

## Chapter 26

### Chants and Prayers

The sunlight falls directly on the earth during daytime. During night time also the light reaches the earth from the sun. It reaches the earth after reflecting from the lunar domain. That is called moon light or moonshine. Sometimes the human life becomes over shadowed with darkness, losing the brightness. Then the full moon should be arisen in the human mind. According to Christians, it is Saint Mary, who was fortunate enough to give birth to Christ shining as a full moon. She reflects the spiritual light of Christ to those who depend upon her. While thinking of St. Mary, I remember firstly the crescent seen under the holy foot- stool of St. Mary.



**St. Mary**

According to Hindus, there are 33 crore holy deities and the prominent ones among them are Lord Shiva and Vishnu and His ten incarnations. We have already learnt from the first chapter of this book that all these righteous deities are sons of mind of Prajapathi(Christ). They reflect uninterruptedly the divine light of God to the Hindu believers who depend upon them. The crescent seen above the head of Lord Shiva is familiar to everyone.



**Lord Shiva**

According to Muslims, their sign itself is the crescent and star. All the graceful personalities including Prophet Mohammed are full moons- the holy sources, who shower the blessings of God to believers who depend on them.



If we think like this, whatever may be the religion, along with prayers direct to God, memory of saints are also necessary.

We can see the holy words, “ The memory of the righteous will be a blessing” in Proverbs 10:7.

Some Christian communities have the custom of remembering saints during the Holy Mass. Since they are convinced that their ancestors are righteous, different religious believers do rituals in remembrance of their forefathers including the Hindus. Those Christian communities who do not ready to remember their forefathers actually belittle themselves. It is equal to accept that their ancestors were fraudulent and wicked.

But if we examine the holy Bible, we can understand from Jeremiah 34:5 that while executing the prayers in remembrance of the Dead ones, it is necessary to burn incense and light the lamps.

“Even so, listen to the word of Yahweh, Zedekiah, king of Judah, and you will not die by the sword, you will die in peace. And as spices were burnt for your fathers, the kings who in times passed preceded you, so they will also burn spices for you and raise this dirge for you, mourn for his highness!”. (Jeremiah 34:5)

We can see in the Holy Bible that the Israel people perform guilt offering to Yahwey, for wearing charms (of other religions) by their soldiers which is forbidden to the Israelites.

Now a days, there are so many Christian communities who deny St. Mary and the saints. Will anybody say ‘ We need only the sun and we don` t want the full moon in the sky’?

The power of the chants by the Muslims and the prayers of hymns by the Hindus are miraculous and wonderful.

The chants “ Aum Namō Narayanaya “ (Praise the Lord:- God) & “ Aum Nama Shivaya “

( Praise Lord Shiva) are famous and popular among the Hindus. Repeating the same hymn so many times is very much power generating.

While thinking of Christians, the importance of rosary (prayers in remembrance of St. Mary) and Novenas (Intercession to Christ) are beyond our speculation. The spiritual power obtaining from the rosary is directly proportional to the number of times it repeats. It is very much power yielding if we Repeat the Lord's Prayer (The prayer taught by Christ). We can see the relevance of repeated prayers in the teachings of Jesus Christ. In the repeated prayers, if we remember the saints, then such prayers become the source of heavenly blessings. Such type of prayers are called Novenas. If we examine the holy Bible, we can see the Holy Word, 'the Psalms are ideal prayers'. For the same reason, Psalms should be given more importance than other prayers (Rosary and Novenas).

Christians have a common thought among them that they are somewhat superior than other religious believers, as St. Mary appeared in different places of the world (Fathima and Lourdes) and advised the Christians to chant rosary. But the reality is just opposite to it. Since the Christians deviated from the divine perpetual law of circumcision, and do self deliverance (confession to priest), and eat forbidden things like flesh of pig, God's fury is always there with the Christians. The rosary may be helpful to the Christians when God executing his revenge on the Great day of Wrath [See chapter "The Great Day of Wrath and the Day of Judgement]. As we know, the children used to hide behind the cloak of their mother when the father approaches them with anger. But we can not say that he/she will be saved.

St. Mary, who carried Christ within her womb, indicates the heaven, the holy temple where Christ inhabits. For this reason itself, Holy Mary is the mother of all the members of all nations.

We have learnt from the beginning of this chapter that the crescent is undoubtedly related to every religion. The festivals are fixed according to the moon and the Jew ladies wear crescent shaped ornaments. - and these indicate the unbreakable relation between the Jew religion and the crescent. All religions raise the crescent as a sign of their religion. This clarifies that the essence of all religions is one and the same because though there are so many religions, there is only one crescent shining in the sky.