

**“SANT NIRANKARI MISSION AND ITS IMPACT
ON SOCIETY : A SOCIOLOGICAL STUDY.”**



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Abstract

As far as the sociological study is concerned, I found following after study. A harmonious environment get place among action, interaction, Social Relations, social institutions and social structure, Actions are harmonious and behaviour is with norms. Theory of Panchdevas' becomes personified (Taitarniye, upnishad)

A healthy form of social relations was apparent. Solidarity in relations is found as all the relations are taken care of The Bhagvad Gita also tells about action without wishing for a result.

Psychological solidarity is found. Isolation is not felt. Daily routine or behaviour is based on the level of the soul so there is not any caste discrimination. The soul has same merite, nature and instincts. God realisation is possible through the true master 'Satguru'. This is the enlightenment.

And Geeta says that all the followers live in God's contact every moment while performing their roles & duties since. God is omnipresent. They feel God's presence everywhere and follow this feeling in their day-to-day behaviour and relations and live with harmony. Most important element of caste is inter marriage system that makes caste system complex one of the N.M. principles is that there is observed 'No caste' theory that breaks caste barriers and enhances harmony.

In families of the nirankari followers, status & role are performed without the feeling of "doer" as per hierarchy. Social equality is established. There is no gender based discrimination.

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As far as the system of social structure the hindus- a person performs all the four objects of human pursuit (purusharths) while living in any of the ashrams (stage) student household retirement and renunciata

Dharma- Righteousness, moral values

Artha- prospeity, economic values

Kaam- pleasure, love, psychological values

Moksha- liberation, spiritual values.

"Craving- free dharma-driven action"-nishkam karma.

and gets liberated from all the three obligations- (teacher, Parents and dieties.)

The N.M. provides a safe frame to the above-mentioned social system. This embodies the concept of universal brotherhood with its slogan "WORLD WITHOUT WALLS".

Flexibility in social stratification in quite apparent in the N.M. Males Females are equal for example- Present head of the N.M. is a woman itself.

Deviation from social norms is almost nil. Healthy behavior interaction are at high status conflict and role strain are almost finished from the society love compassion harmony and fraternity are being established in the society.

The present study has aimed at the understanding of the Nirankari Mission and its impact on society. Three specific questions have been posed to be studied in the beginning of this study. This study has been done to understand the socio-economic background of Nirankar followers and the changes which they felt after joining the mission.

The three specific questions which have been studied in the present work are as follows:

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1. Who are the followers of Nirankari Mission?
2. What are the motivating factors to join this Mission?
3. What changes they felt at individual level and at social level as a follower of the Nirankari Mission?

On the basis of the analysis of the facts collected from case studies we arrive at the following findings:

1. Mission preaches merger of soul with God. It dispels the darkness.
2. Mission escorts the seekers straight to kingdom of God and establishes direct and constraint communion with the omnipresent God.
3. Mission provides a common form, where all human beings professing different religious faiths, cultures, and nationalities up divine Nectar (Amrit) and enjoy everlasting peace, bliss and salvation.
4. Though the respondent have different socio-economic back ground but & no discrimination is found here.
5. The respondent does believe in caste and creed system and they do not discriminate between rich and poor.
6. They help financially each other and always remain ready to help each other.
7. Respondents feel more peace and harmony in social network the maturing factors I found in my study are as follows: Sanskar (ritual), problem of ghost (free soul) and motivation of relative, social security and financial support, mental Satisfaction, motivation by lady jajman, behaviour of Nirankari followers. For salvation realization inspiration of Nephew.

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8. Some respondents told that they get self satisfaction and ultimate truth of human life.
9. One respondent told after joining the mission he gave up all his vices such as drinking, smoking, hunting etc.
10. One respondent told after joining the mission his family quarrel goes to end.
11. According to some respondents they got a right path of spirituality.
12. One respondent told that I got a sense of mental peace with the meditation.
13. One respondent told he felt the sense of casteism loosened, Ego told that he did not hesitate in sitting among the upper caste.
14. Some Respondents told that mission brings together all people professing different religious faith, culture and make them live together as member of universal brotherhood.
15. One respondent tells that there was no bar of cast and creed. He got the theory of social equality in the Nirankari Mission.
16. Followers believe that Mata ji is charismatic personality. But Mataji, is source of Charisma' Mata ji is the sakar roop of Nirankar which is the ultimate reality of the cosmos.
17. Most of followers told that Satguru Mata Sudiksha ji appeals to try to see her image in the faces of all the Nirankari persons. So every Nirankari person treats other Nirankari as Mata Sudiksha Ji. So she tries to give other Nirankari a lot of respect. Due to these practices society is shifting to equalitarian society.

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