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Sri. J. Krishnamurti and his lifelong Teachings)

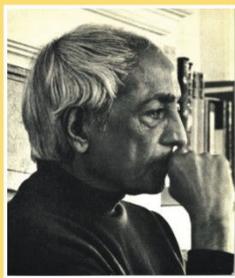
Panel Discussion :
For Inter-Religious Harmony and World Peace,
self-Knowing is sine qua non

Friday, 2nd Nov 2018 • 12:15 pm to 1:45 pm
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Theme of the Panel Discussion at the PWR, Toronto, Nov 2018:
‘For Inter-Religious Harmony and World-Peace,
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“In this introduction, we explain, how *self-Knowing*, will shape our understanding and the consequent resolution of the long-standing ‘impossible’ problems of mankind- namely, inter-religious, intra-social and inter-national political conflicts.

1. **“Identity, Intention and Aetiology:** Our backgrounds go back to **the Master Krishnamurti’s life-long work, Hindu Advaita, and Amanaska Yoga**, in both India and Canada, as also to the **Western Christian tradition** in America. As panellists, we are all held together by our overriding concern for the destructive course of human civilization. Though we do not have any affiliation with the Krishnamurti Foundations in the various countries and are also not affiliated to any other religious institutions; nevertheless, here at the PWR, we are respectfully proposing that **the meta-religious *self-Knowing* of the Master J. Krishnamurti**, can illumine and resolve the immense problems in which our modern world is engulfed. However, this relatively-nascent *self-Knowing*, is largely **terra incognita** for the mainstream religions, even though individuals belonging to these religions, may have already vastly benefitted by it. We begin with **aetiology**, i.e.; the precise diagnosis of our recurring collective brutalities. Once the roots of this evil are exposed; we respectfully request the PWR, to focus attention on the aetiology, for firstly, understanding the genesis of this evil at the microcosmic level.
2. **“The ‘*self*’ is a ‘superficial inner essence’ of man.** It suffers from a ‘divisive mentality and a sense of separation in sensory perception as well as in thought and feeling, between itself and the ‘other’’, and this creates a proneness to evil as its ‘first’ nature. Amidst this tragic portrayal of our human nature, our only consolation is that, indeed, there exists, also, a **core-essence** of us, which is our **Divine** nature, the **Atma**. But, as this **core-essence** is deeply nestled in our consciousness; humanity has often made the intellectual blunder of supposing that such a **Divine core-essence** is non-existent.... Examining in a single sweep, all the world-wide conflicts, violence, genocides, wars - in our religious, social, national and political spheres, in the light of *self-Knowing*, sourced in the **Master, J. Krishnamurti’s (1895-1986)** life-long work, we arrive at the **aetiology** of these world-wide collective brutalities. And proceeding along these lines, we arrive at the ‘*self*’ in the human consciousness, as not only the breeding ground for all the outer evils, but also, as ‘the mother of all the evils’, that we are suffering from, in our collective outer life.
3. **“The Master J. Krishnamurti**, made it abundantly clear that he had no disciples, no mission, that he belonged to no nation, no religion and that his position as a religious teacher, must be understood, without any affiliation, to the religions and nations. As **inter-religious conflicts** have always been the most difficult challenges facing humanity, we are obliged to create a ‘common meeting ground’ with the religions, so that a dialogue between Krishnamurti’s *self-Knowing* and the world’s religions, becomes possible in the first instance. Therefore, departing significantly from Krishnamurti and bridging the gulf between ‘the nascent continent of *self-Knowing*’, and the ‘ancient continent of one of the World’s religions, namely Hinduism’ (**this ‘bridge’ has been called, Amanaska Yoga**); we have deepened our **aetiology** of humanity’s



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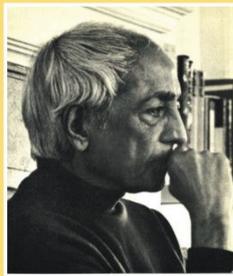
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collective brutalities. In the same spirit, we also look for the aetiology of our collective malaise in new **Christian** light and in the light of India's **Yoga** traditions.

