

## **"Vasudhaiva kutumbakam: A study in the direction of earth and global unity, india and world "**

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### **Abstract:**

The ancient Indian concept of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, meaning "the world is one family," as found in the Maha Upanishad, underscores global interconnectedness. Rooted in Vedic principles, it emphasizes a shared destiny and resonates with diverse spiritual traditions globally, such as 'Mitakuye Onasin' and 'Ubuntu'. This universal and unifying principle advocates cooperation, evident in major world religions like Christianity's Golden Rule and Islam's Tawheed. In times of global threats, it urges transcending narrow boundaries for collective unity. India's historical belief in connectivity and solutions for the world's future, expressed in the mantra Sarve Bhavantu Sukhin, holds relevance today amid cultural shifts towards conflict.

### **INTRODUCTION:**

Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam is an ancient kotes in Indian scriptures, especially the Maha Upanishad . It promotes the idea of everyone being like one big global family, highlighting how we are all connected. Translated as "the world is one family," it emphasizes that we are part of one worldwide community.The concept of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (the world is one family), Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas is related to it. In other words, the entire world community is a part of a larger global family.In India, from time immemorial, the common future of humanity has been concerned and measures have been taken to connect human beings with each other. Indian thinkers gave the formula of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam. Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam: A Universal and Unifying Principle: A central principle in the Vedas of India is 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' – 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 cooperation with flora, fauna and fellow beings. It was carried forward 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 others 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’. In the same way, when there is a threat to the whole world, we have to come out of our narrow confines and unite. India has always believed in connectivity. Since ancient times, Indian philosophy has had solutions for the future of the world. That is why the mantra Sarve Bhavantu Sukhin: Sarve Santu Niramaya resonated from here and it was said to represent the Indians' view of humanity. Today, there is a need to understand the Indian philosophy to realize the concept of World One Family. Today's man is forgetting the culture of fasting and living in the culture of bombs. People are not safe anywhere. Whenever man has sown the seeds of disparity in the soil of society, the poisonous fumes of violence, terror and hatred have mutilated, mutilated and annihilated the fragile fabric of humanity. Saints, sages, sages in the Indian saintly tradition have undertaken remarkable undertakings to raise humanity from this catastrophe, to train it in non-violent love and co-existence. Mahatma Gandhi had also expressed the need to strengthen this self-confidence and said, "I do not want India to stand on the ashes of other nations. I want India to gain self-confidence and make other nations strong.

The neutrality of our great leaders with the Gandhian vision of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' can create a balance between the two power blocs. After India's independence, its citizens made significant contributions to the economy and technological progress of the entire world.

India and the whole world- There are millions of Indians living all over the world. Rishi Sunak is the son-in-law of Infosys founder Narayana Murthy. Bobby Jindal and Nikki Haley have served as governors in various US states. There are more than fifteen MPs of Indian origin in the Parliament of Canada. The largest number of Indian students studying abroad are in the US, Canada, England, Australia and Germany. Sundar Pichai has been the head of Google in the US, Satya Nadella the head of IBM, Parag Agrawal of Tutor. India-born Ajay Banga is the president of the World Bank and Gita Gopinathan is the vice president of the International Monetary Fund. Soumya Swaminathan is the Vice President

of the World Health Organization.

- Crustrian Kangaloo is the President of Trinidad.
- W. Rama Karavan is the President of Sicily.
- Irfan Ali is the President of Guyana.
- Si Santokhi is the President of Suriname.
- Prithviraj Singh Roopen is the President of Mauritius. Leo Baradkar is the President of Ireland.
- Pravin Jugnauth is the Prime Minister of Mauritius.
- People of Indian origin have held key positions in Fiji many times.

Ten per cent of Canada's population is of Indian origin. In a Muslim nation like Qatar, whose total population is less than four lakhs, the number of workers of Indian origin is more than six lakhs.(The total number of foreign origin is about six times the population i.e. more than twenty five lakhs) There are four million people of Indian origin in the US. Thirty-five lakh people of Indian origin have been heads of state in the UAE, twenty-five lakh in Saudi Arabia and thirty-four countries. These emotions create feelings in the heart of the person and the person feels the same sympathy and attachment towards other people living in the society, which he has been doing for his family. These sentiments are further reflected in the form of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam." For this, it is also necessary that we be tolerant towards others, respect other religions, culture, literature and develop the ability to learn and understand. A sense of acceptance makes us evolve. This is evident in western countries. To propagate the Gita, Swami Prabhupada spread the philosophy of life of Lord Krishna. Swami Vivekananda was warmly welcomed in Chicago and the people there accelerated the expansion of their knowledge. This does not mean that they have abandoned their religion. Development of society is development of the society. The message of "Sarve Bhavantu Sukhin Sarve Santu Niramaya" described in our scriptures has been showing the way to the whole world. There will be peace and harmony in the world. India has emerged as a world leader in the 21st century. India emerged during the global COVID-19 and economic crisis with the least damage to its poverty and population levels compared to developed countries. If today the whole world has welcomed India as an emerging world leader Modern India now leads and presides over the G20. ushered in a reformed world order.The world is also expecting India to bridge the growing gap between the countries and work for 'One Earth, One Family, One Future'.

