

THE CRISIS IN HIS FAITH

Mr. John had a crisis in his faith. There was confusion, tension and anxiety in his life. His life had become an emotionally draining prospect for him. He had always tried to be a religious and a righteous person of sort. He always wanted to know-why he was here in the world? Where he was going to end up? What is his role and function in this world? What is the purpose of his existence?

He has grown up in a Christian orthodox society. The Bible, the Pastors, the Priests and the Study Groups had failed to convince him and give him the real answers to life and to his destiny.

The Church pretended to know the Truth but failed to give him intellectual and spiritual satisfaction. Words like original sin, trinity, the Father, the son and the Holy Ghost, three in one and one in three, God made in flesh, resurrection, redemption, Jesus died for your sins, bread as Jesus's flesh and wine as his blood, the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ, dead to sin and alive in Christ continued to keep him confused.

The battle was between Jesus's monotheism and Paul's concept of Trinity. In the Church he felt claustrophobic as if he was sitting in a vacuum all by himself alone in the crowd. He felt that he was being deceived by the loud oratory of the speakers. The verbosity of the Church was confusing and unconvincing. He found that its doctrinaire was complicated and intellectually unconvincing.

So, instead of his spiritual growth, he felt that he was actually going down. He tried to find diversions in jogging, hiking, swimming, fishing, playing golf and even

in mountains. He found they all pertained more to his body than to his mind and soul. They were escapist, illusionary and diversionary.

In the pursuit of spiritual satisfaction he tried yoga. It did not satisfy him. It was cruel punishment to his body. He sat in the company of mystics, gurus and saints. Brief associations with Bhai Group and Sufi Group was not fulfilling. He found them ethnical and cultish and limited in scope. It did not give freedom to his freedom loving soul.

In search of truth he went from places to places but they could not rescue him. He studied the eight fold Buddhist doctrine of nirvana. It was like living in Utopia, more idealistic than realistic. He even stood in places of Hindu worship. He chanted their mantras and hymned their lyrics but soon realized that they all related to a kind of social gatherings. They failed to have a hold on his soul. He was in search of eternal truth. He was trying to find inner place with intellectual conviction and not with confusion.

In all these years instead of his spiritual growth he felt he was actually going down in a spiritual spin. He felt all these years he was trying to cover and hide himself within the canvas of deception and easy escape.

His soul was still starving. Nothing gave him lasting satisfaction. He thought that there was no elixir to the spirituality of his soul.

By now his body was getting weekend and weary. All these dilemmas and confusions were haunting him increasingly evermore.

He desperately needed to be introduced to the real Divine guidance and spirituality.

Finally he had an appointment with 'Truth'. He read the Translation of Holy Qur'aan' He found spiritual satisfaction and guidance which he was looking for all his life. He realized that he had remained ignorant till he read the Holy Qur'aan. In all these years of his life he had remained stuck up without the guidance of Divine spirituality. Now he discovered the Divine guidance.

When he read the Holy Qur'aan his inner eyes were opened. Now there was light. He found answers to all the puzzles of his life and beyond. He found out that Holy Qur'aan indeed provides the light and guidance to the starving human soul. He acknowledged now that Holy Qur'aan shows the most straight, most truthful path to reach upto man's goal in life. He found out that the Holy Qur'aan is the absolute truth and therefore it is convincing.

My friend John always knew that a child is afraid of darkness but he fails to understand why a grown up educated people are afraid of light- 'The Light of Holy Qur'aan'. He suggests that the entire humanity should read the Holy Qur'aan, debate and think over its contents and then form its own independent and honest opinion before its adoption in life.

PLEASE PASS IT ON TO OTHERS.