

PREFACE

The relationship between man and religion is a very complicated and sensitive issue for which it deserves a detailed analysis and critical examination.

Religion is a system of thought, a devotion to a cause which gives significance and value to our fugitive existence. Religion is a precious way of life, a secret treasure of the human life which one can not disown.

The question which besets us is, what kind of religion - love and brotherhood or power and hatred - is to be chosen for acceptance by mankind. For this purpose it is necessary to analyse the nature of man to find out the relationship between man and religion. This analysis of the nature of man unfolds the reality that creeds, dogmas or secular ideologies cannot stand for religion. Man's reflective nature impels him to be religious. Religious thesis considers the cosmos objectively with reasoned arguments from a verified empirical data. This is the reason behind for which the spirit of science is not opposed to religion.

But the tragedy is that religion is victimised and labelled as the cause of all social, political and economical crisis.

At this juncture we need a fresh turn of mind to have

a clear concept of religion. This is the reason for which this survey analysis different ideas, concepts and definitions of religion. In this analysis, it is nowhere found that religion is the dragon which fosters these crisis of the world scene, rather it nurses the human mind for love and brotherhood and not for power & hatred. The confused concepts of religion, creeds and dogmas prevent us from entering into the holy domain of religion. It is not christ but the Priesthood who preached the teachings of christ with their own interpretations are to be blamed and made responsible for the Catastrophics coming out of religion.

The missionary Zeal of Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Buddhism has rendered commandable service towards the betterment of the human race.

So long man of this world, State and Society is not immuned from the idea that his existence is determined by some power upon which he has no control, till then he will take resort to God & religion for his mental peace, & happiness. Science has its sky-scrapping victoru over the outer world but man's inner world remains all along the same with his pangs, sufferings, anxieties, sorrows and the feeling of seclusion. Science has no remedy to cure all these sufferings of the inner world of man. World-over religious movements signify that more and more advancement of science in the outer world tends men to go to the door of christ because of fear psychosis.

This is the reason behind for which this critical survey of the relationship between man and religion is ventured to be taken upon.

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