

REFLECTIONS OF AMAZING
INDIAN SPIRITUAL HERITAGE

**LITTLE BOOK ABOUT
BIG MISSION OF INDIA**

WHEN ANCIENT VEDIC WAY OF LIFE
MEETS TODAY'S NEEDS



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PREFACE

The Little Book about Big Mission of India is not an output of my intellectual ambition to present my ideas. I even did not plan to write such a book.

I decided to express my attitudes about Indian spiritual heritage based on my communications with Indian Quora readers, who read my answers on Advaita Vedanta, Vedanta, Vedas, Nondualism, Bhagavad Gita, Hindu Philosophy, Vedic Hinduism, Sanatana Dharma, Adi Shankara, Kali, Shri Krishna, Moksha, Hindu Gods, Indian Philosophy, Vedic Religion, and other topics. I belong on mentioned topics to Most Viewed Writers on Quora.

Openness and honesty became the root of my communications with Indian readers.

I am not playing intellectual and speculative gimmick to show either on Quora or in my book any other faces than my real face and mind are.

Behind my openness, passion, and unprejudiced views at Indian spirituality there is my honest appreciation of Indian spiritual heritage. The book expresses my closeness with Indian followers of Sanatana Dharma.

People are naturally close to one another when the dignity of human life and compassion become a part of practical spirituality. The key issues are our values, characters, and spiritual experiential knowledge.

Thus, honestly and humbly I would love to share my conviction about necessity to take care of unique Indian spiritual heritage for the goodness of humankind

I do it consistently and no intellectual, emotional, political or religious resistance from anywhere will stop me...

Author

TESTIMONIALS

The most amazing thing about this post (on Hinduism) is the author, who does not belong to the Indian land still has so much knowledge.

Nupur Gupta

I have been following your answers for a while now. I am amazed by your ability to distill to the essence clearly and so consistently. I wish more of my fellow Hindus had this level of understanding of the religion that they espouse to hold so dearly.

Sreeram Ramamoorthy

Great to see your thought-provoking answers. You seem to have gained great experiences in your spiritual journey.

Gopala Krishna Chavali

Such a nuanced understanding which is impossible without a first hand experience.

Mahesh Ramakrishnan

I am very mesmerized by your knowledge about Hinduism. How did you know all these?

Kriti Gupta

Your views and thoughts written here (on Hinduism) in the form of words bring a crystal clear image... And I appreciate you for that..!!!

Ketan Tiwari

No Indian or a Hindu could have answered it better. Thank you that was deep and meaningful.

(Comment on my answer to the question "Is Lord Krishna a Myth?")

Sree Shri

I have been reading your answers for quite some time now. I am equally awed and inspired by the way your understanding of the eastern spirituality and knowledge. I particularly like that you consider it a part of your life experience rather than an intellectual hobby.

Rama Ashwin Kumar

I love reading your answers on Hindu mythology. It is always thoughtful and knowledgeable at same time.

Bijit Das

I couldnt put them in more beautiful words than these :)...that is why I am following you on Quora.

Comment on my answer to the question “In Bhagavad Gita, Lord Krishna says that he reincarnates again and again to re establish dharma. What is that dharma?”

Snajay Soni

I wonder how you know this much about HINDUISM...

Raviranjan Kumar

There can't be a better version for this (answer on Hinduism)! Every word in your answer is captivating! So much respect for you!

Sahana Srinivasan

This is the best editing done to any question
beautiful!!! Comment on my answer to the question
“What are the most disturbing quotes in the Bhagavad
Gita?”

Anurag Mishra

Ohhhh your all answers on Hinduism are so powerful.
I appreciate it.

Ashwat Acharya

I really admire your knowledge of the Gita and Advaita
and your answers where you put effort to make them
relevant to the new age.

NeelaLohith Penmetsa

I quoted all testimonials upon kind written permissions.
from my readers.



