SEWA Concept in Vishwa Dharma and its Impact

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Sewa originated from Sanskrit word which means "Selfless Service" that is work performed without any thought of reward or expectation of result. Sewa is actually composed of two words: "Saha" means "with that" and "Eva" means "too", taken together, the word Sewa means "together with" and describes the actions that seek collective uplifting through the understanding of the needs of others and is based on togetherness and integration.

The cardinal principle of all religious faith is that the divine almighty resides in every living being. In many religions serving other people is considered as essential devotional practice of indirectly serving God "Nar Sewa, Narayana Sewa" (Hindu Mthology). As the Bible says,"Do you not know that you are temple of God and that the spirit of God dwells in you". The God who is in me also present in another human. So serving another living being, be it an animal, bird, tree or fellow human is equal to worshipping God and following His path. We can clearly see that the religions can be diverse but they all have the same human values behind them.

Reaching beyond its conventional meaning, sewa can also be considered as an act of taking personal responsibility for the social and environmental impact of our everyday actions and choices, and finding ways to meet our needs without compromising the ability of other living beings to meet their own. We can enact responsibly and be a change. For example, when we buy local, we not only know our products and producer, we support our local economy and help eliminating wasteful shipping of Goods around the world. Applying the sustainable concept of "Reduce, Reuse and Regenerate" in our daily lives helps reducing the load on environment. Sewa has both direct and indirct forms.

The concept of Sewa is considered as one of the biggest dharma or religious duty and when combined with the concept of Vishwa Dharma/Universal Religion can lead to the Path of Harmony. Dharma that we often confuse with the word "Religion", according to Adi Shankaracharya, is something which accomplishes three tasks: keeps society in excellent condition, brings worldly progress of every living being and cause spiritual progress of every living being, According to Vivekananda's view, namely, respect for all religions and acceptance of religious

diversity which are essential for our balanced and peaceful society. Universal Dharma does not suggest anyone to change his/her faith for other, rather advocates respecting, accepting and assimilating the best elements of other faiths while remaining true to one's religion. If we all understand, appreciate and promote the true essence of the Universal Religion, we will definitely make a strong, prosperous and peaceful society and world. Summing up, we can say, here is no room for hatred, jealousy, intolerance, conversion, bloodshed, persecution, hell and heaven which generates dissensions.

Its foundation is unselfish love and that love is love for humanity which is nothing but the expression of oneness. Hence, it deserves great importance and may be an ideal approach for bringing peace and harmony as it accepts all cultures, all views, all ways through which man quests the ultimate truth. It can be compiled that Sewa should not be considered as a religious obligation but rather as a "key code of Humanity". A selfless person goes beyond his concerns and emphasize with others, put themselves in others position, they say "We" instead of "I" and they find pleasure in helping others to see happiness. They discover themselves as a better human being and achieve self-realization. Vishwa Dharma, "Sarv Dharma Sama Bhava" might act as an Umbrella covering the gaps between existing religions and providing moral guidance when none seems otherwise available or suggesting alternatives when religious differences seem insurmountable. One that looks for into future and whose focus is on guiding civilisations, nations and communities rather than individuals.