

Understanding Characteristics of Religion within Urban, Rural and Tribal Societies

Radhika Kapur



Abstract: *The individuals, belonging to all communities, i.e. rural, tribal and urban have one of the major goals of bringing about improvements in their overall standards of living. This is regarded as one of the essential goals of individuals, belonging to all occupations, communities and socio-economic backgrounds. The individuals are normally wholeheartedly committed towards achievement of desired goals and objectives. The possessions of strong religious beliefs are regarded as vital. As a consequence, the individuals are able to prepare themselves adequately in carrying out all types of complicated tasks and activities. The individuals reinforce the viewpoint that worshipping the Almighty will be facilitating in putting into operation all types of tasks and activities in a well-organized and regimented manner. Furthermore, individuals will be well-prepared in overcoming all types of setbacks. The characteristics of religion are similar as well as different among individuals, belonging to urban, rural and tribal communities. The individuals need to make sure, they put into operation job duties, which are facilitating in carrying out all types of job duties and responsibilities in a satisfactory manner. Therefore, it is necessary for individuals to acquire an efficient understanding of religion. The main concepts that are taken into account in this research paper are, generation of information regarding characteristics of religion is enriching to individuals in all societies, characteristics of religion within urban, rural and tribal societies and advantages of acquiring an efficient understanding of characteristics of religion.*

Keywords: *Characteristics, Information, Religion, Rural, Societies, Tribal, Understanding, Urban*

I. INTRODUCTION

In India, throughout the country, there are individuals, belonging to urban, rural and tribal societies. In all communities, individuals augment their information regarding the factor that they are required to possess strong religious beliefs. The individuals are possessing good as well as bad viewpoints in terms of various factors. These viewpoints are directly and indirectly associated with religious beliefs and practices. In some of the rural households, the birth of the girls is not appreciated (Chaudhary, n.d.; [1][6]). Preference is given to male children. The individuals possess this viewpoint that male children are assets.

They will contribute efficiently in promoting well-being and goodwill of their families, provided they are given opportunities to do so. On the other hand, girls are regarded as liabilities. There has been reinforcement of viewpoint that they will make demands and will not yield any returns on investment. But in the present existence, transformations are taking place in the viewpoints and perspectives of individuals. The individuals form the viewpoint that they will alleviate the conditions of poverty and promote well-being, when girl is born in a family. Therefore, individuals, belonging to all communities possess different types of viewpoints and perspectives.

Throughout the lives of individuals, they are required to be well-versed in terms of traits of morality and ethics. These are the traits, which are facilitating in promoting well-being and goodwill of others. Furthermore, individuals will reinforce the traits of efficiency, honesty, decency and truthfulness (Clothey, 2006, [2][7][8]). The individuals are putting into practice social work in order to promote well-being of family and community members. The individuals make provision of classes free of cost to individuals, belonging to deprived, marginalised and economically weaker sections of society. Furthermore, if they are from medical professions, they provide medical and health care facilities. In addition, individuals will make donations of various items, i.e. food items, clothing, books, bags, stationary, blankets, kitchen appliances and monetary donations. The individuals are required to ensure, their deeds are proving to be favourable and advantageous to family and community members. As a consequence, individuals will earn good wishes from individuals, whom they are assisting. Therefore, it is well-understood, religions put emphasis on promoting social work.

A. Generation of Information regarding Characteristics of Religion is Enriching to Individuals in all Societies

The individuals, belonging to all communities, categories and socio-economic backgrounds have one of the common goals of bringing about improvements in their overall standards of living. These are formulated in personal and professional lives of the individuals. This is complicated and requires individuals to be well-informed in terms of certain factors. When individuals are wholeheartedly committed towards achievement of desired goals and objectives, they will render an important contribution in augmenting religious beliefs. The individuals have reinforced this viewpoint that worshipping the Almighty will be advantageous to them in the achievement of desired goals and objectives.

Manuscript received on 15 August 2022 | Revised Manuscript received on 28 August 2022 | Manuscript Accepted on 15 September 2022 | Manuscript published on 30 September 2022.