PART 1. REFLECTIONS

I. INTRODUCTION

REMARKABLE FACTS ABOUT INDIA

Bharat

- Bears the longest continuity in evolvement of a human spiritual tradition
- Keeps the heritage of the most colorful palette of spiritual schools, teachings, traditions, movements, and expressions of human spirituality
- Has the longest literary tradition embodied in an incredible number of ancient scriptures
- Harbors the biggest volume of both untranslated and unpublished manuscripts
- Preserves the tangible bridge connecting us with the ancient time of human civilization

INHERENT ATTITUDES TOWARDS INDIA

Both the world and India cannot ignore the facts about valuable Indian spiritual heritage

They must collaborate on

- Preserving
- Protecting
- Publicizing

And most of all

- Understanding and
- Actualizing this heritage

However, we do not witness proper attitudes towards the Indian spiritual heritage either in the world or in India.

II. CHALLENGING WORLD

THE TERMS SPIRITUALITY AND RELIGION
ARE PROFANED NOWADAYS

Shadows of popular religions and spirituality

- World religions are on their popular levels superstitious and superficial.
- Popular spirituality is a goulash of esotericism, pseudo-mysticism, alternative movements, and commercial ballast of everything possible and impossible.

Religions and spirituality in their actual habits are not constructive driving factors of a healthy and sustainable development of humankind

They do not support dignified life for every individual ignoring that the human life dignity is a key factor of economic, cultural, moral, and thus spiritual development of society.

ALARMING TENDENCIES IN RULING THE WORLD

Global instability and superstition

- Recent development on Earth introduces fatal instruments into governing of human affairs such as wars, chaos, and instability.
- The global leaders are nourishing these instruments apart from other practices by intentional support of superstitious and superficial religions and profane spirituality.

Two umbrella factors, which camouflage and maintain the bitter reality of our world

- Trifling battle between the so-called theism and atheism riding on waves of superstition and soulless science.
- Global propaganda and activities against national traditions, cultural specifics, and spiritual heritages riding on a wave of multikulti.

Both theistic authorities and atheistic ruling elite ignore morality, having immunity from persecution

A pitched battle between theism and atheism creates for both camps a convenient space for no need to be moral because there is no instance to criticize, control, or supervise them.

- Religious authorities declare with impunity the empty dogmas and scatter superstitious and superficial beguilements.
- Atheistic ruling elite propagate sterile dogmas about pseudo-democracy and pseudo-freedom going unpunished despite spreading wars, poverty and exploitation.

III. CHALLENGING INDIA

INDIA THE RELIGIOUS AND SOCIETAL MIRROR OF GLOBAL REALITY

Dark phantoms of popular Hinduism

Superstitious and superficial Hinduism keeps rolling the ball of dark phantoms from the past

- Caste system with all its facets
- Untouchability
- Lack of life dignity
- Poverty
- Non-critical thinking
- Ignorance

As also a modern phantom

- Indifference and servility towards hypocritical modernization preserving the hopeless situation of masses...

India is experiencing typical consequences of the global theatre

- Under the cliché of macroeconomic achievements, there is a questionable improvement in microeconomic conditions of real daily life of inhabitants.
- The richer is the limited number of the owners of macroeconomics the poorer are the inhabitants.
- The more atheistic or hypocritically theistic the modernizers are; the more superstitious and superficial are the religious believers.

The frontiers of pseudo-democracy, pseudo-freedom, pseudo-secularization, and pseudo-modernization of India

- Brainwashing through mass media
- Pop-culture
- Propaganda
- Utilitarian mundane politics
- Liberalism
- Depreciation of spirituality

INDIA AT CROSSROADS

Hopelessness about two pseudo-solutions

- Liberal pseudo-democratic modernization leads to negative socio-economic consequences such as deepening the rich-poor gap with its impacts on standards of living, education, healthcare, and culture.
- Liberal pseudo-secular modernization places a new order on the scene, which, in fact, ignores the reality of superstition and superficiality of religion and thus leaves people in toils of such a religion.

When two fight, the third wins

When neither liberal modernization nor secularization is the solutions what then is the way out for India?

The winning solution for descendants of the longest spiritual tradition is re-spiritualization of India.

