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Prout Framework

(Progressive Utilisation Theory)

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Outline

1. Spiritual understanding
2. Social complexes & social disparities
3. What is good & bad ?
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5. Moral law - neo-ethics
6. Human law – Charter of Principles
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8. Individual & collective balance

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Spiritual Understanding



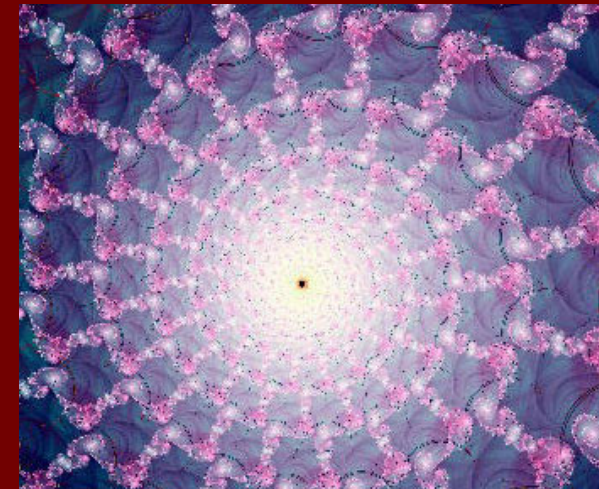
Spiritual perspective

- Starting point for understanding universal rights.
- Everything / body is within the Supreme Consciousness.
- The nature of things is to return to their Source.



Spiritual movement

- The origin of all things and beings is the Supreme Consciousness ...
- Macrocosm -> microcosm ...
- unit consciousness -> Cosmic Consciousness.
- Everyone's birthright = spiritual salvation:
 - freedom from all bondages;
 - merger of unit consciousness in Macrocosmic Consciousness.
- Supreme Consciousness is the human goal – the Desideratum.



Spirituality belongs to all

- Knowingly / Unknowingly all are moving around the Supreme Consciousness ...
 - > towards being one with the Supreme.
- Supreme Consciousness belongs to all equally.
- Therefore, to enjoy the manifested universe is the birthright of all:
 - human beings;
 - other living beings;
 - animate & inanimate objects.



Everyone is significant

- Nobody is insignificant.
- It means:
 - there are no complexes in the field of spirituality;
 - there should be no disparities in social life.





Nobody is insignificant

“From the mighty mammoth to the small blade of grass, everybody enjoys their birthright. Nobody is insignificant. Nobody is unimportant.”

— P R Sarkar

The Birthright of All

A'nanda Vacana'mrtam Part 12

8 May 1979

Fiesch, Switzerland

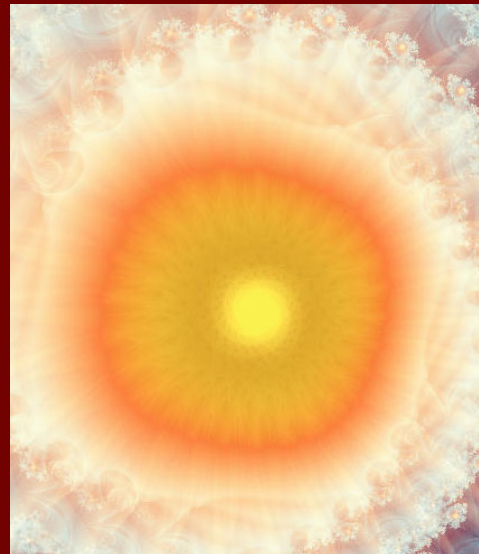
Ota yoga

- There should be no complexes because in spirituality every person has contact with the Supreme Consciousness (Cosmic Nucleus) on a purely personal level.
- Ota yoga is the personal relationship that the Supreme Consciousness has with each and every individual, with every particle of this universe.
- The yoga of individual association.



Prota yoga

- There should be no disparities because the Supreme Consciousness (Cosmic Nucleus) has a collective association with the entire creation.
- Prota yoga is the collective relationship that the Supreme Consciousness has with all of creation (be it universe, world, human and other living beings) all at the same time.
- The yoga of pervasive association.



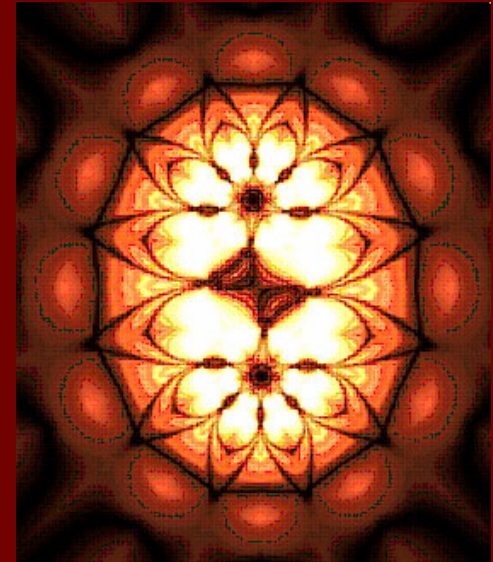
Individual & collective

- From the spiritual view, the collective is as important as the individual.
- Collectively and individually every unit being is important to the Supreme Consciousness.



Individual & collective liberation

- The individual must not be subjected to social complexes, so that each person can develop physically, mentally and spiritually.
- The collective must not be subjected to social and economic disparities, so that all people in society can enjoy mundane, supramundane and spiritual resources.

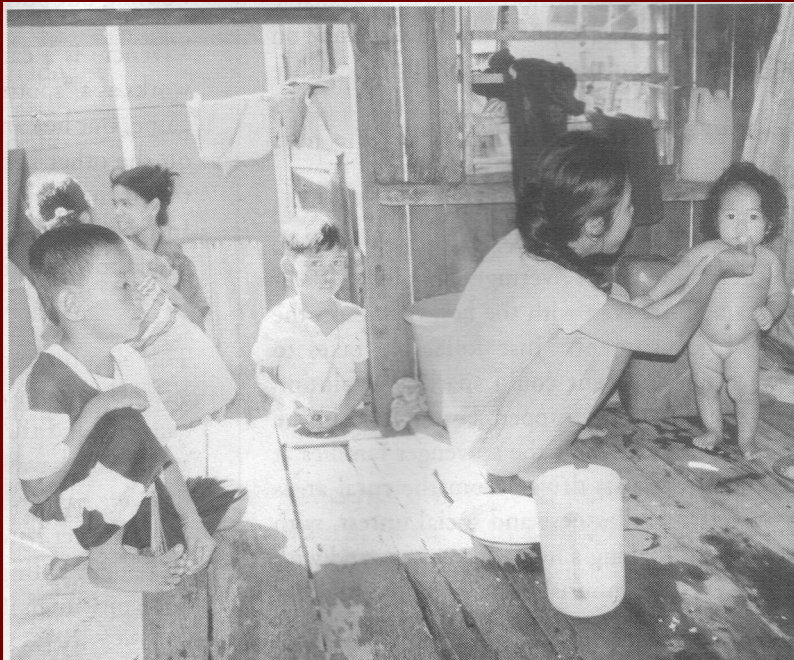


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Social Complexes & Social Disparities



Complexes & disparities



- Restrict spiritual progress.
- Create social disunity.
- Need cardinal, moral & human principles / codes to elevate humanity.

