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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND RELIGIONS

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SUMMARY
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1.INTRODUCTION

In modern times, with permanent environmental challenges, Environmental Education emerges as a relevant topic. In this context, understanding the intersection between religion and Environmental Education is crucial. This connection allows us to discern the fluid role of religions in changing society's behavior and decision-making.

A reflection on religious perspectives on the environment and the valuable lessons that can be learned to promote sustainability. It is as if each belief were a guardian of principles that, beyond common sustainability, reveals an intricate mosaic of wisdom. In addition, it challenges prejudices, disproves misconceptions and points to the essence of education, revealing how the relevance of this approach transcends limits.

In this journey, the need emerges to explore the roots of religious beliefs, understanding how they are intimately intertwined with ecology. Attitudes, shaped by these perspectives, They are like seeds that germinate in the mentality of communities, influencing behavior towards the environment in a subtle and powerful way.

The fundamental role of religious leaders in this context is also noteworthy. They are not mere observers, but conductors of an orchestra that echoes harmony between human beings and their surroundings. Their speeches not only resonate in the environment, but echo in consciences, instigating the transformation of mentalities and behaviors.

Thus, it becomes evident that the study of these religious perspectives is crucial, not only to understand the history of beliefs, but also to envision a future in which respectful coexistence between

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man and the environment is a concrete reality. It is as if each religious vision were a painting, a work of art rich in symbolism, metaphors and colors that translate the complexity of the relationships between spirituality and nature.

Given this scenario, it is imperative to recognize that education is not restricted to classrooms, but transcends institutional limits, finding an inexhaustible source of learning in the foundations of beliefs.

Thus, as we delve into the reading, we are invited to explore this vast territory of wisdom, where words are like paintbrushes that outline a multifaceted and enigmatic portrait of the interactions between faith, sustainability and the construction of a truly conscious society.

Environmental Education plays a central role in protecting and raising awareness of the environment with the purpose of sharing possible knowledge and promoting sustainability by forming responsible citizens.

It plays a crucial role in the formation of proactive individuals to implement concrete actions. Religions definitely have a substantial influence on society, guiding it based on values and behaviors. As far as Environmental Education is concerned, the promotion of this theme is addressed in religions and stimulates environmental awareness. Therefore, religious teachings and practices have the potential to promote serious sustainable behaviors, a seal of the sacredness of nature and to underscore care for the environment.

2. RELIGIONS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVATION

The environment stands out as a sacred obligation for many religions. According to such beliefs, nature is a divine gift and, therefore, the responsibility of protecting and caring for it falls upon humans.

Pope Francis in one of his explanations about the environment:

> Criticism of disordered anthropocentrism should not overlook the value of relationships between people. If the ecological crisis is an external expression or manifestation of the ethical, cultural and spiritual crisis of modernity, we cannot delude ourselves into thinking that we can heal our relationship with nature and the environment without healing all fundamental human relationships. When Christian thought claims a special value for human beings above all other creatures, it encourages the appreciation of each human person and thus encourages recognition of others. Openness to a "you" capable of knowing, loving and dialoguing continues to be the great nobility of the human person. Therefore, in order to have an adequate relationship with the created world, it is not necessary to diminish the social dimension of the human being or his transcendent dimension, his openness to the divine "You." Indeed, we cannot propose a relationship with the environment that disregards our relationship with other people and with God. This would be romantic individualism disguised as ecological beauty and a suffocating confinement in immanence.

Religious precepts are a source of inspiration for sustainable practical relationships, encouraging harmony between all agents.

Religions have a role in promoting sustainable teachings and practices.

Numerous religious traditions cultivate values such as moderation, respect for life and natural resources. These teachings guide their followers in adopting sustainable attitudes such as reducing consumption, recycling, using renewable energy and protecting biodiversity. As such, they practice rituals and generate respect for nature, forming a divine connection between the environment, man and creation.

Many religions teach that the Earth is sacred and carries within itself a divine nature. This approach creates awareness of the need to protect the environment.

The Earth, a divine creation, must be treated with respect and reverence. By appreciating the sacredness of the Earth, people are motivated to be sustainable, caring for ecosystems, promoting justice and outrage against atrocities committed against the environment.

Religious people play a crucial role in spreading environmental awareness in their respective communities. Due to their influential position, it is therefore urgent to endorse these discourses on the environment in their sermons, generating a reflection on preservation and putting into practice individual sustainability and consequently creating collective awareness.

