

Week 7

Your assignment will be to visit one of the ethnic restaurants in the area, eat some of the local dishes and post your report of at least 500 words.

Tell what you learned from the experience, not just about food, but also about intercultural communication.

Greetings Professor,

When I lived in the Atlanta area, my favorite Indian cuisine was Masala Indian Cuisine 1713 Church St, Patel Plaza, Decatur, GA 30033. I have had the opportunity to find a good Indian Restaurant in Albany, Ga. since I moved here. The Peacock Grill is a very small and very cozy place. Rice is base and the bread eat with hand buffet. They offered a variety of specialty dishes. They do not notice how many times you go back to the buffet. The atmosphere was quiet and peaceful; the waiter just kept the water coming and did not say much. They do not bother you. There was a family atmosphere; people were enjoying conversations and the food.

I felt very welcome and felt very comfortable being in a mixed culture setting. I have been in some restaurants and you feel out of place as if you have stumbled upon their treasures. You get the feeling sometimes that they wonder how do you as a black person know and like this kind of food. Most of the others dining at the time were Indians. They pretend to understand what you are saying, and speak with an accent. Generally there is no problem communicating. They just usher you to a table and fortunately they don't have to converse much about that.

This place is in a small strip center off the beaten path, in a nice area. We stopped in not knowing what to expect. The Restaurant is extremely neat and clean and had romantic lighting and nice music playing. I got my favorite a regular samosa and a Samosa Chat. The latter is

covered in sort of chick pea mixture that is very tasty. The regular samosas came with a dipping sauce and a mint sauce. Both were very good and came out hot and fast. The food comes up quickly and is hot when it comes to your table. My curried goat was awesome and came with good Indian styled rice. It was ordered with a medium spicy flavor that was just right. It came out as ordered. I like the tandoori chicken, it is spicy but not too hot, there is a lot of flavor without being too spicy.

Their naan bread was good and like everything else, came out hot and tasty. The meal was one of the best Indian dinners I have had in a long time. You get a lot for your money and everything is fresh tasting. The wait staff is very friendly and helpful and this was a great experience but does not compare to the Masala Indian Cuisine on Church St. Decatur, GA. My son still lives in the Atlanta area called me and asked me why I did not tell him how good Indian food was after going to an Indian restaurant for lunch.

This was an interesting assignment I enjoyed doing this one because it was about one of my favorite experiences.

Be Blessed,

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