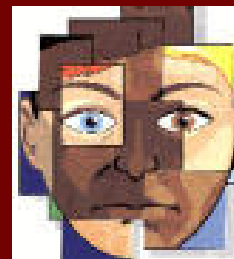
Where social complexes exist

- Social complexes exist in the:
 - physical world;
 - socio-economic strata;
 - psychic arena.
- Complexes do not exist in the spiritual stratum.



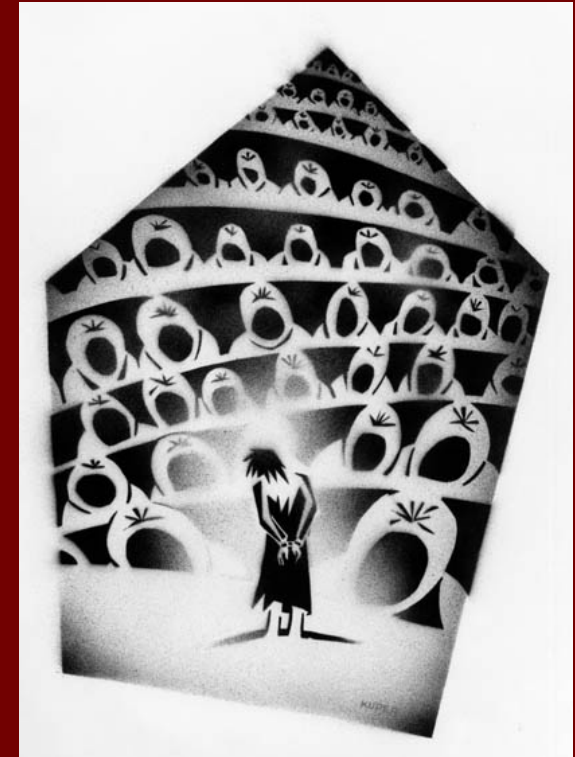
Types of complexes

- Social complexes include or are based on:
 - inferiority / superiority;
 - status (high & low) / caste;
 - being uneducated / misuse of academic wealth;
 - race / colour / ethnicity;
 - creed;
 - gender;
 - age.



No inferiority or superiority

- Nobody is inferior to superior to others:
 - no inferiority complex;
 - no superiority complex.
- Complexes are due to social defects or defective social order.
- Complexes are never supported or encouraged in the spiritual or existential sphere.





Progress

“ ... the theory of Prout has been given so that every person can progress speedily in the field of spirituality without any complex.”

– P R Sarkar

The Social Order and Superiority and Inferiority Complexes

A'nanda Vacana'mrtam Part 5

20 November 1978

Delhi, India

Social disparities

- Social disparities arise due to lack of higher values in social life.
- Disparities give rise to many incongruities and confusions in society.
- All social and economic disparities need to be removed.



Dispel social disparities

- Real social progress only comes by driving out all socio-economic disparities.
- Dispel the disparity and bring about equality, equilibrium and equipoise amongst human beings.



Types of disparities

- Social disparities of different kinds include or are based on:
 - economics;
 - poverty;
 - race;
 - birth;
 - gender.
- There are also biological / environmental disparities.



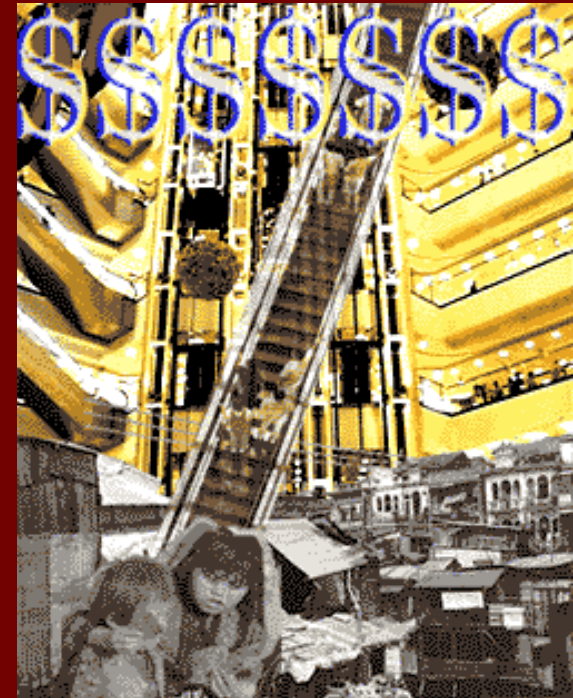
Economic disparity

- Today, there is:
 - gross economic disparity between the rich and poor;
 - immense inequality in people's purchasing capacity;
 - unemployment in many parts of the world;
 - chronic food shortages;
 - poverty and insecurity in society.
- Centralized capitalist production leads to regional economic disparities and imbalances.



Raising economic standards

- Disparity between the haves and have-nots, and the rich and poor, will have to be progressively reduced.
- The economic standard must be raised and development increased in those places that suffer economic disparity.



Self-sufficient socio-economic zones



- Self-sufficient socio-economic zones should be established throughout the world to smoothly eliminate socio-economic disparity and increase collective wealth.
- In such a decentralized economy:
 - production is for consumption (consumer needs); and
 - the minimum requirements of life can be guaranteed to all.
- All regions will get ample scope to develop their economic potentiality to build up a strong society.



Economic parity

- With the eradication of socio-economic disparity:
 - the collective wealth of society will increase progressively; and
 - society will become bountiful.
- The goal is to achieve economic parity around the world.