IV. RE-SPIRITUALIZATION OF INDIA

THE MOST SORROWFUL
CONSEQUENCE OF SECULARIZATION
AND MODERNIZATION OF INDIA IS HER
DE-SPIRITUALIZATION

De-religiousness of superstitious and superficial Hindus or better to say de-superstitiousness of Hinduism are surely an issue but not at the cost of de-spiritualization of India

Under the cliché of secularization, the following infections are injected into the Indian society:

- Mundane craziness (especially of young people)
- Highly intellectual ignorance
- Fatal indifference and irresponsibility towards the longest and deepest spiritual tradition on Earth

HOW TO UNDERSTAND RE-SPIRITUALIZASION OF INDIA

Re-spiritualization of India is about rebirth of practical wisdom in all realms of India's life

- Rebirth of practical wisdom is an insightful disclosing of true reality of the Vedic way of life as a wise system of ruling the society by principles applicable now and in the future.
- Re-spiritualization of India is India's going back to the future.



V.
WHY DOES INDIA NOT LEAD THE
VEDIC WAY OF LIFE



India largely transformed her practical spirituality into intellectualization

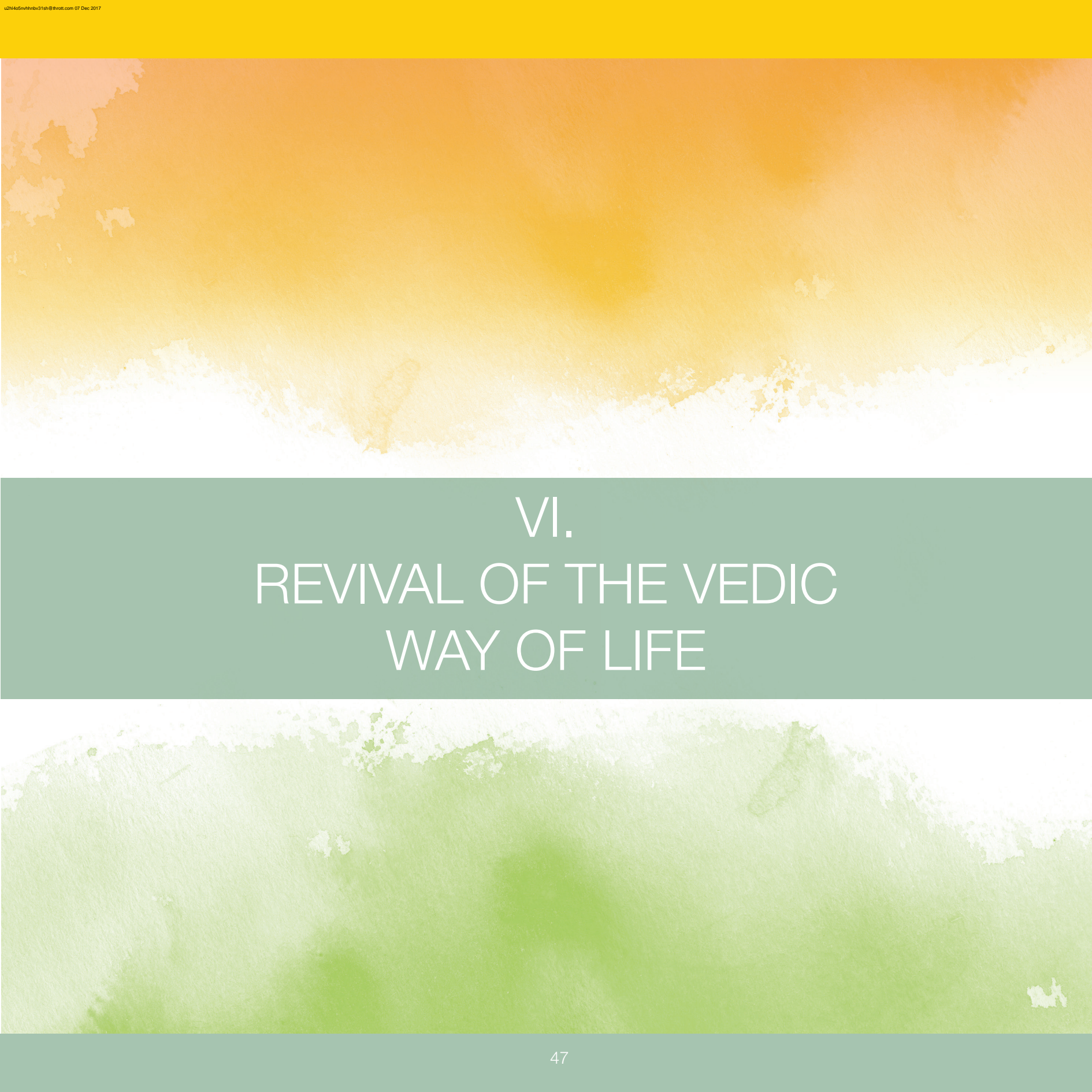
- The Vedic nonreligious practical spirituality was transformed into superstitious and superficial popular religion, preaching, parroting, quoting and intellectual equilibristic.
- Practical understanding of scriptures was transformed into literal, and thus materialistic, and purely philosophical and speculative.
- Practical spiritual contexts were ignored, corrupted, misinterpreted, and consequently, misused influencing negatively the social, cultural, and spiritual development of India.

