



Editorial

Leave Binary to Shun Big Conflict Epistemological-Religious-Ontological but Not *Dharmik* (Existential in Wholeness)

IJPED December 2023 editorial Settling Ideological Conflict for 'Conflict to Peace Continuum' observed:

Everyone should agree that conflict's precursor is ideology. Ideology is not an abstract notion. It is taking decision about social structure and social order and charting a pathway to achieve it or stabilize the achieved. The stabilization comes from normative behaviour of people through generations. Broadly two norms, individualism and collectivism directed path of human excellence much before Abraham and Christ in old civilizations.

Since December 2023, the courses of conflicts reported across the world re-confirm that we want big conflicts in a demonic proportion. It's cozy to talk that only negotiations and mediations can solve such problems yet it's moral to nurture in mind that one day will be mine till which let me prepare in peacetime. Let's buy peacetime to settle scores on a later date, this is the thinking. Modern humans have so far innovated technology for temporary peace to nurse grudges in their great assemblies.

They forgot ancient Bharat's unwritten contract between society and state. During wars or passage through habitats towards war front, no harm could be perpetrated on women, disabled, children, third gender, houses, temples and crops was well documented by people from abroad such as Megasthenes in his 'Indica'. Even otherwise great sustainable civilizations having this norm such as Japan committed the same sin during World War II.

The grand world order loves 'Peace to Conflict Continuum' (P2CII), not the 'Conflict to Peace Continuum' (C2PII). In such modern time, we call it post-modern time 'Conflict to Peace Continuum' C2PII is only a hiatus. Though many of us have called Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela and some others of this anthropogenic age as saviours, they will remain sleeping deities in this scenario. We are failing to get into the nature-human integral spirit of Sanatan Dharma, nor its equal vibrations in later day religions of Buddhism, Jainism, Zoroastrianism, Zeonism, Christianity, Vaishnavism, Islam, Sikhism and huge number of indigenous practices is due to operating principles of industrial-military complex business -statecraft model with 'othering' binary as its main spirit. Its fall out has been dangerous for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) across the world Indigenous knowledge (IK) of thousands of years of subjective experience driven epistemology and ontology with integration impulse.

This spirit gave rise to fierce minority-majority superiority complex in Arab and western colonialist mentality, the reason for escalating conflicts. In human sphere, European states tried to destroy South American, African, Australasian-Oceanian and Asian Indigenous Knowledge (IK) by barbaric force without any regard to human spirit by utilizing the outer cover of the universal *Dharmik* (Existentialism in Wholeness between human and nature) core of spirituality of Semitic religions as an accomplice in this 'othering' process.

South America, African, Australasian-Oceania almost completely succumbed to them. Sanatan Dharma, termed as 'Hindu' by Europeans, stood so strong that not even one fifth of them could be converted by all of colonialists' forays, aids, humanistic preaching and lure for heaven and the rule from 12th century CE to mid-20th century. Since the end of the Second World War, the de-colonial thought stream has offered

alternatives to the world arising in South America, Africa and India.

To change for sustainable integral living, they need to move towards 'human-nature-machine interface' complex based society-state balance. South America, Africa and India need it much faster to decolonize their education, state-craft and society-state relationship to 'ecologically Sustainable trans-generational progress' mode to achieve the same through 'holistic approach'. The Church in few European countries are also trying to seep themselves in 'Holistic Approach' in education since 2000 CE. India needs it much faster in her education, statecraft and development. Only then, as the only unbroken civilization on the earth, India can show the formulae of continuity through its shift from dominant politico-economic followership of the West. Why include nature in our grand plan?

'Peace to Conflict Continuum' (P2CII) is the constricted reality of 'othering'. It started against nature first leading to the anthropogenic period where humans, especially with dominating psyche, declared that we own nature, it's our property. As a corollary, we shall plant trees and let them grow till we can plunder and re-plunder. However, it is our choice that we shall not follow the same policy for mineral extraction. The nature of our colony is the wild statement which none of our ancient scriptures from the Vedas, the Upanishads, the Gita, the Zenda-Avesta, the Bible and the Quran and umpteen animist believers from ancient uttered a single time.

On the ruins of nature, the industrial revolution built its so-called prosperity which after four hundred years is offering more problems. These problems are existential, created by 'othering' of nature first and till now. Otherwise, the new world could have amended enough ways at least since the Stockholm conference 1985.

It does not need an electron microscope to find out that the atomic habits of conflict are internecine in any ideological mooring which distances people whose practice of life and way of worship differs. This difference takes different clothing for conquering 'others' -claims to historical possession, no compassion for people of different faith so that no land be given for sheltering them.

Peace loving majority annihilation by sword-gratis-perfidy to tame majority, decimating traditional culture, reclaiming holy land, vicarious pleasure in destroying other's worshipping spaces, cultural tangibles and biological 'hot spots' are the signs of the generic syndrome. Resisting the 'others' in reclaiming their old worshipping spaces-tangibles-hotspots are the manifestation of such diseased mentality. It goes against the calmness of mind for following some ideology with respect from the heart. The enemy declaring lexicon in communist ontology of class war too ended giving rise to the oligarchy of super rich from within the system, anathema towards its own cause has proven to be untenable in the long run. If they could be at peace by finishing their grand projects in different clothing, different sects and tribes of same belief could not annihilate each other in any ideologically dictatorial state. Now territorial colonialists and business colonialists are unable to settle problems of their own creations in their own geography as 'othering' after achieving temporary win against the first lot of others, pouncing the second lot closer home, history confirms.

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