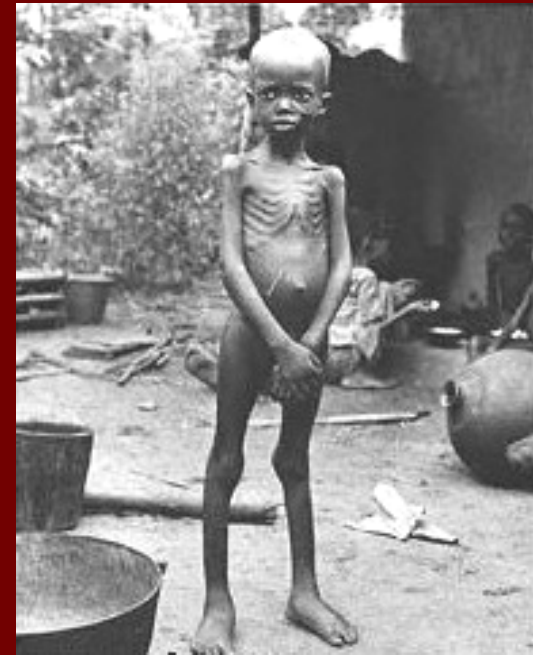
Disparity due to poverty

- There must be a ceaseless fight against poverty.
- Poverty is:
 - a common enemy;
 - the result of a defective social structure;
 - the root cause of many crimes.



Overindulgence & starvation

- People of some countries are dieing of starvation, while people of other countries are dieing due to overeating, overindulgence and voracity.
- No person could sincerely desire one of their fellow human beings to become fabulously rich and roll in opulence, while other human beings slowly starve to death.



Campaign against poverty

■ Three steps:

1. arouse an anti-exploitation sentiment - each and every person should be convinced that the entire wealth of the world is the common patrimony of all;
2. each and every person should be guaranteed the minimum necessities of life by providing everyone with sufficient purchasing capacity;
3. simultaneously, the wealth of the country / socio-economic zone should also be increased to meet the demands of the people.



Racial disparity

- Racism is an evil that divides society so that those who propagate it can establish their own pre-eminence.
- Society must guard against such narrow and dangerous sentiments.
- There must not be any differences based on colour.
- Complexion (eg 'white', 'black', 'yellow') is not an innate difference; it is only an external difference.



Ethnic origin & groups

- Due to geographical conditions or historical facts.
- All countries need to achieve racial / ethnic parity.
- There needs to be:
 - coordinated cooperation among the different ethnic groups;
 - development of an atmosphere of cordiality and fraternity between them;
 - no bias towards any particular ethnic, linguistic or religious group which would undermine the unity and solidarity of a country.



Disparity based on birth

- Social disparity of casteism.
- Disparity between people of so-called higher caste and so-called lower caste must be removed.
- Remove all distinctions based on caste and eradicate the caste system.



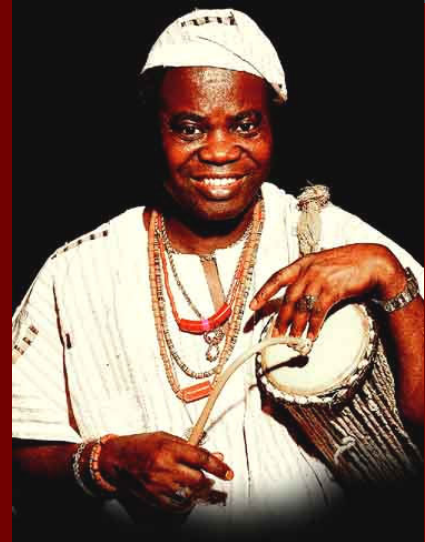
Gender disparity

- Based on differences due to sex.
- Inequality due to male & female socio-political rights being different.
- Eg:
 - females debarred from many socio-political rights in various parts of the world;
 - independent identity of a woman denied in marriage ceremonies where the custom is for her father, elder brother or any other male guardian to literally 'give her away'.



Co-ordinated co-operation

- There should not be domination of males in society.
- Women must not be suppressed.
- Leadership should be between males and females – a co-ordinated co-operative leadership.
- Society should have a co-operative leadership, not a subordinated leadership.



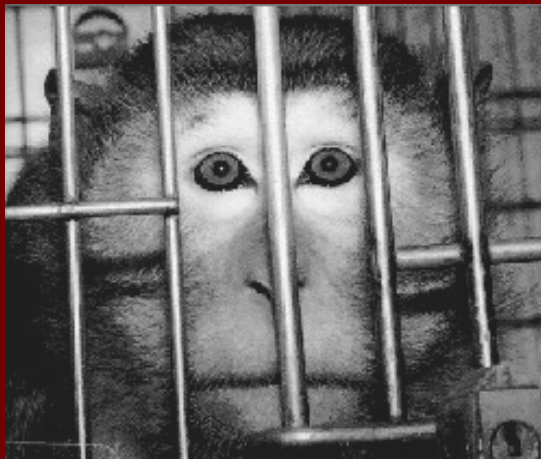
Biological disparities

- May exist between:
 - humans & animal world;
 - humans & plant world;
 - animals & plants.
- Recognition of rights of human beings, animals and plants.
- The lives of all created beings are equally dear to them in the environmental / ecological order.
- Ecological balance is required between the human, animal and plant worlds to ensure disparities do not arise.



Humans and animal world

- Ecologically it is the birthright of human beings to live in the world along with animals.
- Animals also have a birthright to remain on this earth.



**NO, I DON'T
HAVE ANY
SPARE RIBS!**



Humans and plant world

- Ecologically it is the birthright of human beings to live in the world along with plants.
- Plants also have a birthright to remain on this earth.
- Deforestation is a biological disparity:
 - causes floods, landslides, soil erosion, rivers to dry up, and infertility of land;
 - requires reforestation, replanting, water conservation by small and big lakes to remedy it.



A great loss

“We have recklessly destroyed large areas of forests without caring to think that thereby we are destroying the ecological balance among the human, plant and animal worlds. And we never realised - and still do not - that this wanton destruction of the animal and plant worlds, will be of no benefit to human beings. Rather it will be a great loss for human society.”

— P R Sarkar

Pseudo-humanism

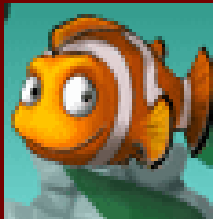
The Liberation of Intellect: Neo-Humanism

22 March 1982

Calcutta, India

Animals and plants

- Ecological imbalance can create disparity between animals and plants.
- Example of how to achieve parity:
 - fish are the natural food of certain birds, so fish are an essential part of a balanced ecology;
 - small fish can be cultivated in paddy fields during the rainy season so that when paddy water drains into ponds, lakes or rivers, the small fish will flourish and become the food of larger fish, birds and animals;
 - by pisciculture, fish can be cultivated in lakes, dams and ponds to help conserve and purify water;
 - in these ways farmers will help maintain ecological balance.



