

# Avoiding Cynicism - Part 2

by K.P. Yohannan

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*The sermon emphasizes the importance of reaching out to children in Asia through Gospel for Asia's Bridge of Hope program, which provides education and introduces them to the love of God.*

**Duration:** 38:24

**Scripture:** Matthew 19:14, Matthew 25:35-36, Matthew 28:19-20, Luke 10:2, John 4:35, Acts 16:31, James 1:27

**Topics:** "Critical Spirit"

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## Description

In this sermon, the speaker shares a powerful story about the impact of reaching out to the least fortunate. He recounts his experience in Sri Lanka after the tsunami, where he and his team took in 3,000 children who had lost everything. He shares the heartbreaking story of a young boy from a Dalit untouchables family who found hope in Jesus through their school. The speaker emphasizes the importance of caring for and reaching out to children, as they are the bridge to reaching millions with the message of Christ's grace.

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## Transcript

Discover how to help the children of Asia get on the road to reality next This is the road to reality with gospel for Asia founder KP Yohannan And this is the radio ministry of gospel for Asia The primary aim of the ministry is to plant churches among the unreached Those who have never heard the gospel a one branch of gospel for Asia is bridge of hope Where the gospel is taken to the children of Asia and in many cases both the children and their families turn to Christ Of course, we know that children are near and dear to the heart of Jesus mark chapter 9 reinforces that That's where we happen to catch up with KP here on today's edition of road to reality speaking at a church a year ago after the first service Somebody came up and gave me a CD by Stephen Curtis Chapman. Anybody know the guy's name a Dear brother. I was with his wife Beth on a television program center Go neat neat people by the way, and this man said Deborah KP you like to listen to the song Titled what now? Don't worry.

I'm not going to sing But listen to these words I I saw the face of Jesus in a little orphan girl She was standing in the corner on the other side of the world And I heard the voice of Jesus Gently whispered to my heart Didn't you say you wanted to find me? Well here I am Here you are. So what will you do now that you have found me? What now? What will you do with this treasure you have found I know I may not look like what you expected But if you will remember This is right where I said I would be you found me what now That is the picture of Multiplied millions of children that are crying out for hope and Jesus cares

Question do I? care When you look in the eyes of a little child, what do you expect to find hope and trust and Innocence and smile, but when these are replaced With hunger and fear and molestation Hopelessness, it must arrest us to stop and think What am I doing? for Christ's sake When I watch and listen the pain of these children in South Asia 90 million children go hungry every day 135 million Between the ages of 7 and 18 have never been to school but more shocking That hurts me personally also listen to this 160 million child laborers in India the largest number of working children in the world They start working at the age of four and five for landlords brick making factories firecracker making factories carpet making factories Morning till night they labor making nine ten cents for the whole day's work Go to the website and look at these pictures little kids been chained to steel post So they can run away keep on working You say who are these children These are the children of the untouchables the Dalits India with over a billion people nearly 300 million or those people are called the Dalits the untouchables the curse of caste system of the country of India these people's lives worthless They have no value even the value of animals mistreated abused If you want to know the plight the suffering of these people read the history of the slaves in the United States or Europe and multiply that hundred times That will not even come near. I The banjara one of these Untouchables leader face to face this what he said to me, sir We are lost.

We are slaves. We have no hope our people are raped abused killed lynched and We are illiterate 90% illiteracy among his people he said then he said would you please come please come and help us? Teach our children we have no hope We adults we have no hope at least for our children Then he said teach them what Jesus teach your Bible then the shocking statement Make all of us Christians. We will become Christians.