* Correspondence Author (s)

Dr. Radhika Kapur*, Pedagogy and Organizational Culture in Nursery Schools, Delhi University, New Delhi, India. E-mail: radhikakapur2004@hotmail.com

© The Authors. Published by Lattice Science Publication (LSP). This is an [open access](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-nd/4.0/) article under the CC-BY-NC-ND license (<http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-nd/4.0/>)

Understanding Characteristics of Religion within Urban, Rural and Tribal Societies

In other words, individuals have reinforced the viewpoint that religious beliefs will be facilitating in preparing themselves adequately in the achievement of desired goals and objectives. Furthermore, individuals will render an important contribution in overcoming all types of setbacks. The possession of religious beliefs are facilitating to the individuals in doing well in one's job duties and achievement of desired goals. Therefore, it is well-understood, generation of information regarding characteristics of religion is enriching to individuals in all societies, when they are successfully achieving their desired goals and objectives.

The occurrences of various types of problems and challenging situations are regarded as an integral part of personal and professional lives of the individuals. The various factors in terms of which these take place are, job duties, responsibilities, methodologies, techniques, measures, approaches, unawareness in terms of various types of factors and subjects, lack of implementation of time-management skills, work pressure, lack of analytical, critical-thinking and problem-solving skills and so forth. When dilemmas and challenging situations are overwhelming to individuals, they offer prayers. The main reason being, individuals reinforce the viewpoint that possession of religious beliefs are facilitating to the individuals in coping with different types of dilemmas and challenging situations in a satisfactory manner. In other words, individuals will be well-versed in terms of ways to overcome all types of setbacks. The individuals in this manner will contribute efficiently in putting into operation different tasks and activities in a well-ordered and regimented manner. Therefore, it can be stated, generation of information regarding characteristics of religion is enriching to individuals in all societies, when they are able to cope with different types of dilemmas and challenging situations in a satisfactory manner.

Individuals, belonging to all communities, categories and socio-economic backgrounds have different types of goals and objectives to achieve. These are in personal as well as professional lives of individuals. The different types of goals and objectives of individuals, belonging to all communities are, acquisition of good-quality education; getting engaged in employment opportunities; bringing about improvements in one's financial positions; augmenting skills and abilities; enhancing career prospects; promoting family and community well-being; promoting good health and well-being, physically and psychologically; forming an effective social circle; coping with various types of problems and challenging situations in a well-ordered and disciplined manner; leading to up-gradation of overall personality traits and bringing about improvements in overall standards of living. As a consequence of honing determination levels, individuals will have to possess strong religious beliefs. The individuals have reinforced this viewpoint that worshipping the Almighty will enable them to be well-prepared. As a consequence, they will contribute efficiently in coping with different types of challenging situations in an appropriate manner and generating desired outcomes. Therefore, generation of information regarding characteristics of religion is enriching to individuals in all societies, when

they are committed towards achievement of goals and objectives.

II. CHARACTERISTICS OF RELIGION WITHIN URBAN, RURAL AND TRIBAL SOCIETIES

The individuals are different from each other in terms of number of factors, i.e. castes, creeds, races, religions, ethnicities, genders, occupations, educational qualifications, cultures, traditions, personality traits, communities, and socio-economic backgrounds. In spite of these differences, they have one of the common goals of bringing about improvements in their overall quality of lives. When individuals are wholeheartedly committed towards achievement of desired goals and objectives, they will render an important contribution in augmenting religious beliefs (Social Well-being, n.d., [3][9][10]). The individuals have reinforced this viewpoint that worshipping the Almighty will be advantageous to them in the achievement of desired goals. The possession of religious beliefs are facilitating to the individuals in doing well in one's job duties and achievement of desired goals. Therefore, when conducting research on religion, it is necessary to be well-informed in terms of characteristics of religion within urban, rural and tribal societies. These are stated as follows:

A. Gods and Goddesses

In urban, rural and tribal communities, Gods and Goddesses are worshipped in accordance to the beliefs. Lord Shiva is worshipped in different forms and different names. Lord Hanuman is worshipped and is termed as Sankat Mochan in Ramayana. In accordance to the research studies, the individuals, belonging to rural and tribal communities worship Lord Shiva and Lord Hanuman. The other Gods worshipped are, Brahma, Vishnu, Rama, Agni, Vayu, Valimiki, Jagannath, Sun God, Moon God, Goddess Lakshmi, Goddess Kali, Goddess Saraswati and so forth. The individuals, belonging to all communities possess this viewpoint that as a consequence of worshipping Gods and Goddesses, they will not only lead to progression, but will contribute efficiently in coping with different types of dilemmas and challenging situations.

