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The Excellence of God- Centred Philosophy

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No two entities of this universe are equal in all respects or in any respect. This universe is a collection of a mesh of varieties. Diversity is the law of nature and identity is not possible.

Although theories, propositions, hypotheses and different formula or formulae are the creations of different types of persons, they must not go against human psychology. One of the greatest treasures of human beings is rationality, and anything that goes against this human characteristic is bound to be eventually destroyed.

The philosophies that human beings follow can be divided into four categories: (1) dogma-centred philosophy, (2) matter-centred philosophy, (3) self-centred philosophy and (4) God-centred philosophy.

People who follow dogma-centred philosophy believe in dogma, wrong sentiments and foolish ideas. In the past I said that many religions are dogma-centred, but in fact all

religions are dogmacentred. That is why no religion can tolerate any other religion. People who follow dogma-centred philosophy exploit others in the name of providence for their own self-interest. For example, the proponents of dogma often claim that they have been blessed with divine revelation. They say that they had a dream in which God appeared before them and commanded them to do particular work, and on this pretext they exploit others to the full.

People who follow matter-centred philosophy want to enjoy anything and everything for their own interest. The atom bomb is the creation of matter-centred people. In matter-centred philosophy, enjoyment of material objects is the main motive, as in Marxism. The proponents of matter-centred philosophies often resort to brute force to exploit others when it suits their purpose, as do the followers of dogma-centred philosophies.

The followers of self-centred philosophy do everything only for self-interest, self-pleasure. In this case, as in the previous two, the psychic radii may vary. A big radius means that one thinks about oneself in each and every sphere of life. In self-centred philosophies, individual selfishness is the motive, as in capitalism.

Dogma-centred philosophies are a blending of self-centred and matter-centred

philosophies. A blended theory is not a cult. A cult has something to do with practice – where there is no practical reflection there is no cult.

Those who follow God-centred philosophy serve humanity and the entire living world with equal love and affection according to Neohumanism. Even amongst God-centred people the radius may vary, but the centre is God. In God-centred philosophy God is the nucleus, and the radius of one's selfless love and devotion goes on increasing towards God.

Of these four, dogma-centred philosophies are the worst. Next are matter-centred philosophies, followed by self-centred philosophies. Dogma-centred philosophies have been responsible for the greatest blood-baths in human society, followed by matter-centred philosophies then self-centred philosophies. There can be no blood bath in God-centred philosophy. In God-centred philosophy, human projection is the external projection of internal tranquillity or composure, so there cannot be sanguinary clashes or bloodshed. Common human beings are self-centred; missionary workers are God-centred. The work done by God-centred people elevates the standard of human beings. In the past they elevated humanity, in the present they are elevating humanity and in the future they will continue to elevate humanity. But until now, the

world has not experienced any God-centred philosophy.

The scope, avenue and jurisdiction of the God-centred universe is far, far, far bigger than that of the other three. In any clash amongst these philosophies, finally the God-centred theory will win. Similarly, whenever there is clash between self-centred and matter-centred theories, the self-centred philosophy will win. The matter-centred theory will never win. It comes as it goes after creating enormous devastation, and it dies a black death.

Communism

Communism is an unhappy blending of matter-centred and dogma-centred philosophies – a theory of matter-centred and dogma-centred brutality. It is the worst type of demons' dance, and is on the threshold of a black death.

Communism is not logically based. It occupies a certain portion of the physical world, some portion of human sentiment and some logic. A few logical minds were influenced by it, but it is a highly defective philosophy which will cease to exist in the very near future. It will cease to exist within the range of this century.

Communism is irrational, illogical, unscientific and unpsychological. What is the immediate cause of the demise of communism? There may be many causes, but what

is the immediate cause? Take the example of a drunkard. If a man drinks much alcohol, he will contract liver disease and eventually die. But if one day he drinks an excessive amount, say ten bottles, this will be the immediate cause of his death. Communism should have died a few decades from now, but it is ultimately dying in the last decade of the twentieth century. Ravan's greatest blunder was that he abducted Sita. The greatest blunder of communism was that it attacked God-centred philosophy. This is the immediate cause of the death of communism.

