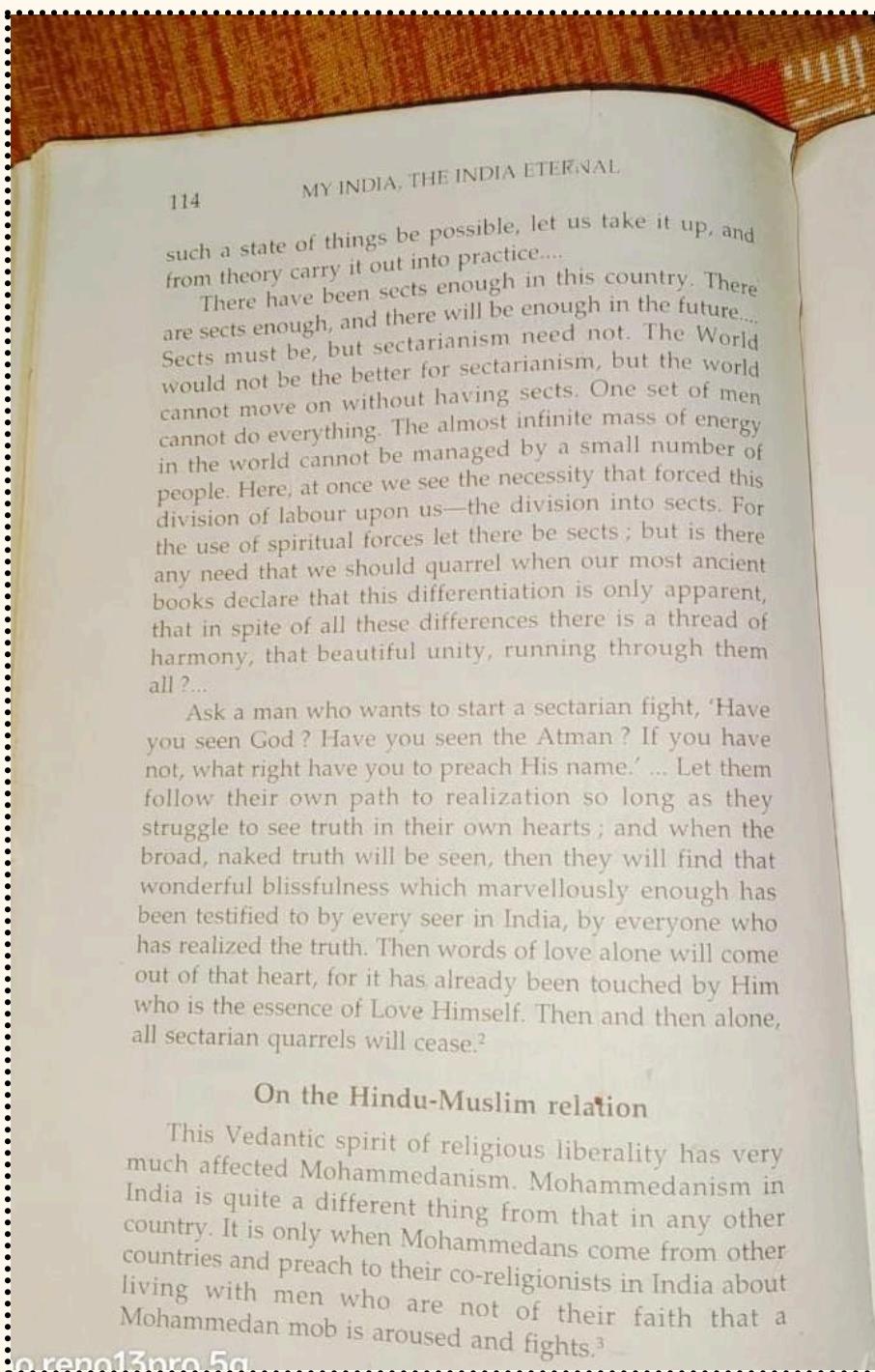


MY India The India Eternal

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Unity and Sectarianism

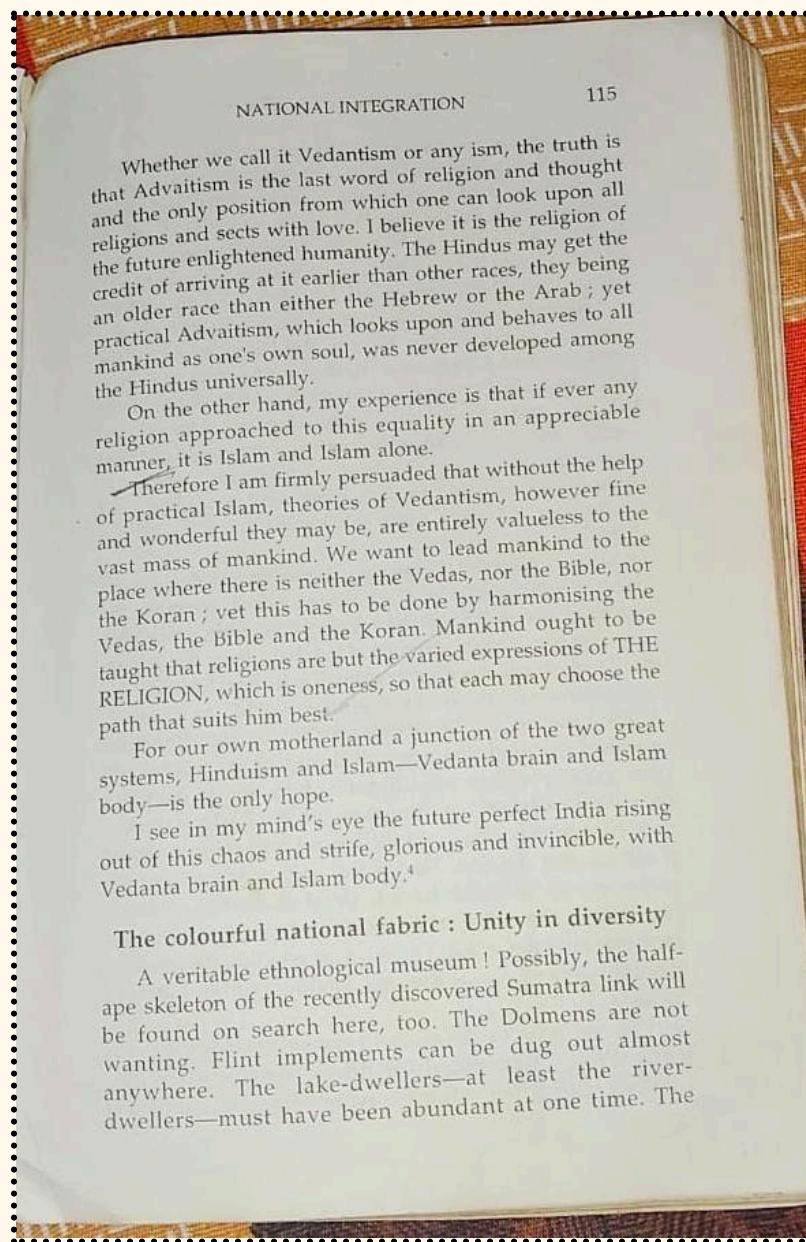
- Many sects exist in India, and more will continue to exist in the future.
- Sects are necessary because different groups help manage and express spiritual energy and work.
- However, sectarianism (fighting between sects) is unnecessary and harmful.
- Ancient Indian scriptures teach that differences between sects are only external.
- Beneath all differences, there is a **fundamental unity and harmony** connecting everyone.

True Spiritual Realization

- People who start religious fights often **have not experienced God or truth themselves**.
- No one has the right to preach or fight in the name of God without personal realization.
- Individuals should be allowed to **follow their own path to spiritual realization**.
- When a person realizes truth:
- Their heart fills with **love and bliss**.
- They naturally stop quarrelling.
- **Love replaces conflict**.

End of Sectarian Conflict

- Sectarian quarrels will only stop when people:
- Realize truth personally.
- Experience God directly.
 - Develop genuine love in their heart



Hindu–Muslim Relations

- The **Vedantic spirit of tolerance and religious liberalism** has influenced Islam in India.
- Islam in India developed differently compared to other countries due to this influence.
- Conflicts often arise when **outside influences create division**, not necessarily from the original spirit of Indian society.

Advaitism (Oneness) as the Highest Truth

- **Advaitism (non-dualism)** is the highest expression of religion and philosophy.
- It teaches **oneness of all existence**.
- It is the only standpoint from which all religions can be viewed with **love and equality**.
