



The Concept of Religion and Religiousness in the literature of Osho

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Introduction

Acharya Rajneesh or Popularly known as Osho has been an independent thinker. He is not bound by any religion, sect, tradition or other ideology. He accepts that all the religions in the world. All these religions are so called religions. All these religions have created hatred between human beings instead of love. If instead of love, hatred arises in man, then there will be no peace but disturbance. Therefore, thousands of wars were fought in the name of Religion, God, Temples, Mosques and Churches, in the name of proofless principles, Then all the religions – they are not a movement in the life of a human being, but like a dead rock. It does not change with the seasons, does not move with existence. There is no flow in it, no life, it just lies there. In such a religion, one is engaged in activities that destroy love, pleasure and all aspects of life.

Religion is a quality of life. That's why he talked of Religiousness instead of religion. He himself says, "I teach you Religiousness, not religion. A flowing stream takes a turn every step of the way, continuously flows its way but eventually reaches the ocean." Life is a spring, a movement. The moment life reaches the center of its existence, at that very moment in life there is an explosion of beauty, of peace and of light.

Religion and Religiousness

Religion is the intrinsic quality of man. Only when a man has the knowledge of this intrinsic quality, does Religiousness result in a human being. When Religiousness results in a person, the vision of living life of a person changes. He lives in the world, but is not worldly. There is no hope left in him. He does not do anything for others, but naturally from his life becomes something for others. He doesn't want anyone to thank him for doing something for others.

People accept life as a celebration when Religiousness results in a person. The way of living a festive life is unique. There is no seriousness in the life of such a person. Because seriousness brings problems in life. Where there is a problem, there can not be a celebration, because the problem burdens the human mind. A burdened mind is unable to understand the mystery of life, because a burdened mind can never create peace in a human being. If one takes life as a burden he is unable to feel happiness in happiness and he falls down in sorrow,

Such things do not happen in a religious person. He does not take life as a problem. he knows that life has ups and downs. Life is made up of ups and downs. The way life flows, it creates a way for that other organism to live. Whether there is happiness or sorrow in life, it remains the same in both the cases. Because he knows that life is a union of happiness and sorrow. If there is no sorrow in life, then there is no meaning of happiness. If there is no hunger then there is no point in sending. That is why a religious person remains indifferent towards life.

Osho accepts that a religious person concentrates on every aspect of life. Whether those aspects are physical, ideological or spiritual. He lives sensibly. Bodhwuk means, the thought arising from the inner, the thought arising from the inner is called discretion and the person who lives rationally is religious. Because where there is conscience, there is Self. Where there is Self, there is Sat. Such a person also attains true knowledge.

The hallmark of Religiousness is that individuals do not conceive of God beyond the world. They do not see God as a person, but as a being. They consider God neither the creator of the world, nor the creator; Rather, they consider the world to be divine. They see the power of God in everything in the world.

Therefore such a person in whom the flower of righteousness blossoms, he incorporates the whole world into himself. He falls in love with all the objects of the world. The stream of love starts flowing from him. Where there is love, there is no circle, no temple, no mosque, no worship, no prayer, but only love comes out of it. A religious person is egoistic for his existence. There is no expectation of anything in his life. His mind is restless. He is always blissful in himself. There is no seriousness on his face. He accepts sorrow as joy. If we tell him that there is great joy in love, then it does not matter to him. If we tell him that there is great sorrow in hatred, then he accepts hatred as love. There is only one symptom of such a person. He remains so happy that he keeps on giving thanks to God in every situation. He lives on the center not on the periphery. He loses the sense of 'I'. Whatever is happening to him is happening through God. Now he is neither a servant nor a sage, he is not at all. The ego is completely eliminated from He is left by only one. Through which the ribs of life come out, and spread to the people.

Osho accepts that the person in whom righteousness comes, he is a rebellious kind of person. A rebel does not mean that he should be of destructive mind, but he will rebel against all the customs and ostentation of those religions, which have hindered the development of religious consciousness of the individual. Such persons will be rebellious, but will not be violent. They will be revolutionaries. They will be ready to consciously break the rocks of any

rituals. There will be neither superstition nor blind faith in them, they will be free from it because such a person has done the search of religion - not with faith but with conscience.

If a person starts living with prudence, then he will concentrate more on every emotion arising from the mind. If a person concentrates on every emotion arising from the mind, then he will have a great understanding of which emotions are good, and which emotions are bad. All their activities will be on the basis of good and bad. Such persons will not suppress the thoughts but allow them to emerge so that the thoughts arising from the mind can be known completely. Religious person refers to a person who has known his violence and who has done nothing with his violence. One who became completely attentive to his violence, awakened, who saw the ugliness of his violence completely and did nothing. If a person is able to see the violence within himself completely and recognize it fully, start living consciously, then the violence will gradually go away. Consciousness comes from awareness, if the awareness becomes aware of the whole individuality, then whatever is ugly in the personality. He will begin to transform. The flower of righteousness will start blooming in a person. When the flower of righteousness blooms in a person, he will not even keep the substance of his need, but God will make it his need, he will not be satisfied until he gets God. He will not do any action with the expectation of the fruit. He will work, but he will aspire for the result as the will of God. If he does not get the fruits of his actions, then he will not become mad, he will not become insane, because he will always understand the fruits in the hands of God. Because of this he will always be happy.

Conclusion

So the life of a religious person would be full of love and compassion. A person who is full of love and compassion, all his actions will be creative. In such a person, there will be a feeling of friendship towards the whole existence. Righteousness is a quality which consists of; The ability to be with the truth, authenticity, naturalness, the beating of a heart filled with love and a friendly association with the whole existence, when all these things begin to arise in a person's life, then his life becomes mysterious. It becomes difficult to understand them, and that is righteousness. In the above thought, there is a deep connection between religion and Righteousness. Religion is the intrinsic quality of life and righteousness is the flowering of this quality.

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