Gurinder Grewal: Dr. Ambedkar was a secret Christian.

Dr. Ambedkar, a Hindu by birth, after making the Dalits legally Hindu through the Poona Pact, announced his conversion at the Mahar Conference in Yeola, Maharashtra on 31 May 1935, saying, "I may have been born a Hindu, but I will not die as a Hindu."

Dr. Ambedkar very cleverly gave such a speech in which Ambedkar did not let the public realize that which religion would Ambedkar adopt other than Hinduism????

Dr. Ambedkar did this so that he could bargain with responsible people of other religions....

Dr. Ambedkar first wanted to become a Muslim but Gandhi refused saying that if you become a Muslim then you should forget the promise of Poona Pact.

When I read Dr. Ambedkar deeply, I understood its essence. Dr. Ambedkar used to do two or three plans at a time...

Dr. Ambedkar made a secret pact with Dr. B.S. Munje of Hindu Mahasabha in Rajgrih on 18 June 1936 to become a Sikh and also started moving forward on this. Sikh representatives also gave money to Dr. Ambedkar to go abroad, got Janta Press established and also built Guru Nanak Khalsa College for Dalits in Bombay.....

At the same time, Dr. Ambedkar secretly meets Jarl Wascom Pickett, pastor of the Bombay Methodist Church.

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Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar, able political leader of the Depressed Classes, shook the Hindu oligarchy throughout the Republic by saying that the Hindu religion was the chief enemy of those needy people. He declared that he would not remain a Hindu but would seek for a religion that he could hold without shame. This happened just after the publication of my book, Christian Mass Movements in India. I received scores of letters urging me to see Dr. Ambedkar. I had been elected bishop in December, 1935 and was assign- ed as from September, 1936 to the Bombay Area, consisting of the Bombay, Gujarat, Hyderabad and South India Con-ferences. I

wrote to Dr. Ambedkar that I hoped to meet him soon. He proposed to call on me at the Episcopal residence. We quickly became good friends. He borrowed literally hundreds of my books and distributed them freely among his colleagues. After two years, he asked me to baptize him secretly. We prayed together frequently. I could not agree to baptize him while he would continue to be known in the country as a Hindu, although an unhappy one. He tried to persuade me to meet the expense of training ten thousand young men and women every year so that they could be pas- tors to his followers. He believed he should select the condidates and that I should baptize them on his recommenda- tion. He was not willing that he or his disciples be subject to Church discipline. A few of my friends begged me to baptize him and the thousands that he believed he could lead to Christ. I have never believed that I should have yielded to his requests or that he could have brought so many who would want to join the Church, or would be qualified after one year of training to be ministers.

There is however an interesting claim made in a recent book by Arthur McPhee called "The Road To Delhi: Bishop Pickett Remembered". In it McPhee says that Ambedkar - who was a close friend of the Methodist Bishop J. Waskom Pickett twice asked Pickett to baptise him - secretly. Pickett refused.

The key seems to be the requested secrecy. Baptism is not to be done hidden - it is a public declaration of internal change within - and allegiance to the Lord Jesus. It seems that Ambedkar looked at the options - counted the cost - and sadly chose the trappings of power over following the wounded healer.

After reading this it became clear that this man had two plans going on in his mind simultaneously.

Such planning can only be done by a person who wants to deal as per his own or wants to cheat and defame people of other religions by making allegations...

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Dr. Ambedkar immediately after arrival in Bombay. He eager- ly responded to my friendship and soon asked me to baptize him secretly. At times we prayed together. Leaders of seve- ral castes and tribes wrote thanking me for my understand- ing and sympathy for them and for their leader, Dr. Ambedkar. I could not baptize him secretly, and he never became willing to announce that he had accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior. Now and then it seemed to me that he was on

the verge of announcing his Christian acceptance. I baptized hundreds of people who admired him, but never had reason to believe that any of them were brought to Christ by Dr. Ambedkar. I lent him hundreds of my books and he never returned most of them. Many that he liked were given to his political disciples and remained with them. He brought me the manuscript of a book that he had written. I spent many hours editing it and writing suggestions for its improvement, but it was never published.

Dr. Ambedkar, a widower, was eager to marry a lady mis- sionary who had helped him in many ways. She never ac- cepted his repeated proposals. Some Brahmans arranged a marriage for him with a Brahman widow. I think it was part of a conspiracy to prevent his conversion to Christ. Sometime later, after he had become the Minister of Law in Prime Minister Nehru's cabinet he announced his conver- sion to Buddhism. After that I met him only occasionally, and never was our earlier close association restored.

On my last conversation with Dr. Ambedkar he asked if I had lost hope for his acceptance of Christ. I replied, "No, I'm still praying for you". To this he said, "Please keep it up. I am not yet satisfied, and I may still ask you to baptize me and admit me to the Methodist Church". After my retirement, I was on a ship in Bombay harbor about to leave for America when a newspaper brought on the ship report- ed his death. On ship travelling to America I wrote four articles, one of which concerned Dr. Ambedkar and another of his chief political opponent, the Mahatma. They never achieved cordial relations.

You can understand that Dr. Ambedkar was not satisfied after adopting Buddhism. That's why Dr. Ambedkar is talking to the pastor of the Methodist Church to convert to Christianity.

All these facts make it clear that Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar was a hidden Christian.

Pandit Savita Ambedkar had got Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar to accept Buddhism under her influence, hence he was not satisfied with Buddhism.

Saddened by the fact that the Brahmin girl was controlling Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar had even prepared papers to divorce her.

Before Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar could do anything else, he was murdered as part of a conspiracy.

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