

# Rampant Religious Extremism in the World as Manifestation of Human Nature

## 1-Introduction

Thesis statement: As the human nature is more religious-oriented, it is more prone to religiously-inspired extremism. Religious extremism has eroded the world peace which is the true manifestation of human nature. Religious tolerance and cohesion is an anchor sheet to curb this evil.

## 2-Conceptualising the Religious Extremism

- a) Seeking identity by exploiting religious sentiments
  - i) Emergence of TLP in Pakistan
- b) Lack of rule of law
  - i) No punishment to the perpetrators of Ahmadi's mosque vandalisers.
- c) Distrust of aliens
  - i) Hitler ouster and massacre of jews
- d) Religious intolerance
  - i) Jharamwala incident
- e) Religious extremism for political gains
  - i) RSS Hindutva Ideology

## 3- Aftermaths of Religious Extremism

- a) Societal deterioration and violence
- b) Threat to minorities' lives.

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- c) Decline in inter-faith relations
- d) Cultural erosion
- e) Psychological impacts

#### 4- How to Curb Religious Extremism?

- a) Promotion of interfaith harmony.
- b) Promotion of diversity
- c) Advocate interfaith dialogue
- d) Severe punishment for the perpetrators
- e) Education and awareness

#### 5- Conclusion

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"What's needed, is not the end of religion, but the end of religious intolerance" (Abhijit Naskar). This means that religious intolerance is the only factor which has spoiled the world's peace. In today's world, human nature by seeking identity and weak rule of laws have enticed the religious extremism in different countries. The distrust among human beings and for political gains have furthered the evil of religious extremism which is the true manifestation of human nature. Recently, witnessed Jhansiwala incident, in which numbers of Christian dwellers houses were destroyed by the Muslims of that area is an appalling scourage of religious extremism. A numbers of other examples are present which reflects the human nature, heavily influenced by the religious extremism. As the human nature is more

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