

They heard us patiently while we explained the main features of the Creation and Christ's birth and life. The discussion was about Christ's divinity—His place in the God-Head, His work, etc. The question of caste was taken up and answered in our common extraction from Adam. They were very curious as to the origin of the Bible, and I explained how the Old and New Testaments were written by inspiration of God by the hands of the prophets. Many questions, of course, were asked of a purely oriental and Hindu nature. But it all shows the breaking-up and enlightening process going on around us. One of the old Hindu teachers, or Pundits, was present and spoke very nicely. They propose having a further meeting later, when we will compare shastras, or holy books.

This movement is largely the outcome of our bazaar preaching, and ceaseless talking and conversing with the people. I have many a discussion on the roadside, in the bazaar, in front of a shop—wherever opportunity arises. I believe the subjection of India to Christ is in making these people hunger after Christ, and we must lose no opportunity to unsettle them from their superstition and make them curious about Christianity.

I was in a village the other morning and the conversation turned on the folly of idols. I had them all laughing at their gods by a comical description I gave them of the burning of a temple in a village near by last summer. The sad plight and helplessness of their god in the midst of the fire showed them how powerless it was to help them. In fact, they went off to bring me one of their gods to experiment on but unfortunately found the temple locked. They were so much impressed that when I was in the village two days ago they were asking me for a teacher to show them about Christ.

I have considerably astonished many of the people about Mhow by my powers of resistance against divine wrath. as they call it. On our compound was a fakir's tomb (i.e., a false tomb). I knew