



# **Lecture 4**

## **Holistic Development and Role of Education**

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1. Universal – the content must be universal – applicable to all human beings and be true at all times, in all places  
**Should not depend on sect, creed, nationality, race, gender, etc.**
2. Rational – the content must be amenable to logical reasoning  
**Should not be based on blind beliefs**
3. Verifiable – the student should be able to verify the values on his/her own right (on the basis of their natural acceptance and experiential validation)  
**Should not be asked to believe just because it is stated in the course**
4. Leading to Harmony – the values have to enable us to live in peace and harmony within our own self as well as with others (human being and rest of nature)  
**Should not lead to contradiction, differentiation, sectarianism, struggle, chaos, etc.**



Basic human aspiration

मानव की मूल चाहना

Fulfilment of basic human aspiration

मानव की मूल चाहना की पूर्ति

Holistic development

समग्र विकास

The role of education in holistic development

समग्र विकास में शिक्षा की भूमिका

It will also give an idea about:

- The content of this workshop/course
- The process of this workshop/course
- The expected achievement from right understanding

इस सत्र से इन तीन के बारे एक अनुमान बन पायेगा:

- शिविर/कोर्स कि विषय-वास्तु
- शिविर/कोर्स कि प्रक्रिया
- समझ से अपेक्षित उपलब्धि

# Process

Whatever is said is a **Proposal** (**Do not assume it to be true or false**)  
**Verify** it on Your Own Right – on the basis of our **Natural Acceptance**

It is a process of **Dialogue**

A dialogue between me and you, to start with

It soon becomes a dialogue **within your own self**

between what you are and what you really want to be (your natural acceptance)

The purpose of this workshop is to initiate this internal dialogue

**izLrko\_gS  $\frac{1}{4}$ ekuas ugha $\frac{1}{2}$**

**tkipas & Lo;a ds vf/kdkj ijA**

**viuh lgt LohÑfr ds vk/kkj ijA**

**;g laokn dh izfØ;k gSA**

**;g laokn vkids vkSj esjs chp 'kq: gksrk gS] fQj vki eas pyus yxrk gSA**

# Desire pkguk

Do we want to be happy?

**D;k ge lq[kh gksuk pkgrs gSa\**

Do we want to be prosperous?

**D;k ge le`) gksuk pkgrs gSa\**

Do we want the continuity of happiness and prosperity?

**D;k ge lq[k] le`f) dh fujarjrk pkgrs gSa\**



## Desire, What We Want to Be

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## State of Being, What We Are

Are we happy?

**D;k ge lq[kh gSa\**

Are we prosperous?

**D;k ge le`) gSa\**

Is there continuity of our happiness and prosperity?

**D;k gekjs lq[k] le`f) dh fujarjrk gS\**

**Why this gap?**

- between our desire and our state of being
- between what we really want to be and what we are

**What are we doing to fill this gap? Is it getting filled up or getting wider?**

**We will explore into this**



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## Effort djuk

Is our effort (**gekjk iz;kl**):

– For continuity of happiness and prosperity?

**lq[k] le`f) dh fujarjrk ds vFkZ esa gS**  
or **;k**

– Just for accumulation of physical facility?

**dsoy lqfo/kk&laxzg ds vFkZ esa\**

Have we assumed that happiness and prosperity will be ensured when we have enough physical facility?

What effort are we making, other than accumulation of physical facility?



## Physical Facility is Necessary...

When an animal has lack of physical facility it becomes uncomfortable, when it gets physical facility it becomes comfortable

Eg. When a cow gets a stomach-full of grass, it becomes comfortable, sits and chews the cud  
**i'kq dks lqfo/kk dk vHkko gksrk gS] rks og ijs'kku gksrk gS] lqfo/kk fey tk, rks og vkjke esa vk tkrk gS] (tSl isV Hkj ?kkl fey tk, rks xk; vkjke ls tqxkyh djrh gS)A**

When a human being has lack of physical facility, he becomes uncomfortable and unhappy  
But once he gets the physical facility, he forgets about it and starts thinking about hundred other things

**euq"; dks lqfo/kk dk vHkko gksrk gS] rks og ijs'kku o nq%[kh gksrk gS]  
ijarq lqfo/kk fey tk, rks mlds ckjs rks Hkwy gh tkrk gS] mlds vykok lS vkSj phtsa lks pus yxrk gSA**



(Check for yourself if you feel happy every day that you are getting enough to eat?)

**(vki gh vius esa tkap dj ns[ksa] D;k vki bl ckr ij jkst [kq'k gksrs gSa fd vkidks isV Hkj Hkkstu fey jgk gS\)**



## Physical Facility is Necessary... but it is not Adequate

When a human being has lack of physical facility, s(he) becomes uncomfortable and unhappy  
But once s(he) gets the physical facility, s(he) forgets about it and starts thinking about hundred other things

euq”; dks lqfo/kk dk vHkko gksrk gS] rks og ijs’kku o nq%[kh gksrk gS]  
ijarq lqfo/kk fey tk, rks mlds ckjs rks Hkwy gh tkrk gS] mlds vykok lkS vkSj phtsa lkspus  
yxrk gSA

Lets see if we know how many pairs of clothes we have

If there were a shortage of clothes it would be a problem for us, but now that we have clothes, we may not even know how many we have... (and yet we may keep collecting more and more...)

When we don’t know how many clothes we really need, we can be in this situation

We have a problem when we don’t have clarity about our needs!

## Something more is required (over and above physical facility)

Physical facility is necessary for human being  
but  
something more is also required

## To find out what else is required (over and above physical facility)

Check: Is the unhappiness in our families

- More due to lack of physical facility or
- More due to lack of fulfillment in relationship?

**vkids ifjokj esa tks nq%[k gS] og lqfo/kk ds vHkko esa T;knk gS ;k laca/k dk fuokZg u gksus ds dkj.k T;knk gS\**



## To find out what else is required (over and above physical facility)

How much time and effort are we investing:

- For physical facility
- For fulfillment in relationship

**vki lqfo/kk tqVkus ds fy, fdruk le; o iz;kl yxk jgs gSa vkSj laca/k dk fuokZg ds fy, fdruk le; o iz;kl yxk jgs gSa\**

The unhappiness is more due to lack of fulfillment in relationship

Most of the time and effort is spent for physical facility

**nq%[k laca/k dk fuokZg u gksus ds dkj.k T;knk gS( ijUrq] le; o iz;kl lqfo/kk ds fy, T;knk yxk;k tk jgk gS**

## For Human Being, Relationship is also Necessary

For human being physical facility is necessary but relationship is also necessary

**ekuo ds fy, lqfo/kk Hkh vko';d gS] ijarq laca/k Hkh vko';d gSA**

On examining carefully, we find that this is a fundamental difference between animals and human being

**/;ku ls ns[ksa rks ekuo o i'kq ds chp ;g ,d ewyHkwr varj gSA**

Physical facility is necessary for animals and necessary for human being also

**lqfo/kk i'kq ds fy, vko';d gS] euq"; ds fy, Hkh vko';d gSA**

However, **ijarq]**

For animals physical facility is necessary as well as adequate

**i'kq ds fy, lqfo/kk vko';d Hkh gS vkSj iw.kZ Hkh gS]**

For human being physical facility is necessary but not adequate

**euq"; ds fy, Hkh lqfo/kk vko';d gS ij iw.kZ ugha gSA**

# In Addition to Physical Facility, Relationship is Necessary

For human beings physical facility is necessary but relationship is also necessary

**ekuo ds fy, lqfo/kk Hkh vko';d gS] ijarq laca/k Hkh vko';d gSA**

RELATIONSHIP  
**laca/k**  
with human being

PHYSICAL FACILITY  
**lqfo/kk**  
With nature

For animals:  
necessary & largely  
adequate

i'kq ds fy,  
vko';d  
,oa iw.kZ

For human beings:  
necessary but not  
adequate

ekuo ds fy,  
vko';d  
ijarq iw.kZ ugha

## Although we have Recognised the need for Relationship...

We do get into arguments, opposition and fights... even in the family, with close friends, with colleagues at work... in the marketplace...

Every time we have a fight, we want to resolve it...

We say sorry, patch up and promise not to fight in future but...

Even though we don't want to, a fight does take place once again

(we want the other to improve... and the other wants us to improve...)

Is this happening?

Are incidences of reaction... not speaking to the other... arguments... debates... divorce... increasing or decreasing?

Explore your close relationships – in the family, with friends, in the workplace, in the society

In spite of our acceptance for relationship, why is it happening?



## State of Relationship (in the Society)

Out of the three types of fear, which is predominant for us?

- Fear of natural calamities
- Fear of wild animals
- Fear of the inhuman behaviour of human beings

Is this on the increase or decrease?

vki ds fy,] bu rhuksa esa ls dkSu lk Hk; izeq[k gS\

- fgald i'kqvksa dk Hk;
- izkd`frd vkink dk Hk;
- ekuo ds vekuoh; O;ogkj dk Hk;

;g Hk; c< jgk gS ;k ?kV jgk gS\

In spite of our acceptance for relationship,  
why do we have such a state of affairs in the society?

# The most Dangerous Animal!

Originally posted in The Morning Call, April 30, 1989

The Bronx Zoo, New York, then housed more than 4000 animals

Inside the Great Ape House was a large mirror placed within the cage, with a sign at the bottom:

“The most Dangerous Animal in the World: This animal, increasing at the rate of 190,000 every 24 hours, is the only creature that has ever killed off entire species of other animals. Now it has achieved the power to wipe out all life on Earth”!

Source: <http://searchoflife.com/the-worlds-most-dangerous-animal-2013-10-04>

In spite of our acceptance for relationship, why are we in such a state?

# Let's check our Perspective about Relationship

Let us find out if

1. We want to live in relationship (harmony) with others or
2. We want to live in opposition with others or
3. We believe living has to be necessarily in opposition with others, i.e. There is 'struggle for survival' , 'survival of the fittest' and check if we feel happy living this way?

**vki gh vius esa tkap dj ns[ksa]**

**1- vkidh pkguk laca/kiwoZd thus dh gS ;k**

**2- vkidh pkguk fojks/kiwoZd thus dh gS ;k**

**3- vkius eku j[kk gS fd thuk rks fojks/kiwoZd gh laHko gSA 'struggle for survival',  
'survival of the fittest' vkSj D;k vki oSlk thrs gq, lq[kh gksrs gSa\**



What is our present perspective? Which view do we promote?  
(at home, in the family... in schools and colleges... and in the society)

Is it the naturally acceptable view?