The Indian philosophy of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam', "which emerged stronger during the global pandemic, has been appreciated by the entire world for our vaccine diplomacy during the Covid pandemic. During the first wave, India not only faced the challenges strongly but also provided medical and other assistance to more than 150 countries. Apart from Hydroxychloroquine and Paracetamol, India has provided corona vaccines to about 95 countries around the world and supported them in the fight against this epidemic. This gesture of helping shows the true humanity and the will of the people of India to help others. This proves that even in adverse circumstances, India cares for the entire world along with protecting its interests. This is the essence of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, in which the whole world is seen as one family. This philosophy has always been an important part of Indian foreign policy. By sending Corona vaccines to needy nations all over the world, India has set a wonderful example in the field of international assistance as well as inspired many nations for holistic and collective help. India's Vaccine Maitri operation has presented an example to the world to collectively address this issue as a family. That is why today many nations of the world have come forward to help India when needed. This glimpse points to the worldwide recognition of the philosophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam. Undoubtedly, India has shown the path of compassion to the world and inspired the world to openly embrace each other as one family. The global pandemic can be defeated only through collective and coordinated efforts and for this it is necessary that everyone imbibes the philosophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam. The confidence of the world community in India is increasing. One Earth, One Family, One Future is the mantra of G-20 With this thought and value, India is paving the way for the welfare of the world At such a time, the world is looking towards India through the G-20 with hope.

Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam and G-20- India has assumed the presidency of the powerful grouping G-20 from '1 December' 2022. This is certainly a great opportunity for every Indian. Today, India has taken new initiatives in the world on many subjects. Be it peace missions in different countries in the world or disasters like the earthquake in Turkey, India stands with humanity in every crisis by putting all its might. "If you look closely at India's foreign policy, you will find that this principle of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam is at the core of its

conduct, due to which India does not differentiate between an enemy and a friend while helping, nor do global equations affect India's thinking.

'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam 'in turkeyand syria and whole world - After the devastating earthquake in Turkey and Syria, knowing that Turkey opposed India and sided with Pakistan at every forum, the way India helped was appreciated. In Turkey, India sent a full field hospital and medical team along with machines, medicines and hospital beds, as well as blankets and foodgrains separately. India has never backed down even with the help of its neighbours. Not only did India provide assistance of USD 4.5 billion to Sri Lanka to tide over its severe economic challenges, it was also the first country to submit its letter of support for Sri Lanka's debt restructuring to the International Monetary Fund. Due to the increase in infection during the Corona epidemic, the demand for ordinary fever medicines in China had increased significantly. Be it headache medicine Ibuprofen or fever medicine Paracetamol, China had to limit the quota of all these. In such a situation, to overcome the shortage of these essential medicines in the growing Corona outbreak, India also offered medicines to China. Despite not being a supporter of the Taliban government, when India extended a helping hand to Afghanistan and announced to send 20 thousand metric tons of wheat, the arrogant Taliban described India as the real leader of the world. Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina hailed India as a true friend of Bangladesh, saying "when a terrible war was going on between Russia and Ukraine, India rescued our students along with its own students. Not only this, India sent medicines to 150 countries during the Corona epidemic. Today, if there is any country in the world which is providing affordable medicines, it is India. Also, India helped in evacuation of stranded foreign nationals from about 123 countries from various parts of the country during the Corona pandemic. India has many important challenges of its own, but in our philosophy of life there is a desire for prosperity, security and progress for all so that the whole world can become glorious.

India does not support unilateral sanctions / military action. India does not support the idea of imposition of sanctions / military action against any country by any other country or group of countries, unless these sanctions / military actions have been approved by the United Nations. India, therefore, contributes only to such peacekeeping military operations which are part of

the United Nations Peacekeeping Force. India has contributed nearly 195,000 troops, the largest number by any country, participated in more than 49 missions and 168 Indian peacekeepers have made the supreme sacrifice while serving in UN missions. India has also provided and continues to provide eminent Force Commanders for UN missions. India does not believe in interfering in the internal affairs of other countries. India advocates a policy of constructive engagement rather than aggression. Global consensus on issues of global dimension - India advocates a global debate and global consensus on issues of global dimension such as global trade, order, climate change, terrorism, intellectual property rights, global governance.

