

VALUE OF HUMAN LIFE IN LIGHT OF DIFFERENT RELIGIONS

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PURPOSE:

Research means explaining of different religions in contrast of human value.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY: The present study was basically historical in nature and based mainly on the review of related literature.

FINDING:

Human life can not be wasted in any case. There is no permission in any religion of the world that a man may kill or may be killed.

KEY WORDS:

Islam, Judaism, Sikhism, Christianity, Buddhism.

ABSTRACT:

Almighty Allah selected the human being through all of His creatures to manage this universe. Almighty Allah described the grace positions of man before the angels in these words:

"In deed I created the man as a viceroy on the earth. As if man is better than angles".

Man's superiority was raised by these words:

"Man was shaped by Almighty Allah".

A man's position was exalted over the others creatures. Because Almighty Allah said in

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respect of all other things whether they are living or non-living, the word (Be) and it is. But in honour of man the word was used:

Raised the respect of man it is said, viz: soul of Almighty Allah is included with the human matter. In Holy Quran it is clear that only human being is attached with soul of Almighty Allah in the universe without other creatures and things. But Angels were ordered by Almighty Allah to bow before the image of Hazrat Adam (A.S) who is the father of all human being.

All respect and honour has been given to man over all creatures in the universe.

If we study the others religions of world, they did give also value to human being in comparison with other things.

In Judaism human respect has great value. There is no permission to kill person without any reason. In Such a way, the society goes from bad to worse.

Christianity also gives the greatest value to human being. Christianity is a divine religion too.

In Indian religions, Hinduism, Budha'ism, Sikh'ism also give important value to human beings.

In short human being has great value almost in every religion and naturally also.

SIGNIFICANCE:

Now a days human life has no values because of the present circumstances The object of this paper is to explain and highlight the importance of human life in respect of the teachings of different religions of the world.

RESEARCH QUESTION:

1. What is the value of human life in Islam?
2. What is the Importance of human life in Judaism?
3. What is the Importance of human life in Buddhism?
4. What is the Importance of human life in Christianity?
5. What is the Importance of human life in Hinduism?

VALUE OF HUMAN LIFE IN ISLAM:

There have been many prophets in history sent by Almighty Allah for the guidance of

people to keep them on right path. All the prophets of Allah Almighty preached. In this way name was given "Al-Islam" to the religion.

Islam gives right to everybody to live. There is no permission in Islam to anybody to kill other person. Islam also did not allow anybody to kill himself (suicide).

Man is the mirror of Almighty Allah. Islam forbade the people to be cruel to others.

Almighty Allah says in Holy Quran:

"Live in your limit and don't cross it". (Al-Quran, Al-Maida, 87)

Indeed Allah Almighty does not like those people who cross their limits. In this verse there is no permission in any case to be cruel to human being and to give others loss to achieve personal interest.

Therefore Allah Almighty considers, killing of one person is a killing of all humanity. Almighty Allah says in Holy Quran:

"If anybody murders anyone without any reason while it is not life for life and not creating of any disturbance in the world as if it is murder of all humanity and in contrast of it if any person saves the life of other person as if he saves the life of all mankind.

Meaning of this verse is the killing of anybody is considered the killing of all humanity. Because any person who commits the killing of anybody without any reason means he does not respect the humanity. So such person is not a human but he is a wild beast and there is no value or respect in his heart about humanity. If such person finds any chance, he will kill anybody to satisfy his desires or to fulfill his interest. Such a man is a wild animal. All the humanity will be at risk because of these people and all the society will be unprotected.

So Allah Almighty explained in Holy Quran the value of human being.

Almighty Allah made the law of equality which is prescribed to you in cases of murder, the free for the free and slave for the slave etc:

Although it looks very awkward or heavy. superficially thinking people may assume that Qisas also takes human life and causes its extermination. Rather acts as a bar on the crimes.

Almighty Allah describes in Holy Quran:

"O wise people, there is life for you in taking avengement on basis of equality". (Al-Quran, Baqara: 179)

It is explained in light of this verse the murder will be fearful, if he commits the murder then he will be killed in turn. In this way he will not have courage to kill any person. In a society

where such law prevails there will not be bloodshed and killing, this society will be protected from all these evil things. Such society will be peaceful thoroughly.

