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Breaking India: Western Interventions in Dravidian and Dalit Faultlines

India’s integrity is being undermined by three global networks that have well-established operating bases inside India (i) Islamic radicalism linked with Pakistan, (ii) Maoists and Marxist radicals supported by China via intermediaries such as Nepal and (iii) Dravidian and Dalit identity separatism being fostered by the West in the name of human rights. This book focuses on the abetment of the US and European churches, academics, think-tanks, foundations, governments and human rights groups in fomenting separation of the Dravidians and Dalit communities from the rest of India. The book is the result of five years of research and information obtained in the West about foreign funding of these India-based activities. The research covered the money trail that starts out claiming to be for ‘education’, ‘human rights’, ‘empowerment training’, and leadership training in effect programs designed to produce angry youths who feel disenchanted from Indian identity.

This is a very important book. Full of well-documented facts, it makes a problem seldom talked about even by professional Indian-watchers, viz. the synergy of anti-India forces that have India in a stranglehold at the political, and to a far greater extent even at the intellectual level. Whereas Edward Said’s hugely influential book Orientalism (apart from being filled with factual errors) focused on the Muslim world, Malhotra and Neelakandan do the same job for India: they prove the profound political correctness of Orientalism (“India-watching”, “South Asia Studies”), not just in the current age but even more so today. Of course established India-watchers will try to ignore or belittle its achievements, because it is their biased and narrow view of India that needs to be fed. But the book is important not just for Indians, but for the world, because there is a real risk of revivalism in the Muslim world, and China’s revivalism is a geopolitical threat to the West. This book reveals how outdated racial theories fuel the rhetoric that can trigger civil wars and continue to provide academic frameworks and intellectual justifications for separatist movements. It should be read by anyone concerned for the future of world culture and politics. The book reveals how outdated racial theories continue to provide academic justifications and fuel the rhetoric that can trigger wars and genocides in developing countries. The Dravidian movement, 150 year history has such worrying origins. Its latest manifestation is the Dravidian ‘Christianity’ movement that fabricates a political and cultural history to exploit old myths. This book explicitly names individuals and institutions, including prominent Western areas and their Indian affiliates. Its goal is to spark an honest debate on the issue, which is essentially a white noise in India. The book is the result of five years of research and information obtained in the West about foreign funding of these India-based activities. This book explicitly names individuals and institutions, including prominent Western areas and their Indian affiliates. Its goal is to spark an honest debate on the issue, which is essentially a white noise in India.

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