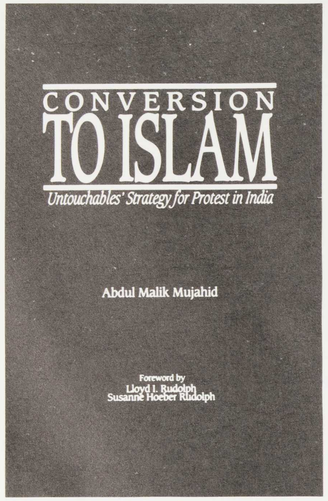

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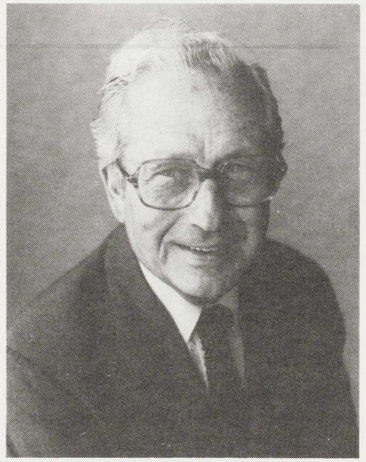
Once, in Damascus years ago, when I was strolling along the street called Straight—wondering whether it is truly the most ancient street in the world that has served without interruption as a market place—I watched as a man who was riding slowly through the crowd on a bicycle with a basket of oranges precariously balanced on the handlebars was bumped by a porter so bent by a heavy burden that he had not seen him. The burden was dropped, the oranges were scattered, and a bitter altercation broke out between the two men, surrounded by a tight circle of onlookers. After an angry exchange of shouted insults, as the bicyclist moved toward the porter with a clenched fist, a tattered little man slipped from the crowd, took the raised fist in his hands and kissed it. A murmur of approval ran through the watchers, the antagonists relaxed, then people began picking up the oranges and the little man drifted away. I have remembered that as a caring act, an act of devotion there on the street called Straight by a man who might have been a Syrian Muslim, or a Syrian Jew, or a Syrian Christian.



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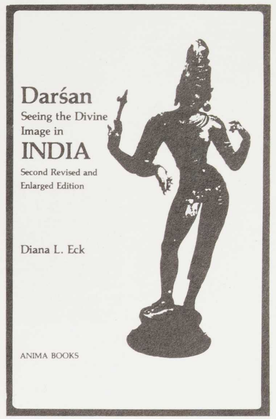

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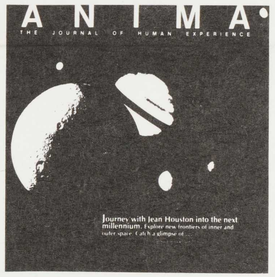

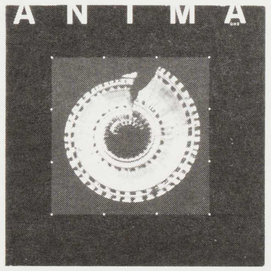

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