

विश्वाचे आर्त माझे मनी प्रकाशले।  
अवघे चि जालें देह ब्रम्ह॥



**PHILOSOPHER SAINT SHRI DNYANESHWARA**  
An Embodiment of Knowledge-Divine & Peace

# Universal Prayer for Divine Grace Pasayadan

*F*riends, Pasayadan, a prayer for divine grace written by Philosopher **Saint Dnyaneshwara** after completing his most famous work of **Dnyaneshwari** is truly an **Universal Prayer** for the welfare and well being of the entire mankind as well as other living beings, beyond any caste, creed, race, religion and boundaries of nations.

With the present IT revolution, the entire world is emerging as a knowledge based Global Society and the time is not far off when the entire world will be seen as one Global Family - **Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam**.

Every nation has a National Anthem, likewise, if the global community wants to adopt an **Universal Anthem**, possibly, **Pasayadan**, the **Prayer for Divine Grace** could be the **Universal Anthem**, as it does not confine to any race, religion or state.

Now, 'O' God, The entire Cosmos Divine | Be pleased with this pious word- offering of mine||  
Grant me in good will benign | Your Benevolent Grace Divine||1||  
May the evil minded, their wickedness shed | May their intellect turn to pious and good deeds instead ||  
May all living beings find themselves bonded | By friendly ties of soul companionship||2||  
May the darkness of ignorance disappear | May the Universe see the Sun of self consciousness ||  
May whatsoever aspirations of those be fulfilled | Of all living beings ||3||  
May shower all over the pious divine | May the world be full of Saintly beings benign ||  
May incessantly in the Universe | Meet the living beings ||4||  
Moving groves of wish granting trees | Colonies of conscious wish fulfilling jewels ||  
These saints are, speaking oceans | Full of pious Nectarly divine ||5||  
A Moon without a smear | A Sun without a hot sear ||  
Always to one and all, these hallowed saints | Become kith and kin dear ||6||  
Let all beings be completely satisfied and happy | Fully contented in all the three worlds ||  
Engrossed and merged in devotion | Eternally, of ultimate divine ||7||  
And those who live by this scripture divine | Eternally guiding all living beings ||  
Be victorious over seen unforeseen | In this world and beyond ||8||  
Here, said, the Lord of the Universe | This shall become thy Grace Divine ||  
And with this blissful Grace Divine | Jnandeva became ever joyous and happy benign ||9||

---Philosopher - Saint Shri Dnyaneshwara  
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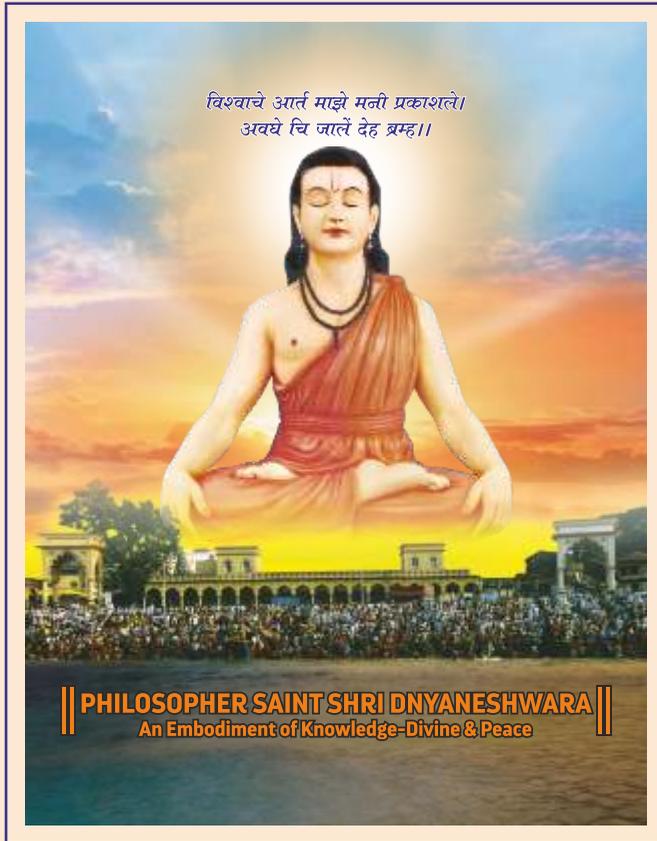


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*What the whole world earnestly aspires has dawned in my mind.  
Therefore my whole existence is now one with the Brahman.*



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## PREAMBLE

Friends,

It was due to my own inner urge or passion in my heart and mind and the fire in my belly that I became highly sensitive and emotional about the situation prevailing in the world of chaos, confusion, conflict, bloodshed, massacre, terrorism and wars over trifle issues like boundaries of nations etc right from my young age of about 16-17 years.

Particularly, I was feeling deeply hurt and felt great pain that in spite of the of the fact that the world had been experiencing mind-boggling scientific and industrial developments like Artificial Intelligence, Internet, IT, journey to the outer space and enjoying possibly the most luxurious and materialistic pleasures and various other sources of enjoyment available around us, on the other hand, there was so much of anger, hatred, jealousy, envy, violence, misery, sorrow and suffering all over the world.

*As I grew up in years and set off in pursuit of my education in the*

*field of Engineering Sciences and started realizing and appropriately understanding the values of religiosity and spirituality in life, because of my family background of Warkari /Vaishnavite Tradition, I started pondering deeply upon the true essence and philosophy of not just the Hindu Religion, but about all the other major religions of the world like Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, Jainism, Judaism, Sikhism, Zoroastrianism, Shintoism, Taoism etc. I realized that religion is a way of life, based on time-tested values, and that all the religions are pious in nature and preach the same basic philosophy and convey the same message of love, ethics, morality, respect for others, sacrifice, reverence and compassion to lead a happy, contented and peaceful life for the establishment of a Holistic Society.*

Friends, I have been greatly influenced by the profound philosophy enunciated by

**Philosopher Saint Shri Dnyaneshwara and Philosopher Saint Shri Jagadguru Tukaram Maharaj** through their Holy Scriptures viz. **Dnyaneshwari and Gatha**, which are based on the ancient Indian Scriptures like the Four Vedas and Shrimad Bhagwad Geeta, which do not ascribe to any particular religion and definitely not to Hindu Religion. On the contrary, they speak about **the principles and scientific laws of Mother Nature and Life and relationship between Knowledge, Science, Religion and Spirituality.**

Further, I would like to emphatically state that the **Great Noble Son of India, Swami Vivekananda**, has greatly influenced my thinking and my personality and throughout my life I have been trying to follow the words of wisdom spoken by Swamiji that **“Union of Science and Religion/Spirituality alone will bring Harmony and Peace to the entire Mankind”** and bring them to reality in my own way through Value Based **Universal Education System**

for establishing the Culture of Peace in the whole world.

*Friends, I would like to assertively state and appeal to all of you to realize that these above words of wisdom spoken by Swami Vivekananda are not only restricted to Indians or Hindus, but they are meant for the well-being of the entire humanity going far beyond any caste, creed, religion or boundaries of nations.*

It is also worth noting that in almost all the religions of the world, the existence of the invisible force/energy – the Almighty God, is accepted in principle, the forms or the names given may be different. However, there is only one truth that is Almighty God, as said in Bhagwad Geeta:

**एकं सत्, विप्रा बहुधा वदन्ति ।**

*It is worth noting that the scholarly people from different religions may call their Almighty God as per their own concept in their own language like Ram in Hinduism, Rahim/Allah in Islam, Jesus Christ in Christianity, while even though concept of God*

*as in other religions is not acceptable to Buddhism or Jainism, still Lord Gautam Buddha and Bhagwan Mahavir are supposed to be the ideal Almighty or Supreme Power, while in Sikhism, Guru Nanak Dev or Guru Granth Sahib itself, is the supreme Almighty Guru for them.*

It is equally true in the case of other religions like Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Taoism, Shintoism etc. that their Supreme Masters or their Gurus have been accepted as the incarnations of the Supreme Power - the Almighty.

**Friends, the more one studies the religious scriptures of the world, the more one is convinced that all these scriptures speak about the Scientific Principles or laws of Mother Nature and life and show the pathway to leading a pious, peaceful, happy and contented life.**

It is further revealed that these religious scriptures of the world do not merely teach you rituals of worshipping a particular

deity/religion. Instead, these scriptures of various religions are actually **TRUE LIFE GUIDING SCRIPTURES**, which teach us how to lead a healthy, happy and contented life in co-existence with Mother Nature.

Friends, it is said that even the *‘Law of any Nation must run close to the Rule of Life of the People and Rule of the Life of the People, which is made and practiced by the people themselves, must run close to the Laws of Mother Nature’.*

It is equally important to note that these various religions and the religious scriptures came into existence on the basis of words of wisdom and preaching by some Supreme Human Beings, like the Prophets in Islam & Christianity or incarnations of God in other religions like Hinduism etc.

It is highly important and revealing to note that all the religious scriptures of the world religions speak about offering prayers in different forms i.e. Worship and Meditation in Hinduism & Christianity, Namaz

in Islam, Vipashyana & Meditation in Buddhism, Prayers in Jainism, recitation of Gurbani in Sikhism, reciting Gatha in Zoroastrianism, reciting the Torah in Judaism and some similar acts of worship/prayer in all other religions of the world to minimize the vices like anger, ego, lust, greed, jealousy, hatred and other bad habits, which ultimately helps to minimize **the disorders and disharmony** in the mind, heart and body of individuals and also the society at large.

Interestingly, the common practice in almost all the religions of the world, as prescribed by their respective religious scriptures is that of “chanting” (जप) the name of their own Deity/Almighty God as and when possible, for attaining purity of mind, purity of thought and purity in each and every action in life. We find another practice, which is common in the most of the religions of the world, and that is drawing on the ROSARY BEADS OR JAPMAAL (जपमाला). In Hinduism, it is made of either

RUDRAKSHA or TULSI BEADS, while in other religions it is either made of wood or some other suitable material.

This very practice of offering prayers/worship/meditation etc. clearly shows that almost all the religious scriptures have been trying to educate and train the masses to themselves live happily and peacefully and let others also live happily and peacefully with love, compassion, respect and reverence towards all the living beings.

Friends, I earnestly appeal and request you to kindly note that each world religion, within itself, has a number of sects like *Vaishnava and Shaiva in Hinduism, Sunnis and Shias in Islam, Catholics and Protestants in Christianity, Mahayan and Heenyan in Buddhism, Shwetambar and Digambar in Jainism, conservative and Orthodox in Judaism, Nihangs and Naamdharis in Sikhism* etc. Similarly, the world is also divided into nations, based on religions like Christian Countries, Islamic Countries,

Buddhist Countries, Hindu Country, Jewish Country etc.

Despite all these differences of caste, creed, religions and boundaries of nations, it is necessary to understand that all the religious scriptures, in which their respective followers have immense faith, teach love, brotherhood, respect, reverence etc. However, at times, one feels that only his own religion is true and superior to others, which many times results in conflicts, clashes, bloodshed and violence.

### **The Genesis of Life**

The birth of this infinite and endless universe took place billions of years ago as a result of the “**Big Bang**” of the smallest of the small, but most powerful and energetic particle. Recent scientific studies and investigations have identified this smallest of small but energetic particle of the Universe and it has been named as the “**Higgs-Boson / God Particle**”.

As a result of this “Big Bang”, different solar systems, planets, stars, constellations, zodiacs,

celestial bodies, etc. have emerged in this universe. One of these celestial bodies happens to be just like a very small particle of sand lying on the vast seashore, which is our **Planet Earth**. For millions of years after the Big Bang, this newly born planet Earth kept on expanding and contracting repeatedly as a part of the Universe. Over a period of time, the positions and orbits of all the planets, stars, constellation etc. got fixed.

The process of formation of this universe continued for millions of years. During this process, life was created on planet Earth, because of the creation of conducive natural conditions, which included the five elements (**Panchmahabhootas**) viz **Earth** (Prithvi), **Water** (Jal), **Fire** (Agni or Tej), **Air** (Vayu) and **Ether or Space** (Akash). It is believed that after the lapse of considerable time, life emerged on this planet earth in the form of a single living cell. The first known living being was unicellular and this was born first in the water, which is one of the five basic elements. Subsequently, as per the

scientific theory of evolution, the first living beings were aquatic (living in water), then the amphibians evolved (living in both water and on land) and lastly terrestrial living beings took birth, which live on the land. In between, there evolved species, which lived in the air. The Human Being is taken to be the last living being to have come up in this process of evolution.

This sequence of evolution is also found in the scriptures propounded in the philosophy of Hinduism in the form of the ten incarnations (Dashavtar) of Lord Vishnu viz. Fish - मत्स्य (aquatic), Tortoise - कूर्म (Amphibian), Boar - वराह (Terrestrial), Narsimha - नारसिंह (half man, half lion - living in forest), Waman - वामन, Parshuram - परशुराम, Ram - राम, Krishna - कृष्ण, Buddha - बुद्ध, Kalki - कल्की (half human, half horse).

The process of evolution of living beings (life) as enunciated in the philosophy of Hinduism may have been even possibly enunciated in other world religions and perhaps in other

countries also. We sincerely feel that possibly, although they may or may not be in the written form, they might still have been in existence as per the philosophies of the respective religions.

*Friends, it has been revealed and accepted by the greatest scholars, philosophers, thinkers of the various religions of the world that the evolution of human beings took place by the union of the male and female. As per the philosophy of Hindu Religion, Purush (male) and Prakriti (female) are the symbols of Shiv and Shakti, who are responsible for the emergence of human race. On the same lines, in Christianity, Adam and Eve and in Islam, Aadam and Havva, happen to be the original progenitors, from whom the entire human race took birth.*

Friends, from the above narration, it is clear that in the process of human evolution, the concept of Shiv-Shakti (in Hinduism), Adam-Eve (in Christianity) and Aadam-Havva (in Islam), are in keeping with the basic principle of male and

female (father and mother). This means, the entire human race is born out of single parents, which is the accepted natural scientific truth. Based on the different geographical situations on this earth, evolution of living beings and their growth took place continuously. Out of this process were created various living beings with different forms, shapes, colors and habits. Whether it is the Polar Regions with extreme cold or equatorial regions with extreme heat, the evolution of human race continued in keeping with Mother Nature. With a curious and inquisitive mind, man went on discovering various new things and continued to adapt himself with Mother Nature to lead as much of a happy and comfortable life as possible.

As a result of this, different human groups/colonies following the same lifestyle came in to existence. Based on the lifestyle of these groups/colonies, a number of rules and regulations for leading a peaceful life also came into existence.

