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HUMAN NATURE, RELIGION AND GLOBAL ORDER

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ABSTRACT

International relations in the 21st century is under turmoil with various clashes on the basis of ethnicity, Religion, clad groups. Particularly religion under the hands of selfish leaders poses a great threat for the entire humanity. The advent of nuclear arms, antiballistic missiles and unconventional weapons provide a great boon for inhuman organizations. Inter state war and international war happens because of crooked human nature. Religion plays main role in controlling and coordinating human activities. Almost all religions propagate peace, humanity, renunciation, purification of soul, chastity celibacy so on. No religion bolsters the cause of violence and untruthfulness. But in the name of religion the modern world is highly bifurcated which causes a great havoc to the entire human community.

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INTRODUCTION

The modern world in the present scenario is being engulfed with so many struggles and skirmishes which is to be controlled and strategised. Eminent scholars and theoreticians put hardships in order to find out an everlasting solution for all sort of insurmountable problems and issues¹(Carritt). Human nature accordingly, is a unique phenomenon which is having penetrated by a handful of philosophers and scholars. As per the clear-cut observations from the widely known literatures, almost all writers and scholars have started their outlet by way of initiating with human nature. It is because of the diversified nature of humans, the current world is undergoing a notorious course of human casualties. Huntington pointed out that "the forthcoming civilization will face outright human casualties only because of ethnic and religious clashes". The way in which humans portray and profess the religious make other religious people to hate the same. For instance, the recent past Afghanistan is facing turbulent religious clashes in which American soldiers went to the extent of burning quraan, the holy book of Islam. On the other side the Russian court made a ban to "Bhagavat Githa" the holy book of Hinduism by blaming it as a mythological literature. In this way people in the modern world develops the attitude of religious orthodoxy and being obstinate in their own religious ideals. Because of the aforesaid theses, there are huge loss of human lives in the modern world which provokes the current research to penetrate into the various components and inter relationship of human nature and religion in the modern world²(Follet, M.P).

COMPLEXITIES IN HUMAN NATURE

Biological and physiological developments, inventions and discoveries carved a niche for itself in order to develop and protect the ongoing civilization. Hitherto, there is no advanced technique found out for in order to study the impulses of brain. This has been a great lacunae in the field of physiology. The man who is able to find out brain impulses can be considered as protector of this world. The difficulty in making a break-through in this field poses a great threat, which subsequently caused an immense and irreparable loss to the entire humanity. Starting from Spartan civilization until now in the third millennium, human losses due to wrong or inhuman decision making process are innumerable³(Gandhi.M.K).

Alexander's intention to capture entire continent, Napoleon's power mongering attitude in Europe, chengizkan's illimited murdering policy, Hitler's era of genocide, Stalin's policy of iron curtain, Americans' neo-imperialistic policies in Afghanistan, Iran and Iraq are all historical evidences which proved the discomfitures of human nature.

Philosophical perceptions

Philosophical schools of thought defers largely on the basis of their perceptions on human nature. Plato and Aristotle who are considered as stalwarts of philosophical ideas were highly concerned about "ought-to be" institutions. Plato's ideal state and Aristotle's "Ethics" are the fittest examples and literatures of this perception. Both are idealistic in which Aristotle to a large extent was realistic, but both of them are optimistic. Plato changed

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his views on human nature, when he wrote laws. T.H. Green, Kant, Woodrow Wilson are firm believers in idealistic human nature. Where as Macheavelli, Kautilya, Hobbes are all varied and termed to be too realistic. Their perceptions regarding human nature are highly pessimistic⁴(Goodnow, F.J.). Even Hobbes who wrote “Leviathan” mentioned in his work that man is by nature brutal, rascal and selfish”. These perceptions are still contradictory and controversial which are subject to discussion and debate. However realistic perceptions, though have its limitations, it is worthy to reconsider to fix up our research problem in the modern world scenario. Since almost all the clashes in the globe are by religion, we must reconsider realistic perceptions of human nature⁵(Hearnshaw, F.J.C.).

Complexities in religion

The outcome of negative human nature made this world torn apart into dangerous pieces of religious struggle. The starting point of civilization, nation-state system, empire-building process concentrated much in enlarging territories, power and in terms of influence. In medieval era, there was feudal system which enlarged its tentacles towards all the nations of the world. In the aftermath of the industrial revolution in the 18th century, developed nations followed same policy of enlarging their territories, power and influence by the conceptualization of imperialism and colonialism. After the world warII in 1945, the advent of United nations, protected and prevented the imperial nations from involving in war. The 21st century world order is having all nations developed on the basis of economy and military. But till now there is the product of IInd world war. Iran – Iraq war, war on terrorism policy of U.S.A., Isreal-palestinian clashes are the great illustration of the modern world in which number of people lost their life, liberty and property⁶(Hobhouse, L.T.).

All religions portray love and affection towards fellow human beings. Judaism, Zorastrianism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism are different paths to be followed by religious believers to the same goal. The ideals which are enshrined in the holy books are differently and selfishly propagated by religious leaders. No religion supports the cause of killing fellow citizens. Political causes can be traced out for any religious clashes⁷(Jennings). For instance the ongoing battle between Israel and Palestine is the worthy example to be mentioned. The Jews and Arabs are having hostile relationship with each other and that was further fuelled by the leaders of both countries.

Enlightened citizens are the boon and gift for a country to develop in the path of advanced civilization. Nehru the first prime minister made a comment that ‘enlightened self interest is the need of the hour’. People must realize that, the existing world is to live and cherish noble ideals. But anybody who lost his property and belongings will not tolerate others’ development of belongings⁸(Hocking, W.E.).

CONCLUSION

Marx said that “Religion is opium” once practiced, it won’t be eradicated from our mind. But the same practice may be followed in inculcating good ideals of a particular religion. Spinoza, another philosopher ecstasically exclaimed that”. Every thought will become an action unless it is interrupted by another thought”. In the same manner if humans think of the aftermath of the religious clashes, they should realize the reaction interms of life, liberty and property. In the recent past the Hollywood film “Avatar” has received wide reception from the people of China. Since Chinese government indulges in forced confiscation of property, people are dissatisfied with the process of government. A government should at any cost work for the happiness of the larger community. In the same line, no government should tolerate religious domination of particular community⁹(Kohn, Hans). The present condition or status of the world needs the great level establishment of secular principle.¹⁰(Laski, H.J.). Universal tolerance and tantamount patience are the essential tenets needed for people in order to have an everlasting peace. Obviously renunciation must be the motto of all citizens of the world. Buddha remarkably said that “desire is the cause for all miseries.” Desireless persons can make others happy and lives for the development of entire civilization.

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