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THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SOCIETY FOR THE INDIVIDUAL

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Definition

Irrespective of different opinions, we define society as higher than community. A society is the sum of all communities which have organized themselves into states, nations, or into landscapes concerning language, culture, religion, or whatever. Since man as an individual descends from parents, he is a social being and while becoming an adult, the person depends on the parents and the close environment. Therefore responsibility of the parents and the environment for the individual is destined. Since parents and environment of a person are part of a bigger community, a mutual responsibility exists between them. Life in a community is more harmonious, the more the individual communities focus on common spiritual and material aims and behaviours. For this to be able to work under safe conditions, the society, being the superior authority of all communities which exist within its range, has to take care that standards and laws are watched and respected. **The society is one in which every individual is responsible for his fellow man and his abilities. No one should be indifferent to occurrences in the environment of his fellow man.**

WHAT ARE THE STANDARDS AND LAWS WHICH ARE COMPULSORY IN A SOCIETY ?

The binding standards and laws in a society for the harmonious life of the existing smaller and bigger communities are predestined by the order of creation. This means that one has to know what a human being is, from where does a human being come, and what is his/her destiny.

What is a human being?

Man is a creation of GOD. He/she has a soul which is identical to the Divine Universal Soul and GOD's Spirit. It should not be confused with psyche or mind. On earth man has a corresponding compact material body which he takes on at birth and leaves when he dies.

Where does a human being come from?

Man is a creation of GOD and has to cover his evolution towards the direction of GOD. Before being able to incarnate on earth, the natural preconditions had to be created in the form of plants and animals. The evolution of man on earth occurs through many incarnations. This is also possible on other celestial bodies.

Who or what is the individual person?

The individual person has lived on earth or on other celestial bodies throughout many incarnations, and each time the person has taken on more or less compact material bodies corresponding to the then prevailing circumstances of life there. The body and the physical appearance then cannot be the criterion for his/her personality. A person can only be determined by his / her spiritual existence! People who have experienced a journey back to

previous lives now have the problem of not knowing who they really are, or what they will be in a future incarnation. The answer only can be given according to man's destiny from GOD's side.

What is the destiny of man?

Man, like all of nature with its many manifestations, is not the outcome of a mere accident. This is because he and all of nature are dependent on inherent laws. Behind all occurrences in nature, there works and weaves a Spirit which is the reason for all of this. This Spirit we call GOD. GOD's Spirit has given everything which exists HIS idea and conception and, according to this, everything develops and reaches completion. The entire universe therefore takes shape and being as it is/was willed by HIM. Thus it follows that man also has an evolutionary aim and destiny. With man we see distinct steps of evolution and that each individual has his own personal stage of development and the ability to know GOD. Many great saints, mystics, yogis and messengers of GOD have testified to this and have explained this with different sayings. "**Man, know thy Self**" is a very old saying. If a person, in the course of his transmigrations of the soul, experiences countless incarnations in the past and future and if this person takes different jobs, social positions and sex in these incarnations, who is he then as an individual? The answer is independent of sex, appearance, profession or social position and can only be that which is eternal and everlasting and which is created by GOD, i.e. a person who has an immortal soul. This person with his DIVINE individual soul has the duty, in the course of many incarnations, to become perfect, purifying his mind from negative passions and thus knowing the oneness of his soul with GOD. A liberated soul who is free from his passions reflects GOD's Spirit. Thus, the liberated person is also called "GOD's image". Soul and Self are identical and are called "T", but this "T" should not be confused with "Ego".

What is the person who is liberated from the bonds of Karma doing? He is moving towards becoming a God and a messenger of GOD. Under the command of the Divine Hierarchy, he furthers the task of showing others the pathway to GOD. This can happen on earth or on any other celestial body wherever the eternal truth or eternal religion, SATYA DHARMA, is neglected and not lived, but trampled upon.

The everlasting true Religion: The FIVEFOLD PATH of Vedas: SATYA DHARMA

At present we are living in times when the true religion, SATYA DHARMA, is despised, defamed and denied on a large scale. Whenever such circumstances prevail, messengers of GOD take birth to propagate and revive SATYA DHARMA. This has already happened by a highest Avatar: **Parama Sadguru Shree Gajanan Maharaj** from Akkalkot, India, and HIS message of the FIVEFOLD PATH of Vedas.

CONSEQUENCES OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED ON LIFE IN SOCIETY

We have explained the picture of man from the point of view of the order of creation as described in Vedas which is the ever valid truth. This picture of man in Christian occidental societies is not common, because for many centuries the teachings of GOD's messengers were falsified by deletions and additions, as well as by commentaries and explanations which were carried out by unauthorized people. These people were also in league with the prevailing political situations. This is true not only for Christian religions but also for other world religions. When rulers needed power for themselves or for their aims they then made use of religion or fought against it, whereby millions of people often had to suffer or even lose their lives.

A thick and detailed book could be written about this situation which would describe the opposite of what is mentioned above. Yet this is not the purpose of this composition. Everyone, who is able to think for himself, will realize what is necessary today and in the future:

1. The ruling potentates are, first and foremost, servants of the people. Their appearance in public is an example in both word and deed. They lead a life according to FIVEFOLD PATH of Vedas. (see: SATSANG, January 2005, "Life in a Spiritual Society")
2. The head of a government is a king/queen and has to be specially trained for the job and is worthy to be the ruler normally for his/her whole lifetime. Such persons are chosen by high and worthy people. To be king/queen is not hereditary.
3. The government enacts laws and regulations which go together with the spirit of the FIVEFOLD PATH and the TEN COMMANDMENTS of Parama Sadguru.
4. Jurisdiction is oriented according to the law of Karma.
5. Men and women take care that their marriage is blessed with children. With their children, parents give people the chance to incarnate and to work for their own reciprocal evolution. This is blessed by GOD. Children and teens have to be educated to have respect for their parents, educators and all other adults as well. Children are the old-age pension of society.
6. Society takes care to grant the best conditions for people to be able to live a spiritual life.
7. The best possibilities for life of the human race are **natural** living conditions. In contrast, conditions in an industrial society are unnatural and ruin the foundations of life, thus leading people away from their evolution, i.e. study of the Self.
8. Everyone is responsible for the welfare of his neighbours. To think: "I have nothing to do with this or that" is unpardonable and against the maxim: "Love thy neighbour as thyself." This bad attitude will be punished by the law of Karma.
9. Men and women lead a moral life. Sexuality serves to keep society alive and is not for excessive consumption. According to this, public life has to be organized.
10. Practice of SATYA DHARMA has to be the concern not only of society as a whole, but of each individual. Circumstances of life then will be such that create the best conditions for happy and harmonious living together for the generations and for the people in general.

THE FIVEFOLD PATH OF VEDAS: SATYA DHARMA

1. **Agnihotra** for purification and healing of the atmosphere and therefore the mind. **Heal the atmosphere and the atmosphere heals you.**
2. **Daan**, i.e. sharing of assets in the spirit of humility for becoming non-attached to worldly possessions.
3. **Tapa**, i.e. self-discipline and purification of the mind from its passions.
4. **Karma**, i.e. right action without binding to the fruits thereof.
5. **Swadhyaya**, i.e. Study of the Self: "Who am I?"

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