ABSTRACT

The thesis on titled" Gandhiji on The Harmony of Religions - A Critical Study" is a qualitative research under the critical or synthetic dimensions. Its aim is to study the theory of harmony of religions in Gandhi's thoughts and to synthetic it as the theory of schism remedy between religions. Documentary research is studied from the Gandhi's own books, writings and speeches and Gandhi's thoughts commentaries etc.

The result of this study reveal that, Mahatma Gandhi, who was the leader of Indian freedom movement fight for harmony of religions and had strode an effective step towards of harmony creation and erasure of schism among believers to various religions.

In this study, it was also found that harmony of religions is another narrative of religious pluralism on its place, with this feature that in addition to existence a deep and sincerely religious sense, it impressed of pathology's situation of believers to various religions.

Gandhiji tried to show a way out to his nation and today's mankind, while he was seeing new world's increasing day to day's crisis and abuse of schism's tools among followers of different religions by colonizers for their authority's continuation.

The finding of this study also revealed that Gandhi's preoccupation was not academic debates and immerse in philosophical and mystical conversations. He was offended by people's pain whom unawareness adherence and superficial understanding of religion are the tools for doubling their pain. So, Gandhiji concluded that " After long study and experience, I have come to the conclusion that (1)all religions are true; (2)all religions have some error in theme; (3)all religions are almost as dear to me as my own Hinduism, in as much as all human beings should be as dear to one as one's own close relatives. My own veneration for other faiths is the same as that for my own faith; therefore no thought of conversion is possible."