As a consequence, they will render an important contribution in promoting enhancement of their overall standards of living. An aimless life is a meaningless life. The individuals, belonging to all communities, categories and socio-economic backgrounds have different types of goals and objectives to achieve. The possession of strong religious beliefs will be facilitating in promoting good health and well-being, physically as well as psychologically. As a consequence, individuals will augment their information in terms of ways, which would be facilitating in bringing about improvements in one's overall quality of lives. Therefore, Gods and Goddesses are regarded as one of the indispensable characteristics of religion within urban, rural and tribal societies.



B. Worship of Plants, Trees, Mountains, Rocks and Animals

Among the individuals, belonging to rural and tribal communities, the worshipping of plants, trees, mountains, rocks and animals are considered vital. The individuals, belonging to rural and tribal communities have reinforced this viewpoint that they will be able to contribute efficiently in promoting their well-being and goodwill, when they will worship plants, trees, mountains, rocks and animals. The individuals, belonging to all communities have reinforced the viewpoint that they will promote their prosperity and affluence by worshipping plants, trees, mountains, rocks and animals. The Tulsi plant is considered sacred. It is worshipped by the individuals, belonging to even urban communities. When the individuals make visits to temples, they are able to complete their prayers by tying the sacred red thread on the tree.

The worshipping of Govardhan Mountain is common within the country, which is termed as Govardhan puja. In the Hindu mythology, it is stated that Lord Krishna lifted the Govardhan Mountain to protect the individuals, belonging to the town of Vrindavan from severe rainfall and floods. In the tribal communities, the individuals worship rocks, as they are regarded as divine in their religious beliefs. In India, cow is the sacred animal. Cow is called Gowmata and is considered divine. Therefore, worship of plants, trees, mountains, rocks and animals is one of the significant characteristics of religion within urban, rural and tribal societies.

C. Beliefs in Black Magic and Witchcraft

The individuals, belonging to urban communities, who are professionals and are engaged in good employment opportunities normally do not believe in black magic and witchcraft. They have their own religious norms and values. These have an important influence on overall quality of lives of urban individuals. The individuals, belonging to rural and tribal communities do believe in black magic and witchcraft. They possess their own traditional viewpoints and perspectives. These individuals are either non-literates or possess low literacy skills of reading, writing and arithmetic. In some cases, they possess the viewpoint that practicing black magic and witchcraft will contribute efficiently in providing solutions to all their problems.

The major problems that are prevalent among rural individuals are, poverty, illiteracy, unemployment, homelessness and crime and violence. These give rise to impediments within the course of promoting enrichment of overall standards of living. Hence, individuals are required to make sure, they provide solutions to these in an effective manner. Furthermore, these need to be prevented from assuming a major form. Hence, even in the present existence, they practice these in order to provide solutions to different types of problems in an effective manner. Therefore, beliefs in black magic and witchcraft are a noteworthy characteristic of religion within urban, rural and tribal societies.

D. Ideas of Auspicious and Inauspicious

In all societies, urban, rural and tribal, the individuals possess the ideas of auspicious and inauspicious. Before,

initiating any tasks and activities, they conduct the analysis of factors, which may prove to be auspicious and inauspicious. For example, the individuals may not make purchases of any items made of metal on Saturdays. They form the viewpoint that if they make purchases of any items on Saturdays, it will not prove to be effective and will impose unfavourable effects (Spencer, 2018, [5]). The individuals are required to make sure, they inculcate the traits of morality and ethics.

From the stage of early childhood, throughout the lives of individuals, they are required to be well-versed in terms of certain methods and procedures, which are facilitating in promoting well-being of not only themselves, but also others. The individuals are required to offer prayers in the morning and evening, performing good deeds and not putting into operation any tasks, which would be facilitating in harming others. Furthermore, individuals believe in making donations of various items, i.e. food items, clothing, books, bags, stationary, kitchen appliances, blankets and so forth. These are made to individuals, belonging to deprived, marginalized and economically weaker sections of the society. As a consequence, individuals will promote auspiciousness and encourage good luck. Therefore, ideas of auspicious and inauspicious are a prominent characteristic of religion within urban, rural and tribal societies.