Communism created a field at one time; now it has left a vacuum behind. There is an ideological vacuum in the world – a physical, mental and intellectual vacuum has been created by the death of communism – but it will be filled up in a short time. This vacuum has to be immediately filled with a strong guiding and controlling force. You should fill it with your intellectual-intuitional strength. If you sit idle some other demonic non-spiritual theories can become active and occupy that vacuum, so do not encourage lethargy and procrastination. You must leave the six defects of sleep, drowsiness, fear, anger, lethargy and procrastination if you want to work for the Self and for the society.

PROUT is the only panacea. If the God-centred philosophy of PROUT does not come forward

immediately to fill this vacuum, some other ideology will, because it is a law of nature that something will fill a vacuum once it has been created. If this ideological vacuum is not filled by PROUT, a great catastrophe will take place in the future because other defective philosophies will come forward. Some dogma-centred, matter-centred or self-centred theories will occupy the space. We cannot allow this to happen.

Tito let Ananda Marga work in Yugoslavia because he understood the defects of communism. Now students of Poland are also joining Ananda Marga. The ideas of PROUT are spreading throughout the world. This new day is yours.

Self-centred philosophies create differences among human beings and balkanise the human society. Matter-centred philosophies create disparity, destroying peace in the universe. In the present world we are seeing two theories moving side by side – the self-centred theory of capitalism and the matter-centred and dogma-centred theory of communism. Capitalism cannot serve humanity, while communism failed to serve humanity. Both capitalism and communism are dying. Capitalism will die a natural death, while communism died an unnatural death.

Religion

What is religion? Religion is based on dogma-centred philosophy. Dogma-centred philosophy is a blending of matter-centred and self-centred philosophies. So religions are a blending of partly matter-centred philosophies and partly self-centred philosophies. Matter-centred philosophies are mostly pure dogma, while self-centred philosophies are a blending of dogma and sentiment.

Religions sometimes survive for a long time, even though they are full of dogma. This is because they know how to twist their teachings to deny the truth and adapt to different circumstances. Their purpose is to secure the interests of a special, privileged class. Some religions have also survived because they have associated themselves with God-centred ideas, although they are not God-centred. They make some dogmatic propositions about God an important part of their teaching, and on this basis they sentimentalize the minds of the people. These sentiments penetrate deeply into the human psyche.

The main weapons of dogma-centred philosophies are:

- 1) The propagation of stories, myths and parables to create superiority complexes;
- 2) The propagation of stories, myths and parables to create inferiority complexes;

3) The propagation of fear complex and inferiority complex amongst the people, especially the Shúdras.

All religions use these three types of complexes to inject superiority complexes, inferiority complexes and fear complexes into the minds of the people. They propagate parables, myths and stories to inject complexes into people's minds. Is it not a fact? All religions are based on dogma – they are not based on logic – and they propagate their dogma through stories, myths and parables. All religions propagate that “My God is the only true God. Other Gods are false gods.” When some religions claim that their god is the only true God, it is an example of a dogma-centred proposition. All world religions are based on such dogma-centred theories.

Take the case of Hindu myths. The authors of Hindu mythologies say that the Brahmans are born from the mouth of Parama Puruśa, the Kśatriyas from the arms, the Vaeshyas from the trunk and the Shúdras from the feet.

Bráhmaño'sya mukhamásiit
vāhurājanyo'bhavat

Madhya tadasya yadvaeshyah
padbhyām shúdra ajáyata

[Brahmans came out of the mouth, Kśatriyas were born out of the arms, Vaeshyas came out of the trunk of the body, and Shúdras were born out of the feet.]

Some people say this sloka came from the Puranas, not the Rg Vedas. Teachings like this create an inferiority complex and fear complex amongst the Shúdras. What does the word “Shúdra” mean? It means “slaves of black complexion”.

There are innumerable examples of religious dogma. Communism left behind a deep negative impression in the material world, and never followed the path of shánti or peace. Materialism or matter-centred theory is more developed in communism than in Cárvaka. Cárvaka did not make any wrong interpretation against God, but communism did.

To counteract the malevolent effect of dogma-centred philosophies, the two most important factors are the development of rationality and the spread of education. Merely attending school and university classes will not necessarily have the desired effect. Stress should be placed on education which produces a high degree of rationality in the human mind, and this type of education should be spread amongst the people.

