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CONTRIBUTION AND SUPREMACY OF THE PHILOSOPHY OF ISHWARIYA VISHWA VIDYALAYA

In the present situation, the world is faced with many problems and each one of these is considered to emanate from the loss of some moral, human, social or spiritual value i.e., harmony among people. Much of the turmoil and suffering in our world is due to one or the other kind of disharmony. Some feel tormented because of disharmony between their emotions and intellect, desires and judgment, beliefs and behaviour or views and values. There is disharmony in the relationships of family members which creates havoc in the family and may ultimately brings split. Some times it may cause some diseases like peptic ulcers, High B.P. cancer and even mental disorders.

Disharmony at work place may lead to lack of co-ordination, co-operation, efficiency and many other related maladies which may result in turmoil and struggle among the workers.

Disharmony may manifest in the form of communal discord and strife and may lead to riots, arson and destruction. It may create tension and fear in the atmosphere and may put the whole legislative, governmental, administrative and judicial machinery under great strain and may give a strong feeling of insecurity and fear to the citizens.'
Disharmony at the International level may also find expression in the form of suspicion and fear or anger and vengeance between two nations which may give way to war. It may lead to manufacture and stockpiling of deadly armaments of mass scale destruction. The use of these weapons may bring doom to the whole world.

Disharmony may also raise its ugly head in the form of racial feuds, gender discrimination, caste conflict or class conflagration or totally social upheavals.

The above examples are only few forms of disharmony given in a very simplistic manner. The situation is that of a trauma in many parts of the world, it is that of a holocaust due to ethnic, racial, regional, linguistic, territorial, communal, political or social disharmony and all this is costing very dearly in terms of life and property or health, wealth and happiness of the people.

So, today, harmony is on the top of the nation's agenda. All institutions, all platforms echo, with one voice, the demand of harmony between various communities, castes and regional or other groups. There has been a heightened awareness that, in the absence of harmony and peace, all energy, money and attention is wasted either on efforts, or on wars².

The word harmony implies concordance agreeability and a pleading blend of diverse colours, diverse musical notes or diverse designs, or different people. The people may live in different parts of the globe,
have different colours of their skin, speak different languages or follow different religions or castes. Yet they can live with a spirit of amity and in a state of harmony. The components of harmony are love, goodwill, tolerance, sweetness, unity, spirit of co-existence, proper communication etc. Naturally it implies that the negative forces that cause disharmony are hatred, anger, enmity, intolerance, greed, selfishness, jealousy etc.

The root cause of all kinds of disharmony or of negative forces is that man is ignorant of his real identity and his basic relationship with others. The philosophy of Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyala, gives the knowledge of real self that the self is not a body. The self is an embodied being. The self is a soul in a body. As is the difference between a house and its occupant or a chariot and its charioteer, so is the difference between the body and the soul. The realization of soul as 'consciousness' 'the eternal entity', 'the being of light' throws light in the life of man. Had man known this real identity of self distinguished from the body then the distinctions of race, colour, region, caste, country etc., would become only superficial for the body is carnal form whereas the self is a soul that incarnates.

HOW TO RE-ESTABLISH PEACE AND HARMONY?

The delusion, confusion or illusion about the self is the start of the problems. The spiritual illiteracy has deprived us of harmony and of many rewards and peace and joy of life. The realization of self and God brings change in our attitudes, outlook, tendencies, behavioural patterns.
and life styles. The awareness that we are divine children of one God the Creator would create the feeling of universal brotherhood among the people and develop the emotions of love, peace, co-operation, unity and goodwill towards each other. In our real nature, we are light and might we are neither flesh nor bodies, neither skins nor skeletons. This divine awareness in us would transform us into characterized human beings or deities. Then peace and harmony would become the natural result of this kind of life and life style. The divine qualities would become our natural traits. Then the negative tendencies of hatred, anger, jealousy, enmity, selfishness, intolerance etc., would say good bye to us.

