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WORLD RELIGION AND ATHEISM

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Abstract:

Religion is based upon culture, beliefs, faith, norms and moral values which relate human beings to worldwide spirituality and has its origin from nature which was based upon the faith and belief on fire, water, land, air and sky. Human beings had their evolution 5,00,000 years ago were and religion came into existence during the Prehistoric period 300th millennium to 34th century BCE.

INTRODUCTION

Human beings had fear against nature and started worshiping nature. Later various civilizations around the world made various forms of religious ideologies and started to spread. Anthropologists John Monaghan and Peter Just state that, "it seems apparent that one thing religion or belief helps us do is deal with problems of human life that are significant, persistent, and intolerable. One important way in which religious beliefs accomplish this is by providing a set of ideas about how and why the world is put together that allows people to accommodate anxieties and deal with misfortune,".

There are majorly 15 religions worldwide and apart from this it has been identified more than 4200 religions are followed by the people. In this Christianity comprises 33.1%, Islam 20.3%, Hinduism 13.3%, and Non—Religious & Atheists 14.2% which are being preached and followed worldwide. Global Poll Report conducted on Religion worldwide in 2012 states that 59% of the world's population is religious, 23% are nonreligious, 13% are atheists and 5% follow other religions.

CLASSIFICATION OF RELIGION

Religion is classified into three broad categories based upon the ideologies of world perspective and promoting peace and harmony.

World Religions which comprise international transcultural ideologies, faith and beliefs and preaching their religious ideologies worldwide for international peace and harmony to a wider extent, (where Christianity has a wider extent).

Indigenous Religions which are followed by a specific group within any particular country or culture groups or minority groups worldwide. (Tribal groups of India. Africa. Latin America).

New Religious Groups which are nowadays emerging out of various controversial ideologies against religion and its beliefs. Many religious groups are evolving out from small groups when they do not have interest in one's own religion and start a new form of movement in preaching out new religious ideology.

Non-Religious and Atheism are followed worldwide which is against religious ideologies of spirituality, beliefs and faith. They follow the ideological background of secularism, science, rationality

and human rights for international peace building.

RELIGION A CHANGE TOWARDS ATHEISM

Majority of the countries in the world arena are socially and economically well developed, especially countries which follow democratic and socialistic ideologies are very much oriented in adopting Atheism which has been proven in recent decades. However, atheism is not followed by several nations which are not economically, socially, politically well developed where these countries are fully loaded with religious ideologies, superstitions, norms, culture, traits, etc:

It is estimated that atheists make up about 2.3% of the worlds population, 11.9% are non—religious. Self-reported atheism is highest in Western nations like United States 4%. Italy 7%. Spain 11%, Great

Britain 17%, Germany 20%, and France 32% and other developing countries are estimated to have less than 1%.

In this perspective, South Asian counties like India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Latin America as well as African countries which have economically developed in recent decades, when it comes to religion, they believe all the morals and ethics which are being preached to them. h many situations they tend to learn that religion could solve all the difficulties faced by them in their day-to-day life and make them live peacefully when they all surrender themselves to religion.

Whereas in developed nations like America, Britain, European and other economically well-developed countries, rise of atheism has increased in various ways which are being proved by Anthropological researches which were made in the last decade. According to James Brazer, researches prove that problem and difficulties faced by the people in their lives couldn't be solved by preaching religion. instead it should be applied through science. Religion takes a control over human beings which can be replaced by scientific means of problem solving and psychological means in the development of humanity

In developed nations their citizens are well educated where the belief towards religion is very much narrow and atheism rises towards knowledge and science which are all the counterparts of developing their nation. When people are well developed economically and educated, they do things in a rational manner which doesn't need any help from religion to solve their problems instead atheism prevails within themselves.

In this context, people who preach religion and surrender themselves to its ideology they feel insecure in life and always face difficulties where they even convert from one religion to another religion in the means of getting peace in their lives. On many occasions they are all exploited in the means of religions through godmen where they mesmerize through magical means of exploiting people which are used as a place of business where religion is considered to be a market of profit.

In the name of religion they are easily exploited where there is no place for moral values but a market force of business in developing nations. In these nations people believe that various infectious and contagious diseases are caused due to the curse of god where people have the fear and faith towards religion by conducting pooja's and appeasing other deities depending upon their religion.

Research carried out in 137 economically well developed countries has vast extend towards Atheism, countries which share equality, liberty, freedom, human rights are also the followers of nonreligious belief. Sometimes there is also a threat in preaching atheism in countries those who follow one religion especially in Islamic countries and in countries which follow communist ideology has a less influence over religion. In many situations religion has empowered socialization pattern where institution of family, marriage, has emerged in creation of new generation especially in developing nations those who depend upon agriculture as their primary source of economic growth the need of manpower is very much essential so people prefer large families and small families preferred by developed nations where there is awareness about education, science and technology. Even nowadays those countries which are not economically well developed there is meager change towards atheism when it comes to the existence of caste, race, color, etc. had made the people a psychological imbalance where they had made a shift towards non-religious ideologies.

CONCLUSION

Religion in the present context is losing its value where each and event religion is competating with each other to prove its morals and avoid the conversion of one's own religion to other. Very often it is mixed up with science where many people are being mesmerized that religion and science are one. The huge impact of media is also one of the reasons which promote religion that it is the way of life where

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religious based superstitious beliefs are very much higher in our country which is one of the backdrops towards the development of our nation.

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