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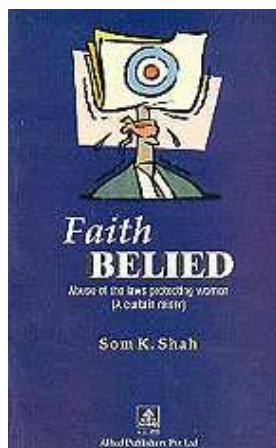
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The book is divided into ten Chapters. In the introductory chapter, the author prefaced by saying that with the growth of neo upper middle class, the economic scenario in the country underwent a sea change. While this development is having a good impact on the general economy it has generated some adverse effects also. The first and foremost one is the breakdown of joint family system and the second one is sanctity attached to the institution marriage. His observation is that the women of the present generation are not revolting against the prevalent dowry system and host of other social evils, but they are falling prey to mechanizations of unscrupulous people who are misguiding them to abuse those very laws, which were meant to provide an umbrella to the suffering women. He has given four reasons for attempting to write this book.

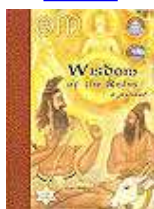
To evaluate-whether the laws intended to protect the women have served the purpose.

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To discuss openly and rationally the misuse of the mechanism provided for implementation of the law and to gather statistical data in that direction.

Matrimonial relations involve deep human and emotional elements and require a delicate touch and handling. Hence, they cannot be treated as property disputes and attempt to play the one-upmanship game through connivance of enforcing agencies like police and advocates.

To espouse the marriage laws in the common man's language, since most of them in the present form, are more useful only to the members of the legal fraternity and Courts.

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