The philosophy of Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya also throws light on the knowledge of World Drama Wheel. We have to recognize and to understand that we are all actors of this eternal drama. Whatever exists in this world, has a purpose and whatever happens has a cause. We have to realize that there is the basic law of karma operative in this world. According to karma philosophy, we reap what we sow. So we must be cautious or careful while doing karmas or behaving with friends, neighbours or relatives. We must observe patience, love, peace, sympathy etc., in our dealings. The philosophy of Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya guides that it is love which eliminates hate, it is kindness that kills cruelty, it is compassion that calms down one’s passion, it is co-operation that brings help etc. These are the factors that create harmony in the society all well as in the Globe.
The principles of Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya are self checking and change and world transformation through self transformation. We must clearly understand when we change then only things around us begin to change. First, I should fill my mind with love for all and have good will towards all, then these thought waves resonate in others. Let me first have mental harmony and this internal harmony will start the process of external harmony.

Let us understand that all things in this world are interconnected in more than one way and there is some kind of a resonance in all things of the cosmos. If any change place in one system, the other systems also cannot remain totally unaffected. Nothing in this cosmos order exists absolutely isolated from all the rest so that it could remain totally uninfluenced by changes in others.

So, one basic truth about the cosmic order is that there is some kind of a bind, some kind of a symbolic arrangement, some sort of synchronization, some essential inter-connectedness between any systems. There is also interconnection between the astronomical, ecological, environmental, social, economical, political, religious, emotional, cultural and aesthetic aspects of life of a community or a nation. So, universal harmony means, harmony between all systems.

Our own goodness and harmony will begin to tune in all the satellites and spheres and all beings in this world through mysterious phenomenon
of inter connectedness- call it ‘resonance’, if you will and all things will one day, begin to reverberate with love, unity, kindness, co-operation, concord and amity. This unawareness and practice of this attitude and values is the essence of the philosophy of Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya.

PEACE AND HARMONY THROUGH MEDITATION

The thoughts are the basis for human actions. If we have pure and good thoughts, our words and actions will be good and interaction with others is also peaceful and harmonious. In meditation, it is the packets of thought energy, which like laser rays, are released to purify and pacify the atmosphere and to restore law and order and universal peace and harmony. This also happens in a mysterious way through the power of yoga or mental purity and inner peace and harmony. It is the power of positive and elevated thoughts which is a conscious energy of different kind to spread its positive vibrations to distance people and places. It develops into a field of spiritual energy, the out reach and influence of this field as tremendous.

THE ORIGINAL STAGE WAS OF PEACE AND HARMONY:

The original stage of the cosmos and the society was of peace, purity and prosperity. There was health, wealth and happiness. All the five elements were pure and without any pollution. Man used the clean air, water or solar energy. He lived close to nature. He was not over consumptive and greedy. He was not blinded by selfishness as there was
abundant natural resources for every body. But as time passed and the population increased and man’s greed and gluttony grew, exploitation of the natural resources started in such a way that there was grave damage caused to the environment⁴.

Also as the mankind spread, over different countries and continents, different races, languages, cultures and creeds came into existence and there began disputes and conflicts based on these factors. All these factors of disharmony are only a later phenomena. Population increased due to sex-lust, body consciousness increased. Violence and wars came up because hatred, anger and thoughts of confrontation. This is all due to wrong identification of the self as body.

It should thus be realized that it is the absence of knowledge of real identity that has led to the present crisis or atmosphere of peacelessness and disharmony. Ever since man identified himself with his body, he became materialist and consumerist. His set of values changed. There was thus a paradigm shift. The place of peace was captured by preparedness for war, love and tranquility were replaced by hatred and anger⁵. The guards or captains of harmony gradually retreated into oblivion giving place to the forces of disharmony. Greed and Gluttony, sex and violence, jealousy and jingoism took hood and divine qualities such as good will and co-operation, sweetness and service receded into the background. As a result, we see Global Disharmony and peacelessness where once ruled the Universal Peace and Harmony.

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For re-invigorating again those auspicious values and re-establish Global peace and harmony, we must follow and practice the teachings of Prajapita Brahmakumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya.

In Rajayoga Meditation i.e., by establishing mental link with God in the constant awareness of Him as our Most Beloved Mother-Father and Infallible Guide and Dearest Friend, our emotions become perfectly clean and balanced and hence perfect harmony between our mind and intellect becomes possible. The rhythm, the harmony, the tranquility thus attained are so powerful that they influence not only the practitioner but also others through him. They set in motion the process of establishing world wide harmony or ‘Universal Harmony’.