*Friends, it may be worth noting that even in the primitive stage of evolution of the human race, after the union of male and female, when the child/baby birth took place, the male, looking at the delicate condition of both the new born child and the mother, possibly felt love and compassion towards them and he took the initiative to provide them food, shelter and protection and also help in their upbringing, which possibly became his Sacred/Natural Duty, which possibly is the origin of the concept of Religion as a Duty.*

### **Genesis of World Religions**

Basically, the conditions before the dawn of various religions, in spite of being duty bound and propagating good conduct, must have been filled with anarchy, bad conduct, hatred, violence, chaos, inhuman traits, torture, slavery, cruelty, discrimination etc. On the background of such an extreme situation, any way of life which shows the path of happiness, satisfaction and inner

peace to all human beings and the society at large is always welcome.

Friends, almost all the world religions emerged and took birth on the background of the horrifying confusion, chaos and anarchy in the human society of that time. Someone who was a great humanitarian with a great vision and foresight, having full

realization that some method or way needed to be evolved to save the human race, tried to show the appropriate pathway to minimize this chaos, confusion, bloodshed, anarchy and cruelty.

यदा यदा हि धर्मस्य,

ग्लानिर्भवति भारत ।

अभ्युत्थानमधर्मस्य तदात्मानम्

सृजाम्यहम् ॥४-७॥



Before the start of the great war of Mahabharata, which was fought between Kauravas and Pandavas at Kurukshetra, Arjun felt sad that he would have to fight his cousins, teachers and elders and perhaps be the cause of their destruction. He, therefore, refused to participate in the war and asked Lord Shri Krishna for guidance. Here Lord Krishna revealed to him the Bhagwad Geeta and made him aware of his duty of fighting evil and upholding righteousness.

परित्राणाय साधूनाम्  
विनाशाय च दुष्कृताम् ।  
धर्मसंस्थापनार्थाय  
संभवामि युगे युगे ॥ ४-८॥

Whenever there is decay of righteousness, O Bharata, And there is exaltation of unrighteousness, then I Myself come forth; For the protection of the good, for the destruction of evil-doers, For the sake of firmly establishing righteousness, I am born from age to age.

As said above, the philosophy and way of life expounded in Holy Shrimad Bhagwad Geeta as well as in other Religious Scriptures like Holy Bible, Holy Quran, Holy Torah, Holy Dhammapada etc on similar lines for the welfare of humanity, happiness, satisfaction, peaceful thoughts etc are identical. The reason behind this is already given above. For example, Bhagwad Geeta has been narrated actually on the battlefield of Kurukshetra. Similarly, Quran and Bible and the Ten Commandments given to Moses, came into existence as a

result of the then prevalent devastating situations.

Based on the available information, the various religions in the world came into existence as given below -

1. The concept, philosophy and emergence of **Shrimad Bhagwad Geeta** symbolizing **Hinduism (Sanatan/Arya Dharma)** - Nearly 4,000 to 5,000 years ago
2. The concept, philosophy and emergence of **Holy Bible** symbolizing **Christianity** - Nearly 2000 years ago
3. The concept, philosophy and emergence of **Holy Quran** symbolizing **Islam** - 1,400 years ago
4. The concept, philosophy and emergence of **Holy Dhammapada** symbolizing **Buddhism** - 2,500 years ago
5. The concept, philosophy and emergence of **Holy Agam** symbolizing **Jainism** - 2,500 years ago
6. The concept, philosophy and emergence of **Holy Torah** symbolizing **Judaism** -

- nearly 5,000 years ago
7. The concept, philosophy & emergence of **Holy Avestha** symbolizing **Zoroastrianism** - nearly 3000 years ago
  8. The concept, philosophy and emergence of **Holy Guru Granth Sahib** symbolizing **Sikhism** - 400 years ago
  9. The concept, philosophy and emergence of **Taoism** - Nearly 2500 years ago
  10. The concept, philosophy and emergence of **Shintoism** - Nearly 2600 years ago

Friends, it is highly essential to understand the very **essence and philosophy of all the world religions**, which are based on the concept of morality, ethics, love, compassion, reverence, respect for others, good conduct, brotherhood, sacrifice etc is enunciated in all these scriptures. When one looks at the information about the emergence of various religions and their holy scriptures across the world, one needs to seriously contemplate about what must have been the situation existing in those

geographical regions before the very birth of the religions like Hinduism, Islam, Christianity, Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism, Zoroastrianism, Taoism, Shintoism etc.

Here it is worth noting that in Shrimad Bhagwad Geeta of Hindu Religion, one finds an in-depth discussion ranging from daily duties to be performed by a person to the philosophy of the highest order like Advaita (Non-duality) for the welfare of humanity in general.

Similarly, the Holy Bible advocates a lifestyle based on Love, Compassion and Service. On similar lines, the Holy Quran, as enunciated by Prophet Mohammad, gives the message of Peace and co-existence. Similarly, all the other world scriptures give a similar message of Harmony and Peace for the well-being of the mankind.

We need to understand that basically the concept of '**Dharma**' i.e. '**Religion**' has been misinterpreted. Instead of treating Religion as one's duty and way of life and equally

‘scientific, logical and highly philosophical’, it has been misinterpreted as **“Rituals and Blind Faith.”**

Friends, over the ages, it has been found that a very few egoistic, selfish, people with lust for power, having completely wrong notions about the concept of **“Dharma / Religion”** itself because of its misinterpretation, have caused much of the chaos, confusion, violence and bloodshed on this earth throughout its history. Unfortunately, in the present

scenario as well, the human race is experiencing a similar phase of violence, perhaps even worse than what it was during the two world wars earlier. Today, there is an increasing amount of suspicion, hatred, intolerance, selfishness and ego seen throughout the world, over trifle and insignificant issues.

Hence, it is necessary that the true essence, philosophy and the very purpose and meaning of religion/dharma should be presented before the world.



**“My Mother India will emerge as  
the Knowledge Corridor of the  
World in the 21st Century !”**

*– Swami Vivekananda  
(1897)*



**Nearly 145 ft. tall  
column called as  
GARUD STAMBH as a  
symbol of  
KNOWLEDGE  
DIVINE of the  
Devotional Warkari  
Sect, with 27-foot tall  
Gold-plated flagstaff  
and a 7-ft high lamp  
conveying the message  
of WORLD PEACE**



## THE LIFE-SKETCH OF PHILOSOPHER SAINT SHRI DNYANESHWARA



A young and radiantly smiling Saint Dnyaneshwara sits in the lotus position as he narrates his scholarly work 'Shri Dnyaneshwari' to the devotees.

Friends, **Philosopher Saint Shri Dnyaneshwara** is one of the greatest and the most revered saints not just in Maharashtra but in the whole of India, known as an **EMODIMENT OF KNOWLEDGE DIVINE AND PEACE**. It is nothing short of a miracle that, in a short life-span

of only 21 years, **Philosopher Saint Dnyaneshwara** showed the pathway of HARMONY AND PEACE to the mankind through his unique enlightening theory / concept that *“the entire Universe is a manifestation of pure intelligence and consciousness”*.

Friends, **Saint Dnyaneshwara** was born in a small village called **Apegaon, near Paithan**, on the bank of **River Godavari**, which was then considered as the **Seat of Learning and Knowledge Divine in India**. However, he lived for the most part of his life in **Alandi (Dehu)**, a small holy village, on the banks of **river Indrayani**, near **Pune** in Maharashtra from 1275 to 1297 AD. Saint Dnyaneshwara was the second of four siblings, born in the pious family of **Vitthalpant and Rukhminidevi**, who were great devotees of **Lord Vitthala / Pandurang of Pandharpur**, symbolising the **Knowledge Divine**. His elder brother **Saint Nivruttinath** was also his **GURU** and he had a younger brother named **Saint Sopandev** and a younger sister **Saint Muktabai**.

The father of **Saint Dnyaneshwara, Vitthalpant** was a very pious and learned man. He had married **Rukhminidevi**, the daughter of a learned Brahmin. After their marriage, he had set off to Benares in pursuit of further

studies. There he met a holy man named **Ramanand Swami**, who initiated **Vitthalpant** into the practice of **Sanyas** or renouncing family and material life to live like an ascetic / sanyasi. **Ramanand Swami** was not aware that **Vitthalpant** was a married person. As fate would have it, **Ramanand Swami** went to **Alandi** and found a young lady repeatedly circumambulating a big beautiful **Peepal Tree bearing Golden Leaves**. Upon speaking with her, he found out that she was **Rukhminidevi**, the wife of his disciple **Vitthalpant** and she was ardently praying for the return of her beloved husband. **Ramanand Swami** returned to **Benares** and convinced **Vitthalpant** to return to **Alandi** and live a married / conjugal life.

**Vitthalpant** returned to **Alandi** on the advice of his **Guru** and started living a married life with his wife **Rukhminidevi**. With the passage of time, four children, namely, **Nivruttinath, Dnyandev, Sopandev and Muktabai** were born to **Vitthalpant and Rukhminidevi**. The then

extremely orthodox and ritualistic Brahmin community from Alandi felt offended that a person who had undergone renunciation and actually renounced his married life and accepted sanyasa, had again returned back to married life and had given birth to the four (4) children. The orthodox Brahmin community felt that it was completely against the prevailing Hindu Customs and Traditions.

As such, the entire family of **Vitthalpant and Rukminidevi** along with the four children was ill-treated, humiliated, insulted very badly by the society and was condemned and forced to live outside the Alandi village. The residents of Alandi were barred from even giving food and alms

to the children.

This highly humiliating treatment by the Orthodox Brahmin Community of Alandi, deeply saddened **Vitthalpant and Rukminidevi** and feeling hurt, they took their four children on a pilgrimage to **Tryambakeshwar**, a very holy pilgrim centre near **Nashik**. There, young Dnyaneshwara met a great scholarly Yogi and Rishi of the Nath sect called **Goraksha Nath**, who inspired and encouraged him to follow the pious path of the **Nath Sect** for self-realization and to acquire true Knowledge Divine and to understand the Ultimate Truth – the Almighty God. *The Great Yogi and Guru Gorakshnath also taught Dnyaneshwara the*



**Saint Shri Dnyaneshwara**, after being rejected and challenged by the learned Brahmins of Paithan, came across a male buffalo and made him recite verses from the holy Vedas. This was his way of demonstrating that all living beings are the same.

*practise of Yoga, including the very difficult practice of HATHA YOGA.*

*Thereafter, the family of Vitthalpant and Rukminidevi returned back to Alandi. Despite the great sufferings and efforts undergone by the family, the Brahmin community of Alandi, still refused to accept them as part of the society and demanded that the parents of Saint Dnyaneshwara should perform penance by ending their lives (death punishment), so that only thereafter, at least their children would be accepted in the Brahmin Community.*

The very pious and devoted scholarly Vitthalpant and Rukminidevi, with a deep sense of sorrow, pain and mental agony, decided to take the extreme step of ending their lives as per the diktat of the so-called heads of the Brahmin Community of Alandi, with the fervent hope and expectation that atleast thereafter, their children would be accepted in the Brahmin society and have a happy and contented life.

**Accordingly, Vitthalpant and**

**Rukminidevi ended their lives and the four children namely Nivruttinath, Dnyandev, Sopandev and Muktabai, who were supposed to be the embodiment or the incarnations of Lord Brahma – the Creator, Lord Vishnu – the Protector, Lord Shiva – the Destroyer and Shakti – the Goddess of Strength, became orphaned and were left to the mercy of some cruel, unethical and heartless members of the society.**

Despite this, the heads of the orthodox Brahmin Community of Alandi refused to accept these children as a part of Brahmin Community and even refused to perform the ritualistic thread ceremony of the three (3) brothers. They were asked to go to holy town of Paithan to obtain a Purification Certificate from the Ultimate Seat of Holiness of the Brahmin Community there, so that they could undergo the rituals of pious Thread Ceremony.

The learned Brahmin Priests of Paithan also refused to grant

these children Purification Certificate and in fact, even refused to acknowledge them as Brahmins and particularly challenged the very contention of Dnyaneshwara that God was omnipresent and all pervading and prevailed in all the living and non-living beings, animate or inanimate.

Thereafter, one of the head priests with the intention to ridicule and make fun of Dnyaneshwara's above contention, asked him tauntingly, if god was present in a male buffalo that was passing by then. He further asked Dnyaneshwara whether that male buffalo possessed the same soul as an upper caste Brahmin like him and whether this buffalo could recite the holy Vedas as good as a Brahmin. To the surprise of everyone present, Dnyaneshwara replied in the affirmative, just touched the forehead of that buffalo and almost miraculously, the buffalo began producing the eternal universal sound AUM-ॐ, followed by the recitation of hymns from the holy Vedas in

chaste Sanskrit.

This miraculous event opened the eyes of the learned Brahmin Community and the society in general of Paithan and gave them the realisation of the **“Ultimate Truth, Pure Intelligence and the all pervading Consciousness of the Universe”** and proved the very philosophy of Advaita or Non-duality. They also realized the true Greatness of Dnyaneshwara and formed the belief that he indeed was a ***GREAT SAINT and an INCARNATION OF THE ALMIGHTY GOD – AN EMBODIMENT OF KNOWLEDGE DIVINE.***

This miraculous act by Saint Dnyaneshwara proved beyond doubt that all the living and non-living beings possessed the same soul (same Atman), the same conscious energy, thus disproving the social customs of that time that the reading of and even listening to the Holy Scriptures like Vedas, Puranas, Upanishad etc. was the exclusive right of only the so called upper caste people like Brahmins and

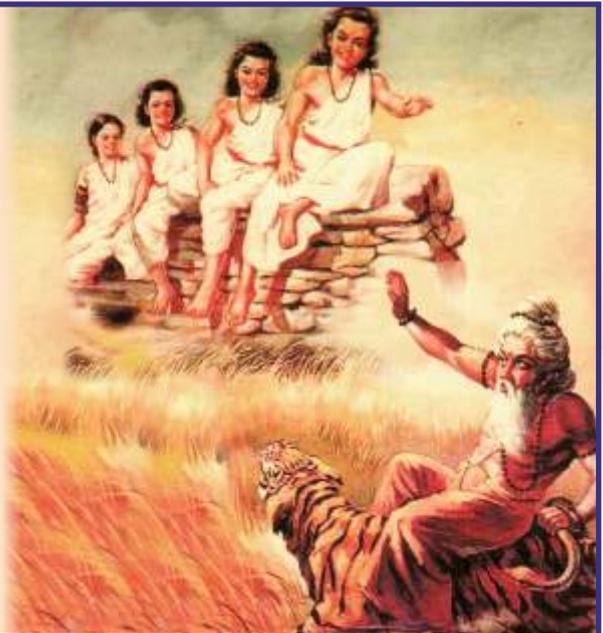
the people of the so-called lower and backward communities and even the women, be they of any caste were not permitted to either read or even listen to the recitation of these holy scriptures. In that sense, Saint Dnyaneshwara is regarded as amongst the first SOCIAL REFORMERS IN INDIA, who challenged the wrong prevailing social customs and practices and in a way granted access to people of all caste and communities to practise their religion in their own way.

