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## RAPE

# Must be shocking even to animals

I see a video today in which police were arresting a sixty year old man for raping a thirteen year old girl. So disgusting! It's happening everyday... somewhere or other, in spite of media's wide scope of lens, punishments being so severe and the public being very much aware. Of course, a few could escape with the power of money & position, - from the capture of law.

Months old babies and octogenarian woman are also not spared... not to speak of the young girls. Age has been no bar for this crime either to the assailant or for the assaulted.

Leave apart others committing the assault on the woman. It's shocking and nauseating to know that some people are committing such assaults on their own kith and kin. Shekhar Kammula's "Love Story" threw some more light on the prevailing dark issues of domestic and incestuous assaults.

"Will you do the same to your mother? Sister? Daughter?" - This

popular dialogue of the assaulted party is no more valid. The stretch of the evil passion has reached to those sacred bonds too. I am equally busy as a counsellor as I am with music. I get to hear quite a



few cases of domestic molestation.

What is that nasty passion that makes beast out of a man and subjects the victim to many kinds of horrific repercussions? It's the cruel play of hormones in a man!? Even wildest animals won't resort

to this horrible crime. So calling it a heinous crime is to insult the animals.

Sex is a tool, Providence has provided to procreate or at the most to express man's deepest love to his woman. Not to misuse it by forcibly exercising on others, just to quench his hormonal thirst. Many atrocious incidents variant in nature, - are happening somewhere or other on daily basis.. some come to light and some remain in darkness.

As humans have abused every blessing of God, - like body, mind, Intellect, earth, air, water, ether... overall nature,.. this faculty of sex has also been abused awfully. Man has hunger. He can earn his food and eat or beg and eat. But when he tries to rob somebody and eat, it amounts not just to-illegality but also to immorality. Whichever action causes pain to others is a sin. Sin results in Bad Karma which affects our living adversely. Righteousness is at its best when practiced with compassion and okey

when practiced at least out of fear.

### What is the way to get rid of this social atrocity?

Good and bad people are blessed by nature with almost same kind of hormones, faculties. Then how come some are thinking right and some are conducting themselves well? Some are left freely to be directed by their minds and some are nurtured to tame their minds. That makes the difference.

them in life.

Introduce insightful philosophy right from pre schools. Just ritualistic religiosity is not helping humans to maintain their humanness or to progress spiritually.

For Instance, children are taught "Respect your parents". Children end up in giving mechanical hugs and greeting cards on Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day. They must be made to realize what

skits and songs that a hurt is as painful to others as it is for himself.

Woman is as human as a male. she has more sensitive feelings. She has to be dealt like a fellow human being ..not like a subordinate...absolutely not like a slave or an object. Children observe their father's behavior towards their mother. That determines the angle through which the child looks at once he becomes adult. The cheap ways of addressing wife should be stopped...like "Eme... Osev... Osey (belittling addresses to woman).

Krishna didn't ask Satyabhama to step back in the battle with Narakasura. His appreciative and encouraging presence boosted Satyabhama's energies and she could kill Narakasura. He stepped back giving opportunity to Satyabhama. "I am the man. You are a woman. Stay away from the battle", - he didn't say such male chauvinistic dialogues. Such respectable treatment to wife will set standards to kids in the house. Their esteem for woman will properly set.

Time to celebrate Deepavali! Those who cannot recognize the strength of women as Krishna did, those those who do not see sex as Devine Yagnyam (Ritual) and those who see this as just an act of pleasure done with or without the permission of the partner,- are not eligible to celebrate Deepavali.

True celebration of Deepavali is to recognize woman as an equal and respect her. True Deepavali is to see that a woman really can walk alone on the roads, in the midnight. Hoping to see such Deepavali.

Lets fire the rape with true realization. Happy Deepavali friends!

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Parents are first Gurus to children. Character forms from the stage of zygote. It's the stage when parents can impact a person's character even though one inherits much of the Samskaras (trends of thinking and acting) from the previous births. Parents have to realize the divinity in creation in its entirety. Just listening to devotional discourses and songs alone will not help. They must understand human values heartily and live reflecting

kind of a pain a mother undergoes to bring out children from her womb. What kind of struggle she undergoes to raise her kid right from the kid's infant stage. How a father struggles to earn for the sake of family. What's a family? What are family bonds? What is friendship? What are human values?... kids must be made to understand. The kids must be made to understand what is real love. They must be made to realize through small