By practicing, the original qualities of soul or divine qualities, we can re-establish harmony on this Globe.

LAND MARKS OF ISHWARIYA VISHWA VIDYALAYA TOWARDS THE BETTER SOCIETY FROM THE BEGINNING:

The Brahmakumaris Institution was started in the year 1937 keeping in view that to change the world and to bring peace, purity and happiness once again on this earth. The aim and object of this institution is to establish a new world order or satyayuga in this Bharat.

The period beginning with 1939 was devoted specially for intense meditation for longer periods of time in order that they could have deep experience of divinity.
The teachings of God inspires the followers to make a voluntary renunciation of those vicious sanskars, notions and beliefs and get rid of the meaningless rituals and customs. The tolerance, goodwill, patience, universal love, vibrations of peace and spiritual response ultimately changed public opinion.

Various kinds of programmes at national and international level were organized during the period 1969 to 1982. Spiritual services started in grand scale. Many conferences, seminars, spiritual fairs were held in Delhi and other big cities.

The Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya is doing service through the seventeen wings such as Educationists, Industrialists, Administrators, Doctors etc., towards the establishment of better society.

Many books are published in Hindi, English and other regional languages of different states to bring awareness among the people.

Not only in India, the Godly knowledges and technique of easy Rajayoga of Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya spread throughout the world in more than 125 countries.

Brahmakumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya had been affiliated to the Department of Public Information of the United Nations as a non-government organization. The institution is known widely as an international organization which has a disciplined, dedicated and highly spiritualized members who used their skills, arts, abilities and resources
for the betterment of mankind through Godly knowledge and Rajayoga. The institution is organizing Universal Peace Conferences since 1983 every year, at International Head Quarters Mount Abu, Rajasthan, Eminent Personalities such as Secretary General of U.N.O., Prime Ministers, Presidents of different nations, Administrative Heads etc., participate in the conference and undertake one big project for the year. The implementation of the project itself is a contribution towards the Global Peace and Harmony.

**HOLISTIC HARMONY**

The society is one whole. An act of disharmony, wrought by science, technology, education, religion in fact by any aspect of a society’s life can upset harmony and let loose the forces of disturbance in all or most other fields as well. It is, therefore essential that all types of institutions, factors and all aspects of an organized society should work in unison to create holistic harmony, else incongruous step by one or a desynchronised tune by another can disturb the total harmony or break the rhythm of the total system. It may be the political, or economic, or social or communal factor that leads or contributes to disharmony.

The Prajapita Brahmakumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya as its name indicates has been started in the year 1937 by Ishwar or God Himself for the purpose of establishing the new world order Satyayuga through the teachings of spiritual, moral, ethical land human values to the mankind and establishing holistic harmony in the world.
The spiritual education promotes the qualities of mutual harmony, tolerance and respect together with a never ending enthusiasm for spreading the knowledge of truth. It gives utmost importance to character building and to cultivating inner peace and harmony.

Also it conducts the courses like stress management, self management and positive thinking for the Administrators, Industrialists and Executives of different departments. It organizes Yoga and Meditation Camps for the mass.

The Ishwariaya Vishwa Vidyalaya focuses on the spiritual perspectives of psychology, metaphysics, sociology and philosophy, culture and science and other related subjects. The education gives a global over view of life that integrate the inner and outer worlds of individuals of all age groups, of all geographical regions and of different cultural and religious back grounds.

Various kinds of programmes at national and international level are organized to implement the theme of the institution.

The main purpose of the Academy of Brahma Kumaris is to offer value based education for different professionals, who promote the practical application of these teachings within the major sectors of society.

They are conducting different courses in subjects such as life education stress and self management, positive thinking, living values, art of living.
etc., which brings awareness among people and motivates them to lead a peaceful life.

The organization is running various value education training programmes of State Government and Central Government to Primary School Teachers, High School Teachers, P.U. College Lecturers and High School Students and P.U. College students at Brahmakumaris Retreat Center, Tapovan, Yellapur since 1991. So far, more than 10,000 teachers and students had been taken the benefit of the training.

Also it is doing sound service in villages and for women through giving training to Anganwadi workers and helpers under the ICDS Scheme of Women and Child Development of State and Central Government.

