GLOBAL PEACE, DIGNITY & SUSTAINABILITY 2021

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“Global Peace, Dignity & Sustainability for Sustainable Future: Towards 21st Century”

Abstract

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Workshop with Dignilogues  
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Together, we examine the link between dignity and innovation and how strategies for a sustainable future can be found, strategies for the unfolding of dignity for all in Egypt and throughout the world.

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The world has been transformed into a global village. Globalization is having a major impact not only on the business world but also on the whole humanity. Globalization is the process by which all peoples and communities come to experience an increasingly common economic, social and cultural environment for creating common good for all.

Is Globalization good or bad? Global recession, poverty, conflict & violence, climate change and human rights & human dignity became the most important challenges due to the process of Globalization in 21st century.

In an age of globalization, the struggle for human rights & human dignity has become more complex and challenging. While protections for human rights are increasingly passed by governments and international bodies like the United Nations, grave threats to and gross violations of human rights are also on the rise.

The biggest agenda of 21st century is how to protect human rights & human Dignity in the era of Globalization?
The paper tries to explain the concept of Peace & human dignity and challenges of human dignity in the era of globalization. Peace and human dignity are the main foundation of holistic sustainable development. Without Peace and human dignity, we cannot achieve sustainable peace and sustainable future. The paper tries to explore the universal values – of Peace, Respect & Dignity to achieve the sustainable peace and building a peaceful and global sustainable society. Keywords: Globalization, Human Rights & human dignity, sustainable peace and Sustainable Future.

Introduction:

Dear Friends, I welcome you all in this 29th Annual Conference of Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies 'Dignity in Times of Globalization' 2017 in India. The topic of my workshop is “Global Peace, Dignity & Sustainability 2021”

Our Globalized World

Let us remember: “One Peace, one Humanity, One Dignity & One Sustainability can change the world”.

In an age of globalization, the struggle for human rights & human dignity has become more complex and challenging. While protections for human rights are increasingly passed by governments and international bodies like the United Nations, grave threats to and gross violations of human rights are also on the rise. In the Nineteenth Century (1815-1914) - The world changed dramatically through the process of globalization, where economic, political, social, cultural and technological factors interacted in complex ways to transform the people, societies and reshape external relations. Globalization is the process by which all peoples and communities come to experience an increasingly common economic, social and cultural environment for creating common good for all.

As the world has been transformed into a global village, the globalization process affects everybody throughout the world. Globalization is having a major impact not only on the business world but also on the whole humanity. Globalization is a multidimensional phenomenon, comprising “numerous complex and interrelated processes of people, population & poverty; social & cultural issues such as peace, human rights, human dignity & welfare of human beings in 21st century. Human values are eroding at a very fast rate resulting in a decline in the quality of life of the people. At the dawn of the new millennium, what is required most is Peace, harmony and human dignity for creating peaceful & sustainable society in 21st century. The objective of the paper is to explore how globalization affects the human dignity and rights of the human person in the present and into the future in 21st century?
Global Peace & Human dignity

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The futures of our planet and humanity are inextricably woven together. Poverty, Population explosion, Climate Change, Cultural threat of human values and the threat of nuclear war are the five major threats to humanity. We have reduced the world to its present state of chaos by our prejudices by our egoistic behavior and by our self-centered activities towards nature and towards human being.

1. What Is the Meaning of Dignity?
“Dignity is not only giving respect but dignity is living with values for self-growth and growth of others for developing global sustainable society”

What is the Meaning of word “dignity.” The most common answer people offer is that dignity is about respect, but dignity is not only the same as respect. but dignity is living with value for self-growth and growth of others for developing global sustainable society.

Dignity is our inherent value and worth as human beings; everyone is born with it. Respect, on the other hand is earned through one’s actions. Dignity has the potential to change the world, but only if people like you help to spread its profound message of Global Peace & oneness of humanity through peace & dignity education for developing global sustainable society in 21st century.

Importance of Human Dignity

Human dignity refers to a state of righteousness, integrity, or virtue in human beings. The term dignity is defined as “the state of being worthy of honour or respect”. Human dignity is inviolable and it must be respected and protected. The dignity of the human person is not only a fundamental right, but constitutes the basis of fundamental rights in international law. Rights in the Universal Declaration derive from and are essential to “human dignity,” a concept vague enough to raise few issues, ideological or political. The purpose of recognizing rights is to promote other agreed values: recognition of rights “is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace.”

Human Dignity is The Basis of Fundamental Human Rights

According to the United Nations, whose charter celebrates the "inherent dignity” of "all members of the human family," issued a Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948 whose preamble contains the same language.

Origin of Human Rights The World Conference on Human Rights held in 1993 in Vienna stated in the Declaration that all human rights derive from the dignity and worth inherent in the
human person, and that the human person is the central subject of human rights and fundamental rights.

