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The Santan verse” Vasudaiva kutumbkarm” is an essence of our rich puranic culture having been developed periodically by following the teachings of sages,seers, Muni’s and the allied torch bearers like Vedvijas ji,Balmikiji,Mahatma Budh, mahavir ji,Jagatguru shaukracharya ji, Ramanuj gianesh warji,Tuka Ramji,Guru nanak devji,Kabir ji,Maharishi Arvind ji and alike.

The origin of the concept of vasudaiva kutumbakim can be traced from hitopadesha a collection of Sanskrit tables in prose and verses. In fact the verse vasudaiva kutumbakam is a philosophy that inculcates an understanding that the whole world is one family. It is a philosophy that inculcates an understanding that the whole humanity is one family,being a social philosophy emanating from spiritual understanding ,that whole humanity is made of one life energy. The God is one,then how the souyl (ATMA) can be different.

Maha upnishada which belongs to saamveda tradition,the verse reads;

“ Ayan bandhyryaneti Ganana laghychetsaaru,

Udharrcharitaanam Tu vasudairkutum bakam”

i.e “ The person is mine and this one is not” is only by the narrow mindedness .For those noble conduct can observe that vasudaira is the expression which is the combination of three Sanskrit dialectical words i.e vasudh +Eva+ kutumbakam.Vasudh denotes earth,Eva as emphasizing and kutumbaka denotes for a family,the combination there of emphasizes that whole earth is one family.



Vasudeva sarvamati, asserts in bhagwat geeta(verse VII-19) though the Sanskrit word "vas" leads to several expressions, still the prudeuto is made to arrive that he sees everything in himself ,that is the true height of oneness.

The tamil poet **kanian poonzun oranar** in his tamil poem, written a period back, 2500 years (ago) on an identical concept vasudaiv kutumbakam (song 92) Purananura sangam literature had penned down that "yathu oore yavarum kelir" i.e every place is my home town ,everyone is my kith and kin.

Thus the sanatan verse vasudaiva kutumbakam conceptually teaches us that entire globe virtually is one family which infact is a small tightly knit, nuclear family. Our prime minister sh. Narendra modi ji had applied this verse vasudev kutumbakam in his speech delivered on the occasion of world culture festival organized by the "Art of leaving" by further adding that Indian culture is very rich and has inculcated in each one of us with great values. We are the people who have come from akans Brahmanism to vasudev kutumbakam and from Upanishads to upgrah (satellite) which is the unique quality of our rich venerable culture. The true meaning of the expression family etc should be understood from our inherited literature and culture beside the upnishda. it is describing the quality of a man, who understood the truth transcending the multiplicity of the world. The teachings of the Upanishads or other sanatan literature are not by means of mere go-politico-socio-culture statement but as a matter of well established hard truth to follow.

At present the world as family has a heavy challenge of pandemic called COVID-19, the disease associated with virus besides SARS-COV-2, a new strain of corona virus having remained unidentified in the past in human. The pandemic universally has affected 37,13,796 corona positive case with death toll of 2,63,288 lives and out of the total 11,34,613 have been recovered till 7th May 2020. In case of India against the total positive case reported till 7th may 2020, India totaling 52,952 against which death toll is reported as 1783 lives and 31,559 persons have been recovered.

The risk and challenges engulfing the human nature with inundation and inevitable calls of pandemic deaths and holocaust are not strange to this universe but history counts memorable twenty incidents of such pandemic major sufferings for the last 5000 years duration.



