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Hello Father Palackal,

I had come across the project of Aramaic Music of India a year or so ago. There are not many things that necessarily changes someone's life, but this project you are doing is one.

- Like you I am also a Nazrani Khristhiani.

- Like you from Kerala and an immigrant somewhat new to the West. (Living in Houston, Texas)

- However perhaps unlike you, I was misunderstood by my Christian Brothers and sisters at work and local community- as a Muslim because of my appearance (bearded Middle Eastern features)
And, when I used to say I was from India I would be automatically assumed to be an idol worshipper or vegetarian or that sort of biased understanding, without further opportunity to clarify.

Your work and what it did was helped me gain a True Identity that I did not know existed previously, and to perhaps many more Nazarani men, women and youngsters living in the Western Christian world.

Your tireless work is very relevant because my family did not teach me much anything about it nor did our Roopatha achanmar who perhaps did not put much efforts into that.

Now I can say without confusion about my primary identity that I come from one of the oldest Christian Civilizations in the world and my forefathers used the same language that Jesus spoke.

Not with pride, but humility and responsibility that I & we have to be worthy of the Lord and HIS Good News because of this important fact.

With much affection

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