

## **RELIGION FOR HUMANITY**

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### **RELIGION**

Haqqani Sufism is the Spirit of age in Sufism. Haqqani School of Thought (Haqqani Chintan Pith), a Research Cell of Quraan Research Institute & Discussion Centre, organized by Haqqani Mission Bangladesh since 1990 are engaged in austere ascetic practices, comprising of 54 Research Fellows. Haqqani School of Thought have faith that Religion is a submerging action of virtue, innate and acquired nature of One maintaining and possessing in his journey of life. Sufi Shadhak Anwarul Haque, the founder of Haqqani School of Thought reveals that – ‘there are no lies in this world’.

Being at the pave of 21st Century if we look back to analyze the socio-religious system of the World, the following characteristics emerges:

All human races of the world are One and Inseparable. PEACE which is the target of human religion is universal, perpetual and infinite.

Due to self-interest or group interest mankind have been divided and dismembered into different groups and religions. The world has been divided into different States where State Authority controls everything. The State Authority introduces its own policy subjugating the principle of religion, society, humanity and politics.

The continuous advancement of science is making the world smaller. People of one end have come very closer with people of the other end of the world.

The fate of 200 crore people in this free economy and globalized world living at sub-human level could not have been changed in pursuit of economic emancipation keeping aside of religion.

State Authority repeatedly preserves the interest of vested groups and takes back mass people of different creeds to its earlier stage with the ultimate objective of perpetuating division of religion and prevent the knocking truth for holding, observance and cherishing.

Religious Ideals, Codes and Values have been misused. Huge patronization in institutional publicity of each religious fanaticism creates communalism. The major groups have been creating unwanted and undesired incidents, again and again, by imposing their doctrine upon the minority with the help of fundamentalists. Moreover it creates a state of lacking serenity, anarchy, terrorism, destruction and ultimately the process gives passage of increasing social erosion.

The domination of communalism is being spread in the name of religion. The poor productive men have been turned into beggar and crippled by the trap of assistance/donation.

In the eve of 21st Century, we must have to think about new dimension of religion, elasticity of religious thoughts and its pace. In the process of evolution of world social system, we are to

relocate the influence of Religious suzerainty - where and how, what would be the identity of humanity and whether religion is for humanity or not.

In this context, it is evident that a Man is comprised of Life, Specific Time and Work. With the sequence of time work changes its form, brings changes in the life pattern and ensures the gradual progress of mankind. This process is eternal. In reality, Time and Life are invisible but visible in Work. In the process of action and reaction of human working process men organize themselves and build society.

Within the perceptible working process, human behavior, different working style of imitation and persuasion originate and develop. Having influenced the behavior and imitative work, the persuasive work leads a man to reach his definite goal. Then behavioral and imitative work help to make the persuasive work stronger. Thus all the works converged into one work and help to reach his goal.

Linear process of work in combination of Life, Specific Time and Target of Work helps man to reach his destination of life easily, truth is then revealed and consequently peace is restored. By way of practice, endurance and nurturing behavioral-imitational-persuasive works a person can continuously uniform his pattern of works into a unilateral shape and can reach his destination. The target is his religion and his all unilateral works turn as rituals of his religion. He passes time through this process, his life gets enriched, and the person is established on truth and finally he feels at peace with the world. Collecting pebbles of peace in the flow of works he becomes a symbol of truth and peace and emerges as a noble man in the society, starts preaching Religion of Truth and Peace in the light of reality. He educates his disciples who follow him to establish religion as per his directions. In this way, Life-Target as Religion and works as rituals are established and spread out from an individual to society, society to state and then to world at large.

On the other hand, when a man emphasizes on behavioral or imitative works in all his working process, he fails to achieve the Life-Target. Truth could not be established. Peace could not be found out. He keeps abreast his personal interest always high in the guise of rituals and remains busy his whole life in his futile attempts of ensuring self-satisfaction.

If we look into the works of a man, it can be realized that whatever a man retains that is his religion. This process of retaining is twofold; in work and in thought. The correlation of work and thought is inseparable and thus are complementary and supplementary with each other. Those who do not relate thought as imagination, they all know and accept that all thoughts transformed as consciousness are derived from the reality and the work generated from the consciousness can cope with the situation and build the expected situation by changing the prevailing situation. Men surrender to a situation when they fail to encounter a change brought by nature or environment. With this limitation of failure men adopt the religion of others, try to imitate and persuade and come closer with each other. Thus they belong to one religion and breathe a sense of relief. So, religion is always present, not past not future. This process of having religion and being religious will continue as long as men have their limitation and this beautiful world survives.

Religion, religious-conscience and religious faith have never been accidental matters, rather have been prevailing essentially in different forms in a society but in fact only the process of works which produces rationality, manners and values generate the system of humanity, education and education advance the scope of knowledge, wisdom and science. In this way, the process of quest for knowing the unknown and making the invisible as visible have been continuing in Religion.

