Synopsis of four **important books** on Islam presented to the Guru by a devotee.

#### Books are: —

- 1. Islam An Introduction by Anne Marie Schimmel
- 2. Muhammad Prophet for our time by Karen Armstrong
- 3. Muhammad Prophet and Statesman by W. Montgomery Watt
- 4. Islam A short History by Karen Armstrong

## Synopsis No 1

Islam must lambast 'I'-ness to flower in 'Is'-ness, that is, dissolving ego to dawn in enlightenment. Let there be no stinking shits of dogmatic beliefs generating bigotry under the banner of last Prophet, striving to convert people to become Muslims. The Guru appeals for goodness and godliness to prevail — no compulsive conversion.

### Synopsis No 2

Let Islam promote peace and harmony — not division and dissension. Let there be Prophethood indeed.

# Synopsis No 3

Muhammad was one in whom imagination worked deeply and efficiently, making his appeal spread widely, not only in his time, but in succeeding centuries. Though It is a fact that Truth cannot be organised and only ideas about Truth are organised, His ideas have given solace to millions for centuries — that there is God and that Muhammad is His only Prophet and Messenger. Thus, sorrow and fear became constant companion of Muslim mentality.

# Synopsis no 4

- 1. Islam should mean surrender 'I'-ness into 'Is'-ness. That means, dissolving egotism into the bliss and benediction of egoless-ness.
- 2. Ritual Prayers, Hajj Pilgrimage may help in this transformation.
- 3. Mind may remain alert, not to use such holy practices for self-gratification or self-aggrandaizements.
- 4. Muhammad's success is miraculous. His followers spread all over the world. Many kings became hardened Muslims.

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