



A Chance Of Only Once In Lifetime

Today is the third day from the expiry of the Inter-Faith Dialogue program, organized by The Foundation For Universal Responsibility Of His Holiness The Dalai Lama.

A sense of nostalgia has been floating on the wall of my mind since that particular morning of our final day. As I peel the layers of my memory back to the journey that we covered, there is a tremens sense of gratitude and complacency for the blissful moments. Personally, a fortnight of spiritual journey has injected me the ethical and value-based education, far better than a couple of years of teacher/text centric methodology of imparting education in the college. The angle of happiness and motivation kissed on my forehead to see about the program in the mid of my annual university examination for I obtained a precious opportunity to utilize my leisure hours of holiday in a meaningful way.

Generally, a duration of two days for each particular religious session is obviously too short to touch and imbibe an unheard and voluminous tradition. Notwithstanding, I felt over elated for it happened at least once in lifetime and what we have afterwards is the footprints that we left in each step. Here, the discussion oriented teaching and the interactive sessions for educating the insight values of each tradition have been main tool for us. Each session has been the most blissful milestones of our life.

After all, whether it is a tradition of Guru(Sikhism) , Allah(Islam), God(Christianity),Krishna(Hinduism) or Self fashioning(Jainism and Buddhism),what we have the real gem of essence in store is the core value of all religion is the upliftment of ethical quest and basic human values of love and human fellowship. Religion is a way of living and it is the founding institution of spiritual values. Religion is the engine where spirituality is the fuel. Apart from the different approaches of the concept of creation, all religions lay emphasis for the purification of human soul for eternal happiness and harmony.

Personally, I learned to respect other beliefs of understanding their goodness and virtues in the essence of their principles. I was mesmerized by the universal impartial love and charity of the Silkism, universal brotherhood of Islam, sacrificial redemption and glorification of Mother (***The kingdom of paradise lies on the feet of mother.***), the simplicity and benevolent livelihood of

Jainism and down to earth implementation of the Rama Krishna Movement. The dialogue based sessions cleansed the patches of doubts and erstwhile misconceptions such as the stereotypical concept of Islamic Terrorism. My blurring percept of politicians as the biggest terrorist has logically and informatively proved by the sessions. Significant values of different symbols of each tradition made to respect their worthwhile values.

However, while journeying the milestones of the different and diverse traditions, what I was dissatisfied is the boundary between the kingdom of human and animals. The devaluation of animal life in the fake concept of balancing the food chain in the nature diverged my appreciation for their supreme values.

After all, this sacred spiritual journey medicated my infected and afflicted attitude of temporary physical comfort and self centric approach in the sail of life. It added a chapter in my life which reminds me that there is a better, holier and long lasting path towards perpetual happiness over material livelihood in the long and perennial journey of life. Religious essences and intrinsic appeals are a sort of campus, directing the ship of human epistemological to a righteous way. Apart from beneficiary in my personal life, it enriched me with the strength to share what I was gifted with my friends and other people in my circle and encourage them to participate in the program in the future.

Above all, I owe my deepest thankfulness for the foundation for initiating this esteemed program for the youngsters and may His Holiness life will prolong for thousands of kalpas for illuminating the path of enlightenment for the whole sentient being.



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