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The Solution of Various Conflicts in Vedic Wisdom.

A brief report of WAVES 2024 International Conference, Florida.

The WAVES 2024 Conference, themed “Prevention, Management, and Resolution of Conflicts in Vedic Traditions,” was held from September 13 to 15, 2024. This international event was co-organized by the World Association of Vedic Studies (WAVES International) and the Wider Association of Vedic Studies (WAVES-India). The conference was hosted by the Hindu University of America in Florida, bringing together scholars and researchers, who participated wholeheartedly, from around the world.

WAVES 2024 brought together Vedic scholars, academics, researchers, educators, students, and enthusiasts to explore the relevance of Vedic knowledge in addressing global conflicts. Scholars from various countries participated wholeheartedly in every aspect of the conference. The event included enriching discussions, workshops, and roundtables that offered insight into Vedic wisdom, strategies and best practices in conflict resolution.

After auspicious Vedic chanting by renowned Vedic scholar Shri Sree Aswath the Conference was inaugurated by Shri Braham Ratan Aggarwal, Founder and Former Chairman, Hindu University of America, Orlando.

Dr. Vishwa P. Adluri, Professor of Philosophy, HUA and Hunter College in New York, delivered the keynote speech, providing insights into the greatest political conflict in the Mahābhārata. The welcome address was presented by Shri Kalyan Viswanathan, the President of HUA.

The session was presided over by Shri Sashi Kejriwal, President of WAVES International, while the vote of thanks was delivered by Shri Dharendra Shah, Director and Treasurer of WAVES International. Additionally, Dr. Aparna Dhir, Secretary of WAVES-India, moderated the session, ensuring an engaging and informative experience for all.

This academic event included enriching discussions, lively workshops, and brilliant plenary talks by famous scholars, that offered insight into Vedic wisdom for the resolution of inner and outer conflict. This three-day conference’s proceedings were divided into 23 sessions including plenary sessions, inaugural and valedictory sessions and panel discussions. The vibrant conference brought together Vedic scholars, academics, researchers, educators, enthusiast students to explore the relevance of Vedic knowledge in addressing global conflicts.

Eminent Vedic scholar, and Leader of the Global Country of World Peace, Dr. Tony Nader gave a plenary talk on the topic ‘Consciousness Is All There Is.’ Prof. Subhash Kak, Computer Scientist and author of books like & ‘Mind and Self’ and ‘Matter and Mind’, presented his views on the subject “The Tattvas and their Potential Use in Modern Science”; sparking curiosity among intellectuals and scholars who draw inspiration from the Vedas in their work.

Three illuminating panel discussions were conducted, addressing the subjects of Arthashastra, Ayurveda, and the Distortions of Hindu Ethos in our Educational System. The panels consisted

of esteemed scholars, including Prof. Bal Ram Singh, Director of WAVES International & Director of the Institute of Advanced Sciences in Dartmouth, MA; Dr. Debidatta Aurobinda Mahapatra, Professor, HUA and Florida College, FL; Dr. Raj Vedam, Independent Scholar, Historian, Author, Critic, and Faculty of the Hindu University of America ; Prof. Kundan Singh, a distinguished historian and educator in California; and Dr. Vandana Baranwal, the President of the Ayurveda Association of Ohio, among other notable figures.

The conference showcased over 100 research papers written in English, Sanskrit, and Hindi, spanning various disciplines including Philosophy, Psychology, AI, Anthropology, History, Mythology, Architecture, Advanced Science, Medicine, Ethics, Morals, Conflict Management, and Resolution. Notable presenters included Shri Nilesh Oak, a Researcher, Author, and Engineer from Maharashtra, India, his thesis focuses on "Revealing India's Deep Antiquity".

Dr. Joydeep Bagchee, Professor of Philosophy & Core Doctoral Faculty member, Hindu University of America, presented his paper titled "The Timelessness of the Veda" ; Dr. Raj Vedam, a renowned Historian, Author, Independent Scholar, and Faculty at HUA, USA, presented "An Evidence-Based Rejection of 'Caste' to Describe Social Life in Bharat"; Prof. Kaushal Panwar, IGNOU, Delhi, India, discussed "Medical Elements in Indian Knowledge Tradition"; Vedika Chamaria, a young author from Texas, USA, spoke on "Etiquette and Code of Ethics during Wars in Ancient India"; and Ayush Nanda, also from Texas, USA, explored "The Connection between Ancient Vedic and Mayan/South American Cultures." These diverse speakers contributed to giving a global resonance to the message of the WAVES Organization.

In the Valedictory Session Samhita Shastri Dr. Arjun Prasad Bastola, Expert of Hindu Dharma from Kathmandu, NEPAL was Guest of Honor; and the session was moderated by Prof. Ranjit Behera, General Secretary, WAVES-India, and faculty, University of Delhi, India. The conference was deemed a resounding success, the collective efforts of all involved made this event a significant milestone in promoting Vedic wisdom in the modern context.

A few valuable comments obtained from the conference are summarized as follows:

- Shri Kalyan Viswanathan - "Vedic knowledge, even though ancient, is also very relevant for our contemporary age."
- Prof. (Dr.) Shashi Tiwari - "The success of our endeavors relies on two strong pillars: well-organized planning and the delivery of excellent presentations."
- Prof. (Dr) Anil Maheshwari- "WAVES is an invaluable global forum for the rejuvenation and practical application of Vedic Shastras."
- TG Sriram, MD- "Bharath's past, in all its glory, came alive at the WAVES 2024 conference."
- Ashruth Suryanarayanan – "The humility, clarity, and focus serve as an inspiration for me and any other aspirant."
- Vedika Chamaria – "People who looked so ordinary and humble on the outside turned out to be Ph.Ds. and Professors."

WAVES is committed to hosting and facilitating the academic study of Vedic knowledge through conferences, blogs, and publications. The proceedings of WAVES 2024 will be available for purchase in the coming weeks.