

UHV-I

Session 4

Aspirations and Concerns at the Individual level

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Review of Home Assignment

You must have completed your home assignment – to classify your aspirations and concerns into 4 categories:

1. At the individual level (स्वयं के स्तर पर)
2. At the level of family (परिवार के स्तर पर)
3. At the level of society (समाज के स्तर पर)
4. At the level of nature (प्रकृति के स्तर पर)

Let us get some of them on the board

We will focus on the aspirations and concerns at the individual level in this session

Aspirations and Concerns at the Individual Level

To be happy (सुखी होना)
To be healthy (स्वस्थ होना)
To be prosperous (समृद्ध होना)
Knowledge – quest for knowledge
(ज्ञान – सही जानने की कोशिश करना)
Ability to decide properly on my own, independently
(अपने अधिकार पर स्वतंत्र होकर निर्णय ले पाने के काबिल होना)
Purification of the mind (मन की शुद्धता)
Controlling the mind (मन को नियंत्रित करना)
Self confidence (आत्म विश्वास)

Coming out of stress
Managing pressure of academics
Time management
Time lost due to illness
Entertainment
Sensual desires
Domination of females by males
Pressure of placement
Overcoming –ve thinking
Attending classes
Peer pressure
Temptations
Anger
Depression
Suicidal thoughts

Aspirations

To be happy
To be healthy
To be prosperous
Knowledge – quest for knowledge
Ability to decide properly on my own, independently
Clarity in thoughts
Self confidence...etc

We want to fulfil our aspirations



Fulfilment of Aspirations

Our basic aspirations are fulfilled by

1. **Right understanding(सही समझ)** in the self
2. Living with fulfilment in **relationship(सम्बन्ध)** with human beings and
3. Ensuring more than required **physical facility(सुविधा)** with rest of nature

Should education help us to ensure right understanding?

Should education help us to ensure right skills?

Concerns

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We want to resolve our concerns

Resolution of Concerns

Generally, we try to address these piecemeal. We make effort for personality development, stress management, memory enhancement, anger management and so on.



Are these concerns independent issues or they are interlinked?

Are there many issues or is there a basic root issue?

Basic Issue / Root Cause

Proposal (प्रस्ताव): The basic issue is “lack of right understanding”

When we do not understand a reality, we are not able to live with fulfilment with that reality. So, if we do not understand human being, we are not able to live with fulfilment within.

We want to explore the outcome of understanding the reality “human being”:

- Will we be able to live with fulfilment within?
- Will our concerns at the individual level get resolved?

So, let us try to understand human being
(and then find out if our concerns can be resolved)

Understanding Human Being

Human Being

मानव

Self (I)

मैं

Co-existence

सहअस्तित्व

Body

शरीर

Who makes decisions?

Who enjoys food, music, movies...?

Who feels high, elated, low, depressed...?

Human Being मानव		Self (I) मैं	← Co-existence सहअस्तित्व →	Body शरीर
Need आवश्यकता	Happiness (e.g. Respect) सुख (जैसे सम्मान)	Physical Facility (e.g. Food) सुविधा (जैसे भोजन)		
In Time काल में	Continuous निरन्तर	Temporary सामयिक		
In Quantity मात्रा में	Qualitative (is Feeling) गुणात्मक (भाव है)	Quantitative (Required in Limited Quantity) मात्रात्मक (सीमित मात्रा में)		

Are these needs of different types or of same type?

Are both types of needs important / Do we want fulfillment of both types of needs?

Are we working to fulfill both types of needs?

What is the priority between the needs of the Self (I) & the needs of the Body?



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Fulfilled By पूर्ति के लिए	Right Understanding & Right Feeling सही समझ, सही भाव	Physio-chemical Things भौतिक-रासायनिक वस्तु		

The needs of the Body can not be fulfilled by Right Understanding, Right Feelings alone
 The needs of the Self can not be fulfilled by Physio-Chemical Things

Both type of needs have to be understood separately
 Both type of needs have to be fulfilled separately

In living, what is the priority?

How much time & effort is spent for right understanding & right feelings?

How much time & effort is spent for physical facility?

Human Being

मानव

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मैं

Co-existence

सहअस्तित्व

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Activity क्रिया	Imagination (Desire, Thought, Expectation), ... कल्पनाशीलता (इच्छा, विचार, आशा), ...	Eating, Walking... खाना, चलना...
In Time काल में	Continuous निरन्तर	Temporary सामयिक

Does understanding human being make a difference in living?

While selecting and eating food, what is desirable?

Body is nourished + Self is happy
Body is nourished + Self is unhappy
Body is not nourished + Self is happy
Body is not nourished + Self is unhappy



Find out what happens at the level of Self and Body, when:

- Someone is forcing you to eat when you are not hungry
- You are eating “junk food”
- You select nutritious and tasty food to eat
- While serving, the plate is pushed to you “take – eat (ले – खा)”

Does understanding human being make a difference in living?

When do you tend to make more mistakes ?

- when you (Self) are disturbed within ?
or
- when you (Self) are comfortable within ?

Does a small child also need respect?

What about - an old woman? A rich man? A sweeper? A well-dressed person? A begger? Someone who speaks fluent English? . . . Everyone?

Do we interact with respect in all cases or is it conditional?

What is the outcome?



- Are the needs same for all human beings or are they different for different people?
- Is the program for fulfilment of needs the same for all human beings or is it different for different people?
- For men-women, young-old, students-teachers, Indians-Americans, rich-poor etc.?

Human being is the co-existence of the Self and the Body

The Body needs physical facility

It is fulfilled by physio chemical things from rest of nature

Happiness is the need of the Self

It is fulfilled by right understanding and right feeling in the Self

(It can not be fulfilled by physical facility)

(it can not be fulfilled by getting feelings from others)

Home Assignment

Home Assignments

4.1. From your exploration of human being as the co-existence of Self and Body, could you see that you have two types of needs:

- A continuous need (like need for respect)
- A temporary need, which is required from time to time (like the need for food)

Make a list of your needs. Mark those that are required continuously and those that are needed from time to time.

4.2. If you feel happy when someone pays attention to how you look, your clothes, your way of speaking etc., **find out if you can get continuous happiness from the attention of others.**

4.3. Do an experiment to find out if you can get continuous happiness from eating food. Take a large quantity of your favourite sweet. Start eating the sweets one by one and keep observing how you feel. **What is your conclusion from this experiment?**

Note: you could take any sensation that you consider as a source of happiness for you instead of tasty food for this experiment

Questions?

