

# UHV-II: Universal Human Values – Understanding harmony and Ethical Human Conduct

Module 1 – Introduction to Value Education

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**Lecture 1:** Understanding Value Education

**Lecture 2:** Self-exploration as the Process for Value Education

**Tutorial 1: Practice Session PS1** Sharing about Oneself

**Lecture 3:** Continuous Happiness and Prosperity – the Basic Human Aspirations and their Fulfilment

Lecture 4: Right Understanding, Relationship and Physical Facility

**Tutorial 2: Practice Session PS2 Exploring Human Consciousness** 

**Lecture 5:** Happiness and Prosperity – Current Scenario

Lecture 6: Method to Fulfill the Basic Human Aspirations

Tutorial 3: Practice Session PS3 Exploring Natural Acceptance



# **Basic Guidelines for Value Education**

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# **All Encompassing**

It needs to cover all dimensions (thought, behaviour, work and understanding) and levels (individual, family, society and nature/existence) of human life

Should not be confined to only few aspects of life.

# **Leading to Harmony**

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)

This will be sufficiently exemplified in the presentations in this workshop





Lecture 1

**Understanding Value Education** 

Lecture 2

Self-exploration as the Process for Value Education

Lecture 3

Continuous Happiness and Prosperity – the Basic Human Aspirations

# **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 course is to initiate/strengthen this internal dialogue



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# **Expectations from Education**

Education has the responsibility to facilitate:

Understanding 'what to do' – What is valuable, as a human being and Learning 'how to do' – skills, technology

Are both required or we can do with just one of them?

Both are important

What would be the priority between these two?

The Priority is

**1. Understanding** 'what to do'

- → Value Education
- 2. Learning 'how to do' and Doing
- → Technical Education





# Can we decide "What is Valuable" on our own right?

Is it possible for us to decide what is valuable for us, what is meaningful, what is right, what is wrong, what is innate in us?

Can we decide these on our own right? This is the issue, this is the essential point of the first lecture

Is this possible?



We will explore into this further



# The Need for Value Education

We saw that the first issue is that we need to understand "what to do"? And we need to learn "how to do it"?

To understand "what to do", we need Value Education

Second, in order to ensure this we need to get into the details of things, for which we need a holistic perspective

To develop a holistic perspective, we need Value Education

So, that is the need of Value Education



# **Understanding Value**

Value of a unit is its participation in the larger order

e.g. The value of a piece of chalk is its participation in the classroom

What is valuable

The chalk writes on the blackboard in the classroom?

or

The chalk scratches the blackboard in the classroom?

What is valuable = value

The context is always the larger order Value of a unit is definite (does not change with time, place, person)

The value of a unit is also referred to as its role Thus, the role of chalk is to write on the blackboard



# **Human Values**

Value of a human being is its participation in the larger order

E.g. Your participation in the family defines your value in the family

What is valuable for you? feeling of respect or feeling of disrespect?

You feel happy when you have a feeling of respect The other feels happy when you express respect to him/her





# **Content of Value Education**

# Holistic, All Encompassing

# Covers all levels of living:

- 1. Individual (human being)
- 2. Family
- 3. Society
- 4. Nature/Existence

Eg. As a Family, Society – we want Fearlessness / Trust NOT fear (mistrust / opposition)

# Covers all dimensions of human being, (as an Individual):

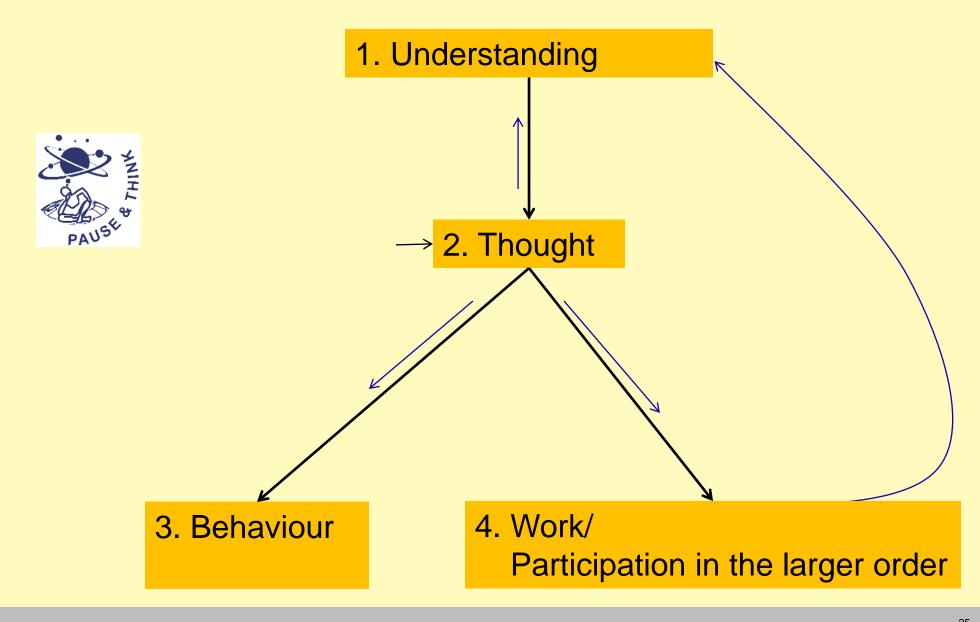
- 1. Understanding/Realization
- 2. Thought
- 3. Behaviour
- 4. Work/Participation in larger order