After being accepted by the

learned people of Paithan and having got the Purification Certificate, to follow the Brahmin Traditions, the children viz Nivruttinath, Dnyandev, Sopandev and Muktabai in the age group of 12 to 16-17 years, were returning to Alandi, when they stopped at a holy place called Newase in Nagar District of Maharashtra.

*As they reached village Newase, they came across a family / crowd of mourners, who were under tremendous sorrow and grief because of the death / passing away of their close*

**The three brothers Nivrutinath, Dnyaneshwar and Sopandeo alongwith their young sister Muktabai greeted the wise and highly learned sage Changdeo Maharaj while seated on a wall which appeared to be flying through air because of the tremendous yogic powers of Saint Shri Dnyaneshwara.**



*relative “Sachhidanand”, whose body was being taken to the cremation ground. Nivruttinath, Dnyandev, Sopandev and Muktabai, realizing the sorrow and the grief of the people, they approached them and spontaneously, Saint Dnyaneshwara laid his hand on the forehead of the dead body of Sachhidanand and literally called out to him to wake up from his deep sleep and to everyone’s surprise Sachhidanand Baba just stood up as if he awoke from a deep sleep and bowed down and touched the feet of Saint Dnyaneshwara. Possibly, this was found to be the second miraculous act of Saint Dnyaneshwara’s life.*

At Nevase, Saint Dnyaneshwara’s elder brother and GURU Saint Shri Nivruttinath, only at the age of 18, ordered Saint Dnyaneshwara that this was the opportune place and time for him to set off on the path that he was ordained to follow i.e. showing the pathway for the wellbeing of the Mankind by writing a treatise on the holy scripture BHAGWAD GEETA,

which is based on the Vedic Philosophy. Saint Nivruttinath further said that Sachhidanand Baba, who had been given a new life by Saint Dnyaneshwara would be his writer, when he embarks on this historic narration of the Holy Scripture, which later on came to be known as BHAVARTHADEEPIKA OR SHREEDNYANESHWARI.

Following the advice of his elder brother and GURU SAINT NIVRUTTINATH, Philosopher Saint Shri Dnyaneshwara, at the very young age only 16 years, wrote this treatise at Newase, reclining against a pious stone pillar called “PAIS” in the sacred Mohiniraj Temple. This treatise, called SHRI DNYANESHWARI – a Marathi commentary on the HOLY SHRIMAD BHAGWAD GEETA, the Divine Life Guiding Religious Scripture of ancient Hinduism, a True Symbol of Indian Culture, Traditions and Philosophy.

**Thereafter, Philosopher Saint Shri Dnyaneshwara wrote some of the greatest scholarly works like CHANGDEV**

**P A S A S H T I a n d AMRUTANUBHAV**, before the young age of only 21 years.

It is worth noting that all these three scholarly works written by **PHILOSOPHER SAINT SHRI DNYANESHWARA** i.e. **SHRI DNYANESHWARI**, **CHANGDEV PASASHTI** and **AMRUTANUBHAV** are truly scientific and completely based on the very **PRINCIPLES AND LAWS OF MOTHER NATURE AND LIFE**.

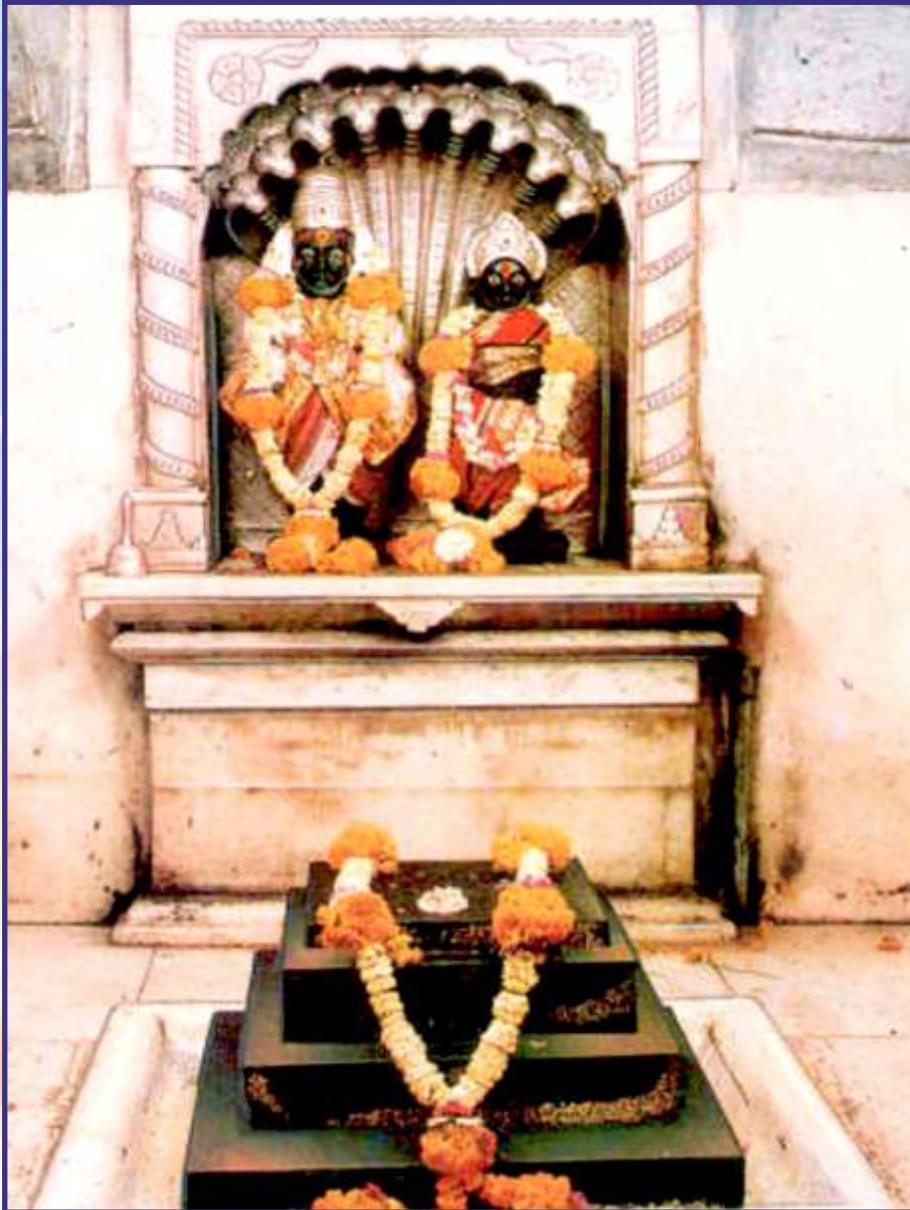
On the same lines as stated above by Philosopher Saint Shri Dnyaneshwara in the 13th Century, it is very interesting to note that the greatest scientist of 20th Century, DR. ALBERT EINSTEIN, who gave the equation  $E=MC^2$  to the world, says almost at the end of his life, “I believe in God – who reveals himself in the orderly harmony of the Universe and I believe that the Intelligence is manifested throughout the Nature.” He further says, “the basis of scientific work is the conviction that the world is an ordered and comprehensible entity and not a

thing of Chance.”

*Friends, today we are living in the modern scientific era and find it difficult to believe in miracles and as such even 30-40 years ago, the very concept of Internet, Google, Facebook, YouTube, Mobile Phones, Wi-Fi, Satellite Television, Electronic and Digital Gadgets/devices etc. would have been considered as miracles and hence, the various miraculous events and incidences mentioned in the lives of the Great Saints, Sages and Seers like Philosopher Saint Shri Dnyaneshwara, Saint Shri Tukaram, Saint Francis of Assisi and others throughout human history should also be considered in the same context.*

Therefore, we would like to assertively state that these and other similar incidences from the life of Philosopher Saint Shri Dnyaneshwara are indicative of his tremendous Yogic Power, relentless penance and pursuit of Yoga, in a short span of only 21 years.

## SANJIVAN SAMADHI



The stone placed on the vault where Saint Shri Dnyaneshwara entered into Sanjeevan Samadhi at Alandi. A temple is built around it, which is adorned by the statues of his deity Lord Pandurang and his consort Goddess Rukhmini.

## SANJIVAN SAMADHI OF PHILOSOPHER SAINT SHRI DNYANESHWARA

Friends, it is possibly one of the greatest miracles of the world that Philosopher Saint Shri Dnyaneshwara at the very young age of 21 years declared to the world that he had completed his life mission and his work was over and saying so, he attained **SANJIVAN SAMADHI** (renouncing his physical body / life by entering into a supreme state of Yogic Trance) on the banks of Indrayani River at Alandi in the presence of some of the greatest saints, sages and seers, as well as a large gathering of thousands of emotionally choked warkaris/devotees and other people. It was the 13th day of the second half of the month of Kartik (November-December). Friends, it was a highly emotional moment when Saint Shri Dnyaneshwara was led to the site of the Samadhi specially created in a massive stone vault, by his elder brother and guru Saint Nivruttinath and by Saint Namdeo, where Dnyaneshwara sat in a lotus position (Padmasana) and greeted the gathered people three times with folded hands and made a Namaskar.

*Here, Saint Dnyaneshwara very categorically told the assembled people that after he attains yogic trance, a crimson red radiance resembling a thousand suns will appear on his face. That will be stage when he would attain the real state of **SANJIVAN SAMADHI** and only then should the **SAMADHI VAULT** be closed.*

Accordingly, Saint Nivruttinath closed the entrance to the Samadhi site with a large boulder and thus this great Philosopher Saint disappeared from the sight of this world forever and attained a state of supreme eternal bliss!

*Philosopher Saint Shri Dnyaneshwara laid the foundation of the highly devotional Warkari / Vaishnav Sect called 'Bhagwat Dharma' in 13th Century for the benefit and welfare of the common people at large.* He strongly denied the caste system then prevalent in India, whereby the society was divided in four categories.

Philosopher Saint Shree Dnyaneshwara further categorically emphasized that the entire human race created by

Almighty God was one and it was a great sin to segregate the human race into castes, creeds, religions, races, sects, nations etc.

*It is worth noting that Philosopher Saint Shree Dnyaneshwara dedicated his entire life for the welfare and wellbeing of the entire mankind by showing the pathway to establish and develop peace-loving holistic society in the world.*

*In fact, Philosopher Saint Shree Dnyaneshwara at the end of his scholarly treatise Dnyaneshwari, in spite of suffering a humilitating*

*childhood and insults from the society, still prays for the benefit and wellbeing of the entire human race and requests the ALMIGHTY GOD to grant him the favor of prevailing Peace in the entire Society through his UNIVERSAL ANTHEM / PRAYER PASAYDAN. This Pasaydan is a true reflection of the piety, nobility, humility, purity of mind, purity of soul and purity in each and every action of one of the greatest Philosopher Saints of the world, Saint Shree Dnyaneshwara.*



**More than 9000 mridang (traditional drum) players belonging to the devoted Warkari sect performed in unison on the banks of the River Indrayani at Alandi on 7th February 2016 to celebrate the 75th birthday of Prof. Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad and pay a musical tribute to the enriching Warkari Tradition.**

## FROM SPIRITUALITY...



**Philosopher Saint  
Shree Dnyaneshwara**

दुरिंताचे तिमिर जावो । विश्व स्वधर्मसूर्ये पाहो ।  
जो जे वांछील तो ते लाहो । प्राणिजात ॥

May the darkness of ignorance disappear  
May the Universe see  
the Sun of self consciousness  
May any aspirations of those be fulfilled  
Of all living beings!

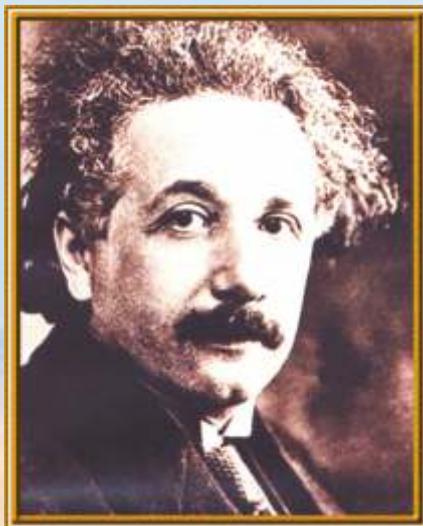


**Philosopher Jagadguru  
Saint Shree Tukaram**

शांतिपरते नाही सुख । येर अवघेचि दुःख ॥  
म्हणुनी शांति धरा । उतराल पैलतीरा ॥

There is no happiness like peace,  
everything else leads to sorrow.  
As such, follow the path of peace,  
which will lead you  
to the other bank of happiness.

**...TO SCIENCE**



**Dr. Albert Einstein**

*The trust further identifies itself with  
Albert Einstein's assertion  
"I believe in God,  
who reveals himself in the orderly harmony of  
the universe, and I believe that intelligence is  
manifested throughout mother nature."*

*The great saints, sages, seers and  
scientists of the world  
have always a common goal i.e.  
Welfare of the entire Humanity.*

## DNYANESHWARA - A POST QUANTUM SCIENTIST AND A SOCIAL REFORMER



**Dr. Deepak Ranade**  
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*Dnyaneshwar or Dnyandev or simply Mauli was a 13th-century Marathi saint, poet, philosopher and yogi. In his early years, he was subjected to a lot of humiliation and discrimination by a highly racist rigid and indoctrinated society. Overcoming all these adversities, this intellectual prodigy wrote Dnyaneshwari (a commentary on the Bhagavad Gita) in Marathi, making it accessible to the common man, Amrutanubhav and Changdev Paasashtee while still in his teens. In honour and fond remembrance of Dnyaneshwara,*

*the Pandharpur Wari is undertaken as an annual pilgrimage (yatra) to Pandharpur - the seat of the Hindu god Vithoba, a symbol of KNOWLEDGE DIVINE . Palakhis (palanquin processions) carrying the paduka (foot impressions) of Dnyaneshwar and Tukaram are taken from their respective shrines to Pandharpur. The tradition is more than 700 to 800 years old. This “March of Faith” attracts a total of over a million pilgrims over 21 days. This annual pilgrimage to Pandharpur from Alandi is a testimony to the sheer unadulterated faith of the warkaris or pilgrims. It has the fragrance of selfless devotion, that is not directed towards any personal gain or for soliciting divine intervention from any calamity. These naive and gullible souls reveal faith, devotion and worship that*

*transcends intellectual reasoning, vested interests or religious sycophancy. It is not a transactional devotion that trivialises the Almighty to an egoistic entity demanding appeasement. Dnyaneshwar Mauli is a very affectionate term for mother. The succour, warmth, care and love that signifies a mothers emotional connect.*

*What makes his philosophy connect so universally, specially with those who have not even an iota of any formal exposure to this rather abstruse and intangible domain of spirituality? Saint Dnyaneshwar was a genius, a realized soul endeavored to explain the mysteries of creation. He redefined spirituality, liberating it from the shackles of religion, rituals and scriptures and bringing it within reach of the common man. He initiated a paradigm shift by emphasising the experiential aspect of spirituality.*

He ushered in an era of spiritual

awakening that dispensed with any form of academic pursuit. A spirituality that demystified creation, metaphorically, and made it experiential. Dnaneshwara was the epitome of knowledge. He took on the prevailing premise of Shankara "Brahma Satya Jagat Mithya" modifying it by proclaiming "Brahma Satya Jagat Satya". Creation, which was a manifestation of the Essence, could never be considered illusory.

