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Letter to God

GOD (Generator Operator Destroyer)

Dear God,

My Hell-O to all demons and my Heaven-O to all Gods. This is an attempt by a human to get in touch with you. I don't know whether this letter will reach you, but I'm hopeful.

This is how, we humans on Earth perceive you. Some people see you in idols and photographs. Sadhus like to see you in beard. For those who see you in idols, I wonder that if they are able to see you in stones, are they able to see you in fellow human beings who are full of life.

Oh God, there is so much to praise you. Your love for symmetry makes the Earth look so beautiful. The leaves, the flowers and even we humans are proof of your symmetry. The classic example of your symmetry is between a newborn child and a old person. Both of them don't have teeth, and have little hair. Both of them can't walk properly and both need extreme care.

It seems that you loved round objects. Our Earth, Sun and Moon, all are round. And

the students who are not good in studies get a zero, and become closer (pray to absolve them) to you.

Oh God, why it is so that our faith in you increases as soon as there is any natural calamities, death, accident or even exams. The confidence of a student for you increases to such an extent that he challenges your presence if he doesn't pass.

And God, what to talk about, the way you operate. The way you import and export human beings, all against his will. And considering India, it seems that you have exported a lot of human beings. That is the reason why India comes undesirably first in terms of population.

God, your love for animals gets reflected in the fact that you call them early in heaven. Moreover you made some of the species extinct so that they no longer can suffer in human population.

GOD, when you frown, it's summer, when you cry it rains and when you smile it's winter. Your act is unfathomable. We humans are so ignorant that we still don't know who came first, man or woman, seed or a fruit.

We also don't know why you chose blue colour for sky, green for trees, red for flowers and black for night. We know that universe contains Earth, but we don't know what contains universe. We also don't know what keeps the sun burning and Earth, Stars and the Moon hanging.

But we know one thing that if it is so complex to understand the creation, than it would be much more complex to create it. Whatever be the Science behind the creation, but one thing is clear. The truth was made to look beautiful and so us human beings. And that is the reason He keeps on sending his children to Earth, just because he has not lost faith in human beings.....

I thank you GOD for making me a human

—Akhil Chopra

TAIL PIECE

Why should one do his prayers daily?

Because prayers are God's 'Om-WORK'.

and therefore "No God, No Peace,

Know God, Know Peace."

How to be a 'loud' speaker

PUBLIC speaking is both an art and martial art. Martial art because one may receive slaps instead of claps for wasting others' time.

Since the invention of mike, people have wrestled to be 'Mike Tyson' of the stage. But very few of them have succeeded. Success as a speaker depends upon two things.

Either you are a speaker who is made (by practice) or you are a speaker who is readymade (a born orator).

If you are a latter, you need not worry. But if former (who needs practice), better hurry, for you might be invited to speak anytime.

Here are a few tips

1. Don't write the speech yourself. Get it written by someone who is educated! (meaning well-educated).
2. If the audience knows only Hindi, your speech should be strictly in English. By this, the audience will be busy guessing, and awake too.
3. Wear old clothes for they will be in tatters once the speech is over.
4. Many a speaker commits the mistake of arriving on time or before time. It gives the impression that the speaker is 'Navra'.

5. The audience will clap vigorously when you stand up to deliver the speech. Don't get carried away. It's winter time.

6. Before you begin your speech, order for the closure of 'Exit Door' as nobody should escape in between your speech.

7. When you are mid-way in your speech, notice various kinds of distractions, and their implications.

* Some will yawn. Don't feel bad because this is what the audience have come for: a sound sleep.

* Some will look at the watch; or even shake it to make sure it's moving. It's a sure sign to wind up the speech or the audience would blow up.

* Some will clap when you least expect. Don't be mistaken that he liked your quote. He might have thought that you have ended or ending the speech, when you aren't.

* Some will stand up and will try to walk out. Don't think they are going out to answer nature's call. In fact, they might be searching for an emergency exit.

* Some will try to interrupt you by asking a question.

Don't get angry at them. Have sympathy as they might be the only persons awake listening to you.

* Some will go to extremes. They would search for something in their bags. Don't expect them to take out a pen and paper.

They might be searching for tomatoes and eggs. If they are bending, expect chap-pals.

8. When you utter the words "Finally, I would like to conclude...." see the faces of the people in the audience. It almost glows with radiance.

9. When you finally end and leave the stage, the audience will go wild with applause. There are two reasons for that.

— One is that they feel greatly relieved that the nightmare ended.

— The second is because they know that you are not going to come back on stage again.