The institution had been given consultative status on the Roster of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

Peace Medal of the United Nations for the year 1981 was awarded to Respected Dadi Prakashmaniji, the administrative chief of Brahma Kumaris.

The Director of the training center, Tapovan, Yellapur Dr. Basavaraj Rajrushiji was awarded by State Award of ‘Rajyotsav’ in the year 200 for his eminent work in the field of yoga.

Now-a-days locally also honour the Brahmakumari sisters for their selfless service towards the establishment of peace and harmony in the society.
The institution is conducting yoga camps, padayatras, scooter rallies, ratha yatras etc., to bring drug awareness and to guide the people to get rid of bad habits through will power and practice of Rajyoga.

**THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INSTITUTION**

The institution works at all levels of society seeking to help bring about positive changes in the world by offering a range of education programmes in moral and spiritual values aimed at bringing awareness among the people. The curriculum is based on the recognition of the intrinsic goodness and spirituality of every human being. Education in spiritual principles is combined with the development of divine qualities and the awakening of dormant personal powers a natural extension of the expression of spirituality in one’s life.

In a world of declining standards, disintegrating values and rapid and unpredictable changes, the university seeks to heal individual and social trauma by offering a spiritual understanding of the self and the world. It teaches a practical method of meditation which enables individuals to achieve peace of mind, develop their full personal potential and interact with others in a constructive and fulfilling way without disturbing their personal and family life.

The courses, classes and lectures aim to balance the rational and intuitive faculties of the intellect and provide each individual with the ability to call on his or her inner resources and strengths in any situation.
Teachers and students of Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya also visit different organizations, prisons, hospitals, schools, banks, different departments on certain occasions to provide special teaching in personal skill, development, meditation, art of living and team work through workshops, seminars, management courses and lectures.

Here efforts are made to liberate humanity from subjugation of the inner enemy i.e., vices or negative propensities.

The teachings of Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya raise the status of spirituality from mere ritualism to its proud place of purity and enlightenment that joined human beings to God and uplift a person to the worshipworthy state. The philosophy of Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya guides a set of simple and profound principles that could be emphasized and placed before sophisticated thinkers and scientists of the world. It inspires the common people to lead a lotus-like, pure and happy life of detachment and self control while performing their worldly duties.

Rajyoga Meditation is a powerful means of getting rid of mental tension and harmful addictions and is an effective tool for holistic health.

SUPREMACY OF PHILOSOPHY OF ISHWARIYA VISHWA VIDYALAYA

The Philosophy of Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya stands out Supreme in many ways. It is social service institution of a different kind. It works for the moral and spiritual empowerment of
the entire humanity without any discrimination. It promotes the philosophy of purity in thoughts, words and actions. Today man’s life style has become very impure and complicated because he has become morally impovershed. Values have eroded. There is no value for values. This Vishwa Vidyalaya believes in value-based life, people may belong to different religions and beliefs and talk different languages but core values of purity, honesty, peace, happiness, love, co-operation, goodness and brotherhood are the same. Purity is the mother of all values. So, if purity is nurtured in day to day activities then other values follow.

Keeping in mind the above philosophy individual guidance and attention are given to Godly students through spiritual classes and churning sessions which are held in morning and evening daily to cultivate and nurture divine values and virtues in their daily routine in all respects. The main philosophy is to change every human being into divine virtuous, pious beings. ‘Muralis’ Godly versions or spiritual daily newspaper which is special and different is read or listened by every one everyday Muralis are the life line of Brahmakumaris and Brahmakumars. It is a feast both for the mind and intellect for empowering the soul.

In philosophy of Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, there is clear knowledge of God and His relationship with souls. Then experiencing this relationship with God one can get inspiration and joy and get right to the heritage of peace and happiness. Being the Supreme Father of all souls. He will never give pain or sorrow to His children. There is accurate information
about the world cycle and the divine act of the God at the end of the cycle. Also there are some more specific points of knowledge which throws light on the supremacy of philosophy of Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya.

GOD IS NOT ‘SARVAVYAPI’ I. E. ‘OMNIPRESENT’ BUT GOD IS ‘BUT GOD IS ‘SARVAGYA’ I. E. OMNI SCIENT AND SARVASAHAKTIVAM I.E. OMNIPOTENT.