Hence killing of one person without reason is the killing of all humanity. So it is forbidden in Islam for the protection of all .

(Usmani, 2001), Mulana Shabir Ahmad Usmani describes, when any body killed any person and then the heirs of killed person found anybody who belonged to the family of killing person, they killed him and such as way a long series of battle and bloodshed began between these two parties. Hundreds of people were killed.

If real killer was killed the no battle started between them. In this way many lives of people had been saved in Arabia.

Arab people also killed their off-springs because of financial difficulties.

In clear words of Quranic verses there is no permission in Islam, in any case, of killing of issues because of hunger and poverty. Because the sustainer is only Almighty Allah. The parents may not kill their children because of hunger and poverty. Allah Says in Holy Quran:

"Don't murder your children due to fear of hunger. We give livelihood (sustenance) to you and to them". (Al-Quran, Bani Israil, 31).

In light of Prophet (Peace be upon Him) sayings:

"It is the biggest sin after partnership with Almighty Allah"

is the saying of Holy Prophet (PBUH)

(Bukhari, 2000). You kill your children with this fear that will eat with you. (It is not good act). Not only this but Islam also forbade the people to eliminate the life of any person, that is clear in Holy Quran. While there is no permission in Islam to do suicide because of bad circumstances of days. This life is a trust from Almighty Allah to man. It should not be eliminated because of any reasons too.

Almighty Allah says in Holy Quran:

"Don't kill yourselves because Almighty Allah is very kind to you". (Al-Quran, Al-Nsai : 29) It means suicide is also a great sin. Committing sin is a cause of destruction. So to kill Muslim without any reason is also great sin. Because all the Muslims are like a single body. So their killing means to kill oneself too.

VALUE OF HUMAN LIFE IN LIGHT OF SAYINGS OF PROPHET (PBUH)

It is reported by Hazrat Abu Huraira (R.A) the Prophet (PBUH) said:

(Bukhari, 2000) said Prophet (PBUH) "When any person killed himself by suffocating, this act of suicide he performs in Hell and who murders himself by spear or lance he does such act in Hell".

In the prescribed saying of Prophet (PBUH) the suicidal act is forbidden.

(Tirimizi, 1999), It is reported by Bara bin Aazeb (R.A):

The Prophet (PBUH) said, "Spoiling of all the world (destruction) is easier than the killing of a believer without any reason".

In this saying it has been told that without any crime or reason killing of any person was a heavy act.

It is considered a great sin for which there is no forgiveness by Almighty Allah.

Moreover, Prophet (PBUH) forbade to raise hand against believer or making thing which causes to give him grief.

(Muslim, 1995), It is reported by Abu Huraira (R.A):

Said Prophet (PBUH), "Nobody make, sign with arms or lance (spear) to make other Muslim brother afraid. It may be, the Satan Snatch that equipped to attack that person and kill him. That person will be guilty and will be put into Hell.

In hereafter (on doomsday) The first decision will be done about human blood shedding and killing.

(Hanbal: 1978), It is reported by Abdulah Bin Masood (R.A). The Prophet (PBUH) said, "On doomsday first decision will be done about murder among the people.

It means unlawful killing (without any reason) and murderer will be punished.

In short, Islam gave more value to human life than other religions. It has taken good steps for protection of human life. It can be understood well.

IMPORTANCE OF HUMAN LIFE IN JUDAISM:

In fact Judaism is a divine religion. It is counted in Sa'mi. Religions if it is studied. The holy scripture of Judaism (Ehad Nama Etique) Old Testaments (Etique) it is clear that Ehad Nama Etique orders to eliminate the life of enemies and foe.

As in Kitabul Kharooj (20:22), Istis'n'a 20-13-14-16,17, 2:23:34, Ginti 31:7,16,17 has

been described. But in that contrast if we study the common teaching of Jews then it is clear, human life has great importance and that cannot be eliminated with any reason.

In ten instructions of Hazrat Moses , the value of human life is clearly described.

Different books of old scripture (old testaments) (Khrooj 20,13, Istis'na: 5,17). Do not kill anyone".

In Gosble, Hazrat Dawood explained the value of human life "The code of Amlmighty Allah is perfect and it restores the life of human being.

(Zaboor: 7:9) system of equality is such which law provides the protection to human being. If anybody believes that in killing other person his own life will be in danger and he must be killed in revenge, he will not have the courage to kill other person and he will never think of killing.

