

# The Psychological Impression of the Hindu devotees towards their god

God! Definitions can vary from person to person with their own answers inside their range. Those who believe in him, place their complete hopes and beliefs, hoping for their betterment. Humans on the basis of their caste, creed and religion have their own moral way to please their god to receive blessings according to their same hopes during their prayers. All devotees are extremely loyal to their god and are willing to do anything just to please him.

I am by birth a Hindu and by caste a "Brahmin", typically considered as a holy man to make prayers and perform rites and norms for the sake of all people irrespective of their caste and creed. Hinduism is considered as the oldest religion on the earth. By my academics, I am a student of physics and mathematics rather a priest by my caste. So, when it comes to the word god, I am bounded within certain limits by my professors, as I am a student who needs to deal with the physical reality rather than fairy tales. Also, by my religion, which does have some accounts, though considered as highly paranormal and supernatural by our modern society, I am obliged to follow them either blindly or consciously. I do fear, if I resist those norms, then the general people may outcaste me or even may throw stones at me, stamping me with an ink of insane.

Recently, my family decided to hold a "Shreemadha Bhagawata Sapataha Gyana Maha Yagna". a seven-day long ceremony of divine stories delivered in a form of speeches depicted by my religion. It ended up by teaching the devotees, how to pave their way to heaven at the end of their life.

Well I must confess to my holy gods and ask them to forgive me as I conducted a series of experiments through the second day till the seventh day. It is considered as Immoral to put a question or conduct an Experiment involving the name of god. Also, when it comes to the name of god, Hindus have  $3.3 \times 10^8$  number of gods and If we consult a highly religious leader the

number may even increase. Nevertheless, the limits of my religion, I got success in my experiments allowing me to observe the psychological anomalies of the people regarding their devotion towards god. I may be a bit weird to say, but the people in the ceremony resembled to me as a flock of sheep, where the leader leads and the rest follow the leader, dumb, deaf and blind. This was visualized vividly by the way of their prayers and the mentality they had, during their time of prayers. In the theology of Hinduism, 'Lord Shiva' is considered to be the godfather of the gods and his son "Ganesha" needs to be worshipped at first in order to complete the norm with success. All other gods are considered as highly powerful, but the majority of the people pray to them with higher devotion.

It all started on the very first day, when the way of prayers by the devotees caught up my attention and left me as dumb, watching all the incidents that move on every second. During worship and prayers, the people were giving high priority to "Shiva" and "Ganesha" and the offerings made to the god were significantly higher than in comparison to others.

On the second day, as per my experiment, I personally did some mischiefs to know how much I can fool the general people in the name of god and indeed I succeeded. In the place of the same two gods, I personally put some flowers, money, fruits and other offerings and the result came as per my prediction. Except for some, almost all people gave high priority to the same two lords almost neglecting the others.

I thought it was unfair to neglect the other gods, so on the third day; I gave high priority to other gods, neglecting the previous two gods. At the end of the day, I found the offerings were almost fair to all of them. I was amazed by the result, no one forgot to worship the first two lords, but also provided a fair prayer to all of the gods.

On the fourth day, I increased the offerings to all of the lords but by biasing, giving more priority to the same two lords. At the end of day, after prayers and worship, I noticed that the fund and offerings collected were almost five fold greater than the previous day.

In the remaining last three days, I repeated the experiment in the reverse order because I knew, on the last three days; the crowds were going to increase. Despite the number of people attending the ceremony, the results also repeated.

The conclusion was clear to me. Even in the name of god, the holy disciples of the god prioritize to only those lords, where the offerings are at peak. They are not making prayers to their lords for the deeds they (lords) had done, or to obtain blessing from them. Instead the people are worshipping because the rest had done so, as like the flock of sheep, where the sheep imitate the works of their leader.

To be more concrete on my conclusion, I hurried to all nearby temples and the results were the same and in fact much bolder. In generalization, most of the people had no idea on their worshipping and prayers to their gods. A few of them had answers, but not factual and meaningful.

By my knowledge and academics, I know these things are irrational. On the other hand, I have found myself as one of the sheep in the flock. I have no idea on the existence of god, but honestly, I am not an atheist. I have been counted as an educated person by my country census and yet I am stuck in the boundary of religion and science.

Despite my literacy, I am obliged to follow the same centuries old traditions and beliefs, deaf, dumb and blind. The psychological impression printed on our brain by our ancestors gives me the clear meaning upon the attitude of my society towards the gods, but I have no idea how to deal with them either knowingly or unknowingly. I have been following the same things and still, tending to follow as my ancestors did as my mates, friends and families do. Nevertheless, of the limits of my religion, I got success in my experiments allowing me to observe the psychological anomalies of my society towards the god. I must stay inside the limits of my religion, but now-onwards, if I am going to make a prayer, I am going to treat all of the gods fairly.