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Notes of a conversation with Ambikananda from Shiva Shakti.

"...You can't avoid Hinduism...Our God is neither Hindu nor Christian. Name, translation, differ. Quality is the same... If you are clinging to either Hinduism or Christianity you can fall. Path is still slippery, nowadays particularly...

'Willing suffering is a ladder. You have put a ladder up to the Cross - and God says to put another ladder – The glory of going up, borne by angels, angels with bodies of gold...

'We have the mission from God and the Virgin. I am the will of God. The Father Absolute, Shiva (Hinduism), and the Son (Christ)... I blend Shiva (Hinduism) with Jesus (Christianity) – the Father becoming the Son...'

At this time, following the urgent prompting of Ambikananda, a number of devotees began to take formal instruction to enter the Catholic church. Some devotees were 'exempted' from this path by Swamiji. Others felt unable to do so. But a considerable number did their best to follow the new way.