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concept?

One person who was so discouraged he used the phrase was the Prime Minister of India from 2004 to 2014, Manmohan Singh.

Singh, a Sikh, not a Hindu, said “India’s caste system ... is not just prejudice but a ‘blot on humanity.’” He compared it to South Africa’s apartheid.

However, the Sikhs have their own *dalit* castes. He sought to revise his religion.

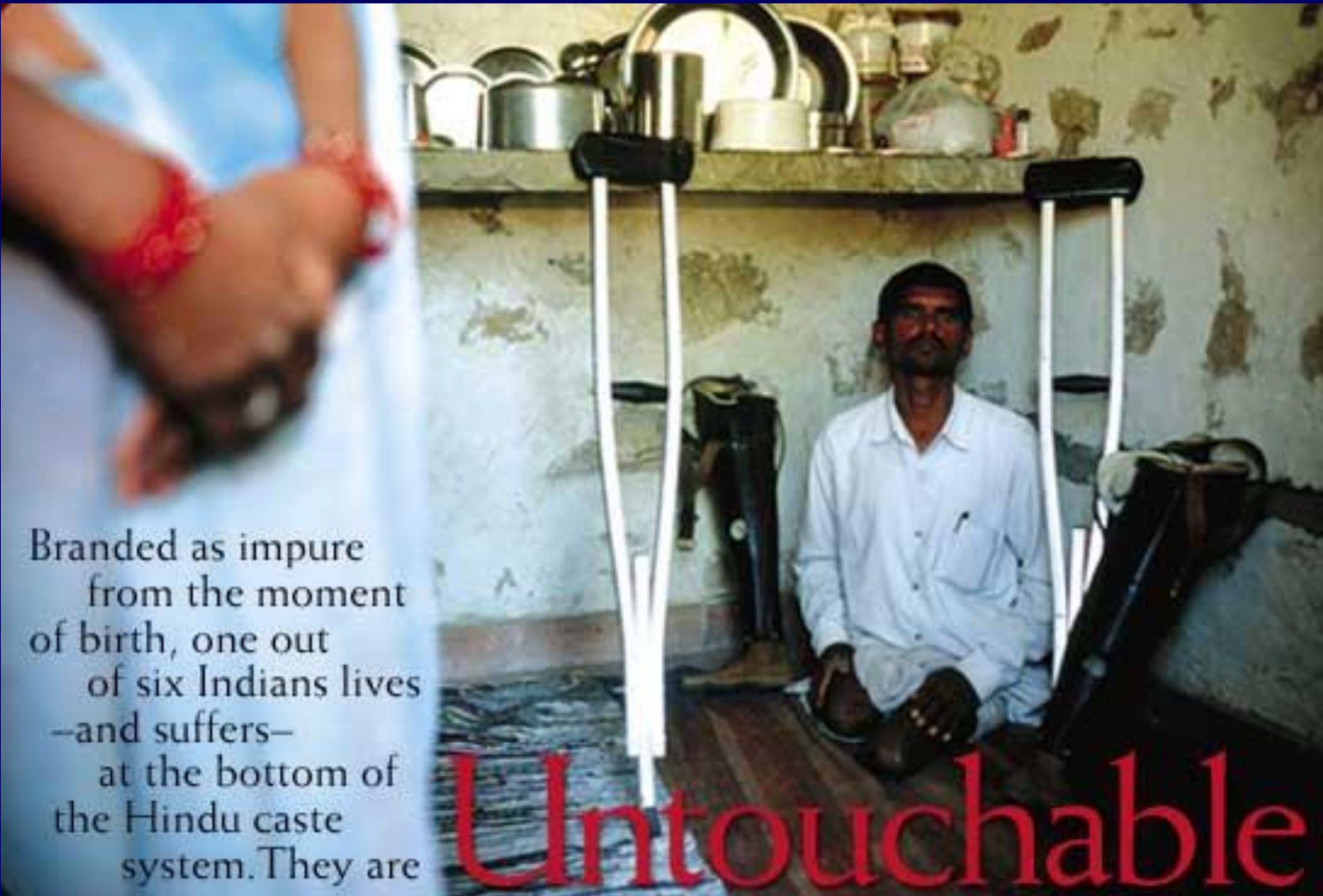
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Where did Singh learn that a  
system of “stations” in life from  
which one could not rise was  
wrong?

