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*My Dear Brothers and Sisters gathered here for the G20 Interfaith Forum in Tokyo, Japan. I bring you heartfelt greetings from my country **MOTHER INDIA**, which has been worshipping Knowledge Divine for thousands of years, while constantly seeking the **ULTIMATE TRUTH, THE ULTIMATE REALITY** for the wellbeing of the entire Humanity.*

*Friends, we all have assembled here in this beautiful city of Tokyo, with a tremendous sense of mutual respect, love, compassion and commitment for promoting the noble cause of the Wellbeing of the entire mankind and to to promote the **CULTURE OF PEACE** in the world.*

It fills my heart with a sense of pleasure and pride that I am standing before an august gathering of great learned scholars, thinkers, educationists, philosophers, scientists, men of religion and men of spirituality from various nations of the world, engaged in championing the noble cause of World Peace through Value Based Universal Education with an appropriate understanding of the Role of Science and Spirituality / Religion for developing a peace-loving holistic global society.

Friends, we are not here to teach or preach any one, but to learn and understand and share our experiences with each other and realize the very purpose of human life.

PREAMBLE

Friends, you are well aware that the entire world is passing through a tense and chaotic stage, even worse than what was experienced during the two world wars.

The present one is also a war, a war between good and evil, sacrifice and greed, virtues and vices, tolerance and stubbornness, religious co-existence and fundamentalism, traditional time-tested values and quick gains and ego, and so on. The various issues involved are not only local i.e. restricted to one's own country, but are global as well.

While on the one hand, the world is witnessing mind-boggling scientific and industrial developments like artificial intelligence, Internet, IT, Nano Technology, journey to the outer space etc. on the other hand, there is total chaos, confusion, terrorism, bloodshed and massacre in the name of caste, creed, race, religion and trivial issues like boundaries of nations.

It is most unfortunate that in spite of these amazing and wonderful developments for all possible enjoyments, material comforts for leading a luxurious life and for the welfare of the mankind, the family system, which is vital for our survival, is on the rocks and certainly deteriorating rapidly because of the decline in mutual faith, respect, affection, true love, loyalty and trust, neglecting one's religious duty towards the other, which is the very foundation of the "Ideal Family System", which is an essential component for promoting the CULTURE OF PEACE in the global society.

The industrialized society should have helped in preserving the human values apart from providing the materialistic gains, and achieve sustainable development. But even though the present scientific innovations, discoveries and technological advancements have converted this world of ours into a Global Village on the face of it, the hearts and minds have drifted far apart, with deep valleys and barriers being created between man and man, one nation and the other, one religion and the other, and between different races, castes and communities.

EROSION OF TIME-TESTED HUMAN VALUES

It is again because of the erosion of the time-tested human value system that we have forgotten our ethos, culture and traditions. The human spirit and approach is missing. The most unfortunate part of it is that this is taking place with a highly developed education system carefully devised by the great thinkers, philosophers, academicians, scholars and scientists. The values of bygone era, which helped this planet earth to sustain over the ages, are missing. Once the human value system is missing, then there is no difference between human beings and other living beings like animals. The future will depend upon the decisions and actions we will take today. It could be either peace, tranquility and prosperity or global conflict, destruction and horrifying disaster, putting the survival of the very human race itself at stake.

Friends, you are fully aware that in some of the so-called advanced countries, because of the collapse of the Family System, the school children are starving for the Love and Affection from their parents, which unfortunately is missing. As a result, they are suffering quite a lot because of the failure of the present Education System, which is devoid of most essential human values like Love, Affection, Compassion, Reverence and Respect for Elders and particularly for parents.

Looking at the present scenario all over the world, it is imperative that we carry out introspection, search where we have gone wrong, and decide about the measures, which can help in setting the things right. It requires sincere efforts and firm action by all the right thinking people without any further loss of time. Any further delay will make the process irreversible and whatever rot has set in will get perpetuated.