In old testaments (Ehad'e Nama Etique) it is clearly described that if any person kills other with iron rod or any equipment or with stone, he will be considered murderer and he will be also killed in turn.

(Ginti: 19,16:35). This law has also been described in Kitabul-Ahbar, and Kitabul-Kharooj. If any person kills any body without any reason or murder has been proved by witnesses, the killer can not be pardoned and blood money is not acceptable because the killing of human being creates disturbance throughout the country.

In Ginti, if any person will be committed of killing he must be killed in the light of witness. It is not permitted to take blood money but the murderer must be killed in turn. In the country whome you live, don't make it impure because blood shedding makes the country dirty and impure. (Ginti 35: 30-33)

So in light of Judaism teaching it is clearly described that human life is very costly and you cannot kill any person without any reason. Killing of one human bieng tantamounts to the killing of an entire human race.

VALUE OF HUMAN LIFE IN SIKH'ISM:

(Tara Chund, 2007) The value of human being can be judged in Sikh'ism keeping in view that in their religion killing with any reason and suicide are forbidden and unlawful. So that human life may get protection.

Guro Nank says that God issued order to go to the world and told them a word:

"That every coming person is welcome".

Killing without any reason should be stopped.

(Tip, G, 2006), According to Sikhism, the person who commit suicide are considered as slaughterers. Those people who kill other without any reason or crime are considered as committed heavy sins. It is the responsibility of Almighty Allah to protect the human being and it is forbidden to give pain to any person.

(Girinth 1995), O' dear, It is the order of Almighty Allah not to put any body into trouble even ant should be protected from any pain or trouble.

O'dear those people who lead their lives humbly, gently and courageously they reach the highest grade of mankind and succeed in arriving their goal easily without any difficulty. These people have high status in the world.

In the light of Sikhism, such people are successful.

THE VALUE OF HUMAN LIFE IN CHRISTIANITY:

The deep study of Christianity clarifies that great value is given to human life. In Christianity human relationship is based on forgiveness, beariness, affection and turning the evil into goodness.

In light of new testaments techniques disturbance and violence is not liked in Christianity. It consists of forgiveness and peace and forgiving the enemy and not taking revenge. There is teaching of Non-violence with foes.

According to Matti book "You have heard that it had been described the people who passed before you did not kill any person without any reason if any person committed a murder he was be punished to death by the Court,as well.

"But I say to you," Don't be angry with your brother if any does so he will deserve the punishment by Court. Even if any person calls his brother insane he must be desereved by the Chief justice of Court to give him punishment.

(Matti, 5:21,22). According to the Biblical teachings who deprives any person from his/her life without any reason he will be punished in Hell.

Hazrat Jesus addressing the people explained O'Showey people, Rabbies, Alas! On you "You are the off-springs of those people who killed the prophets of Almighty Allah "How will

you save yourselves from the fire of Hell. Lo, I have sent you prophets , pious and learned people and you have killed some of them and have tortured some of them.

(Matti: 34,31,23). Killing of man is an act which makes the killer impure and makes him worse among the people so that is why blood shedding, act of debauchery, act of rape and adultery make the society impure.

(Matti: 20,19,15). It is the worst token for the man who performs the act of killing without any reason and deprives the other person from his life. In the letter Yohana "Who killed his brother and why did he kill? Because his acts were not good.

(Yohana, 41:15). In light of Christianity human blood does not go waste. It is mentioned in "Loqua" book. Those people who were killed from Habel to Zakria, or killed in Holy Altar. Varily these people will be asked about their killing.

(Loqua, 11:15). It is great sin to help any body or take part in conspiracy to kill an innocent person.

When Yahoda Askariyout helped the Rabbies and priests arresting Jesus (Hazrat Easa) and when he saw Jesus prosecuted then he repented and he went to the Chief Rabbi, priest abbots with thirty Gold coins and confessed his crime that he has committed crime in getting an innocent person incriminated.

(Matti, 27: 13,4). In Christianity, those people who kill innocent person are considered the off-springs of Satan and not Adam.

