

A Study on Understanding Role of Religious Reader in Peace Building in a Nation Like India

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Today's youth are lacking behind in promoting peace in Indian society. Youth are not getting proper guidance and are misled to engage in many violent activities such as mob lynching, terrorism, genocide, robbery etc. In countries like India, religion plays a pivotal role in driving people. Religious sentiment is a major concern for government as well as people in the nation. All religions in India have its own religious leaders known by different names like Baba and Guru in Hinduism. These leaders spread their respective religion with their ideologies. Interestingly, religious ideologies explained by these leaders contradict each other which is the major concern. Moreover, religion has good influence in the Indian politics. Politicians do use religion as a major agenda to get votes in order to win election. Common people are more likely get influenced by religious sentiment which is the major concern communal violence in India. This present day situation demands attention to the role of religious leader in building peace in the nation like India where people from diverse religion, caste, race, class live. The paper intend to explore effective skills of religious leaders that are necessary in the contemporary complex world through discussing diverse issues and their role in bringing peace in the nation. The paper also try to look for amicable solutions to make religion as means of building peace, harmony among youth in the country.

The study is based on desk review and critically examines the religious quotes, saying to have deeper meaning of the issue. The influence of politics, nationalism is very evident in religion which lead to communal violence in the country. Religions should not be used as a tool to gain political power.

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