

Dr Sreekanth Kopuri**Marxism**

Left in the vision behind
the broken eyeglasses,
the epitomised tools of labour
age and rest in a cosy embrace
with the blunt edged desire.

Here an engineer turned “Marxist”
holds a blunderous biography
re-shuffling the crumpled pages
of violence that do not fail to echo
their terminal voice

that recedes into the clarion call
of the crucified ‘silence’s love,
the edge of its nails dripping with
the crimson life, already suffused

into the burnt out voice that shines
only as a golden epitaph in the
London Highgate Cemetery.

Between the Genesis of life and
revelation of the truth termites are
born to live on the flesh that held
the guns of history and built the
ephemeral libraries that carry the
legacy of time-bound revolutions.

Today a handful of labour unionists
gather before the Machilipatnam
police station to organise a humble
leftist rally that ends with the alcoholic
puffs out of the slumber in the police van.

A Letter to Bharata Ratna Dr. Br Ambedkar

Dear Baba Saheb!

When I went to
the Government Bank
in Amaravati yesterday,
to see my son "Joseph",
they said "none by such name"

but the watchman said
"your son is called Praveen
at his workplace, but
elsewhere on duty today."

I was grateful to his kind words
and glad that he meant his name
which means, "talent"
that was in the Government records.

Then I remembered those words,
If one converts to Christianity

he ceases to be an Indian.

If my son diligently
disowns Christ
at his work and still be
a secret active member
in Church taking part
in the holy communion
and calls it Democracy,
do I then have a right
to re-baptise and put his
Government job at stake?

In a dream that night
I saw a wall with
your name on it and
on its right the dreams of my son
were honoured at the feet of
the emblematic lions fluttering
on the national flag,

on its left a handful of “apostates”
were walking away
from *Chaitanya Bhoomi*
crossed by a pride of
hungry lions near the
oldest Buddhist monastery
in Hemis national park
on the India’s head.

May be a Daniel
must come to judgement
for a dialogue between
the scheduled and
the unscheduled lives
of this *Good Earth*
for Christ’s sake.

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