

I N T R O D U C T I O N

The World of Religion is very wide and large. Now this is my humble effort to summarise the field of Practical Religion in a nutshell as a thesis. Religion is practical, in the sense that it can be attained by the methodical scientific procedures.

This is my independent research-work on Religion and it is presented for the D. Litt. standard of work in Calcutta University as a basis of a registered thesis in Psychology in the year 1959.

I have searched in this field by practical methods and procedures for twelve years. To me Religion is a Science as well as technical science by its skill in the world-physical and in the world-mental. Skill in the material world is based on Morality.

Psychology is a mental science but now it is limited only in the Western Method of Scientific Investigation. Psychology as a mental science must be studied from both the scientific aspects of representation. That is, it must be studied in the Western as well as in the Eastern method of Science.

According to the course of research, the New dictum of Religion is to be happy and to make others happy in society. This thesis is the practical aspect of investigation on Religion and it is based not merely on theoretical assumption of facts only.

The theory has no value unless and until it is verified by practical experience in the social field. It is the society which is the medium of representation of practical aspect of Science of Religion.

It is the behaviour of the individual which affirms the Religion of Love, Religion of Anandam and Religion of Truth. Religion is personified by man and not limited in idol or deity, in emotions or chanting, and in the field of Learning only. Learning is

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absolutely necessary to get an idea of what is Religion by unbiased views. But the field of Religion is not restricted by Theoretical Learning only. Religion must be verified and experimented by one's own life to prove it is scientific and practical.

This experiment on the field of Religion is practical and is verified by the Vedic Laws of Nature. As Religion is a Technical Science, it can be demonstrated by technical process and methods of mental distillation in modern society. The Peace and Prosperity of the modern world is based on practical applicability of Religion as a Science, and Science as a Religion. They are correlated in the sense that prosperity itself is a Science, and religion is a way of prosperity. It is the Prosperity of the World Material, of the World Mental, and of the World Spiritual.

It can be deduced as follows:-

Science is Prosperity.

Prosperity is Religion.

So Religion is a Science.

But this deduction is not theoretical only. It is practical in our every step of life. Every one must try to get prosperity, i.e. Prosperity in material as well as mental.

Spiritual theme can be attained both materially and mentally. One is not in a proper need to forsake the material world, i.e. Society, if he has the ability to control his mind. It is the mind - it is the culture of the mind which leads to the perception and realization of Religio-Spiritual theme of Religion in Practical. There is nothing Unknown in this field. By the process of mental culture all the doctrines of the Unknown are expressed through the doctrines of the Known --- which is Science. So Religion is not mysticism, it is a science to the modern world.

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The Science of Psychology must go deeper into the realm of the Unknown, from the reign of the Known, to let the themes out from the Unknown. By the sensory organ we can have sensation of things. But the mind, which is marked as the sixth sensory organ, according to Eastern doctrine of Psychology, prepares us in the voyage of the Age of Vedas, with the trained technical socio-religious culture. The cultured and distilled mind is the modern powerful rocket to go in the field of science of Advaitya and to realise, to see and to verify it in every-day life of Society. So the Indian Religious doctrine of Sankara has some practical verification in current society. It is not a dogma of Absolute or Unknown. It can be known and can be cultured through the process of mental distillation. Learning has no meaning if it has no practical applicability with a scientific procedure. The subjective world must be verified by objective side of Science. So Eastern Science of Psychology must be verified with the Western Scientific Method. By Psychology it means both sides, i.e. Eastern and Western sides. So study from both points of view makes a proper investigation in the psychological study of Religion.

After twelve years of research, I am presenting my investigation in a gist, in the form of a thesis, because I think much more elaboration on this point will only make the appearance of this thesis very bulky. To avoid unnecessary explanation and elaborate interpretation of the vast field of World-Religion, I am compiling this vast reign in the form of a thesis for D. Litt. purpose. So this is only the gist of my whole investigation for 12 years. To keep the standard of thesis, I have left aside the wide elaboration of High Religious theme on World-Religion.

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For the proper explanation of the results of the investigation, I have used Sanskrit language with Romanic form of representation to help everyone to go through this thesis of Religious Investigation.

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