So, to counteract religious dogma we have to adopt a two-fold approach. First, the path of logic and reason must be adopted, and for this we have PROUT and Neohumanism. Simultaneously, the spiritual sentiment must be inculcated in human minds as this is more

powerful than the religious sentiment. For this people should be properly educated in the way of spirituality. So what should be our proper strategy? First, we should work to oppose matter-centred philosophies, which are already on the verge of extinction. Once matter-centred philosophies have been vanquished, the strength of religious dogma will be naturally weakened and finally eliminated. This will be the proper step-wise approach.

So, a vacuum has been created by the sudden, unnatural death of communism. The reason behind this is the sudden expansion of consciousness among human beings, among human minds. That sudden expansion of consciousness was created due to PROUT, Neohumanism and spiritual philosophy. Communism has almost died everywhere. The stage of convulsion is going on, so we have to fill up the vacuum.

In human life socio-economic items are very important, but they are not the only thing. Those dedicated to the service of humanity and the establishment of God-centred philosophy should be strong in PROUT, especially in those countries where there was the brutal rule of communism. But socio-economic life is not the only life. There are other aspects of life, other spokes of expansion. Through PROUT and selfless service we may render temporary service to human beings as they move

along the flow of life, but our spiritual philosophy is above the flow of life. Spiritual philosophy is the hub. By propagating spirituality, implementing PROUT and rendering selfless service to suffering humanity, you will be able to elevate the standard of human beings in a very short time.

As I have already said, dogma-centred, matter-centred and self-centred theories will have to be replaced by a God-centred philosophy in the very near future. So you should prepare yourself physically, intellectually, morally, intuitively and spiritually to fill up the vacancy of the dogma-centred theories of religion, the matter-centred theory of communism and self-centred theory of capitalism, Time will not wait for us. Time will not wait for our convenience, our feasibility. This moment is the most opportune moment. There is no need to look at the calendar. Do not wait for tomorrow.

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News from Wellington Region

Prabhata samgiita day celebration

We did 3 hours Akhanda kiirtan followed by DC and Prabhata samgiita day celebration at Grey Lynn Jagrti, Auckland. Margiis realized Prabhata samgiita is very inspiring and devotional.

India tour with Margiis

Brother Satyam enjoyed his first time visit to India with Dada Shuddhatmananda. We visited different AM historical places such as Amjharia in Bihar, where Baba introduced Baba Nam Kevalam kiirtan. We attended 48 hours kiirtan. We went to Jamalpur to see Baba's birthplace at Keshavpur, Jamalpur Jagrti, the Tiger's grave and Death Valley. We also went to A. Nagar which is full with green forest and vegetation. We visited the old Jagrti in Ranchi where Baba used to stay and gave many demonstrations. Lastly, we went to Kolkata to attend 6 days kiirtan.



Jamalpur tiger's grave



Tamarind tree, Death Valley

RM of Tapan and Desiree

Tapan (from south Africa), the eldest son of Manju and Pradeep married with Desiree (from China) in the presence of their family members, friends and Margiis. The ceremony was conducted at Aio Wira retreat center in the system of

Ananda marga wedding according to Carya carya 1. Didi A. Shamita and myself lead the wedding ceremony by Baba's grace. About 48 people attended.



Wedding ceremony



Collective photo

Akhanda Kiirtan at Manju's home

After the wedding day, Manju organised a 3 hour Akhanda kiirtan where her family members from South Africa participated with our local Auckland Margiis and a Margi couple from Sydney. Didi A. Shamita gave an inspiring Dharmashastra with Baba's stories



Didi's Talk at Manju's home



Group photo

New Year Celebration at Auckland Jagrti

We had a beautiful New Year Celebration with Margiis on 1st January. We did one hour kiirtan before Dharmacakra. Sister Jyoshna was visiting from Europe. She lead the Kiirtan. Some Margiis from Africa also participated. We read A. Vanii in different languages. We watched Baba's video which was very inspiring and we had a nice feast at the end.



Feast after Celebration

New Plymouth cooking class

Dada Shuddhatmananda visited New Plymouth for Prachar work first time. He gave one talk on vegetarianism and a practical cooking class where 8 people attended.



Cooking class



Buffet after class

Dada Shuddhatmanandaji got his citizenship in New Zealand by Baba's grace.