Saint Dnyaneshwara states in the very first Stanza of Changdev Paasashtee that the Essence effaces itself as manifestation, and the Essence appears when there is a perceptive shift. Manifestation is an appearance, a reflection of the Essence. The Essence is unaffected by its presence or absence. Like the image that we see of ourself in the mirror. The self remains irrespective of the image or its perception. He shook the foundation of Eastern Wisdom by stating that Creation was at par

with and a manifestation of the Essence.

**Saint Dnyaneshwar highlights the limitations of the traditional epistemological methods (pramanas) used in Indian philosophy. He points out that any perception is validated only by another deeper understanding, while in establishing the rationality of reason, reason itself is transcended. Dnyaneshwar even cautions against undue emphasis on hermeneutic testimony, which is accepted as a valid source of knowledge by philosophers of Vedanta and Mīmāṃsā schools of philosophy. Scriptural validity, to him, stems from its congruence with experiential truth and not vice versa.**

Saint Dnyaneshwara's philosophy was way ahead of his times and he truly was a Mystic Scientist. Mystic because he spoke of Essence or Tatva, which is the source of all manifestation. As the stranglehold of classical physics loosened, the distinction

between physical and meta physical was completely annihilated with the advent of quantum physics. Science transcended the domain of experiment to the realm of experience. Modern Science now believes that the quantum wave which is aspatial, trans-temporal transforms into spatio-temporal matter when perceived by an intelligent conscious observer. Quantum science cannot explain the emergence of this consciousness. In his treatise on this subject that forms the basis of his explanation to Changdeva, called the Changdev Paasashtee, Dnyaneshwara has very emphatically declared that the observer, observed and observation emerge simultaneously as a trifurcation of the Essence - an emergent trinity. This vindicates the use of the term- Scientist.

*Saint Dnyaneshwara refers to a pre-matter state, which he calls as the Essence out of which all creation manifests. He calls it the creative conscious principle*

*capable of becoming anything and everything. It is capable of self existence, self organising, self transforming. A phenomenon that quantum science refers to rather inadequately as Superposition.*

He states that all manifestation is a play of this Holistic consciousness. Existence and non- existence are phases of this consciousness. This primordial, consciousness in order to constantly remain conscious mandated to go on becoming conscious. In his treatise Amrutanubhav, he gives greater clarity to this concept of consciousness.

**The absolute does not prove or disprove itself with the help of any norms or methods of knowledge... The lamp lit up at midday neither dispels darkness nor spreads light."**

**"It is the pure knowledge itself that is not enlightened by any other knowledge or darkened by ignorance. But can the pure consciousness be conscious of**

**itself? Can the eye-ball visualise itself? Can the sky enter into itself? Can the fire burn itself... Therefore, that which is pure consciousness itself, without the quality of being conscious is not conscious of itself.**

It is rather a grave misfortune that the very universally applicable philosophy of Dnaneshwara has been looked upon or rather relegated to a religious belief system. If one can raise ones perception above the mediocrity of sectarianism and endeavour to comprehend the Essence of Dnaneshwaras philosophy, it will help mankind unravel this mystery of creation, lift the veil of ignorance and let the light of knowledge evolve humanity to eternal divinity.



# THE SINE WAVE OF HUMAN LIFE – A Play of Consciousness



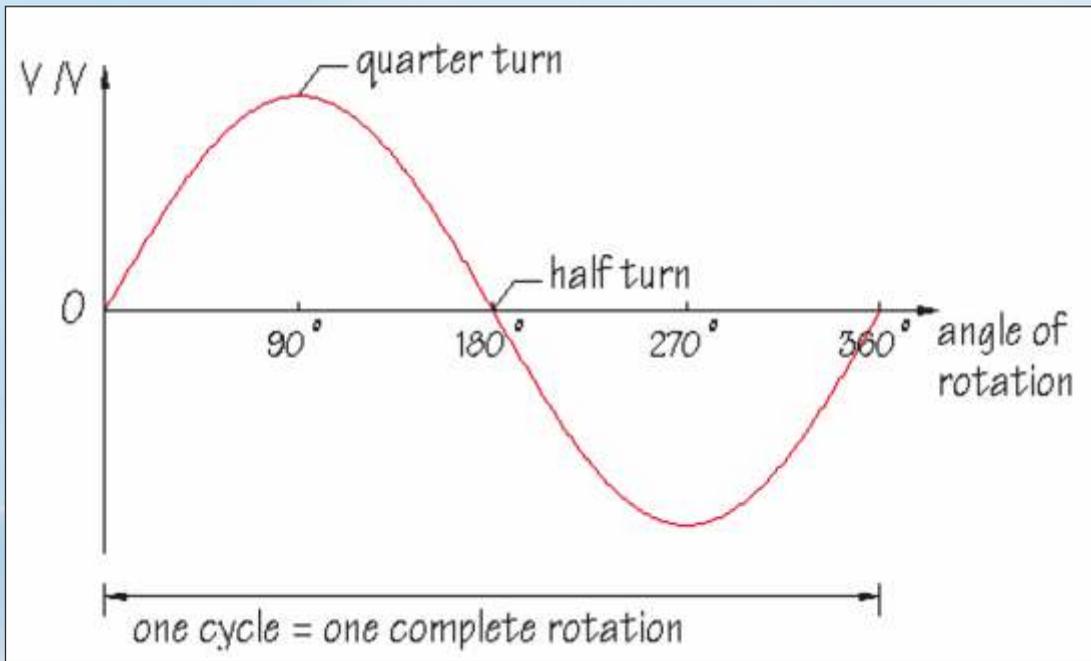
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Philosopher Saint Shri Dnaneshwara had a radically different take on interpreting life. He considered life as jeevatma (a soul), a vortex, in the sea of impersonal consciousness. The form was just a manifestation of the formless that would eventually subside in the vast ocean of consciousness. The various stages of human life are mere spatio-temporal transformations of the original undivided consciousness. This condensation and rarefaction of consciousness can very effectively be plotted as a sine

curve.

*“What goes up must come down and what goes down must come up.” This is a philosophical truth, that doubles up as a mnemonic aid to memorise the sine curve. The sine wave or sinusoid is a mathematical function that describes a smooth repetitive oscillation. It is a universal wave function that is applicable in pure mathematics, physics, signal processing and many other fields. The sine wave typically has a positive excursion followed by a reversal and negative excursion on the y axis when time is plotted on the x axis. It very effectively defines the movement of a particle on a circular path when seen from the centre of the circle.*

Waves can be viewed as a disturbance in the medium around an equilibrium state, which is generally at rest. The energy of this disturbance is what causes the wave motion. A pool of water is at equilibrium when



there are no waves, but as soon as a stone is thrown in it, the equilibrium of the particles is disturbed and the wave motion begins. Personal consciousness (mind body organism) or manifest form could well be a mere disturbance in the impersonal consciousness (unmanifest)

**Schrodinger's equation demonstrates all of the wave like properties of matter and was one of greatest achievements of 20th century science. It is used in physics and**

**most of chemistry to deal with problems about the atomic structure of matter. It is an extremely powerful mathematical tool that rebuilds the basis of wave mechanics.**

The human form is consciousness that walks this planet over the period of his/her life span. It is the union of the intangible 'consciousness' with the tangible 'form'. This consciousness generates an identity for the form and of the form.

*If the (0,0) co-ordinates of a x-y axis were the starting point of this*

*life form, and a graph were to be plotted, with identity on the y axis and time on the x-axis, it would make a fascinating sine curve. The value for this identity that is generated with relation to the outer world, a relative identity, (objective identity) is given a positive value, and the identity that is generated from within, or a subjective identity is given a negative value.*

**The first half of the upper half of the wave represents the gradual development of the identity of this form. Brahmacharyashram. It is in the positive deflection as it is in relation to the outer world. A clear cut demarcation of the self crystallises along with the trappings of insecurity, self-indulgence and selfishness. All these attributes are necessary for the self-preservation of the 'form'. At this stage, the identity of the form is critical to ensure its survival, for, without this positive identity, the form would hardly be able to ensure its own survival. This self-**

**importance of the 'form' peaks to the point of a compulsion to replicate itself. . This ensures transmission of the blueprint and also the handing over of the baton of this identity to the next runner. To ensure the survival of this nascent form, the restrictive identification of the self itself decreases.**

The downward trend indicates a shift toward self-effacement. However, this 'self-effacement' is contextual to ensuring the survival of the progeny. Grahasthashram. The selfless love of the parent is actually a modified nurturing for part of the self. But it does effect in shifting the focus of identity from the 'self' to beyond.

**As this line intersects the x axis, it modulates the awareness this identity of the self yet again. It unleashes a sense of worthlessness in this contextual frame of relevance once the needs of the offspring and family have been settled. It marks the beginning of an inward journey that looks for a**

meaning within. Hence, it marks a negative deflection on the y axis of identity. **Vanaprasthashram.**

The first half of the downward wave shows a gradual tendency to being disillusioned with the relative identity. The identity looks for 'self-actualisation', the apex of Maslow's motivational pyramid. The last upward surge of this curve represents a quest for an absolute identity- or, in other words, a search for the absolute. **Sanyasashram.** The absolute dispenses the outer and fixates on the inner. It does not require any extrinsic cognizing entity to be aware of itself. Cognizance, after all, is required for the sense of an identity.

*Its final intersection and merger with the x axis represents the stripping of all the identities and a realisation that all that remains is merely a sense of 'amness'; the same 'amness' that life began with as a new-born.*

***The 'peeling off' of all the acquired identities after the outward former journey and the***

***inner latter journey marks the end of all the excursions of identity. The end of the form as well as its identity is in reality, a merger with the infinite formless from where the form undertook this kaleidoscopic journey of assumed, imaginary identities.***

**Dnyaneshwari**

**The Knowledge Divine**

*On the vast stage of planet Earth, during the span of the last 10,000 years or so, many human civilizations arose like waves on the ocean, peaked, and then waned off. Notably amongst them are the Vedic Civilization, Sumerian, Mesopotamian, Egyptian, Greek, Roman, Incan, Mayan, Chinese, Japanese, and many minor tribal ones. A famous British historian of the world civilization observes that out of these, only the Vedic civilization or the Indian Civilization as it is popularly called still survives and is in fact vibrant even today in the 21st century. The reason for this is the fact that the Vedic civilization is founded on the*

*quest for knowledge; not any knowledge but the eternal knowledge of man, nature and God. Vedic civilization is world's first truly knowledge-based civilization. The foundation of this knowledge-based civilization is the triad of three scriptural texts, namely, Upanishads, Brahmasutra and Bhagavad Gita. Out of these the most well-known and popular across the world is Bhagavad Gita, which literally means the 'Divine Song'.*

Bhagavad Gita is set into a dialogue between Krishna the God and Arjuna the man on the stage of the epic war of Mahabharata that occurred some 5000 years back in Kurukshetra near modern Delhi.

**Bhagavad Gita came to us in the form of a beautiful Sanskrit poetry of 700 verses or shlokas that can be memorized by even children and this tradition continues not only in the traditional Sanskrit Gurukuls but also the modern schools of today. Study of the Vedas, and its quintessence the Bhagavad**

**Gita, is a living example of the Vedic civilization. Other markers are Yoga, Ayurveda, Kumbhamelas, which are the world's largest human congregations that take place over regular intervals involving over 250 million people not only from Hindus, but now from also across the world.**

*The Bhagavad Gita was scripted in the Sanskrit language which was the language of priestly class Brahmins over the last thousands of years. In a way this knowledge did not become available to common people for a very long time. It is on this backdrop comes the arrival of Dnyaneshwar in the 13th century in Maharashtra State of India. Today, numerous commentaries of Bhagavad Gita are available in almost all major languages of India and also of the world, but there is nothing like Dnyaneshwari, literally meaning 'the Knowledge Divine' by Saint Dnyaneshwara. Dnyaneshwari is set in Marathi language of that time is*

*enunciated as a poetic verse of 9000 Owis (versus). Owi in Marathi is a beautiful short poetic form, which can be sung and memorized by anyone. Today, the readings of Dnyaneshwari go on not only in Maharashtra's pilgrimage places like Alandi and Pandharpur, but also in many homes. The final prayer of Dnyaneshwari which appears at its end called 'Pasaydan', is ceremonially sung collectively at the end of most formal functions across Maharashtra.*

The Dnyaneshwari is an extraordinary work of enchanting beauty of 9033 verses full of wonderful metaphors describing the secrets of Vedantic Knowledge, like never before. Each Verse is a beauty and sweetness personified. It has to be read, sung and understood to experience its exquisite beauty and sweet taste. Dnyaneshwari is also a huge text. That it was enunciated by a lad of 16 years in its enchanting poetic form is almost unbelievable. That's why

it is regarded as transcendental and divine like the Vedas themselves.

**Dnyaneshwari opens with a salutation to the 'origin' of the Universe: "Om Namoji Adya, Ved Pratipadya, Jay Jay Swasamvedya, Atmaroopa"**

Salutations to the origin of the creation, enunciating the Vedas, hailing the self-aware Self itself.