E. Faith in Dreams

An aimless life is considered as a meaningless life. Hence, individuals, belonging to all communities, categories and socio-economic backgrounds have different types of goals and objectives to achieve. These are in personal as well as professional lives of individuals. The different types of goals and objectives of individuals, belonging to all communities are, acquisition of good-quality education; getting engaged in employment opportunities; augmenting skills and abilities; enhancing career prospects; promoting family and community well-being; promoting good health and well-being, physically and psychologically; forming an effective social circle; coping with various types of problems and challenging situations in a well-ordered manner; leading to up-gradation of overall personality traits and bringing about improvements in overall standards of living.

When the individuals are wholeheartedly committed towards achievement of desired goals and objectives, they will have to possess strong religious beliefs. The individuals have reinforced this viewpoint that worshipping the Almighty will enable them to be well-prepared. As a consequence, they will contribute efficiently in coping with different types of challenging situations in an adequate manner and generating desired outcomes. In other words, individuals will be able to achieve their desired goals and objectives in a successful manner. The individuals, belonging to all communities offer their prayers, before they are initiating any tasks and activities. Therefore, faith in dreams is an essential characteristic of religion within urban, rural and tribal societies.

F. Religious Consideration in Dietary Habits

Diet and nutrition is regarded as one of the vital aspects in the lives of the individuals. This is essential in promoting good health from physical as well as psychological perspectives. In some cases, individuals are pure vegetarians and do not consume even eggs. In other cases, they consume their meals only after taking a bath and offering prayers. The individuals with strong religious beliefs observe fasts. In some cases, individuals may consume fruits and water during fasts, whereas, in other cases, only fruits and no water and in other cases, they consume only water. In the Hindu religion, married women observe fasts for the prosperity of their husbands. In this case, they refrain themselves from the consumption of food and water. The individuals normally have a goal behind observing fasts. They want to repent for their sins and wrongdoings. In cases of religious occasions and celebrations as well, the individuals may observe fasts. Hence, it is well-understood that in cases of religious occasions and celebrations as well, the individuals may observe fasts. It is apparently understood that individuals aspire to be successful in the achievement of all types of job duties and functions, hence, keeping fasts would be facilitating in carrying out all types of job duties and activities in a well-ordered and appropriate manner. Therefore, religious consideration in dietary habits is a vital characteristic of religion within urban, rural and tribal societies.

G. Formation of Good and Bad Viewpoints

The individuals are possessing good as well as bad viewpoints in terms of various factors within their lives. These are possessed within as well as outside the homes. These viewpoints are directly and indirectly associated with religious beliefs and practices. In some of the rural households, the birth of the girls is not appreciated. Preference is given to male children. The individuals possess this viewpoint that male children are assets. They will contribute efficiently in promoting well-being and goodwill of their families, provided they are given opportunities to do so. On the other hand, girls are regarded as liabilities (Spencer-Oatey, 2012, [4]). There has been reinforcement of viewpoint that they will make demands and will not yield any returns on investment. But in the present existence, transformations are taking place in the viewpoints and perspectives of individuals. The individuals form the viewpoint that they will alleviate the conditions of poverty and promote well-being, when girl is born in a family. Hence, girls are provided with opportunities to excel in their lives. Hence, it is well-understood, girls are provided with education and opportunities to augment their skills and abilities. Therefore, formation of good and bad viewpoints is a noteworthy characteristic of religion within urban, rural and tribal societies.

H. Superstitions in the Occurrence of Natural Calamities and Disasters

The individuals, belonging to various communities form superstitions regarding the occurrence of natural calamities and disasters. For example, when it rains heavily and there are occurrences of heavy floods, it is believed that the skies are angry. The individuals, begin to conduct the analysis of actions and deeds, which have been negative. This is believed on a comprehensive basis that as a consequence of

occurrences of negative acts, the effects are negative. In India, throughout the country, there have been occurrences of various types of natural calamities and disasters, i.e. earthquakes, floods, draught and so forth. As a consequence, individuals experience loss of wealth, life and property on a comprehensive basis. In most cases, it takes long period of time for individuals to recuperate.

The individuals, belonging to all communities are required to be well-informed in terms of different types of measures and approaches, which would enable them to recuperate. In urban communities, houses are built, which are facilitating to the individuals in coping with problems in an adequate manner. On the other hand, within rural communities, the individuals are overwhelmed by the conditions of poverty, backwardness, illiteracy, unemployment and homelessness. These individuals are required to be well-informed in terms of measures, which would be facilitating in achievement of desired goals. Therefore, superstitions in the occurrence of natural calamities and disasters are a meaningful characteristic of religion within urban, rural and tribal societies.