NEED TO UNDERSTAND THE ROLE OF SCIENCE AND SPIRITUALITY / RELIGION FOR THE WELL-BEING OF THE MANKIND

Science is both analysis and synthesis and it is based on reasoning and logic. Ultimate aim of Science is to find "Unity", while spirituality / religion is nothing but to perform one's DUTY. In fact, it is the pathway to learn and understand the ultimate reality

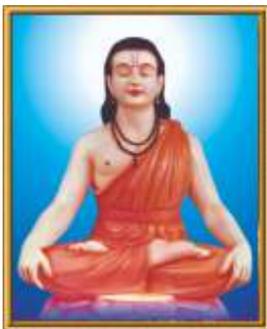
/ the truth and to minimize the vices in one's life like lust, greed, anger, jealousy, hatred, envy, ailments, disorder and disharmony. All religions are true and equal and they teach the same universal principles of human values with a code of conduct based on the concepts of morality and ethics for establishing peace and harmony.

Friends, the prophetic words of wisdom spoken by the Great Noble Son of India Swami Vivekananda, at the Parliament of World Religions in Chicago on 11th September 1893, that “Union of Science and Religion/Spirituality alone, will bring Harmony and Peace to Mankind” are, in my opinion, the True Life-guiding Spirit for the present day chaotic world in strife.

On this background, we need to understand the exact Role of Science and Spirituality / Religion in developing the positive mindset and promoting the Culture of Peace in the world

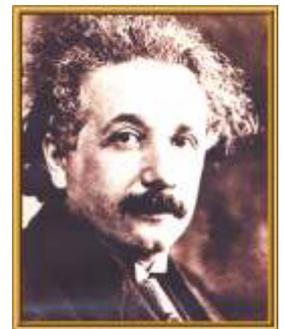
Friends, it is most unfortunate that during the history of mankind, some of the most devastating wars and the highest bloodshed, massacre and violence have taken place in the name of religion, which, in fact, teaches and leads the human race on the pathway of Harmony and Peace. This is happening largely due to the selfish and ulterior motives of some egoistic persons with vested interests.

It may be also noted that if science is not utilized for the well-being of the mankind, but for purposes like building atomic bombs or other weapons, it can cause complete devastation and destruction of the world.



**Philosopher Saint
Shri Dnyaneshwara**

A JOURNEY FROM PHILOSOPHER SAINT SHRI DNYANESHWARA TO DR. ALBERT EINSTEIN



Dr. Albert Einstein

Friends, it is high time that we take a note of the words of wisdom spoken by the world famous Scientist **Dr. Albert Einstein**, who had said that “**Science without Religion (Spirituality) is lame, while Religion without Science is blind.**”

Being a man of Engineering Sciences and a student of Particle Physics, I am still very much impressed by the highly innovative and scientific writings and the philosophy of the 13th Century Philosopher Saint Shree Dnyaneshwara and 17th Century Philosopher Saint Shree Tukaram as well as 20th Century Nobel Laureate and a Great Scientist Dr. Albert Einstein. Similarly, the other great saints, sages and scientists of India and the world over, including those like Philosopher Saint Francis of Assisi, Rome have made a tremendous impact on my mind and have helped me in trying to understand and realize the True Nature of the Universe – the Ultimate Truth – the Ultimate Reality – the Knowledge Divine!

Friends, I am glad to put before you the following verse, the very first Ovi/Stanza of DNYANESHWARI – A commentary on Shrimad Bhagwad Geeta, written by Philosopher Saint Shree Dnyaneshwara 720 years ago, at the young age of only Sixteen (16) years, which has made a lasting impression on my mind and has set me forth on my life's mission to promote the Culture of Peace in the World through the appropriate understanding of the Role of Science and Spirituality/Religion and the very Essence and Philosophy of all the World Religions.

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

This verse, written in Marathi language, 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.

Philosopher Saint Dnyaneshwara 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 on the same lines, one of the greatest scientists of the world, Dr. Albert Einstein, later in his life, very assertively says that – "The Entire Universe is a manifestation of pure intelligence and consciousness." Further, 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 and comprehensible entity and not a thing of chance."

