

Resolutions

World Conference on Unity of Man 1994, Kirpal Sagar, India

All over the world many conferences have been held at the level of religions, philosophies, politics and whatsoever, but this conference was held at the level of man.

Delegates from various countries representing different religions and cultures have experienced during the sessions that it is in fact possible to sit together at the level of man to discuss the subjects of religion, philosophy, education, spirituality and politics from a universal point of view, which is a precondition to find solutions to the problems confronting humanity today.

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The aim of the conference - to explain the basic unity of life, to point out what man is and to show the genuine spiritual base of religion - has been achieved.

The participants agreed unanimously on the following points:

1.) Man, the highest rung of all creation, is basically the same everywhere. All human beings are born the same way, receive all the bounties of nature in a similar manner, are sustained by the same power called differently as God, Word, Naam, Kalma, Shabd, Nada etc.

All human beings are the same as souls, there is one God whom they worship and they are members of His family and thus related to each other as brothers and sisters in Him.

2.) All awakened and enlightened spiritual teachers who came to this world at various points of time and in various parts have invariably emphasized this truth in their own language everywhere. According to them all human beings, despite their distinctive social orders and denominational religions form but one class.

3.) The conference states that this knowledge of the unity of man, however well accepted in theory, has not struck home to humanity at large and is not put into practice.

The urgent need of the time is the consciousness of oneness which is inseparably connected with the higher values of life. These ethical values form the necessary base for the co-existence of individuals and nations:

Truthfulness, non-violence, freedom, equality, regard for God, man and the whole creation and service unto them. They are eternal values which have carried mankind in the past and can carry it in future.

4.) God made man and man made religions. They have been created for the moral uplift of mankind. Religion has a great influence on human society and on the individual as well. This influence can be of great use for the welfare of mankind because religions are teaching the higher values of life.

All religions have made a precious contribution by giving ethical guidelines which enable human beings to live together in a peaceful way. So we have simply to revive these values and put them into practice in our daily doings.

However, we must discriminate between the inner and outer aspect of religion. If we take religion only as a set of rituals and rites, dogmas and beliefs, outer labels etc. which are imposed on man, it creates otherness and separation. In this way hatred and fundamentalism came up with all consequences as history shows.

5.) In our world where distances have lost their importance and people of different cultural background are living side by side, we must understand and practise the inner aspect of religion which in every religion is one and the same. True religion is universal and leads man to higher consciousness and ultimately to God-consciousness, which is the highest aim of human life. So there is no need to change one's religion, we only have to rise above the outer shackles.

The true understanding of the unity of man - the brotherhood of men under the fatherhood of God - will also bring a stoppage to further isms and sects.

6.) Unity of Man provides a platform to come together on the level of man to promote this universal understanding. The so-called world-wide campaign for the unity of man is not intended to affect the existing social and religious orders in any manner. In fact, each one has to continue to work for the upliftment of man in its own way as before. Additionally, however, this campaign has to carry the clarion call of Unity of Man to as large a mass of humanity through its own vehicle as it can, so that the message cuts across the barriers of misunderstanding and mutual distrust and strikes home to every human heart. Further, the said campaign has to be carried out not by intellectual wrestling, but with optimum desire and anxiety to put the unity of man into practice so that it becomes a real living force. The method of propagation has to be by self-discipline and self-example rather than by declarations and proclamations.

Further actions:

- to arrange further conferences, meetings and lectures on unity of man
- to approach political, social and religious leaders to make them aware of their responsibility of man-making and man-service
- to spread the idea of unity of man through mass-media such as TV, broadcasting, literature
- to introduce the ideal of unity in all spheres of human life such as education, politics, religion, and others.

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