A Study of Establishing Reconciliation Through Religious, Ethnic and Cultural Diversity in the University

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Abstract

Diversity is a unique concept that is visible in our society. This diversity is reflected in any corporation in the society and this is also highlighted in the universities belonging to the educational corporation. Culture is the main force that guides any person from birth to death and influences them throughout their life. How does diversity in the mainstream influence diversity in the university and how can harmony be created through this influence? The research problem here is to investigate whether. The primary objective of this study was to create harmony within the university by identifying the religious, ethnic and cultural diversity that leads to the diversity of the society. Data collection was done through field study, non-field study and focus group interviews are research methodologies. The emergence of ethnicity is seen in the university grounds based on matters based on identity, culture, sense of homeland, collective consciousness and history. This diversity can also be identified as a form of socialization they received from their family environment. This diversity among student scientists was visible through customs, manners, ethics, social behaviour, art, and religious behaviour and religious and cultural events in the university, and the caste divide between the Sinhalese and Tamil nations as internal divisions among the nations was among them. Due to this difference, differences between them, marginalization of minority groups, creation of marginalized social groups has become a problematic situation. The ethnic and religious conflict between different nations for a long time, cultural relativism as well as the grasping of the racist ideas expressed by some famous figures related to religions on the ideas and attitudes of the university students have also affected this. As a result, the concept of unity, peace and collectivity has gone away in the university. Weaknesses in the sensitivity and understanding of Reconciliation and the ideas existing in the university students as well as the stakeholders have affected this. Because of this, in order to establish reconciliation, which is a current social need, it is necessary to understand the objectives of reconciliation in the university grounds, establish sustainable peace, prevent violence from reoccurring, and remove stereotypical attitudes about ethnicity.