# Right Understanding is also Essential for Human Being

For fulfilment in relationship, it is necessary to have right understanding about relationship

i.e. Right understanding is also necessary for human being

With right understanding:

- We have clarity about relationship with human being; we are able to fulfil relationship
- We also have clarity about how much physical facility we need

# Right Understanding is also Essential for Human Being

**RIGHT UNDERSTANDING**  
**(le>)**  
**in the self**

**RELATIONSHIP**  
**(laca/k)**  
**with human**  
**being**

**PHYSICAL FACILITY**  
**(lqfo/kk)**  
**with rest of nature**

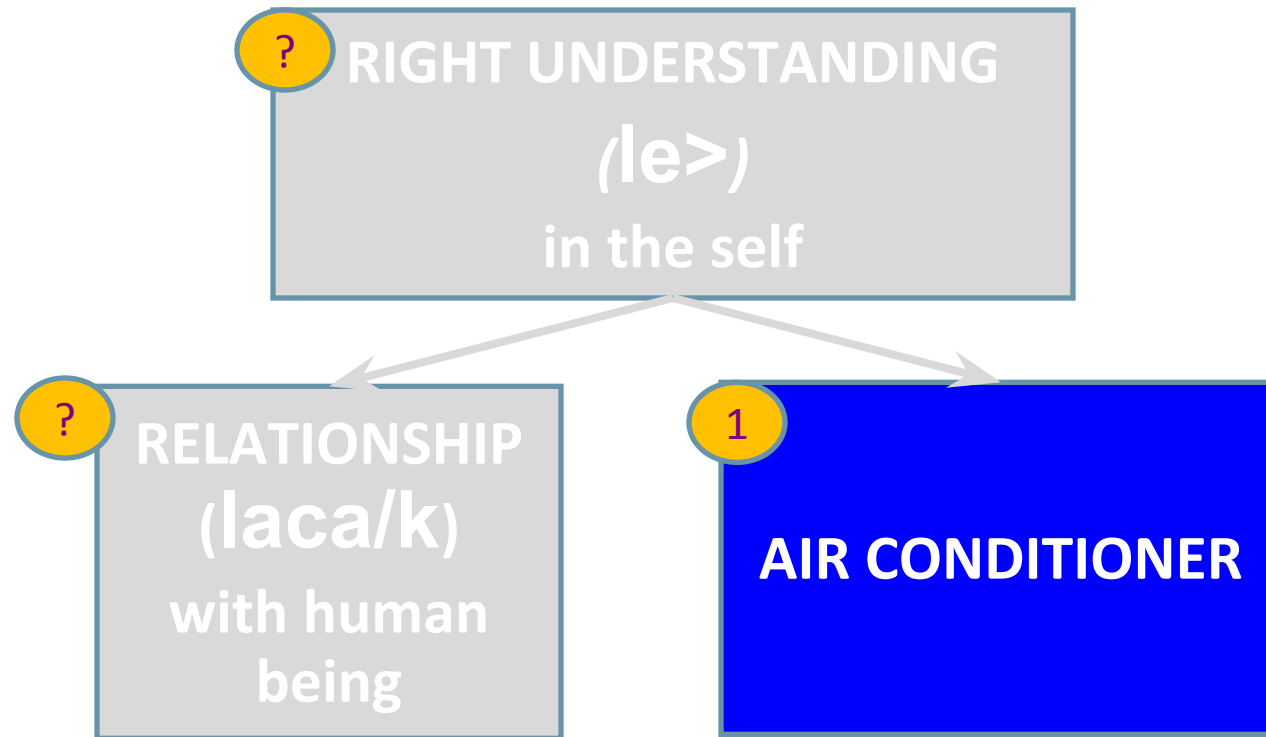
**For animals:**  
**necessary & largely**  
**adequate**

**For human beings:**  
**necessary but not**  
**adequate**

These are two different types of needs  
Let us explore if one type of need can be fulfilled by another  
e.g. can the need of relationship be fulfilled by physical facility?

## Ex: Sitting in a hot room... we are uncomfortable and unhappy

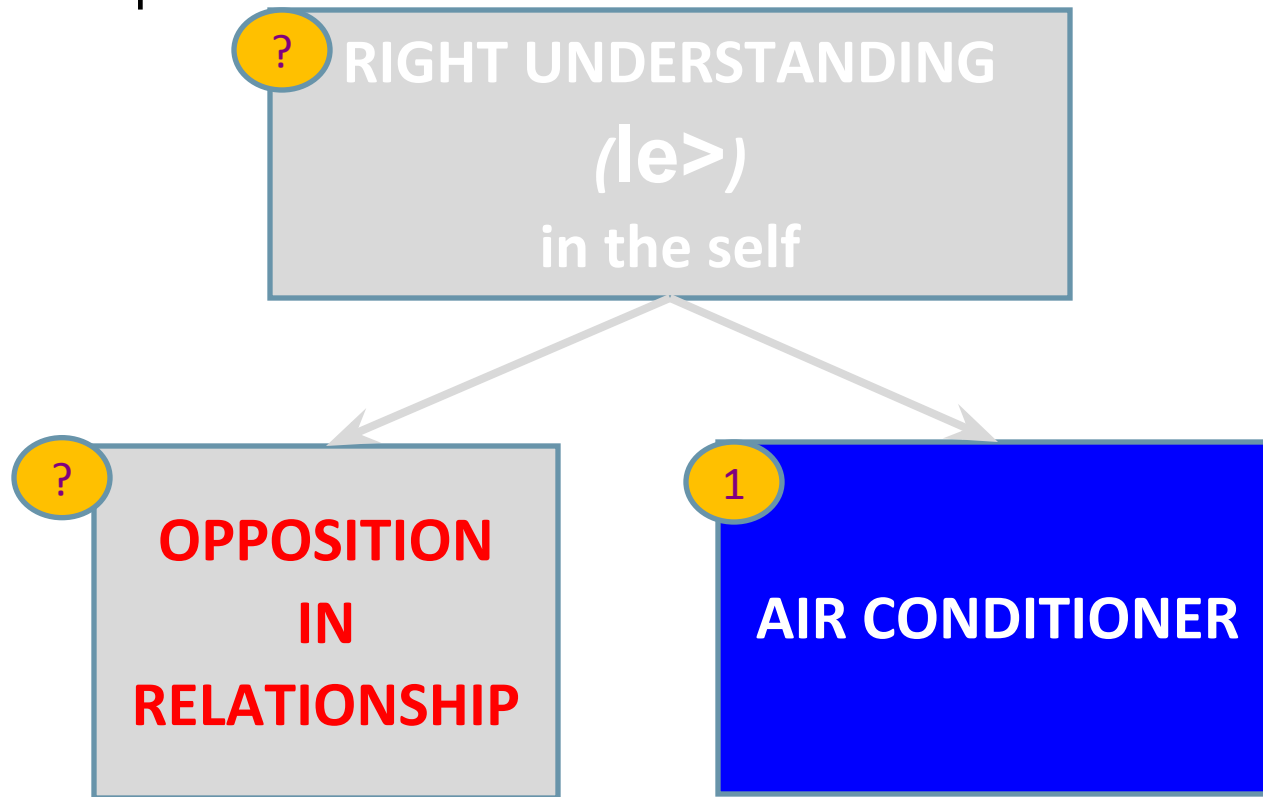
Q: Does an AC help us resolve our discomfort & unhappiness?



- An AC does help resolve the physical discomfort
- However, it is not clear that the AC provides any relief from unhappiness

## Ex: Sitting in an AC room... with someone we are opposed to...

Q: Is the feeling of opposition naturally acceptable? Or do we want to get rid of the feeling of opposition, to resolve the relationship?

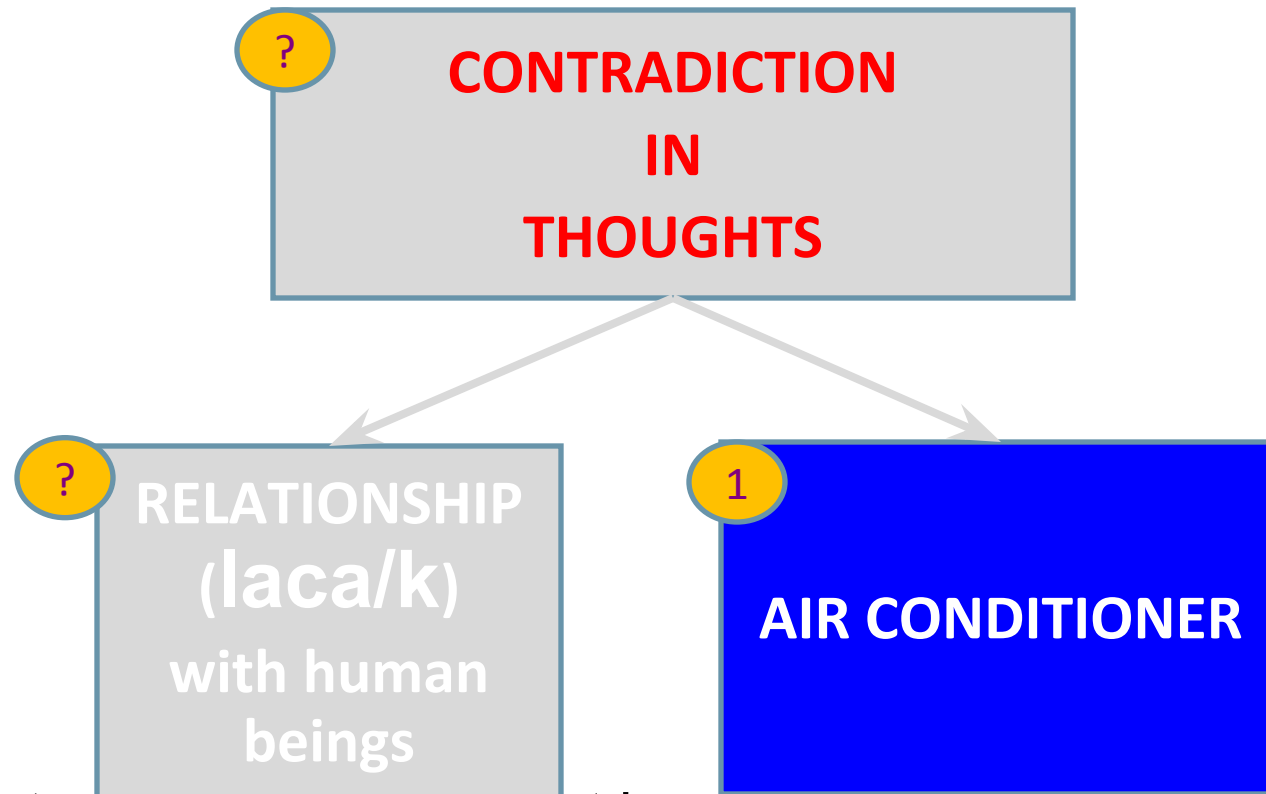


- We can see that an AC has no impact in resolving relationship
- Physical facility does not have any lasting impact in relationship. E.g. A gift can at most distract attention for some time – it is not a solution
- Right understanding about relationship and right feeling in oneself is required for resolving the relationship



## Ex: Sitting alone in an AC room... thinking about one we oppose...

Q: Does the AC help us resolve the contradiction in our thoughts?



- We can see that an AC has no impact in resolving contradiction in thoughts
- Right understanding is required to resolve contradiction in thoughts

# Right Understanding is also Essential for Human Being

**RIGHT UNDERSTANDING**  
**(le>)**  
**in the self**



**RELATIONSHIP**  
**(laca/k)**  
**with human**  
**being**

**PHYSICAL FACILITY**  
**(lqfo/kk)**  
**with rest of nature**

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Are all 3 required? Is something redundant? Is anything more required?

Are we working on all 3?

If all 3 are required, what would be the priority\*?