**Haqqani Sufism draw the attention of mankind by saying : "Oh Mankind! Irrespective of Religion, Creed and Caste: to achieve Peace, Truth and Development in the journey of life, search out Guru/Murshid/Spiritual Guide to establish relationship for Oneness. If not, keep contact atleast".**

## HUMANITY

Humanity is a Sense. When humanity awakes in consciousness self-development, spirit and sense of humanity generates. Humanity is evolved from Man. In all religions, sacrifice the superfluity is mandatory for all human beings. A man can converge and correlate his essence with that of others when his humanity is truly exposed and shared. Through the process of reformation and according to the need of time, ethical sense of a man arises and creates the sense of humanity. When a man gives more importance to his emotion in his day-to-day life the sense of respect, affection, love and divine love for others originate. Man becomes well-wisher.

No matter, in whatever way the religion is studied, its main objectives are to establish Truth and Peace – freedom of mankind. That is why a man has been embodied with religion and humanity from the very early hood. In the process of work he holds, rear, nurture his religion which gives birth to his humanity, individual man liberates himself from the chain of self-interest and group-interest and engages himself in the welfare task as Reformer being excelled in the stage of philanthropist and humanist. Eventually, being liberated from the bondage of religion, he exposes himself as a Man of religious austerity and dedicates his life for the welfare of human race and thus remains immortal in history. Only this true essence of a Reformer can serve the cause of real humanity. Religion as it is based on truth which generates human conscience and human conscience serves men through religious works - thus it is said that religion is for humanity.

Considering the role of religion in day-to-day society, we can divide the followers of religion into three sections: 1) ritual-practicing men 2) fanatic men 3) pious men. Ritual-practicing men are those who could not find or seek the co-relation between the philosophy of life and philosophy of religion. They always devoid of the philosophical aspects of religion and only carry out ritualistic works very strictly. Do not maintain the values of religion. Never agree to have any change of ritualistic works in the light of time and environment. Never retain, preserve and bring up religious values. They are very fond of ritual celebration. They are fatalist and self-centered, always engaged in self-interest. They are the majority and the State Authority utilizes them very easily.

The group of fanatic men have been treated as fundamentalist or extremist as they fail to consider religion with its motion forward. They know the philosophical aspects but do not retain it. They turn futile to make religion as reference of social change. They believe in unlimited ritualistic works and make imaginary theology and impose it upon ritual-practicing men. They believe in fate but not in work. They are educated in religious education but not pious. They are reluctant to accept the changing society. As a result, they are barren in thought. They are always engaged in serving self-interest. They surrender to State Authority and act as collaborative force with them to hold and spread domination over the society. This group plays an important role in creating religion based chaos throughout the whole world. Though they are minority but they have strong influence on the ritual-practicing men and also on the State Authority.

The pious men are always creative as they retain, preserve and bring up the inner and external values of religion balancing with the mystery of creation. They understand and believe that religion and progress are interlinked to achieve their target. They characterized religion as work while the progress is as motion. This group abandoned their self-interest for the sake of own religion and present civilization. They are always engaged in fighting with their own desire-passion-greed-illusion-jealousy only to make themselves free from all sorts of prejudice.

They do not influence upon two other groups rather want to guide them. They do not have any attraction for Authority. They appear as Reverend to the ritual-practicing men but fanatic men treat them as enemy and never hesitate to oppose them. They are least in number. They like to identify themselves as only Humanists as they are free from all sorts of prejudice.

In ritual-practicing situation of religious society pious men of all Religion in the whole world are required to be united for the following reasons:

- To protect the ritual-practicing men from the crutch of fanatic men.
- To establish truth at individual, family, society and state levels.
- To unite the divided human race in one platform to get rid of all sorts of prejudice.
- To raise the sense of humanity within individual to serve the distress, weak and helpless man in the society.
- To educate the ritual-practicing men about truth, peace and non-grievance day-to-day life so that they understand that religion is neither past nor future but only present.
- To establish the sense that Religion for humanity not for self-interest or group-interest within a person, family, society, state and the social life system of the whole world in the process of globalization.
- To identify the fanatic group and facilitate them for necessary self-development.

**EVENTUALLY, IT IS HIGHLY ESSENTIAL TO ESTABLISH 'INTER RELIGIOUS DIALOGUE & SUFI COMMUNION CENTER' WORLDWIDE WHERE A RESEARCH CENTER WILL EXIST FOR FREE THOUGHT, SUFISM AND CULTURE THE ROLE OF RELIGION TO PRACTICE HUMANITY. IT IS A DEMAND OF TIME. FINALLY, WE APPEAL TO ALL IRRESPECTIVE OF CREED AND CASTE TO HAVE A CONSENSUS TO ESTABLISH THE 'INTER RELIGIOUS DIALOGUE & SUFI COMMUNION CENTER' AND TO MAKE A VOW - RELIGION FOR HUMANITY.**