Philosopher Saint Shri Dnyaneshwara, as a man of Spirituality, to Dr. Albert Einstein, a man of Science, is a long journey in time and space, however the very scientific and philosophical narrations revealed in Shri Dnyaneshwari in the form of Ovis / Verses equally reflect the very principles and laws of Mother Nature and life, which are enunciated through the equations like $E = MC^2$ and various formulae of Mathematics and Physics.

It is also worth noting that although the Great 16th Century Scientist Galileo is credited to be the first scientist to reveal that the "Earth is Round and revolves round the Sun," it is interesting that three (3) centuries before him, Philosopher Saint Shri Dnyaneshwara stated that "the apparent movement of the sun from East to West, as observed, is an illusion. In fact, the Sun is stationary and the Earth is moving round the Sun."

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

अणु रेणु थोकडा । तुका आकाशा एवढा ॥

This Marathi verse clearly explains the very basic principle of particle physics, wherein he says, 'I am the smallest of the smallest of the small particle of the universe, smaller even than the sub-atomic particles, which is all-pervading, all-encompassing, but which occupies the entire universe'.

Friends, is this concept/theory not the same as the concept "Higgs-Boson or 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.*

NEED FOR IMPLEMENTING VALUE BASED UNIVERSAL EDUCATION SYSTEM WITH APPROPRIATE SCIENTIFIC AND SPIRITUAL COMPONENTS

Friends, "Education is the manifestation of pure intelligence & the perfection already in man", and is obviously closely related with the proper understanding of the Role of Science and Spirituality/ Religion for the well-being of the entire Mankind.

Friends, each and every country of the world has its own history, geography, culture, traditions, and philosophy, but, the time-tested human values are common and universal.

The main thrust of Education, in addition to providing inputs by way of knowledge and information, should be in developing ***purity of mind, purity of thought and purity in each and every action of life, which are basic for establishing a holistic global society. The main purpose of education is to develop the "WINNING PERSONALITY" of the Students, who will be Physically Fit, Mentally Alert, Intellectually Sharp and Spiritually Elevated, so that they will be able to contribute their mite for the wellbeing of the global society at large.***

The process of establishment of peace should start from an individual, which is possible when there is peace within. We have seen that it is the individual's perception of all the things around, which decides the line of thinking and later the action. Obviously, this depends upon one's mindset. It is this mindset, which needs to be addressed and positively developed and guided to think rationally in the right direction for the welfare of mankind.

In spite of the best efforts put in by the educationists all over the world to offer quality education, the modern education system is deficient when it comes to inculcating time tested human values. If we observe closely, over the years, "*I don't care*" and "*To hell with it*" types of cultures are proliferating fast. These are indicative of the gross erosion of human values and are likely to lead our future generations towards infighting, violence and ultimately self-destruction. Such a situation can be corrected only through the right type of education based on time-tested human values, which are universal.

Education, devoid of any values, makes a person literate in any given field, but not educated and cultured in the real sense of the word. Unfortunately, the human values in our day to day life are getting eroded and at times are more conspicuous by their absence. Unless they become part and way of our life, the situation will continue to deteriorate at the peril of human kind. This calls for our urgent attention and positive action. It is necessary to incorporate these values in our education system right from pre-primary and primary to higher education, the latter being totally devoid of any such thing as on today.

Spirituality, which in a way is manifestation of religion, provides the human beings, be it any one, with a moral base and ethical values, which are sacrosanct for the survival of Mother Earth. In this respect, India which has a strong spiritual base enriched by its culture, traditions, teachings of the great saints and sages of the past and the holy scriptures, can

provide the lead and the right direction. In fact, it will not be an exaggeration, if we say that the world looks at India and some other oriental countries for spiritual guidance for establishing the "Culture of Peace".

