



## For Whom the Bell Tolls

No man is an island,  
Entire of itself.

Each man's death diminishes me,  
For I am involved in mankind.

.....*John Donne*

## Farewell to a Man of Immense Compassion

The whole world mourns the passing of Pope Francis. His empathy was sincere and genuine for Ukrainians crushed and destroyed by dictator Putin, he really felt the sufferings of the Palestinians being annihilated and decimated, and their lands and properties stolen by Netanyahu, and the migrants trodden under the feet of Tramp and his acolyte Vance, and who are mercilessly imprisoned by Salvadorian beasts. Pope Francis never hesitated to bring it home to the tyrants of their wrong-doings. As a man of unbound faith, if he is now with the Almighty, may he have a word with Him about those nasties of the Animal Kingdom who are causing terror down here.

*Pierre Louis*

## The Passing of the Pope of the People



## Humanity's Future At Risk?

**It is now an accepted fact that Artificial Intelligence (AI) will soon play a very important part in human existence, and may even dictate human behaviour in everyday life.**

It has often been said that a computer has a mind of its own, though the fact is that the computer still operates subject to human programming through various softwares and applications (Apps). Without softwares or Apps

a computer, as a piece of equipment, is dead meat and useless. With AI, it is predicted that that equipment 'endowed' with AI App will be able to perform tasks on their own accord, independent of instruction from any source.

Robot-like equipment will make its own decision to the point it is feared that an army of them can themselves decide to attack and destroy one another, even attack and destroy any creature on their passage including human beings. This is scary, because it is believed that those robots will be able to manufacture and reproduce other similar robots by themselves. If this true, humanity is at risk,

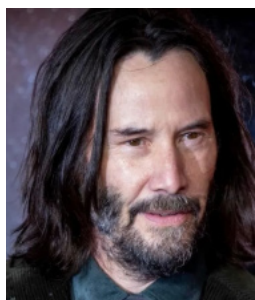
A question may be asked is whether AI, though

still an App, will it be able to turn modern-day desktops, into moving robots. And similarly, will AI turn our laptop, tablets and smart phones into movable robots. Remember that artificial intelligence has been with us the moment the machine, known as a computer, has been designed with appropriate softwares to perform tasks of all sorts. Today AI is a new name in the development of the computer world, just as the Mobile Phone has become the Smart Phone. Whatever next? it is asked.

It is in this context that the dialogue between Keanu Reeves and Elon Musk is reproduced below from Facebook.

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## Keanu Reeves talks to Elon Musk (from Facebook posting)



*Keanu Reeves*

Issues of our time: **the future of artificial intelligence, creativity and human connection.**

Keanu Reeves is known not only for his iconic film roles, but also for his wisdom, humility, and deep understanding of human existence.

In a compelling live debate watched by millions of viewers worldwide, he caught none other than Elon Musk, the visionary and tech mogul, to talk about one of the most pressing is-

...sues of our time: **the future of artificial intelligence, creativity and human connection.**

### The meeting of opposites

The tension was palpable when the two men faced each other.

Musk, known for his bold visions of Mars colonies and an AI-powered future, spoke about the need for technological advancements to save humanity. (Ed Note: Save humanity from what? Trump ?

Reeves, on the other hand, introduced a calmer, more contemplative perspective: "Perhaps our goal is not to control the world, but to understand it." "

### The moment that Elon got mute

When asked whether AI will surpass human creativity, Elon Musk responded with a clear: "Sooner or later, yes.

Machines will create art, compose music and tell stories – better than us. "

The camera waved at Keanu Reeves, who briefly remained silent, then took a deep

breath and said:

"But will a machine ever know what it feels like to miss something ? Or what is it like to create something beautiful out of a moment of sorrow?

Creativity does not arise from calculation but from experience, pain, love, and hope. "

The studio was quiet.

Even Musk seemed speechless for a moment.

This sentence, simple and profound at the same time, sounded far beyond the screen.

### The reactions

The scene spread rapidly on social media.

"Reeves has not only silenced the room but also redefined our understanding of humanity," commented one viewer on X.

Philosophers, artists and scientists spoke up and praised Keanu's point of view as a urgently needed reminder that progress must be measured not only in data, but also in feeling.

In a world increasingly lost in technology, Keanu Reeves reminded us that our deepest values cannot be programmed.

What makes us human is not our efficiency, but our imperfection.

And sometimes all it takes is a simple, honest sentence to make a whole room think - even if Elon Musk is sitting in it.

*Ed Note: Elon's Musk is portrayed in this narrative as a normal being capable of compassion.*



*Elon Musk*



# Mr Abhimanu (Mahen) Kundasamy appointed CEO of the EDB



Mr Mahen Kundasamy has now taken over as the Chief Executive Officer of the Economic Development Board (EDB). Mr Kundasamy was at one time the Mauritian Ambassador to South Africa and the High Commissioner for Mauritius to the UK. With his previous South African experience, the new EDB CEO is regarded as an asset to strengthen the relationships between Mauritius and the African Continent thro’ trade, especially.

