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SWAMI CHINMAYANANDA

The features of his personality.

- ☐ Outstanding theologian
- ☐ A staunch propagator of the path of knowledge
- ☐ Great scholar and sage of vedanta of modern times
- ☐ Founder of "CHINMAYA MISSION" spiritual organization
- ☐ Discipline, nationalism and spiritual eminence
- ☐ Idol for all the devotees and followers



Why Swami Chinmayananda Took Up The Task Of Propagating Religion

When any generation feels emotionally insecure, or nurtures hatred for what is the best in its culture, the only way is to remove that unnecessary sense of insecurity from the mind of the common man; only then the resurrection is possible - that was his opinion.

Narrower meaning of religion

- Temples?
- Mosques?
- Religious Organizations?
- Missions?
- Mathas?
- Schools?













Modern man has fear of

- *Modern time,
- * Natural calamities,
- Discoveries in science & technology.
- Entire generation is growing under stress.



In this situation, he needs to be guided on how to activate fundamental spiritual truth.

What is religion Two important limbs

Philosophy

Ritualistic Injunction



A philosophy reinforces the external practice of rituals and give them the purpose and goal for realization.

Religion and culture

What is Culture?

■ When a set of people live for a long period of time in a particular geographical area, respecting certain philosophical values and virtues of life, there emanates a fragrance which is called their **cultureS**



Religion and culture

Group Of
People Must
Exist



They
Respect
Certain
Value Of
Life

Culture

They Must
Live
Together



Live for long Period

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Religion and culture



Cultural ideas in circulation are a religion and from time a religion needs change. They must put on fresh robes and reappear on the stage of life to serve mankind.



"We need a fundamental change of attitude. We need to understand that an old vision may not suit for modern time. We must adapt the vision to the new requirements of modern life.

Religion has continually changed. It should always embrace the new dimensions and demands of society.

Science of life and way of life

To live life by all means, with all confidence is real religion.

Religion

Science of reevaluation of life is religion

Religion is the able science for self-perfection.

A treatment for lack of peace in life is religion

Perfect technique for perfect living

Gaining better mastery over oneself.

Religion

Religion is connected to man's breathing.

Special right of man

Objective of life and its nature is the foundation of religion

Gives strength to face life with vigor, to one who has faith in it

Our true nature is that of pure knowledge and ultimate joy.

Religion

Social Meaning of Religion

Rights and duties is religion

Religion should be built on duty on responsibility, not on the right.

Religion should consider self-duty and self-responsibility.



Duty encourages the attitude of giving.

Religion is English translation of word "Dharma".

True meaning of Religion

"Dharma" is a Sanskrit word.

The closest expression for word Dharma is Law of Being.



Without which a thing cannot sustain its own independent existence.= Dharma









What about man?

what is exactly man's "Dharma"?

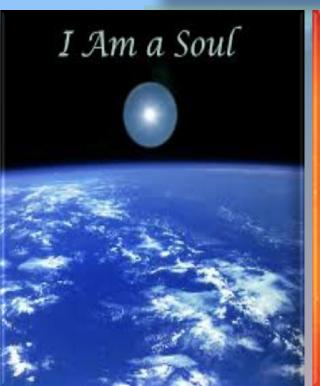


- Colour of skin?
- Endless variety of various emotions and thoughts?
- Condition ?
- Ability of one's nature?
- Body?
- · mind?
- intellect ?
- Ego?

What is the "Dharma" of man? A bundle of desires with which a person takes birth in his/her present life, is his/her "Dharma"



So the integral or inseparable "Dharma" of man is the divine spark of fire or Eternal "Paramatma."









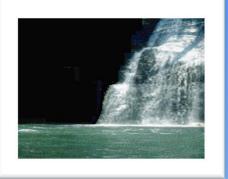
Everyone should act in accordance with his born, natural attributes, that is the way to live a peaceful, happy, contented life. This is 'Swadharma' which is integral attribute













Integral attribute is "Swadharma" To behave or act against the rooted desire, is "Paradharma" (the attribute of the other). ("Dharma" and "Paradharma" -)Religion and the Religion of others

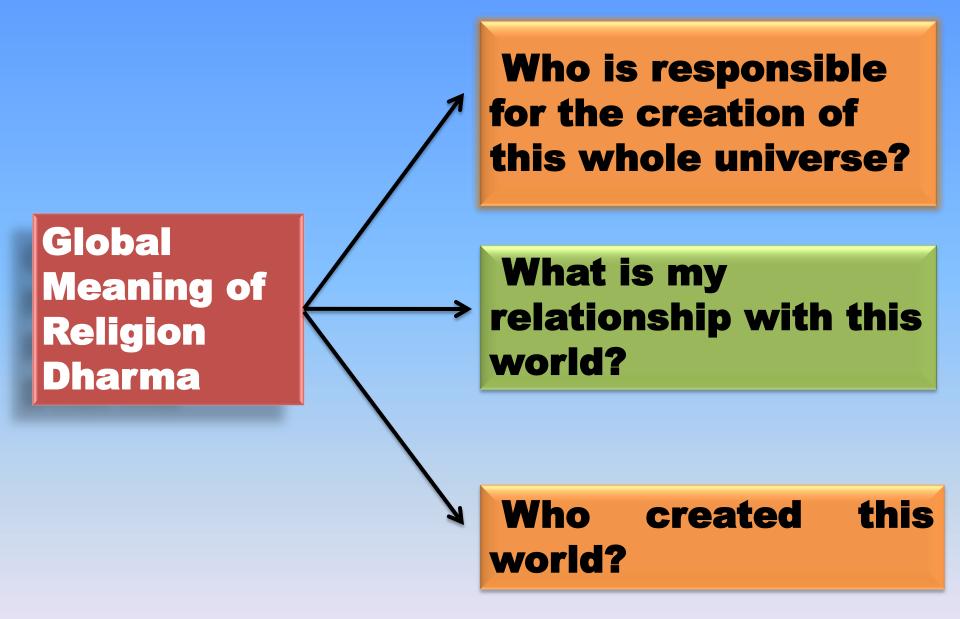
Values mean "Dharma" "Dharma" (Religion)

Ready to face problems -- is "Dharma"

Completeness of morality is "Dharma".