III. TRAITS OF MORALITY AND ETHICS

Throughout the lives of individuals, they are required to be well-versed in terms of traits of morality and ethics. These are the traits, which are facilitating in promoting well-being and goodwill of others. Furthermore, individuals will reinforce the traits of efficiency, honesty, decency and truthfulness. In addition, they will reinforce the viewpoint that they need to implement the acts and deeds, which would be favourable to other individuals, within as well as outside the homes. The individuals are putting into practice social work in order to promote well-being of family and community members. The individuals make provision of classes free of cost to individuals regarding academic subjects and creative activities, belonging to deprived, marginalised and economically weaker sections of society. Furthermore, if they are from medical professions, they provide medical and health care facilities. In addition, individuals will make donations of various items, i.e. food items, clothing, books, bags, stationary, blankets, kitchen appliances and monetary donations. The individuals are required to ensure, their deeds are proving to be favourable and advantageous to family and community members. As a consequence, individuals will earn good wishes from individuals, whom they are assisting. Therefore, traits of morality and ethics are an essential characteristic of religion within urban, rural and tribal societies.

A. Generation of Awareness

Through religious texts, hymns and sermons, individuals generate information in terms of various factors. Throughout the lives of the individuals, they are required to augment their understanding and generate awareness in terms of various factors, which are necessary in bringing about improvements in one's overall standards of living.



It is apparently understood that individuals aim to promote well-being of themselves, but they are required to work towards promoting well-being and goodwill of community members as well. In the epics of Ramayana and Mahabharata, individuals generate information in terms of various mythological characters and their roles.

Family is regarded as the first and foremost institution, from where learning, growth and development of the individuals take place. Hence, it is of utmost significance for the individuals to form cordial and amiable terms and relationships with family members. One needs to respect parents and elderly family members. Furthermore, all other family members are required to be treated with respect and courtesy. The family members inculcate the traits of diligence and conscientiousness in promoting well-being and goodwill of their family members. Hence, individuals are required to develop mutual understanding with family members. Therefore, generation of awareness is a notable characteristic of religion within urban, rural and tribal societies.

B. Advantages of Acquiring an Efficient Understanding of Characteristics of Religion

From the stage of early childhood, throughout the lives of the individuals, they are required to understand the meaning and significance of religion. The individuals reinforce this viewpoint on a comprehensive basis that believing the Almighty and performing prayers will contribute significantly in promoting well-being and goodwill. When conducting research on religion, it is necessary to generate information in terms of acquiring an efficient understanding of the advantages of acknowledging the characteristics of religion. These are, coping with various dilemmas in a well-ordered manner; carrying out job duties successfully; promoting family and community well-being; augmenting traits of diligence, resourcefulness and conscientiousness; promoting enhancement of personality traits and leading to up-gradation of one's standards of living. These are stated as follows:

C. Coping with Various Dilemmas in a Well-ordered Manner

The occurrences of various types of dilemmas are regarded as an integral part of the lives of the individuals. These are experienced in both personal and professional lives. The individuals, belonging to all communities are required to be well-informed in terms of different types of measures and approaches, which would enable them to cope with various dilemmas in a well-ordered manner. These need to be prevented from giving rise to impediments within the course of putting into operation different types of tasks and activities. Hence, when the individuals will reinforce their faith, they will be able to contribute efficiently in coping with various types of dilemmas in an adequate manner. The ultimate outcome is, individuals will be able to put into operation their job duties successfully. Therefore, coping with various dilemmas in a well-ordered manner is regarded as one of the indispensable advantages of acquiring an efficient understanding of characteristics of religion.

D. Carrying Out Job Duties Successfully

The individuals are putting into operation different types of job duties in their personal and professional lives. These are complicated as well as manageable, these are put into operation in more amount of time or can be less time-

consuming and these are put into operation on one's own as well as through working in co-ordination with others. Hence, it is vital for individuals to be well-prepared in terms of methods to be successful in their jobs. These are referred to the ways to do well in one's job duties and generate desired outcomes. In some cases, the individuals are overwhelmed by feelings of apprehensiveness and vulnerability. Hence, possession of strong religious beliefs will be facilitating to the individuals in overcoming all types of setbacks. In addition, one will be able to put into operation job duties in a successful manner. As a consequence, they will contribute efficiently in incurring the feelings of pleasure and contentment. Therefore, carrying out job duties successfully is one of the significant advantages of acquiring an efficient understanding of characteristics of religion.

