

OUR SPIRITUAL INDIA

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Salutations to the Supreme Cosmic Spirit, the eternal, infinite and imperishable. All glory to this Eternal Reality that is Existence-Consciousness- Bliss Absolute. It is the origin, the middle and end of all things. It is the Alpha and Omega of existence. It is grace divine. May this grace illumine our hearts and make us aware of its stupendous presence.

Homage unto the great sages and saints of all times and climes, through whom this ultimate truth has been manifesting itself through the millennia, voicing forth a cosmic call for man to rise up from spiritual slumber and seek the immortal lessons and thus become liberated from the trammels of this confining limited human consciousness. These mystic saints and God-men are, as it were, the spiritual ambassadors of that divine realm in the court of humanity is its earthly domain. Their mission in life is to hold aloft the flaming torch of idealism so that mankind may walk in the light and not grope and stumble in darkness.

Yes, Beloved Brother, have you asked yourself what is India? Have you tried to seek an answer to this question. Is India mountain ranges, rivers, forests, deserts and lakes? Is India cities, towns, villages and wasteland? Is India roads, canals, railway lines and telegraph and telephone wires? Is India Ajanta caves, Ellora, Taj Mahal and such monuments. Are not all these things to be found all over the world in other countries as well? There is nothing special or extraordinary about these things. Wonders exist in other countries. Nature's marvels abound everywhere. The Pyramids and the Sphinx, the mile high city of Machu Pichu high up in the Andes and the temple of the Sun in Mexico, the modern marvels like the Eiffel-tower, and the Empire State Building and a hundred other wonders abound which India cannot boast of. One who has gazed into the depths of the grand Canyon at sun-set or stood mute with awe under the giant red woods of Northern California knows too well that there are spectacles in the world equally breathtaking as the towering heights of the Himalayan snow peaks or the thrilling beauty of sun-set at Kanya Kumari. What then

is the uniqueness of India? Beloved reader you have to know first what India is if you wish to know where its uniqueness lies. If you wish to do this you must pause and reflect for a while what it is that the works outside seeks in India and hopes to find in this land of Bharatavarsha. You have to reflect again what is it that you can offer to mankind other than your ivory carvings and sandal wood art works, your handloom textiles and your tea and spices ! Humanity can live without all these things. The world will not come to an end tomorrow if ivory and sandal wood, if spices and tea, vanish from the face of the earth. Western man has advanced to such an extent scientifically that it can synthesize and produce everything from a chemical laboratory. Does it not strike you that the world's Great Experiment in materialism has failed miserably and absolutely? DO you not see the historical fact that it has turned this earth into a battle ground of human passions, ambitions, hatred, hostility, violence and brutality. This fact stares you in the face from all the ten directions. Selfishness, falsehood, dishonesty, dispassion, cunningness, duplicity, treachery has become a way of life with mankind, thanks to man's elevating mammon to the status of a deity and enshrining gold in place of God. Avarice, greed and cupidity are motivating man's activities at this point in time when our present century has entered into its fourth quarter. Today man stands as mankind's enemy No.1. Man has imperilled life on earth Man is threatening humanity with nuclear doom.

The present of mankind is darkened and its future destiny is obscured by this cloud that has emerged and mushroomed out of man's total materialistic approach to life. Humanity seeks light in this darkness. It anxiously seeks to avert the deluge of destruction this cloud threaten to engulf the globe with anxiety, uncertainty and fear characterize man's current mood. An ever growing section of humanity looks towards Bharatavarsha for Light. Ever-increasing number of people in the world seek for assurance from India's spiritual heritage of wisdom and illumination. More and more persons from every part of the world are





looking towards India for a solution to this critically abysmal situation. Thousands are coming to India seeking to be guided so that they may guide others. Thus serious and deeply concerned followers of humanity are making this long journey to Bharatavarsha, not to photograph the Taj Mahal or the Gir Lion, nor to learn our traditional dance forms of classical music, nor for specimens of our handicrafts of antiques. They come in quest of a silver lining to the dark cloud a silver lining which may come both as a sign as well as assurance of a Light beyond into which humanity may still emerge upon a saner tomorrow.

They come in search of a ray of hope in a situation of near-despair. Out of a crisis-ridden society they come seeking a way to calmness, balance and stability. Is their quest a wild-goose-chase? Is their search a futile search? Or is there a ray of hope and a Light beyond the darkness. The answer is that their quest is not purposeless and their search will not go in vain. The emphatic answer is that there is a bright silver lining to today's ominous cloud. There is a great, dazzling light a radiant dawn and a golden day awaiting humanity. To usher in that golden day of wisdom, sanctity, tolerance, love and friendship is the mission of India to the human world.

What India, which India is going to lead us from darkness to Light, from falsehood to Truth and from death towards Life? Certainly not the geographical India. Neither the geological nor the botanical India. The hunger and the thirst of questing humanity is not going to be appeased or slaked by a political India plagued by problems or by an economic of social India struggling with poverty, want, illiteracy, superstition and disease. No it is not the outer India. the apparent India that can fulfil the deepest want of the world. It is spiritual India that has food for which mankind hungers. Most provide the living waters to quench the thirst of questing mankind. It is India of the Upanishadic wisdom and its eternal and universal ethical idealism that has to serve mankind at the present moment and lead it unto Light and Life. It is Bharata Desh with its Adhyatmic Siddhanta and its sublime concept of Dharma in all human affairs that has to rise to the occasion and meet the needs of man. It is spiritual India to which the world eagerly looks. it is

spiritual India where our brethren from across seas and oceans look for helpful solution in their state of confusion. Spiritual India needs to be revitalized and invigorated. Spiritual India needs to be equipped for this noble and urgent task, Adhyatma Bharata must be quickened with vision and dynamism to serve mankind with devotion dedication and spirit of loving selflessness.