11. The audience will, at times, chorus: 'Once More'. No need to get flattered as 'Once More' could mean they hardly understood what you said and want to give you a second chance.

—Akhil Chopra



Multiple vacancies

AKHIL CHOPRA

WANTED PM

WE ARE a leading country in Asia region engaged in production of babies at a mammoth gold-medal-winning rate. To head our 980 million population, we invite applications from candidates for the country's most (un)wanted job: Prime Minister for print-time management of the country's affairs.

The job involves keeping the coalition together by following the maxim of "Divided we stand, United we fall". The main job of the PM would be to protect his chair from falling. The other trivial and unimportant issues like rising inflation rate, population problem, poverty escalation would be kept pending to be tackled by the next (and the next and the next....) PM.

Eligibility

- Should be of Indian origin. (So 'new' (to India) Gandhi.
- Should be married (Abtak Bachelor Rajpayee).
- The candidate should take small pauses while speaking because it's not 'paus'ible to know whether he is still speaking or has ended.
- Should not have a french cut or connection (Inder French Kut Guiral).
- Should have full control over sleep during lectures, meetings and gatherings (Deve Gowdazzzz).
- Should be clean shaven (Chandra-shave-kar).
- Should not act like a V.I.P. and must have knowledge of Bundal Commission (V.I.P. Sink).

Qualifications

- A Ph.D. in politicking with special subjects like "kicking the support".
- Should have a knowledge of computers. Internet connection is must to know on-line "whether the support has been withdrawn or is yet to be withdrawn".
- Besides a challenging job (*bojh*) opportunity and a professional work 'envy'-ronment, on offer is an attractive salary to be paid after completion of 5-year-term.
- Age no bar, sex no bar, but the candidate should have gone to bar and bars *bar bar*.

WANTED CRICKETERS

WE ARE a highly-generous cricketing team in Asia region, looking for cricketers to join us. So generous are we that we al-

low our opponents to win all the matches with us winning accidentally (if at all). We invite applications for batsmen and bowlers.

Eligibility:

- Should strictly have 'Sachin' as first name.
- Should not be an all-rounder. Our experience shows that all-rounders give all "round" performance by scoring zero (round) in batting and taking zero (round) wickets.
- Should be able to run fast. It helps less in fielding and more in running away from an angry mob who chases to beat after the team gets beaten up.
- Should know how to apologise and regret which would be needed frequently in our team's losing performances.
- Above all, the applicant should be insured. You know why!!!

WANTED HERO

WE ARE a highly re'futed Bollywood company in search of a hero who is a mixture of all the filmstars.

Eligibility

- Should be able to speak with *ruk-ruk* style of speaking by Shahrukh.
- Should act like *tapori*, Pakiya, Ranzeela style of (Amir) Garib Khan.
- Should be well undressed like Salman Khan.
- Should be well-read and educated and must be able to count from No. 1 to No. 1 like Govinda.
- Should have hair like that of Anupam Kher requiring no combing operations but only search operation.
- Should have looks and beauty of Krishan Kumar. It would help in horror films.
- Should be able to do exercise-like dance steps of Sunny Deol. After all dancing is a good exercise.
- Should have a wig like that of Rakesh Roshan. But it should be more 'wig'orous that stays on the head.
- Should have hair like that of Akshaye Khanna. The reason lies in their wantability.
- Should be able to do stunts with gun like Ajay Dev-Gun.
- Should have hair-dyed like that of present day Amitabh Bachchan's. Do or dye for him, isn't it?
- Should have immense patience and tolerance like that of Sanjay Kapoor for whom even after 8 dismal flops, a hit — *Aati nahin*.

Attend a funky marriage

AKASH WEDS VANI

Venue: All India Radio Station

Special Attraction: This is marriage

INSTRUCTION MANUAL

1. We request you to please come, preferably alone to our son's marriage party.

2. We request you to bring big gifts.

3. It is expected from the guests that they should have some food at home before attacking the food at the marriage party. This act would be highly appreciated. We promise you to do the same when we attend some party of yours.

4. It is also expected from the guests, not to empty all powder, lipsticks and perfumes on their face. If you still do so, we won't be held responsible for not recognising you.

5. Please avoid bringing children to the party as they themselves may want to get married. We request the parents to clear the misconception of their children, by telling that "marriage is not an attraction, but a distraction".

6. If the guests are unable to attend the marriage party, we would deeply regret the loss of your absence and gifts also. In that case, just ring us and our man will collect the gifts from

your home. We call this door-to-door service.

7. Guests are requested to bring a car if they have one. If they don't have, we request them to rent it for one hour as a car would create a favourable image on our 'samdhi'. Our 'samdhi' would think we are 'be-car'.