On the path of devotion, they say that is present in soul and other creation namely plants animation Supreme Soul That’s why they say God is Omnipresent. Baba says: It is a soul that is present in everyone. How can I be present in everyone? ¹

Because omnipresence was mentioned, the aspect of Him being the Guide becomes meaningless².

The Supreme Father Shiva’s divine descent or divine birth of God takes place at a time when He is called and remembered by everyone. He is needed most when the world has become a hell to live in because of untold misery and sins, In Gita it is clearly mentioned “When unrighteousness and irreligiousness prevail then I do descend to reset the world’s religion. The Supreme Father once at the end of every ‘Kalpa’ 5000 years descends into this devilish world from His Supreme bode of peace and bliss to renew and re-establish once again the paradise that is lost on earth.

In other words, He comes to this planet earth at the confluence period of bad and good through His mysterious spiritual power and enters
into the body of an ordinary living man subjudgating his physical being for His Divine Action of setting things right. He uses this human medium for revealing the truth to mankind so that mankind puts effort to renew self and the world.

If God is omnipresent go should always be good and it shout not become bad or it shoulod not decay. But men and materials. Both become old inferior and decony, so God being the wise of all, He only has the ponter to renew them and change their intellect and characteristics into good. He is is Omniscient Almighty Authority who can chec, control and change mankind and materials to their original status of goodness. So, God can’t pervade the entire universe, but the closer one is to God, the Supreme Father, the greater the effect.

If God is omnipresent ot whom should one turn his attention or thoughts ? Temples, churches, masjids have no meaning then. perhaps the strongest point against the idea of literal omnipresence is the point of relationship. The truth “I am the child, God is my Father” is impressed deep in every soul from time in memorial.

THE SOULS ARE INDEPENDENT

The Supreme Soul god is One but souls are many. All souls are separate distinct entities, existing as points of light and might since, the beginning. They are imperishable and different from one another independent and free to play their roles. Their roles to play are not decided by God and are not influenced by God. He gives knowledge,
power wisdom to souls who empower and inherit these imperishable qualities, virtues and power according to their capacity. They come into this world to reincarnate i.e., to take birth in mother’s womb and to have a body of their choice. So they keep on reincarnating i.e. enter the birth-death cycle on (maximum 84 births) to play their different role in different times in this eternal world drama of events.

One important point to note here is Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya firmly believes that human souls take rebirths only as human beings. The first birth is an evented pure Satopradhan birth followed by births of descending order of purity according to their actions (Karma) done in every birth in a cumulative manner. Elevated actions result in births of high order. Lowly births doing lowly actions and with base behaviours are due to one’s Karma. Man gets caught in the web cycle of action and reactions, With so many births he spins in a negative down-ward direction and is unable to take off or release himself from the bondage of actions and reactions. So God, the Incorporeal descends into the corporeal medium Prajapita Brahma (Adi Dev, Adam, Adam) to free humanity from karma Cycle and to re-establish and restore harmony and peace by bringing back once again the paradise lost on the earth.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF ISHWARIYA VISHWA VIDYALAYA IS FOR FAMILY HOLDERS, NOT FOR SANYASIS.

In the world-Drama cycle, when the IIIrd yuga i.e. Dwapar yuga starts, the degradation of the human beings starts and also there prevails
sorrow, peacelessness, sufferings, vices, violence etc. in Society So, devotion has been started in many ways such as worshipping fasting, renunciation, Tapasya, hathayoga etc. To get peace of mind and to attain Mukti or Moksha, some people renounced the house or family and went to jungles to do “Tapasya”. Only men become sanyasis or “Swamis”. There is no permission for women to renounce house or family.

But here, the philosophy of Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya is for both men and women or mainly for family holders. Today, more than eight lakh people are following the principles of Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya out of which the number of family members is more. The family holders who follow the principles in practical life and who lead the pious life like lotus (without leaving home) will become worthy children of God and they only become deities of the new world, Satyayuga. This is the assurance given by the Almighty Authority. God, who is called truth.

So, it is the Supremacy of the philosophy that the easy knowledge and Rajayoga can be followed from anybody from 3 years to 100 years of age.
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