Eg. In Thought – we want clarity (a state of resolution, solution)

NOT confusion (a state of problem)



# Dimensions of Human Being (as an Individual)





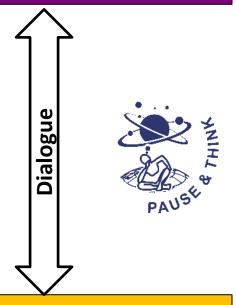
# **Process of Value Education: Self-exploration**

1. I discover my natural acceptance

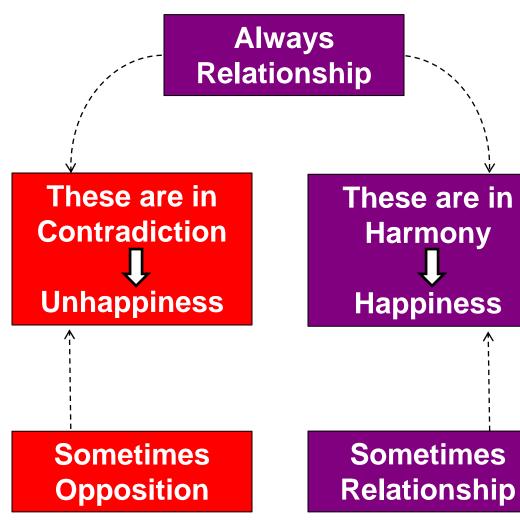
3. I have to ensure
this dialog and
ensure harmony
within
(evaluate our
desires vis-à-vis our
natural acceptance)

2. I become aware of what I am

What I Really Want to Be My Natural Acceptance My Intention



What I am
My Desire, Thought,
Expectation...
My Competence





# **Process of Self-exploration**

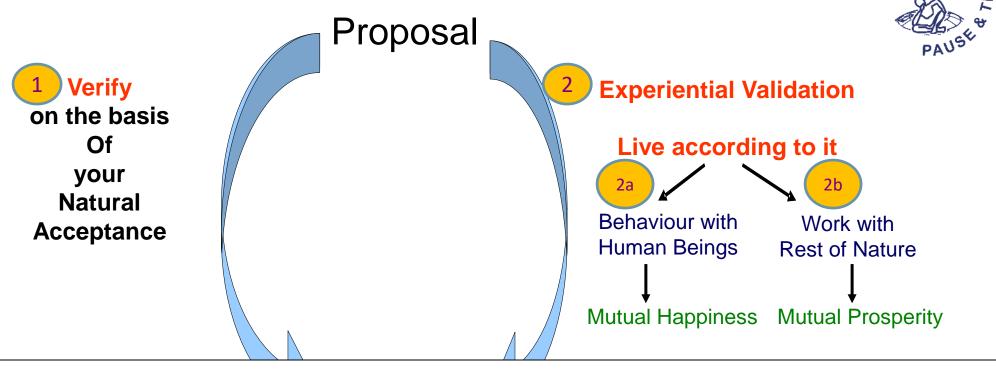
- 1. It is a process of dialogue between me and you, to begin with. It soon becomes a dialogue within your own self
- 2. It is a process of dialogue between what I am and my Natural Acceptance or what I really want to be
- 3. It is a process of Self-exploration, Self-investigation → Self-evolution
- 4. It is a process of knowing oneself; and through the self, knowing nature and the entire existence
- 5. It is a process of recognizing one's relationship with every unit in nature/existence; and fulfilling that relationship
- 6. It is a process of knowing Human Conduct and living according to it
- 7. It is a process of living in harmony within, living in harmony with others... living in harmony with entire existence



# **Process of Self-exploration**

Whatever is stated is a **Proposal – Verify** it on your own right

(Do not assume it to be true/ false)



Which process is Naturally Acceptable to you?