8. The marriage ceremony will start with "dulha" (i.e. our son) on a horse. You might be thinking why we arranged for a horse and not a donkey. Actually we did thought of it but we felt that a donkey on a donkey won't match.

9. As regards to bringing cash in envelope, we would like to remind that we always gifted Rs. 1.25 and no less, when we came to attend your party. Now its your turn to pay. We expect at least not less than Rs 2, the difference being the inflation rate added.

12. All the marriage ceremonies will be performed in a mandir. We didn't think of a hotel because it was too simple and unglamorous and non-filmy. We wanted something more realistic and I guess you got it, it's cheap also.

13. We have noticed and practiced many times that the amount one receives a invitation to a party, he does go on fast till the party date. This act causes

widespread consumption of food. Now, it is we who are going to be victim of such act, we request you that "don't be so hard and fast about fast". "Can't you give up eating".

14. We would like to bring to your notice that our son, who is the marriage boy, has only one eye. He is 'kana' but God has compensated by giving him two chins i.e. double chin. When you look at our son, you get the impression that man was really once an animal.

His would-be wife is no less in beauty. She is so thin that at times she becomes invisible.

We call them a perfect pair, just like Laurel & Hardy.

15. Lastly there is a warning. In our first son's second marriage party we found that the number of spoons were far less at the end of party than at the beginning. Taking away the spoons in the pocket is really a shameful act. We request you therefore not to take away either the plate, utensils or spoons as we have called special guards to prevent this kind of act. For those who are compulsive thieves, we offer a spoon free if you are not found stealing.

We hope that you would, after reading this, certainly grace the occasion with your absence.

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Aaj Ke Samachar

NEWS from the 4 corners of the world: North, East, West, South.

Good morning.

The main headlines and tail-lines at this hour are:

- * Politicians try their hand at business.

- * Pill and Bill come to India.

- * India finds solution to population problem.

- * Olympics to be held in India.

- * Stock market review.

- * M F Hussain weds Madhuri.

- * Weather: whether sunshine or rain.

Now that, there is recession, politicians are severely affected by lack of work as they find themselves, busy doing nothing. They are trying their hand at business. The first to start business is our Jayalalithaji. She has started a slimming centre where anybody can become slim, lean and mean. She herself would offer advice and counselling to the customers. When asked, how she would convince the customer when they will look to her size, she said, "It's so simple. I would recommend the diet I don't take and when they eat, what I don't, they would get slim".

Next on the list is Lalooji who is no more only Lalooji but Dr Lalooji as he has passed the medical examination and now is a doctor; doctor for animals,

however. When asked, why he wants to be doctor for animals, he replied, "I have special affection for animals, because I'm just like them, an ordinary guy." (Guy of English, not Hindi).

You are reading Sama-4. Next is international news. "Pill and Bill come to India". Viagra and Bill Clinton are two attempts by the US to interfere in the affairs of India. The introduction of Viagra pill in India will explode the population bomb with impotent people becoming important by contributing towards the bulging population. Even if we survive the pill, we can't survive romantic Bill who plans to settle in India.

Now some sports update. News for all Indians to be proud of. India is the venue for the forthcoming Olympics. The Olympics Committee has chosen Uttar Pradesh as their venue. When asked, why they chose only UP, they said, "We saw live telecast of the UP assembly session in which members were practising mike throwing. So why not honour them by keeping that state as venue so that they can participate wholeheartedly.

News from the stock market. The stock market remained closed due to on going Diwala seasona.

From the world of entertainment: M F Hussain plans to

marry Madhuri Dixit, but Madhuri has some reservations. When asked why she does not prefer M F who is just 30 years and 480 months young, she said, "I told M F that I would marry him only if he dyed with shame (poo) but he never dyed his hair, so I never married him".

And finally the weather 4-cast: God will cry over the conditions in Bihar and as a result there will be torrential rains there. Rest of the country will experience light thundershowers. As a result Government has announced all its citizens to keep away from bathing in municipality water and bathe in rain. This step is taken to solve the ongoing water crises.

Rain and thundershowers are expected wherever a cricket match is being played. Fishermen are advised not to go into sea as all fishes have gone swimming into deep sea. This may severely hamper fishermen's net profit.

Thick heavy black clouds are expected in Delhi. Delhites are advised, not to take that clouds as rain clouds, but as clouds that are affected by pollution. *Sama-4 samapthi hooe...*

What does samachar become when the news are very spicy?

JAM-ACHAR

-Akhil Chopra

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