This spiritual India throbs in the heart of every son and daughter of Bharatavarsha. It lives within every citizen of Bharata Desh. For it is in every Blood It is the life of their lives, the essence of their very being. In this spiritual idealism and spiritual service of mankind lies the very justification as well as the fulfillment of our existence as a country and a culture, as a nation and a people. We must give to humanity what it seeks in us and asks from us. Humanity does not want from us that which it already possesses or is tired of and has discarded. It seeks what it lacks and that which we have is our very birth-right and our natural heritage. A disturbed world seeks an assurance of the fundamental goodness of man. The Upanishadic india boldly declares the essential divinity of man. Frustrated human society seeks for a meaning to life. Spiritual Inida proclaims the spiritual purpose of human existence and confidently asserts the spiritual fact of inherent divine perfection lying latent within man and its unfoldment and manifestation as the central purpose of human life. Life is meant for the realisation of this divine perfection that is the reality of man. This is the great business of life. This is the important mission of the individual. The individual must live to fulfil this mission. It is this which will uplift human society. A life of Dharma is the effective means for bringing about the awakening and unfoldment of this hidden glory within man. The essence of Dharma is the sacrifice of selfishness at the altar of Paropakara and Sarva-Butha-Seva, namely, service of all weings. Selfishness is the complete contradiction of all civilisation, culture and refinement. Selflessness constitute the humanness of the human individual (Insaniyat or Manavata) and the manliness of man (Manushyatwa). Therefore spiritual India nurtures and cherishes the concept of Paropakara and upholds the ideal of Dharma and Sarva-bhuta-hita or the welfare of all creatures. Spiritual India's concept of Superman is

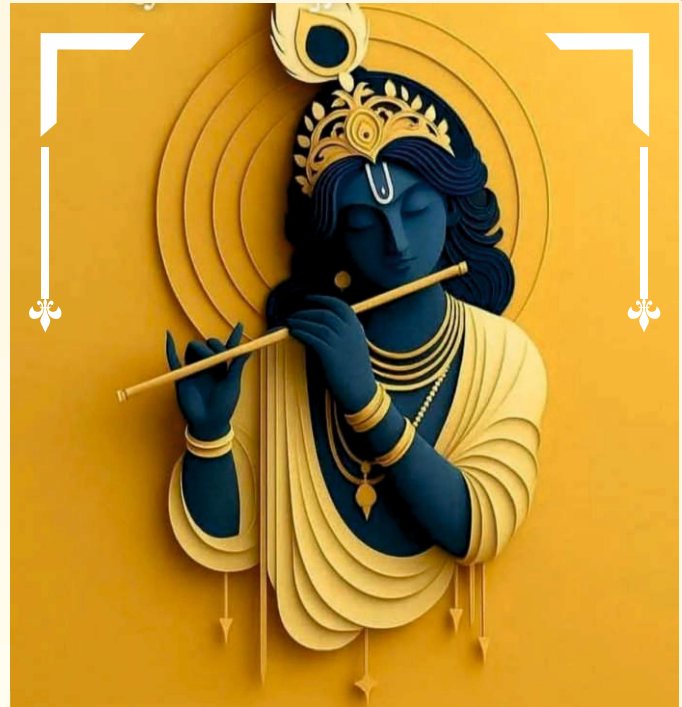




not a triumphant world conquerer but it is that of self-denying cosmic benefactor and servant of mankind. His victory is the victory of self, the victory over one's egoistic self. With this vision the very structure of the individual's life was envisaged as a progressive process of moving out from the self towards ultimate Universal Censoriousness. The four succeeding orders of life of the Asramas ensure that the individual commenced life by establishing oneself on Dharma and Sadachar and make life to culminate in divine experience. The four-fold important, values, namely, the ethical, economic, vital and spiritual were formulated in this order and postulated as the Purushartha Chatushtaya, namely, Dharma, Artha, Kama and Moksha. The key to the structure was entrusted to the second Asrama of the house holder with his family recognising it to be the backbone of any society. The home was the nursery of culture. O friend ! your home is sanctified ground. The home is a the custodian of three generations of humanity. It is the gateway to tomorrows of humanity. The sanctity of the second Asrama is therefore one of the important key factors in spiritual India and it must be restored to its rightful place and role today.

Spiritual India was discovered at the close of the last century. The great-hearted and the clear visioned Swami Vivekananda discovered spiritual India and proclaimed it to the world three generations ago. Today Western humanity, the societies of the Occident have certainly discovered spiritual India. The question before us is when will Indians discover Spiritual India. When are you going to perceive the hidden, inner real India? When are you going to discover this spiritual India within your own heart? This is the time, the day and the hour when you must do it! Spiritual India is to be embodied in you and expressed in and through you. You have to manifest Spiritual India, my beloved friend. Do It Now. May you fare well. May victory attend upon your effort and crown you with success. Your success is the success of Spiritual India. Humanity will reap the fruit.

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