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'During my diplomatic tenure in some countries, I have had occasion to see operations on the ground of the kind that this book throws light on. But I did not have the data of the kind that this book presents for interpreting things clearly.'

Kanwal Sibal,
former Foreign Secretary, Government of India

'This is a very important book. Full of well-documented facts, it outlines a problem seldom realized even by professional India-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 riddled with factual errors) focused on the Muslim world, Malhotra and Neelakandan do the same job for India: they prove the profound political corruptedness of Orientalism ("India-watching", "South Asia Studies"), not just in the colonial age but even more so today. Of course established India-watchers will try to ignore or belittle its achievements, because it is their biased efforts that get exposed here, alongside the intrigues of the Churches, the State Department, the "secularist" chattering classes in Delhi and other forces interested in breaking India.'

Koenraad Elst, Belgian scholar

'It is high time, that right thinking persons set right the history and the cultural thinking of the people of this country, particularly people from the south, because here much of the damage is being done. Fortunately, people who have been decrying Hinduism, who have been in the name of secularism, have been denigrating Hinduism, those people are exposing themselves now in a very big way. I do not want to enter into politics, but I cannot help comment it, that the recent happenings in the political world have exposed the dishonesty, the hypocrisy of those people who have been opposing Hinduism, Hindu ideas, Hindu thoughts, and Hindu Dharma. The concept of Dharma is unique to Hinduism, and those who have had the benefit of reading the commentary and reading of the Bhagavad Gita would understand what great thinking this great land has cherished and nourished.'

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The cover image is not the official map of India which the authors believe in; this is the map they warn about in the book.

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 third: the role of the US and European churches, academics, think-tanks, foundations, governments and human rights groups in fostering separation of the identities of Dravidian and Dalit communities from the rest of India. The book is the result of five years of research, and uses information obtained in the West about foreign funding of these India-based activities. The research tracked the money trails that start out claiming to be for 'education', 'human rights', 'empowerment training', and 'leadership training', but end up in programs designed to produce angry youths who feel disenfranchised from Indian identity.

The book reveals how outdated racial theories continue to provide academic frameworks and fuel the rhetoric that can trigger civil wars and genocides in developing countries. The Dravidian movement's 200-year history has such worrying origins. Its latest manifestation is the 'Dravidian Christianity' movement that fabricates a political and cultural history to exploit old faultlines. This book explicitly names individuals and institutions, including prominent Western ones and their Indian affiliates. Its goal is to spark an honest debate on the extent to which human rights and other 'empowerment' projects are cover-ups for these nefarious activities.

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