\*Working on the high priority facilitates the realisation of the lower priority

1 **RIGHT UNDERSTANDING**  
**(le>)**  
in the self

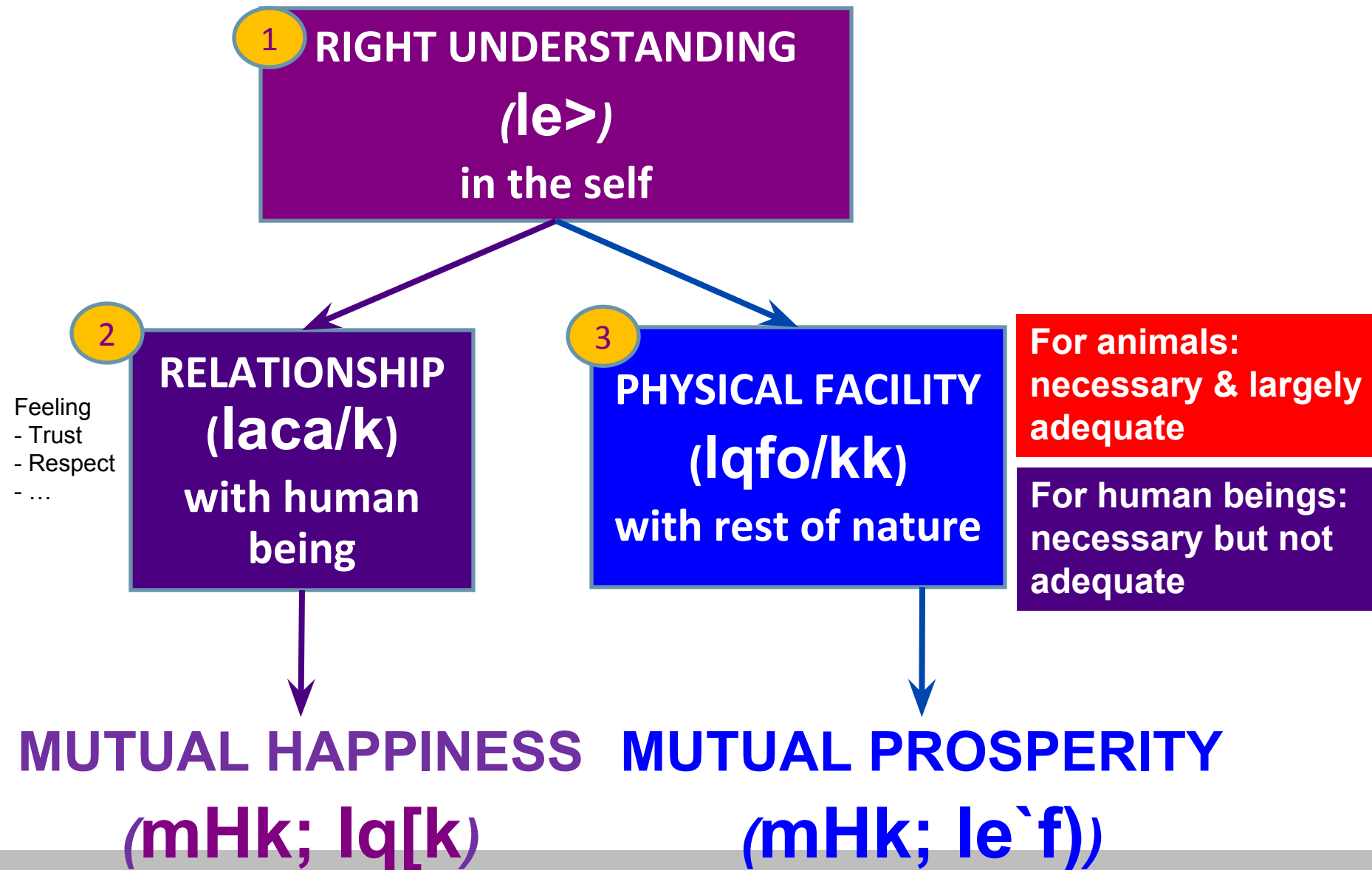
Feeling  
- Trust  
- Respect  
- ...

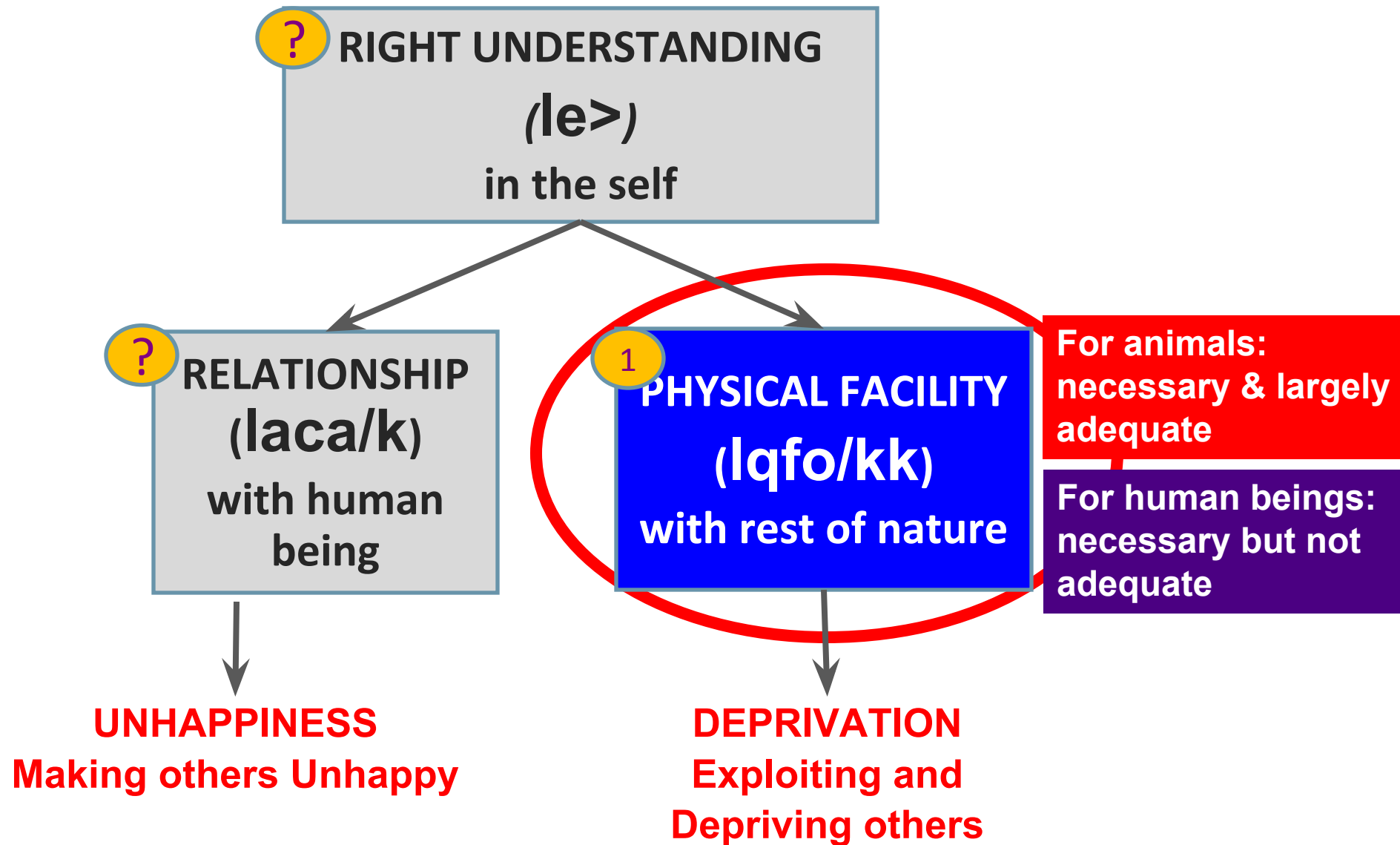
2 **RELATIONSHIP**  
**(laca/k)**  
with human  
being

3 **PHYSICAL FACILITY**  
**(lqfo/kk)**  
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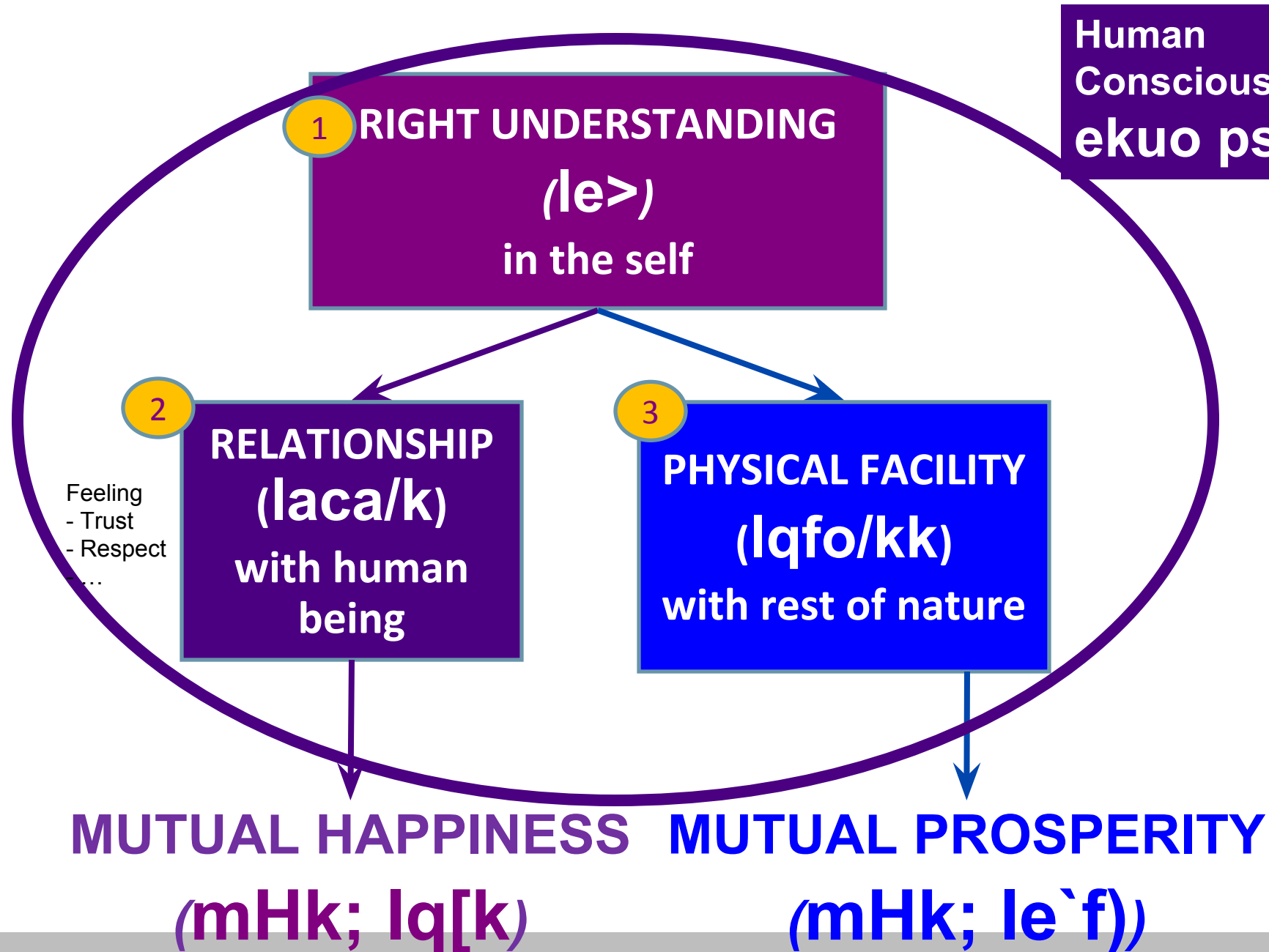
# Human Consciousness

If we are living for all three (right understanding, relationship and physical facility) then we are living with human consciousness

**vxj gekjk thuk rhuksa (le>] laca/k vkSj lqfo/kk) ds fy, gS rks ge ekuo psruk esa th jgs gSaA**

Human being can be fulfilled (be happy and prosperous) on the basis of these three

**bu rhuksa ds vk/kkj ij lq[kh] le`) gksdj ekuo r`lr gks ikrk gSA**



If we are living with all three (right understanding, relationship and physical facility, in that priority order) then we are living with human consciousness

Human being can be fulfilled (be happy and prosperous) on the basis of these three



