

WORLD PEACE

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Hon'ble President, Vishwa Humanity United International Royal Council, distinguished scholars, guests and participants, It is my great privilege that today I have been allowed to speak on a crucial and relevant topic like world peace. For this, I express my gratitude to this institute.

The world is an aggregate or a conglomeration of individuals. Man is a tiny but essential part of the world. Man, society, country and the world are interdependent. Innumerable creatures other than humans live in visible and invisible forms in earth, air, water, fire, ether and underworld. Apart from this animal world, the vegetable world is vital in keeping this earth alive. We also know that three fourth part of the world is full of water. One-fourth of it is land, where the plant kingdom resides. Thus, this earth comprises the sea, mountains, forests and human society. Every society has a vision of life, which is formed from its natural environment and its culture. That's why Europe's life view differs from Asia's. In the West, priority was given to individual happiness. Science was a tool for the convenience of the individual. Society moved ahead by keeping the individual's happiness at the centre. Science was followed behind. Maximum help of science and technology was taken in manufacturing articles of happiness. Happiness and satisfaction were seen in the object. Society became materialistic. The object itself became the centre of life. Life became objective and extroverted.

In an objective view of life, there is pleasure in showing others lower and oneself higher. Therefore, due to such a vision of life, competition was considered an essential part of life and society. In this way, this society started burning in the fire of competition and became tense.

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Life went on for medicine. People started increasing their physical and economic power. That's how European culture also got initiated. The form of education also became like that there.

An individual became completely money-oriented. There is a perceived severe lack of social harmony. Society was divided into classes. The tendency of exploitation gained strength. The dominance of profiteering started increasing. Urbanization got a boost. Villages started getting destroyed, and cities started settling down.

To save the meaning, the man started taking the help of a machine. Gradually, his relationship with humans started getting severed. His distance from nature started increasing. His sensitivity to Nature began decreasing. The Nature was also exploited excessively. Animal world and vegetable world were also exploited. In this way, the

balance of the world was disturbed due to the influence of the Western education system, cultural practices, and physical and materialistic vision of life.

Man did not consider himself as anything beyond the body. His vision was limited to the visible world only. He became an extrovert. He did not respect biodiversity. He made the ideal of survival of the fittest the basic mantra of life. He crossed all limits and limitations to satisfy physical and sensory hunger. He started torturing the dumb and weak creatures. He understood that this world was meant for him. This earth is of him only. Other creatures are at his disposal. In this way, the person cuts off the relationship with the family and society, and the community cuts off the relationship with the country and the country with the world. Every unit needs happiness. He didn't show any interest in the peaceful coexistence of others in this world. He made business the medium for this indulgent idea.

For this hedonistic idea, he promoted the concept of a Global Village to make profits through business and showcased advertisements and media to earn profit in making indulgent material and the world tolerant. More food items started coming out of the factories than needed. Forests began being cut in the name of development. Mines started being dug. This resulted in an increase in world temperature. Sea level rose. Road development started. More and more vehicles began being manufactured. Air pollution, noise pollution and water pollution started happening.

Climate balance deteriorated due to the concept of development and the tendency of profiteering. As a result, the seasons they are stopped setting on time. In this way, Nature has become violent today. How can world peace come if nature remains utterly ferocious in attitude? Apart from nature, only one of the five elements of the earth, the sun, did not get polluted. The remaining four elements, soil, water, air and sky, have become polluted.

There are five elements of the earth concerning their importance and purity; less attention was paid in the West in ancient times; anyway, their reckoning starts from the time of Jesus Christ. That's why Europe was silent at the beginning of 2023 today. Now we will discuss about Asia. Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore said, "The liberation of Europe is written in the awakening of Asia, and India is a great ocean of great human beings. No single way to find the truth has ever been accepted in our country. Many people have told many ways to reach the truth. Vedas are considered to be the oldest scriptures not only of us but

of the world. In Upanishads and Bhagwat etc., we have been told not only one solar system but crores of solar systems. The whole science of space has been told. The authors of these ancient texts are our forefathers and sages of united India. These mystics have strongly condemned worldly view and materialistic thoughts. Life- vision, dependent on renunciation, penance, celibacy, Brahma contemplation and yoga and devotion was appreciated, and kindness, compassion, love, charity etc., were considered necessary for life." He has aimed to restore world peace and world welfare.

He considered the unceasing relationship of the world with the individual. Taking the relationship of the sea with the point, he found its reflection in every living and non-living entity of the world. He has seen himself in every living being, living in every particle of the world, in the water, in the land, in the underworld, and in himself as the father of the whole world. That's why he kept the elements like violence, enmity, hatred, competition, and architecture from himself and maintained the positive elements of truth, non-violence, non-attachment, tolerance, service, sacrifice, love, compassion etc., throughout his life. That is, these people linked world thinking with individual thinking, while Europe kept world love separate from self-love. In this context, the speech of the immortal saint-poet of the Hindi language, the respected Kabir Das, comes to our notice today.

Devotees and saint poets of India and Asia have done the work of promoting the revolution of spirituality. Many poets of India have talked about destroying oneself for the upliftment of the world. Every year in March-April, the world peace yagya is organized all over India. Rabindranath, the immortal singer of universal human love, is an example in this context, who has talked about maintaining a balance between the mind and the heart. Vivekananda has also talked about mixing the East and the West. In Europe, the intellect was highly developed, while in India, the heart was developed. That's why world welfare can be possible only when there is coordination between these two elements.

Today the world is moving towards the third world war. There is tension in many countries. Violence continues, and millions of soldiers are dying every day. It seems that some messiah of India or the famous Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi, is moving forward, holding the flag of world peace. The whole world is gradually following him silently.

Thank you all Ladies and Gentlemen. □