

The Human values of life as reflected in Vedas

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ABSTRACT

The Vedas including Upanishads were the primordial sources of ‘Dharma’ which is a compendious term for all the human rights and duties, the observance of which was regarded as essential for securing peace and happiness to individuals and the society as well. The Vedas are the recording of sages to whom the mantras were revealed. They proclaim the transcendental Truth, which is not changed by time or place. They indicate the means to prosperity and security for the denizens of the three worlds.

INTRODUCTION

Veda is derived from the root ‘Vid’ which means “to know”. The Veda teaches how to achieve purity of heart, getting rid of impurities. The Vedas have emphasized that man will be truly human only when he lives up to human values and practices the good life. The Vedas have a universal outlook, embracing all that is noble and sacred. They have taught the principle of equality in respect of everything. They have proclaimed the concept of oneness. They taught men to face joy and sorrow with equal serenity.

Reconciling all the Contradictions

According to the Vedas, a personality is an eternal part of God. It is absolutely valuable and unique, and this qualities cannot be confined by gender, nation or religion. The Vedas teach us to see beyond the covering of bodies, languages and cultures, distinguishing the common spiritual nature of all human beings. Atmatatva or the Vedic science of personality, is a reliable remedy for the virus of racial and religious intolerance. Replacing the lowest value with spiritual once, the Vedas bestow a human being with the sense of profound happiness, inner integrity, and reliable protection from the stress, the Vedic way of life is able to break the chains of drug-addiction and direct one’s energy of desire from a destructive course.

“Earth provide enough to satisfy every man’s need, but not every man’s greed”. By teaching us to differentiate between our needs and our greed, the Vedas help us to live our lives feeling responsible at the face of all living beings for each and every steps we take, now or in the future.

Vid satayam (vidyate) , Vid sangyane (veti) , Vid labhe (Vidanti)

1. Vidyateitivedah – Veda eternally exists.
2. VetitiVedah – Veda is the knowledge itself, it gives the knowledge of God and we know God through the Veda.
3. Vidantiitivedah – Veda gives the ultimate desirable thing (the Divine Bliss) of the souls.

The history of a country is not only the history of its ruling people, but it also includes the history of its eminent spiritual personalities and their philosophies without which the history of that country is incomplete. As regards the history of India, it is an entirely different situation because India is such a place on earth planet which is not much affected by the natural calamities and the disaster like the ice age and the prolonged spine chilling, icy cold storms and blizzards that happen in America and the European countries at the beginning and at the recessing period of this ice age. Thus, the history of the uninterrupted survival of the civilization of India goes back to an unbelievable period of time which could easily be said to be the very beginning of the human civilization on the earth planet, whereas the history of the other countries of the world is the history of only 6000 to 8000.

Vedas acknowledge that values are universal in nature but differ from other traditions with reference to how these values are known to human beings. Unlike other traditions which believe that the religion is the source, Vedas reveal that values are available to every human being through common sense. That is, whether one is born in India, USA, Africa or Europe, each individual understands intuitively that hurting someone, lying etc. is not appropriate. That means according to Vedas one need not belong to any particular tradition to know values and to live an ethical life.

Significance of the Study

The Growth and development of Indian Ethics and values till date has been mainly depends on few areas till date. Due to this reason to focus more and involve and implements the different types of traditions, customs in the society. There is more value for our culture and throughout the world. However the projected growth and development of India technologies are largely depending upon the different types of skills and knowledge on the all types of people, areas, Educational Institutions, Industries etc. are ability by developing its Culture.

History of Vedic culture

The Veda points out that like physical, biological, psychological orders prevailing in the universe there is also an order that governs the actions and its results. This order is called the law of karma. The law of karma is connected to 'Dharma'. It says that an ethical action results in some form of pleasure here or in the future and unethical action brings pain either here or a later time. Even though the existence of law of karma and dharma is non-verifiable one cannot neglect it as impossible, as it does not contradict ones reason. Moreover, it gives one a sense of responsibility, as one understand that nobody can finally escape experiencing the results of actions. This way, one is able is to live a dynamic and alert life where one constantly attempts to understand what is to be done in a given situation and acts appropriately.

