

**RELIGION AND INDIAN POLITICS**

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**ABSTRACT**

“Religion is the spiritual realization. Religion is not talk, or doctrines or theories, nor is it sectarianism. Religion cannot live in sects and societies. It is the relation between the soul and God... Wherever there are business and business principles in religion, spirituality dies. Religion does not consist in erecting temples or building churches or attending public worship. It is not to be found in books, or in words, or in lectures, or in organizations”. However, political leaders in India are using it differently to their democratic gain, and common people have to face its consequence. Hence, we should always alert.

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India is the country of multilingual, multi-religion and multi-culture. In spite of these differences, people live altogether with integration and harmony. It is the unity in diversity. The Constitution of India directs with stringent principles to safeguard the interest of each citizen of multi-differences [1]. By any means, violation of it is punishable offense and it is non-patriotic. In its democracy, elected representatives and their opponents from lower to upper houses take oath to protect its secular nature, and they are determined to protect its integration and communal harmony. However, in practice, different political parties of India of ruling governments and its opponents do not bother to obey the directive principles of state policy of our constitution. Especially, they use badly the religion as CAPITAL of their political business, while the Indian Constitution never allows this.

That’s why, Sri Rabindranath Tagore commented rightly, “there has a race to be known as politicians, whose ideals do not match with larger ideals. They could tell spurious uncountable. They are so much furious that they could not leave their greed to occupy another nation in relation to providing freedom to their own nation. This race of politicians spreads the poison of fractualization. They think that they are only doers of good things so that they could tell false to complete their doings. That’s why, we could praise them, but we do not respect them” [2].

Swami Vivekananda viewed, “Religion is the spiritual realization. Religion is not talk, or doctrines or theories, nor is it sectarianism. Religion can not live in sects and societies. It is the relation between the soul and God... Wherever there are business and business principles in religion, spirituality dies. Religion does not consist in erecting temples or building churches, or attending public worship. It is not to

be found in books, or in words, or in lectures, or in organizations” [3]. Swamiji also shared, “the religions of the world are not contradictory or antagonistic. They are but various phases of one eternal religion. That one eternal religion is applied to different planes of existence, is applied to the opinions of various minds and various races. There never was my religion or yours, my national religion or your national religion; there never existed many religions; there is only one. On Infinite religion existed all through eternity and will ever exist, and this religion is expressing itself in various countries in various ways. Therefore we must respect all as far as we can. Religions manifest themselves not only according to race and geographical position....” [3].

It is very much unfortunate that political leaders use to address the sayings of these great heroes in public gathering almost every day. However, they do not abide by these sayings themselves. They are very much target oriented to lure the citizen differently when poverty, ill-health, and unemployed are paramount. They cultivate religious-political conflict to save them from public accountability differently.

As sincere and conscious citizen of India we, general mass should be understood it and to save ourselves from any type of provocation of these political leaders. They are thinking for their own, we should rethink of our own. Religious conflict would destroy our unity in diversity what Swamiji always alerted us.

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