

महिन्याचा विचार

स्वामी चिदानंद सरस्वतींचे धर्मविषयक विचार

Even as various kinds of cotton cloth have different shapes and sizes and colours, yet they are of one material, namely cotton. As different types of golden ornaments like necklace, bracelets, ring, earrings, etc. worn by a lady, are all made of one material, namely gold, inspite of their apparent differences of size, shape and design, and as different kinds of pottery are all made of the same clay, even so the entire universe of innumerable names and forms is in essence but One Being in a grand and glorious cosmic manifestation. Therefore, the appearance of the many does not invalidate the non-duality of the one Supreme Principle. IT alone prevails, One without a second.

All religions have come into existence in order to take man back to the eternal source of his being. Not only to take him back, but to bind him back, bring about a total and enduring abidence in the Divine Spirit. How? Either by the love of your heart, through devotion, prayer, adoration, glorification; or by the penetrating analysis of the intellect, constantly dwelling upon It, enquiring about It from all the various facets;

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or by concentrating all the scattered rays of your mental powers into one single unified ray and focusing that ray upon the concept of that One, Supreme, non-dual Divine Reality to the exclusion of all other ideas through the inner, mystical process called meditation. Or by trying to approach It by feeling the presence of that Being pervading and prevailing everywhere, now and here, appearing in and through all living beings and things and directing your entire life, love and thoughts into a continuous stream of selfless service unto that Supreme Reality in and through its various appearances as human beings, animals, insects and plants, all forms of life existing on earth, thus making yourself a servant of the immanent God indwelling all His creation. All religious systems ultimately are ascending movements in the direction of the one, supreme, non-dual Cosmic Reality Who is the source and origin of countless billions of universes, known and unknown. The means may be different, but the way is one, directed towards one ultimate destination, that is God and God-Experience. Call that Being by any

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name—it is the supreme, transcendental experience of the Cosmic Source and origin of your Being.

The above fact is precisely why religion can be made the basis of unity in the world. The tendency of historians as well as other observations has been to lay the blame for all conflict, warfare, violence and bloodshed at the door of religion. They say that but for religious fanaticism and bigotry. but for the conflicts between the followers of various religions, there would not have been so much of hostility, strife and violence in this world. But, when it is pointed out to them that true religion means charity, compassion, harmlessness, brotherhood, humility, selflessness and love, that true religion means manifesting the divine qualities mentioned in the scriptures in our every-day life, then they will realise that all those who shed blood in the name of religion are the most irreligious people. They are far away from religion and all their actions are the direct contradiction of the basic religious spirit. Those who hate others, are the destroyers of religion. They are not people who

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live religion, but they kill the spirit of religion by their actions. All kinds of differences and conflict arise from intolerance, greed, hatred, jealousy, passion and selfishness, and the most effective means for counteracting and overcoming these base animalistic tendencies of human nature is the factor of true religion. For the prime purpose of religion is the purification and uplift of man's nature. The very first step of religion is to see that man turns away from evil towards good. The following of a good life of virtue is the main concern of religion. This has ever been the message of prophets and God-men. It is only when all people, literate and illiterate, begin to get a knowledge of the spirit of religion, which is the same for all men, and it is only to the extent to which all men are made to understand the true spirit of real religion, that they will be heading towards a day when peace will prevail upon the entire earth and goodwill amidst mankind. With the understanding of the true spirit of religion, religion can be chosen as the proper medium to build the unity of mankind.

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“हरेर्नाम हरेर्नाम हरेर्नामैव केवलम्।

कलौ नास्त्येव नास्त्येव नास्त्येव गतिरन्यथा।।”

इस कलियुगमें केवल हरि का नाम ही सार है।

मोक्ष की प्राप्ति का और कोई साधन इस

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