



**RELIGIOUS PREACHING AS ENVIRONMENTALISM IN THE LIGHT OF DANIEL QUINN'S
*THE STORY OF B***

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ABSTRACT

Environmentalism or a movement to initiate awareness and protect natural world among the people living in society is an endless and incessant process, which can never be accomplished in the Morden World. Once upon time ecological preservation had a slogan of “save earth” but the recent decade pupils understood that the people living in particular temporal space will be dead in the same biotic sphere. It is quite normal people living in this post pandemic period be aware of that to save nature is to save humanity. Morden man civilization or the mother culture teaches that Man is superior to nature and he can have dominance over nature but the real thing is that man is not an Independent being but a dependent soul who lives in natural world. Man can never ignore the nature frame work he can never lead a life in vacuum s space without biotic sphere. This research paper tries to explore the religion that stood with nature and the religion which acts as a binary opposition to nature is examined. This research paper is entitled as “Environmentalism as Religious Preaching in the light of Daniel Quinn’s The Story of the B”. Here the character B (Charles Atterly) is an environmentalist a preacher he spreads natural values and he is considered as a Antichrist, it is believed that people who worship other than Jesus were considered as a anti Christ. Here antichrist is killed by catholic Clergy people for preaching about environmental values. Religion or culture is developed by man but manmade knowledge stood against the natural world the depredation did by religion is explicated in this research paper. This Research paper explicates the relation between Pagan Worship and Animism.

Keywords: Environmentalism, Antichrist, Paganism, Animism



INTRODUCTION:

“Ecology without Nature”

In the 21st Century people are very much aware of natural degradation and depredation and people are very much interested to save the world from the great destruction, and every one are aware of Environmentalism as movement to save humanity. But the above slogan depicts the real meaning behind our movement that is “Ecology without Nature”. We are famously using the dictum Ecology and Ecological preservation but we have lost the natural world. Preservation is done to the damaged nature. In the modern Technocratic world people are replacing nature with AI robots, but they are failed to realise about the basic idea that in future the theory post humanism don't means the Human being replaced by machines but the machines and man will be replaced nature. That is present day world will be destroyed and new world with new nature. In prose piece entitled “Natural Contract” Michel Series argues that people are not caring the physical world they are living in, he addresses that we fail to notice the common phenomena that is they die in the space temporal space in which they live in. The work chosen for the study may not summarises the present day scenario instead in addresses the mistake of the first Taker(Civilized man). Histories are meant to correct the future the same is with this selected work by explicating the first mistake, we can bring ecological consciousness in young minds.

Daniel Quinn and “The Story of B”

Daniel Quinn an Eco activist, Cultural critic an anthropologist who was born in October 11 1935, an American writer who is also known for his famous term “New tribalism”, and his magnum opus work is *Ishmael* which falls under a trilogy. This trilogy includes the works *The Story of the B* and *My Ishmael*. Here in this sequel the first book deals with the knowledge that shared in between Gorilla (that symbolizes nature) and Man, secondly the knowledge is shared between Man and Man then third once again from Gorilla to woman. When the teaching is done between different gender types the outcome is different. Here the environmental values are preached from nature to nature (wisdom that gained from nature), then in the second novel the knowledge is shared from man to man (wisdom that gained from fellow being) in the Third novel once again Nature to Woman (wisdom that gained from real understanding from nature).



Environmentalism as a religious preaching:

In the novel the story of B we come across a character called Charles Atterly who teaches environmentalism to particular group of people in Germany and this practice of teaching environmentalism is against particular group of Religious people. Because the Earth can never be saved by nature but they believed in one religion and one saviour (Jesus Christ and Christianity). This made the religious group to spy Mr. B, the man who spied Mr. B is Jared Osborne, Catholic priest, he went to the places where B went and he learnt everything what B said about nature, mother culture what religion is all about and he also understood which was the first mans religion, the Religion that stood with nature. At one point B was murdered for being as an antichrist. Here B is considered to be as an antichrist only because he is preaching the supremacy of nature. He makes his follower to understand that in the beginning of Human Civilization religion and nature was intertwined. We are having a common belief that Paganism is the religion that inclined over nature but Paganism itself the religion of Farmers. The very first religion that should with natural frame work is animism. In the story of B he addresses environmentalism as a religion that opposes Christianity. The entire novel talks about the preaching done by the character B, when B is dead other woman in the group changed her as B (Shirley), when Shirley is dead Jared Osborn the Catholic priest who came to spy B itself later will be changed as B. Here the main idea is that the concept of giving awareness about ecology is initiated by the character B. Then in his novel the character B is constantly changing that means the ideology said by person can be dead but their ideology hat spread in the world can never be erased.

Animism

Animism relates human being nature and Religion; life should resonate as a whole. The theme of Environmentalism relates itself with wilderness and religion man's first religion is animism that propagates life as whole. In Present day scenario human beings turned them against nature in that case all human beings had a belief in religion that religion should go with hand and hand with each other, one such religion is animism. World religions that follow the ideology of animism are Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism, Zen

Animism and Story of B:

Animism is the a religious belief that all natural phenomena, including human beings, animals and plants, rocks, lakes, mountains, weather, and so on, share one vital quality the soul or spirit everything plays an important role to lead a life. According to B it is considered as life on the earth should resonate as a whole thing it should not be as a human beings world each and everything around human beings are important,



not only the human beings to be saved but all the biotic sphere to be saved. That is preaching about natural world and animism is unlike Christianity, because Christianity tries to save humanity but animism tries to protect natural world and humanity living within the same space.

Conclusion:

The Key argument of this research paper is that religion supports nature or opposes nature I conclude this paper by quoting lines from “ Religion: The Crimes Against Nature and the Environment” – They have no argument against Jesus, Socrates, or al-hillaj Mansoor; their sole argument is crucifixion. For generations, religion has perpetrated several atrocities. Every religion believes that others are wrong, and the simplest method to correct them is to cut off their heads. In the name of God, Christians have killed Jews and Muslims; Muslims have killed Christians and Hindus; and Hindus have killed Muslims and Buddhists. What kind of God do you have? According to the above logic, all faiths have conquered nature for land and other goods. In basic terms, environmentalism should be regarded a religion, because no God can save mankind; only nature can save humanity.

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