It is highly essential for us to incorporate human values with their strong ethical and moral base in our education system at all levels. Among others, these will include truth, honesty, integrity, sympathy, empathy, compassion, mutual respect including respect for parents, teachers and elders, tolerance, devotion and dedication to a cause, non-violence etc. based on the fact that these are universally true and common, despite the diverse cultures, history and geographical boundaries.

I would like to assertively state here that the Indian Philosophy is based on Sacrifice, Devotion, Sharing and Caring for Each Other, while unfortunately, world over, in spite of the highly advanced educational system, this particular aspect has been side-tracked and misunderstood and there is a greater tendency towards only Self-Enjoyment and Materialistic Comforts, which can possibly be minimized through "Value Based Universal Education System."

As such, all the nations of the world can adopt the above-mentioned universal values and make them an integral part of their education system, adopting the appropriate and proportionate components of Science and Spiritual Aspects, thus heralding the dawn of Harmony and Peace in the entire world.

RELIGIOUS SCRIPTURES AS TRUE LIFE GUIDING SCRIPTURES

Friends, it is worth noting that all the religious scriptures of the world teach love, compassion, tolerance and respect for one another. In that way, as such, all the Religious Scriptures of the World are Truly LIFE-GUIDING SCRIPTURES.

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 वदन्ती ।

i.e. There is only One Truth, though the wise men may call it by different names.

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 their ideal Almighty or Supreme Power, while in Sikhism, Guru Nanak Deo or Guru Granth Saheb itself, is the supreme Almighty Guru for them.

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

The concept of VALUE BASED UNIVERSAL EDUCATION SYSTEM with an appropriate component of Science and Spirituality / Religion can well be taken up and

practiced all over the world due to the simple fact that every religion, the old scriptures, historical and cultural traditions of all the countries propagate the virtuous actions which can lead to peace, progress and happiness. All the cultures of the world have originated from and/or have been moulded by the religions/spiritual aspects of the respective groups of people. No religion advocates greed, lust, hatred or violence. *In that way, as such, All the Religious Scriptures of the World are Truly LIFE-GUIDING SCRIPTURES, for the respective followers of various religions.*

It has been observed and found that there are some misconceptions about the very term “Religion” because of the ritualistic practices being followed in different religions and many times adopted by some individuals with vested interests, which may lead to “Blind Faith” and “Superstitious practices.”

It is worth noting that the GREAT NOBLE SON OF INDIA SWAMI VIVEKANANDA has very aptly defined the term “RELIGION” as, “Religion is nothing but to perform one's DUTY – DUTY TOWARDS THE MOTHER, THE FATHER, THE FAMILY, THE SOCIETY, THE NATION AND THE WHOLE WORLD – VASUDHAIVA KUTUMBAKAM – THE WORLD AS ONE FAMILY- A GLOBAL VILLAGE.

NEED TO UNDERSTAND THE 'CHEMISTRY OF MIND' AND DEVELOPING A POSITIVE MINDSET

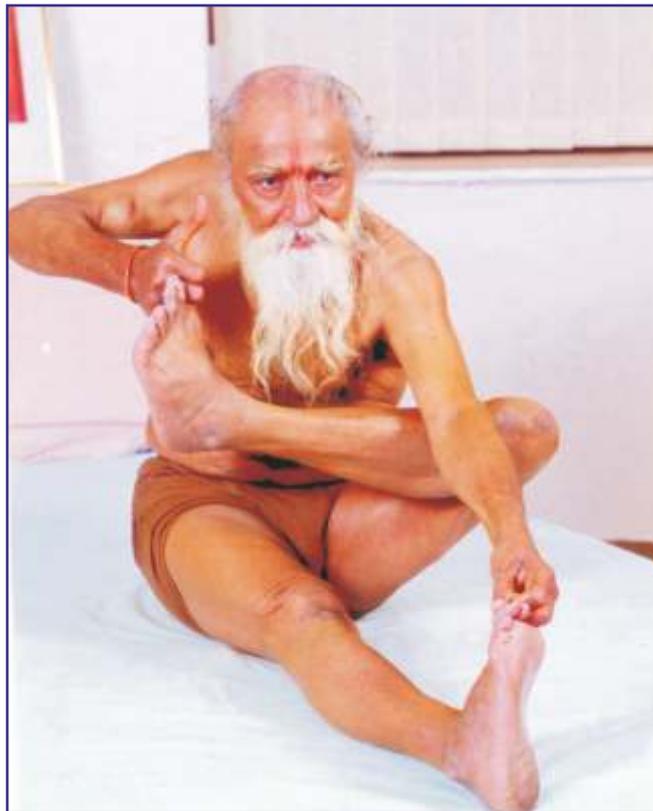
Friends, mind, matter, spirit and consciousness are the four most important components to understand the universal mechanism / system of the functioning of this universe. Naturally, along with the BRAIN, the MIND & THE INTELLECT play the most important roles. It has been observed that despite the tremendous scientific research and advancement about the physical aspects of the human body, the composition of mind & the soul, the way they functions and what, if any, is the chemistry or the chemical formula that makes up the mind, is still unknown. This is the grand challenge for all of the worlds' Education and Research Institutions including the best Universities!