Misty continuity of Indian spirituality

- The living spiritual threads of ancient Indian spirituality remained in Indian scriptures. They connect us with the ancient practical spiritual wisdom of humankind.
- However, those threads stay unseen for a majority of Hindu people because they are veiled.

What is behind the veiling of Indian spiritual heritage?

- Romanticism of historical and mythological attitudes towards legends and stories
- Romanticism of emotional and superstitious attitudes towards rishis, sages, masters, gurus
- Corruption of natural humaneness of practical spirituality by magical, power, energetic, supernatural and superhuman aims and attitudes
- Heavily intellectual, philosophical, and theoretically sophisticated approach to spiritual heritage
- Religious superficiality and superstition



VI.
REVIVAL OF THE VEDIC
WAY OF LIFE

HOW CAN ANCIENT VEDIC WAY OF LIFE
MEET TODAY'S NEEDS?

It is not about ancient standards of life;
it is about eternal principles

Revival of the Vedic way of life is not about coming back to the ancient life standards but about going to the future life standards based on ancient eternally valid wise principles of spiritual ruling of society.

THE PRINCIPLES OF THE VEDIC WAY OF LIFE

Vedic worldview and society

Worldview

- Is not superstitious
- Is not superficial
- Is not religious
- Is practically spiritual

Societal Administration

- Is based on support and protection of practical wisdom
- Is based on moral, ethics, and thoughtfulness
- Is guaranteed by everyone's individual responsibility

Vedic science, politics and economics

Science

- Is not witless, mindless or amoral

Politics and Economics

- Guarantee the dignity of human life in all aspects of human existence for all individuals

Does it sound idealistically?

Let us have different questions: Are the mentioned contexts foreign to our human nature? Do they not fit the actual dreams of humankind tired of fatal problems?

VII.
REVOLUTIONARY ATTITUDE
TOWARDS THE INDIAN
SPIRITUAL HERITAGE

IT DOES MATTER
WHAT HAPPENS IN INDIA

Here is a Legendary Message -
India is a hope for humankind!

The hope that the ruling of human affairs will respect once again the dignity of life and practical wisdom guaranteed and implemented by personal spiritual experiential knowledge and responsibility of all individuals.

VIII. WHAT DOES INDIA NEED?

India needs to transform

- Superstitious and superficial beliefs into practical understandings, applicable to real daily life
- Philosophical and encyclopedic information into practical spiritual experiential knowledge
- Mythological and historiographical approach to scriptures into their actual applicability
- Doubt into comprehension and confusion into clarity

INDIA INDEED NEEDS YOU

You are personally responsible for the future of India

- You hold responsibility towards both spiritual tradition and its contemporary actualization.
- Your responsibility is in truth higher than the responsibility of the public authorities. They alternate and change things all the time while people of India remain. They are only a few; your population is over 1 billion...
- Moreover, your responsibility is higher because the evident tendencies to de-spiritualization of India are visible...

Your position is unique in comparison with other nations 'situation

- You can rely on India's historical experience
- You can rely on never interrupted spiritual continuity
- You can rely upon the power of Indians, who withstood the tests of time

IX.
WHO WAS THE GREATEST
WARRIOR IN ANCIENT INDIA?

The greatest warrior in ancient,
contemporary and future India was,
is, and will be everyone Hindu man
and woman

All Indian men and women with their inner fight for their
personal practical spiritual development for the benefit
of the dignified life, spirituality, and culture of India.