A process of self-exploration, self-verification on your own right, leading to understanding in yourself or

A process of do's & don'ts, in which you assume what is said, without verification



# **Content of Self-exploration**

# Desire-

- 1. Happiness
- 2. Prosperity
- 3. The continuity of Happiness and Prosperity

### Let us find out:

- 1. Do we desire for Happiness?
- 2. Do we desire for Prosperity?
- 3. Do we desire for the continuity of both (happiness & prosperity)?
- 4. If continuity of happiness and prosperity is ensured then what else would you desire?



Our basic aspiration is for happiness, prosperity and its continuity





# **Happiness**

# **Unhappiness**

The state or situation, in which I live,

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if there is harmony / synergy in it,

if there is disharmony / contradiction in it,

then it is Naturally Acceptable to me to be in that state / situation

then it is not Naturally Acceptable to me to be in that state / situation

(and I want to continue to be in that state / situation)

(and I want to get out from that state / situation)

To be in a state of Harmony / Synergy is Happiness

To be forced to be in a state of Disharmony / Contradiction is Unhappiness

Happiness = To be in Harmony

Unhappiness = Disharmony



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- 3. As a member of Society
- 4. As an unit in Nature/Existence

# **Continuity of Happiness**

- = Harmony at all levels of being i.e.
  - 1. Harmony in the Human Being
  - 2. Harmony in the Family
  - 3. Harmony in the Society
  - 4. Harmony in Nature/Existence



# **Our Program**

# To facilitate understanding of the harmony at all levels of being

- Harmony in the Human Being
- 2. Harmony in the Family
- 3. Harmony in the Society
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**Proposals** 



# To understand & to live in harmony at all levels of being

- In the Human Being
- 2. In the Family
- 3. In the Society
- 4. In Nature/Existence

- 1 Verify the proposals on the basis of your NATURAL ACCEPTANCE
- 2 Experiential validation by LIVING ACCORDINGLY

Right Understanding Right Feeling



# **Prosperity**

Prosperity – The feeling of **having / producing more** than **required Physical Facility** 

A prosperous person thinks of right utilisation, nurturing the other

" deprived " " accumulation, exploiting " "





# Sum Up

## **Need for Value Education**

To live with fulfilment, happiness, continuous happiness...

it is essential to understand what is valuable for human being (human values)

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# Content of Value Education

All encompassing

Holistic

# **Process of Value Education**

Self exploration, becoming Self-referential



# Sum Up

Content of self-exploration

Basic human aspiration

How to fulfil it

Process of self-exploration

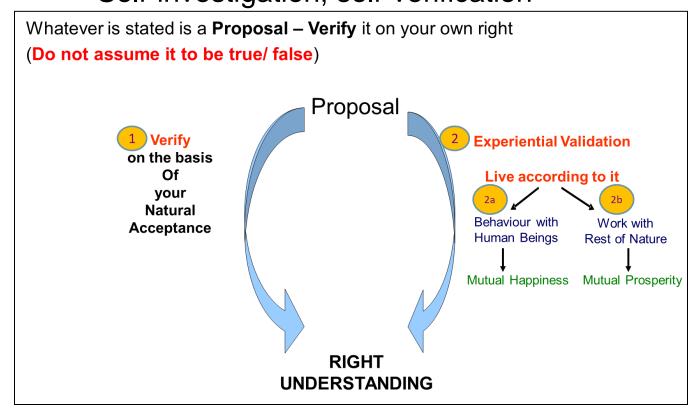
(it may start with the dialogue between you and me,

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The Purpose of this workshop/course is to initiate/strengthen self-exploration in you (discover your natural acceptance...)

happiness, prosperity → continuity

# Self-investigation, self-verification



# Sum Up

Basic Human Aspiration = Happiness and Prosperity → Continuous

Happiness = To be in a state of Harmony

Prosperity = The feeling of having more than required Physical Facility



# **Practice Session after Lecture 2**

# Introduce yourself in detail:

- Share about yourself, your family and your friends.
- Share salient achievements and failures in your life.
- Share how do you presently differentiate between right and wrong.
- Share your aspirations from life. Share what a fulfilling life means for you. For this, you may list out the top five points that occur to you when you think of a fulfilling life. While making the list, please consider your entire life, not just the present stage of your life (youth, middle age, old age, etc.). How do you expect to fulfil these aspirations and live a life of fulfillment?

What are your observations and conclusions from your life experiences so far?

**Expected Outcome:** The students start exploring themselves; get comfortable with each other and with the teacher and start appreciating the need and relevance of the course.





Lecture 4
Holistic Development and Role of Education
Lecture 5
Happiness and Prosperity – Current Scenario
Lecture 6
Method to Fulfill the Basic Human Aspirations

# **Desire, What We Want to Be**

# State of Being, What We Are

Do we want to be happy?

