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“ VASUDHAIVA KUTUMBAKAM” FOR HUMANITY, PEACE , GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

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“ Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam”

Introduction

You must have heard or read the phrase “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam”. It means that the earth is a family. The word “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam” in the phrase The Earth is One Family is a combination of two words. Vasudha means our earth and family means that we are all one, that is, all the living beings on this earth as well as the environment, animals, birds, etc. are one family. “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam” is a profound Sanskrit phrase that originates from ancient Indian religious texts like the Maha Upanishad and is translated as the world is a family. This universal brotherhood represents the philosophy of human interrelationship and equality. It urges humanity to transcend the boundaries of borders, race, religion and nationality to promote peace, prosperity and harmony. The entire earth or the world is a family. This concept is of ancient Indian culture. Indian culture considers everyone as its own with a generous heart, understands each other's happiness and sorrows and lives with everyone with love. The core of all these ideas is in Indian culture and is in the concept of “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam”. This concept has given a universal message to the whole world. It is not limited to the human race, but it considers animals, plants and the entire natural world as its own. In short, Vasudhaiva “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam” gives the message of considering everyone as our own and living with love, cooperation and tolerance. Therefore, if we want world peace, it is very important to instill the concept of “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam”. India has an ancient tradition of joint family system. This broad idea that the world is my home, “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam” is the Indian culture, makes India truly great, and this broad idea is the true identity of India. Saint Dnyaneshwar has given the message that

the world is my home to the entire world through his Pasayadan. Considering the whole earth as our one family, considering everyone as our own, and participating in each other's happiness and sorrow is the true meaning that the entire world needs to understand from the concept of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam". Today, the world is moving towards the Third World War. As you know, when the repercussions of the Second World War are still being felt throughout the world, if we start the Third World War, we will definitely be destroyed. Therefore, let us all work for world peace and make the world prosperous today. The concept of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" should be adopted. Often, narrow-minded people create chaos in the whole world by discriminating between 'this is mine, this is someone else's' and start wars. They live in a narrow mentality of ownership and division. Today, people with such a mentality need the teaching that "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" is the entire world, the entire house.

"Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" for the peace and development of humanity The philosophy that the world is a family All living beings in the world are interconnected and humanity is seen as a tightly knit family "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" is an inclusive view. It challenges narrow-minded thinking and advocates a worldview that embraces diversity and recognizes unity across the gaps in creation. Humans are interconnected with nature and "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" goes beyond human society to encompass the entire ecosystem and promotes a sustainable balanced relationship with the earth. The ethical life of humans calls for compassion, empathy and mutual respect and encourages individuals to prioritize the collective well-being over selfish personal or national interests. The concept of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" helps to promote international harmony. The world today is in great need of politics and conflict resolution. By seeing nations as members of a single family, this philosophy encourages dialogue and peaceful political solutions rather than violence in global conflicts and "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" maintains unity in times of crisis, natural disasters And during the pandemic, this concept enhances global solidarity, encourages nations to help each other, and "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" is an inter-religious dialogue. This concept acts as a unity that promotes mutual understanding between different religions and cultures. "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" helps us to face global challenges. "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" serves as a guiding light to address global problems like poverty, climate change and health crises through shared responsibility and collective action. This concept promotes global cooperation among humans. "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" encourages cooperation in research, technology and economics, and benefits all nations in terms of human progress and inclusiveness. "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" requires economic equality. It promotes inclusive

and equitable economic systems that aim to reduce income inequality and improve livelihoods globally.

“Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam” is a philosophy of sustainable development. The SDGs are in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. This concept emphasizes the importance of prosperity on Earth to protect the planet for future generations. India gives One Earth One Family One Future for its G20 presidency This theme is used by India to promote global cooperation and unity.

“Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam” is a call to action. The concept of “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam” works as a call to action to accept our common humanity and transform the world into a more peaceful, just and united place.

“Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam” is not only related to humans but also includes all living things. The concept behind it is to express gratitude to the food-giving earth. Artificially prepared or refrigerated food was not known before. Food was used according to the season. All these had a positive effect on human health, thus increasing its immunity. At that time, even though antibiotics and medicines like today were not available, the quality of life was good. Among all living beings on earth, only humans have been blessed with the gift of conscience and intelligence. If we make good use of this, we can achieve the art of living with dignity among ourselves and all other animals, birds, wildlife and plants, respecting each other. If this were done, it would not take long for the concept of “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam” of the Vedic period to come true. Earlier, it was a law to wash one's hands and feet outside before entering the house. Outer clothes were changed outside. There was a tradition of bowing down and showing respect while greeting anyone. When a sick person died, the purpose behind ten days of dirty water was to prevent the spread of germs. The idea behind this was not to insult food, but to appreciate the hard work of preparing food and to express gratitude to the earth. However, today all these concepts have been destroyed and the quality of life has declined. If man makes good use of this concept and achieves the art of respecting all, animals, birds, wildlife, and other plants, and avoiding offenses among humans and other animals, then it would not take long for the concept of “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam” of the Vedic period to come true and it would not take long for peace and happiness to spread throughout the world.

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