



## APSA Response

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Dear Leaders of the Three Sarvadeshik Arya Pratinidhi Sabhas (SAPS),

The Arya Pratinidhi Sabha America (APSA) Executive Committee has deliberated upon the court case filed by two Muslim men (with support of others) against Satyarth Prakash in Tees Hazari Court Delhi. The APSA would like to make the following suggestions to support all of you in our fight against this undeserving court case.

This case gives the three factions of SAPS a golden opportunity to put aside their differences and unite under one leadership whom all Arya Samaj members all over the world can respect and then fight the court case in a united fashion against a common foe. Although all factions of SAPS have individually pledged to fight the court case yet no where do we learn that there will be a united effort.

A united Arya Samaj leadership and united effort at this junction are the call of the time. It is far more important to unite various factions of SAPS in defense of Satyarth Prakash than making independent eloquent statements or press releases. It may be worth inviting Paropkarni Sabha, Ajmer in this effort because Paropkarni Sabha, Ajmer in many ways is the true and perhaps legal heir to Swami Dayanand Ji's writings.

After the Vedas, Satyarth Prakash (which is based on the Vedas) is the most important book which has guided and continues to guide the Arya Samaj Movement. The main messages of Satyarth Prakash and Arya Samaj are the following:

- God is One and He is the Primordial Source of all True Knowledge and Bliss. God alone is Almighty, the Ultimate Master, Protector and Universal Benefactor. God has neither shape nor form, yet is present everywhere, permeating every part of the universe. God knows everything that happens in the entire universe and gives us appropriate rewards based on our Karmas (actions). God is kind and full of love, but He is also just. God is Eternal, He was never born, thus, will never die. God does not incarnate as a human being or directly father children. God alone is worthy of prayer and worship and not His alleged incarnations or images.
- The Vedas are the oldest continuous religious scriptures of mankind. Vedas promote One God and not the 'messengers of God' or prophets. Vedas are not history-centric and have no historic leader; God is the main leader. The messages of the Vedas are universal and

rationality based. They encourage us to believe in believable beliefs and not have blind faith in unbelievable miracles or superstitions. Vedas promote action and not passive acceptance of fate.

- People should be thoughtful and virtuous in their personal actions and interact with others with truth, love and respect.
- The purpose of the Arya Samaj is to do good to the world and serve mankind in a selfless manner.

Swami Dayanand Saraswati Ji in Satyarth Prakash chapters 11 to 14 challenged Hindu, Buddhist, Christians and Muslims beliefs especially the basis of their superiority claims and whether those claims can stand scrutiny when compared to the Vedic beliefs. He did the critique in the spirit of truth and fairness and not animosity. In the Swamantavyaamantavyaprakashah of Satyarth Prakash he states the following:

*Satyam Eva Jayate na Anritat* (Truth always ultimately prevails not untruth). Then quoting Gita he states that 'Truth may initially taste like a bitter poison but later it turns into sweet nectar'. **To Swami Dayanand Saraswati Ji truth was the basis of Freedom of Speech.**

**This also should be the basis of our court fight against the case.**

As far as we know all factions of SAPS have capable scholars of Vedas and other religions as well as enough financial resources to support capable attorneys to fight the court case and educate the general public with the issues involved.

These are some of the suggestions from APSA for your consideration to help you fight the court case as a United Arya Samaj instead of one divided in factions.

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