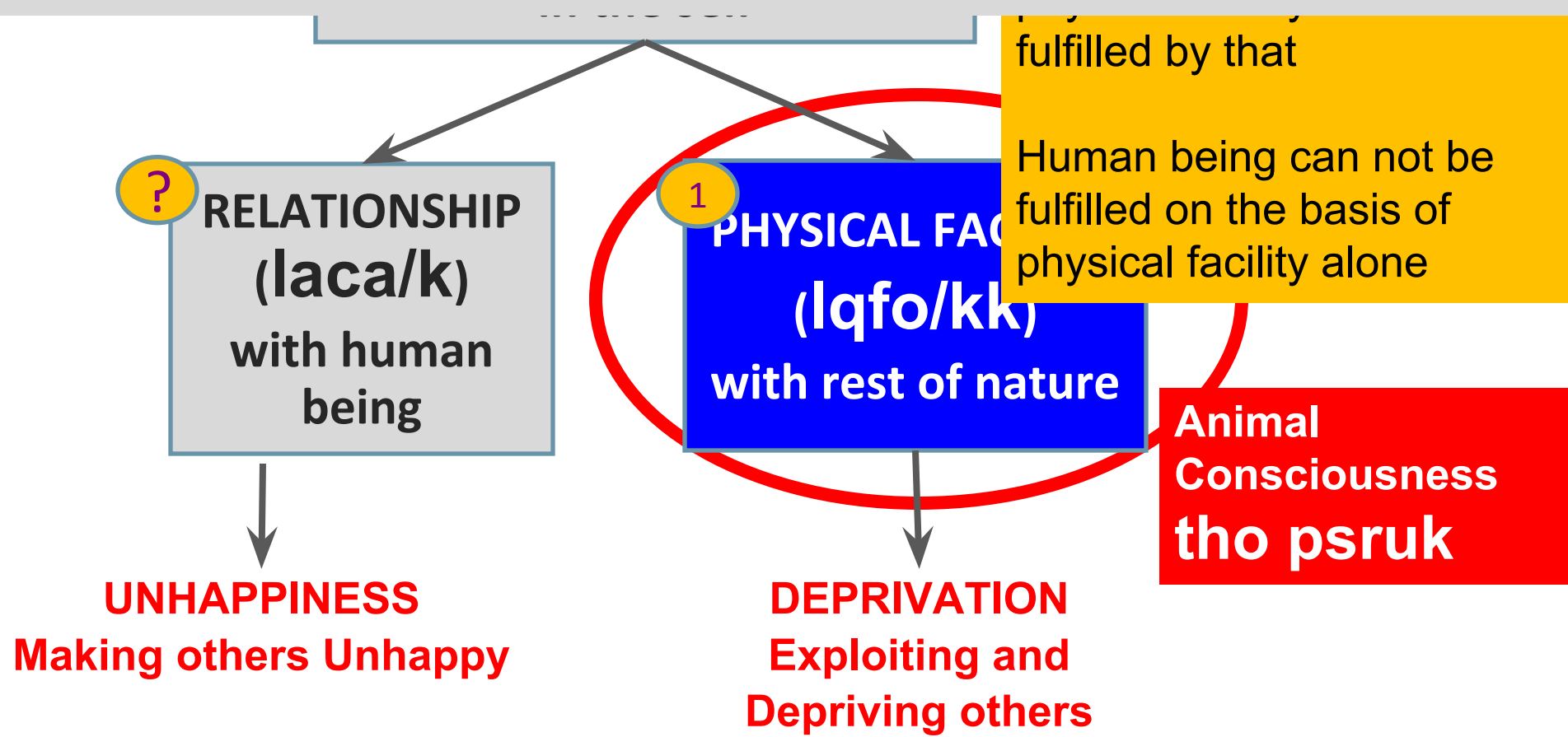
# Animal Consciousness

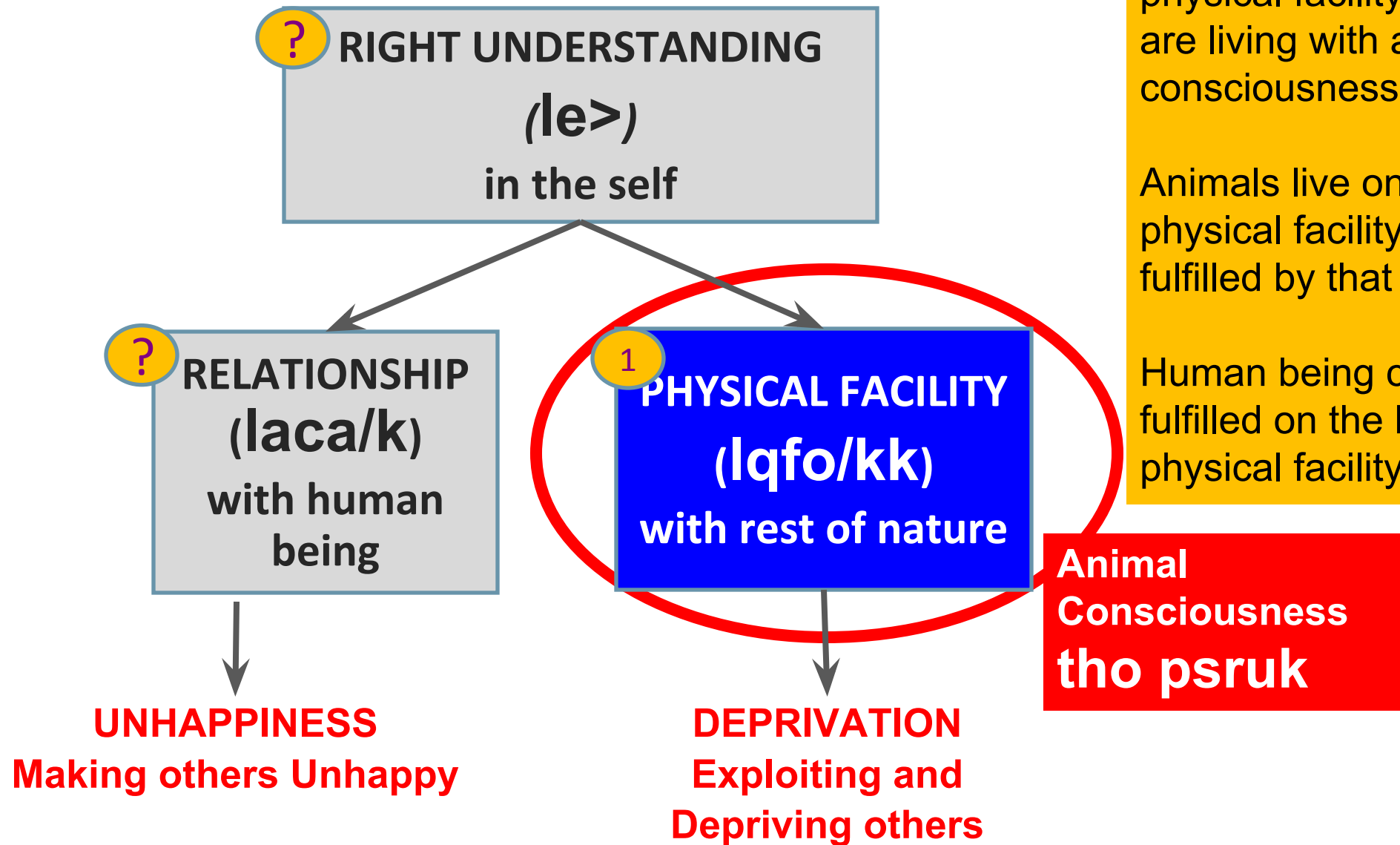
If our living is only for physical facility, then we are living with animal consciousness, because animals live only for physical facility and are fulfilled by that, not human being

**vxj gekjk thuk flQZ lqfo/kk ds fy, gS rks ge tho psruk esa gh th jgs gS D;ksafd i'kq  
dk thuk Hkh lqfo/kk ds fy, gS vkSj i'kq gh bls r`lr gks ikrk gS] ekuo ughaA**

Reflect

Is the unhappiness in our family more due to lack of fulfillment of relationship  
or  
more due to lack of physical facility





Animals living with  
animal consciousness

they are in harmony

this is fine

Human being living with  
human consciousness

they are in harmony

this is fine

Human being living with  
animal consciousness

they are in disharmony

this is the  
problem

# Since we generally don't have clarity about our physical needs...

In the society, we can observe two categories of human beings

**blhfy, vHkh nks rjg ds euq”; fn[kkbZ nsrs gSa&**

1. Lacking physical facility, unhappy deprived (**lqfo/kk foghu nq[kh nfjnz** )
2. Having physical facility, unhappy deprived (**lqfo/kk laiUu nq[kh nfjnz** )

While we want to be – **tcfd ge gksuk pkgrs gSa&**

3. Having physical facility, happy prosperous (**lqfo/kk laiUu lq[kh le`**))

Find out

- Where are we now – at 1, 2 or 3 and
- Where do we want to be?

**vius esa tkap dj ns[ksa&**

- **vHkh ge dgka gS\& 1] 2 ;k 3 esa vkSj**
- **dgka gksuk pkgrs gSa\**



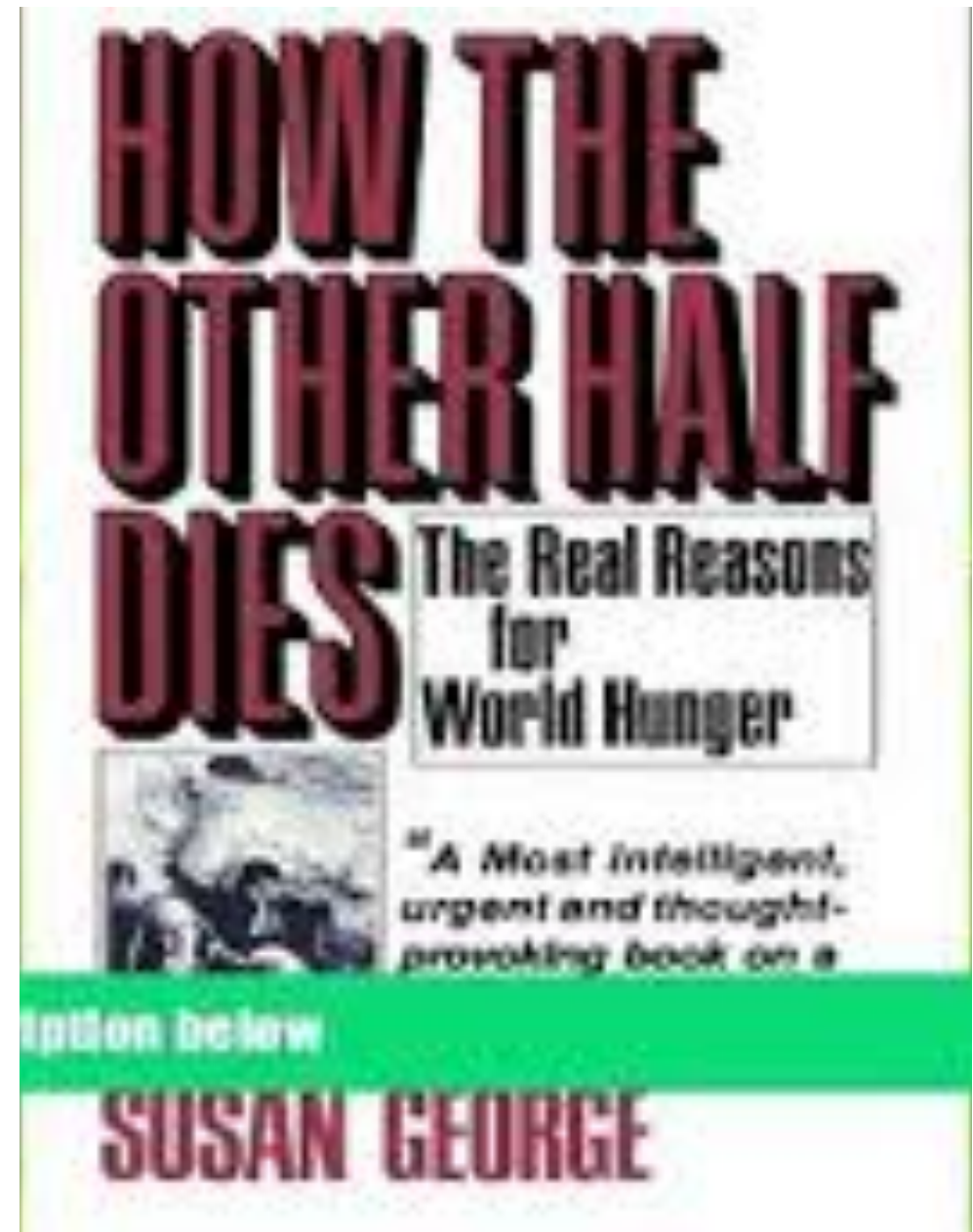
## But Resources are Not the Problem!

...by the time you finish reading this book (approx. 6 hrs) 400 people would have died of hunger or diseases caused by hunger...

Contrary to popular opinion, malnutrition and starvation are not the result of over-population, of poor climate or lack of cultivatable land...

