Religion in the Perspective of Language and Literature in India

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Abstract

There are many religions and many languages in the World in which very few has got its history and origin, but when it comes as a subject it must hold the priorities which applies for both ends. In listing out the order of priority of religion in India, we take Hinduism, Islamism, Christianity, Buddhism, Jainism, where as in language, we take the Indian languages first then comes the foreign languages. Both Religion and language always walk together in the domain of spirituality. It is believed the every human who is longing for spiritual freedom must need the help of language to fulfill it. Language is a constant supplier of source to the religion and through language Literature plays a vital role in shaping up the presentation of religion in languages. In my article I tend to portrait the relationship between religion and Literature and their influence in emulating knowledge and resource in mankind, thou its broad area I picked the languages and religions that predominate only in India.

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Introduction

"Religions of the world are not about one's belief against another, but an opportunity for all humans to reach to their common ultimate source." says Sadhguru and this statement is been accepted by majority of people. In the whole world Theist are the majorities in which their belief lies on someone else, since the beginning of the world it would have been a tough job for the people who projected and proclaimed the religion to the world, nevertheless the theist wouldn't have accepted blindly without being skeptical, the proclaimers couldn't have succeeded to this notch without the help of Language and Literature, since it relies more on knowledge and resource which impact on one's intellectual.

Relationship between Religion and Literature

The relationship could not be analogue within a period of time; no theories can exactly prove when these two were born or its birth in different era, but it's proved Religion is the relation in which human being bears to ultimate being and literature is the relation in which humanity bears with religion. All the ancient languages of the world like Greek, Hebrew, Arabic, and Sanskrit used as a tool to represent the religions like Christianity, Islamism and Hinduism. In the early writings from author is those languages is mostly about religions it doesn't meant the author have nothing to write apart from religion, they somewhat believed the art of rhetoric can be expressed to the pinnacle when they communicate about divine source. Many theories can put up to prove they are formed by the same force, since they both make a constant appeal to life, whenever the mind of humanity is in need of endorsement and in the state of depression only two limits could provide the source of remedy, first its Religion and the second is Literature in both the cases the receiver must need a tremendous maturity to understand it's working. Through these two the emotions are expressed in its unique way of presentation.

Concurrence in Religion and Literature

The entire world of humanity is in constant need for the supply of sobriety when they ought to maintain discipline and decorum in life. Both religion and literature provides the above with consistence. The current trend of the world is moving in phase where there is a demand for unique skills in humanity either to sustain or survive in globalized competitive world, we all in set position to find a way to conquer extra skills like soft skills, life skills and etc, in order to acquire those skills everyone must go one step beyond of normal learning. The ultimate role of religion and literature is to promote education since they both are in the job of proclamation for their own development, in the process of promoting, the people those who acquire knowledge in either religion or literature by default they claim the concept of soft skills, which takes them to higher grounds.

There is much sanity and wisest in the world, if we look them in general they must be associated either with religion or literature, some may be in both but everyone must be in either of it. The world has witnessed that no one can claim they pursue all the essential skills and they don't belong to either of the group.

Similarity in the Method of Handling

The ultimate task of Christianity is to proclaim the gospel and it should reach the entire world, since this is the major religion of the world they proceed their task consistently to the nook and corner of the world, the path they prefer completing the task is to educate the people they meet with or through education the process of proclamation is to be done.

The same applies of Islamism wherein they are slightly different in their proclamation, the concept of Islamism will be delivered first and then make them to understand and to accept it, after the acceptance they have to go through the procedures in which the rules & regulation of Islamism will be exploited, both Christianity and Islamism got their holy book which gives them the life style of living, through that everyone can establish themselves as of the wish of their religion.

The concept of Hinduism is extremely different in comparing with Christianity and Islamism, wherein there is no compulsion and necessity for the people those who dealt with it, lot of writing are there to go through starting with Bhagavada Gita, Ramayanam, Shivapuranam, and many more which gives the entire source of living, more than one thousand characters with unique style and type reflect to human how to live and how not to live, what to talk and what not to talk, and when to do and when not to do, through these dimensions of teaching one must learn the specific way of life style without disgracing or disturbing others, in all the above three religions the writing which belong the part of literature ensure the unique method in handling the system of promoting education.

Religion and Literature in India

In various sections of literature like Drama, Fiction, Poetry, Novels, Short Stories, Criticism like more and variety to offer, literature has prominent in its own style in India known as Indian Literature, whereas the writing comprises in all the above mentioned variations, the embodiment of Indian Literature is framed through the source and the body of Religions in India initially, later it was developed by accessing the religions outside the country. Writings like Puranas, Jatkas, Panchatantra, fairy tales and stories of Gods and Ghost made the Indian literature popular among the readers, since it delivers and understands the mindset of the countrymen. Even Non-Literary works like writings on Administration, Law, Health, Astronomy, Grammar, and the writings that describes the heritage and the life style of country has become popular among the readers, it is obvious when readers get attracted towards a style of book, the prefer themselves into a perspective of unique style in their personal life, since all the writing in the above mentioned types, somewhat prescribe and proclaim the religions of India, the authors and the readers prefer themselves to apply and adapt to expected format both in writing as well as in reading.

The Indian modern literature began in nineteenth century, even by that time writers continued their support to religion by giving array of works to the readers, Rabindranath Tagore's 'Gitanjali' is been the inspiration for writers and readers to tend and tilt towards religious writings, from there on authors from different parts of India preferred to write on religions.

Conclusion

Both Religion and Literature is a wonderful creation it doesn't matter it is from above or below, but still it enhances and emulates the humanity to have enough intelligence and intellectual to run their daily life which is normally in full of struggle and discomfort, it takes extraordinary skills for every human inorder to show themselves to be different from other creatures, hence everyone is in common demand to figure out a way to overcome their burdens, so far with no reprimand both religion and literature provides a constant remedial measure to the entire humanity.

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