Lifting the mind

“You must lift your minds above all feeling of differences: difference among human beings like social disparities or economic disparities; differences between human and other living creatures; and differences between living and non-living creatures.”

– PR Sarkar

Macropsychic Conation And Micropsychic Longings

Subha's'ita Sam'graha Part 18

29 May 1988

Anandanagar, India

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What is good & bad ?



Human beings are equal

- Prout works to remove social complexes and socio-economic disparities:
 - so there can be spiritual progress.
- Spiritually and fundamentally, all human beings are EQUAL.



Equal rights

- There should not be any discrimination / artificial distinction between human beings.
- Each and every member of the human society should enjoy equal rights as members of the same family.



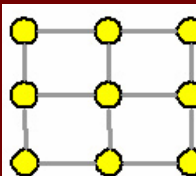
From disparity to parity

- Social equality means moving away from disparity and achieving parity.
- This requires an understanding of what the movement is about and what constitutes progress.



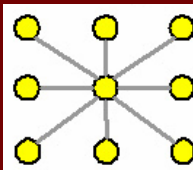
Forces of ignorance

- Force of ignorance - a centrifugal or eccentric force.
- Takes the mind from subtle to crude.
- Consisting of:
 - spirituo-psychic distraction:
 - drifting away from the spiritual
 - delusion by mundane mental propensities
 - psycho-physical distraction:
 - unwilling to see the spiritual
 - delusion like a black curtain cover



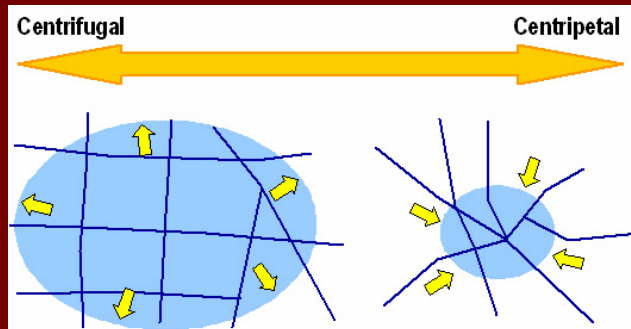
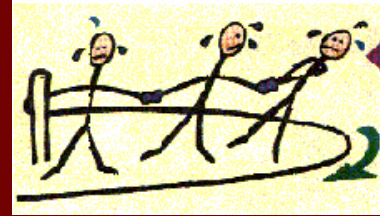
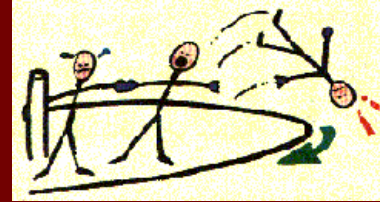
Forces of knowledge

- Force of knowledge – a centripetal or concentric force.
- Takes the mind from crude to subtle.
- Consisting of:
 - physico-psychic attraction:
 - moving from physicality towards the higher mental realm
 - creates an urge to do something noble for a higher purpose
 - psycho-spiritual attraction:
 - propels human beings towards the sublime realm of absolute peace or supreme beatitude
 - inspires people to do intuitional or spiritual practice



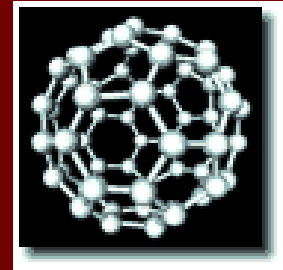
Sanskrit equivalents

- *avidya' shakti* - centrifugal or eccentric force:
 - *viks'epa shakti* - spirituo-psychic distraction
 - *a'varan'ii shakti* - psycho-physical distraction
- *vidya' shakti* - centripetal or concentric force:
 - *samvit shakti* - physico-psychic attraction
 - *hla'dinii shakti* - psycho-spiritual attraction



From crude to subtle

- Progressive movement of mind is from crude to subtle:
 - mind ideates on the sublime.
- Regressive movement of mind is from subtle to crude:
 - mind ideates on matter.
- When mind moves from matter to Cosmic Consciousness (sublime), the thought waves of human beings are more of a spiritual nature.



Ideological flow

- Higher thinking / cognitive flow leads to universal love.
- Whatever one does is towards spirituality and for the elevation of the entire world.
- Then, human life is an ideological flow.
- This results in the evolution of a subtler humanity and better application of justice.



Benefit of justice

"The greatest benefit of the proper application of justice is that in the struggle between progressive and regressive forces, between good and evil, which is a permanent feature of society, the human intellect has an increasing number of opportunities to choose the path of righteousness."

- PR Sarkar

Justice

Human Society Part 1

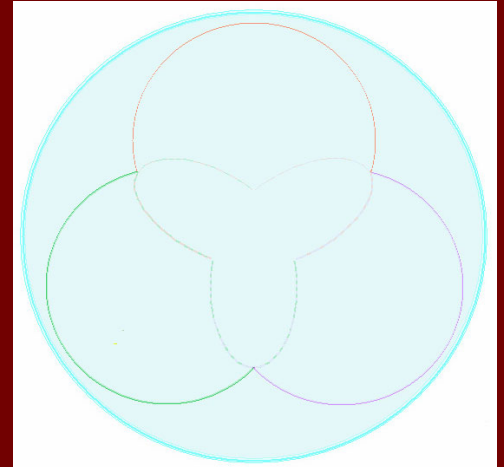
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Trifarious existence

- Human existence:
 - Physical
 - Metaphysical (Mental / Psychic)
 - Spiritual
- Potentialities:
 - Mundane
 - Supramundane
 - Spiritual
- Where does real progress lie ?



Progress

- Physical and Psychic:
 - no real progress
 - pluses and minuses
 - objective in nature
 - base for psycho-spiritual and spiritual
- Psycho-spiritual progress:
 - psychic comes in contact with spiritual
 - subjective in nature
- Spiritual progress:
 - movement is towards spiritual good & welfare
 - requires spiritual elevation
 - subjective in nature



What is progress ?

- To attain spiritual realisation - the supreme state of bliss.
- Everyone has this equal right, without differentiation.
- Nobody can debar you from this birthright.
- Values and principles exist and need to be followed to achieve real progress.



Evaluation of good & bad

- Value = worth, desirability, utility.
- Principle = fundamental source, primary element.
- Good and bad need to be evaluated in terms of a goal, and steps to reach that goal.
- Judge virtue and vice from the welfare angle of vision.



