

THE MESSAGE OF RELIGIONS AND BEHAVIOUR OF RELIGIOUS DEVOTEES By Edward Theophilus

We can see that various religions or religious movements emerge from time to time in the world and after sometimes, they vanish without the knowledge of devotees. It encountered in many occasions that devotees have no idea on what happened to the religion or religious movements. This situation has experienced in various religions in many countries, and it seems that these religions or religious movements show a reflection of the madness of religious followers to a certain extent or psychological conditions of devotees associated with religions, which is difficult to identify, understand or interpret. People are suffered by various difficulties in modern dynamic world and to address the issues, various movements of religions are created, and it also seems that when people in a society with uneducated people or lack of logical and intelligent thinking, such a society has a strong probability to emerge or develop religious movements with different motives. For example, it can highlight the Middle Eastern and Indian society where there exist thousands of religious movements, which have no a logical base or an acceptable spiritual shape.

Religions have massively contributed to the human culture and civilization. The culture means rules, regulations, laws, customs, and directions in the society and civilization is an evolution of the society with attitudes, disciplines cultures and developments in relation to various area of the human society. The culture and civilization appear to be a congruous concept, but both are not analogous. When population increases and expands to different areas of the world, religious beliefs and practices also expand with people, and changes incur in religions, and methods of practice of religions with a view to go along with people in the new environment or radically change the practice of religions. The philosophical base of religions would possibly change in the diverse

environment and automatically inserting new concepts, beliefs,

ratiocinatively views and practices in the new environment. For example, it can give Wahab aspects of Islam, which clearly reflects the madness of devotees.

Asian face of Christianity has changed inserting many mythical views and practices with a view to competitively go forward with other religious practices in the Asian society. I observed that Indian and Sri Lankan migrants accrued different practices of Christianity from the country of origin to Australia, which are purely based on seeking supports for abatement of sickness, come out of economic difficulties, getting success of immigration applications and sometimes, they offer vows to get revenge from others, which is purely against the philosophy of the Christianity. I observed that Catholic priests visited from India celebrating mass like Hindu clergies (Pusaries).

It is a general nature and many people could not understand this truth and some people attempt to become militants on religious practice with a blind faith. In several instances, it reported that Muslim devotees behaved beyond the limits disregarding the rights of other peop This situation has reported in the Western Society in many occasions a sometimes, some devotees of Islam religion attempt to behave disregarding the rights of non-Islam people. In the USA, various Christian movements emerged with different intensions, for example as Ministries with a view to attracting funds, which are subject to tax deduction, and som ministries, in fact, do good services helping poor people and some other became organizations to show madness of religious devotees and cheat devotees attracting donations.

The Renewal Church began in the Catholic to keep catholic community together and strengthen the faith in many countries especially in Sri Lank. India and Philippines, some instances it seems that they have gone beyond the Catholic teaching or practices. For example, I observed that certain devoted persons in the renewal church interpret the chapter two of the Acts of the Apostles, showing that they have a specific spiritual power.

I saw some Buddhist monks visited Australia for preaching or educate people and claimed that they achieved the sanctified or wholly purified status, which means that they achieved the knowledge and the practice of four paths, a state leading to Nirvana. A Buddhist monk from Sri Lanka travelled by a luxury limousine in Australia also claimed that he achieved the convincing grace and killed entire desires of the life and is in a state leading to Nirvana. It was not a testable status as the nirvana is an achievement after the death.

There are various ideas and theories on how religions were emerged in this world. It is quite clear that fear of human led to the beginning of religions and the thinking patterns of human supported to religious beliefs that supported to come out of fear. The of worshiping materials, animal or powerful and distance objects of the universe such as sun, moon, stars, mountains, oceans and any other helped to get mental relief. The most important and similarities of religions is that they fundamentally focus on a life after death, which means individuals lose the material body and after death remain only soul or spirit. Aristotle stated after the death of human remain only HUMANNESS and Plato explained that people are living in a cave of shadows and illusions chained by ignorance and apathy. The life after death is a status without a material body which has no eyes to see and ears to hear what is going in the world. In such a situation, can dead human see or identify something and how it happens is a question that religious philosophies have not answered so far. When people are living in a cave of shadows chained by ignorance and illusion, it is easy to create madness of

