The Dalits of India

37.2% of India's population live BELOW the poverty line The Majority are Dalit//There are 300 MILLION Dalits in India



Dalits in India occupy the lowest level of society, daily subjected to poverty, disease, and oppression. They do the dirty jobs no one else wants to do. Upper caste people expect it of them, simply because they were born Dalit.

- Did you know 2/3 of India lives on less than \$2 a day? Most of them are Dalit.
- Can you believe India has an estimated 14.7 MILLION slaves? Most of them are Dalit.

Sensing a theme?

Life as a Dalit:

- A professor at a major university, who happens to be Dalit, is told to wash his own glass at a café because the owner doesn't want to be made unclean by contact with the professor's cup (BBC).
- A female professor is harassed by colleagues and students for being Dalit (The Hindu).
- 40 year old woman is raped when she leaves her house to relieve herself in a nearby field (<u>Wall Street</u> Journal).
- Teenage girls kept home from school because of the threat of rape (Hindustan Times).
- Children humiliated, stripped, beaten by their teachers at government run schools (<u>New Indian Express</u>, The Tribune India).
- A massacre of 58 Dalits, including 27 women and 10 children, goes completely unpunished (<u>Rediff</u> News).

These things happen everyday to millions of people.

Children go hungry. Women and girls are raped and forced into prostitution. Whole families spend their lives in debt-bondage, unable to pay rapidly accruing, usurious interest rates. They are ignored by the police when they seek justice.

This is the story of the Dalits.



What does this all add up to? A HUGE PROBLEM—one of the biggest human rights issues on the planet.



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