

वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम् ONE GOD. ONE UNIVERSE. ONE EARTH FAMILY  
I exist because you exist



## Peace with Justice and Our Responsibility

ईशा वास्यमिदं सर्वं यत्किञ्च जगत्यां जगत् ।

तेन त्यक्तेन भुञ्जीथा मा गृधः कस्यस्विद्धनम् ।

(युजर्वेद 40 वां अध्याय

प्रथम मंत्र)

(ईशावास्योपनिषद् प्रथम मंत्र)

Ishavasya Idam Sarvam ,Yatkincha Jagatyam Jagat Tein  
Tyakten Bhunjeetha , ma gridhah kasya swidhanam.

God Consciousness pervades every particle of the Universe. O human beings!

Enjoy this wealth in the need based sharing and caring spirit and not greed based acquisitive and consumeristic culture. ( Yajur Veda- 40th Chapter & Ishavasya Upanishad )

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UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights

UN Sustainable Development Goals and Targets

Ten Principles of Global Ethics and World Citizenship



**Preamble :** We, the socio-religious leaders of India, do solemnly affirm in the name of God/Allah/ Ek Omkaar/ Parmatma that we will come together for a crusade against the following social evils that plague our society

**Vision :** Dharma Pratisthan is an initiative of religious leaders and civil society that seeks creative, cultural and integral solutions to the major social predicaments of India.

**Mission :** Through its activities, Dharma Pratisthan seeks to heal and transform the causes of injustice, disharmony, violence, oppression and degradation of values and the environment rooted in ignorance fear and greed, to co-create inclusive and just peace grounded in core values of truth, love, compassion and justice. Dharma Pratisthan pivots around the principles of equity, ethics, ecology and humanism in all its activities.



Identification of the seven social evils was part of an exercise to build consensus on the basis of Common Minimum Programme -CMP. The alliance based politics of our country inspired us to come to this conclusion that if National Democratic Alliance (NDA) and Progressive Democratic Alliance (UPA) could be forged among 20-25 different political parties and their leaders for power sharing why can't we religious leaders and social cultural activists forge an alliance of the Civil Society to act as a watchdog on the powers that be and to carry out our own Common Minimum Programme of social reform agenda ? It was this vision and mission that helped us launch a unique initiative under the banner of Dharma Pratisthan (DP). Mission





## Preamble of the Constitution for the Federation of the Earth

### Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam : A Universal and Unifying Principle

The central principle in the Vedas of India is 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' – meaning thereby all beings on earth belong to a single family. This principle of the fundamental unity and interconnectedness of all life forms, encoded in Indian scriptures thousands of years ago, resonates with most ancient indigenous spiritual traditions around the globe.



The First Nations people of America describe this unity as 'Mitakuye Onasin', while Africans called it 'Ubuntu' or 'I exist because you exist'. This principle allowed our earliest ancestors to evolve in harmony with flora, fauna and fellow beings. It was imbibed in different words by all the major world religions that emerged over the past 2000-3000 years. In Christianity, we find the Golden Rule of 'do unto others as you would have them do unto you'. In Islam we find 'Tawheed' or the Unity and Oneness of

God, and Mutafikaleen or the interdependence of all beings. Buddhism uses the concept of 'Indra's net' to symbolize the interconnectedness of all life, and 'Nichiren', meaning 'many in body but one in spirit'. Recent scientific discoveries provide irrefutable empirical evidence to these philosophical and metaphysical theories. Quantum physicists like David Bohm and evolutionary biologists and their SCIENTIFIC REFERENCES ON INTERDEPENDENCE AND UNITY ARE MANY.

Today, the calamitous atomization of society and the violent divisiveness of our political, economic and religious institutions make it essential for us to reclaim and embody the universal and unifying principle of One Earth Family. In Gandhian tradition, fulfilling the needs of the most vulnerable and underprivileged members of this family is the touchstone on which all our actions must be based.



One Earth Family – Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam is a new social movement that is based on this foundational principle of the oneness of all beings on earth. Its work is carried forward through an Integral Institute that seeks to highlight both the beauty and value of the infinite diversity of humanity and nature, and the inherent unity and interconnectedness of all life underlying our diversity. The profound underlying conviction is that only an integrated approach that encompasses the political, economic, ecological, social, legal, cultural and spiritual dimensions and recognizes their inter-dependence can bring about the transformation required today.



## PRINCIPLES

1. Interconnectedness – one creator – as proved by Science
2. Universe belongs exclusively to no-one: sharing and caring being the underlying principle
3. Truth – as a constant unfolding process
4. Compassion
5. Consciousness
6. Wisdom
7. Radical responsibility for our actions and their consequences
8. Justice (pursuit of justice in all its dimensions): spiritually, culturally, ecologically, and socially (political, economic, legal)



## Programme

A Spiritual Manifesto: A manifesto outlining the pressing and universal relevance of the Vaidic Message for our times, and outlining a manifesto proposing a new integrated paradigm for society as enunciated in the Earth Constitution.