Are we happy?

Do we want to be prosperous?

Are we prosperous?

Do we want the continuity of happiness and prosperity?

Is there continuity of our happiness and prosperity?

# 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



# Desire pkguk

# **Effort djuk**

Do we want to be happy?

Do we want to be prosperous?

Do we want the continuity of happiness and prosperity?

Is our effort:

– For continuity of happiness and prosperity?

Just for accumulation of physical facility?



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?



# 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?





# 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

The unhappiness is more due to lack of fulfillment in relationship Most of the time and effort is spent for physical facility



# For Human Being, Relationship is also Necessary

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

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

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

For animals physical facility is necessary as well as adequate

For human being physical facility is necessary but not adequate



# In Addition to Physical Facility, Relationship is Necessary

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

RELATIONSHIP

laca/k

with human being

PHYSICAL FACILITY

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With nature

For animals:
necessary & largely
adequate
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For human beings: necessary but not adequate

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# 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...)

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?



# 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?

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 in the self



RELATIONSHIP with human being

PHYSICAL FACILITY with rest of nature

For animals: necessary & largely adequate

For human beings: necessary but not adequate

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



## Priority: Right Understanding, Relationship & Physical Facility

1 RIGHT UNDERSTANDING
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in the self

Feeling
- Trust
- Respect
- ....

RELATIONSHIP
(laca/k)
with human
being

PHYSICAL FACILITY

(lqfo/kk)

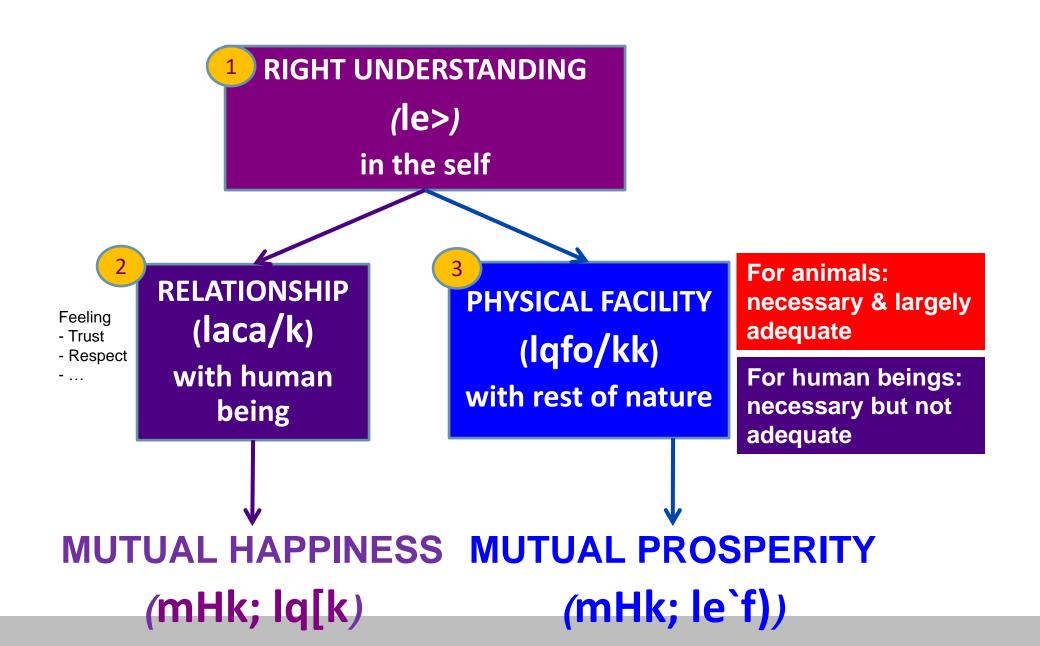
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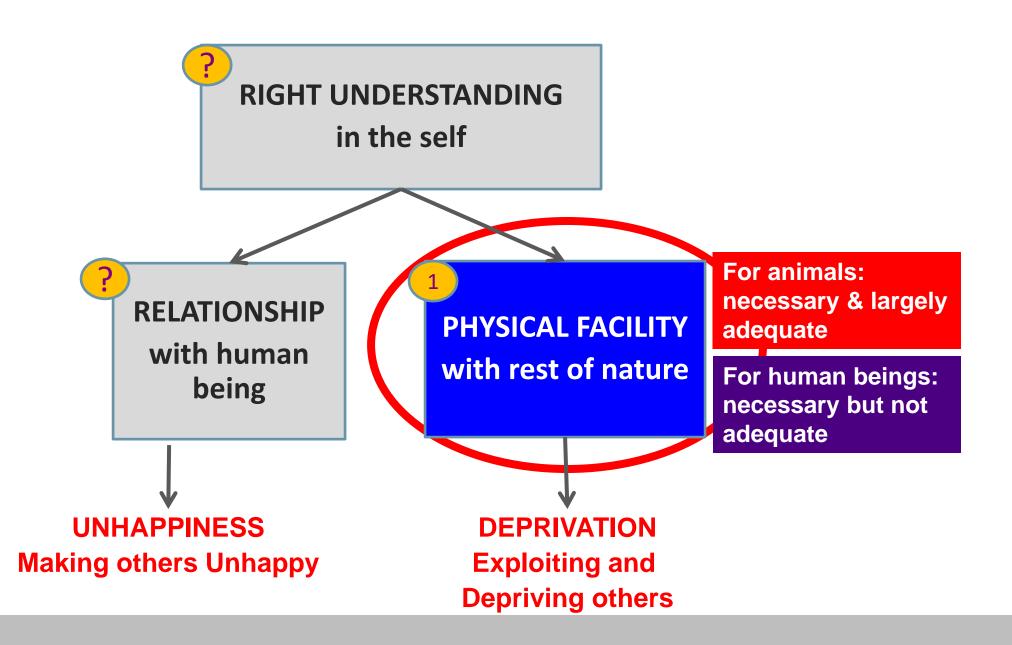
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## Priority: Right Understanding, Relationship & Physical Facility



