

## Chapter 34

### My Meeting with a Playback Singer of Communal Harmony

Once I have visited a communal harmony centre , situated in a beautiful village, Adichira in Kottayam district of Kerala State, South India. I am sure that we can not see such a communal harmony centre in this world. Actually I was wondered while visiting there. It also surprised me that a Catholic priest running that institution. When I had seen the name board, I thought the institution being run by a Hindu monk. For that reason, I advanced towards that communal harmony centre with much self confidence. I have kept in my hand, a 38 lined poem written by me. The central idea of the poem was this.” All religions are true and righteous like Christian religion”.

I came to know that the institution being run by a Catholic priest, from a young man who welcome me to the institution. I thought I could return without wasting time if I was informed this truth during my journey to there. Anyhow I decided to meet the priest. I have taken the decision not to show my poem to the priest.

The young man led me into the priest’s chamber. The priest gave me a hearty welcome. After a long chat with him, I have read the poem for an experiment. I thought he would surely deny that poem because no Christian priest can support my idea that all religions are light of truth like Christian religion.

But the opinion of the priest about the poem surprised me. He said, “ Since you included the line containing the central idea, I will publish your poem in Snehavani ( A publication of the institution promoting communal harmony). Otherwise I will reject it”.



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Christ had approved other religions by referring them as other sheep pens. Only those who carry the Christ’s love in heart can approve other religions just like Christian religion. This blessed priest ( I think) specially selected by the Christ is an ideal model for all other priests. That is why I call him “ The play back singer of communal harmony”.

If all the Christian priests raise to the level of attitude of this priest, then the believers of neighbouring religions will say-“ We love Christ -as well as Christians”. Normally they would say “ We love Christ- but hate Christians”. Because they see Love in Christ, but Anger in Christians.

The priest didn't send me back with empty hands. He gave me 14 numbers of 'Snehavani' (which is a series of publication serves as the tongue of the institution.) as a gift. In my life, I received my first gift. So I consider that gift as an invaluable treasure. Because if I get a gift from a Catholic priest, then surely my ideas would influence his mind deeply.



### **Snehavani - A place of Communal Harmony**

As he cannot agree with so many ideas and matters I have described in this book, in my opinion, he is a great scholar and more than that, he is a lover of mankind.  
[He has published my poem titled “Karunamayam” in the 15<sup>th</sup> number.]