You tell us how to do it Desperate You may have read this heard it in the news over the years how During the last seven years or so the leaders of the untouchables the Dalits in India Crying out publicly saying we are quitting Hinduism our only hope is Christianity or Buddhism But when these people began to tell me about helping their kids I said, oh no God is speaking to me once again You see I'm the one who became the champion of anti social gospel crusade Some of you read my writings in the earlier days Now to go after kids with food and clothes and medicine and education. This is not me But the Lord will have to tell me you better repent and change your ways I Had a strange dream Now I'm not a dreamer I'm not looking for spooky weird things to happen I'm a normal in-and-out hamburger guy Every time I come to California, I make a holy trip to the in-and-out Early morning hours in my dream I was looking at an awesome harvest field millions of acres Golden color wheat field ready for harvest in my dream I realized this is what Jesus talked about in John's gospel chapter 4 the harvest is now not later And I realized this is what God has given to us millions and millions of these people And it is ours to take the harvester souls Millions we can take into heaven and what a thrill and I was so excited I was running toward the harvest just shouting with happiness and joy and all the sudden I Couldn't go any farther I Came upon this river So wide so deep. There's no bridge.

I just stood there Began to weep Saying oh, no, it's all gone. It's all lost. What am I going to do? Because the harvest I'm looking at is on the other side of the river not on this side You see I come from my home where my people are rice farmers when the harvest time comes Our people as you say here often Like the chicken with the head cut off You don't take a vacation at that time Why because in few weeks time the monsoon the rain will start the harvest all be destroyed It is panic time and I now stood looking at this field just weeping All the sudden a bridge appeared Humongous huge bridge gapping the river from this side to the other side and then the bridge began to fill with little kids black white pink and all kind of kids and I woke up from my dream.

I Sat on my bed saying what on earth is this? and the Holy Spirit gently spoke to my heart son You've been talking about at least hundred million people coming to know me Go after the children. They are the bridge and the Lord reminded me of this passage that I read before you and I told our leaders on the mission field brothers. Let's go and embrace these kids In Tripura where prior to this our missionaries went they were chased out and beaten now we are going back saying that we want to start these schools for the kids and Everybody agreed first.

They were suspicious 50 centers were set up in one year. We are 37 churches established Hundreds of stories I can tell you but let me recite one You know many times we pick up these kids They come to our school totally naked and We provide them with clothes and uniform and books and medical checkup and all these other stuff and food and the whole thing little Naboon Was enrolled in our school first grader, of course in every day They learn an hour and a half minimum about Jesus Bible verses choruses so they go home and singing these choruses reciting Bible verse and all those things and he learned about Jesus healing the sick and Casting out demons and stuff like that. So he goes home and tell his father father Jesus can heal mummy His mother was dying laying on the mat.

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This is the way Jesus does things. That's good enough for me You You're listening to the road to reality with brother KP Johan and founder of gospel for Asia KP will be back in just a moment He's been sharing how the Lord had pressed upon him this great need in India And that's why gospel for Asia began the children's outreach program called bridge of hope Brother KP feels that this not only helps rescue thousands of children from a wasted life But an important part of bridge of hope is that the gospel is shared with those children and in many cases other family members Come to faith in Christ as well You can learn more about bridge of hope at our website the address when Asia org again Visit our website at when Asia dot o-r-g or call us eight six six when Asia Well as we return to brother KP He describes a dream the Lord gave him that brought about the vision to begin bridge of hope Let's listen in in my dream. I was looking at an awesome harvest field millions of acres Golden color wheat field ready for harvest in my dream I realized this is what Jesus talked about in John's gospel chapter 4 the harvest is now not later And I realized this is what God is giving to us millions and millions of these people And it is ours to take the harvest of souls Millions we can take into heaven and what a thrill and I was so excited I was running toward the harvest just shouting with happiness and joy and all the sudden I Couldn't go any farther I Came upon this river So wide so deep.

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They are not only poor But often their job is cleaning latrines or toilets and the mother these women Morning, they go into the forest to collect firewoods Sticks they bind it carried on their head in bundles and sell it there in the market and Use that money to buy food for the kids that are waiting home hungry Here it is dark skinny body This was my mother Eyes sunken with pain turns and look at us as She disappears into the woods It is late in the afternoon All the children eat and nothing all day waiting and watching for mother After selling the sticks to come home with food our father left for nearby state Looking for a coolies job for untouchables here like us. There's no job except cleaning latrines Poverty and hunger took its toll My mother died without help My brothers and I Didn't know what to do wandering on streets all day long our father came home a broken man held us in arms cried bitterly He sits and gazes Into the dark mutters to himself. I don't know what The Sun rose with bright hope Some kind people took us a school at first.

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