**What a grand opening of the epic poetry of 18 chapters! It further goes on to describe the entire Vedic knowledge system on a metaphor of a visual figure of Ganesha, the God of knowledge in Indian culture, consisting of 4 Vedas, 4 Upavedas, 6 Vedangas, 6 Darshanas in the form of 6 hands of Ganesha, and 18 Puranas. There can't be a more vivid, more beautiful depiction of a knowledge system like this anywhere in the world. In this depiction, all Indian philosophies including Sankhya and Yoga, Nyaya and Vaisheshika, Poorv and Uttarmimansa are described.**

It must be mentioned here that Dnyaneshwar has his own original interpretation of Vedant philosophy without deviating from the path traversed by the original author Ved Vyasa and original commentator Adi Sankaracharya called Jagatguru or world teacher. According to Ravin Thatte who brought to us the magnum opus book *The Genius of Dnyaneshwar*, “although Dnyaneshwari’s final destination is Vedanta, he exhibits an impartial spirit dealing with materialism and mysticism, the yogic and liturgical schools, and scientific and spiritual settings that together weave the Bhagavad Gita’s fabric, and gives each one their due”. Such is the all-encompassing, all compassionate treatment of Dnyaneshwar in Dnyaneshwari!

*It is only now at the beginning of the 21st century we started speaking of world as a global village but we are still far from behaving as brothers and sisters of that village, in spite of creating one world framework like United*

*Nations. In contrast to this, Dnyaneshwar declares from his inner core,*

***He Vishwachi maze Ghar, Aishi Mati Jayachi Sthir, Kimbahuna Chara-Char, Apunachi Zala.***

That the entire world is my abode. This thought in my mind is steadfast; nay all beings, living and non-living, I myself have become. Dnyaneshwar had achieved this ultimate self-realization at a very young age by the grace of his guru in the form of elder brother Nivruttinath.

**Suffused with metaphors of unparalleled beauty drawn from nature, science, everyday life, societal behaviour and of course philosophy, Dnyaneshwar gives new meaning to each shloka and each of the 18 chapters of Bhagavad Gita, rendering it a timeless value for human guidance. In Dnyaneshwari, we see a fusion of both science and spirituality. For example, it mentions 55 types of animals, birds and insects and 60 types of plants and trees in his verses**

to explain his point of view about the nature of reality. Amongst many laws of science, Dnyaneshwar talks about the heliocentric world two hundred years before Kepler and Galileo.

Further, in chapter 7 on Dnyan-Vidnyan Yog, Dnyaneshwar gives original definitions of the terms science and spirituality, Vidnyan and Adhyatma, not even known to scientists and spiritualists of today! Dnyaneshwar says science is valid knowledge of the 'Prapancha', of this phenomenal world covering all human endeavours including language, dance, music, everything, based on six 'pramanas' described in Vedic epistemology. Spirituality, on the other hand, is the knowledge of the inner spirit, or the soul that cognates the phenomenal world. If we want to understand the complete nature of reality in totality, we must seek both science and spirituality together. Otherwise

**we are seeking only half knowledge and half knowledge can be dangerous!**

Dnyaneshwari, spanning over 9000 verses traversing 18 chapters, ends with an ardent prayer for blessings by universal God. This prayer has been aptly called as 'Pasayadan' in Marathi. Today, the Pasaydan is sung in almost every educational, cultural, spiritual and even scientific function at the end, creating the serenity of fulfilment. Dnyaneshwar prays for the banishment of wickedness in human beings and asks for transforming it into good deeds for the benefit of the entire humanity. If the world of all nations were to be united into one nation, which is the ideal of United Nations, then Pasayadan will qualify as the 'Universal Anthem' as it is the most beautiful prayer ever created for the betterment of the entire humanity! Thus ends this Knowledge-Divine enunciated by Dnyaneshwar.



## PHILOSOPHER SAINT SHREE DNYANESHWARA TO ALBERT EINSTEIN



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*Saint Dnyaneshwara to Albert Einstein is a long journey in time and space. For that matter we can travel back to the period, prior to Saint Dnyaneshwara, to Ramayana and to the Vedic Times*

*or even earlier, but considering the fact that Pune is very close to Alandi, which is a holy place associated with the presiding saint of Maharashtra, we restrict our reflections to Philosopher Saint Shri Dnyaneshwara. Saint Dnyaneshwara can be taken to be symbolic of the saintly men of India for that matter, the entire world; with their rich culture and glorious past. To a layman, these two personalities may appear to be the two extremes in thought and time, with practically nothing in common. But a closer look would reveal how their theories and philosophies tend to merge into each other. This is true of all the highly revered spiritual/religious leaders from all over the world and the eminent scientists of modern era.*

India has been the cradle of harmony and civilization, and has produced the greatest of saints, seers and sages, teachers, scholars and philosophers who have devoted their life time to the cause of love, affection, Sacrifice, Tolerance, harmony,

brotherhood, peace and welfare of the entire humanity. Their teachings show their purity of mind, purity of thought and purity in each and every action. These thoughts reflect scientific thinking and universal laws of life and mother nature.

**In my humble way, I sincerely feel, as I understand, the great masterly commentary on BHAGWAD GEETA i.e. DNYANESHWARI written by Philosopher Saint Shri Dnyaneshwara, or for that matter, the various other scriptures, which are generally considered to be purely religious, are the most scientific and philosophical narrations of the principles or the universal laws of life and mother nature. Every line in Dnyaneshwari, written in the most beautiful and lucid manner, in poetic form, is full of tenderness, love and wisdom, enunciating the scientific laws of the Mother Nature, including physics, chemistry, biology and other areas, in a simple language, which can be understood even by a common man on the street. I may mention here that**

Dnyaneshwari propounds the theory of relativity, laws of thermodynamics, forms of energy and their transformations from one form into the other etc. It also deals with the nature of ultimate state of matter, which has been discussed by modern scientists like Einstein and others in the form of mathematical theories and equations pertaining to physics, which have been deduced after physical confirmation and proof. Of course, these very theories and equations have found their applications in the various areas of developments for variety of purposes. The correspondence between the teachings and scriptures of the great saints of the past and theories and mathematical expressions of the great scientists of the present generation is really astonishing. One gets really perplexed, by the fact that quite a few of these saints of the past had no formal education except possibly the ability to read and write. Possibly, it is their wisdom, their capacity to analyse, their ability to think in the right direction based on logic and reasoning and the intense

feeling for the good of the human race and mother nature that gave them insight and vision to put forth the scientific principles in a philosophic way but in a simplified and lucid manner, in words/verses and not in the form of equations and formulae of mathematics or physics.

*Philosopher Saint Dnyaneshwara speaks about the ultimate state of matter in the very first lines of his masterly treatise, Dnyaneshwari. The atomic structure and the minutest form of particle, neutron, proton, and electron are the discoveries of modern science. Further, smaller the size of such particles, more powerful it is, and is the ultimate, the God. Saint Tukaram's Gatha highlights the power of the minutest particle and equates it with the all powerful, most energetic, most beautiful, the Supreme-the Almighty – what we know today “The GOD PARTICLE” (Higgs Boson Particle).*

The word “Science” is not new to Indian heritage and culture, it is as old as the civilization, and in the Hindu Mythology, Lord

Krishna has given subtle definition of it, as well as brought out the difference between science and knowledge. According to Lord Krishna, **प्रपंच ज्ञान ते विज्ञान**, knowledge about the life is science. What one tries to know and does to lead a happy life, right from satisfying one's physical needs and comforts to seeking new avenues in furtherance of one's knowledge and searching the things around is science. On the other hand, **स्वरूप ज्ञान ते ज्ञान**, by which the Lord says that knowledge about the self, inner conscience, the soul and understanding the ultimate objective and aim of the life, is the real knowledge. Possibly such a beautiful, apt and at the same time realistic analysis of science and knowledge has not been given by anyone else.

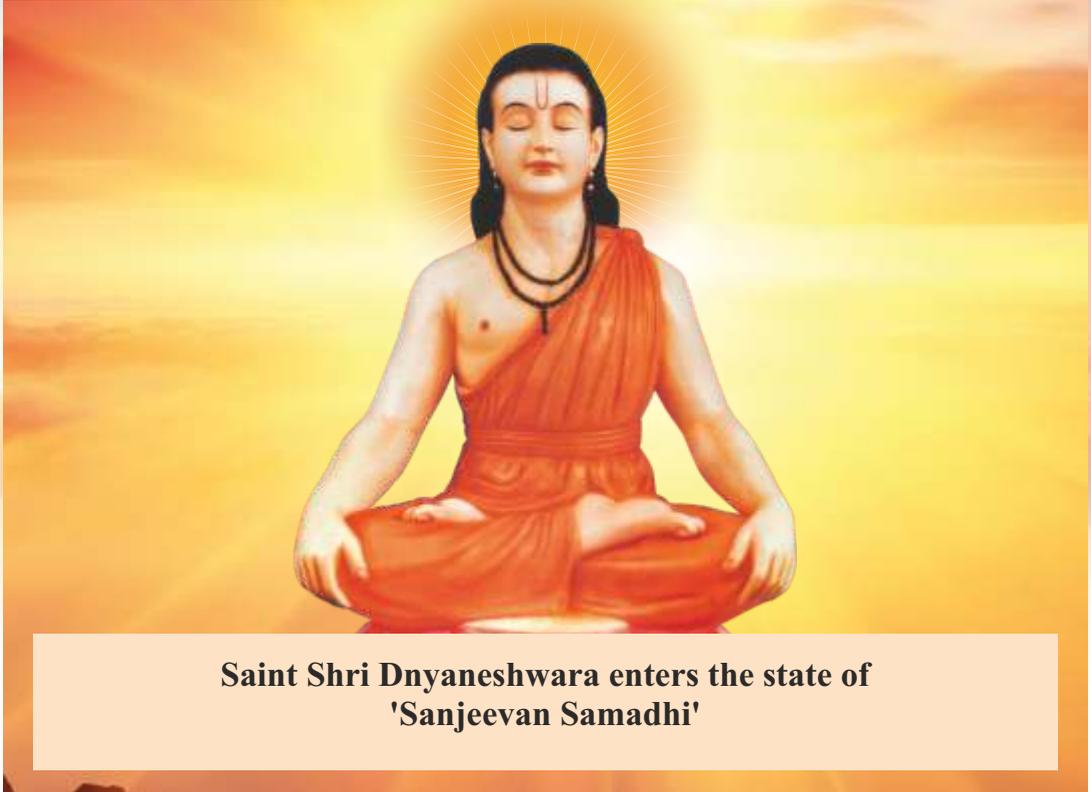
Saint Dnyaneshwara, much before Galileo Galilei, concluded that the motion of the sun as observed, is an illusion. The sun is stationary and the earth is moving around it is a concept putforth by Philosopher Saint Shri Dnyaneshwara, precedes almost all the Astrophysicists and

Astronomers like Galileo and many others.

Possibly, Philosopher Saint Shri Dnyaneshwara is the first environmentalist, also with a concern for preserving the environment and controlling the pollution. He is also the proponent of proper urban planning when he speaks about नगरेची रचावी । जलाशये निर्मावी । महावने लावावी नानाविध ॥ which means that if you want to plan a township or a village, you should

first and foremost create water-bodies like lakes, ponds etc. then plant a variety of trees and only then establish and erect houses for the people.

How scientific were the concepts and writings of these great religious / spiritual leaders becomes clear if we look at the concept of the very word वडवानल, which means **that the fire resides in the belly of water/sea.** This concept is based on the fact that water comprises of two parts of Hydrogen (Agni or Fire) and



**Saint Shri Dnyaneshwara enters the state of 'Sanjeevan Samadhi'**

Oxygen. The former is highly inflammable and explosive and the latter helps combustion.

Similar to “Genome” of the scientific world, we have AUM in India. As mentioned earlier, according to our ancient scientists whom we identify as Rishis, AUM-OM is the ultimate basis of everything. They tread the same path as the modern day scientists, and, in fact, even further. They knew a lot about our stars and planetary system, using their own methods from crude space shuttles to the Speed of Mind, but unfortunately there are no records. Later, the ancient Indian scientists turned inwards and studied human bodies, aging process and medicines. They discovered Sanjivani plant and used Kayakalpa to rejuvenate the human body through the practise of Yoga.

*It is significant to note that Philosopher Saint Shri Dnyaneshwara has also elaborately explained the theories propounded by the ancient Indian Scientists, who found that Prana is at the base and source of all wellness. Prana is the vital force, which*

*can fill every part of the body. Any change in its balance, causes illness. It can be mastered by various methods, including meditation and Yoga. Hathayoga, Yoga and Ayurveda, which make the body strong and agile, are the gifts of these ancient scientists of India.*

It is also worth noting that the ancient Indian scientists, discovered three states or dimensions of existence, the physical or the gross, the mental or subtle and the spiritual or the subtlest. OM-Aum is the single source, of which ‘A’ stands for the gross universe or creation, ‘U’ is for the subtle universe and ‘M’ for causal universe or annihilation. Today's science, associated with GENOME world needs to transform to OM by dropping GENE which goes for genes. This will help in reaching the Truth.

*Of course, the great modern scientists like Einstein and others, tend to be philosophical and propagate the ideas, virtues and values similar to those of great spiritual masters of the past.*

Einstein and other great

**scientists of the modern era, who have given us various scientific theories, concepts and laws like Theory of Relativity, Energy equation like  $E = mc^2$ , Forms of Energy, nature of Ultimate State of Matter etc., have done so for the comfort and welfare of mankind, as reflected by various developments, discoveries and inventions in various areas like atomic energy, space programmes, Information Technology etc. These were also the very aims and objectives of the great saints of the bygone era. This clearly indicates that men of wisdom, whether they belong to saintly order or scientific world, think alike, teach alike and have the same goal, though their paths may be different. An understanding of the two great traditions, which have more in common than what one can think of, will certainly help in making of a complete man.**

*In fact, the journey from Saint Dnyaneshwara to Albert Einstein and beyond, is replete with spirituality and closely linked to the scientific realities and*

*scientific enquiries whose ultimate goal is the search of Truth/Ultimate Reality. As is well known, most of the religions assert that God is the ultimate Truth, whereas science, without accepting the existence of personal God, professes that its objective is the quest for Truth.*

There cannot be and should not be any clash of ideology or conflict between the spiritual pursuits and scientific enquiry. Science is essentially amoral in character. It is the purpose for which it is used which gives it the relevant tinge, good or bad. Atomic energy can be used for peaceful purpose by providing it to the consumers to illuminate the houses, supply water or run the industry, on the other hand its destructive power, used as a Nuclear bomb, can wipe out entire nations and annihilate the earth.

**Science, as a tool for acquiring knowledge can be intellectually profound, and can equally justify the existence of an intelligent creative principle in the universe. A right thinking scientist who marvels and eulogizes the planetary system**

and the intricate laws of their motion, cannot just ignore or reject the concept, rather the reality, of an Intelligent Cosmic Creator - The Almighty. In fact, some of the leading scientists have been devout and humble believers. They include Galileo Galilei, Issac Newton, Albert Einstein and others. Use of science merely for creating the worldly comforts and material gains brings down its value as an instrument for acquiring knowledge. If, on the other hand, it is regarded as a device to probe how the external and internal world work, and if it helps us in understanding our existence, and the whole cosmos, and can bring closer to probing the mind of God, then it would really fulfil its role, that is illuminating the human mind and guiding it on the righteous path.