YOU ARE RELEVANT

Your relevance is the backbone for the next development of India

What would any famous warrior from the scriptures be of value or greatness if the People of Bharat were not able to withstand all the changes and turbulences of a nation with the longest history on Earth in their real daily lives?

X.
THE WORLD DEPENDS
ON YOUR WILLINGNESS
TO ACT- NOT TO THINK

You have a choice of two attitudes towards Indian spirituality

- Traditional attitudes, which are not any more an instrument of caring people. They preserve the stifling status quo with your heads turned back and to the past.
- Innovatory attitudes, however, turn your head to the future needs of India.

The time ripens for your mature attitudes

There is a need to make the spirituality an instrument for caring India and her people. Namely caring of people's practical spiritual growing through accumulation of spiritual experiential knowledge filling their needs, and achieving their goals in the realms of dignity of human life.

You have legitimate rights to be proud of India's unique spiritual and cultural heritage and to protect it

- Insist on holding your heritage as a core pillar of contemporary and future development of India.
- Insist on necessity to create national obligatory educational program decoding the actual practical importance of the right understanding of ancient spirituality.
- Do not tolerate any more misleading, misuse, mystifying, misunderstanding, and derogation of the Indian spiritual heritage.
- Accept only that, which empowers people to focus practical spiritual wisdom applicable to their daily lives.

XI.
YOUR PAINS ARE MY PAINS

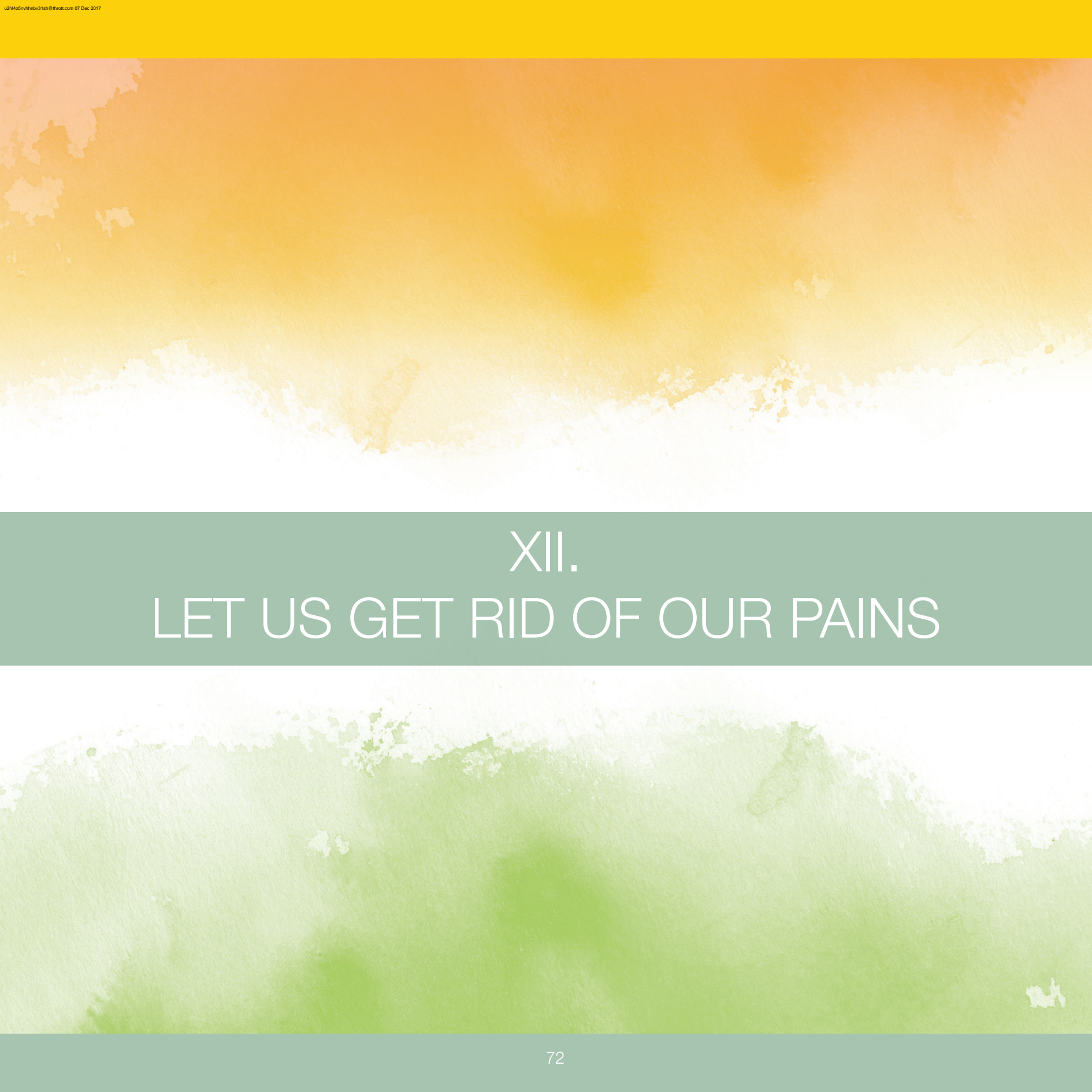
I understand you - exactly as you, I also