The origin of human rights is ancient, the idea of human rights is as old as humanity, its systematic proclamation and declaration are more recent. The world’s first bill of human rights was discovered on a clay tablet dating back from the reign of Cyrus the Great (555-529 BC). The documents which form the historical foundation of modern human rights jurisprudence are the English Bill of Rights (1688), the American Declaration of Independence (1776) and the French Declaration of Rights of Man (1789).

The legal process in the universality of human rights effectively commenced with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948 (UDHR). The 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights enshrined this principle in its preamble: ‘recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world’.

The purpose of recognizing rights is to promote other agreed values: recognition of rights “is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace.” “Peace,” and “justice,” undefined, were accepted as universal values.

Article 1: All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.

2. Article 1 provides that all people are born free and equal in dignity and rights and, because of common birth into the human family, should treat one another in a spirit of brotherhood.

3. Article 2 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states: "Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, origin ... or other status ..."

2. Global Peace- Science of Peace & Science of Dignity

The UNESCO Constitution says: “That since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defences of peace must be constructed; ... that the peace must therefore be founded, if it is not to fail, upon the intellectual and moral solidarity of mankind.”

Peace is not only absence of war. But Peace is about people – how we handle problems and how we live together with peace & dignity? Peace is about community – about working together peacefully, living with dignity, encouraging each other, helping each other to live better, more fulfilling lives. Global Peace is the Science of peace from harmony & Science of Dignity for living with freedom, justice and peace in 21st century. The necessity to develop Global Peace Science (GPS) based on the idea of world harmony, which includes all human values and is intuitively shared by all civilizations in the history. Global Peace Science, built on the universal value of all civilizations - on social harmony. This value includes all other partial values (freedom, labor, equality, democracy, justice, etc.),
Human dignity & Universal Values?

The human dignity and value of every human being: what does it mean for Society today? Human dignity and value of every human being has direct relevance for the world development in the XXI century. It is also of the utmost importance to try to see the interaction of these two fundamental concepts: the dignity and value of the human being. Indeed, dignity is a value and a legal principle, it plays a key role in equality law. The quest for dignity is universally accepted, but interpretation what constitutes a life with dignity differs in national contexts.

“Do We Still Have Universal Values?” - lecture delivered by Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Global Ethics at Tübingen University, Germany in 2003 “The values of peace, freedom, social progress, equal rights and human dignity, enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, are no less valid today than when, over half a century ago, those documents were drafted by representatives of many different nations and cultures”.

Seven main Principles of Global Peace & Human Dignity for creating a Better World.

We all have this common mission of 'Peace on the Earth' and Global vision for world peace & Oneness of Humanity. It is imperative that every human being bears the responsibility of building peace from harmony together with building the world peace & human unity. The seven main principles of Global Peace & Human Dignity for creating a better world are as follows:

1. **Principle of Oneness**: We are part of a global whole, everything in the universe are interconnected and interdependent through the principle of oneness.

2. **Principle of Understanding**: Understanding is the necessary condition for the peaceful harmonious relationship as mutual tolerance between the people & unity of culture & religions.

3. **Principle of Respect**: Human unity in cooperation is impossible without the respect for each other. Dignity is about living with respect & peace value for self-growth and growth of others for developing global sustainable society.

4. **Principle of Dialogue**: Peace in harmony can be achieved through dialogue for oneness, understanding, respect, love, knowledge and dignity. Dialogues among religions foster mutual respects and deeper understanding of faiths.

5. **Principle of Love**: "Love & Compassion for others open the doors for unity of people & unity of religions " for living peacefully & joyfully.
6. **Principle of Knowledge**: All that is done by people - all that is done on their knowledge and consciousness. The highest goal of building global peace from respect and dignity.

7. **Principle of Human dignity**: The preservation and strengthening of human dignity is a necessary criterion to build peace from harmony and prosperity on the Earth.

3. **Conclusion:**

Global Peace & Dignity Movement! To create a Better World.

**Poverty & Dignity for a Better World**

“Poverty is violence, and it threatens the inherent dignity of those who endure it” “Life is not a matter of place, things or comfort; rather, it concerns the basic human rights of family, country, justice and human dignity.” -Imelda Marcos

October 17 is declared as ‘The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty’

“Wherever men and women are condemned to live in extreme poverty, human rights are violated. To come together to ensure that these rights be respected is our solemn duty.” – Joseph Wresinski.

There can be no sustainable development without peace and no peace without ... of universal respect for human rights and human dignity, the rule of law, justice, ... and technological innovation across areas as diverse as medicine and energy. We are part of a global whole, everything in the universe are interconnected & interdependent through the principle of oneness. “Vasudeva Kutumbkam”-The world is one family.

Global Peace & Dignity is a movement for world Peace & oneness of humanity. **Let us join the Peace & Dignity movement and Sign the Declaration of Dignity**

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