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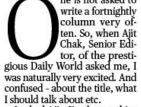








## What's in a name? - Suggest a title, win a prize!





column very often. So, when Aiit tor, of the presti-

I asked Aiit. I've known him for decades and respect him. ICE TOWARDS ONE AND ALL?) Of course, jab we met (in grade for him; the kind we reserve for Khushwant Singh?' our criminal compatriots. Heifrom the library (which earned about the statute of limitations

ne is not asked to bumming beedis from gardeners write a fortnightly and such dastardly deeds.

crap is uncanny. But he disappointed me by responding with a dry, 'Would you like me to write it for you?'

'Bro, be serious. You realise this is my Khushwant Singh moment?' (Which amongst us hasn't relished and laughed WITH MAL-

He responded with a raised three), I had that special respect eyebrow. 'You think you're

'Of course not.' I backpedaled. nous crimes like pinching comics 'Though the similarities are uncanny.' His disdainful look forced usa memorable hiding from our me to elaborate. 'We'veboth writrespective mothers). There fol- ten several books. Both have lowed a spate of offences, which a house in Kasauli. Both like I shall gloss over; I'm unsure Scotch... and Butter Chicken.'

The last was a desperate guess.

but they're a miniscule minor-Aiit's ability to cut through the ity and like the current national ruling dispensation I'm not big on minority appeasement; unless it suits me; in which case I give it some fancy Sabka-Saath-Sabka-Vikas type slogan first. Slogans are so much easier than actual governance and sit well with the unwashed masses.

> eringly, so ploughed on. Having served in the Sikh Light Infantry, I can be considered an Honorary Singh. And I'm Khush most of the time... at least I want to be. So why not? Remember, Mark Twain told us not to part with our illusions, for when they're ceased to live.'

Methinks that's what broke the on bunking classes, reading com- but I guessed a probable one; camel's back; in ibid case, Ajit's need those moments when we

Yes, I know, vegetarians don't, difference between illusions and relish the fresh air of positivdelusions?'

hard to answer and vielded little clarity on my predicament. That's why I decided to bring my problem to the people I'm writing for. You.

Mitron I want to ask you: What should I title my byline?

Which topics will bring positiv-I was still being gazed at with- ity, entertainment and enlightenment in your life?

You'll agree these are important. Especially these days with so much negativity, divisiveness and hatred in the air. Life is short and should be fun. Problems will always exist and we do need to deal with them; after all, when gone, we may still exist, but have we are born, we're given a birth certificate, not a warranty card.

That is precisely why all of us

ity. Which of us doesn't need This was a Biblical question; a reminder that we're all born extraordinary and its only our intentions and attitude that keep us there or render us ordinary?

> Which of us doesn't need a reminder that we are mostly limited by our beliefs, seldom by any real lack of capability?

We all do. So that we can enjoy that moment of inner peace and joy, which is the essence of life. about matters sexual. As for the

Entertainment-Enlightenment for someone like me, with the is a good title. My only res- artistic pretentious desirable in ervation is that PEE is not a very attractive acronym; an not inspiring.

Alternatively, I could segment my thoughts under four headings -Physical, Intellectual, Emotional, Spiritual-since we all seek

good and much more palatable than PEE. Another possibility is Positivity, Palak Paneer, Butter Chicken and Other Seriously Spiritual Things. It's a tad long but consider it objectively; Palak Paneer does take into consideration the feelings of vegetarians. And Spiritual will allow me to wax eloquent on Scotch, Vodka and such crucial issues. What about 245 Shades of Saffron-White-Green? I suggest it because there are 245 positions described in the Kamasutra and I will definitely talk If you agree, then Positivity- colours - gray is too mainstream

Irreverently Relevant is anessential act to be sure, but other possibility. The world needs a bit of irreverence; too many people sauntering around with the certainty (and poverty of judgement) of zealots. No?

every struggling writer.

Or do you think Man Ki Baat ics (and other soft porn) in class. who doesn't like Butter Chicken? patience. You do realise there's can stop, smell the roses and fulfilment in the seareas PIESare is better? We would be talking

about random things that drop into my head.

I'd love to hear your sugges tions for a title-please share them on my links below. I promise to send the winner a signed copy of one of my thrillers.

Help make this byline something you want to... no wait to read.

Till then, Sat Sri Akal. Sayonara.Sab Changa Si. (I always wonder if that's a factual statement, an aspirational one or a question.)

Oh well.

See you... next Sunday.

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