- Feel compassion in my flesh and bones towards millions of Indian people chained by the lack of dignity of human life and fettered by superstition.
- Reflect the need of genuine practical spirituality for the benefit of all Indian people and the whole world.
- I am grieved to hear of an inappropriate attitude towards the amazing spiritual heritage of India.
- I am worried by a modern mundane way of life of the young generation cut off from own spiritual tradition.



PART 2.

OUR NEXT COLLABORATION



XII.
LET US GET RID OF OUR PAINS

WHAT I WILL DO FOR YOU

I will passionately contribute to

- Reviving the sparkle of inner connection with the ancient Vedic way of life, which is eternally present in all Indian people, although dormant nowadays.
- Refreshing explanations what the Vedic way of life is and why it is topical and authentic even today.
- Understanding of Indian spiritual heritage for it to become an applicable instrument for individuals in our modern age.

WHAT YOU WILL DO FOR YOURSELVES

You will revealingly learn what you have not yet learned

You will

- View the things already known to you through the lenses of new understanding
- See old known things in a new light

Thus, you will

- Know what you have not yet known
- Comprehend what you have not yet comprehended
- Experience what you have not yet experienced
- Enjoy what you have not yet enjoyed

WHAT WE WILL DO FOR US

You will work with me on strengthening our deeper knowledge and thoughtful ideas, such as

- Brave attitudes & Noble values
- Generous visions & Enriching experiences
- Knowledge-based compassion & Experience-based influence
- Contagious enthusiasm & Exemplary behavior

We will work together enriching each other.

We will reinforce your devotion and belief
by your own spiritual experiential knowledge

You will uncover a great potential of the most reliable
instruments of spiritual practice, such as

- Observation
- Asking questions
- Critical thinking
- Thoughtfulness
- Humbleness
- Compassion

XIII.
WE WILL MAKE
A BREAKTHROUGH IN YOUR
PRACTICAL UNDERSTANDING
OF CORE PILLARS OF INDIAN
SPIRITUALITY

You will hear from me my authentic ideas

You do not need hearing

- Parroting scriptures
- Quotations by gurus

Even the computers equipped with a text-to-speech function are able to parrot and quote.

You do not need

- Usual philosophical, intellectual and speculative interpretations of spirituality.

You need to activate your own authentic thinking.

SPIRITUALITY IS NOT ABOUT
KNOWLEDGE OF THE TERMS
AND THEIR DEFINITIONS

SPIRITUALITY IS NOT THE
HISTORIOGRAPHY OR MYTHOLOGY

Indian scriptures are about you

Great Indian epics Mahabharata and Ramayana, as well as the pearl of Indian and human spirituality Bhagavad Gita are about spiritual endeavors of human being on his/her path towards the spiritual maturity.

Naturally, the scriptures have their historiographical and mythological values in realms of literary history and symbolical mythology. They do not, however, present either real history or fictive mythology.

You will acquire a new attitude towards the Bhagavad Gita through your authentic reflection of its message.

YOU WILL APPEALINGLY FIND OUT
THAT YOU ALREADY NOW POSSESS
DEEP AUTHENTIC SPIRITUAL
EXPERIENTIAL KNOWLEDGE
WITHOUT BEING AWARE OF IT

Popular Indian philosophical
and intellectual approach to our reality
as illusion is leading to spiritual passiveness
and misunderstandings

You will realize that the cornerstones of Indian
and human spirituality such as Brahman, Atman,
Advaita, and others are more tangible through mere
Observation and Thoughtful Considerations than
through sophisticated intellectualization because they
are about the reality of the life as it is.

