Go Ye and Preach the Gospel
India's Social Problems
Poverty
Starvation
Homelessness
Could this be your Mom?
Not hungry enough to die
There were only about 150 million abjectly poor people in India around 1950.

Today, about 50 years later, India has about 300 million abjectly poor people.

- India still has the world’s largest number of poor people in a single country. Of its nearly 1 billion inhabitants, an estimated 350-400 million are below the poverty line, 75 per cent of them in the rural areas.
Leper - Left alone to live
The capital of her business does not buy a meal, so imagine her profits.
Begging as a devotion to God
Scavenging for living
Recycler of a different kind

The urban rag pickers scattered all over India wander the streets looking for pieces of paper and plastic to make a living. They sometimes have to *lease* the container (white bag shown) from the buyer.
Slums of Lingarajapuram, Bangalore,
Handicapped, Uncared for
Is this the best I can give?
Deu 15:11

I command thee:
Thou shalt surely open thy hand unto thy brother, to thy needy, and to thy poor, in thy land.
Mat 10:42 And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only, he shall in no wise lose his reward.
Mat 11:17  We piped unto you, and ye did not dance; we wailed, and ye did not mourn.
Mat 8:20 And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the heaven have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.
Rag pickers on the Streets of Bangalore
The lucky ones
Children of Asphalt
Child Labor
Illiteracy
Bonded Labor
THE SMALL HANDS OF SLAVERY
Bonded Child Labor In India
My sister is ten years old. Every morning at seven she goes to the bonded labor man, and every night at nine she comes home. He treats her badly; he hits her if he thinks she is working slowly or if she talks to the other children, he yells at her, he comes looking for her if she is sick and cannot go to work. I feel this is very difficult for her.

I don't care about school or playing. I don't care about any of that. All I want is to bring my sister home from the bonded labor man. For 600 rupees I can bring her home- that is our only chance to get her back.

We don't have 600 rupees . . . we will never have 600 rupees.

-Lakshmi, nine year-old beedi (cigarette) roller, Tamil Nadu.
Sankar sells bottled water to train passengers in the Bhubaneswar train station,
Sankar sleeps on a bench on the railway station platform.
Sankar's School
There is no time for school
Construction site job
Can you imagine this!
My burden is light, My yoke is heavy
Please, buy one.
Prostitution
Sex Trade
Deva Dasi System
Servant of god - If only God cared!

Devdasi
Who is to blame?
Survival of the fittest - sacrifice for the family

Another recruit.
SEX SLAVES: Former child prostitutes rescued by the charity project
She was sold for Rs 40 two decades back

Vibhuti Mishra CNN

"I walk eight kilometres every day to earn Rs 260 a month. On some days we eat and on some days we don’t. We sleep on empty stomachs. I became a showpiece. They published my photographs and forgot I needed food to live." This comes from Banita (32) who was sold for Rs 40 in 1985. Her name along with that of her native place Kalahandi made it to the headlines, causing the then Prime Minister to rush to Orissa.
today she might have to sell her daughter
There are an estimated four million prostitutes in India. By the mid-1990s, a quarter or more of sex workers in cities such as New Delhi, Hyderabad, Madurai, Pune, Tirupati, and Vellore tested positive for HIV. In Mumbai (Bombay), the prevalence of HIV infection among sex workers was nearly 60 percent in 2000, according to India's National AIDS Control Organisation.
Sati, Dowry Death, and Female Infanticide
hand casts of Sati, Jodhpur
Somalia,

Woman burnt alive

ITANAGAR, (UNI)—A woman was burnt alive for alleged practise of witchcraft at new Kamlow village in Changlang district of Arunachal Pradesh while

A painful deal for burns victims
Rajinder Kaur, a dowry victim, fights for life in DMC Hospital in Ludhiana
"They had a can of oil and were pushing me toward the oven fire, but I managed to run away and scream so the neighbors came running." CNN September 12, 1995
Infanticide - what shall we do?

A choice between paddy grain and giving away

C. Selvi of Andipalayam, who handed over her 10-day-old girl baby to the District Collector on December 10, with her three other children.
Helpless mentally handicapped girl of four is tied up and starved to death

Mirror.co.uk
Addiction
Why all these misery?

1. God did it.

Predestination: Advaita-
It is all His leela

Egocentric God
The angry God

In a sense God is the primal cause, Is that all?
It can be a good excuse.
Why all these misery?

Mat 20:22 But Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?"

Kingdom of God is not like the Kingdom of this world

One who serve is the greater.
2. It is all Adam's Fault

1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die,
3. Each man is individually responsible for it.

Sin brings its own punishment.

Jer 31:30 But every one shall die for his own sin; each man who eats sour grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge.
I decide what I am

Extreme Individualism

It is all my fault
Righteous suffer too
God did it
I bear Adam's sin - it is all my father's fault
I bear my own sin - It is all my fault.

All these are true, but incomplete.

Eastern concept of One Body

Mankind is one body.
The whole cosmos is God's body.
Transcendence and Immanence
Many members, one body.
When one part is sick
The whole body is sick.

What one man does,
All humanity bears the consequence.

This is the Real Law of Karma
I am responsible for the sins of my brothers and sisters.

Collective Responsibility

Where is your brother?

I am responsible for the condition of my brothers and sisters.
When Jesus became Man - He took the sins of all mankind upon himself.

When God suffered because of his son Adam's sin

He got involved ------

That involvement is Jesus
We are called

= To be Christians

= To be co-redeemers with Jesus

= To be partakers in this

redemptive plan
What does that mean?

= It is not sitting on the throne one on the right and the other on the left

= It is the cross,

= To die for others

Joh 15:13 Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.
Christian Call is not to Sit on the Throne with Jesus and rule

But to die for others as Jesus did.

Joh 13:34  A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.
Joh 12:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.
Rom 8:18-19  I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God;

Rom 8:20-21  for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Rom 8:22-23 We know that the whole creation has been groaning in travail together until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

Rom 8:24  For in this hope we were saved