

Inclusive Religious Pluralism as an Imperative Tool for Redressing the Inequalities, Hate, & Marginalization Created by Christian Missionaries in Different Parts of the Globe.

Abstract

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Globally, Christian missionary activities have significantly changed and reshaped different societies for good. Missionaries successfully used education and medical institutions as tools to bring people out of different deplorable situations, including poverty, ignorance, and poor quality of life. Nonetheless, the content and teachings of different Christian missionaries have largely promoted religious exclusivism, hate, racism, and inferior/superior mentality in different parts of the world. This paper seeks to promote the theology of inclusive pluralism for today's missionary mindset as a major departure from the previously dominant exclusivist Christian theology or even its more recent inclusive theology that operates on the principle of Christianity as a superior religion over other religions. This paper seeks to demonstrate inclusive religious pluralist theology as a pluralist theology that is deeply engrained in the Christian understanding of the divinity of Christ and its universal applicability regardless of religious differences. Moreover, it will also demonstrate how inclusive pluralism is an appropriate mindset that will ensure a paradigm shift in the content of the teaching of Christian missionaries. The goal is for inclusive pluralist theology to flavor the Christian teaching and mindset such that the Christian message and approach of missionaries are respectful of other religious traditions. This paradigm shift also hopes to present Christian missionary activities not as some competitive enterprise but a mission for mutually building harmony and healthy human society with other bona fide religious traditions in any milieu Christian missionaries find themselves.