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**CLARIFICATIONS OF THE THESIS ENTITLED 'MAN AND RELIGION : A  
CRITICAL STUDY' SUBMITTED FOR THE PH.D. DEGREE OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL.**

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With reference to the Serial Nos. 1 and 2, mentioned in the Examiner's Report, I have given titles to all the chapters (which were omitted earlier due to the typographical mistake) and to all the sections of each chapter of my thesis entitled 'Man And Religion : A Critical Study' submitted in 1997 for the Ph.D. Degree of the University of North Bengal. And I have tried my best to improve my unintentional "diffusing presentation" of each chapter as advised in the line 6, Serial no. 1 in the Examiner's Report.

With reference to the Serial no.2 mentioned in the Examiner's Report, I have rewritten the page no. XXII giving a detailed but brief and pointed outline of my research project as advised.

With reference to the lines 3 and 4 in Serial no.3 in the Examiner's Report, I have now supplied all the bibliographical references at the end of each Chapter and also at the end of the thesis.

With reference to the line 7 in the Serial no.4 in the Examiner's Report, I have tried my best to clarify the position of P.F. Strawson vis-à-vis 'revisionary metaphysics', though I did not go into details out of the fear of diversion.

With reference to the Serial No.6 in the Examiner's Report, I have supplied a Table in Chapter-V illustrating the family resemblance of the attitude towards religion of Swami Vivekananda, Sri Aurobindo, Tagore and Radhakrishnan. In the Second chapter, I have tried to give another Table illustrating the family resemblances of Logical Positivism, Agnosticism, Communism, Naturalistic Humanism and Nothingness of Atheistic Existentialism. I may humbly mention that this time I went through the entire typed thesis thoroughly and checked as per the advice of the Examiner the lapses and errors to the best of my knowledge and effort.

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**The Project will be worked out in the following form:-**

Chapter - I - Man

(i) Introduction; (ii) Empirical concept of man; (iii) Metaphysical concept of man; (iv) Agnostic concept of man; (v) British Idealistic Concept of man; (vi) Materialistic concept of man; (vii) Existentialistic concept of man; (viii) Grecian and Indian concept of man; (ix) Some movements encircling the concept of man.

Chapter – II - The Concept of Religion

(i) Introduction; (ii) Definitions of Religions; (iii) Various types of Religion; (iv) Origin of Religion; (v) Search for the Meaning of Religion; (vi) Religious Unity; (vii) Present State of Religion.

Chapter – III - Different Aspects of Man-Religion-Relationship

(i) Introduction; (ii) Classification of man in terms of temperaments; (iii) Relation between Religion and Culture; (iv) Relation between Economics and Religion; (v) Relation between Politics and Religion; (vi) Standard of Religion.

Chapter – IV - Religion, Marx and Science -- Interrelationship

(i) Introduction; (ii) Religion – The Saviour of Civilisation; (iii) Relation between Science and Religion; (iv) Karl Marx and Religion; (v) The present state of Religion.

Chapter – V - Science and Religion -- Same Goal.

(i) Introduction; (ii) Religion and Ultimate Reality; (iii) Can Religion bring forth World-society; (iv) Is Religion an experience of the Ultimate Reality?; (v) The World is a moral order; (vi) Relation between the Eternal and the Temporal.

Chapter – VI - Conclusion