Yoga is a highly useful scientifically devised gift of our rich traditions dating back to Patanjali. The yoga sutras teach us about how a person practicing yoga can gain control over the nature including the self. The science and technology also help

one to achieve the same.

*For a successful and rewarding life, what is required is a blissful state of mind and body, which alone will lead a person on the right path. The education, the spirituality and the science should help an individual to achieve this, so that there is all-round development covering spiritual, emotional and intellectual aspects. The human resource development programmes should focus on the real source of humanity i.e. that is Spirit. Yoga and Meditation may be helpful in this regard, but may not be adequate. Equally important are our determination to realize our spiritual self or the soul and going in for soul-centric pursuits rather than egoistic ones. Here again, a Value Based Universal Education with an appropriate understanding of the role of science and spirituality will certainly help to create a Peace Loving Holistic Global Society.*

**Science will actually strengthen rather than weaken our faith in God and His Creative Power. Nature is the creation of the Great Lord, the Almighty. The**

present day technological developments are based on the things, which are natural or known to have been there in the mythological past, without any recorded history, be it fiber optics, telecommunications or the medical advances. This leads one to conjecture that possibly the days are not far off, when, by understanding the laws of nature through science and technology, we might be able to reach closer in understanding and realizing the God, who is in fact Nature personified.

As scientific and technological progress will continue to take place, in the same way the spiritual progress will continue unabated. Physics and metaphysics are the two sides of the same coin.

*“Union of Science and Religion / Spirituality alone will bring peace to the mankind” said Swami Vivekananda. The foregoing paras illustrate this very axiom of Swami Vivekananda. One should not look at our great scriptures like Vedas, Geeta, Upnishads, Dnyaneshwari or Gatha as mere*

*religious scriptures, but as the divine principles and laws of life and scientific realities of the nature barring the ritualistic part.*

*Friends, the world has produced a number of great saints, sages, seers, scientists, philosophers and men of religion, but, it is worth noting that the works of PHILOSOPHER SAINT SHRI DNYANESHWARA from India, many of which were written at the age of only sixteen (16) years, are surprisingly most logical, scientific, scholarly and full of KNOWLEDGE DIVINE, propound the fundamental theory that the ENTIRE UNIVERSE IS THE MANIFESTATION OF PURE CONSCIOUSNESS, INTELLIGENCE AND KNOWLEDGE DIVINE, which is now principally accepted by all the great scientists of the modern world.*



# THE GREATEST GIFT OF INDIA TO THE WORLD

## YOGA & AUM

### The Symbol of AUM



Friends,  
From the very evolution of the human race and particularly, after the transformation from homo-erectus to homo-sapiens, the level of brain and intellect increased and the human beings felt the need to communicate with each other by producing sounds, similar to those of other living beings around them like animals, birds etc.

*After the passage of several thousand years, humans modified their pattern of communication by first*

*producing sounds assigning some specific meanings, which later on were codified as 'alphabets'. A group of alphabets started becoming words and slowly in different parts of the worlds, languages were evolved by grouping different words together to form a meaning, peculiar to that particular region of the world.*

Friends, you will be surprised to know that in about 190 nations of the world, together comprising of more than 7 billion people, with around 12 major religions like

Hinduism, Islam, Christianity, Buddhism etc, there are nearly 9760 languages spoken all over the world, with their own system of alphabets and syntax of producing sound.

Friends, it is worth noting that each and every thing existing in the world, whether living or non-living, has a definite word alongwith its particular sound by which it is signified or known. e.g. a pen is known as a 'Pen' in English, 'kalam' in Hindi and so on...

**However, we all are more keen and interested to know what is that sound/word, which signifies or indicates the invisible force / energy, which binds the entire universe together and keeps it going for millions of years. The believers call it as Almighty God – The Ultimate Reality/Ulimate Truth. Some call it Ram, Allah-Rahim, Prophet Mohammad, Lord Buddha Son of God Jesus, Ahura Mazda etc. But the quest for all of us is, what is the Universal Sound/Word to symbolize that 'Invisible Force / Energy'? and the universally accepted sound / word is "AUM ॐ".**

**Friends, in the words of the Great Noble Son of India Swami Vivekananda –**

*"Every idea that you have in the mind has a counterpart in a word; the word and the thought are inseparable. The external part of one and the same thing is what we call word, and the internal part is what we call thought. No man can, by analysis, separate thought from word. The idea, that language was created by men, certain men sitting together and deciding upon words - has been proved to be wrong. So long as man has existed, there have been words and languages. What is the connection between an idea and a word? Although we see that there must always be a word with a thought, it is not necessary that the same thought requires the same word. The thought may be the same in twenty different countries, yet the language is different. We must have a word to express each thought, but these words need not necessarily have the same sound/word. Sounds/words will vary in different languages / nations. One commentator says, "Although the relation between*

*thought and word is perfectly natural, yet it does not mean a rigid connection between one sound and one idea." These sounds vary, yet the relation between the sounds and thoughts is a natural one.*

**The connection between thoughts and sounds is good only if there be a real connection between the thing signified and the symbol, until then that symbol will never come into general use. A symbol is the manifestation of the thing signified, and if the thing signified has already an existence, and if, by experience, we know that the symbol has expressed that thing many times, then we are sure that there is a real relation between them. Even if the things are not present, there will be thousands who will know them by their symbols. There must be a natural connection between the symbol and the thing signified; then, when that symbol is pronounced, it recalls the thing signified. The commentator says the manifesting word of God is OM.**

Why does he emphasise this word? There are hundreds of

words for God. One thought is connected with thousand words; the idea, God, is connected with hundreds of words, and each one stands as a symbol for God. Very good. But there must be a generalisation among all these words, some substratum, some common ground of all these symbols, and that which is the common symbol will be the best, and will really represent them all. In making a sound / pronouncing a word, we use the larynx and the palate as a sounding board, in co-ordination with the tongue and the lips, together forming the mouth, which is a unique mechanism, true to all animals including humans. Is there any material sound of which all other sounds must be manifestations, one which is the most natural sound? Om (Aum - ॐ) is such a sound, the basis of all sounds.

**In this Universal Sound/word "AUM", the first letter, A, is the root sound, the key, pronounced without touching any part of the tongue or palate; M represents the last sound in the series, being produced by the closed lips, and the U rolls from the very root to the end of the sounding**

board of the mouth. Thus, AUM - ॐ represents the whole phenomena of sound-producing. As such it must be the NATURAL SYMBOL, the MATRIX OF ALL THE VARIOUS SOUNDS. It denotes the whole range and possibility of all the words that can be made.

Apart from these speculations we see that around this word 'AUM – Om - ॐ' are centred all the different religious ideas in India; all the various religious ideas of the Vedas have gathered themselves round this word 'AUM – Om - ॐ'. What has that to do with America and England, or any other country? Simply this, that the word has been retained at every stage of religious growth in India, and it has been manipulated to mean all the various ideas about God. Monists, dualists, mono-dualists, separatists, and even atheists took up this UNIVERSAL SOUND/WORD 'AUM – Om - ॐ'.

'Om - AUM - ॐ' has become the one symbol for the religious aspiration of the vast majority of human beings. Take, for instance, the English word

God. It covers only a limited function, and if you go beyond it, you have to add adjectives, to make it Personal, or Impersonal, or Absolute God. So with the words for God in every other language their signification is very small. This word 'AUM - Om - ॐ', however, has around it all the various significance. As such it should be accepted as UNIVERSAL WORD by everyone.

- Swami Vivekananda

*Friends, even in most of the languages of the world also there are words like Amen – Amin, which very much resemble with 'AUM – Om - ॐ' – to symbolize the supreme consciousness, pure intelligence, the divine knowledge, the ultimate state of matter, the ultimate truth, the ultimate reality - the Almighty-The Creator- God.*



**(AUM) = E = MC<sup>2</sup> - A universal  
Equation For “transforming the Pilgrim Centers of  
the world into knowledge centers of the world”**

Friends, till date, one of the most famous scientific equations of Dr. Albert Einstein,  $E = MC^2$  has been showing the pathway to the world community at large in understanding the most Scientific Principles and Laws of Mother Nature and Life. However, now, the above mentioned equation  $\text{ॐ} = E = MC^2$  is found to be much more revealing and further, it is certainly going to give an appropriate understanding and insight about the Role of Science and Spiritual / Religious Components of Life.

India is a land of saints, sages and seers and is known as a spiritually oriented country based on the philosophies propounded by these great men of virtue and vision, whose sole aim has been the welfare and wellbeing of the entire mankind and all the living beings at large. They have

given the world some of the greatest attributes, which include spirituality, yoga, AUM, Non-duality and so many others. Until recently these concepts were considered to be as religious dogmas with no scientific basis, though this is far from the truth. The concepts involved in all these, have been put forth in a simple manner by these great saints.

In fact, the very equation  $\text{ॐ} = E = MC^2$  truly reflects the manifestation of consciousness – the invisible energy or force, which binds the entire universe together and naturally it symbolizes the Ultimate Reality, the Ultimate Truth – Almighty, the God. This clearly shows that Science and Spirituality / Religion go together to reveal the True Nature of the Universe.

*This particular concept was very assertively propounded by the great philosopher saint of India,*

*Saint Shri Dnyaneshwara, nearly 720 years back in the very first verse of his famous scripture - Dnyaneshwari,*

ॐ नमोजी आद्या । वेद प्रतिपाद्या ॥  
जय जय स्वसंवेद्या ॥ आत्मरूपा ॥

*This verse very distinctly speaks about Philosopher Saint Shri Dnyaneshwara's own purpose of writing this treatise on Geeta i.e. Dnyaneshwari, and says that he wants to clearly know and understand the "Ultimate Truth" – "The Ultimate Reality" – "The Ultimate State of Matter" as enunciated in the Vedas. He further states that the "Ultimate Truth" is nothing but pure intelligence / consciousness, the knowledge divine, the true nature of the Soul–Atman.*

It is highly revealing that one of the greatest scientists of the world, Dr. Albert Einstein expresses exactly the same thoughts when he says – “I believe in God – who reveals himself in the orderly harmony of the Universe. **I believe that intelligence is manifested**

**throughout Mother Nature. The basis of scientific work is the conviction that the world is an ordered & comprehensible entity and not a thing of chance”.**

On the same lines, another famous Philosopher Saint from Maharashtra, *India Jagadguru Shri Tukaram Maharaj* has said:

अणु रेणु थोकडा ।  
तुका आकाशा एवढा ॥

This verse explains the very basic theory of particle physics. Here, he says, ‘I am the smallest of the smallest of the small particles of the universe, smaller even than the sub-atomic particles, which can occupy the entire universe’, which we can possibly term today as the "God Particle". It makes me wonder how a person with no formal education like Saint Shree Tukaram could even conceive of such a scientific thought, when some of our most learned scientists took years of research to discover this smallest of the small particles of the universe.

Friends, I sincerely hope and feel confident that the learned scholars, scientists, thinkers, philosophers, who have gathered here for this historic conference on Aum = MC2 – a unique revelation of Scientific Truth, will certainly appreciate that the above mentioned words of wisdom of Swami Vivekananda, Philosopher Saint Shri Dnyaneshwara, Philosopher Saint Shri Tukaram Maharaj, which are enunciated in other words by Dr. Albert Einstein, adequately describe and reveal "The Role of Science and Spiritual components of life", which is very much essential to promote a Harmonious and Peaceful co-existence of the entire Humanity.

*Science and Spirituality are the two sides of the same coin. They in fact strengthen the concept of NON-DUALITY as enunciated above by the great Philosophers, Saint Dnyaneshwara and Saint Tukaram and the great scientist Dr. Albert Einstein.*

The very word "Aum", symbolizing the Ultimate Truth,

and the most scientific concept of "Non-duality" are possibly the greatest Gifts to Humanity from India.

### **"AUM" – A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION BY INDIA TO THE ENTIRE WORLD.**

**Friends, the very word "Aum" universally symbolizes and represents the Ultimate Truth – Almighty God. India is one such country wherein, from time immemorial, the great visionary saints, sages, seers and even the great scientists have always worshipped the KNOWLEDGE DIVINE and searched for the ULTIMATE TRUTH.**

**A s s a i d b y S w a m i Vivekananda, "In making a sound, we use the larynx and the palate as a sounding board. Is there any material sound of which all other sounds must be manifestations, one which is the most natural sound ? "Aum" is such a sound, the basis of all sounds. The First letter "A' is the root sound, the key, pronounced without touching**

any part of the tongue or palate; “M” represents the last sound in the series, being produced by the closed lips, and “U” rolls from the very root to the end of sounding board of the mouth. Thus “AUM” represents the whole phenomena of sound-producing. As such, it must be the natural symbol, the matrix of all the various sounds. It denotes the whole range and the possibility of all the words that can be made.”

*“Around this word “Aum” are centered all the different religious ideas in India and different religious ideas of the vedas have gathered themselves around this word “Aum”. This word has been retained at every stage of religious growth of India and it reflects all the various ideas of Almighty God. “Aum” has become the one symbol for the religious aspirations of the vast majority of human beings. This word “Aum” has around it all the various significances as such is universally accepted.*

*As you may be all aware, there are nearly 6912 languages spoken all over the world and as such in every language, there is a different word or a sound to indicate or explain a certain idea / thought and naturally, as the Ultimate Truth or Almighty God being the only one reality, we need to have a universal word or a sound to symbolize or indicate the same.*

Now, it is high time that, all the scholars, thinkers, philosophers, scientists and all other academicians and intellectuals of the world to think and review afresh what the very words i.e. “AUM (ॐ), NON - DUALITY / SPIRITUALITY / RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY truly mean and convey the same to the society at large to understand the concept behind them and then to take up the right path towards establishing PEACE LOVING HOLISTIC GLOBAL SOCIETY AT LARGE.