4. “This meta-religious *self-Knowing* is a **paradigm shift** in the religious sphere—even though, Krishnamurti belonged to no religion. We will best understand this, when we recapitulate how, **Mahatma Gandhi's** approach to the freedom struggle, through **Ahimsa** (Non-violence) and **Satyagraha** (adherence to truth), was also a veritable paradigm shift, as there was no historical precedent to that radically new line of thought and action in the history of the freedom struggles in the world. ‘**Quantum Mechanics**’ and the ‘**Theory of Relativity**’ are outstanding examples of **paradigm shifts**, that happened in the world of physics. Here we should not miss the astounding parallel. Like how, **the failure** of Classical Mechanics and **the failure** of Newtonian concepts, was, what mothered the **paradigm shifts**; in much the same way, in our own day and age, it is **the failure of our religions** to respond creatively to the challenges of various inter-religious conflicts and social aberrations; which has culminated in the momentous **paradigm shift** of *self-Knowing*.
5. “*self-Knowing*, means looking within, through ‘choiceless awareness’ at the ulterior motives and the divisive activities of the *self*, rather than looking outward at the ‘adversarial other’ and this results in a dramatic shift in the very identity of man, from his problematic superficial *self* to his **core-essence, the Atma**. More importantly, that seed of evil, resident in the *self's*, ‘divisiveness and a sense of separation in sensory perception, as well as in thought and feeling’ also thereby, suffers a natural scorching at its roots. We respectfully suggest to the PWR, to turn their attention away from the outer collective illnesses in the religious, social, and political spheres, and instead focus attention on the inner domain of the human *self*, which is the mother of all these outer conflicts.
6. “The collective ills of the world arise from the seed of the *self's* divisive mentality and its consequent proneness to duality. Such a disposition of the *self* is the very reason for the lack of creativeness, in the members of the ‘**dominant minority**’, who are at the helm of affairs in the religious, political and social spheres. Therefore, the individuals who constitute these ‘**dominant minorities**’ in these spheres, will also have to turn inward and look at their selves, rather than look suspiciously and judgmentally at their opponents and adversaries.

“Also, religions which have always been obsessed with ‘Knowing the **Divine**’, will now do well to allow an infusion of the **meta-religious culture of self-Knowing** into their mainstreams. This will necessarily come as a rude shock to religious leaders and religious institutions. This is so, because, *self-Knowing* is still terra incognita in all the religions. The paradoxical thing is that, this shift from ‘**Divine Knowing**’ to ‘*self-Knowing*’, far from giving an irreligious reversal, as we may wrongly imagine in our ignorance; will on the contrary, speedily bring us home to our **core-essence**, which is the ineffable **Divine**, the **Atma**.
7. “**This meta-religious self-Knowing**, has the potency to transform the inner identity of man, from the superficial and obnoxious *self*, to the innocent **Atma**, our **Divine core-essence**. We respectfully submit to the Parliament of the World's Religions, that this new vision, be vigorously pursued by the religious, social, political leaders, their institutions and policy makers, starting both from the apex of the hierarchical pyramid, where reside the more fortunate



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‘dominant minority’ as well as, starting from the base of the hierarchical pyramid, where abound the unfortunate toiling millions, still groping in the dark under the yoke of ignorance, exploitation and suffering. From the **new seed of looking inward through self-Knowing**, mankind will move from the life of the divisive and obnoxious *self* to the life of innocence, in the **Atma**, our, **Divine core-essence**. We should not be greedy enough to expect impossible results overnight. But, if we plant the seeds today in innocence and with an awareness of the **Divine**, we can surely hope to see the sprouting of a mature humanity and a mature civilization, in the next ten generations. Philosophers and Sages, sobered by the great lessons of history will agree that our sincere efforts through this new seed of *self-Knowing*, cannot ever go in vain (Sankara Bhagavadpada’s Introduction).”

PARLIAMENT OF THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS
The Promise of Inclusion, The Power of Love: Pursuing Global Understanding, Reconciliation, and Change

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- Why do World conflicts never cease - be they religious, political, ethnic, social or racial?
- What is the missing ingredient?

Why are Religions not able to resolve these World conflicts?



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Panel Discussion:

- Globalization presents a new challenge for people from different religions, ethnicities, races and nations - for getting along peacefully with each other.
- Have legislations, treaties and efforts for inclusion, really solved interracial, inter-religious conflicts?
- What is *self-Knowing*, which is the life time work of the Master Sri J Krishnamurti?
- How can *self-Knowing* help resolve these seemingly unending conflicts?
- Is the 'divisive nature' of the *self* the root cause for all these conflicts?

These five Panellists will strive to communicate the implications of this introduction during the Panel Discussion. Each Panellist will approach from a different angle, in an attempt to bring to light the profound relevance of *self-Knowing* in these world conflicts of our times.