THE IMPORTANCE OF SCIENTIFIC AND SPIRITUAL COMPONENT OF LIFE LIKE YOGA AND MEDITATION IN DEVELOPING THE POSITIVE MINDSET

*Spiritualism or Religious Practices in different faiths take over where science and technology cease to provide any solution / answer for enriching our lives and making them worthy as a Human Being. It gives the moral courage and ethical strength as well as **Purity of Thought, Purity of Mind and Purity in each and every action**, which is so essential for achieving the desired objectives of Peace and Harmony.*

The mind-boggling scientific developments in various fields have made it possible to provide all kinds of physical comforts and means of enjoyment in human life. However, if your mind and heart is not comfortable and at peace, then friends, will it make you truly happy and satisfied by only living a life of luxury derived from physical / bodily or sensuous comforts through various means of enjoyment? It is equally important that we should be spiritually elevated as well and be able to get rid of the vices like lust, greed,

anger, jealousy, hatred and envy to provide real comfort to our mind, heart and soul as well.



Yogmaharshi, Freedom Fighter and Nationally acclaimed Kirtankar Shri Ramchandra Gopal Shelar alias Shelarmama, a Great Master of Yoga, at the age of 104 years, recognized as one of the big miracles of the 21st Century by All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi

The Indian practice of Yoga and Meditation are particularly helpful in developing a positive mindset, which would ultimately lead in reducing the chaos, confusion and disorder in our mind, body and heart and ultimately within our society and the entire world as well leading to Harmony and Peace for the mankind.

ॐ - AUM & YOGA - A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION BY INDIA TO THE ENTIRE WORLD

Friends, the very word “ॐ - Aum”, which is apparently misunderstood as a religious / spiritual word symbolizing Hinduism, is actually a universal word and a symbol to denote the INVISIBLE FORCE OR ENERGY, which binds this entire Universe together and signifies the ULTIMATE TRUTH – ULTIMATE REALITY – THE ALMIGHTY GOD, THE CONCEPT WHICH IS ACCEPTED BY ALL THE WORLD RELIGIONS.

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 in quest of the ULTIMATE TRUTH.

It is worth noting that in the present scientific era, after all the scientific innovations

and discoveries, an entirely new universal equation like $\text{ॐ} - Aum = E = MC^2$, is emerging to give an appropriate insight about the “Role of Science and Spiritual / Religious Component of Life.”

CONCLUSION

Friends, in conclusion, I would like to make a sincere and earnest appeal to all the learned scholars, thinkers, philosophers, scientists, educationists, men of religion assembled here for this G20 Interfaith Forum as well as all the learned Vice Chancellors/ Deans of the finest leading Universities of the world like Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard, MIT, Stanford, Columbia etc. to work towards completely modifying the present education system, by incorporating VALUE BASED UNIVERSAL EDUCATION with an appropriate understanding of the ROLE OF SCIENCE AND SPIRITUALITY / RELIGION which will certainly help in developing WINNING PERSONALITIES, who will promote a PEACE-LOVING HOLISTIC GLOBAL SOCIETY.

