

THE ROLE OF EASTERN WISDOM AND SPIRITUAL INTELLIGENCE FOR DIGNITY AND HUMILIATION: A ROAD MAP TO THE FUTURE

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SYNOPSIS

“Spiritual Intelligence is the nature of goodness, which factually knows the propriety of things as well as the impropriety of things, duty and non-duty, humility and sacrifice, fear and fearlessness, bondage and liberation.”

Chap 18.v.30. SRIMAD BHAGVAD GITA

Spiritual Intelligence is the new innovation in the academic world that coupled with ancient eastern wisdom may bring about a paradigm shift to our contemporary thinking on human dignity, humiliation studies and human futures. Spiritual Intelligence is perhaps the highest form of intelligence an individual can have. It is one of the intelligences out of Multiple Intelligences (Howard Gardner (1983), Danah Zohar (1997), Corinne McLaughlin (2005), which stress on highlighting the internal values of the person as also association to the higher intellect. Evelin Lindner in her seminal work on *Gender, Humiliation, and Global Security (2010)* is inspired by spirituality and ancient Eastern wisdom. As a transdisciplinary social scientist Lindner presents a non dualist compelling, compassionate argument and recourse from the psychological effects of humiliation on gender and sexual relations, parenthood, and leadership. As suggested by Lindner, the antidote is love as also the various psychological correlates following up on her earlier work on *Making Enemies: Humiliation and International Conflict*. Spiritual intelligence and ancient wisdom that have evolved through ages may provide interesting insights into the social, political, and cultural change necessary to reform human tendencies toward humiliation. The existing treasure of knowledge on eastern wisdom as gleaned from sacred texts and spiritual studies may have an immense impact on contemporary psychology and would prove to be indispensable for psychologists, humanists and political scientists as also the policy makers across the globe that has the potential to change the course of human history and bring more dignity and humility in our world. The principle of unity in diversity, tolerance, mutual respect and secular belief that has evolved in the civilising process represents a dignifying human characteristic framing. The *subsidiarity principle* and the *appreciative principle* are valid in as much as for how we construct our own identity as even human brain works through a hierarchy of loops. It is scientifically proven that there exists ‘GOD SPOT’ in the brain which becomes activated based on the individual’s emotional intensity and activity.

Another manifestation of spiritual intelligence that applies to human dignity and humiliation is the spirit of belongingness towards others who share the outer world. This spirit of belongingness can create a culture of evolutionary stimulus to bring everlasting change in human consciousness.

To establish the co-relation between spiritual intelligence and human dignity through

the use of spiritual intelligence (Spiritual Capital) individuals cannot only foresee and judge situations, but also build up everlasting, positive and sustainable situations that propels and propagates humility, human dignity, growth and development.

Studies show that to inculcate human awareness and learning, wide spread use of spiritual intelligence will contribute immensely to organic and sustainable civilizational growth and development at all levels.

The influence of sacred scriptures and ancient knowledge and wisdom does provide evidence of the linkage between spiritual intelligence and human consciousness to promote and propagate dignity and human values as habit. Better understanding and application of scriptures and the quintessential concepts by researchers in the days to come will also pave the way to highlight various aspects and importance of spiritual intelligence and mapping our higher intellect for the future sustainability of our civilization.

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