He did not learn it as a Hindu, the major religion of India.

Hinduism teaches that one deserves the situation into which he/she is born. Because of your sins in a past life, you return at a lower station in life from which you cannot escape until death. Only if you have done more good in this life can you improve your station in the next life.



Branded as impure  
from the moment  
of birth, one out  
of six Indians lives  
—and suffers—  
at the bottom of  
the Hindu caste  
system. They are

# Untouchable

It is not possible for someone in the US to even imagine such a situation. We are Americans, born free and able to pursue life, liberty and happiness.

In fact, we sometimes speak of this as civilization.

Where one person treats another in a kind and respectful manner.

Matt 7:12 Therefore, however you want people to treat you, so treat them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

We find in this passage a different perspective than any other religion provides!

The reverse of this is often said, but the responsibility to take action is found only in Christianity.

This is the sum of duty; do naught  
unto others what you would not  
have them do unto you." —  
Mahabharata (5:15:17) (c. 500  
B.C.E.)



"What you do not wish upon  
yourself, extend not to others." —  
Confucius (ca. 551 - 479 B.C.E.)

"What is hateful to you, do not to  
your fellow man." — Hillel, a  
famous rabbi (ca. 50 B.C.E. -  
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When you assume others are  
rightfully inferior to you, you  
have no responsibility under this  
philosophy to lift others to your  
level.

Ancient Egypt did not provide this model. At the time of the Pharaohs, the children of Israel were in slavery and could not escape.

Ex 1:13 And the Egyptians compelled the sons of Israel to labor rigorously; 14 and they made their lives bitter with hard labor in mortar and bricks and at all kinds of labor in the field, all their labors which they rigorously imposed on them.



An Egyptian hieroglyph showing one slave being beaten while another begs for mercy.

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The Romans had slaves on farms, slaves in business. Slaves built public buildings and roads. The females were sold into prostitution.

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Islam “authorizes the taking of slaves as spoils of war.” Sura  
16:77; 33:50

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Luke 22:50 And a certain one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear.



Jesus tells the Jews that they should treat people in this way, but they completely missed it.

Matt 7:7 "Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you. 8 "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it shall be opened. 9 "Or what man is there among you, when his son shall ask him for a loaf, will give him a stone? ...

10 "Or if he shall ask for a fish, he will not  
give him a snake, will he? 11 "If you then,  
being evil, know how to give good gifts to  
your children, how much more shall your  
Father who is in heaven give what is good to  
those who ask Him

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The foundation of Western Civilization, Greek and Roman culture, provides no basis for calling a “lower class” a “blot on humanity.”

Although true Christianity has  
often been abused by those  
claiming to be Christians through  
the ages, only Christianity has set  
all men as equals.

Jesus spoke to his disciples about this principle when James and John wanted to be above the others. In Jesus' kingdom, things would be different.

Matt 20:24 And hearing this, the ten became indignant with the two brothers. 25 But Jesus called them to Himself, and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. 26 "It is not so among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, 27 and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave; 28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many. "

This principle is most clearly stated near the end of the gospel age when Paul writes, Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

In the kingdom of the Lord, there would be no distinction between persons.

Col 3:9-11 Do not lie to one another, since  
you laid aside the old self with its evil  
practices, (10) and have put on the new self  
who is being renewed to a true knowledge  
according to the image of the One who created  
him – (11) a renewal in which there is no  
distinction between Greek and Jew,  
circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian,  
Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all,  
and in all.



The morality taught by Jesus must  
continue to permeate society,  
giving proof to all that God  
reveals His word through the  
Bible and thus showing that Jesus  
is the Christ the Son of God.

Jesus Christ, the author of the greatest  
system of morality ever seen on the  
earth.

If you wonder how men ought to live,  
look to the Bible, not to some  
mystical, ancient religion of men.

No man could have developed the system of morality of the Bible.

Why not obey the word of God now?

Act 2:37 Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" (38)

Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.