**The other half is dying because the first half is not rightly utilizing the resources...**

Hunger is not a scourge but a scandal



# Resources are already in Plenty!

**Of the 4.2 billion tons of food produced, more than 1 billion tons of food is lost or wasted every year, UN-backed report finds (11 May 2011)**

About a third of all the food produced for human consumption each year – or roughly 1.3 billion tons – is lost or wasted, according to a new study commissioned by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

**Global Food Production is 6 times requirement**  
**Global Food Wastage is 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of production**  
**Wastage is enough to feed 1300 crore people/year**

Have we understood right utilisation?  
Is it a question of production?  
Is it a question of distribution?  
Is it a question of relationship?  
Is it a question of right understanding?  
**It is a question of education**

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=38344&Cr=fao&Cr1>





## Even Small Individual Choices Add Up. E.g. Choice of Food

*20% of all life produced on land every year is harvested for human purposes*

14-16 kg grain & 21,000 litres of water □ 1 kg meat

The world's cattle alone (not including other livestock) annually consume food grains enough for 8.7 billion people

Land use – 3¼ acres/person on meat diet vs 0.2 acres/person on veg diet

20% Amazon rain forest (the size of California) destroyed since 1970

80% of this land is used for cattle raising

By feeding grain to livestock, we lose 90% of the protein, 96% of the calories, 99% of its carbohydrates, and 100% of the fiber. Animal-based diets are high in saturated fat, excessive protein and cholesterol, leading to heart disease and stroke (nearly 50% of all deaths in the US)

[Video](#) (1 min)

<http://www.planetaryrenewal.org/ipr/vegetarian.html>



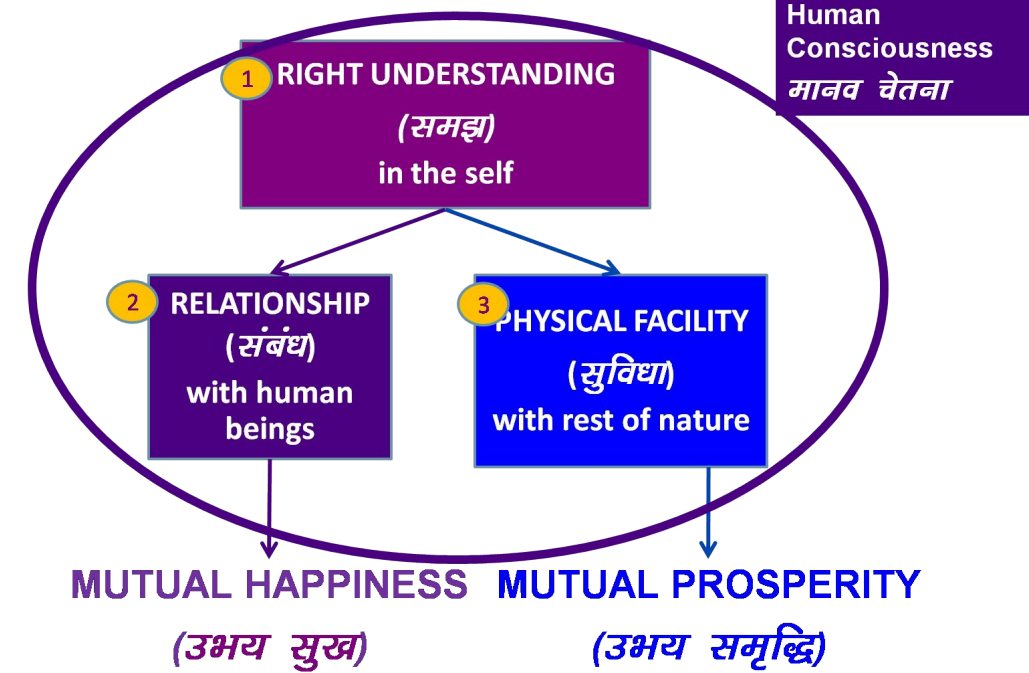
# Transformation (ladze.k) = Holistic Development (fodkl)

Is development just in increasing physical facility or development is ensuring of all 3?

Is this transformation desirable?

Are we making effort for it?

Do we need to make effort for it?



We will explore into the effort required for transformation, for holistic development

Transformation & Progress  
ladze.k & fodkl



# Role of Education-Sanskar: To Enable Transformation

Holistic development is transformation to Human Consciousness

The role of education-sanskar is to enable this transformation by way of ensuring the development of the competence to live with human consciousness and definite human conduct

For this, it has to ensure

1. Right understanding in every child
2. The capacity to live in relationship with the other human being
3. The capacity to identify the need of physical facility,  
the skills and practice for sustainable production of more than what is required – leading to  
the feeling of prosperity

1. Right understanding in every child
2. The capacity to live in relationship with the other human being
3. The capacity to identify the need of physical facility,  
the skills and practice for sustainable production of more than what is required  
right utilisation of physical facility  
leading to the feeling of prosperity

Missing

Missing

Identification of need of physical facility is missing.

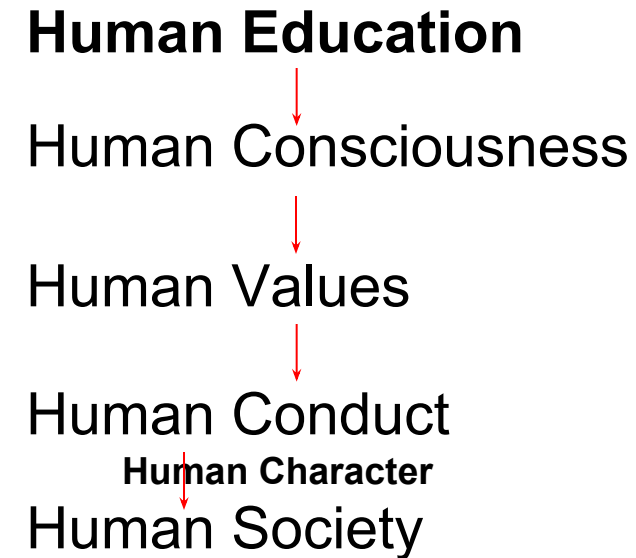
The willingness to produce by way of labour is also missing.

The core feeling generated is  
to accumulate more & more,  
to consume more & more,  
(rather than to produce more & more...)

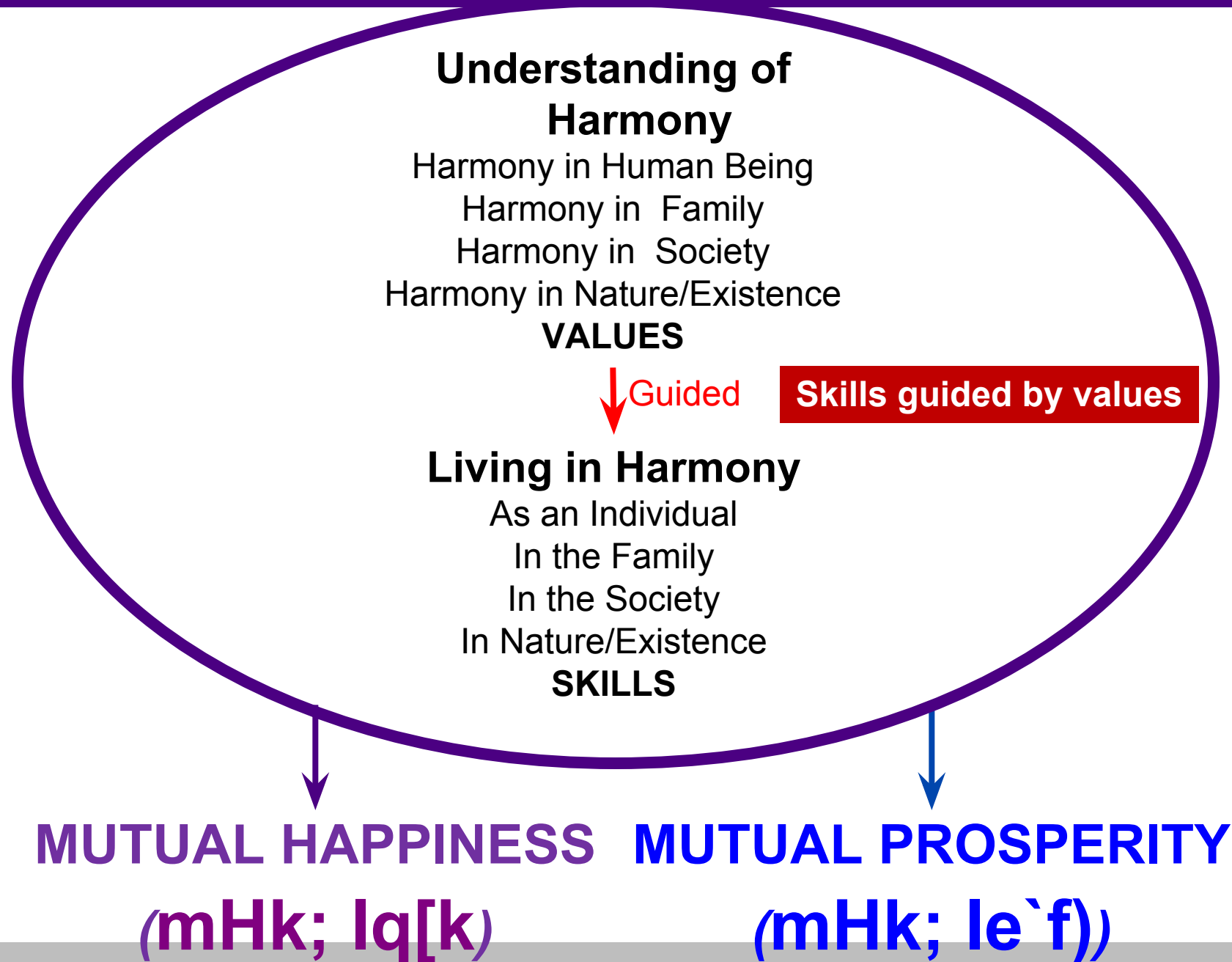
# Problems = Indication of Lack of Effort for Holistic Development

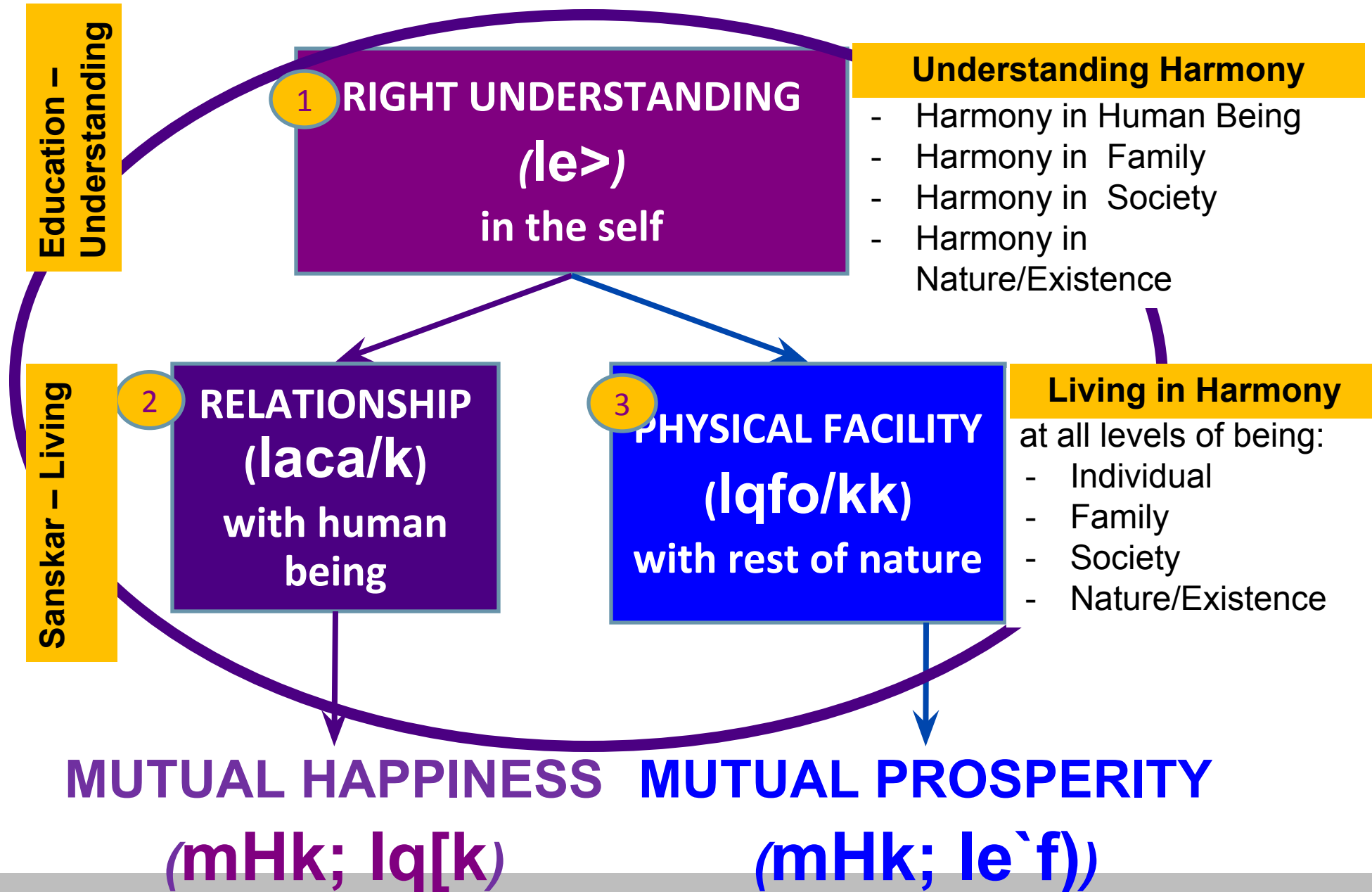
Most of the problems we see around us are really only the symptoms of human beings not living with human consciousness