- It represents the religion of future enlightened humanity.

Practical Advaitism

- Though Hinduism discovered Advaita early, it was **not fully practiced socially**.
- True Advaitism means:
- Seeing all humanity as one's own soul.
- Practicing equality, not just preaching

Appreciation of Islam

- Among religions, **Islam comes closest to practicing equality in real life.**
- Without the help of **practical Islam**, Vedantic philosophy remains theoretical for the masses.
- Islam emphasizes:
- Brotherhood
- Equality
- Social unity

Harmony of Religions

- The goal is not to eliminate the **Vedas, Bible, or Koran**, but to harmonize them.
- Religions are different expressions of **one universal Religion (Oneness)**.
- People should be free to choose the path that suits them best.

Ideal Future India

India's strength lies in combining:

1. **Vedanta brain** (spiritual wisdom of Hinduism)
2. **Islam body** (practical strength and equality of Islam)

- This unity is the only hope for national integration.

1. A future India will rise:

- Glorious
- Strong
- Invincible
- United beyond chaos and strife

Unity in Diversity – National Fabric

- India is described as a **living ethnological museum**.
- It has immense racial, cultural, and historical diversity.

Ancient remains like:

- Dolmens
- Flint tools
- Lake-dwellers' evidenc ,show deep historical roots.

- Despite diversity, India's strength lies in **unity within variety**.

Core Themes from Both Pages

- **Sectarianism** is harmful; **unity** is essential.
- **True religion** leads to love, not conflict.
- **Personal realization** of truth ends religious quarrels.
- Harmony between **Hinduism** and **Islam** is vital for India.
- Unity in **diversity** defines **India's national character**.