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PHILOSOPHY

Doctoral Theses

452. AAMIR (Riyaz)
Religious Belief in Islam: From A 20th Century Analytic Philosophy Perspective.
Supervisor : Prof. Ashok Vohra.
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Abstract

Presents the concept of religious beliefs in Islam from a twentieth century analytic philosophy's perspective tries to find out the similarities between Islamic and Wittgenstein's concept of religious beliefs. Discusses the concept of religious beliefs in Islam and according to Wittgenstein explicates Iqbal's philosophy and its application to the interpretation and analysis of religious belief concludes with remarks of Wittgenstein - What is being said is not that worship and praise have no place in a religious life, but rather than that they are worthless if there is no amending in one's ways and one's doings. Like many other beliefs, religious beliefs too are matters of heart and soul, love, trust and faith. Wittgenstein has an intense desire for moral and spiritual purity. The similar viewpoint is given by the most important contemporary Islamic philosopher, Mohammad Iqbal in the third part of his famous collection of Ghazal " Bang-e-Dara" which was published in 1924. One of his famous couplets from this collection reveals that if your heart is not pure then there is no meaning in offering namaz. If you are not pure by heart, your intention is not pure, then your prayer is not accepted in the sight of Allah.

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453. DEVASIA M. A.
**Hermeneutic Understanding and Meaning in Religious
Language: An Elucidation with Reference to Adi Samkara,
Wittgenstein and Derrida.**
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Abstract

Explores the question of hermeneutic understanding and meaning in religious language with reference to some chosen works of the trinity of philosophers: Adi Samkara, Wittgenstein and Derrida. Beginning with a close look at the problematic of religious language and the matrix of inter-related issues that emanates from it describes religious language as the religious use of any given natural language. Further in wrestling with the problem of meaning in religious language, venture into the domain of hermeneutics and shows the significance of the hermeneutic character of understanding and meaning in religious language. Strives to philosophically climb up the first step of the trinitarian ladder by engaging the conception of vakyartha-vicarana in comprehending the Samkara interpretation of the most celebrated mahavakya 'tat tvam asi' and contextualises this mahavakya in the wider framework of the fundamental religiophilosophical inquiry called Brahma-jijnasa in the weltanschauung of Adi Samkara. Engages in the thought-world of Wittgenstein, the focal point of discussion is the conception of the depth grammar and its emerging contours in some chosen works of Wittgenstein. Locates the philosophical space of Derrida. After providing a synoptic summary of the philosophical engagement with the three heuristically separate but thematically interrelated steps of the trinitarian ladder. This is the enlightened horizon which opens up, he believes, after having climbed up the trinitarian ladder. In a significant sense, the trinitarian aphorism with which we began our philosophical journey - "In the beginning was the Word"³, "I calmly write: "In the beginning was the Deed!"⁴, and "Words are Deeds"⁵ - signify this enlightened horizon. In fact, such an interpretive understanding is true of any genuine philosophical and religious inquiry.

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