

A very good article from a Christian convert Sabrina

To My Dearest Indian Muslim Brothers and Sisters

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The Important Things to Worry About and Properly Addressed

However unjust, painful and humiliating it is, Indian Muslims, I think, should not worry too much about losing a historical mosque or any other place. Don't be afraid or lose self-confidence, as a very aggressive form of anti-human radical nationalism is growing India. But Indian Muslims, in my opinion, must really worry about their failure to create a wise, well-informed, sincere and tactful Muslim leadership in India, even more than 70 years after the partition. Indian Muslims must worry about not having even a few respectful, widely read, objective and professional newspapers in English or in Hindi, run by Muslim management; and they must also worry about not having any national TV news channels. And they must worry about their failure to empower themselves politically, educationally, economically and culturally, even though they are the largest religious minority group living in a non-Muslim majority country anywhere in the world. They must worry about their failure to come up with social, cultural and educational reforms within the Muslim community during the past several decades. And they must worry about the quarrelsome, divisive, unwise and mediocre sections of their religious, political and social leadership. They (Indian Muslims) must worry about their failure to build a living, knowledge based and respectful dialogical relations with majority of the Hindus. They must also worry about their failure to demystify and deconstruct the ideological and philosophical fallacies and myths of radical nationalism India. And they must finally remind themselves of the fact Allah shall not change a community and until and unless they bring forth the change from within.

(PS. I am writing this after a good discussion with my husband Abdel Latif Chalikandi, an Indian Muslim originally. Before his higher studies in Europe, Abdel Latif got his first class LLM degree in Islamic law and federal constitutions from Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) in the earlier half of 1990s. He also closely interacted with many of the mainstream India Muslim leaders, religious, political and social, during his studies in Aligarh and before. He also met Hindu leaders and some of the finest Indian lawyers, jurists, etc. during his studies and after.)