**SESSION – I**

***Theme:*** ***"From Philosopher Saint Shri Dnyaneshwara World Peace Dome, Pune, India - A Spiritually Oriented Scientific Laboratory - To Kashi Vishwanath Dham - A Divine Knowledge Corridor."***

In this session, we will talk about Philosopher Saint Shri Dnyaneshwar World Peace Dome, which is also known as the Spiritually Oriented Scientific Laboratory for World Peace.

True growth and evolution of the human persona is not possible without adding to one’s knowledge, analysing, questioning and discovering answers. While knowledge about spirituality, religions, philosophy and scientific thinking can be amassed from various sources, throughout one’s lifetime, one can only imagine the benefits if it were made available under one roof, in a conducive environment for study, reflection and for incubating new thinking on the subjects. It was with this purpose and vision that The World Peace Library was constructed at the World Peace Dome.

The library houses thousands of books and scriptures related to religion, spirituality, science and philosophy and from across the world. In the middle of the library is a circular room where one can study about the ideologies and history of the various religions of the world – Judaism, Hinduism, Islam, Christianity and Zoroastrianism and Sikhism. One learns about the differences as well as the similarities of the religions.

Ancient scriptures available here bring clarity to the rituals and practices of these religions. While one can research with the resources available here, it can help the thinking mind to conceptualize one’s own philosophies and interpretations, spark new ideas, breaking the bounds of traditions.

This is the intent also of this secular place filled with possibilities of the new. The library also showcases remarkably well-written pieces along the walls about the life and work of some of the greatest scientists and thinkers of the world. The magnificent expanse of 62,500 square feet area of the library is captivating at first sight and inviting for the scholar, researcher and the lay reader, alike.

**SESSION – II**

***Theme:*** ***"Realizing the concept of “Advaita (Nonduality)” – The Philosophy of Science - › (AUM)→E=mC2.".***

The most famous scientific equations of Dr. Albert Einstein, E = MC2 has been showing the pathway to the world community at large in understanding the most Scientific Principles and Laws of Mother Nature and Life. However, now, the above mentioned equation AUM = E = MC2 is found to be much more revealing and further, it is certainly going to give an appropriate understanding and insight about the Role of Science and Spiritual / Religious Components of Life.

India is a land of saints, sages and seers and is known as a spiritually oriented country based on the philosophies propounded by these great men of virtue and vision, whose sole aim has been the welfare and wellbeing of the entire mankind and all the living beings at large. They have given the world some of the greatest attributes, which include spirituality, yoga, AUM, Non-duality and so many others. Until recently these concepts were considered to be as religious dogmas with no scientific basis, though this is far from the truth. The concepts involved in all these, have been put forth in a simple manner by these great saints.

In fact, the very equation AUM = E = MC2 truly reflects the manifestation of consciousness – the invisible energy or force, which binds the entire universe together and naturally it symbolizes the Ultimate Reality, the Ultimate Truth – Almighty, the God. This clearly shows that Science and Spirituality / Religion go together to reveal the True Nature of the Universe.

**SESSION – III**

***Theme: "Transforming the Pilgrim Centres of India/World into Divine Knowledge Centres of India/World"***

Transforming Pilgrim Centres of India into Divine Knowledge Centres of India through this Vishwaroopa Darshan Manch. The masses of people in India, ordinary men and women (who are not highly educated) are deeply pious and firmly rooted in their own Hindu faith. People of India undertake pilgrimages to holy places with the thought that by gaining the “darshan” of the Deity in the pilgrimage place, and giving reverence to the Deity, they will receive the Blessings of the Deity, and increase in their own level of piety.

Our entire country, Bharat, functions on this great determination and vision is to transform the consciousness of the people of India to a higher spiritual level through gaining awareness in the light of education, true knowledge about the religion, the principles, and awareness of similarity of underlying principles in other faiths. This is a tremendously powerful method of transforming consciousness of the masses of ordinary people.