*I sincerely hope and feel confident that the emergence of*

*the new equation like  $\mathfrak{E} = E = MC^2$  and the concept of Non-Duality as the True Philosophy behind Science, are going to prove what Swamy Vivekananda had said that "21st century will be the century of KNOWLEDGE BASED SOCIETY".*

**NEED TO TRANSFORM  
PILGRIM CENTERS OF  
THE WORLD INTO  
DIVINE KNOWLEDGE  
CENTERS OF THE WORLD**

*Friends, we often speak about "Positive Energies" but wherefrom do the positive energies flow? It is because of positive thoughts. It is the mindset, which is the sum total of thought process. Obviously, unless the thought process is pure and unpolluted, such a positive thinking mindset is not possible. Here comes the role of divine knowledge centers, which is the result of fusion of "Science and Spirituality – NONDUALITY."*

*Friends, I sincerely feel that there is a need to give right*

*direction to the thinking process, so that positive energies flowing from it will lead to some constructive work for the welfare of the mankind. One such positive step is "Transforming the Pilgrim/Spiritual Centers of the World into the Divine Knowledge Centers of the World," to help us develop the Peace-Loving Holistic Global Society.*

**Friends, Don't Discard "True Faith and Belief" in the name of Blind Faith and Superstition!**

All the great saints, sages and seers of the world, because of their renunciation, sacrifice, devotion and dedication to understand the Ultimate Reality / Truth of the Universe, while worshipping the knowledge divine, could develop positive energies and achieve the highest status. The places where these great visionary saints and sages worshipped the Knowledge Divine in quest of the ultimate truth, achieved Divine Status as Pilgrim or Spiritual Centers, which in the modern times are

perceived as "Positive Energy/Divine Centers."

Unfortunately, the world over, these Pilgrim Centers are considered to be the places of rituals, worship and at times are called places of '**blind faith**', fostering superstition. With the passage of time, the actual relevance of these places gets lost. It is necessary to ensure that these "**Pilgrim Centers**" do not become mere places of worship, rituals and superstition.

This can be made possible if these Pilgrim Centers become "**Divine Knowledge Centers**" for the Welfare of the Society and still retain their sanctity, which attracts large number of visitors / pilgrims.

If these places of worshipping the Knowledge Divine, which are recognized as holy pilgrim centers, are truly understood as the Divine Knowledge Centers, these will definitely help in educating and training the people at large in understanding the very Role of Science and Spirituality in achieving and leading a Happy contended Life.

I would like to put it on record that the newly emerging equation i.e.  $\mathfrak{E} = MC^2$  is really going to show the appropriate pathway to the confused minds in understanding, the Role of Science and Spirituality / Religion.

**Current Role of Universities: On the background of the present day scientific and technological developments the world over, the Universities are taken to be the Information-cum-Data Collection Centers leading to be the Knowledge Centers. Similarly, these pilgrim centers can also serve as the Divine Knowledge Centers for the Welfare of the Society. Hence, there is an urgent need to eradicate the misleading and wrong concepts about the Pilgrim Centers and Transform these Pilgrim Centers into True Divine Knowledge Centers to educate the Society at large, so as to help in establishing a Holistic, Harmonious Peace Loving Society.**

World Peace Centre (Alandi),

Pune, India, firmly believes that these divine knowledge centers, if appropriately developed on the proper understanding of the concepts of Science and Spirituality / Religion and projected not as centres of practicing blind faith and excessive rituals etc., will certainly show the pathway of Harmony and Peace to the entire mankind.

In keeping with this objective World Peace Centre, MAEER's MIT, Pune, India, under the UNESCO Chair Programme, has taken the lead in this enormous task of enlightening the people by creating awareness in the society about Interfaith dialogue, Human Rights, Democratic Values, Health, Hygiene, Cleanliness, Sustainability Issues and the Role of Science and Spirituality in promoting Human Welfare thereby spearheading the Mission of UNESCO, Paris.

World Peace Centre (Alandi), MAEER's MIT, Pune, India has taken up the unique project of "**Transforming Pilgrim Centers of India into Divine**

**Knowledge Centers of India"**, so as to carry out a fusion of "**Science and Spirituality for the Welfare of the Mankind.**"

The first such project has already come up on the banks of Indrayani River at Alandi near Pune for Mass Education. As a part of it, a huge Multi-Media Coliseum has been erected, which can accommodate thousands of people on the banks of the river **Indrayani**. The project has been undertaken under the able guidance of eminent scientists like **Dr. Raghunath A. Mashelkar** and world known computer scientist **Dr. Vijay P. Bhatkar**.

This multi-media coliseum project is playing an extremely **i m p o r t a n t r o l e i n TRANSFORMING PILGRIM CENTERS OF INDIA INTO DIVINE KNOWLEDGE PILGRIM CENTERS OF INDIA. IN THE NEAR FUTURE, IT WILL CERTAINLY HELP IN ENHANCING THE ROLE OF THESE HOLY PLACES TO BECOME THE TRUE KNOWLEDGE CENTERS**

## **FOR THE ENTIRE HUMANITY.**

Friends, I urge all the learned Scholars, Scientists, Philosophers and Social Thinkers gathered over here, to be a part of such a unique project in their respective areas, which can be undertaken for the establishment of a Peaceful Holistic Society and be the **TRUE MESSENGERS OF PEACE**, if they are truly convinced about our Mission and the very spirit behind my appeal. Our efforts towards

establishment of Global Peace would be strengthened further, if there is a networking of all such projects not only in India but the World over.

**At the end, once again, I would like to put it on record that this very equation  $\text{ॐ} = MC^2$  is definitely going to enlighten all the scientists, scholars, thinkers, philosophers, men of religion/spirituality and even the common man.**



**Transforming the Pilgrim Centres of India into Knowledge Centers of India  
Multi-Media Coliseum Project for Mass Education  
Established on the Banks of River Indrayani at Alandi, Maharashtra**



## PHILOSOPHER SAINT SHRI DNYANESHWARA - AN EMBODIMENT OF SPIRITUAL CONSCIOUSNESS



**Acharya Ratanlal Sonagra**  
Eminent Writer

**Saint Dnyaneshwara, who belonged to the 13th Century (1275-1296) was a great Philosopher and a humanitarian and a leader of Bhagwat Dharma (A Hindu school of thought which believes in liberation through Bhakti Marg i.e. Path of devotion).**

**By creating a work such as Shri Dnyaneshwari in 1290, Shri Dnyandeo rendered a new vision to the society at large.**

**It's true that Dnyaneshwari is a commentary on Bhagwad Geeta – the Hindu Scripture, but Geeta was a reason for the**

**very birth of Independent Philosophy of Shri Dnyaneshwara.**

*It's seen that Shri Dnyaneshwara never took the credit of qualities which qualify saints though he had attained them personally.*

*Shri Dnyaneshwara, while writing this scholarly commentary, simultaneously noted down his own Philosophy. As anyone would hang his own clothes on a hanging rod, every philosopher points towards the ultimate, in his own way.*

**Shri Dnyaneshwara projects his true self in Pasayadan and reveals his very pious nature. This Pasayadan is truly a Welfare song of the world. Dnyaneshwara, in his thought process, harms none. On the contrary, he suggests driving away the evil rather than killing the evil-person. He believed that the root of all evil lies in Ignorance and Greed. When one fails to attain or**

**fulfill his desires that he dreams of attaining after death, such false ideas end up in suicidal attacks where the person not only destroys the life of others, but also his own life. And that too gruesomely. If only such ignorant dreams and ideas and beliefs could be set aside, then alone, evil deeds may come to an end. Killing people will not change the society. Changing the mentality is the solution.**

With reference to the above, Shri Dnyaneshwara says, If chanting of Mantras Could kill the enemy, Why would one want weapons? If Milk and sugar could cure diseases Why would one drink bitter neem?

**Which means, “One must destroy ignorance and blind faith and impart knowledge and wisdom to realize right & wrong.”**

*If sweet words and good thoughts could bring an end to enmity, why would one reach for arms? So also, to drive away the darkness of ignorance, it's important to light the lamp of wisdom to – says*

*Shri Dnyaneshwara. If sweet word and mere advice or milk and sugar could drive away the diseases, why would one drink a bitter medicine made of neem? Shri Dnyaneshwara gives importance to human mentality.*

The entire world is a vast canvass of Knowledge, Science and Technology. As earth breeds micro-organisms and dirt breeds poisonous germs, so do the great saints breed God Particles. When these God Particles spread more and more everywhere, the promoters of World Peace shall spread like the Mormon Community or Vaishnavite Warkaris.

**In the world, until now, may incarnations like the teerthankars, enlightened souls, philosophers, brave practitioners and courageous religious leaders were born. Amongst them, the most enlightened messenger of peace was Gautam Buddha, the ocean of compassion & love was Jesus Christ and Hazrat Mohammad too was a Messenger of Peace.**

**Saint Dnyaneshwara was like the illuminating sun which defines and brings into light pure knowledge and science itself.**

**The path of equality towards all religions, preached by Swamy Vivekananda, is the true path, joyous for all and in the interest of all living beings.**

Saint Shri Dnyaneshwar asks nothing for himself in his Pasayadan, but seeks World Peace and Welfare of Mankind.

He makes an appeal to the creator of the world – His life is an example of forgiveness personified.

*The followers of Shastra – Scripture and self-proclaimed pundits ordered the parents of Dnyaneshwara (who belonged to the Nath sect) to give their lives up. The entire family of Dnyaneshwara had exile in its share. Their suffering and pain were realized by Dnyaneshwara, thus making Geeta a reason for his writings Shri Dnyaneshwara prophesed Ahimsa (non-violence) being better than rule*

*of religion.*

By writing Pasayadan-the Universal Prayer for world Peace, Dnyaneshwara discouraged differentiating attitude towards mankind. He believed this was delusory and result of ignorance. Instead of killing a cruel person destruction of cruelty was needed. This was appreciated by Shri Krishna. Dnyaneshwara sincerely wished for the removal of darkness of ignorance and evilness of the evil. Pasayadan is a rare immortal universal prayer composed by Dnyaneshwara.

Shri Dnyaneshwari is the commentary and Pasayadan is the boon asked for the welfare of mankind from universal Lord against his above service of commentary on Geeta – Lords teachings.

**By Shri Dnyaneshwara's commentary, the Lord must have been pleased. Yet just as an artist would present his best art or a sculptor his best work, or one who carries loads of luggage and asks for wages,**

**Shri Dnyaneshwara too asks for a rare boon from Lord - most unusual upon earth.**

*In this world lakhs of Rishis Munis (saints) Demons, Humans, performed austerities and pleased Gods. What do their tales tell? If one who gave the boon was wise, the seeker was wiser. All such ascetics who performed austerities demanded for Liberation, heaven, Vaikunth – Lord Vishnu's abode, Salvation, beauty, wealth and immortality.*

But Shri Dnyaneshwara, in his Pasayadan, asked nothing for himself, but a boon for all living beings as if he had rendered services to the Lord on behalf of all. He prayed for the benefit of all unhappy souls. And he waits in state of Samadhi till his boon manifests.

This very appeal to Universal God was the conveyor of the supreme life-giving consciousness - energy to the Universal God of Rameshwar, and therefore the prayer has become Universal.

The World Peace Centre chose

this very domain for its centre.

On seeing the expanse of Dehu Alandi and the World Peace Centre, the Universal God was pleased and presented this Pasayadan to the world.

**‘Duritanche Timir Javo’** : Let the darkness of Ignorance disappear (Self Religion).

Yes, but it will not leave easily- the Philosophy and Technology are needed to be taught. Knowledge gives light. All Universities, Educational Institutes, technical laboratories and research centers, which lie within the premises of World Peace Centre, makes one and all see the Sun of Swadharma (Own religion)

*Once this Sun of Knowledge dawns, it will nourish the creation and thus its living beings. It will no more mean just living but living a life of Swadharma and life of Ahimsa, withholding it as a prime duty. This is the Universal Prayer. From this Philosophy of Geeta, mankind will attain whatever he desires for. The holy*

*Teerthankars create such platforms or Ghats, steps on the banks of where one can expect liberation. Here on such Ghats, Journey does not end but enjoys waves of endless bliss on these banks of the Holy river Indrayani. Here one can always meet groups of men of faith.*

**“ Chala Kalpatarunche arava” : The World Peace Centre which lies between Dehu, Alandi and Paud is truly a garden of Kalpavruksha-wish fulfilling trees—which move and speak. Here the childhood and youth come together.**

These seekers of knowledge are like oceans of elixir who respond, argue and discuss with nectarous words in this city of Philosophers stone-Chintamani.

*“He Sarva Hi sada Sajjana Soyare hotu” these seekers believed dwaita (dualism) as unholy and thus extended wholeheartedly their support to World Peace Centre.*

**“ Kimbahuna Sarva Sukhi-Poorna houni tinhi Loki.”**

There are three simultaneous

worlds. World of Ignorance, World of Knowledge and world of Technology.

When a person like Dr. Vishwanath Karad, a genuine seeker of Warkari seer speaks about Sri Dnyaneshwara on the platform of modern world, why would he ever meet unhappiness?

*By being conferred of Saint Dnyaneshwara, World Peace Prize 2017, Elder Todd Christofferson, a saintly person & great humanitarian, has achieved Pasayadan in the true sense.*

By rendering such a wonderful service, India’s stream of Chaitanya - Spiritual Consciousness has reached the base of United States of America.

*(Translated by  
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## AN EARNEST APPEAL



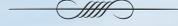
My Dear Friends,

Please read the following words of wisdom uttered by a well-known Thinker, Philosopher and a Vedic/Sanskrit Scholar Max Muller of Germany, very carefully and try to clearly understand the essence and philosophy behind its message, to every one of us, as proud Indians, with a sense of conviction and commitment to build the glorious India of 21st Century and finally render our services to develop the Culture of Peace in the World - and also convey the unique message of our Mother Land - India.

॥ वसुधैव कुटुंबकम् ॥

**Prof. (Dr.) Vishwanath D. Karad**

President, MIT World Peace University  
Founder President, World Peace Centre (Alandi)  
MAEER's MIT, Pune, India



“If I were to look over the whole world to find out the country most richly endowed with all the wealth, power and beauty that nature can bestow – in some parts a very paradise on earth – I should point to India.

If I were asked under what sky the human mind has most fully developed some of the choicest gifts, has most deeply pondered on the greatest problems of life, and has found solutions of some of them which well deserve the attention even of those who have studied Plato and Kant – I should point to India.

And if I were to ask myself from what literature we, here in Europe, we who have been nurtured almost exclusively on the thoughts of Greeks and Romans, and of one semetic race, the Jewish, may draw that corrective which is most wanted in order to make our inner life more perfect, more comprehensive, more universal, in fact, more truly human, a life not for this life only, but a transfigured and eternal life – again I should point to India”.

- Max Muller

## LORD MACAULAY'S ADDRESS TO THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT ON FEB 2, 1835



"I have traveled across the length and breadth of India and I have not seen one person who is a beggar, who is a thief, such a wealth I have seen in this country. Such high moral values, people of such caliber, that I do not think we would ever conquer this country, unless we break the very backbone of this nation, which is her spiritual and cultural heritage. And therefore, I propose that we replace her old and ancient education system, her culture, for if the Indians think that all that is foreign and English is good and greater than their own, they will lose their self-esteem, their native culture and they will become what we want them, a truly dominated nation."

