**Transcript of Jegan’s Answers**

Question #1: Where are you from?

Praise the Lord. I came from a village called Neerkundram which is in south part of India.

In india , most of the states are based on mother tongue. My state is called Tamil Nadu and my mother tongue is Tamil.

I need to travel 8 hrs from my native to reach the capital of my state called Chennai where I studied my engineering and worked till I come here.

Question #2: How did you come to faith in Jesus?

1. I came from Hindu religion. In my village there are no Christians and no church. All are Hindus. My entire family and relatives are Hindus. When I was small, my grandfather told all the mythology of Hinduism to me. So I know Ramayana and Mahabharata from my childhood. I had a passion towards Hindu Gods when I was small. Hindu religion has more than 3.3 Billion Gods. Hindus worship idols of Gods created in stone, metal and wood and they worship animals. I was like that. In my own hands I have created many idols. As I had passion towards Hindu Gods, out of my own interest I became a priest in the temple in my village and I was having the keys of the temple. In temple, we have inner room where the idols of Gods will be placed. Except priest no one will go to that room. It is kind of holy of holy place in old testament. So, every day I used to open the temple and do all the Poojas. I used to clean the idols and put cloths to the idols. I had very good name among my villagers and my relatives. Even I was very good at studies. I was a school second in 10th grade and school first in 11th grade. I got an award from the governor of my state. But I was not happy. Because I was not perfect and my heart was not clean and my thoughts were not correct. As I was touching the idols of Hindu Gods, I thought I should be more holy. One night I went to the temple and sat in front of god's idol and cried. I asked that Hindu God to make me holy. But there was no hope. Years passed. After my 12th grade, I joined Engineering. My collage was in Chennai. In my college I got a Christian friend and he told me about Jesus and bible. I thought I have 3.3 million Gods. Why should I accept one more God? But As he was helping me in my studies, I listened to him. After few months, I thought why cannot I try Jesus for my holiness. So I started reading bible and started going to Church. Then I came to know the God of the Bible. Savior Jesus Christ. Who can change anyone and who has changed many people. I had 3.3 Billion Gods but no one is like Jesus. The standard of Holiness is very high. His name is Holy. His love is so powerful. None of my Hindu Gods loved me like Jesus did. The author life sacrificed his life for me. I could see the difference in my life. Then I decided to follow Jesus and Jesus alone and stopped all the idol worships.

Question #3: How did your family react to your conversion from Hinduism to Christianity?

In India, parents will take lot of decisions for their children. Like schools, college and marriage. One day I decided to share my faith and my stand to my parents. They were shocked and did not accept me. My mother did not speak to me for 6 months. 2 years back my father told me, “Jegan, you may feel that you lost your father in your young age.” There were two options kept before me. Family or God. But the decision was made long back when I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal savior. The Bible says, anyone loves his father or mother more than me, is not worthy of me. I know one day they will understand the true God. I am waiting for that day.

Question #4: What kind of hardships and pressures have people you know experienced for placing your trust in Jesus.

Many people were beaten by their own family members. Especially for girls it is very difficult. There were not allowed to read the bible, not allowed to pray and not allowed to go to church. There are believers who used pray and read bible inside the bathroom. So that no one can see them. There are believers sent out of their house. There are believers forced to go to physiological treatment etc.

Question #5: What kind of persecution are people in the Northern Region of India experiencing?

Thomas, one of the 12 disciples of Jesus Christ came to India and died at my state. In Chennai, capital of my state, he was killed. He visited southern part of India. He came the first seed. There are many Christians in the south. But in northern, very less Christians. Many missionaries were killed in the north part of India. Graham stain is one among them. Once, I went to north India for a mission trip. We visited a village where they do not have script for their mother tongue. So no bible in their language. But they stood very firm in the faith. One sister's hand was cut as she accepted Jesus Christ. Recently one pregnant woman was beaten. Baby died inside the womb. We need to pray for the salvation of the persecutors