Peace and Prosperity – Sustainable Development Goals

### Energy, production and consumption The Hindu Perspective

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# Peace Chant from Rig Veda

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ॐ मधुवाता ऋतायते मधुक्षरिनत सिन्धवः | माध्वीर्नः सन्त्वोषधीः |
मधु नक्तमुतोषिस मधुमत् पार्थिवं रजः | मधुद्यौरस्तु नः पिता |
मधुमान्नो वनस्पतिर्मधुमां अस्तु सूर्यः | माध्वीर्गावो भवन्तु नः ||
ॐ शान्तिः शान्तिः शान्तिः
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Om. Madhuvaata ritayate madhuksharanti sindhavah. Maadhveernah-santvoshadheeh. Madhunaktamutoshasi madhumatparthivam rajah. Madhu dyaurastu nah pita. Madhumaanno vanaspatir-madhumaam astu sooryah. Madhveergaavo bhavantu nah.

Om shantih, shantih, shantih.

To me who am devoted to the Supreme Truth, may the wind be a source of joy. May the rivers bestow bliss. May the herbs and plants be bliss-giving for us. May there be joy and bliss day and night. May every particle of the earth be bliss-giving. May the Heavens, like a [compassionate] father, shower bliss upon us. May the gods ruling the forests grant unto us fruits sweet as nectar. May the sun shower joy on us. May the cows fill us with bliss.

Om Peace, Peace.

#### Peace Chant from Shukla Yajur Veda

ॐ द्यौः शान्तिः अन्तरिक्षं शान्तिः पृथिवी शान्तिः आपः शान्तिः

ओषधयः शान्तिः वनस्पतयः शान्तिः विश्वे देवाः शान्तिः ब्रह्म शान्तिः

सर्वं शान्तिः शान्तिरेव शान्तिः सा मा शन्तिरेधि ॥

ॐ शान्तिः शान्तिः शान्तिः

Om. Dyouh shantih, antariksham shantih, prithvi shantih, aapah shantih, oshadhayah shantih, vanaspatayah shantih, vishve devaah shantih, brahma shantih, sarvam shantih, shantireva shantih, saa maa shantiredhi.

Om shantih, shantih.

Om. May peace prevail in the heavens. May peace prevail in the interstellar space. May peace reign on the earth. May the waters be peaceful. May peace be on all the plants and herbs. May peace reign on all the trees and environment. May peace rest with all the divine beings. May the Supreme Being and the scripture be the Abode of Supreme Peace. May peace reign everywhere and in every being. May there be peace and more peace everywhere at all times. May that supreme peace come to me too [by the grace of the Supreme].

Om peace, peace, peace.

#### दुःखत्रय (duhkha-traya) Three Types of Sorrows

आधिभौतिक (ādhibhautika) : Caused by other living beings

आधिदैविक (ādhidaivika) : Caused by nature or unseen forces or gods

आध्यात्मिक (ādhyātmika) : Caused by physical and mental suffering

#### Mantra from Taittiriya Upanishad

सत्यान्न प्रमदितव्यम् । धर्मान्न प्रमदितव्यम् । कुशलान्न प्रमदितव्यम् । भूत्यै न प्रमदितव्यम् । स्वाध्यायप्रवचनाभ्यां न प्रमदितव्यम् ॥

Satyaanna pramaditavyam. Dharmaanna pramaditavyam. Kushalaanna pramaditavyam. Bhootyai na pramaditavyam. Svaadhyaayapravachanaabhyaam na pramaditavyam.

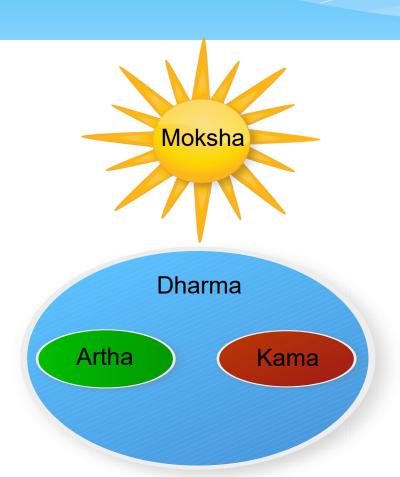
There should be no inadvertence about truth. There should be no deviation from righteous activity. There should be no mistake about protection of yourself. Do not neglect propitious activities. Do not be careless about learning and teaching.

#### पुरुषार्थ (Purushartha)

The countless things which a human being seeks or aspires for have been classified by the ancient Indian thinkers thousands of years ago into four categories, called the four पुरुषार्थ (purushartha). These could also be called the fundamental 'human values' in the sense that these are the things which a human being values—seeks, aspires for, prizes and pursues. They are:

- \* धर्मः (dharma): Righteous conduct, morality and higher human values
- \* अर्थः (artha): Wealth and prosperity
- \* कामः (kama): Desires and enjoyment
- \* मोक्षः (moksha): Emancipation or liberation

### पुरुषार्थ (Purushartha)



## Higher Human Values for Sustenance of the Society

- \* Ancient Greek: Truth, Beauty and Goodness
- Ancient Hindu: सत्यम् (satyam), शिवम् (shivam), सुन्दरम् (sundaram)
- \* Modern Language: Uncompromising Integrity, Burning Unselfishness and Impeccable Purity