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The play *Tartuffe* explores ideas about false piety or religious fanaticism. What might prompt some individuals to gravitate toward extremism, while others retain more balanced beliefs.

In various societies and throughout history, there have been instances of religious extremism and false devotion. Through the persona of *Tartuffe*, who portrays himself as a religious man but uses his persona to control and mislead others, Molière examines the perils of false piety in his drama "*Tartuffe*." This begs the question of what drives some people to fanaticism while other people hold on to more moderate views. In this essay, we'll look at a number of potential causes of religious extremism, such as societal and psychological ones, as well as some strategies for people to keep their views in check.

Although religious extremism can take many different forms, it is typically characterized by an excessive and unquestioning adherence to one's religious beliefs, which is frequently coupled with a readiness to resort to violence or other extreme means to protect those beliefs. Because they experience a strong sense of purpose or connection when they are a part of a religious group, some people may be attracted to religious fanaticism. This may be particularly true for people who have struggled with feelings of loneliness or isolation and are seeking a sense of community and connectedness. In these circumstances, the extremist organization might offer a feeling of direction and significance that is hard to come by elsewhere.

Social impact is one of the primary elements that can push people in the direction of extremism. People are sociable beings, and because of this, our surroundings have a big impact on us. Through his outward devotion and religious rhetoric, Tartuffe wins the owner of the house of Orgon's confidence in "Tartuffe." Tartuffe's spiritual lessons captivate Orgon, who starts to regard him as a sacred figure. Thus, Tartuffe is able to control Orgon and profit from his generosity, which eventually results in the destruction of Orgon's family.

Similar to how it does in real life, the societal impact can push people in that direction. Extreme views can be adopted by people through social pressure, family pressure, and community pressure. For instance, in some nations, religious fanaticism is frequently linked to poverty and low levels of education, and extremist organizations can provide a sense of identification and connection to people who feel marginalized or excluded from normal society. For those who feel alienated from their own social networks, extremist organizations can serve as a substitute for family or community.

Psychological vulnerability is another element that can contribute to religious fanaticism. Extremist beliefs may be more appealing to people who are going through challenging periods in their lives, such as a divorce, job loss, or personal disaster. Extremist organizations can feed on people in these circumstances by giving them a feeling of meaning and purpose in their lives.

Similar to how individuals can be exploited by radical organizations by promising them a feeling of meaning and community during trying times. Individuals who may be battling to find purpose in their lives may find a sense of identity and guidance in extremist organizations. For instance, people with addiction or mental health problems may be more vulnerable to radical beliefs because these organizations can provide them with a sense of direction and purpose that they may be missing in their own lives.

However, not everyone who experiences adversity will become an extremist. Even in trying circumstances, many people can keep their values in balance. Having a solid support network is one way people can keep a balance in their views. Strong support networks, whether they be made up of friends, family, or a group, make people less likely to resort to radicalism because they give them someone to turn to when things get tough. It's crucial to remember that not everyone who feels social seclusion or psychic vulnerability is attracted to extremism. Some people are able to keep a more impartial viewpoint in their views. A strong sense of personality is one element that can aid in maintaining this equilibrium. Extremist beliefs may be less likely to influence people who have a strong sense of who they are and what they stand for. Elmire, in "Tartuffe," is able to see through Tartuffe's mask and uphold her own sense of self and values. Similarly to this, people who have a strong sense of who they are and what they believe may be less susceptible to extreme views in the real world.

In "Tartuffe," Cleante, a companion and adviser, ultimately steps in to save Orgon's family from Tartuffe's manipulation. As a voice of reason, Cleante is able to persuade Orgon to recognize Tartuffe for who he really is. Similar to how having a buddy or family member who can provide a different viewpoint or act as a sounding board can be beneficial in real life, it can help you keep a balanced perspective and steer clear of extreme views.

Being a critical thinker is another way that people can keep an equilibrium in their views. Analyzing the facts, challenging presumptions, and taking into account different perspectives are all parts of critical thinking. Critical thinkers are better able to assess the reasoning and facts put forth to them, making them less susceptible to being persuaded by extreme views. Cleante plays the role of a critical thinker in "Tartuffe," challenging Tartuffe's motivations and exposing his duplicity. Tartuffe's religious discourse does not persuade Cleante because he is able to see

through his pretense. Similarly to this, in real life, critical thinkers are better able to assess the information given to them and are less likely to be persuaded by extreme views.

Finally, it is critical to understand that religious fanaticism can be affected by broader social and governmental factors as well as individual factors. Extremist ideologies may occasionally be supported and urged by governments or political figures as a method of population management. For instance, in some nations, governments have utilized extremist organizations as agents to advance their own political objectives. Tartuffe's control of Orgon and his family in "Tartuffe" can be interpreted as a reflection on the perils of religious fanaticism and how it can be used to subjugate people. Tartuffe is able to manipulate Orgon for his own ends by posing as a pious man and winning his confidence. Extremist beliefs can also be employed by states or political figures as a means of control in real life.

The drama "Tartuffe" examines the perils of false devotion and religious extremism, to sum up. Individuals may become extremists for a variety of reasons, including societal and psychiatric ones. However, having a solid support network, exercising critical thought, and being aware of the broader social and political factors that can impact extreme views can help people keep a balance in their beliefs. Individuals can avoid succumbing to extremist views and keep a balanced viewpoint in their beliefs by being aware of these factors. Tartuffe's control of Orgon and use him as a tool for his own ends. Extremist beliefs can also be employed by states or political figures as a means of control in real life.

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