Boff emphasizes with analogy:

> [...] in an eclipse the sun does not die, it simply hides from our eyes. But it continues to be present behind the shadow [...] The religious and the mystical witness the other side of creation and nature, the presence of divinity. It is not outside this totality. It belongs to it, being its other side, its mystery and the

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its secret root. To say this over and over, in a thousand different dictions, in the cultural codes of each time, is the eternal of religion. To experience it in an articulated way with the totality of experiences and with the totality of reality reveals the humanizing and liberating factor of religion. Malraux once said: "Either the 21st century will be religious or it will not be." The phenomenon of the return of religion and mysticism points us to this conviction: the 21st century will be. Hopefully, with the realities that religions dream of: justice, peace, goodwill, the acceptance of differences, forgiveness, the coexistence of opposites, unction and love among humans and for God.

Furthermore, debate in sacred spaces points of reflection and contemplation of the interaction between man and nature, propagating a comprehensive knowledge of the world and responsibility towards it.

At the other end of the religious spectrum, we come across ancestral traditions that revere nature in rites that transcend the linearity of time. These ceremonies, true rituals of veneration and connection beyond borders, are intrinsic to the modus operandi of these ancient communities.

In this way, sustainable management of natural resources is not just a chapter, but rather a part of the daily fabric that permeates their existence and interconnects creator and creation. Thus, a cosmic dance between the spiritual and the tangible, where reverence for life and the earth merge in a symbiotic cycle.

These practices transcend religious dogmas and become beacons of a lifestyle that advocates respectful cohabitation between man and his habitat and emphasize the importance of internalizing these precepts in our journey towards sustainability. After all, it is in the amalgamation of ancient traditions and Eastern philosophies that we find a call to ecological awareness. It is up to us, as active agents of this earthly symphony, to harmonize our actions with the melody of nature, aware that we are all instruments tuned in the grand orchestra of life.

Religions truly hold a vast treasure of learning, a source of knowledge capable of enriching the way and style of life of their followers.

Each religious tradition, with its peculiar richness, presents a unique facet and, more than that, establishes a deep interaction, encouraging the preservation and exaltation of the environment.

It is as if each belief were a beam of light, guiding us towards a path of deeper understanding about our responsibility towards the Earth.

At the heart of each tradition, there is an intrinsic encouragement to connect with and appreciate nature, transforming it into a true symphony of teachings.

These contributions can be seen in a striking way in religious celebrations, where the idea of promoting a sustainable environment is more than a concept, it is a practice. Each ritual, each festivity, echoes the commitment to harmony between human beings and nature, focusing on the vital core of sustainability.

The intricacies of religion and its relationship with environmental education and its teachings and ideologies are present in its doctrines, which not only encourage the preservation of the environment, but also cultivate an ecological tradition among the faithful.

Ecological practices adopted by followers without mentioning the names of congregations, undoing the ties of the traditional role of a religion and assuming a more dynamic and sustainable stance in relation to nature, making each one unique and particular, in addition to praising their crucial role in changing behaviors.

In this universe, it is as if we were unraveling the secrets of an intricate tapestry, where each thread represents a teaching that weaves the connection between the divine and the environment.

We go beyond the written words, delving into the subtext of religious traditions, where ecological awareness is woven like a golden thread into the tapestry of spirituality.

We are not just discussing abstract concepts. We are dealing with tangible practices, actions that transcend the walls of temples and reach the heart of the community. It is as if the followers of these traditions become guardians not only of rituals, but also of the planet, adopting an active stance.

and sustainable in its relationship with nature.

In this analysis, we are not just describing but interpreting the complex dance between religion and ecological consciousness.

It's as if we were deciphering codes, revealing the mysteries that link spirituality to environmental responsibility and to embark on this journey of discovery, where words become bridges that link religious teachings to a concrete and effective practice in promoting sustainability.

Sacred scriptures, as well as works and fervent speeches by religious leaders, suggest how these sources mention and, in a way, fuel the discussion on environmental education. Separating the wheat from the chaff,

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or rather, the crucial themes linked to environmental education and thus explore the nuances, seeking recognition and differences between the approaches that were often the same. What was missing were clear objectives in the approaches to actually form man as a servant of nature and not an exploitative boss, a puzzle in this academic study, realizes that it is extremely important to use the wisdom of our ancestors and sacred records and documents of religions to quickly foster this awareness that we are part of this cycle of divine creation and not the other way around.