The basic effort is required to ensure human consciousness  
(through human education)

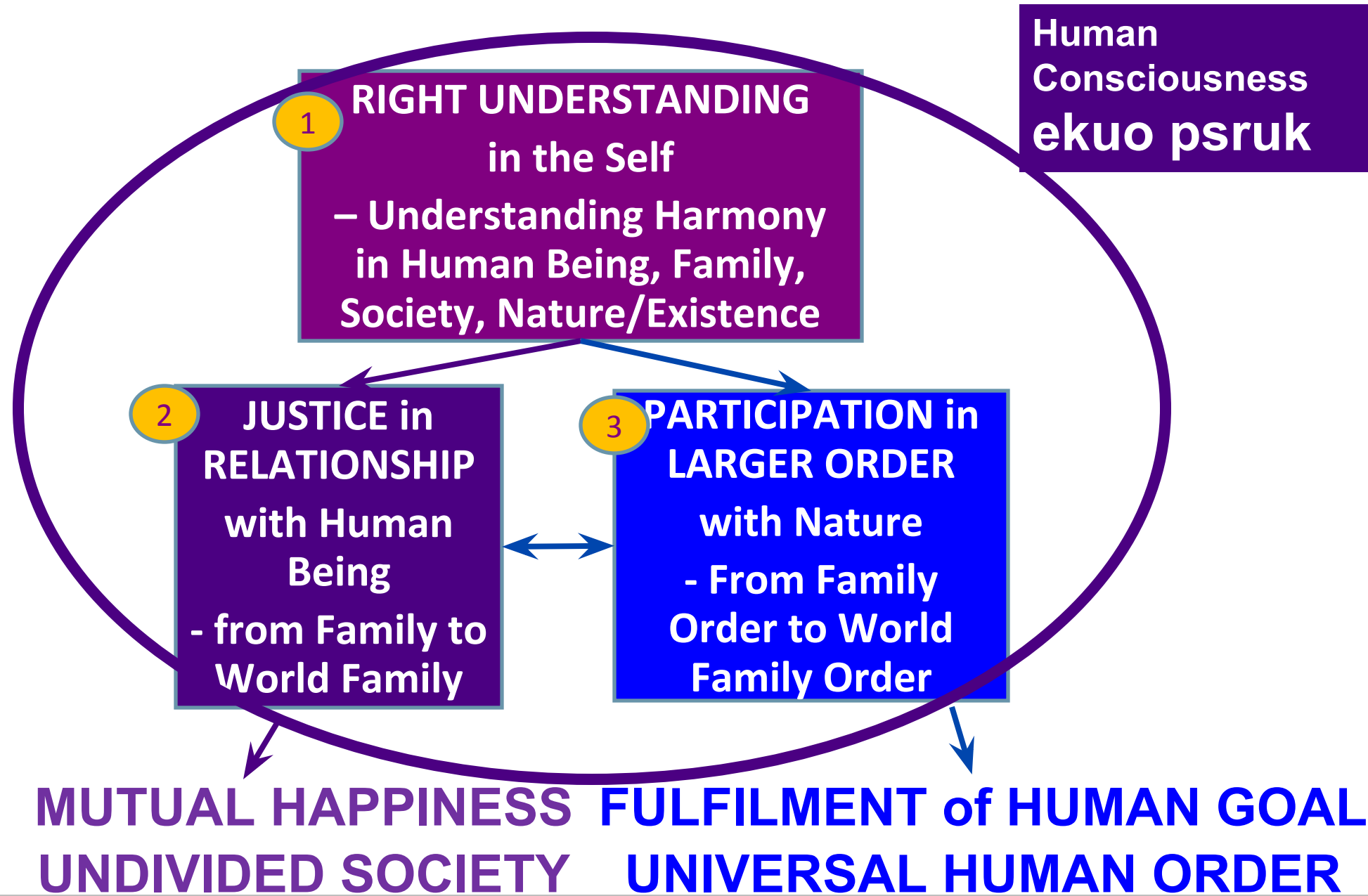


Ultimately it will result in a human tradition,  
in which the human goal is fulfilled for all,  
generation after generation





# Societal implications of living with Human Consciousness





### Proposals

(about harmony at various levels  
for your self-exploration)

- Harmony in Human Being
- Harmony in Family
- Harmony in Society
- Harmony in Nature/Existence

**Self-exploration**, self-verification

### Desired Achievement

#### Individual Transformation

- Right Understanding  
(Understanding Harmony)
- Happiness & Prosperity  
(Living in Harmony)



#### Societal Transformation

- Humane Society

# Self Reflection

Can you see that you have the faculty of natural acceptance?

- It is innate, a part and parcel of our being
- It is invariant, uncorrupted by pre-conditioning
- It is definite

Find out how you feel when your desire is in accordance with your natural acceptance – happy or unhappy?

## Sum Up

- Basic aspiration of a human being is continuity of happiness and prosperity.
- Fulfilment of the basic aspiration requires right understanding, relationship and physical facility with the correct priority
- If a person is working only for physical facilities, then he/she is living with animal consciousness
- If a person is working for all the three, i.e. right understanding, relationship and physical facility with the correct priority, then he/she is living with human consciousness.
- Transformation from animal consciousness to human consciousness is holistic development.

## Practice Session after Lecture 4

- Watch the video “Story of Stuff”. It is a documentary about the materials economy – its motivation, process and outcome. It has been produced by a set of concerned people at [storyofstuff.org](http://storyofstuff.org), USA (source: <http://storyofstuff.org/movies/story-of-stuff/>). Discuss
  - The activities and efforts made by the people shown in the video
  - The outcomes of these efforts
  - How their activities are motivated by their notion of happiness (physical facility = happiness. More shopping, physical facility = more happiness)? Is this and any other notions of happiness their own notions or they are programmed by advertisements, others? Does this notion seem to be true or is it getting the people into the loop of more and more physical facility only?
  - Do reflect on your own notion of happiness – is it your own notion or is it borrowed from others?
- Make a list of your desires. Now for each item on the list, find out what would be necessary to fulfil it, i.e. will it require:
  - Right understanding?
  - Relationship (right feeling)?
  - Physical facility?(observations on the next slide)

## Practice Session after Lecture 4...

- If it requires more than one of these, mark which one is the higher priority. Explain your conclusion from this exercise.
- Can all your aspirations be fulfilled just by physical facility?
- Is right understanding required for the fulfilment of none, some or all of your aspirations?
- Is relationship required for the fulfilment of none, some or all of your aspirations?
- Can one be substituted for the other (e.g. can right understanding be substituted by physical facility). If they are distinct things, what are their key characteristics (or what are the key differences between right understanding, relationship and physical facility)?
- What is the priority order of these three?
- In your education, should all three be included? To put it another way, should your education be only about skills or should it be about skills that are guided by human values?
- The problems that you see around you – are they more due to lack of physical facility or more due to lack of right understanding and right feeling?
- Keep this list handy, because we intend to use the same list in future practice sessions as well.

## Expected Outcome

- The students start finding that right understanding is the basic need of human being; followed by relationship and physical facility. Understanding about all these three needs to be included in education. In fact, technical education without inculcation of human values can generate more problems than solutions.
- They appreciate the need to understand happiness and make a programme for it.
- They also start feeling that lack of understanding of human values is the root cause of all problems and the sustained solution could emerge only through understanding of human values and value-based living.



# FAQs for Lecture 4

Holistic Development and the Role of Education

Right Understanding, Relationship and Physical Facility

# Questions

- If we all become happy, development will stop, isn't it?
- I think physical facility is most basic and important human need. Even Maslow's hierarchy of needs puts physical needs at the base. How can you say that RU is the first priority?
- For a person dying of hunger, what is the first priority?
- Animals also need relationship. How can we say that animals need only physical facilities?
- ...





# Self Reflection

## Question(s) 2 : Human Aspirations

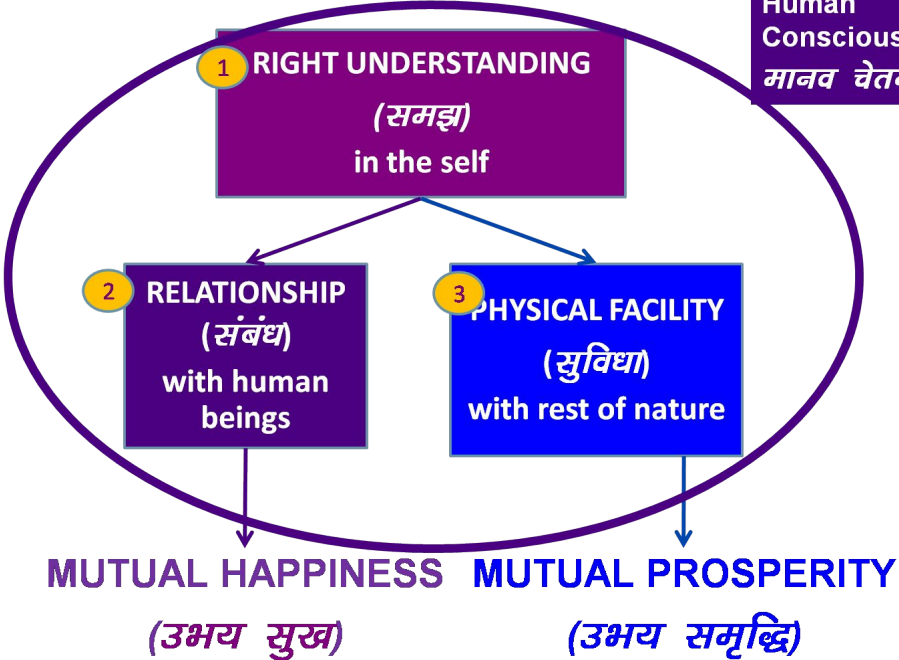
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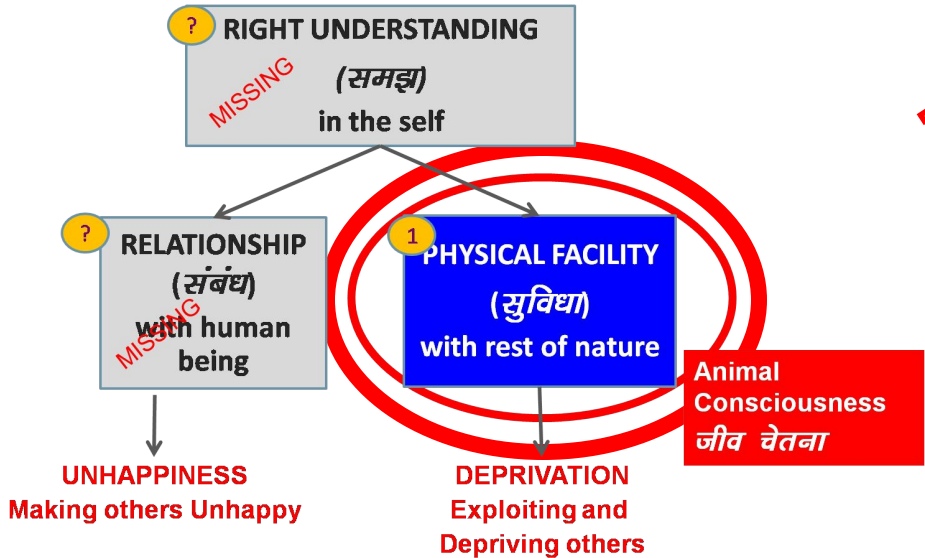
Look around – there is so much of poverty, joblessness, etc. By speaking about such an idealistic state, will we not mislead the next generation away from development; from making progress?

