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Book questions the Mother miracle

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LONDON: Mother Teresa was the 20th century's chief propaganda guru for the Catholic faith, the very concept of Christian charity and the chaotic compassion of a newly-independent Indian state, a bold new book has claimed.

In what many are calling a controversial revival of a 30-year-old debate about the diminutive nun's real worth, Teresa's compatriot, Dr Gëzim Alpion, tries to find out why she was supported by nearly all Indian governments after 1950.

This, despite her being a "white western Catholic female" and despite India's minuscule Christian population totaling just two per cent, points out Alpion, in his forthcoming volume, *Biased Discourse: The Case for Mother Teresa*.

Alpion insists he is less carping critic than bemused admirer of his fellow Albanian who was hailed worldwide for her selfless work among the sick and poor in contemporary Kolkata's black holes.

“How come we don't know much about Mother Teresa when she wasn't in India; her 'sainthood' started in Albania,” he told TNN on Friday.