## **Priority: Physical Facility**





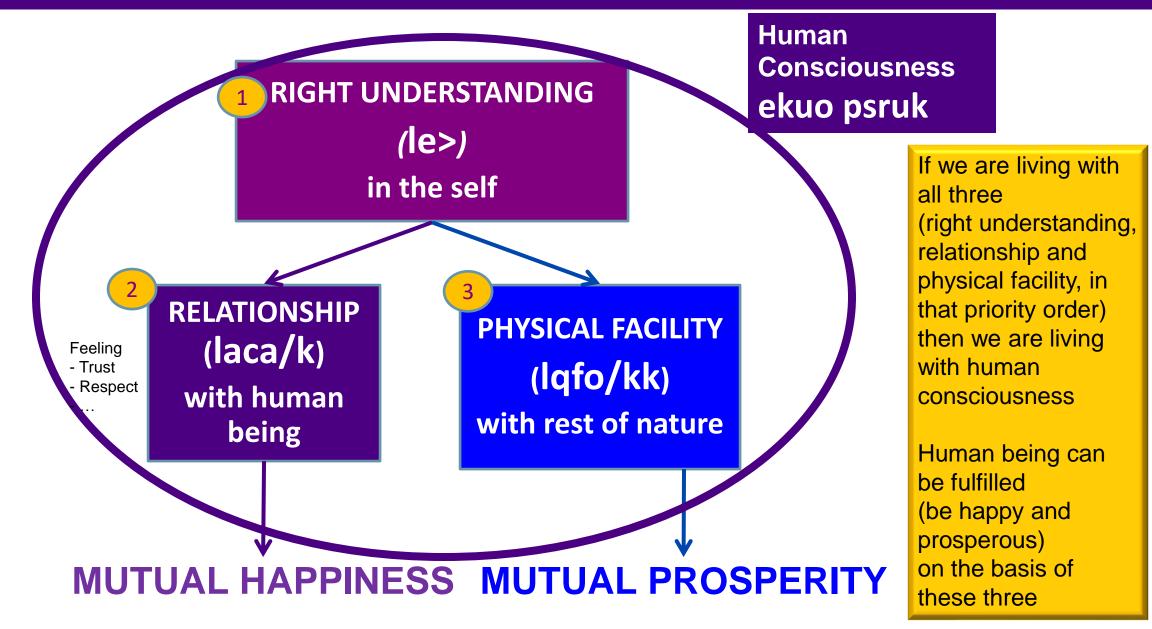
#### **Human Consciousness**

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

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

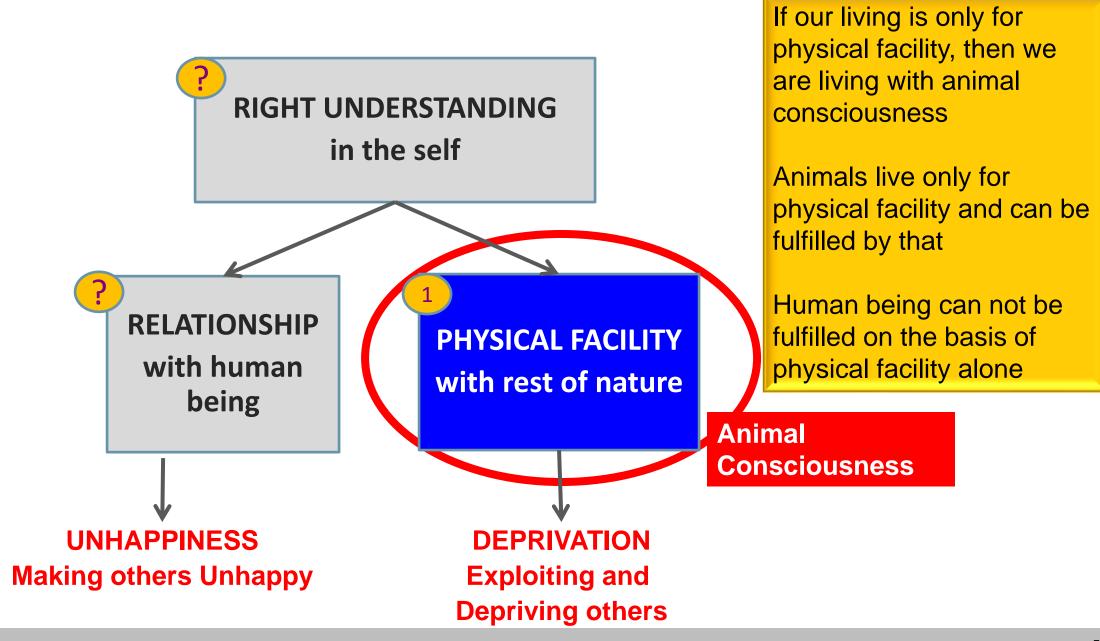


#### **Human Consciousness**





#### **Animal Consciousness**



Animals living with they are in harmony this is fine animal consciousness

Human being living with human consciousness

Human being living with they are in disharmony this is the animal consciousness



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

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

- 1. Lacking physical facility, unhappy deprived
- 2. Having physical facility, unhappy deprived
- 3. While we want to be