The Vedas, the essential basis of why Indian culture has lasted for thousands of year amidst numerous invasion and injustices. Values were inherently associated with Indian philosophy for thousands of year, thorough a detail critical analysis of the four Purusarthas that are explicit in the Vedas Dharma, Artha, Kama and Moksha. Some western Indologists and leftist interpreters believed that the Vedas, being primitive, do not contain the moral and spiritual values. The seeds of the Indian philosophy of the values can be found even in the Mantra portions of the Vedas Clearly, Indian philosophy is not mere intellectual sport; it has a direct connection with our everyday lives and can guide us as individuals and a society, in the proper direction. There are four Vedas; Rigved, Yajurved, Samved and Atharvaved.

The Rig-Veda says "(I) don't kill any being.

The stream of Indian culture always emphasized the authority of the Vedas as te supreme authority for the deciding the values of human living.

The Vedas are the key to re-establish moral values and sustainable reforms.

Our rich Vedic culture and history are eternal and is for every citizen of India irrespective of any faith and belief. History is a guide to navigation in perilous times. History is who we are and why we are the way we are. Throughout history, it has been the inaction of those who could have acted the indifference of those who should have known batter, the silence of the voice of justice when it matters most that has made it possible for evil to triumph.

Corruption in india is caused by a culture lack of morality. Where there is opportunity, there will likely be corruption. Even though there are hundreds of laws and checks the balances to take care of the corrupt, hardly they result in any sort of deterrent. The time has come to do an honest introspection for those who feel that there is something seriously gone wrong with today's society. It is an irony that the nation which has so many ancient and eternal literatures to take a leaf from and apply in today's society is not even aware of its purpose and importance. Vedic literature provide the highest code of conduct and moralities which if followed seriously will uproot this cancer of corruption.

When this hundreds of laws are unable to keen a check on wicked and immoral acts of the people, it is a serious indication that the time has e come to return to the original and eternal source of highest moral conduct which is – Vedas.

Green and venality cannot be eradicated. It clearly shows that the problem lies with that lack of moral values rather than lack of ordinary qualification.

We have ignored the basic and original source of guidance in our lives which are Vedas. It is never too late for those who have full faith in Vedic knowledge and value to come and unite together. Vedas belongs to all humanity. The time has definitely arrived for those who can foresee the farther degradation of the moral values of the society happening. The responsibility lies with the citizen of this great nation who believed in our Vedic culture irrespective of any faith or beliefs, to come and unite together under one umbrella and uproot the immoral and corrupt from this great land call India. People with Vedic values only hold the key to re-establish moral values and sustain reform to make this nation once again a proud and guiding source for rest of the world.

According to the Vedas, there is no virtue nobler than truth; without truth all virtues become vice. In the Vedic literature the words satya and rta are used in the same sense. (anrta –what is not rta-asatya or untruth). There are

eight virtue, which sustain the world. We may translate them as truth, vastness right attitude, formidability, concentration, austerity or penance, aptitude for learning (Brahman) and dedication and service or sacrifice (yajna). There is no evidence needed to say that the sole reason for this present rot and degradation is primarily due to that erosion of moral values of the society. Nowadays people who maintain a deafening silence of highest order watching evening non-sense happening around are called 'Honest People'. There is definitely something wrong with our schools, colleges and universities, values of our education system which are unable to produce honest, and responsible citizens. As people often say nowadays it is not people who are corrupt, but is the system which makes them corrupt. This is the level of reasoning and justification made in all walks of life right up to the top level of this nation. No research, thesis, qualification, committees or no policy maker can find the solution to this menace unless we are serious enough to address the real issue. And the real reason is not because India is a poor nation, over populated country, illiterate nation etc. but the sole reason is that there is serious dearth of people with high moral values at the right place.

In short it must be realized that the Vedas are very important for man and that they cover the entire range of knowledge. They are the source and spring of Indian culture. They are the recordings of the visions and divine experience. Their source is not someone definite person. They were revealed by God himself of his own innate mercy. The Vedic inheritance has been preserved pure and unsullied even to this day, because it was handed down from the master to the disciple, in regular succession. Since it is timeless and authorless, it is worthy of acceptance by all. No one can afford to neglect or deny their values.

Vedic dharma requires a citizen to be strong. To be truly Vedic, a citizen has to be powerful. If he is weak, his dharma is dubious, delirious and distasteful. Let's work for the last citizen of this country who can hold his head high and live with dignity and in peace.

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