*The education system designed by Lord Macaulay still continued in India but as time passed on the British replaced the old system with new methods that suits the requirements of employers in the UK. Teaching became more practical oriented in the western world but the eastern world revises the theory part and teaches the same in the classrooms there by the student has only awareness and not practically knows what is happening”.*

## DNYANESHWARA - A Mantra For The New Millennium

Over eons of civilization, the society has identified itself as a representation of change; continually trying to achieve utopia. It has graduated from the ranks of the establishment of social ethics, the confluence of cultural values, the destruction of what was and the attempts to create a stable present. We, as

active elements of this structure of society, now stand at a threshold that seeks peace and salvation. Time stands testimony to the fact that divides arise out of inequality and the insecurity it represents.

**The one hope and a ray of light, that seems best suited to dispel this darkness of ignorance is**



**that of Divine Knowledge - through science and information technology – knowledge, which is accessible to one and all; knowledge which brings every being on one common platform.**

The great Saint Shri Dnyaneshwara is the personification of all the bearers of knowledge around the world and not just an entity unto himself. We exist and aspire to thrive today all the foundation of a knowledge based society. The most natural consequence lies in the fact that we must turn to Saint Dnyaneshwara to be the Beacon of Knowledge and Wisdom that shall guide us through uncharted terrain and eventually lead us to our destination.

***The great Philosopher Saint of India Sant Dnyaneshwara in the 13th Century, brought in a spiritual, cultural and social revolution in the state of Maharashtra and the surrounding areas. He is the first social reformer to open the doors of the religion and spirituality for the benefit of***

***common masses. The great Vedic scriptures and other religious books were also made available to the women and the downtrodden for the first time by this great Saint of India.***

***Saint Dnyaneshwaras thoughts and preachings are beyond any barriers of caste, creed, race or religion. Pasayadan, his prayer for Divine Grace, is a true reflection of this philosophy.***

***Sant Dnyaneshwara wrote three classic books, viz. DNYANESHWARI, AMRUTANUBHAV AND CHANGDEV PASASHTI. All these masterpieces reveal the mysteries and secrets, principles and laws of the Universe for the benefit and enlightenment of all the people. Further, they speak not only about personal salvation but also aim at establishing a happy, contented, peace loving holistic society.***

Sant Dnyaneshwara brought the great epic, "Bhagwad Geeta" enunciated by Lord Krishna, to the common masses in the form of "Dnyaneshwari" in a most lucid and poetic form, so that

everyone could understand and follow it. Dnyaneshwari is a wonderful, masterly, scientific exposition of the true Divine Knowledge. It is worth mentioning here that he wrote Dnyaneshwari at the young age of only 16 years.

*The greatest beauty of Dnyaneshwari is that the more one reads Dnyaneshwari with full faith and concentration of mind, the more it reveals and provides the glimpses of new vistas of the most scientific and Divine Knowledge - true knowledge with wisdom.*

**It is beyond comprehension and also worthwhile to note that the great philosopher Sant Dnyaneshwara took Sanjeevan Samadhi at Alandi at the young age of only 22 years, declaring that his life mission of providing the mankind with Divine Knowledge for the human welfare was over and saying so, he went into Samadhi and merged and became one with the Ultimate, the Supreme Consciousness, the Almighty, the Brahman.**

Sant Dnyaneshwara gave the message of Bhakti (devotion), Karma (work as worship) and Dnyan (divine knowledge) and as such Dnyaneshwari is a real Shanti Mantra (Mantra for Peace) for the entire mankind for establishing World Peace and it has shown the Dnyan Prakash - Light of Knowledge - to the knowledge based global, society.

*Knowledge is all pervading. As said by the philosopher SANT DNYANESHWARA, and asserted by the great scientist Dr. Albert Einstein, the entire universe is a manifestation of pure intelligence and consciousness. In today's world, knowledge forms the basis of everything, and as such, one has to be knowledgeable, as well as conscious of one's duties towards the society. We firmly believe that worship of the " Knowledge God " - "Dnyaneshwara" will form the real essence of one's life in the future and it will also help in promoting the human welfare.*



## THOUGHT BEHIND PHILOSOPHER SAINT SHRI DNYANESHWARA WORLD PEACE PRIZE



Today, the world is passing through a very difficult phase. Everywhere we see, there is chaos, confusion, violence, massacre, bloodshed, terrorism, often on some of the most trivial of things. There are huge differences between castes, creeds, races, religions and even

nations. While everyone wants peace, very few are willing to do something about it. In 1996, in the wake of The First Parliament of Science and Religion organized by MAEER's MIT Group of Institutions under the Stewardship of Prof. Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad, World

Peace Centre (Alandi), MAEER's MIT, Pune, India was established.

Since its establishment, World Peace Centre (Alandi), MAEER's MIT, Pune, India has continuously strived towards establishing a culture of peace in the society and has promoted interfaith, inter-religious dialogue by organizing national and international level conferences, peace rallies, awareness programmes amongst the youth and student community, radio programmes etc. Prof. Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad, the Founder and President of World Peace Centre (Alandi), MAEER's MIT, Pune, India is the moving force in these endeavours and has played a major role in fostering communal harmony within the society.

It has been our strong desire that those men and women who are working for the greater good of the society, with the fire in the belly and passion in the heart to eradicate differences and strive to establish Culture of Peace in the society on the national and

international level, be suitably recognized. Such selfless individuals are performing a yeomen service for the promotion of goodwill and establishing an atmosphere of brotherhood throughout the world through their deeds and their teachings.

Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad discussed this idea with the eminent computer scientist of the world Dr. Vijay P. Bhatkar and together they thought of constituting an international level award on the lines of the Nobel Peace Prize. Thus was born the idea of 'Philosopher Saint Shri Dnyaneshwara World Peace Prize' in the year 2005. The following pages show a glimpse of the Prize Conferring Ceremony through the years.





Spiritual Leader and Philanthropist H. H. Mata Amritanandmayee Devi being awarded the World Peace Prize



Spiritual Leader H. H. Sri Sri Ravi Shankar receiving the World Peace Prize at the hands of Pandit Hridaynath Mangeshkar in the presence of eminent computer scientist Dr. Vijay P. Bhatkar



Mr. Hiroo Saionji and Mrs. Masami Saionji of Goi Peace Foundation, Japan, being conferred the award at the hands of world renowned scientist Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar. Also seen are Dr. Vijay P. Bhatkar and Mr. Tushar Gandhi amongst others.



Rev. Dada J. P. Vaswani of Sadhu Vaswani Mission accepting the award at the hands of Dr. Mohan Dharia, Founder, Vanrai and Dr. K. H. Sancheti, renowned surgeon.



One of the most eminent computer scientists of India Dr. Vijay P. Bhatkar being conferred the award at the august hands of former President of India Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam.



Bochasanwasi Shri Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha (BAPS) being conferred the award. His Divine Excellency Pramukh Swamiji Maharaj accepting it at the august hands of His Excellency Shri. K. Sankarnarayanan, Governor of Maharashtra State, India.



A great Yogi and crusader for World Peace, Sri M being conferred the World Peace Prize.





## SOME SCIENTIFIC VERSES WRITTEN BY SAIN DNYANESHWARA ENUNCIATING THE PRINCIPLES AND LAWS OF MOTHER NATURE

सत्य ज्ञानानंत गगनाचे प्रावर्ण । नाही रूप गुणवर्ण जेथे ।  
तो हारे श्रीहरी, पाहिला डोळेभरी । पाहता पाहणे दूरी सारोनिया ॥  
ज्ञानदेव म्हणे ज्योतीची निजज्योती । तेहे उभी मूर्ती विटेवरी ॥

He has experienced and seen the very original divine light of knowledge in the idol of the god Vithoba standing on a brick pedestal.

No other thing in the world is as pure and pious as knowledge divine. One who is true believer in the selfless action with a sense of devotion and practices transcendental meditation can acquire this Divine Knowledge, over a period of time. A person having full faith and control over his sense organs and is ever ready, acquires the divine knowledge. On acquiring this divine knowledge, one attains the supreme state of peace of mind, the bliss.

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ॐ नमोजी आद्या । वेद प्रतिपाद्या । जय जय स्वसंवेद्या । आत्मरूपा ॥

Salutations ! to 'AUM' – The Ultimate Truth - The Ultimate 'Reality' As enunciated in Vedas Salutations to the Self Consciousness ! The Pure Intelligence !

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सत्य ज्ञानानंत गगनाचे प्रावर्ण । नाही रूप गुणवर्ण जेथे ।

The all-pervading infinite Knowledge Divine, the only Ultimate Truth, encompasses the entire Universe, having no form, shape or colour

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जे जे उपजे ते ते नासिजे । नासिजे ते पुनरपि दिसे ॥

Whatever is created is destroyed, and whatever is destroyed is recreated

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आणि उदोअस्ताचेनि प्रमाणे । जैसें न चालतां सूर्याचे चालणें ।

The sun does not move in the sky from East to West. The earth does.

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Salt dissolved in water Continues to exist as taste; Sleep dispelled continues as wakefulness. In the same way, Ignorance, while it remains, Is the cause of false knowledge. And when it vanishes, it is the cause of true knowledge.

## SOME SCIENTIFIC VERSES BY PHILOSOPHER JAGADGURU SAINT SHREE TUKARAM MAHARAJ



शांतिपरतें नाही सुख । येर अवघेचि दुःख ॥ म्हणुनी शांति धरा । उतराल पैलतीरा ॥

There is no happiness like peace, everything else leads to sorrow. As such, follow the path of peace, which will lead you to the other bank of happiness

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अणु रेणु थोकडा । तुका आकाशा एवढा ।

I am the smallest of the smallest of the small particle of the universe, which can encompass the entire universe – the God Particle

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आहे ऐसा देव वदवावी वाणि । नाही ऐसा मनी अनुभवावा ॥

Always one should speak of the very existence of God, the Almighty, though in the inner conscious mind, one should realize that physically He is not

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पाषाण देव, पाषाण पायरी । पूजा एकावरी पाय ठेवी ॥

God is carved out of stone and the step is also made of same stone, While one is worshipped and the other is stepped upon

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जे जे भेटे भूत । तयासि मानिजे भगवंत ॥

Revere and Respect all Living Beings as if they are the manifestation of “God – The Almighty”

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Friends,

Here, I would like to quote the following verse from Atharva Veda, which in very simple words illustrates the concept of “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam” – The World as one family – Global Village :-

## **FELLOWSHIP**

**We are the birds of the same nest  
We may wear different skins  
We may speak different tongues  
We may believe in different religions  
We may belong to different cultures  
Yet, we share the same home, Earth  
Born on the same planet  
Covered by the same skies  
Gazing at the same stars  
Breathing the same air  
We must learn to progress together  
Or, miserably perish together  
For a person can live individually  
But, can only survive collectively**

**- ATHARVA VEDA**

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## World Peace Prayer

ॐ नमोजी आद्या । वेद प्रतिपाद्या । जयजय स्वसंवेद्या । आत्मरूपा ॥१॥  
देवा तूचि गणेशु । सकलार्थं मतिप्रकाशु । म्हणे निवृत्तिदासु । अवधारिजो जी ॥२॥

Salutations to "OM" ॐ The Ultimate "TRUTH", the Ultimate "REALITY",  
the Ultimate State of Matter as Enunciated in Vedas.  
Salutations to SELF CONSCIOUSNESS,  
the Pure INTELLIGENCE, the True "KNOWLEDGE",  
the True Nature of the Soul "ATMAN".  
O God! Thou Art Ganesh! The Illuminator of all Intelligence!  
The Disciple of Saint Nivriti says -  
Please pay attention to my Discourse (In Geeta).

गुरुब्रह्मा गुरुर्विष्णुः गुरुर्देवो महेश्वरः । गुरुः साक्षात् परब्रह्म तस्मै श्री गुरवे नमः ॥  
Prostrations unto "The GURU", "The TEACHER";  
Who is BRAMHA, VISHNU And MAHESH;  
Who in Reality is the Supreme Brahman, the Almighty-Incarnate.

ॐ पूर्णमदः पूर्णमिदं पूर्णात्पूर्णमुदच्यते । पूर्णस्य पूर्णमादाय पूर्णमेवावशिष्यते ॥  
ॐ शान्तिः । शान्तिः । शान्तिः ॥

"Om" is the "Entirety", the "Complete", the "Whole".  
The Whole has emerged out of the Whole/the Complete!  
If the Whole is taken out from the Whole, what remains is still Whole!  
"OM" itself is Peace! Peace! Peace!

हरि ॐ ईशावास्यमिदं सर्वम् । यत्किंच जगत्यांजगत् ॥  
तेन त्यक्तेन भूजीथाः । मा गृधः कस्यस्विद् धनम् ॥  
All this that Exists in the World is manifested by God.  
Hence, by Renouncing it, Enjoy.  
Covet not wealth which belongs to none!

ॐ भूर्भुवः स्वः । तत्सवितुर्वरेण्यं ॥ भर्गो देवस्य धीमहि । धियो यो नः प्रचोदयात् ॥  
O Mother Earth and the Entire Cosmos.  
The Adorable Lustre of GOD - SAVITR, the SUN.  
We contemplate. May that supreme Radiance Stimulate our INTELLECT.

सर्वेऽपि सुखिनः सन्तु । सर्वे सन्तु निरामयः सर्वे भद्राणि पश्यन्तु ।  
मा कश्चिद् दुःखमाप्नुयात् ॥  
May all be Happy! May all be Healthy!  
May all enjoy Prosperity and experience Auspiciousness!  
May none suffer from Grief and Sorrow!

द्यौः शान्तिः । अन्तरिक्षं शान्तिः । पृथ्वी शान्तिः । आपः शान्तिः ।  
औषधयः शान्तिः । वनस्पतयः शान्तिः ।  
विश्वे देवाः शान्तिः । ब्रह्म शान्तिः । सर्व शान्तिः ।  
शान्तिरेव शान्तिः । साऽमा शान्तिरेधि ॥ ॐ शान्तिः । शान्तिः । शान्तिः ॥  
May Peace Prevail in the Sky! May Peace Prevail in the Cosmic Space!  
May Peace Prevail on Earth! May Peace Prevail in the Waters!  
May Peace Prevail in the Herbs! May Peace Prevail in the Vegetation/Plants!  
May Peace Prevail in the Lord of the Universe!  
May Peace Prevail in Brahma, the Creator! May Peace Prevail with Everyone!  
May there be nothing but Peace Everywhere! Let that Peace Prevail in Me!  
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