You will become much closer to your great spiritual heritage as you can imagine now

- We will move your intellectual concepts from your head area to your stomach area transitioning the concepts from thoughts into your daily blood circulation enriching your Life.
- We will move them through your heart area supercharging them with Love and Compassion.
- We will transform intellectual spirituality into the flesh and bones' reality of your daily endeavors.

XIV.
GEOGRAPHICAL DISTANCE
DOES NOT ISOLATE
OUR SPIRITUAL
EXPERIENTIAL KNOWLEDGE

Universally valid spiritual experiential knowledge is the only reliable instrument for intercultural appreciation and collaboration

The worshippers, devotees, and followers of religions on their popular levels do not like hearing about the fact that the humans are reaching the same spiritual experiential knowledge.

However, as plants on Earth live thanks to universally valid laws of their existence standing on minerals, water, air, and light/warmness/Sun so the human beings can and should live thanks to universally valid laws of their existence standing on compassion, moral, love, and dignity of human life of spiritually equal people.

The law of nature is a free service provided by nature for plants. The law of human existence is not a free service provided for us by nature or God.

Humans should serve by themselves for themselves with compassion, moral, and love to secure the dignity of human life. We should work hard to be wise and competent for leading the spiritual life for the benefit of humankind.

Universality of spiritual experiential knowledge does not mean the universality of religion. Contrary to that the colorfulness and multifariousness of cultures, nations, and ethnics is the cornerstone of a healthy life and development of humankind. The recent multikulti fallacy is a danger sociopathic poison for humankind.

Spiritual experiential knowledge never leads to manipulation, exploitation, abuses, ignorance, or aggression. It leads to appreciation of cultures, religions, and spiritual systems.

An individual equipped with the practical spiritual wisdom understands the deeper contexts of all religions and spiritual traditions. He/she understands the spiritual equality of all humans. Speaking in the context of your tradition the Atman is (in) every human being. EVERYONE.

The spiritual equality of all human beings is not a philosophical, theoretic, or poetic issue but a reality of life as it is. Thus, there is no geographical abyss between us.

TRUE SECRET OF SPIRITUALITY,
INTENTIONALLY OVERLOOKED
AND THUS WELL-HIDDEN

Where the empty stomachs are,
there is no spirituality

Ramakrishna Paramahansa

Ramakrishna does not talk about mundane welfare of India. He speaks about spirituality because India is a spiritual country.

AFTERWORD

Dear readers, I wrote this book to make it a bridge for our next communications and collaboration

I wrote it as a practical instrument of clearing up the meeting points of our mutual attitudes and motivations.

The life is a work. The life is a spiritual work. The spiritual work is an individual issue. Nobody else can replace you in accumulating your personal spiritual experiential knowledge.

We have to continue in deepening our mutual understanding and work on the revitalization of the principles of the ancient Vedic way of life as Sanatana Dharma workers – not only as followers or philosophers...!

I would appreciate very much your kind sending me the feedbacks on my book's message to my email address - stefan.pecho@missionofindia.net

In the Chapter XIII. I wrote you how I see our future collaboration. Should you have some particular interests, ideas, or proposals, do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

Štefan

Without personal spiritual experiential knowledge of individuals within the revival of ancient practical spirituality, there is no chance to make any progressive changes in the sustainable development of humankind.

ABOUT AUTHOR

Indian spirituality is not in my head as an intellectual hobby. It is in my heart as a part of my spiritual life experiences

- I have been lecturing at university for nearly 30 years focusing on Japanology, intercultural communication, Eastern philosophy, comparison of East-West spiritual traditions and mysticism.
- Since my 19, nearly 40 years ago, I started building my close relationship with your spiritual tradition through reading the works of Swami Vivekananda.
- Reminiscence, Experience, Observation, Reasoning, and Study in descending order were the key channels of my interaction with your spirituality.

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*„I prefer the dignity of human life
to any philosophizing, intellectualizing,
theorizing or speculations...“*

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