**Our Vision:** The Vision of “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam” is a world-view where the inherent unity and interdependence of all creation is recognized and respected, where every living soul is valued and enabled/empowered to fulfill its potential, and where cultural, ecological and spiritual diversity is valued to provide solid rock foundation for ONE WRLD GOVERNMENT.

**Our Mission:** The Mission of “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam” is to equip Agents of Transformation, through a process of unlearning and spiritual evolution. These Agents of Transformation will:

- Cherish and celebrate the interconnectedness of self, nature, culture and the entire universe.
- Pursue truth and foster justice relentlessly in intention, word and action.

## Our Values:

1. Radical responsibility
2. Universal kinship, or unity that transcends borders and labels
3. Respect for diversity.
4. Freedom and justice for all End to all forms of modern day slavery.
5. Compassion towards the weak and the vulnerable and preferential option for the poor.



**Our Activities:** To fulfill its mission and strive to achieve its vision, the main activities undertaken will be to:

1. **Provide a platform for integral and transformative dialogue:** between leaders in religious, political, military, economic and media institutions who are ready to address and transform current systemic crises through new paradigms.
2. **Prepare Agents of Transformation:** i.e. a new generation of young leaders from diverse cultural, religious and social backgrounds who will undertake innovative initiatives in their communities and institutions, and conceive of new paradigms for peaceful, just and ecological development.
3. **Empower Indigenous :** Adivasi youth leaders, female and male, to become powerful national voices for their diverse cultural, spiritual and ecological traditions and their distinct socio-political aspirations. Adivasis comprise 100 million people but remain excluded, despite their millennial culture, marginalized world over. One Earth Family will highlight the valuable contributions Indegenous Adivasi culture and eco-spirituality can make to world's socio-political, economic and environmental progress.
4. **Build Global Networks to maximize Impact:** For sustainability and a multiplier effect, strong networks and coalitions will be created between all participants in the above three activities. Leaders in Activity 1 will form a coalition for change to enhance transformative potential. Youth in Activities 2 and 3 will establish 'One Earth Family' Student Associations in their Schools, Colleges and Universities and train and empower students to multiply impact.
5. **Build a Global Co-Creative Cultural Collaborative for Transformation:** by drawing on the powerful global networks of contacts and collaborations of the founders with visionary leaders and transformative movements and institutions around the globe to form a nucleus that can spearhead inner and outer transformation at this time of planetary crises.



Some simple questions we all need to answer for ourselves to embark on the pilgrimage to One God, One Universe, One Human Family.

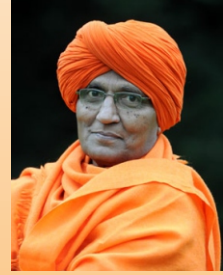
- Q.1 If God is one, why is there inequality among God's Children?  
Are some people the children of a lesser God?
- Q.2 Why should we allow ourselves to be divided in the name of higher or lower caste? Or this God-revealed Religion or that God-revealed religion? Are not the caste, religions or even national boundaries absurd? Man-made?
- Q.3 How can we entertain, much less tolerate, inequality in the name of gender or sexual orientation? Is God man, not also woman? And why allow patriarchy to dictate our relations.
- Q.4 Is it by God's intention that a child is born to poverty and another to riches? Or is it not because of our flawed, exploitative economic policies? Why shouldn't all children be entitled to equal opportunities for health care and education?
- Q.5 If God is all-pervasive, should we not realize God's truth, love, compassion and urge for justice within ourselves individually and not be led by blind faith on any particular book or messenger or avatar?
- Q.6 Why should there be any ritualistic, dogmatic religious indoctrination and brain washing of an innocent child by the so called elders? Why should a child be robbed of freedom of religion and the right to make informed choice, rather than be arbitrarily bound with chains of religious servitude?
- Q.7 Why kill animals and birds for indulging our taste buds? Why indulge in artificial commercial, industrial breeding and slaughter of birds and animals?

If your answers to the above questions are simple and positive, you are welcome to join this spiritual revolution with all your vigour and commitment to One God, One Universe and One Human Family- Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.

- V.K. will have **no Head and no Headquarter**. Only each individual's **heart- quarter**.
- V.K. will be all voluntary, non-violently pro-active and absolutely non-proselytizing.
- Let Children and youth lead us into this new brave world of non-discriminations, with focus on God of Equity and God of Justice and myriad culture of diversity to celebrate.



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born as Vepa Shyam Rao in 1939, the grandson of the Diwan (Chief Minister) of a princely state called Shakti, now in Chattisgarh, and part of an Orthodox Hindu family. Later on he obtained Law and Business Management degrees, became a lecturer in Calcutta and practiced law. In 1968 he became a full-time worker of the Arya Samaj, a Hindu reformist movement, and two years later became a sanyasi, renouncing worldly possessions and becoming, in the process, Swami Agnivesh. He has worked on many social issues, including child and bonded labor, inclusion of "untouchables" in Indian religious society, women's rights, and religious tolerance and reconciliation. He is a strong advocate of interfaith action for social justice.



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