Regular activities:

1. Dunedin Yoga class at Otago University
2. Regular Yoga class at Auckland university and AK City Hospital
3. Regular DC with Monthly Akhanda Kiirtan at Auckland Jagrti

4. Weekly Fresh Vegetables, fruits collection and distribution in Auckland area and Daily Bread collection and distribution in Auckland

News From Hobart

Over the last year there have been some pleasing and enjoyable developments at the Hobart Jagrti.

This began with Vinay and Ramkrnsna carrying out some pracar work and running meditation classes. Both sets of classes were well attended and we have a new person becoming interested and attending dharmacarkra.



Around this time a young couple from Vietnam, Kirana and Krsna arrived in Hobart and we excitedly and warmly welcomed them.

Quite a big geographical move plus cultural change in lifestyle and society. It's really lovely to have them here and participate in our community. So attendance generally has increased gently, with some previous folks also returning; brother Rudreshvar and sister Supriya.

Hopefully the group continues to grow and consolidate with our newest attendees.

Our other fantastic news is there is now a huge and thriving veggie garden at the jagrti. This came about quickly and with massive energetic and physical efforts of RK,

Aravinda, Amrta and Kirana and Krsna.



News from A. Mela 2020

Due to extreme water shortages in Stanthorpe in 2019, the 38th Ananda Mela was shifted from Ananda Palli to the YMCA Camp Leslie Dam in Warwick. The venue was ideal with its many sports and adventure activities that proved quite popular with the Mela attendees!

With the theme of 'Practising Spiritual Ecology', the festival started with **EcoSunday**, an open day in which around 40 people participated, including one of the local councillors, Neil Micklejohn. This event was centred around the future and sustainability of the Granite Belt.



Image from article in Warwick Daily News

Didi Ananda Shamita' began with an introduction to

Spiritual Ecology, followed by Subhod facilitating **Visioning the New Earth** and Professor Ian Lowe sharing his views on a **New Energy Paradigm**.

Subhod's afternoon session proved particularly insightful, exploring the concepts of 'food bowl', 'dust bowl' and 'green bowl' to describe past, present and future scenarios for the Granite Belt region.

The EcoSunday also included Nia Dance, performances by the Stanthorpe Graniteers and a Peace ceremony.



Terri-Anne, Wiruungga and Garra with Mela participants

The event was opened by Cr Neil Micklejohn, and the local newspaper, the Warwick Daily News published two articles covering the event.

Other programs at the Mela included 'Thinking Like a Mountain', 'The Neo Earthling', Earth Dances and Bush Art, talent sharing, Akhanda Kirtana and Mystical music, with Francis Gilfedder, Ben Kashi, Pavitram and Dada, and dances by Shamani.

Dada Jitendrananda facilitated the children's program and both adults and children

enjoyed kayaking, archery and challenging climbing courses.



Asana class with Kavita

The participants also enjoyed the delicious food, with main chef Didi Ananda Ashesa' and her crew, asana classes were lead by Dada Saomyakrsnanda and Kavita

News from Townsville, AU

We are 7 adults and 4 children in Townsville Unit, and have a regular weekly DC rotated between the homes of the 3 married couples. We recently realized that these 3 marriages were all revolutionary marriages and the 7 adult souls are all from different countries, i.e. India/New Zealand, England/Malaysia and Poland/Italy while the single brother is from Ireland. A truly international unit.



The JCU (James Cook University) Meditation and Yoga Club had a stand at the Universities Market Day on the 19th February and 130 students registered their names for the mailing list.

The first class was on Monday 24th and despite the heavy rain, we still had a good turnout.



Ananda Marga Meditation and Yoga Townsville – Green Elephant Wellness Centre.

A monthly Beginners Meditation workshop on the third Sunday of the month from 10am to 1pm with lunch by donation. The children like to be like the adults.



-By sister Rosemery-

News from the Summer conference at A. Palli 2020

With the theme of Practicing Spiritual Ecology, Margiis gathered at Ananda Palli for the Summer Conference. Parched from months of drought, the Granite Belt was in need of several weeks worth of good soakings. Devotees sang 'The Rain Song', PS # 119 in a loop for several hours. Did it work? More on that later.



Dada Jitendrananda's workshop drew out the cohesiveness of AM philosophy. Participants faced the challenge of finding links between randomly selected aspects of AM. Several remarkable coincidences testified to higher organising principles at play behind the randomness.