IV. PROMOTING FAMILY AND COMMUNITY WELL-BEING

The individuals will have to work diligently in promoting well-being of family and community members. Within educational institutions and different types of employment settings, individuals do get engaged in tasks, which are facilitating in promoting family and community well-being. The individuals, belonging to all communities, categories and socio-economic backgrounds are required to be well-informed in terms of different types of tasks and activities. The individuals are required to be well-prepared in terms of methods to be successful in their jobs. These are referred to the ways to do well in one's job duties and generate desired outcomes. In some cases, the individuals are overwhelmed by feelings of apprehensiveness and vulnerability. Hence, possession of strong religious beliefs will be facilitating to the individuals in coping with different types of challenging situations in a satisfactory manner. Furthermore, individuals will lead to up-gradation of confidence and motivation levels towards putting into operation different tasks and activities, related to family and community well-being. Therefore, promoting family and community well-being is an essential advantage of acquiring an efficient understanding of characteristics of religion.

A. Augmenting Traits of Diligence, Resourcefulness and Conscientiousness

Within homes, educational institutions and different types of employment settings, individuals put into operation different types of job duties and responsibilities. These are complicated as well as manageable and these are put into operation in more amount of time or can be less time-consuming. Hence, in order to carry out different types of tasks and activities successfully, individuals are required to augment traits of diligence, resourcefulness and conscientiousness. These are facilitating in coping with different types of challenging situations in a satisfactory manner. Furthermore, individuals will lead to up-gradation of confidence and motivation levels. As a consequence, individuals will put into operation tasks and activities successfully and meet the expectations of others.

Understanding Characteristics of Religion within Urban, Rural and Tribal Societies

The individuals have faith in Almighty and offer prayers before the individuals are putting into operation their job duties and responsibilities. Therefore, augmenting traits of diligence, resourcefulness and conscientiousness is an expedient advantage of acquiring an efficient understanding of characteristics of religion.

B. Promoting Enhancement of Personality Traits

It is understood on a comprehensive basis that individuals do get overwhelmed by the psychological problems of anger, stress, anxiety, frustration and depression in their personal and professional lives. These would give rise to impediments within the course of promoting enhancement of overall personality traits. The possession of strong religious beliefs will be facilitating to the individuals in promoting a normal mind-set. Furthermore, individuals will be able to cope with various types of psychological problems in a satisfactory manner. In other words, these will be prevented from having any types of unfavourable effects. Having faith in Almighty and offering prayers will be facilitating to the individuals in leading to up-gradation of overall personality traits. Furthermore, individuals will lead to up-gradation of confidence levels and overcome the feelings of apprehensiveness and vulnerability. As a consequence, individuals will contribute efficiently in bringing about improvements in overall quality of lives and incurring the feelings of pleasure and contentment. Therefore, promoting enhancement of personality traits is a vital advantage of acquiring an efficient understanding of characteristics of religion.

C. Leading to Up-gradation of one's Standards of Living

Leading to up-gradation of one's standards of living is regarded as one of the indispensable goals of individuals, belonging to all communities, categories and socio-economic backgrounds. In order to achieve this goal, individuals are required to be well-versed in terms of various types of subjects and factors. Furthermore, having faith in Almighty and offering prayers will be facilitating to the individuals in putting into operation all tasks and activities in a well-ordered manner. Furthermore, individuals will cope with different types of dilemmas and challenging situations in an adequate manner. One of the important aspects that needs to be taken into account is, one should not possess any types of negative feelings in terms of anybody. In addition, individuals are required to be treated with respect and courtesy. As a consequence, individuals will render an important contribution in doing well in one's job duties and achievement of desired goals. Therefore, leading to up-gradation of one's standards of living is a crucial advantage of acquiring an efficient understanding of characteristics of religion.

V. CONCLUSION

In all communities, individuals normally possess strong religious beliefs. Generation of information regarding characteristics of religion is enriching to individuals in all societies. Characteristics of religion within urban, rural and tribal societies are, Gods and Goddesses, worship of plants, trees, mountains, rocks and animals, beliefs in black magic and witchcraft, ideas of auspicious and inauspicious, faith in dreams, religious consideration in dietary habits, formation of good and bad viewpoints, superstitions in the occurrence

of natural calamities and disasters, traits of morality and ethics and generation of awareness. Advantages of acquiring an efficient understanding of characteristics of religion are, coping with various dilemmas in a well-ordered manner; carrying out job duties successfully; promoting family and community well-being; augmenting traits of diligence, resourcefulness and conscientiousness; promoting enhancement of personality traits and leading to up-gradation of one's standards of living. Finally, it can be stated, religious beliefs contribute efficiently in promoting well-being and goodwill of individuals.