# Transformation (ladze.k) = Holistic Development (fodkl)

Human  
Consciousness  
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Transformation & Progress  
ladze.k & fodkl



### Question(s) 3 : Need for Physical Facility

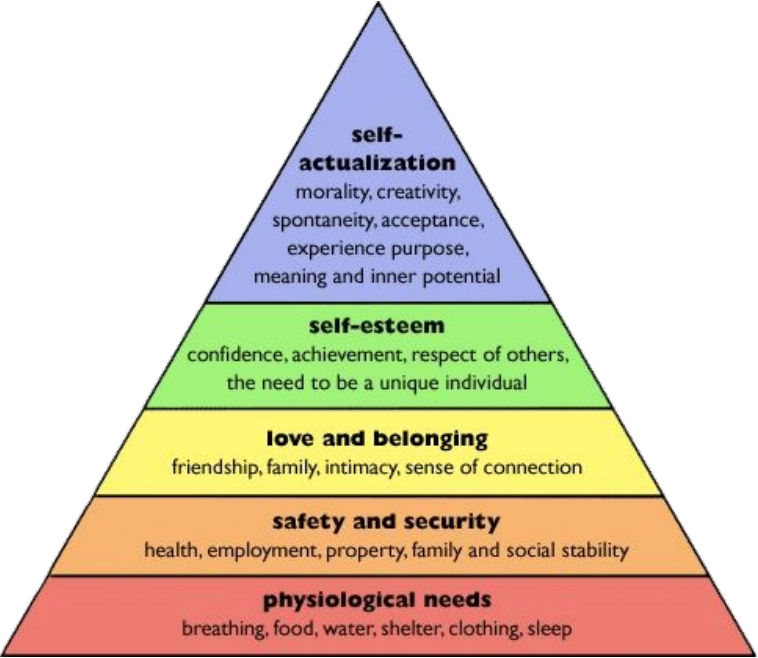
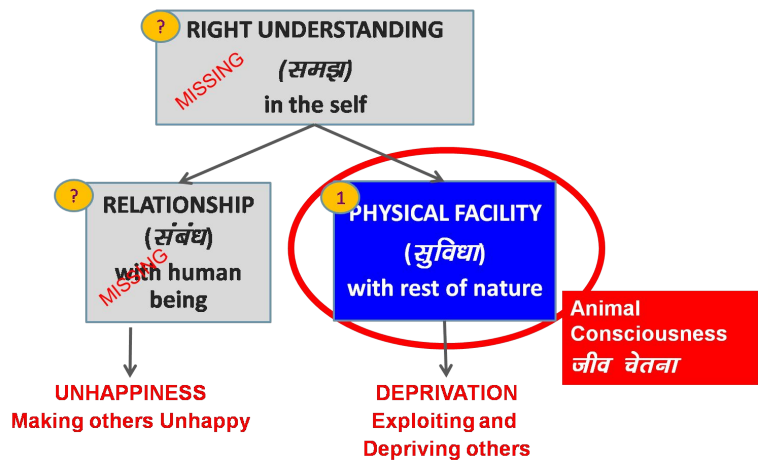
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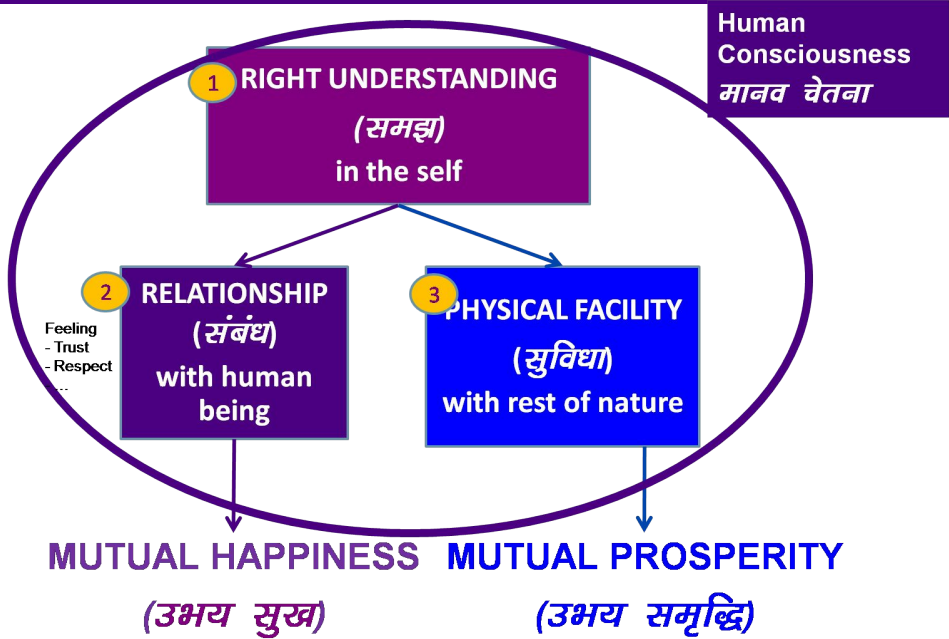
How does Maslow's hierarchy of needs fit into this?

In the theory of Maslow's need of hierarchy - Physical facility is the most basic requirement and you are saying that it is the third priority? How is it so?

