

ĪSVARA & RELIGIOUS DISCIPLINE

PŪRNA VIDYĀ VEDIC HERITAGE TEACHING PROGRAMME

Values

• What are Universal Values? • What are Cultural values? • What are Personal Values of Universal Nature? • What are Universal values of Universal Nature? • Why should have a Value for Values? Should you compromise a Value?

Review

अमानिबमदम्भिबमहिंसा क्षान्तिरार्जवम् । आचार्योपासनं शौचं स्थैर्यमात्मविनिग्रहः ॥१३-७॥

amānitvam adambhitvam ahiņsā kṣāntir ārjavam | ācāryopāsanaņ śaucaņ sthairyam ātmavinigrahaḥ ||13-7||

Absence of conceit, absence of hypocrisy, harmlessness, accommodation, straightforwardness, reverence for the teacher, cleanliness, steadfastness, self-discipline

Amānitavam

- Amānitavam means absence of mānitvam or self-praise
- māni = one who has mānah ("mānaḥ asya asti iti māni")
- A *māni* is one who makes his virtues known to others and then demands to be respected for these virtues
- Is this necessary? Why should others acknowledge your skills? Why do want others to acknowledge your skills?

Adambhitvam

- Adambhitvam is demanding respect from others without even having the necessary qualifications!
- This is done in small ways and big ways to make others aware of one's imagined glories and virtues!
- If *amānitavam* is not necessary, what can one say about *adambhitvam*?
- This is done by someone who constantly seeks others' approval

Amānitavam and Adambhitvam

Amānitavam

• "...I just fasted for two straight days without water! I am so great!..."

Adambhitvam

- "...did you say you can fast for two straight days without water? I have actually done this for 30 straight days!..."
- This person could never have done this!

Amānitavam and Adambhitvam

Amānitavam

- Examples from itihāsa (e.g., how Duryodhana treated Lord Kṛṣna just before the beginning of the Mahabharata war)
- Contemporary examples (e.g., politics, work)

Adambhitvam

- Examples from itihāsa or smrti (e.g., long-haired bearded person pretending to be a sadhu)
- Contemporary examples (e.g., school)



 In which chapter of the Bhagavad Gita are the two values of *amānitvam* and *adambhitvam* presented?

• Reflect on the meaning. What do they mean?

 Come prepared in the next class to share an example based on your experience at home, school or elsewhere.

Concluding Santi Mantra

 Om pūrņamadah pūrņamidam pūrņātpurņamudacyate pūrņasya pūrņamādāya pūrņamevāvaśişyate || Om śāntih śāntih śāntihi ||

That is fullness, this is fullness. From that fullness this fullness came. From that fullness (when) this fullness (is) removed, what remains is fullness. Om peace, peace, peace