
Aim of Life

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Every educated person must ask himself what his aim of life is. In this connection Indian philosophy suggested two answer. According to Shri Aurobindo man should decide how and in what way he can best contribute to society. Secondly, ancient Indian scripture enjoin four purushartas- First Dharma or Justice, second, Artha or Lawfull earning of wealth, thirdly, Kama love or sex, fourthly Moksha or liberation.

(A) Aim Of Live And World Order

If every individual is morally a free agent, the problem is whether his individual life goal or highest value of life is related to the orderly nature of the world. This is the question whether the world we live in is teleological or not. In case the world we live in has no immanent and moral aim, that is to say, there is no rational constitution of the Universe, shall not the individual be discouraged to practice morality. The answer of Kant is for moral practice along with freedom of will the idea of complete good should be a postulate, that is to say, good actions must lead to moral happiness.

(B) The Aim Irrespective of Other Considerations

The present author feels that even an orderly world and rational constitution of the universe as postulates for morality, a normal man does not need. The only requirement is freedom of will. The spirit of morality for the individual should be a challenge of the form "I ought to do it therefore I shall do it" and that may moral sense has an existence irrespective to the world order. The author does not pretend to know whether there is immortality of soul or not but he feels that "dust though art, to dust returns is not that ordained for the soul" may inspire many men to moral acts and may enable him to endure his personal misfortune. Hence, this attitude can be looked upon as a good pragmatic principle.

(C) The Destiny Of Mankind:

As far as the destiny of the whole mankind is concerned the author feels now we should be optimistic about it because as suggested by him his other writings, now by a combination of

genetic engineering and proper environmental factors, the advent of divine man can be made certain. For the time being to achieve the goal of salvation and living a divine life without the artificially genetic advent of divine man, man is to get organized into communities of such likeminded persons who would lead a life of Universal love, knowledge, and wisdom

(D) Existing Goal Oriented practice:

Men should have no inferiority, superiority or defeatist complexes, and make use of to the optimum degree the modern psychological and technological inventions in order to establish healthy relationship of man with man and man with nature. Existing goal oriented practice of the individual with other individual should be that following the preaching of Gandhiji, one should take full care not only to ill treat any one else physically but also not to cause mental injury to any one else. The economic aspect of this morality is possible as the author has else where discussed, only in the commune life he outlined in his other books, named (adyatmic samyavad par shodha sanklan (Chapter Aglimpse of future world). For true satisfaction, one needs A mental and emotional life of love and peace, that of no complexes and not by a physical life not of gross physical pleasures as might be made possible by new scientific invention (such as some euphoric or sexual pleasure inducing drugs). A life based on the principle of Golden mean which should be in consonance with hierarchy of values propounded by famous ethician Urban, should be believed in by all communes dwellers. There should be an international understanding among the inhabitants of all altruistic commune to have on economic level of individual income and standard of living in parity among them all.

(E) Existing Goal Oriented Ways Of Life:

One can have a better understanding of altruistic movement and its goal orientation if first the studies some other goal oriented movements. The propagations of new left movement states the goal of this movement in the following words, "Disgust at affluence without dignity; desire for beauty as well as democracy; belief in creative rather than consensus, wish for community and communal values, and vehement rejection of de-personalized bureaucracy; simply to be integrated into and to be accepted by the dominant institutions, hostility to what is conceived of as the dehumanization and alienation, of a cash nexus society; preference for individuated".

(F) Existing Goal Oriented Movements:

The aim of women liberation movement is to gain equal status for women to men and to foster the dignity of women hood in society. Similarly the aim of altruistic movement is developing a scientific community which in the course of time shall turn itself into an alternative of divine man, social and economic parity of all men, to resolve conflicts by the rule of reason and play of sympathy and empathy, beauty and democracy leading to relativity, and a mystic vision combined with scientific efforts to spread this civilization in the entire world, and also to establish connection by the conquest of space distances with extra terrestrial civilizations; and if this is not possible on earth, either to establish the biblical idea of kingdom of God or a society based upon the life style of Jain Tirthankras, and finally to consciously culminate the evolutionary cycle when the divine man achieves his goal; and this civilization has consciously sowed the evolutionary seeds for future civilization that the cycle of life and light may continue.

