

UNDERSTANDING THE CONTRIBUTION OF SATYA SHODHAAK SAMAJ AND NEO-BUDDHISM FOR SOCIAL AWAKENING

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ABSTRACT

Indian Civilization is the conglomeration of various ethnic traditions; Years of amalgamation and change have led Indian civilization to have, diversity of culture religion, language, and caste groups. Indian Civilization is the conglomeration of various ethnic traditions; Years of amalgamation and change have led Indian civilization to have diversity of culture religion, language, and caste groups.¹ The social reform movements, tried for the emancipation of these low caste people, before coming of these social reformers, many of the low caste people had chosen to come out from the caste system is by getting religious conversion, getting converted either to Christianity or to Islam, prior to these social reformers the saints like Kabir, Ravidas, Namdev, like wise and many other fought for the abolition of the caste system and emancipate the low caste from the social bondages.² The other way for the untouchables was to get converted to either Islam or to Christianity, this was to get rid of the bondages of the humiliations of the caste system, but the conversion was not confined to the weaker sections, but in the medieval period too many people got converted to Islam or Christianity either by force or by their will. Jyotiba Phule was though born in Hindu religion in backward caste family, was earlier was not against Hinduism, but some encounter with the Brahminical arrogance shaped the outlook of the Jyotiba Phule towards Hinduism, Jyotiba Phule was insulted by Brahmin for his audacity in joining a Brahmin marriage procession.³ To fight against the Brahmanism, Phule viewed the unity among the Sudras and the Adi-Shudras is necessary Phule, Phule wanted basic changes in the society. Instead of fighting against the caste

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