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## No "Shangri-La"

When Americans have thought of the little country of Nepal, if they have had occasion to think of it at all, they perhaps have considered it as a sort of "Shangri-La" the mythical peaceful paradise in James Hilton's 1933 novel *Lost Horizon*. But events in recent days have certainly dissipated any such impression.

Nepal is high in the Himalayan Mountains, between India and China. It has nearly 25 million people, 90 percent of them Hindus, 5 percent Buddhists, 3 percent Muslims. They live in an area of 54,400 square miles (compared with Tennessee's 5.5 million people over 42,146 square miles).

Nepal burst into the news over the weekend because of a shocking royal domestic mass murder — compounded by the subsequent unbelievable official claim that it was all "accidental."

The truth seems to be that 29-year-old Crown Prince Dipendra had selected a bride-to-be who did not meet his queen mother's specifications. So in distress, he shot his father and mother, the king and queen, and six other relatives during a family dinner — then shot himself.

You've heard the story of the man who murdered his parents, then threw himself upon the mercy of the court on grounds he was an orphan? Well, as the crown prince was pronounced brain dead but was theoretically kept alive on artificial supports, he was declared Nepal's new king, succeeding the father whom he had murdered!

Since that was unseemly, to say the least, there came a late claim that the shooting had been "accidental." At any rate, the new king has died and his successor will be chosen somewhere down the line of his depleted royal family. **No, Katmandu, the capital of Nepal, is no Shangri-la.**

Chattanooga Free Press, Lee Anderson, editor, 6/5/01, p. B-7

## EMAIL RECEIVED FROM WUNGKUI ZIMIK



*"Dear brother Jim,*

*Greetings in the name of Jesus, our Savior. This week, we'll be having a DEBATE: ON WHICH DAY DOES GOD COMMAND US TO WORSHIP – SATURDAY OR SUNDAY?*



*Speakers: 1. Solomon Ningshen 2. Wungkui Zimik Moderator: Hem Prakash, my friend and brother*

*Solomon Ningshen is a leader of the Seventh Day Adventist. He's also a politician. He contested elections against the Chief Minister (governor) of Manipur.*

*To make my preparations better, please give some relevant points and verses to emphasize. The debate will be held on Saturday, 2:00 p.m. June 15, 2001.....*

*NEPAL: The root cause for the massacre of the Royal family in Nepal is Astrology. The queen believed and feared what was foretold by a Hindu 'sadhu' (so called holy man) that the king would die early if the prince marry before 35. The prince who was 29 was told to wait for another six years.*

*Brother Jim. I could not keep in contact with you for nearly three weeks because I was in the hills. I visited eight villages on foot. The farthest congregation was about 40 km (24 miles) from the point we started.*

*I await your reply on the Bible study center."*

*Yours sincerely, Wungkui Zimik*

## HIMALAYA BIBLE INSTITUTE

As the above editorial from the Chattanooga Free Press shows, the violent death of nine members of the royal family in Nepal has put that little country in the world's eye. The letter above from Wungkui Zimik shows how some of the superstitions of the Hindu religion led up to the violence.

You will note that the Free Press editorial shows that not even one percent of the Nepali people claim to be followers of Christ in any shape, form or fashion. For this reason we can thank God that we have a Bible training school (HBI) in Nayarangarh, Nepal that is training men to preach Jesus and His kingdom (2 Tim. 2:2; Acts 8:12). Below is a list I promised last month showing all of our Bible training schools.

**FROM DUNLAP**

<b>TAMIL NADU PREACHER TRAINING SCHOOLS</b>					
<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>LENGTH</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>GRADUATED</b>	<b>TESTED</b>	<b>2001</b>
<b>DINDIGUL</b>	3 Years	145	38	NA	157
<b>ARAKKONAM</b>	1 Year	8	8	21	20
<b>DHARAPURAM</b>	1 Year	12	12	46	26
<b>ERODE</b>	1 Year	35	35	40	23
<b>KANNIYAKUMARI</b>	1 Year	NEW	—	NA	5
<b>MADURAI</b>	1 Year	4	4	18	12
<b>PANDAMANGALAM</b>	1 Year	10	10	58	20
<b>PARAMATHY</b>	1 Year	11	11	38	22
<b>POLARAI</b>	1 Year	7	7	66	16
<b>COIMBATORE</b>	2 Years	52	21	NA	66
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>367</b>
<b>TAMIL NADUL SPECIAL SCHOOLS</b>					
<b>COIMBATORE BIBLE INSTITUTE FOR WOMEN</b>		62	26		98
<b>PUDUKKOTAI BIBLE INSTITUTE FOR BLIND &amp; DEAF</b>			8		26
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>124</b>
<b>HIMALAYA BIBLE INSTITUTE</b>					
<b>NAYARANGARH NEPAL</b>	3 Years	None have yet graduated			42
<b>KIEV PREACHER TRAINING SCHOOL</b>					
<b>KIEV, UKRAINE</b>	3 Years				12

Randall Standefer, who is one of five elders at Dunlap, serves as the treasurer for the Waldron mission fund. In January he sent \$15,000 to brother Peter Pillai for the regular support of schools in Tamil Nadu. That same month at Dindigul we accepted 52 new students, so from February he began to send \$16,500 per month – \$97,500 for the six months through June. During that time he sent another \$60,500 for special projects. Mainly this money has gone for construction as we have added a cast roof on the kitchen, a dining hall, three rooms for teachers visiting from the US and a new roof on three classrooms. Besides this we have spent \$10,100 for a building for the church at Thrichy (blind) and have sent \$10,500 to pay for replacing the thatched roof on the main building at the blind school in Pudukkotai. Some special funds have gone to buy cows, goats or sheep for widows, for eVANGelism, Bibles, song books, BCCs, other literature, preachers' bicycles and other projects. Besides these things we must pay my airfare and help brothers who cannot raise their own funds with their travel expenses when they go to Nepal to teach in the Bible Institute. We thank God that He has stirred up your pure minds to contribute in such a gracious way for us "to go." Thank you for your part in sending. May God bless you. The gifts are wonderful, yet, on June 6, Randall handed me a computer print out that showed we had only \$1,108.49 on hand. We are very much in need of your more generous help monthly or a lump contribution. I will, God willing, leave July 9th to return to S. India and to spend a month in Nepal teaching in that school. Please ask your elders to put us in their budget or to increase their help. Love, Jim E. Waldron

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