

Book Review

HUMANITY: Understanding reality and Inquiring good

Zaman Ali

Political Philosophy history is beyond centenaries and there are many books written in each time period and some of them are just the discussion of the current time and other have their impact for long after. With my interest about political philosophy I found this book humanity by Zaman Ali just with randomly search on internet and I found it interesting by its label as it is human philosophy and then read it.

Humanity not only explains the idea of human ways of living in society but it also explains how to improve the social life of human by giving up on individuality. At first Zaman explains about the human as an individual for whom survival is important but because human cannot survive alone so he has to live in society and that makes him to share his choices with others people in society but it doesn't mean human totally give up on his individuality.

Rather in society when different human share their ways of living for their good and survival then the political process evolves because different human leads society towards different paths with their own idea. As Zaman said "Each thinking mind is political mind." (Ch II, part I), and political mind made them to struggle and in conflicts to others for their path as leading one in social structure. And through this process many political means comes to fight for. As ideologies, power, social norms are important in them.

And Zaman explains that these political means are just the way to move forward in society and none of them can claim their superiority over others because no political mean in objective in nature rather all political means are evolve through human individuality and have impact on certain part of society for a certain part of time. So when no political mean is superior enough from others in their

objectivity then there is only idea of humanity that is better from all because these political means just helps the society to move forwards and there is always need for humanism in them for better social life. As Zaman said "What's good for individual could be bad for society but what's good for society that will be good for individual and there is always need to choose what right for society because if it is right for society then it is right for individual." (Ch VII, part VI). And with this he explains that society is worth fighting for rather than any individualistic political means and he also said political process is continues struggle and it is part of being human.

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