

## **Brahmanical Wisdom in the New Millennium**

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Brahmanical wisdom has civilized mankind and continues to enlighten human minds around the world through the ages. At the advent of 21<sup>st</sup> century, we live in an era of information age with a major focus on economic growth and unabated consumerism where one can question anything or everything whether rightfully so or not. After all, same ‘words’ may mean different to different people and, thus, philistinism prevails in every field of human activity whether it is electronic or print media of present times as it helps achieve socio-political goals of those in power. It is not uncommon to see brahmanical wisdom being questioned and portrayed in an inappropriate context and without scholarly understanding. This is not surprising since Brahman is the ultimate reality, supreme spirit, beyond all human understanding, time and space. He is the origin of all creation – pure intelligence, pure delight and pure being.

How should brahman community respond to a situation when philistinism prevails under the pretext of civilized society? Perhaps, it may be best to learn from a Brahman sage who once upon a time expounded:

“Learn to know good from evil;

Learn to shun all emotions;

Learn to live in present,

without the past, that no longer exists,

without tomorrow, that is purely imaginary.”

Such pragmatic pearls of wisdom from the old sage could not have been more appropriate at the current times when it is so essential to preserve brahmanical knowledge and heritage for all times

to come. This requires coming together of brahmanical minds in an organized manner to be able to take up these challenges and turn them into opportunities for the advancement of human societies. The World Brahman Federation (WBF) aims at achieving this goal into the new millennium and across the globe. The holy scriptures enshrined in the Vedas, Upanishads and others should form the basis of achieving the goal through education and brahmanical cultural practices. The following simple golden rules described by Ms. Lizelle Reymond (1958) in her book, “My life with a Brahman Family” provide an insight into the targeted areas of WBF activities:

“Our actions reveal our feelings,  
Our speech our ancestry,  
Our children our integrity,  
Our bodies that which we eat and drink,  
Our expression our thoughts.....”

The brahmanical values are what the WBF stands for that are so vital to the community at large and, especially, the coming generations into the new millennium. The WBF organizes and encourages brahmanical cultural activities across the globe where Hindus stand in all humility and everlasting happiness acquired through the family ‘Sanskaras’. The promotion of Dharma in Hindu society by brahmins would not only help sustain civilization but also help advance the humanity by inculcating those leadership qualities where highest support for morality prevails. All brahmins are, thus, a stakeholder in the cause of WBF activities and must work together towards the larger goals of the humanity for which the community has made astounding contributions.

The final thoughts again return to the great brahman sage who said, “Learn to know good from evil”, as this would lead to a turning point for the mankind where brahmans would have contributed their intellectual might into the new millennium.