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Sir,

As a seeker of truth and being a World citizen who is a firm believer of the existence of God in every human being in all His aspects, the "Ramjanmabhoomi - Babri Masjid" issue has inspired me to write this letter expressing my views to my Indian Brothers and Sisters for their serious thought and consideration.

Secularism is based on the principle of accepting the religious feelings of all religions. It does not mean that you worry about Muslims alone.

Babri Masjid was built by Babar who has been recorded in history as a corrupt and disruptive man. When he invaded India he had destroyed many Hindu temples and built mosques on the same sites. His grandson, Akbar, understood secularism better and infact married a Hindu lady by the name of Jodha Bai and even had a palace built for her in the traditional Hindu Rajasthan style. But ,later, Aurangzeb destroyed so many temples in South India and made them into mosques. What good came out of all these? - excepting hatred and bitterness. Let us see the intentions of the muslims to have Babri Masjid on the Ramjanmabhoomi. Till 1947 or round about,Namaaz was held there but not after that. There are many Mosques all over India which have been abandoned. I am sure many honest Muslims will agree that there is no restriction in their religion to say Namaaz in any Masjid or in any open space, because they believe in the formless God. So to insist on the Babri Masjid is just an expression of the obstinacy and desire to insult the religious feelings of all Hindus.

Muslim fundamentalism has very recently shattered the whole World eg. in Iraq through actions of Saddam Hussain; earlier in Iran,by Ayatulla Khomeini; in Pakistan democracy sits on razor's edge because of the Muslim fundamentalism; in Bangladesh, Mujeeb Ur-Rehman was killed by his own ruling party after he delivered them from slavery;and most recently the fundamentalist attitude of Azerbaijanis in Russia is creating intense problems for the Nobel Peace Prize winner Mr Michael Gorbachov. The issue of Babri Masjid is another expression of this fundamentalism hurting the religious feelings of over 600 million Hindus.

We can have a Masjid any where, but not Shri Rama's birth place. There have been thousands of temples demolished and made into mosques on the Indian soil, and nobody is desirous to demolish them. But birth place of Shri Ram cannot be anywhere else except where he was born in Ayodhya. If Hindus could shift the birth place of Shri Rama they would, but, alas, that is not possible. The subtle understanding about the birth place is that it is a kind of honour, given to Shri Rama to awaken, and to ask for His blessings to bring "Ram Rajya". Chaos in this country can only end if they can have the benevolent, philosopher king as

described by Socrates. All over the World Shri Rama is regarded as symbol of the dream of Socrates. It is not to dishonour Allah, or even the dishonourable Babar, but to honour Shri Ramchandra who is, the Virata - The Akbar. In Secularism one has to understand the value system of spiritual personalities. By respecting Shri Rama, we are actually worshipping "Akbar" within us. Integration of all these incarnations exists; only we fight because of our ignorance.

If Khwaja Saleem Chishti or Nizamuddin Aulia were alive, they would have gone for the "Shilanyas" themselves, as they were "Wallis" (Atma - Sakshat Karis).

Thus it is important for the Muslims to take to wisdom, and honour Shri Rama just as every person must honour Mohammed Sahib, because He respects every "Paighambar".

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