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Take Another Look, Chintito

Chintito should have looked around Dhaka city roadside shops more seriously before giving his verdict on rating our city ("Would you like to ride on your own ass", SWM, December 24, 2004). I remember seeing one interesting signboard of a tailor-shop on Elephant Road. The name of the shop declared the signboard rather candidly, 'Clad Tailors'. How would Chintito react, if, on entering a tailor-shop, he found the 'master-cutter' and others sitting there unclad?

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On Western Traditions

This is in reference to an email published in SWM on December 31, 2004. I completely agree with the writer about the consequences of western traditions on our culture and behaviour. It is true that Western traditions are vastly focused on most of the urban Bangladeshis. Some people feel proud to follow those traditions even though they don't think in depth about their consequences. According to them, life is only for enjoyment! The writer concluded that it was up to the young generations to choose what is best for them. I want to add here that the older generations are also responsible for guiding the younger generation towards the right path of life and teach them about our own culture, tradition, society, norms and values. The younger generations are not experienced so they cannot predict the consequences of Western culture. But the obsession with satellite culture confuses me in terms of who to regard as older and wiser and who not to. Hindi soap operas as well as English movies all influence people in their formation of bizarre relationships and the cultures they follow.

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