Thus, the exciting journey through the corridors of spirituality and environmental awareness, as if we were exploring unexplored lands in search of wisdom.

2.1. RESPONSIBILITY AND CARE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Responsibility for the environment and its study are emphasized in religious traditions in the Encentric world. These doctrines hold that humans have a responsibility to protect and preserve God's creation. An interdependence of all as life forms, and recognition that any harm that affects the environment consequently affects humanity.

Therefore, it is up to each individual to promote sustainability, adopting conservationist practices, participating collectively in mobilizations and supporting responsible environmental policies.

Taking care of our planet is not just a task, it is a mission that religious traditions carry in their hearts.

They preach that we, humans, have a divine responsibility to care for and maintain the beauty of creation. It is a kind of pact, a dance of interdependence between all living beings; any damage we do to nature affects everyone without extinction.

Just imagine each one of us as a guardian of sustainability, adopting practices that are almost like hugging Mother Earth.

After all, the idea is to participate in this giant mobilization, like a big collective hug, and support environmental policies that show that responsibility is not just a fancy word, it is a commitment from the heart.

It's as if each of us were an environmental superhero, with a cape and everything, but instead of fighting monsters, the battle is for the preservation of nature.

It is a journey where our actions are the words of a poem that declares love for the Earth. So, it is time to embrace this responsibility with all affection and make a difference, because the environment is not just a place, it is home to all of us.

Let's work together, as a big family, to build a future where nature is not just a backdrop, but the main star of this show called life.

Taking on the responsibility of caring for our little corner of the cosmos goes beyond a simple commitment; it is like a call from the stars that reverberates in religious traditions, echoing the idea that we are the guardians of this divine work called Earth. It is almost as if each of us were chosen to be the caretakers of a celestial garden.

In this cosmic ballet, religious doctrines preach the interdependence between all forms of life. It is like recognizing that we are one big family, where the damage done to nature is not only an environmental problem, but a pain in the heart of all humanity. It is understanding that we are part of something bigger, an intricate web where each thread is essential for the balance of the whole.

The responsibility of each one of us. We are called to be defenders of sustainability, as if we were adopting practices that are almost poetry in action. It is as if we were dancing in tune with nature, promoting the balance and harmony that it so deserves.

The idea is to participate in this collective embrace, as if each act were a caress for Mother Earth.

Mobilizations, awareness and, of course, supporting environmental policies that reflect this commitment. It is as if we are telling the universe that we are taking this responsibility seriously, not as an obligation, but as an expression of love for this home that we share, which is divine.

Imagine each of us as a superhero of nature, with the mission to preserve and protect. On this journey, our actions are like verses of a poem, declaring love for the Earth. We are not just living, we are building a narrative where respect for the environment is the protagonist, and each of us is a co-author of this story.

In this way, environmental awareness is about making a difference and building a future where nature is not just a backdrop, but the main star of this show called life. Because, after all, the environment is not

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just one place; it is our home, and it is our duty, as inhabitants of this planet, to protect it and love it as an intrinsic part of who we are.

CONCLUSION

This study is like a refined decoration, offering an intriguing overview of the contribution of religions to the field of study that intertwines faith and environmental education. By delving into the complex webs between religious practices and environmental preservation, we highlight a wealth of perspectives that paint a diverse picture of how different faiths view the interaction between humans and nature.

The study not only sheds light on the diversity of views on the environment, but also highlights the relevance of religious beliefs in promoting eco-sustainable practices. It is as if we were unraveling a kaleidoscope of approaches, where each religion is a unique piece that contributes to the mosaic of environmental awareness.

Thus, this research is not just a dip into the waters of knowledge, but a journey that contributes significantly to the understanding of the intersection between religion and environmental education. It is as if we are drawing a map for future insights, indicating promising paths for the advancement of this vital and inspiring field of study.

Based on the analysis of religions and their principles of environmental education and beliefs, we can state that they play a crucial role in the formation of individuals committed to the environment. These religions emphasize the sustainable sacredness of the Earth, its importance as a work of creation, and their studies and practices. They instigate a responsibility for safeguarding the environment, encouraging care and zeal, forming behaviors for the conservation of nature in the promotion of a more sustainable world.

Therefore, it is essential that disseminated precepts are put into practice in today's society and that environmental education is seen as something divine.

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