Concept of good & bad

■ Vice =

- that which makes the mind narrow and selfish.

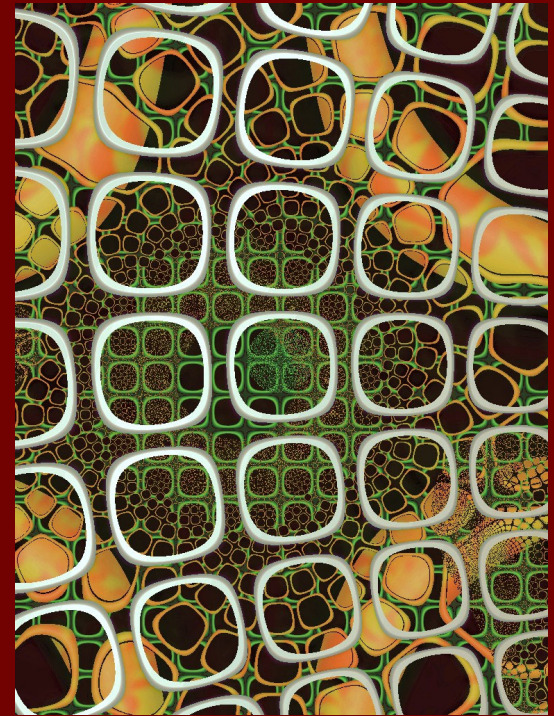
■ Virtue =

- that which expands the mind;
- by whose assistance the universe becomes an integral part of oneself.



Deriving values and principles

- Where do values and principles derive from, and what is the goal ?
- At least, need to be capable of:
 - achieving parity;
 - universal application;
 - all-round welfare;
 - elevating human beings; and
 - being integral to highest human nature.



Movement and goal

■ From, in and to:

- physical (physical activity / maintenance);
- physico-psychic (architecture, music, literature);
- psychic (aesthetic tastes, subtler thoughts);
- psycho-spiritual (higher psychic / intellectual activity that ends on the spiritual level);
- spiritual (pure cognition, soul or consciousness).



Silver lining

- Between the psycho-spiritual and spiritual:
 - this is the arena of intuition, which is the base of the cardinal human principles.
- Human cardinal principles are the silver lining between the psycho-spiritual and spiritual strata.



Base of cardinal human principles

Animality -> Humanity -> Divinity

highest attainment
of humanity

blossoming
of divinity

base of
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Cardinal law (cardinal human principles)



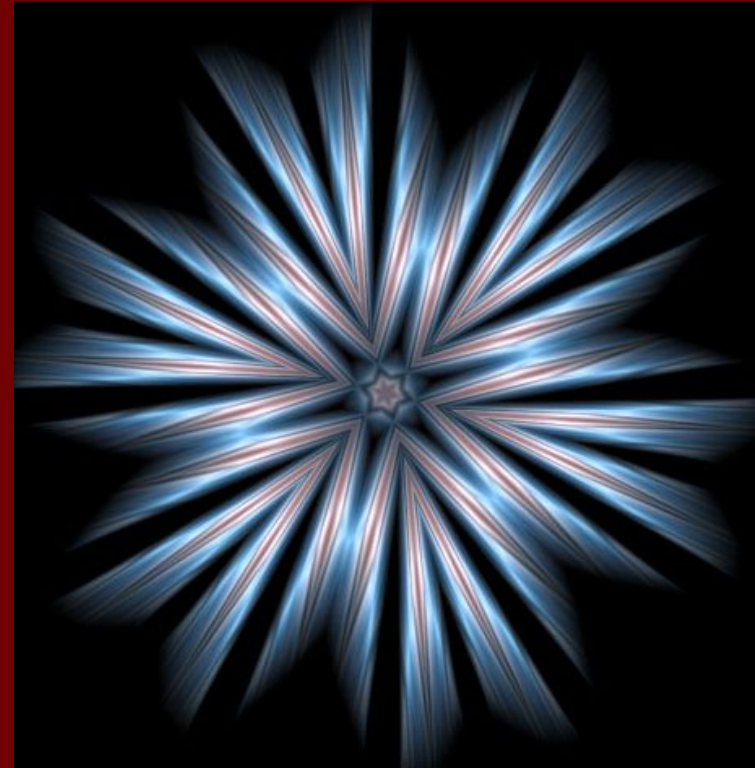
Cardinal human values

- Mostly unchangeable.
- Will not have frequent changes due to their subjective approach.
- Maintain a tactual relationship with the cosmological order.



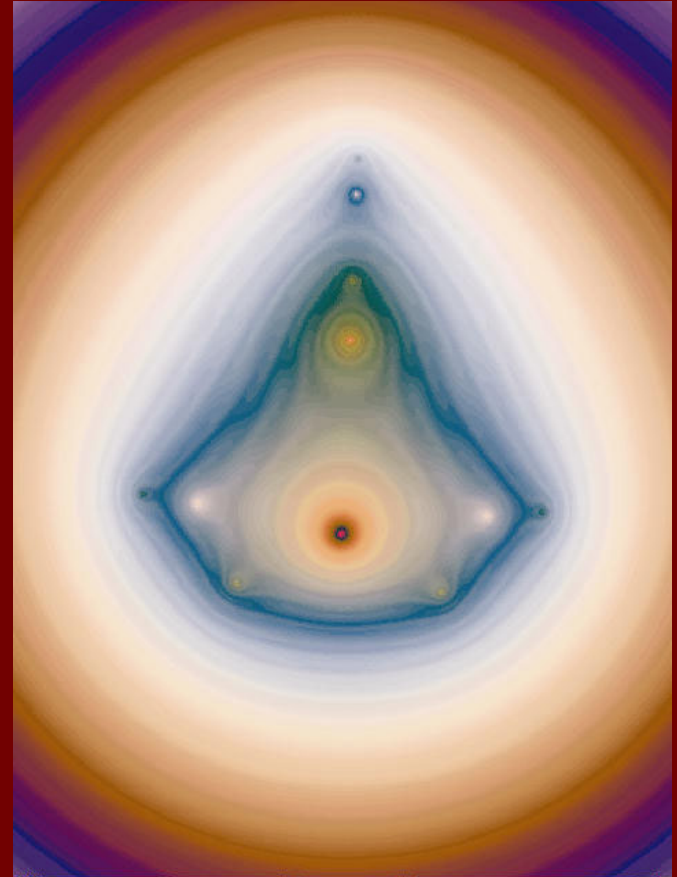
What sort of values ?

