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Blessing and Greetings:

I am in receipt of your letter of September 15th, which was forwarded to me from Singapore, since it arrived after my departure from there, in which you write your desire to become Jewish.

It is surely unnecessary to emphasize to you the earnestness of such a step. But, I do want to emphasize the fact that such a step, once taken, is irrevocable. For, when one becomes a Jew, one becomes duty-bound to fulfill all the obligations incumbent upon a Jew, from which one can not retract, even if one changes one's mind later on. Thus, when one becomes a Jew, one links one's destiny forever with the Jewish people, and becomes subject to the duties and obligations which a Jew must fulfill, with the blessings that go with the fulfillment of those obligations, as well as the consequences of non-fulfillment, G-D forbid.

In view of the above, it is necessary to consider such a step very deeply and seriously, for a considerable length of time, and should not be undertaken hurriedly.

Judging by your address, you live in a town where I doubt whether there is any Jewish authority that could explain to you the obligations and implications of conversion to the Jewish faith. I also doubt if it is possible to obtain this information from books. My advice to you, therefore, is to try to get in touch with a competent orthodox Rabbi, who would be able to explain to you all that is involved in such a step, so that you should then be able to evaluate the situation again, and your whole approach to this matter.

I trust that you know about the basic obligations which are incumbent upon humanity at large, namely the so-called seven "Noahide Laws" which, according to the Torah, are obligatory on everyone. This affords for you an area for a meaningful life and personal fulfillment, and perhaps you may find here the opportunity to satisfy your thirst for a change within your environment.

With blessing