DECLARATION STATEMENT

Funding	No, I did not receive.
Conflicts of Interest	No conflicts of interest to the best of my knowledge.
Ethical Approval and Consent to Participate	No, the article does not require ethical approval and consent to participate with evidence.
Availability of Data and Material	Not relevant.
Authors Contributions	I am only the sole author in this article.

REFERENCE

1. Chaudhary, R.K. (n.d.). Society and Culture: Plurality of Culture in India. Retrieved October 18, 2023 from <http://www.ignou.ac.in/upload/Unit%2016.pdf>
2. Clothey, F.W. (2006). Religion in India. A Historical Introduction. Routledge Taylor and Francis Group. London and New York. Retrieved October 18, 2023 from [http://vedicilluminations.com/downloads/Academic%20General/Clothey Fred W. - Religion In India A Historical Introduction.pdf](http://vedicilluminations.com/downloads/Academic%20General/Clothey%20Fred%20W.%20-%20Religion%20In%20India%20A%20Historical%20Introduction.pdf)
3. Social Well-being – Inter-personal Relationship. (n.d.). Retrieved October 18, 2023 from edb.gov.hk
4. Spencer-Oatey, H. (2012). What is Culture? A Compilation of Quotations. Global PAD Core Concepts. Retrieved October 18, 2023 from warwick.ac.uk
5. Spencer, L. (2018). What is Public Speaking? & Why is it Important? Retrieved October 18, 2023 from business.tutstplus.com
6. Maharani*, A., Gunawan, H., & Wijaya, J. D. T. (2020). Millennial Expectations about the Desire to Stay in the Workplace and Factors that Influence it. In International Journal of Management and Humanities (Vol. 4, Issue 7, pp. 37–39) <https://doi.org/10.35940/ijmh.g0665.034720>
7. Kasim, M. A. B., Hanafi, S. R. B. M., & Suki, N. M. (2019). Relevance of Technology Acceptance Model for the Implementation of Value Added Tax (VAT) in the United Arab Emirates (UAE): Evidence of Distinctive Behavioral Connections. In International Journal of Recent Technology and Engineering (IJRTE) (Vol. 8, Issue 3, pp. 6357–6365). <https://doi.org/10.35940/ijrte.c5784.098319>
8. Tejesh, B. S. S., Begum, Md. S., Mayuri, N., Neeraja, S., & Durga, B. P. (2019). A Novel Smart City Using IoT and Open Source Technology. In International Journal of Engineering and Advanced Technology (Vol. 8, Issue 6, pp. 4633–4637). <https://doi.org/10.35940/ijeat.f8912.088619>
9. Hasan, Dr. S. B. (2022). Ala-ul Mulk: A Political Genius and Confidant of Alauddin Khalji. In Indian Journal of Social Science and Literature (Vol. 1, Issue 3, pp. 5–8). <https://doi.org/10.54105/ijssl.c1054.031322>
10. Bashid, N., & Prabha, R. R. (2023). The Portrayal of LGBTQIA+ Community, in Different Religions in India; A Comparative Analysis of Hindu, Muslim & Christian Scriptures. In Indian Journal of Mass Communication and Journalism (Vol. 2, Issue 4, pp. 1–9) <https://doi.org/10.54105/ijmcj.c1038.062423>

AUTHOR PROFILE



Dr. Radhika Kapur, I am schooling from Loreto Convent, Bachelors of Arts in Sociology from Jesus and Mary College. Masters of Business Administration from YMCA, New Delhi. Ph. D from Delhi University. I have 15 years of work experience in the field of research and writing I have written more than 100 research papers currently working as a librarian in Delhi School of Journalism, University of Delhi.

Disclaimer/Publisher's Note: The statements, opinions and data contained in all publications are solely those of the individual author(s) and contributor(s) and not of the Lattice Science Publication (LSP)/ journal and/ or the editor(s). The Lattice Science Publication (LSP)/ journal and/or the editor(s) disclaim responsibility for any injury to people or property resulting from any ideas, methods, instructions or products referred to in the content.