

Religious Institutions (non)action against global trends and developments

It is a fact that new millennia found the religious communities so fundamental in its conviction, so comfortably wrapped up in its 'religious robe'; a conservatism that hardly allows ray of other color to penetrate on these centuries ago established philosophic patterns, to grow throughout human history into a strong religious ideologies and movements. Moreover, propagation of various religious philosophies became determinant in world's religious diversification, whose mainstreams made continuous struggle for the 'flock' which when translated in terms of figures and territorial expansion, implies among other, the very ultimate power!

Religious institutions could take considerable part as catalizator's to social development while the religions or belief an inseparable part in these processes. Perhaps the propagation of dual (if not multi-dimensional) aspect on the daily life interacting simultaneously, ensuring on one hand the state of mind that reaches heavenly paths and on the other a walk on solid earthly conviction, has simply led to a self-recognitions and spiritual awareness moving some of the established concepts beyond the religious dogmas. Nevertheless, looking back the rather violent human history or the occasional peaceful periods the role and impact of the religion/belief/ philosophy in its institutional form remained determinant and incomparable. The paradox lies in understanding the fact that the religious institutions even when being the main cause (often a hidden instigator), historically supported its own and other communities by unconditionally (sometimes conditionally) providing both material and spiritual support, serving as an exit gate to a world that accommodates/eases both physical and spiritual pain human kind has suffered.

Many modern days societies considered rather progressive in terms of its social, economic and political welfare and stability, with an advanced progress in science, expanded horizons on and beyond the universe, are yet supported from within by its religious community which is not that much disturbed, as one could expect, by this scientific boom, perhaps on purpose?!!.

Despite progressiveness in the social behavior, attitudes and thinking, mainly brought by informative technology that reached even the most isolated areas on our planet, still now days the religious leaders would play with them 'known cards', follow long beaten paths and common rules and principles, consider as 'taboo' themes issues the society went beyond time ago and have 'no go' discussion when it comes to open and direct debates/discussions on issues related to fundamentals of the religion even if required for general educative purpose.

The readiness of these institutions to open up towards other beliefs, except diversity in beliefs/philosophies and other spiritual changes that occurred over centuries, new competitors to share the 'flock' with, challenges of non-spiritual natures, so far has not been the case and is still very unlikely to happen, with due respect to some.

Perhaps it's a final time to start conversing on this, discuss with our religious leaders openly on every issues faced in a daily life, encourage them to take the other approach, a much more proactive one, in particular since in the name of religion each day new crises areas do appear; we should take the advantage of religious institutions and its leaders to influence positive changes for the good of humanity, generally support religious diversity and its leaders whom at the end, as tradition dictates, should remain our spiritual guides.

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