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To

Dr. Ralph D. Winter
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Dear Dr. Winter,

Thanks for your letter of June 4, 1997. It speaks of your unpretentious humility. A radical Christian is one who is willing to see things from different perspectives. Quite likely, there will be an opportunity for us to meet in person.

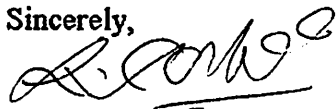
My great grand-father was a Hindu priest: A Brahmin. Those days not many Hindus from the higher castes responded to the preaching of Gospel. That is largely true even today.

When he became a Christian, his family abandoned him, his people excommunicated him, and further they expelled him from his village. However, he retained his family name and that continues to be the same for his children and their successive generations. Today, much of it is a forgotten history. But he left a humble legacy. A legacy of suffering for becoming a Christian.

A spirit of humility and a willing heart to face persecution are among those indispensable qualities that need to accompany the proclamation of Gospel. In particular, if it has to make any difference among the vast majority of Hindus who live in India and among the global population of Hinduism.

In my grand father's house there were Telugu Bibles but there were also Hindu sacred texts, written on palm leaves. The latter remind me: Stand on the other side of the fence and see.

Sincerely,



L. J. Joshi

P.S. I am sending you a copy of *The Voice of Asia*.