The eternal duties of every man is "Dharma".

To Reach the highest level in the process of development -



How and why have I come here?

Global
Meaning of
Religion
Dharma

Who has created me?

How can I be happy?

When we apply this pure philosophy in a social situation, that becomes "Dharma" and when we practice it in our lives, religious norms are formed.



Today, we have accepted the notion of global village, of globalization, but have we been able to wipe out the narrowmindedness among the people, to make it sublime and extensive?

Religion gives us the feeling of co-existence.

we develop a soulsearching spiritual approach of a very high level. At that level, there is no feeling of differentiation, and the concept of "Divinity in all" takes root.

This is the feeling of global harmony. Foundation of global harmony is religion.







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The purpose of religion is to eliminate ignorance through spiritual practices, until the devotee comes to gain the light of wisdom.



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Religion and Personality Development

"Dharma" or religion helps man in developing his personality and enjoying life in a better way.



There is a lot of difference in the idealistic "Me"



And the "Me"in reality,

And this difference is the measure to measure the degradation of man from the point of perfection



On intellectual level, we want to be ethical, good, strong and disciplined. This is an ideal picture we have about us, before our eves.



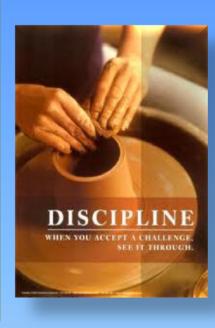
But on emotional level, our lust, greed, likes and dislikes, anger and hatred, love, desire, and wishes show us hopes and disappoint us.

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Low-graded personality is in harmony with the intellect of a man, it becomes disciplined





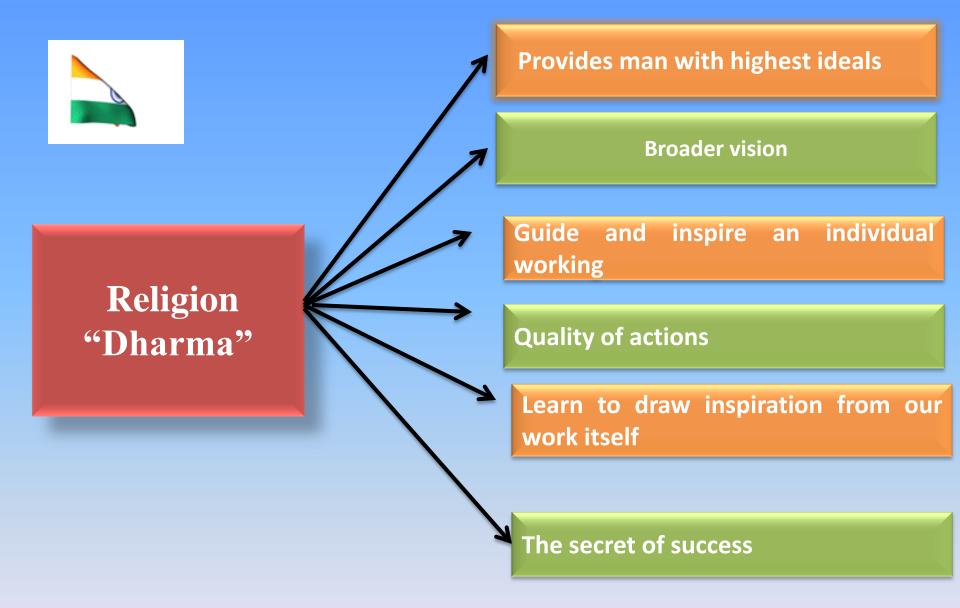
When low-graded personality comes under the rule of high-level personality, man starts following the "Dharma"



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Whenever we experience low-graded feelings under the influence of divinity, the devilish tendencies in us change and this divinity becomes our friend. Here, man truly discovers his real "Dharma"



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- So the integral or inseparable Dharma of man is the divine spark of fire or Eternal "Paramatma".
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The "Upanishadic" culture is the culture of our country.

Our "Dharma" (Religion) - Hindutva

The values, the principles advocated by the "Rishis", by the "Upanishadas", are followed verbatim, that we call "Dharma."

Many "Dharmas" together have become one "Dharma", and that, collectively, is called "Hindutva".

The word Hindu is not mentioned from caste or communal angle, but from global outlook

Those who respect and honor the noble and ethical values in life, demolish brutality within themselves, and try to re-establish the rule of God. All such people are Hindus.



Swamiji, the Hinduness incarnate, was felicitated by the well-known American magazine "Hinduism Today" with the title "Hindu Of The Year" and the award for Hindu resurrection. This title is bestowed on a person who leaves maximum impact on Hindus all over the world. In August 1993, Swami Chinmayananda was to be honored with the "global vision 2000" award.



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