# Focus on Physical Facility



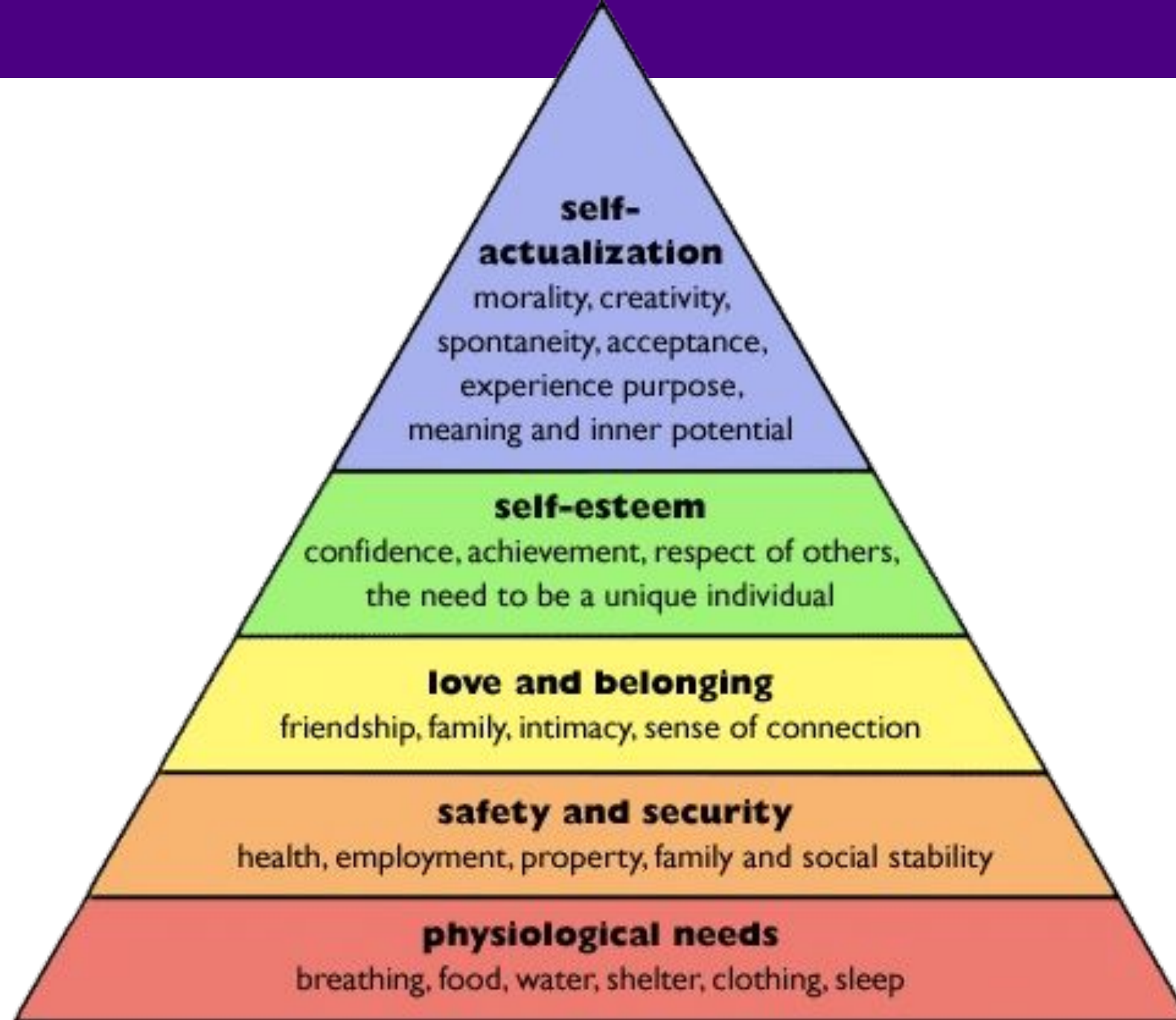
# Focus on Happiness and Prosperity



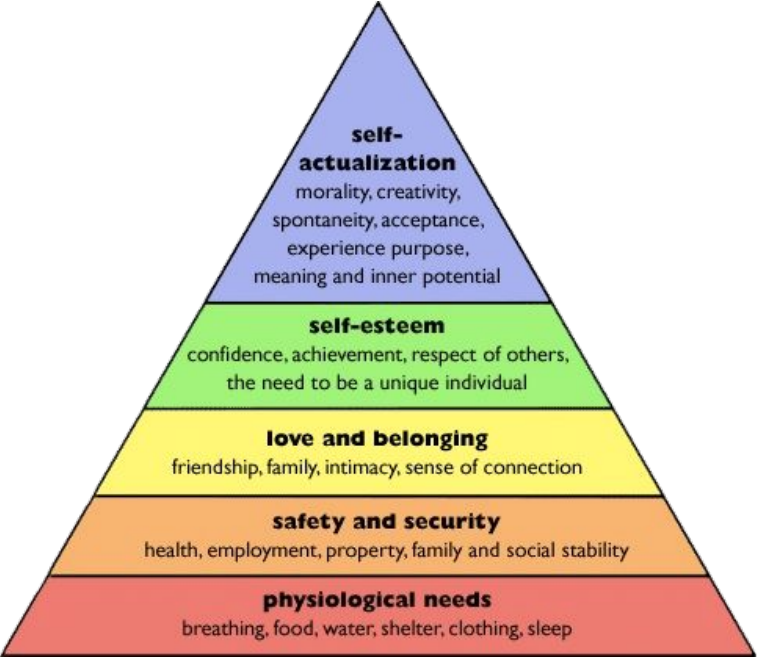
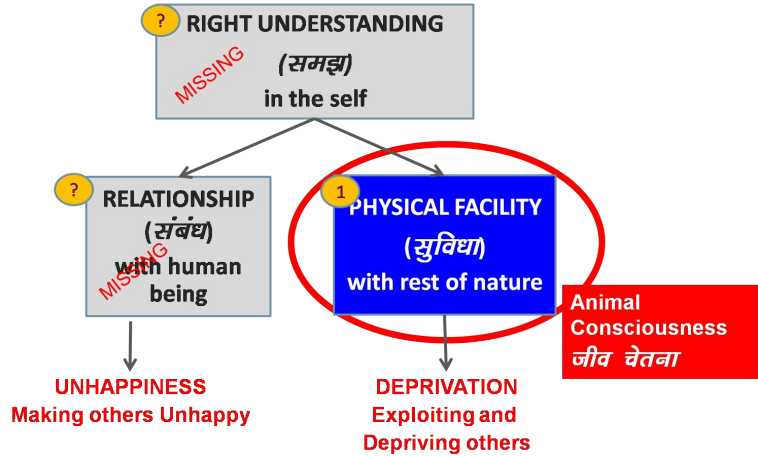
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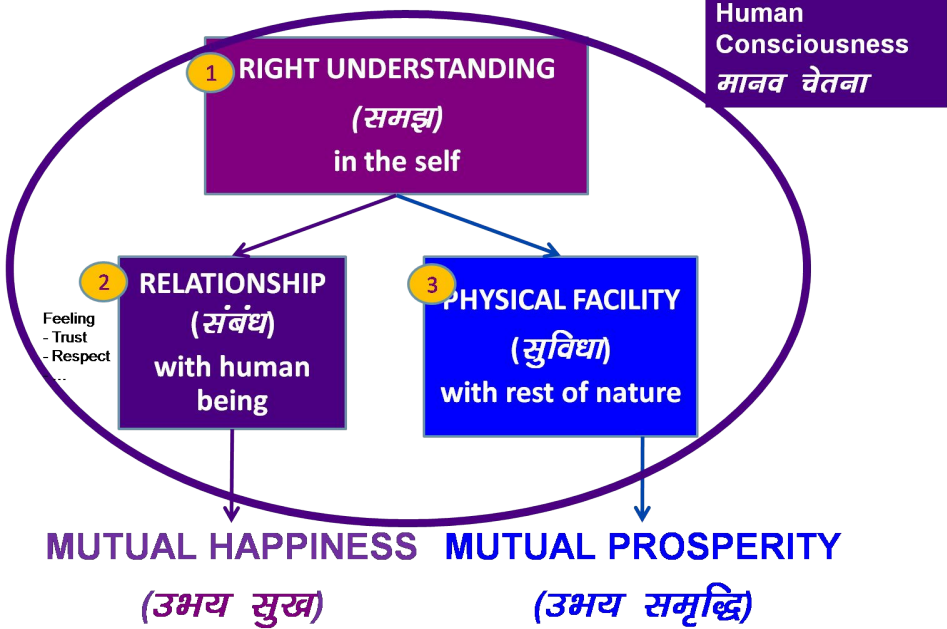
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# Needs: Animal Consciousness



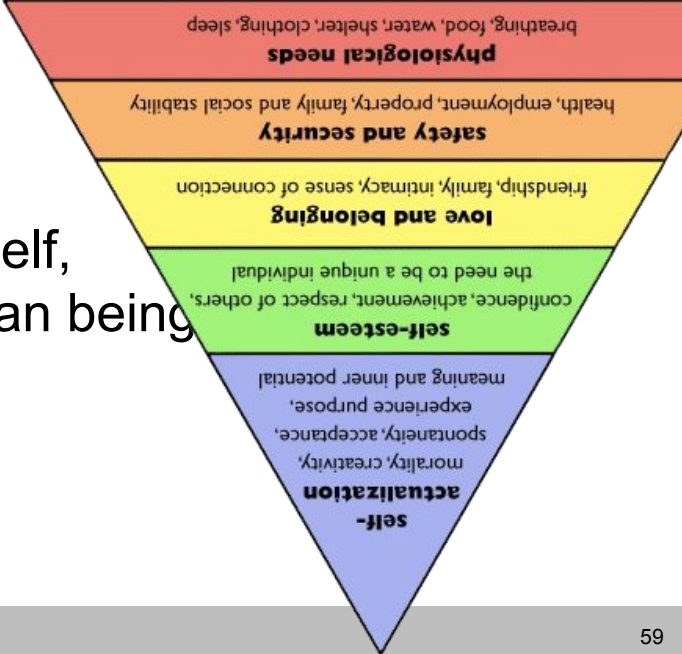
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## Question(s) 4 : Need for Physical facility

## Response

For a person dying of hunger, what is the first priority?

Can anyone work for right understanding when he has no physical facility? Then how can RU be first priority?



# Resources are already in Plenty!

**Of the 4.2 billion tons of food produced, more than 1 billion tons of food is lost or wasted every year, UN-backed report finds (11 May 2011)**

About a third of all the food produced for human consumption each year – or roughly 1.3 billion tons – is lost or wasted, according to a new study commissioned by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

**Global Food Production is 6 times requirement**  
**Global Food Wastage is 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of production**  
**Wastage is enough to feed 1300 crore people/year**

Have we understood right utilisation?  
Is it a question of production?  
Is it a question of distribution?  
Is it a question of relationship?  
Is it a question of right understanding?  
**It is a question of education**

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=38344&Cr=fao&Cr1>



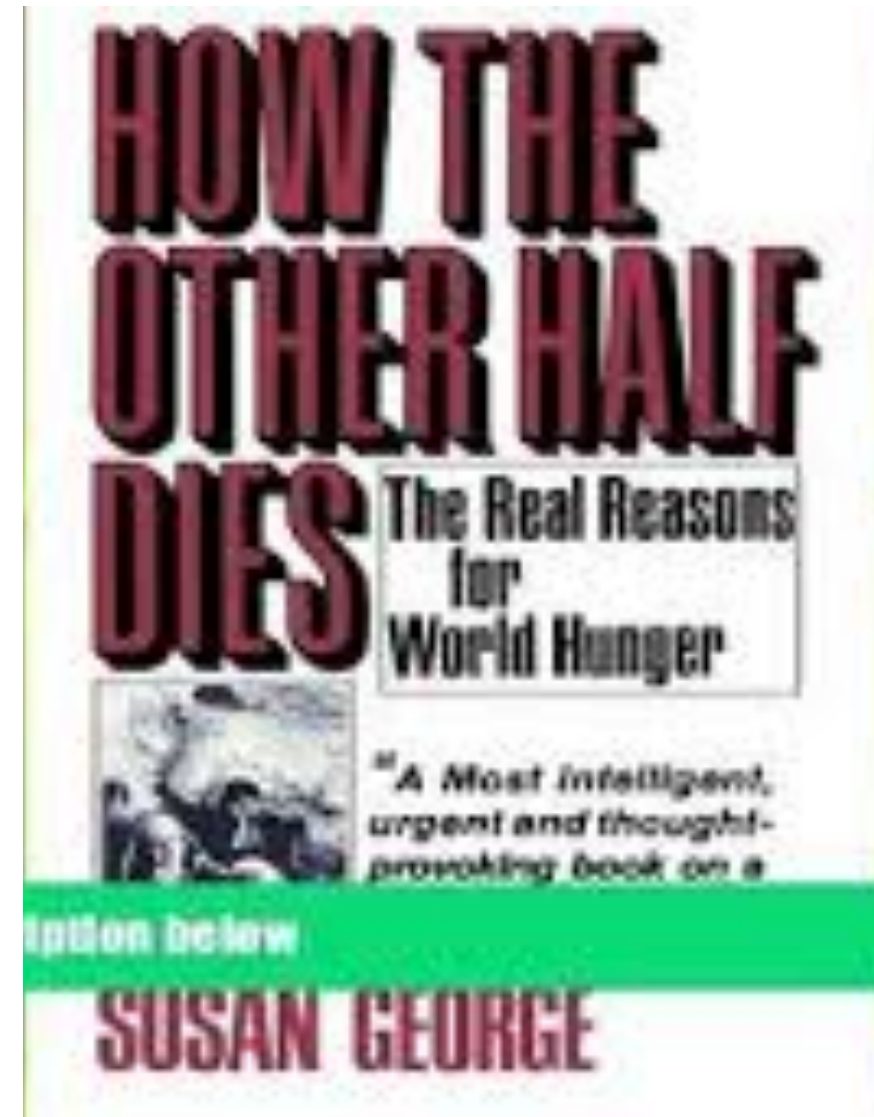
## But Resources are Not the Problem!

...by the time you finish reading this book (approx. 6 hrs) 400 people would have died of hunger or diseases caused by hunger...

Contrary to popular opinion, malnutrition and starvation are not the result of over-population, of poor climate or lack of cultivatable land...

**The other half is dying because the first half is not rightly utilizing the resources...**

Hunger is not a scourge but a scandal



## Question(s) 5 : Other Needs

## Response

Where do we place health here in the priority as human consciousness?

Health of Self

Health of Relationship (Mutual Fulfilment)

Health of the Body... Rest of the Physical World (Mutual Enrichment)

## Question(s) 6 : Comparing with Animals

## Response

Animals also need relationship. How can we say that animals need only physical facilities?

Why are we demeaning animals?

Animals have higher level of right understanding, that's why they are in harmony. Isn't it?

Why do we need to at all compare human beings with animals?

Animals living with  
animal consciousness

they are in harmony

this is fine

Human being living with  
human consciousness

they are in harmony

this is fine

Human being living with  
animal consciousness

they are in disharmony

this is the  
problem

## Question(s) 7: Relationship

## Response

There is competition, 'struggle for survival', 'survival of the fittest' all around. Don't you agree that this is true?

In science, we have studied the theory of evolution (Darwin's theory) – struggle for survival and survival of the fittest. What is the use of talking about harmony and cooperation?

Nature – underlying design = ?  
Struggle or mutual fulfilment?

Our way of looking at things  
our feeling (which may include opposition)  
sanskar (which may be biased)  
or  
our naturally acceptable feeling  
our natural acceptance (for relationship, harmony, co-existence)

Our thoughts, actions depend on our perspective (our own creation)

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Examine yourself in this example.

There are two people in a room.

Both are hungry.

The available food is sufficient for just one person.

Who will get the food – the stronger person or the weaker person?

Going by this theory, the stronger person will take the food.

But what if the strong one is the mother?

Wherever there is a feeling of relationship...

## Question(s) 8 : Relationship

## Response

I feel the expectations in relationship are a major cause of unhappiness. So, if we do away with these expectations, then we will automatically become happy – and that is my right understanding. Do you agree?

I do not feel the need to be in relationship with everyone that I come across. Why do I need to be related to others whom I do not feel connected with?

2 aspects in relationship

1. Feeling in me – for all

Trust? – I can be comfortable, fearless  
(but I will evaluate the comp.)

□ happiness

or

Mistrust? – I will be uncomfortable,  
fearful □ unhappiness

2. Fulfilment of those feelings

a) Expect the fulfilment by the other – depending on, considering their competence

b) From our side, we make effort to fulfil those feelings for those in the vicinity (start from close family and slowly expand... ultimately to all? – depends on our competence...)



Options in relationship

I continue to work for relationship without expecting immediate change in the other

I continue to work for relationship and expecting immediate change in the other

be indifferent

Live with opposition

## Question(s) 9 : Role of Education

## Response

What does definite conduct mean? Will human beings not become robots like that?

Definite conduct at the level of expression, follow the norms of the society, programmed by others?

Or

Follow your own natural acceptance?

- Feeling of relationship (trust, respect...)
  - Interacting with others with these feelings (understanding, feeling is definite, expression will have lot of creativity)
- Will be able to appreciate different cultures, different expressions...

## Question(s) 10: Societal Implications

## Response

Undivided society sounds like a utopian society. It is an ideal state which can never be realized, so why to talk about it?

1. What is desirable (what is our natural acceptance) love... undivided society
2. How do we go about it? Make effort towards what is desirable and feasible (start with understanding (developing a holistic world view).... then feeling.... thought... action)
3. Also can check where we will end up / reach with any other option e.g. every nation trying to dominate other nations is the present direction 50% resources preparing for war... what is the result?