

Impact of Religious Pluralism on the World; An Analytical Approach

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Abstract

Religious pluralism is an important part of cultural diversity. No society can sustain without religious plurality. The relation between religion and pluralism has never been unambiguous. The interest of religious pluralism has developed on a larger scale in the last few decades and the positive results which it has brought in maintaining the harmony of a good relationship among the different religions across the world. All religious faiths equally provide the pathways of salvation to God, irrespective of their doctrinal and theological differences. The main focus of the study is an analytical examination of: (a) to what level the pluralistic view of religious experience helps the man to harmonize and to develop a good relationship among different religions of a state (b) at what level the epistemology of religious pluralism provides the rational basis for belief in God while producing a common religious experience. This work was carried out to study the theories of religious pluralism or what we can consider the diversity in religions. It studies out how religious pluralism exists on a factual terms and how each religious faith tolerates some similarities with many other religions in a state. The aim of this work was to determine the concept of secularism and the process of secularization work at a global level in the contemporary world. This study systematically considers the dynamics of religious pluralism and provides methods for dealing with diversity.

Keywords: Religious pluralism; Harmony; religious diversity, religions, values, virtues.

Objectives

1. To show the need of religious plurality and how there is harmony among different religions.
2. To Discuss religious pluralism as value with reference to social identity of religious groups, religious pluralism and persistence of shared values among people of various religion and finally beliefs and rituals.

Introduction

In today's increasingly interdependent and multi-religious world, it is vitally important to recover a sense of the sacred, to refute those who regard religion itself as inevitably divisive, and to rediscover the ecumenical and ethical principles that have been taught by all great spiritual teachers. We live in a world today that is religiously and normally pluralistic. According to the recent surveys, religious pluralism is "the view that different belief and behavior could or even should coexist. The