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### Tennent and Richard Dialogue: Clarification Needed

Dear Editors,

Thanks again for another fantastic issue of *IJFM*. In reference to the dialogue between Tennent and Richard, it seems that semantic clarification may be helpful.

In his final comment Tennent states, "My point is that one cannot maintain Hindu religious identity and at the same time be a follower of Jesus Christ. If by "religious Hindu identity," Tennent is referring to an identity based in a particular *sampradaya*, then his point seems to hold true: one cannot maintain an identity as a Vaishnavite (worshipper of Vishnu) and display biblical discipleship to Jesus.

However, Richard seems to argue that it is possible for a genuine disciple of Christ to be a "good" Hindu, culturally and religiously, as the Hindu religion is home to vastly different and often competing philosophies.

Raghav Krishna's narrative in the same issue illustrates this point: it appears entirely plausible for a Krishna Bhakta to become a Krista Bhakta while remaining under the umbrella of a Hindu identity.

Name Withheld

### Happy Anniversary, IJFM

Dear Editors,

For the past quarter century, the *IJFM* has served as an effective platform for missiological discourse and debate, dissemination of up-to-date resource information, and, since 2001, thought-provoking editorial comments by Dr. Ralph Winter. Ideas shared on the pages of the Journal have triggered fresh strategic ideas that have contributed to the advancement of the Great Commission ministry. *IJFM* has become an indispensable companion to mission-minded followers of Jesus Christ. Congratulations on the

25th anniversary and keep up the good work!

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Dear Dr. Winter,

A great number of Chinese pastors and missionaries benefited from messages and articles by Dr. Winter and others in *IJFM*. Many Chinese church and mission leaders join me in sending congratulations for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of *IJFM*.

May there be 25 years more!

Thomas Wang  
Founder and Former President,  
Great Commission Center, Int'l.

Dear Editors,

It is usual for a journal to be more up-to-date than a book. The *IJFM* not only accomplishes that, but it is a journal I go back to again and again. The word that comes to mind is source. The *IJFM* is the source for cutting edge mission thinking and practice.

Greg Parsons  
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