- 4. Having physical facility, happy prosperous

#### Find out

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





## **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 <u>study</u> commissioned by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (<u>FAO</u>)

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





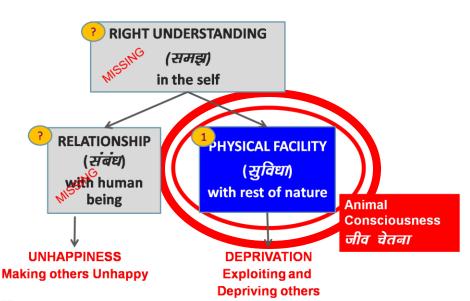
Transformation (ladze.k) = Holistic Development (fodkl)

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

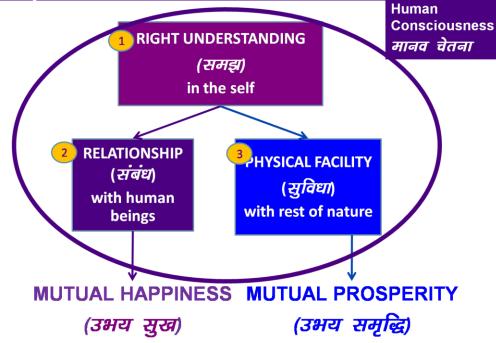
Is this transformation desirable?

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



#### **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



## **Required for Transformation**

**Present State** 

- 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)