Rosemary contributed these impressions of the retreat: The beautiful kiirtan, with live music, created a blissful mood and it was easier to meditate in the quiet surroundings, remote and away from traffic and the distraction of everyday life. My mobile doesn't work in Ananda Palli so I was out of touch with the world and didn't see emails or texts for a week, with no appointments, no household responsibilities and no 'to do' lists.

Sisters performed beautifully at the Prabhat Samgiita evening. I discovered that Dada J, Pavitram (on whistle) and I (on recorder) knew the same Irish tunes so we enjoyed performing them together during the RAWA

evening.

I noticed this year the strong group of young idealistic people, which is very heartening. Plans were discussed to get things organized to do social work in the form of supporting first responders in disaster relief like the fires. Talking of which we had a couple of fire drills.

And laughter! I can't remember what it was about, but a few of us sisters started laughing, in the sisters washroom block and continued until our sides ached.

News from Sydney Unit



1. House Entry Ceremony New Sydney Jagrti building

The historical Jagrti building of AMPS, Sydney Region at 50 Barry St., Cambridge Park, was owned & inaugurated on 23rd of February 2020 (Sunday) after 5 decades long waiting. The building was decorated with flowers, leaves & colourful papers. The Unit invited all the Margiis & Sympathisers of the City & local areas.



The House entry Ceremony stated at 11 AM. Sister Savita, the unit Secretary and all the Margii sisters followed by margii brothers and sympathisers entered in the house to the sound of conch Shells and melodious kiirtan. The Recitation of "Onm Madhuvata Rtayate Mantra" followed by Prabhat Samgiita, one hour kiirtan, Meditation brought a spiritual wave in the campus. There was a grand collective lunch.

In the afternoon there was a tree planting ceremony also done on this auspicious occasion. All the participants enjoyed the program.



2 Regular Yoga & Meditation Workshop

Dada Saomyakrsnananda is running a foundation course of Yoga & Meditation for the beginners at Saint Marys, Sydney every week on Sunday Afternoon at 4. The Course teaches The basics of AM Philosophy & applied science of Yogasana, Kaoshiki, Kiirtan & Meditation.

3. AMURT activities

i) Ananda Marga Universal Relief team, Sydney receives food from the food bank, Sydney every week & distributes among the refugees, homeless & needy people of Leithbridge Park Community Center. More than 10 families get benefitted.

ii) Recently AMURT Australia raised funds \$1000 for Australia wildlife care support.

4. Nilakantha Diivas Celebration

On 12th Feb, AMPS Sydney celebrated Nilakantha Diivas as victory day of Ananda Marga at 19 Odelia Crescent, Plumton, the regular DC Place. The program kicked off with Prabhat Samgiita followed by Kiirtan, collective meditation, Baba's Film and a grand delicious dinner. Present Acharyas shared their life experiences among the Margiis

5.Monthly Community feeding at KNC

AMPS Katoomba organises a fresh, delicious cooked community lunch at Neighbourhood Center Katoomba on 2nd Thursday of every month among the old & needy people. More than 55 people get benefitted.

6.Finger cookedfood distribution for volunteers of old Church, Katoomba.

AMPS, Katoomba organised twice finger cooked food distribution among the volunteers of the Old Church at Katoomba as the part of its regular service activities in the months of Jan & Feb. Yam, Delicious Spring Roll and Cabbage Pakodas were served.

By Acharya Saomyakrsnananda Avadhuta

Brothers' Spring Retreat at Ananda Palli

The brothers retreat focused on 16 points and bio-psychology. We were fortunate to have Dada

Divyarupananda, who cooked and inspired us with stories from the early days of Ananda Marga. We once again conquered the pyramid peak at Girraween.



Waters Return to the Kalahari



Back Creek flowing over Ananda Palli's weir

From arid to lush in a few weeks, Ananda Palli is yapping wild green everywhere. Thanks to all who braved the fire season to come and add your intention for the drought to end. Baba's rain song plus devotion has proven irresistibly potent.



Kangaroos fattening up after months of wasting

The recent rain has filled all our tanks and we're well on the way towards filling the upper dam.



Upper Dam

Pumping up from the lower dam

Fasting list

Month	S.E	P	K.E	A
March	6	10	20	24
April	4	8	18	22
May	3	7	18	22
June	1	5	16	21
July	1, 30	5	16	20
August	28	3	15	18