

Impact of Folk Culture on the Establishment of Collective Consciousness in Sri Lankan Rural Community (With Special Reference to God Dedimunda)

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Culture is a human creation and is regarded as something that is acquired after one's birth. At the same time with the release of human hands, other form of thoughts were also gradually grew with them and since them vertebrae was vertically lifted, his abilities and other requirements also developed vertically. Its other meaning is that his consciousness gradually developed. If so, his culture is based on this consciousness. The consciousness is based on process of sign and this sign process is based on the abstract thoughts of man. It has been built on the basis of mankind's collective labor activities. Since labor is used with some purpose, it is connected with consciousness. At the same time, the basis for creating a cultural man is formed. The collective concept of the culture that emanates from the labor market is collective action. Otherwise a collective consciousness. This collective consciousness is the centerpiece of folk culture. These features are permitted to identify through the person's various activities. These folk culture were bases on a homogeneous and small group. Therefore, the fundamental beliefs and functions are also homogeneous. Social scientists have identified the collective consciousness at the main force that ties the individual to society and common values and common standard are shared within these collective group. This collective consciousness can be clearly seen in the belief of the Sinhalese. Therefore, this study was especially focus on God Dedimunda in Kegalle District. It used interview, questioners and both written and explicated sources to collect data. Through this data, was examined how impact of the folk culture on the establishment of collective consciousness. The study has revealed that the folk culture has greatly affected to the establishing collective consciousness.

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