Human Education

Human Consciousness

Human Values

Human Conduct

Human Character

Human Society

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



### **Outcome of Human Education-Sanskar**

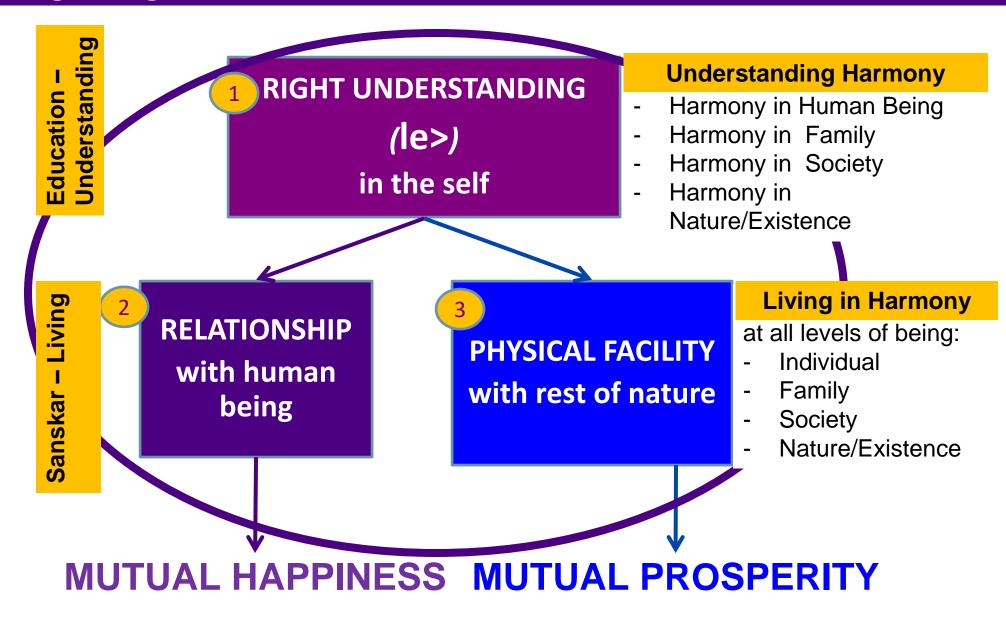
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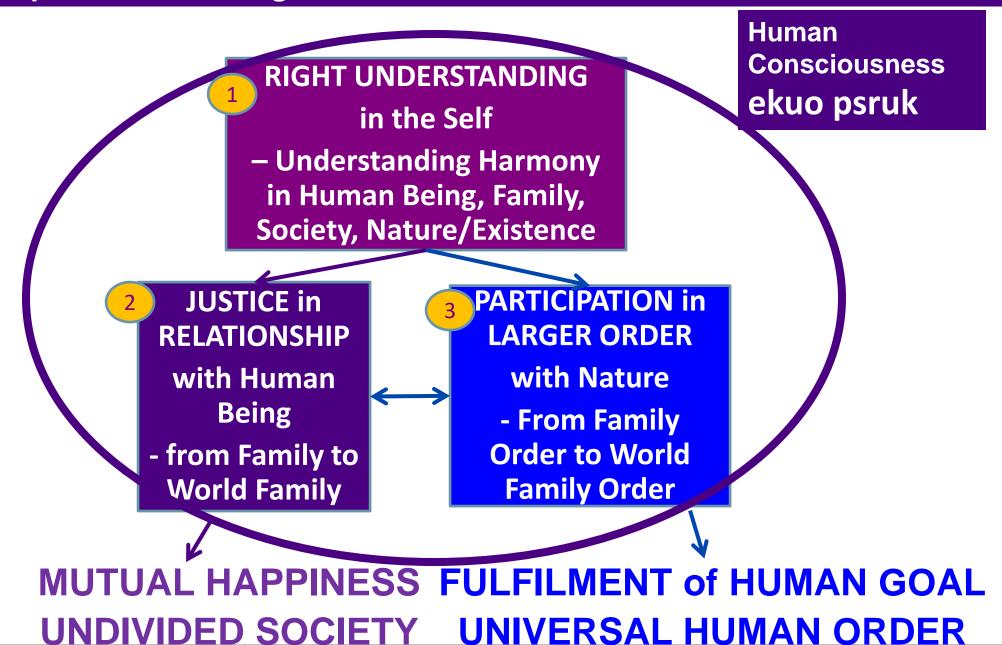


## **Human Being Living with Human Consciousness**





### **Societal implications of living with Human Consciousness**





## **Continuous Happiness – Basic Aspiration of every Human Being**

Every human being aspires for continuous happiness

The program for it depends on whatever s/he has understood or assumed about it e.g. big house, lots of money... tasty food, loud music, fast car... attention, name, fame...

Keeps shifting from one program to another when the program is not successful e.g. not getting attention of spouse... shift to watching TV... add tasty food... smoking, drinking... Indulgence... renunciation...





## **Some Prevailing Notions related to Happiness**

- I will be bored of happiness if I am always happy
- I will grow only if I am unhappy. If I become happy, my growth will stop
- I need to be unhappy to recognize that I am happy
- We think of others only when we are unhappy. Thus it is important/useful to be unhappy so that one can help others
- Happiness and unhappiness go together, they cannot be separated
- Yes, I want happiness. But my desiring does not guarantee it. So, why to talk of desire?
- My happiness depends on the others. What can I do about it
- We do not want happiness for ourselves but we want to make others happy (while we stay unhappy)
- Happiness is a small thing. We have higher aspirations like contentment, peace, bliss etc.
- Do not bother me with happiness. I have to live and deal with things in my real life.