- Cosmic sentiments.
 - Universal.
 - Acceptable to all.
 - Elevate humanity.
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- Touch the Infinite with the finite.
 - Close relationship / link with mysticism.



Found in neo-humanism

- Cardinal human values are found in neo-humanism, ie:
 - universal humanism;
 - spiritual humanism.
- Reflect the spirit of continuing effort towards welfare of the entire humanity and promotion of universal well-being.
- Ensure humanity does not degenerate to animality.



Neo-humanism

- Takes spirit of humanism further and extends it to **everything**, animate and inanimate, in the universe.
- Elevates humanism to **universalism**.
- Synthetic approach (compared to analytical).



Proper philosophy

“In order to judge what is a proper philosophy and what is a pseudo-philosophy, one should see how far the philosophy goes in treating the entire humanity as a singular entity and promoting its unity. Only that philosophy which inculcates universal sentiments is acceptable to human beings ... ”

- PR Sarkar

The Continuous Effort to Promote Universal Well-being - 1

Stages of Psycho-Spiritual Sa'dhana'

19 November 1980

Calcutta, India

Universal sentiment in the social sphere



- Ensures socio-economic unity and fraternity / community are based on a strong fundament:
 - people think in terms of a universal family.
- Removes narrow sentiment of geo-political patriotism (nationalism).
- Inspires people towards socio-economic liberation.
- Is a strong base for socio-economic unity.



Basis of neo-humanism



Utility value
&
Existential value



Principle of social equality

VS

Principle of selfish pleasure

Utility Value

- **Everything has utility value** to some degree:
 - usefulness;
 - necessity.
- Can be:
 - mundane; or
 - supra-mundane; or
 - spiritual.



Existential Value

- **The right to exist:**
 - for human beings & non-human beings.
- Every being has existential value.
- Can be:
 - individual; or
 - collective; or
 - both.



Principle of Social Equality

- **Equality in the social sphere.**
- Removes social disparities from society.
- Liberates human beings from social complexes.
- Synthetic approach.



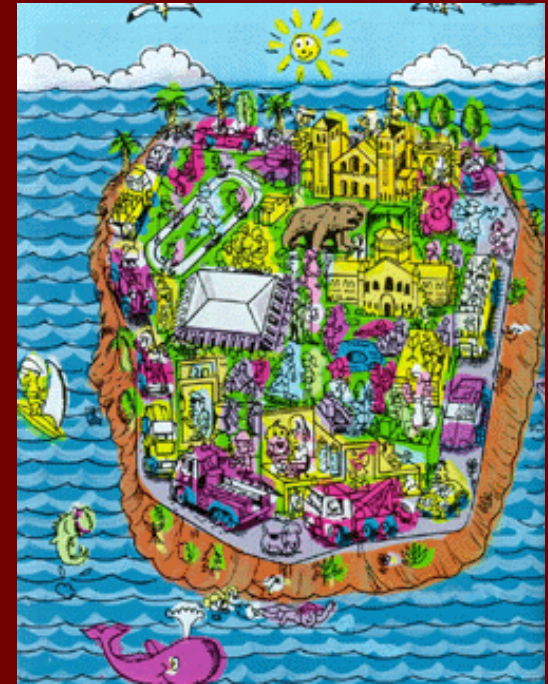
Principle of Selfish Pleasure

- **Motivation for sake of temporary pleasures.**
- Psychic pabula is towards limited objects.
- Causes degeneration of individual and collective mind.
- Analytical approach.



Cardinal law

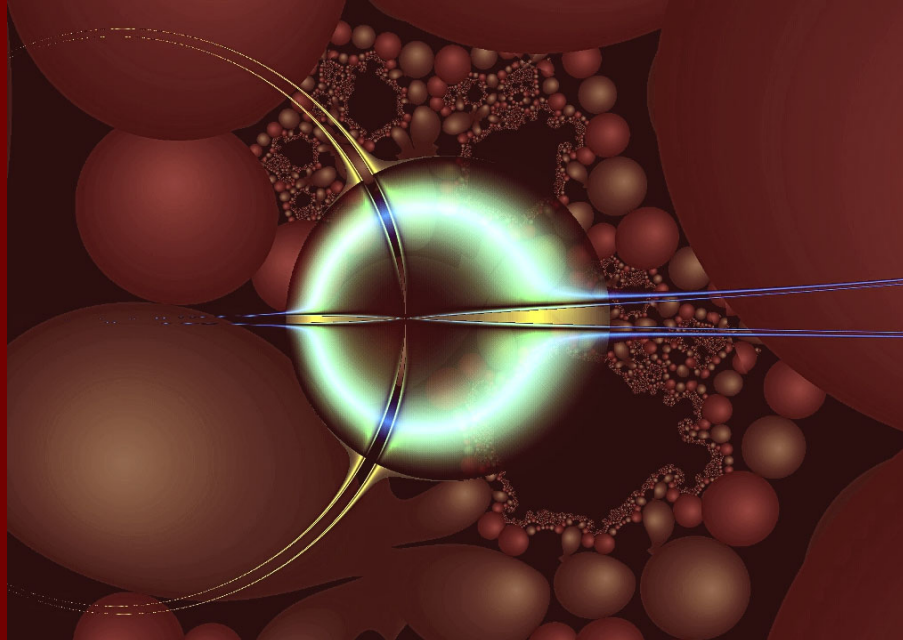
- Cardinal human values -> principles -> law
- Cardinal human values take precedence over all other rights.
- Cardinal law is universally accepted law.
- Increase the scope of cardinal law.
- Requires a never-ending process of minimizing the differences among the three types of laws: cardinal, moral, human.



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Moral law (neo-ethics)



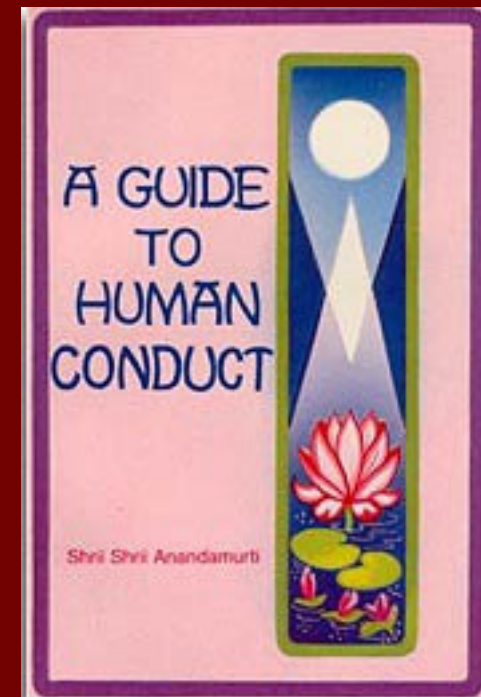
Morality

- What is morality ?
- Code of conduct that leads human beings to their highest fulfilment.
- In Sanskrit = *niiti*.
- *Niiti* = principles leading to one's spiritual welfare.



