**The Disappearance of Potholes in Nagaland: A True Christianity**

Nagaland is a beautiful Nation known for its rich culture and heritage. It consists of beautiful plain stretches across the blue sky, the rocky mountain that kisses the cloud, and the gorgeous valley with abundant flowers. Nagas come from various ethnic groups with unique cultures, languages, and features. However, they co-exist as one family called the ‘Naga.” The people are loving, caring, and known for their friendliness and hospitality. They are also known for their bravery and fearlessness. Even the mighty Britisher could only penetrate the Naga’s soil after many attempts and failures.

The emergence of Britisher has introduced the Nagas to the outside world. Therefore, education and modernization started to take their roots. However, after the Britisher left there were enough bloodsheds with the Indian Government as Nagas were asked to surrender. With much resistance, bloodshed, and division, Nagas became a part and partial of the Indian Territory. Therefore, Nagas have been torn apart geographically and politically.

Today, Nagaland stood proudly with its capital in Kohima. The city is located on top of the beautiful foothills and mountains. Thus, it looks magnificent and glamorous. Apart from the capital city, Dimapur is the city that sustains the Nagas. It is the lifeline of the Nagas. Been brought up in Dimapur I always dream to see a better Dimapur than yesterday. One thing that always bothers me is the pathetic road condition. I knew that Dimapur is not a well-planned city like the rest. However, witnessing the fast-changing world I always long to see a well-maintained road without potholes. Every time I step out of my house, a pothole is the first thing to greet and welcome me. Potholes do not have a season, they last throughout the year. They are cruel and hostile to normal people like me. During the rainy season, they look muddy and dirty, in winter they appear dusty. Sometimes I felt like walking in an old abandoned city. There is no meaning in loving and admiring potholes. They do not contribute any good to society except insults.

Nagaland is a Christian state and to me bearing the tag Christianity does not impress me much. The loud Church bells, the echoes of prayer and singing, the melodious choirs, the tall and magnificent church buildings, the beautiful and powerful sermons seem meaningless to me. Sometimes I wonder what education has done to us, what Christianity has done to us. Also, wonder why other states in India are advancing and not us.

**The Bible teaches:**

**John 8:32** And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

### [Proverbs 29:2](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+29%3A2&version=ESV) When the righteous increase, the people rejoice, but when the wicked rule, the people groan.

**2 Corinthians 8:21** For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of man.

**Colossians 3:9** Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices.

**Proverbs 3**:**21** To do what is right and just is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.

**1 John 3**:**18** Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

As far as the Bible is concerned, I perceive that real Christians cannot tolerate corruption, injustice, hatred, bribery, and above all potholes. I guess we all are lacking the true essence of education and Christianity. At the moment, Nagas need to ponder and get revived from within lest we go from bad to worse. Nagas need to be true to themselves and elect true leaders who would bring a drastic transformation to the people and the nation at large.

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