



हिन्दू स्वयंसेवक संघ Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh (UK)

Keshav Pratishtan, 46-48 Loughborough Road, Leicester LE4 5LD • Reg. Charity No. 267309
Tel: 0116 266 5665 • Fax: 0116 261 1931 • Email: info@hss-uk.org • www.hss-uk.org

From: Dhiraj Shah [mailto:dhirajdshah@googlemail.com]
Sent: 06 December 2011 11:42
To: 'aveditorial@abplgroup.com'
Subject: Father Amorth's outrage against Hinduism

Dear Sir,

Re: Yoga "named as evil" (AV 3rd Dec 2011)

It has shocked and outraged Hindus in UK to hear the malicious views of Father Gabriel Amorth of Vatican on Yoga and Hinduism. His very position as Chief Exorcist displays primitive attitude of the Church that he represents. It betrays "frog in the well" mentality and questions the sincerity of inter-faith dialogue by Vatican. Yoga and Hinduism have been in vogue thousands of years before Christ came in this world. And it's popularity is still growing worldwide, not based on mere faith and heresy but on sound medical and scientific grounds and experience. That such comments have come during Inter-Faith Week is sad and counter productive. Hindus have a right to question the benefit of Hindu Christian dialogue if some participants have ingrained prejudice and self-judged superiority complex. We have yet to see a Statement from Inter-Faith Network on this matter. Hindu Dharma has always promoted and respected various beliefs and faiths and considered them as part of natural evolution. To condemn it is like a child questioning the wisdom of an elder.

We hope the Pope (Head of Vatican) rectifies this outrage by issuing a statement of apology to a billion strong Hindus worldwide.

Dhiraj D Shah
HSS(UK)