Yama & Niyama

- Moral code / principles:
 - *Yama* = abstinences;
 - *Niyama* = observances.
- Morality is an effort to lead a well-knit life – it is a dynamic force.
- To act according to Yama & Niyama is to act according to cardinal human principles.



Yama

- Mainly regulates **external** behaviour:
 1. Not intentionally causing harm by thought, word or action;
 2. Proper action of mind and right use of words with the spirit of welfare;
 3. Non-stealing (physical and mental);
 4. To see the Cosmic essence in all things;
 5. Non-indulgence in superfluous things or greedlessness.



Niyama

- Mainly regulates **internal** behaviour:
 1. Cleanliness (internal and external);
 2. Mental ease or contentment;
 3. Going out of one's way to help others or selflessness;
 4. Proper understanding of spiritual subjects;
 5. Devotion to a higher goal or principle of life / existence.



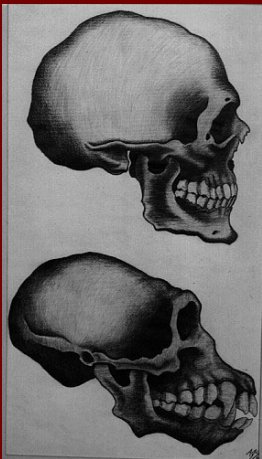
Context of morality

Animality -> Humanity -> Divinity

ends here | begins here



morality
required
to form
human
society



Moral law

- Human evolution / movement has no cessation and its path has no end.
- In this movement lies the happy union between:
 - eternal ethics; and
 - supra-sensory realization;ie, their centripetal affinity.
- Ethics is essential to human society, its welfare and spiritual development.



Ethics

- Ethical principles are the starting point on the journey of human life.
- Ethical observance is the primary step towards the higher life.



Neo-ethics: cure for social ills & psychic disorders

- Society needs a panacea for imperialistic social ills and the mesh of psychic disorders.
- **Neo-ethics** leads to multi-lateral salvation of human society by removing:
 - economic exploitation;
 - political suppression;
 - religious indoctrination;
 - cultural imposition;
 - social subordination.



Neo-ethics - 2 points

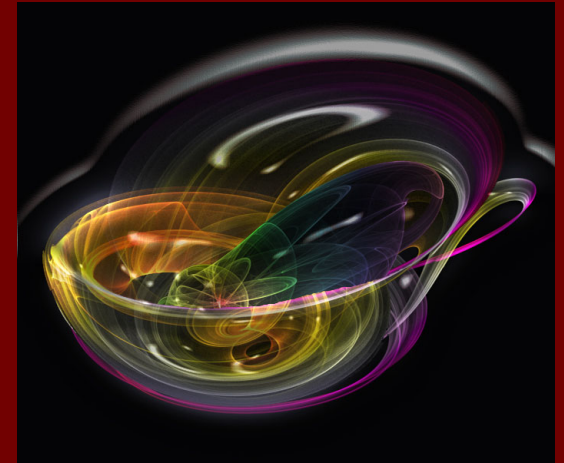
1. The Macrocosmic Entity must be accepted as the supreme desideratum in human life.
2. There should be a happy adjustment and balanced blending between carbonic and non-carbonic pabula.



Carbonic & non-carbonic pabula



- When psychic pabulum is of carbonic nature, psychic movement is towards the crude.
- Pabulum of carbonic nature is for maintaining and nourishing the physical structure.
- If psychic pabulum is of non-carbonic nature, psychic movement is towards the subtle.
- Pabulum of non-carbonic nature strengthens the psychic structure, and helps in supra-psychic and spiritual motivation.





Path of Neo-ethics

“While following the path of Neo-ethics, human beings will attain enormous progress in the spiritual sphere with greater speed. With the help of non-carbonic pabulum they will sharpen their psychic penetration ... ”

- PR Sarkar

The Neo-ethics of Multi-lateral Salvation

A Few Problems Solved Part 8

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Calcutta, India

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Human law (Charter of Principles)



World constitution

- Laws to be consistent with world constitution.
- Framed by world government.
- Not based on local faiths, customs or different notions of virtues & vices.

World government

- World government to be strengthened gradually, not suddenly.
- With advances in technology, the mastery of human beings over space and time will continue slowly to increase, so the necessity of a world government, also, will be profoundly felt.
- World government forms certain autonomous units (not necessarily national) which look after mundane and supramundane problems.

Fundamental basis

- It is necessary to expand the scope of the few fundamental cardinal human values and draft the constitution, legal code, administrative and judicial systems in adjustment with the expanded scope of those cardinal principles.

Charter of Principles

- Charter of Principles or Bill of Rights.
- Should be included in the World Constitution.

Covers ...

- Encompass at least:
 1. Guarantee of purchasing power to all citizens
 2. Security to plants and animals on the planet

... and

3. Guarantee of 4 fundamental rights:

- i. Spiritual practice or dharma
- ii. Cultural legacy
- iii. Indigenous linguistic expression
- iv. Education

4. If the practice of these rights conflicts with the cardinal human values, then that practice should be immediately curtailed



Cardinal socio-political principles

- Assisted by 3 cardinal socio-political principles:
 1. No retrenchment from occupation unless alternative employment is found;
 2. No forcible conversion to another religion;
 3. No suppression of mother tongue.

Guarantee of purchasing capacity

- Minimum requirements must be guaranteed to each and every person through sufficient purchasing capacity
- Enshrined in constitution as a fundamental / cardinal human right
- Citizens of a country to have legal power to sue government if minimum requirements are not met
- Necessity of people's economy* reinforced by constitutional rights and powers

Guarantee to plants and animals

- Respect for all living beings and their security
- Protection of environment / ecology





Guarantee of spiritual practice / dharma

- Rational approach to realisation of Absolute Truth
- Based on practical wisdom and logical faith
- Foundation stones = love, freedom, equality
- No scope for differences:
 - with a species
 - between species
 - within same unit being
- Holistic

Does not support religious dogma

- Examples:
 - people were taught that they were poor because they had committed sinful acts in their past lives, and that they were rich because their past deeds were virtuous.
- If a religion has a narrow outlook or contains some defective teachings, then people will naturally become disillusioned with it.