When Jews intended to kill Jesus (A.S) He addressed them in these words: "If you are the off-springs of Hazrat Abraham, then you should act like your prophet, you should not kill a person who preaches you oneness of Allah and guides you righton the path on which your success lies". Then they replied him that they were not born unlawfully. Their father is one. viz God. At this Jesus addressed them if your father is God then you should love me because I was sent by God I did not come here with my own will. Why do you not understand my words?"

If you do not hear my message you belong to Ablees (Satan) and you want to fulfill ambitions of your father (satan) who is naturally a blood shedding evil.

In light of Christianity it is quite clear that there is a great value of human life and condemnations of killing without any reason in Cristianity.

THE VALUE OF HUMAN LIFE IN HINDUMAT (HINDUISM):

In Hinduism, human life has very great importance. It is clearly explained that if any person is commits a crime of killing without any reason he can be punished by three ways:

1. Confiscation of property.
2. Exile, (Banishment from Country)
3. Punishment of death.

(Ban 2001) writes in Tamadan Hind (Civilization of Hind) in major crimes as killing (Homicide) etc, the criminal be punished to death or banished or his property will be confiscated.

(Chanika, 2004). The duties of different castes of Hindus in Hidumat are described in detail.

DUTIES OF KHESKTHRIES:

(1)To study of Va'des (their religious scriptures)(2) to give sacrifices,(3) to give charities,(4) to join the Army and(5) to save the lives of people.

Generally in the battle field common people kill one another on a large scale. The rival parties in establishing their monopoly do not care in killing common or innocent people but in Hinduism only there is permission to kill persons of rival party at time of war or in battle field.

Those people who do not take part in the battle or war their killing is forbidden.

(Manu, 2003) According to the laws of Manu such enemy should not be killed who has taken shelter by running away on high place and Eunuch should not be killed even. Neither such a person should be murdered who begs for life nor fearful fatigued person should be murdered. Such person also should be spared who surrender before you.

In religious points of view of noble people at the time of war or battle non_participating people, coward persons, lying in senseless position or state, naked , un armed persons, spectators, ladies and children who are in the company of your enemy, troubled people, grieved persons, very wounded person, flee away person should be spared by the warriors.

Such kind of people should be arrested and kept in prison. All kinds of facilities such as food, cloth should be provided to them. Wounded persons should be treated well. Especially, women, children, old people, sad people should be looked after well.Facilities should be given to them.

According to Hindu religion, there should be bycot (cut off relationship) with those people who do not give importance to human life because it is very costly.

(Manu, 2003), Don't establish relationship with those murderer who have killed women and children even if these people have paid blood money because they do not deserve any concession. Killing of such murderers is considered a right act.

(Manu, 2003). According to Manu laws when any murderer comes with ill-will for killing then such person may be killed without any doubt.

Whether that person is his teacher, his son, , or an old person or priest. Killing of murderer is no crime.

(Manu, 2003) In Hindu religion, the human life has great importance. There is permission to eat unlawful things to save the life.

The cow which has status of the god in Hindu religion. The Hindu worship her. It is a sacred creature in Hindu religion but in case of saving life the meat of cow may be eaten. Besides if any life is in danger flesh of dog can be used to save the life. So according to laws of Manu a normal person, in state of hunger, may eat dog's flesh to save his life.

(Manu, 2003). Speaking truth is a good manner. But in case of saving the life you may tell a lie. Lie is considered as good when truth becomes cause of death.

(Mean, 2003) Va'sh, Khistar'I or Barham can tell a lie because such lie has preference over truth.

In short Hindumat also gives very importance to human life and human life is invaluable.

CONCLUSION:

In the light of different religions, the value of human life has been explained. First of all Islamic view has been described. Islam is a religion of nature. It is last of the Devine religions. It has granted a great value to human being as God's Viceroy.

Similarly Judaism is also a divine religion. There is a sever punishment for those who killed any person without any reason.

Christianity also gives an important value to human life. The founder of that religion Jesus Christ (Hazrat Esa (A.S) made a policy of non-voilence in which sanctity of human life has been explained.

In this respect, the Indians religions such as Hinduism, Budhmat, Sikhmat also give the value to human life and extend respect to it.

Causing trouble or killing any person is considered a worse act. Confiscation of property, exile or punishment of death is imposed on those people who kill anybody with any reason.

So all these prescribed religions agree to respect humanity.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It should be studied all the religions of the world in the light of human life.

Those people who did not give any value to human life in the part they are considered as the worst creature.



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