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# Mauritius is like a ‘Vache Laitière’ . . . Everyone wants his pound of flesh

*Le pays regorge d’argent*, the old PMSD leader Gaetan Duval once said of Mauritius. That statement was made in the seventies. 50 years later, it may still hold true, when one considers the extent of the claims being made against the Government of Mauritius for damages, or as compensation for alleged illegal treatment.

Emeritus businessman Dawood Rawat is suing the Mauritius Government for two billion rupees for the dismantling of his business empire ten years ago under Finance Minister Vishnu Lutchmee-naraidoo. The latest gladiator to enter the arena is Sher Singh, a former CEO of Mauritius Telecom at the time of tenure of office of Pravind Kumar Jugnauth (PKJ) as Prime Minister. According to allegations, Singh was a member of the PM’s ‘kitchen cabinet’ where decisions were made. It was also alleged that he enjoyed the family’s swimming pool in the evening.

It is said that familiarity brings contempt. The friendship of Mr Singh and the Jugnauths began to wear thin, and Mr Singh and the Jugnauths fell out . . . at some stage. Mr Singh lost his Mauritius Telecom CEO job, and with his wife Varusha, was subsequently detained by police on corruption charges. Mr Singh went wild with anger and promised the government of the day a tsunami. By George, a tsunami did take place which wiped out PKJ and his government. In some quarters, it is believed that Mr Singh may have been responsible for more than meet the eyes.

As part of his vindication. Mr Singh is now suing the Mauritius Government in the sum of 450 million rupees for himself and Rs300 million rupees for his wife on the grounds that they were wrongfully arrested. It was a **political vendetta**, he claims.

**Political vendetta!** this is what the leader of the Opposition, Joe Le-songard, said at the MSM press conference about the arrest and re-arrest of the former Finance Minister, Mr Renganaden Padayachy. Other high officials of the previous administration are equally being arrested, detained and investigated regarding allocation of contracts, purchase of commodities, and whatnot! Under investigation by the Financial Crimes Commission at the very moment are Rajiv Ser-vansingh, outgoing director of the State Trading Corporation (STC) and Kareena Neisius, director of the Mercantile & Maritime Group (MMG) both involved in the award of a contract for the import of fuel.

It could become the pattern of Mauritian politics that the next ad-ministration will proceed on similar witch hunt (Opposition dixit). There were allegations that some witch hunt did take place under the old regime. Hence, ministers and officials will have to be on their best behaviour in discharging their responsibilities. They should not expose themselves to arrests and investigations whenever there is a change of the shoulder carrying the weight of government. It must perhaps be worth remembering the allusion that politics is a dirty and dangerous game. In order not to attract any dirt, one may be advised to stay clear of politics. But it is a job that has to be done. It is refreshing to see hundreds of young people in the race for the municipal seats to be contended on 4 May 2025. They are fresh, clean and unblemished so far. Soon, everything may change.

Mauritius is bankrupt, according to new PM Navin Ramgoolam. Where will the country obtain the millions of rupees being claimed against the government? Well, the country is rich, perhaps even one of the richest in our part of the world, according to USA Today.

Suresh C. Beeharry

# A Very Courageous Pope Francis



J.D. Vance: a sickly sight for the ailing Pontiff

A very courageous dying Pope Francis agreed to receive Vice President J.D. Vance at the Vatican on Easter Sunday (27/4/25) only a few hours before his demise.

The Pope had been suffering from acute pneumonia with his lungs severely impaired, He could hardly breathe and was helped by his doctors to hold on to life for a few more hours.

Under that sort painful of conditions, as the merciful head of the Catholic Church, the Pope agreed to receive the visiting American, his wife and children. One can imagine what sort of sacrifice Pope Francis was making to see the visitor and his family.

The Pope was aware of the ill-treatment and the deportation of Latin Americans from the US to Venezuelan and other jails. The Pope himself was of Latin American origin.

Vance, as shown in the picture above, was over the moon by the welcome from the Pope. But the ever-smiling Prelate showed no delight in seeing the visitor. By the looks on his face, the Pope seemed to be asking him what “what are you doing to my people in America?”.

The present American administration have no sense of decency.

James Koo Sin Lin



# A Policewoman Role For Yvonne

Yvonne Persand-Goder, a contributor to Mauritian Overseas Gazette (MOG) and part-time actor, plays a police woman in Chal Mera Putt 4, a Punjabi comedy to be released in the UK on 1st August 2025. The play is written by Rakesh Dhawan and directed by Janjot Singh.

Among the cast are Amrinder Gill, Simi Chahal, Iftikhar Chinyoti, Nasir Chinyoti, Akram Udas, Rup Khatkar, Hardeep Gill and Gurshabad Kular.

The television production was shot on various lo-cations in the UK and principally in Birmingham