India contacted almost all the countries of the world across similar time zones. This diplomatic outreach to all countries, big and small, underlined the Government's commitment to build relationships with countries large and small, in the spirit of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" i. e. "the world is one family." China-During the visit of Chinese President Xi Jinping to India in September 2014, India extended a hand of friendship and sent a clear message that the two countries have to work together so that the 21st century becomes the century of Asia. Pakistan -In 2014, India's relations with Pakistan were not good. In accordance with its neighbourhood first policy, India made considerable efforts to normalise its strained relations with Pakistan. By early 2016, it was amply clear that the Pakistani deep state (Army and ISI) was not interested in resuming talks and continued to promote and support cross- border terrorism to the detriment of India.

South East Asia- ASEAN and East Asia In the context of India's extended neighbourhood, the 10 ASEAN countries in Southeast Asia are of immense importance. India's exposure to Asiatic tigers first began in the early 1990s. Overall, the relationship with the US has been gaining momentum in the last few years, apart from some recent hiccups in the bilateral relationship. The US has accorded India the status of a defence partner, which puts it on par with America's NATO allies. The Soviet Union and its successor state, the Russian Federation, have been described by India as trusted and tested friends. For a long time, Russia was the major source of defence procurement for India, for new, modern defence equipment and spares of equipment purchased earlier, we are still quite dependent on Russia. In Asia, Bhutan is the largest recipient

of development assistance from India. In October 2017, India committed US \$600 million in grant assistance, including the India-Africa Development Fund (US \$100 million) and the India-Africa Health Fund (US \$10 million). Vietnam is another beneficiary of India's development assistance in the form of a USD 500 million Line of Credit. India has set aside a corpus of Rs 500 crore for manufacturing facilities in CMLV countries (Cambodia, Myanmar, Laos, Vietnam).

Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam and India's Political Role in the Present World- India has always been a peaceful country, striving for mutual respect and cooperation with all countries. India is one of the founding members of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) and played a key role in its establishment. India has also been a strong supporter of the United Nations and has worked to promote peace and security across the world. India is now the second most populous country in the world with over a billion people. And it's one of the fastest growing economies in the world. India is also working to expand its economic ties with Latin America and Southeast Asia.

India's economic role in the world- today India has an important role to play in the global economy. The country is currently the fastest growing major economy in the world with an annual growth rate of around seven per cent. In recent years, India has been a key driver of global economic growth, contributing about 15 per cent of the world's total economic output. India is also home to a large and rapidly growing middle class. Currently, there are about 300 million middle-class consumers in India, and this number is expected to grow to 600 million by 2030. India is the world's second-largest contributor to UN peacekeeping operations. India is also a member of several important international organizations, including the United Nations, the World Trade Organization and the G20. Some of the important aspects of India's role in the present world-The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) is a regional grouping of eight countries in South Asia. India is a founding member of SAARC. India has been working to revive SAARC in recent years. India is the second largest donor of external assistance in the world, having cumulatively contributed over \$70 billion to developing countries since independence. India is also a member of various global and regional forums like G20, BRICS and SCO which provide it opportunities to engage with other

major powers and shape the global agenda. India has developed relations with countries all over the world. A Power for Peace: India also has a constructive role to play in global peacekeeping efforts. It is the largest contributor to UN peacekeeping operations. India is a country with a rich and diverse history. It has played an important role in world affairs for thousands of years.

India's role in today's world- India is one of the most influential countries in the world today, with a presence across all major continents. A look at some of India's key roles in today's world In South Asia, India is a major economic power and its cultural and linguistic heritage is widely respected. In East Asia, India has close ties with both Japan and China. In Africa, India is increasing its economic and political engagement with countries across the continent. In Europe, India has strong trade relations with many countries and is also a major source of immigrants to the continent. In North America, India is a major destination for students and professionals seeking education and work opportunities. In Latin America, India is seen as a potential partner in areas such as trade, energy and infrastructure development. India will play an even more important role in shaping the world .

## **CONCLUSION -**

The entire verse of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam has a deeper meaning. Ayyan nijah paro vaiti gananalghu chetsam, udaracharitana tu vasudhaiva kutumbakam means - this is mine, this is Paraya This kind of calculation is done by small thinkers. For those of generous character, the whole earth is family. The Upanishads call this Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam. One who understands what Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam is one who sees the entire world as his family inclusive of human, plant and animal kingdom. He recognizes being part of the one creation and living like a family sharing everything the world has to offer and caring for others. Seeing es being ready to workfi the world as a family also signi towards any problem which the world is facing.

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