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World famous Philosophers, Sages/saints and Great kings (VPS2002A)

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Topic : Assignment -1

Q1) Explain contribution of saint Tukaram Maharaj in the spread of Bhakti Movement.

Ans → Saint Tukaram was a 17th century, Hindu poet and saint, who started the Bhakti movement, mainly in Maharashtra. He wrote several devotional poetries known as 'Abhanga' praising Lord Vishnu. These were written in direct and simple language, which made it easy for everyone to read and understand the meaning. 'Abhanga', thus became popular among common people. His spiritual songs accompanied by music, were called 'kirtans' and these motivated community-oriented worship. He was a great follower of Vishnu and also of Lord Vitthal Mauli. Saint Tukaram had several disciples including influential men and women.

1- Tukaram : 17th

Q2) Explain any two inspirational quotes of any one of the western philosophers i.e. Socrates / Plato / Aristotle

→ ① "Wonder is the Beginning of Wisdom" - Socrates

The meaning of "wonder is the beginning of wisdom" is that the natural curiosity and instincts you're given while you're a child, fills up your awareness with a sense of wonder. As you become older, you begin the process of learning things that give you enough time to get more experienced, but lose a little of the outlook on life that childhood started with. Somewhere along the way, most people realize that knowledge is power and the life you have to make choices and decisions will bring you some regrets until you see that much of life is a controlled folly, but the chance to look at things as a challenge to make the best of your time, because time is the only thing you have.

To understand that time is everything, and thoughts are nothing but a part of the consciousness of Being, is the end of illusion, and the beginning of wisdom in the unfathomable mystery of energy and eternity.

→ ② "Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all" - Aristotle

Aristotle once said, "Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all". This is still true in today's world, or is it? Everyday, countless words are written about the value of education. Without a doubt, education is the most valuable asset that humans can acquire. Human evolution over aeons is the result of both formal and informal education. Everyone talks about the value of education. As a result, let us examine what constitutes education. In a nutshell, education is the acquisition of knowledge. Educating the heart is more concerned with the qualities that make us human, such as empathy, emotional intelligence, altruism and so on. This, in turn, gives us meaning in our lives.