Here, I would like to conclude by quoting the following verse of ancient wisdom 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



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,

“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”.





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Acknowledging the great men who contributed to the wellbeing of Humanity!**



World Peace Prayer

ॐ नमोजी आद्या । वेद प्रतिपाद्या । जयजय स्वसंवेद्या । आत्मरूपा ॥१॥
देवा तुंचि गणेशु । सकलार्थ मतिप्रकाशु । म्हणे निवृत्तिदासु । अवधारितो जी ॥२॥

Salutations! To 'OM' ॐ The Ultimate "TRUTH" -
The Ultimate "REALITY" - The Ultimate State of Matter
As enunciated in Vedas!
Salutations! To the self CONSCIOUSNESS! The Pure INTELLIGENCE!
The True "KNOWLEDGE" - The True Nature of the Soul "ATMAN"
O God! Thou art Ganesha! The Illuminator of all Intelligence!
The disciple of Saint Nivriti, says,
Please, pay attention, to my discourse (on Geeta)

गुरुर्ब्रह्मा गुरुर्विष्णुः गुरुर्देवो महेश्वरः । गुरुः साक्षात् परब्रह्म तस्मै श्री गुरुवेनमः ॥
Prostrations! Unto "The GURU" - "The TEACHER"
who is BRAHMA, VISHNU and MAHESH;
who in reality is the Supreme Brahman! The Almighty-Incarnate!

ॐ पूर्णमदः पूर्णमिदं पूर्णात् पूर्णमुदच्यते । पूर्णस्य पूर्णमादाय पूर्णमेवावशिष्टे ॥
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 ईशा वास्यमिदं सर्वम् । यत्किंच जगत्यां जगत् ॥
तेन त्यक्तेन भुञ्जीथाः । मा गृधः कस्यस्विद् धनम् ॥

All this whatever exists in the world, is manifested by God!
Hence by renouncing it, Enjoy, covet not wealth which belongs to none!

ॐ भूर्भुवः स्वः । तत्सवितुर्वरुण्यं ॥ भर्गोदेवस्य धीमहि । धियो यो नः प्रचोदयात् ॥

"O" Mother Earth and the Entire Cosmos
The adorable luster of GOD - SAVITR! - The SUN !
We contemplate! May that Supreme radiance stimulate our INTELLECT.

सर्वेऽपि सुखिनः सन्तु । सर्वेऽसन्तु निरामयः सर्वेऽभद्राणि पश्यन्तु । मा कश्चिद् दुःखमाप्नुयात् ॥

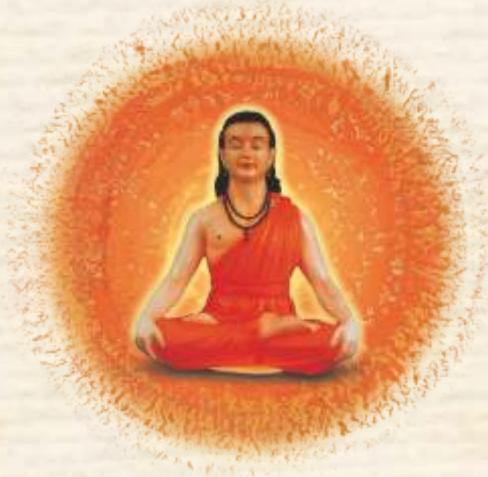
May all be happy !
May all be healthy !
May all enjoy prosperity and experience auspiciousness !
May none suffer from grief and sorrow!

द्यौः शान्तिः । अन्तरिक्षं शान्तिः । पृथ्वी शान्तिः । आपः शान्तिः । औषधयः शान्तिः । वनस्पतयः शान्तिः ।
विश्वेदेवाः शान्तिः । ब्रह्म शान्तिः । सर्व शान्तिः । शान्तिरेव शान्तिः । साऽमा शान्तिरेधि ॥१७॥

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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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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