## **Some Prevailing Notions of Happiness – Excitement not Happiness**

Owning / accumulating physical facility

Physical facility is required, but it alone does not suffice for human being

Dependence on physical facility, can't be continuous

Pleasure (from favourable sensation)

Sound, Touch, Form, Taste, Smell – Through the Body

Tasty-Necessary → Tasty-Unnecessary → Tasteless-Unnecessary → Intolerable

Dependence on sensation, can't be continuous

Attention, appreciation... (favourable feelings) from others

Dependence on the other, can't be continuous



Sometimes "happiness", excitement...

Sometimes "unhappiness", depression...



## Some Prevailing Notions about Escaping from Unhappiness, Depression

Over eating

Over sleeping

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Gutka (Doma)

Alcohol

Drugs

. . .

Violence

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Suicide



## **Excitement and Escape – Not Happiness**

#### **Excitement (Temporary Happiness) From Outside**

Consumption of physical facility, enjoyment of favourable sensations (sound, touch, form, taste, smell)

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Receiving favourable feeling from others

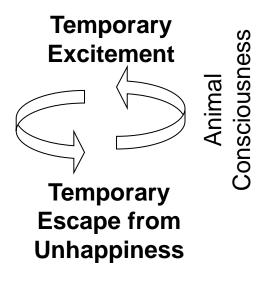
Attention, appreciation...

**Escape** (Running away from unhappiness)

Over eating
Over sleeping
...
Gutka / Tobacco
Alcohol

Drugs

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# **Sources of Happiness**

1. Right Understanding	
– in Self (I)	Harmony at all levels of being Human Being, Family, Society, Nature/Existence Definite completion point, Continuity is possible, Self-organization ( <i>Swatantrata</i> )
2. Right Feeling	Trust, Respect, Affection, Care, Guidance,
– in Self (I)	Reverence, Glory, Gratitude, Love Definite completion point, Continuity is possible, Self-organization (Swatantrata)
<ul><li>From Other</li></ul>	Temporary, Dependence on Other, No completion point, Continuity not possible
3. <b>Sensation, PF</b> – Through Body	Sound, Touch, Form, Taste, Smell Temporary, Dependence on Body & Other, No completion point, Continuity not possible  Tasty-Necessary → Tasty-Unnecessary → Tasteless-Unnecessary → Intolerable



## **Some Prevailing Notions related to Prosperity**

- Accumulation of Wealth = Prosperity?
- The richer you are, the more prosperous you are, i.e. the more you have accumulated, the more prosperous you are.





# Happiness (Harmony) Within

# Right Understanding

- in Self (I)

Right Feeling

- in Self (I)

Understanding harmony at all levels

of being (human being, family, society,

nature/existence)

Trust, Respect, Affection, Care, Guidance,

Reverence, Glory, Gratitude, Love





### **Our Program**

### To facilitate understanding of the harmony at all levels of being

- Harmony in the Human Being
- 2. Harmony in the Family
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**Proposals** 

### To understand harmony and to live in harmony at all levels of being

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Right Understanding Right Feeling





## 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. This ensures continuity of happiness.
- •There are three possible sources of happiness:
  - Right understanding in the self
  - Right feeling: in the self or from the other
  - Sensation through physical facilities
- •Ensuring right understanding and right feeling in the self ensures happiness in continuity, with definiteness universally. Working for right feeling from the other or sensation through physical facilities involves temporariness and indefiniteness.



#### **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, USA (source: <a href="http://storyofstuff.org/movies/story-of-stuff/">http://storyofstuff.org/movies/story-of-stuff/</a>). 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.



#### **Practice Session after Lecture 6**

- Observe that you have the faculty of 'Natural Acceptance', based on which you can verify what
  is right or what is not right for you. Of course, you may or may not be generally referring to your
  natural acceptance for making decisions. So, find out if you get a spontaneous answer when
  you ask yourself basic questions, like the ones mentioned below:
  - You want to live in relationship (harmony) with others or You want to live in opposition with others?
  - In relationship, you want to live with the feeling of respect or disrespect (for yourself and for others)?
  - You want to nurture others or to exploit others?
- Is your living in accordance with your natural acceptance or different from it? How do you feel when your living is in accordance with your natural acceptance; and when it is in contradiction to your natural acceptance?
- Make a list of the problems in your family. For each problem, find out the most significant reason: is it related to lack of right understanding, lack of feelings in relationship or lack of physical facility? Also find out how much time and effort you have devoted for each in the last one week.



## **Expected Outcome**

- The students are able to see that self-verification on the basis of their natural acceptance (and experiential validation through living) is an effective way to verify what is right and what is wrong for them.
- They are able to see that, in many cases, their actual living is not in accordance with their natural acceptance.
- They are able to see that they are uncomfortable when their living is in contradiction with their natural acceptance; they are comfortable when they are living in accordance with their natural acceptance.