The first of an epidemic wipe out prehistorical village in China archeologically known as a site "Hamin Mongha" located in North-East China, which goes to by anthropological study to witness that epidemic happened quickly enough, leaving no time for proper burials and thus the mass bodies of dead were stuffed inside the houses which was later burnt down. Such site was never inhabited again. Another site of mass burials dateback roughly to the same known as Miaozigou in North-East china, the second being around 430 BC not long after war between Athens and Sparta, because of the violent heats in the head and redness and inflammation in the eyes, inward parts of the body, such epidemic ravage took toll of one lakh lives; the third being Antoine plague AD 165 taking toll of five million lives in the Rome Empire; The fourth being Plague of Cyprian AD 250-271 is estimated to have killed five thousand people a day in Rome alone. Archaeologists discovered three kilns as had been a lime production units but the remains of Plague victims were buried in a giant bonfire; Fifth being plague of Justinian AD 541-542 by which ten percent population of the world's population had died; Sixth being Black death between 1346-1353 AD, which travelled from Asia to Europe leaving devastation in its wake estimating toll of over half of the Europe's population. The victims were buried in mass graves; seventh being cacomistle epidemic 1545-48 AD, in form of viral hemorrhagic fever taking toll of fifteen million lives in Mexico of Central America; Eight being American plague of 16th century, inviting the illness including small pox taking toll of Ninety percent of this indigenous population in western hemisphere, Ninth being Great plague of London 1665-1666 ADF, taking toll of about one lakh lives in London in 1665 and on 2nd September 1666 the great fire of London reduced the large portion of city in just four days; the tenth being plague of Marseille 1720-1723 AD taking toll of one lakh people i.e 30% of the population, Eleventh being Russian Plague 1770-72 AD In such Plague, the ravaged Moscow, the terror of quarantined citizens erupted in violence by the end of the time plague ended by taking toll of one lakh lives; Philadelphia yellow fever epidemic 1793 AD, taking toll of 5000 lives; thirteen being flue pandemic 1889-90 AD. In just few months the disease spanned the globe killing one million people in just five weeks; Fourteen being American Polio epidemic 1916, which started in New York city involving 27000 positive case involving death toll of 6000 lives in US, Fifteenth being Spanish flue 1918-20 AD, by which an estimated 500 Million people from south Seas to North pole fell in grip of Spanish flue, out of which 20% people died, Sixteenth being the



Asian flu 1957-58 taking death toll of eleven lakh lives across the globe but 1,16,000 death alone in the United states; Seventeenth being AIDS pandemic and epidemic 1981, which claimed an estimated 35 million lives since its first identification HIV, i.e. the virus causing AIDS likely developed from a Chimpanzee virus that transferred to human in west Africa in 1920. The virus made its way around the world thus AIDS was pandemic by late 20th century; Eighteenth was the H1N1 Swine Flu Pandemic 2009-10, having originated in Mexico in the spring of 2009 before spreading to the rest of the world. In one year the virus infected as many as 1.48 Billion people across the globe and killed between 1,51,700 and 5,75,400 people according to C.D.C; Nineteenth being west Africa Ebola epidemic 2014-2016, which ravaged west Africa between 2014 to 2016 with reported 28,600 cases and 11,325 deaths. First case so reported was in Guinea in 2013, the this disease spread quickly in Liberia and Sierra Leone; the twentieth being the Zika virus epidemic 2015 to till date.

Despite all these challenges, though by facing heavy casualties the world has come over all those calamities. However, prudence invites us by striking our brains to foresee the inevitable post repercussions of the pandemic by taking the past experiences i.e. the unhygienic atmospheres of the field, food starvation and loss of energetic resistances while remaining quarantines, lockdowns and social distancing, the jam of brain storming power being idle brain and in unsocial atmosphere. All that it is not only creating loss of individual, imperfection of society in the wake of impecuniousness without professional activities but above all the inevitable impedance and unemployment as well as impediments in the affairs of good governance and national fiscal protections and developments to come over the inevitable repercussions of post epidemic scenario, the pre-preparedness both in mindset as well as practically in fields of respective professions is the belling call of the nature, for that to engage even in due application of precautions to keep drilling in respective professional activities with due application of the advanced techniques available in the present developed state, of upgrah called satellite. The e-commerce, e-classes, e-conferences, e-administrative activities with deployment of the professional skills comply a private roll in our duty bound activities being yeoman service to the nation and the society. But all that can be on rails only when we come to a joint platform of responsibility as a family by recalling our rich cultured inherited ethics of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam and stand for our righteous path for the good of all



by rising above the mean interests of the person but for the society in general and above all for the nation as whole.

The expression moral is derived from “mores” refers, firstly, to settle and inherited modes of thinking and acting and secondly, to practices of a collectivity. Evidently, these features are common to both tradition and morality. Tradition is for man and society and its is precisely under its benign canopy that morality finds its true niche. In all normal societies immoral behavior is considered as a sign of the deformity in mind. The deformity is born out of ignorance and one who is ignorant becomes a prisoner of his own passions. A mind in possession of passions is an impure mind and until and unless it is cleaned of the impurities it cannot be treated as a normal human mind. As a matter of fact the cleansing of mind is considered to be preparatory stage or multi-stage path of purification.

A well begin is half done is an inherited lesson to all, the initiation of e-conference on the endeavors of the post pandemic scenario foreseeing the future of the society and the national interests paramount leads us to the encouraging state to face the pandemic by subsistence of our energetic force to predominate the inevitable problems with due prudence and courage very congruously biffing to the foreseen challenges. The VideoConference on the subject being substitute in the impeding state, coupled with paper reading are the true answer to the problem which needs to be in kept in future also.