Guarantee of cultural legacy

- Support for vibrant and rich heritage in music, song, dance, literature, drama, poetry, architecture, landscape, etc



Ethnic expression

- Ethnic groups should have adequate scope for expression and development.
- The multi-coloured garland of humanity will be enriched to the extent diverse human groups blend together from a position of strength and independence out of a genuine love for each other, and are not forced together through fear or compulsion.



Guarantee of indigenous linguistic expression



- Each language of the world is equally important
- No language can be discarded as inferior



Guarantee of education

- Free education at all levels
- From childcare to postgraduate



Cardinal socio-political principles

- Three cardinal socio-political principles which should never be violated:
 - People should not be retrenched from their occupations unless alternative employment has been arranged for them;
 - People should not be forcibly converted from one religion to another;
 - No mother tongue should be suppressed.
- Occupation, spiritual practice and mother tongue are very important to human beings.
- If sentiments associated with them are hurt, human beings will be deeply affected.

Other cardinal human principles to be included in World Constitution



- Right to live
- Environment for trifarious existence
- Equal rights
- Co-ordinated co-operation
- World citizenship
- All equal before the law
- Cosmic inheritance
- Three cardinal socio-political principles



Right to live

- Everyone in the world wants to survive and has a right to remain in the world
- On this stands the well-being of society

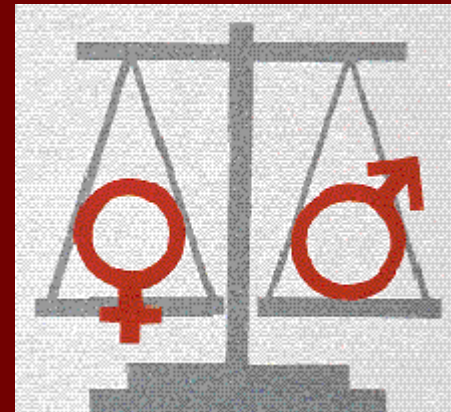


Environment for trifarious existence

- Proper environments
- Suitable for physical, mental & spiritual existence
- Scope for psychic potentiality
- Opportunity for spiritual realisation

Equal rights

- Each and every individual is equal
- Equality for men & women
- No domination of males in society



Co-operative leadership

- Co-ordinated co-operative leadership between males and females
- Co-operative leadership, not subordinated 'leadership'

Co-ordinated co-operation

- Economic
- Social
- All spheres of life

World citizenship

- All people are world citizens / universal citizens by birth
- Every person has the right to go and settle anywhere and to live like a human being
- "... all countries are my native land; I shall select my own homeland"

All equal before the law

- Global law and universal penal code*



Cosmic inheritance

- The world is the common inheritance / joint property of all living beings
- All five fundamental / material factors (including monetary wealth) are to benefit the entire human race
- All human beings to enjoy the mundane, supramundane and spiritual resources
- To utilise this wealth is one's birthright

Utilisation and distribution

- Maximum utilisation
- Rational distribution
- Utilisation and distribution of resources / property through usufructuary rights

Usufructuary rights

- Right to use and enjoy the benefits and advantages of something belonging to another (Cosmic Consciousness), as long as it is not wasted or diminished unnecessarily
- No-one has the right to misuse the collective property of all

Common property

- Common property to be used to develop a healthy body and mind

Co-operative ownership

- Common property governed through a system of co-operative ownership
- This is necessary to recognise human rights
- Need a sense of personal ownership so people will work properly and care for property
- Eg: farmers with permanent usufructuary rights will get a better out-turn

Excess wealth against 3 levels of law

- No one should be allowed to accumulate wealth without the permission of society
- And: Nobody has any right to accumulate excess wealth (mundane property). To do so is:
 - a crime against society (human law)
 - highly immoral (moral law)
 - against cardinal human principles (cardinal law)

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Safeguarding human rights

Safeguarding human rights

- For this, it is necessary to divert physical longings to psychic and spiritual longings
- Else, psychic ailments lead to:
 - clash with others; and
 - create many have-nots

Non-political

- The moral force for human rights comes from the non-political side (not from government power)
- Global constitution should be drafted by a global organisation recognised by the people

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Individual & collective balance

Individual & collective

- Need to consider individual existence and collective existence
- An individual who totally shuns collective life finds existence difficult
- Human beings are social beings



Collective existence

- Whenever one thinks of a human being one automatically thinks of the society in which that person lives
- Nobody should be allowed to go against the collective interests of society

Individual existence

■ Stages:

- in the earliest stage, materialistic proclivity is predominant
- development of greater thinking power
- psychic propensities need to find expression
- advancing towards Consciousness

Individual liberty

- Scope of limitation on individual liberty is demarcated by:
 1. not to go against the collective interest (pa'pa)
 2. helping society and accelerating collective progress (pun'ya)
- These have cardinal significance

Sets of values

- Because there is individual and collective existence, human existence has 2 sets of values:
 - social value
 - human value
- Human value takes precedence over social value

Human value

- The value of human life and human rights (universal rights) surpasses all other values
- They elevate to a sublime spiritual height

Social value

- Ascertained on basis of social responsibilities and duties

Responsibilities & duties

- Those who show respect to human values have the greater entitlement to social value (social responsibilities and duties)

Harmonious adjustment

- Between individual and collective lives is by:
 - Spirit of Principle of Social Equality
 - Neo-humanism in personal and social lives
 - Principle of:
 - limited freedom in physical level (finite);
 - full freedom in psychic and spiritual worlds (infinite)
 - Synthetic approach of the psycho-spiritual (spiritual idealism)



Conclusion



Points of affinity

- Prout's framework allows for common points of affinity to be found in:
 - socio-economic sphere (material)
 - psycho-sentimental sphere (mental)
 - spirituo-sentimental sphere (spiritual)

Equilibrium

- Equilibrium in physical, psychic & spiritual spheres by:
 - ✓ Prout = socio-economic approach
 - ✓ Neo-humanism = psycho-intellectual approach
 - ✓ Spiritual practices = spirituo-intuitional approach

Complete system

- A complete universal and human rights system covers all 3 areas (physical, psychic, spiritual)
- And weaves together the:
 - socio-economic
 - cultural
 - moral

Propounder of Prout

- P R Sarkar
- Established Proutist Universal



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