



Dharma - Ideal & Praxis in the Emerging Global Scenario

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Santhigiri Research Foundation, a division of Santhigiri Ashram, is organizing a four day Global Spiritual Conclave on Dharma- Ideal & Praxis in the Emerging Global Scenario, marking the culmination of one year Navati Celebration of the Founder Guru of Santhigiri Ashram, **Navajyothi Sree Karunakara Guru** from 24 to 27 August, 2017. It is our privilege and pleasure to invite you most cordially and personally to this global gathering of spiritual visionaries, philosophers, scientists, social scientists, government institutions, social activistsand NGOs. You are requested to participate in this global event and share your experiences and views on the subject.

Affectionately

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Theme Note

Dharma, cosmic fundamental truths, natural laws ,systems ,designs and the ultimate reality that upholds and sustains the universe and human life, was revealed to humanity by the Enlightened ones or Atmajnanees of yore. Sanatanadharma and Yugadharma were the foundational principles of Indian spirituality, culture and civilization. In search of the immeasurable spiritual wisdom, seekers from the whole world has ever travelled to India.

Dharma being the Supreme Light and Cosmic consciousness has been the focus of scientific inquiry for quite some time. Innovative studies made by a band of Quantum physicists seeks to validate the Vedanta philosophy of India that there is only one Existent, Brahman or Supreme Light which illuminates everything and is the source of all manifested world. Hans Peter Durr notes, in his essay 'Matter is not made out of matter' that there is no matter but only light, the light of consciousness in this universe. The search of scientists over a long period of time to unravel the mystery surrounding the in-between nothingness has been resolved to some extent by the recent studies and findings, especially with the finding of the so-called divine particle termed Higgs Boson. Thus dharma, the eternal laws that govern the manifested world which the ancient seers got revealed from Parabrahma prakasham has been what the quantum physicists of spiritual persuasion been searching within the built-in limitations of mechanics.

Dharma as praxis was visualized as the sustaining and guiding principle of social and political life of ancient India as exemplified by Vedas, Upanishads and Dharma Sastras. Stories, legends and narratives in ancient writings under-gird the idea that Dharma as ought principle has been working as the regulatory principle of social life, polity and economic system in ancient India. With the gradual eclipse of Atmajnana or Rishi tradition, the actualization of dharma as a way of life and social order remained as an ideal rather than a praxis. Thus, when we examine dharma as the regulating principle of Indian social life, polity and economic life over the past millenniums, we find that at the existential level social inequalities and superstitious practices contrary to the true spirit of Sanatana dharma and Yugadharma had been in vogue in all realms of Indian life. Accordingly, Dharma was interpreted and reinterpreted in such a way that it was weaned away from its original sense of holding social life, family life and individual life in harmony with the eternal laws of nature or the cosmic will and design.

This dichotomy of dharma in theory and practice, as ideal and praxis has done

Objectives: The present Global Conclave is purported to provide a common platform for the confluence of scientists of spiritual persuasion, spiritual and religions heads and social scientists:

- 1. To indulge in truthful and fruitful introspection and intuitive pondering over the concept of dharma as ideal and praxis in every dimension of its manifestation.
- **2.** To facilitate truthful introspection and review of the existing beliefs and practices in the background of the underlying spirit of dharma.
- **3.** To Rediscover dharma as the guiding principle of individual life and social life to live in harmony without losing the togetherness and mutual trust which goes

The revelatory spirituality of the founder Guru of Santhigiri Ashram, Navajyothisree Karunakara Guru and the rising Santhigiri movement offers new hope and direction in this respect. A silent and all encompassing spiritual revolution is underway here towards the restoration of the Sanatana dharma and fulfillment of the dream of our forefathers that India would again decorate the Gurusthanam of the world in future. Hence, this conference in Santhigiri is purported to facilitate the emergence of a common and acceptable platform for all in rediscovering the eternal laws that lie behind all spiritual –religious experiences

General Themes

Dharma: Philosophical and Spiritual Perspectives

Dharma: Quantum reality and Wisdom Tradition of India

Dharma: Sanatana dharma and Yugadharma

Dharma: Way of life and social practice - Historical and philosophical perspectives

Dharma: - Guiding principle of human life

Dharma: The metaphysical foundation of Indian ethics Dharma: Philosophical recourse to Human Rights

Dharma: Foundational Principles of a Theory of Moral Action

Sub Themes

Dharma in relation to modern Science - Quantum Reality and Indian Wisdom Dharma in relation to Ecology- Climate Change, Sustainable Development

Dharma and Polity-Governance, Law, Justice

Dharma and Social organisation-social institutions, customs, traditions

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