Transform a section of the Indian people into “brown skinned Englishmen” –by super imposing the middle class Victorian morality and mentality and the English language through changes of the education system in those parts of India ruled by England. The deepest admiration for him is for doing this – taking the bull by the horns and in one stroke, to accomplish both – through making use of the age old custom of people going to places of pilgrimage, of enhancing the people’s own faith and Ancient Indian Culture, and simultaneously broadening the spiritual consciousness of the people for acceptance of the Universal Wisdom through creating respect for all faiths. Hats off to him. He deserves both the Nobel Peace prize and the highest recognition that can be bestowed by the Govt. of India for starting and purposefully proceeding with this public benefit project.

**SESSION – IV**

***Theme:*** ***"Religious Scriptures are True Life-Guiding Scriptures" – “Ekam Sat Vipra Bahuda Vadanti”***

The scriptures of the world’s religions have provided humanity with some of the most sublime and profound insights, spiritual ideals, and values that have shaped the moral and spiritual development of humankind.

The impact of these scriptures on the world cultures is immeasurable. They have shaped the identity of entire communities, provided content to their legal codes, offered them meaning of life and explained the purpose and destination of life’s journey to their countless followers. Today’s ready availability of scriptures of every faith and tradition will nurture mutual understanding and respect for the value of all religions.

**SESSION – V**

***Theme: "Union of Science and Religion / Spirituality alone will bring Peace and Harmony to the mankind” – Swami Vivekananda"***

“Friends, it is worth noting that the very definition of Science is nothing but to find Unity and to understand the Ultimate State of Matter along with its Nature and the Ultimate Reality of the Universe, whereas the very definition of Religion is nothing but to perform one’s duty – the highest Divine Knowledge and Wisdom, to develop the sense of ethics and moral character which teaches how to live Happily and let other also, live happily without causing any harm or injustice to other living beings”.

All the religious scriptures are nothing but the life guiding scriptures that guide us on how to live and how not to live. They might belong to different religious or spiritual practices, but at the core they are all designed to help us purify our sources of energies; be them Mind, Matter, Spirit or Consciousness.

As humans, fundamental sciences and scientific development has been instrumental in our progress and growth. As HH the Dalai Lama has said, “We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet the new neighbor.” Thus, there is a dire need to look at our fundamental approach to science and spirituality, both, and change the very definition of the word Philosophy and its perceived meaning, so as to enable more peace loving holistic society.

**SESSION – VI**

***Theme: "Need to attain Holistic Sustainable Development Goals in pursuit of World Peace"***

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) define the world we want. They apply to all nations and mean, quite simply, to ensure that no one is left behind. The SDGs can only be realized with strong global partnerships and cooperation. The Sustainable Development Goals are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. They address the global challenges we face, including poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation, peace and justice. Leaders across the world have a monumental opportunity to reduce inequality, end poverty, protect the environment and promote justice and peace in implementing Sustainable Development Goals.

Goal 16 focuses on peacebuilding, and in this session, we proposed to discuss how partnerships (SDG 17) can enhance the opportunities for world peace. We will be looking at various individuals and organizations, who have created grass root networks focused on Human rights, tolerance and peace.

**SESSION – VII**

***Theme: "Need to understand the chemistry of Mind, Nature of Matter, Soul / Spirit and Consciousness – The Ultimate Truth – Ultimate Reality – Almighty God"***

This session will discuss about the Nature of mind, matter, spirit and consciousness and the methods of meditation like yoga, vipassana, pranayama, namaz, prayer, chanting etc. to develop positive thinking and mindset.

The practices of focusing our attention on a single point of reference has been amply followed by different religions and spiritual groups since long. This practice has yielded spiritual upliftment for its practitioners and in turn they have propagated it for the benefit of all Methods of Meditation like Yoga, Vipassana, Pranayama, Namaz, Prayer, Chanting and many more help humankind focus their attentions, their energies onto a single point of reference. They apparently belong to different religious or spiritual practices, but at the core they are all designed to help us purify our sources of energies; be them Mind, Matter, Spirit or Consciousness.

There is a dire need to change the very definition of the word Philosophy and its perceived meaning. There have been saints, sages, seers and prophets throughout the centuries, who have been looked upon as religious preachers and at times, those who promote blind faith. However, in reality most of the saints, sages, seers and prophets are actually providing the pathway to inner peace and how-to live-in contentment with oneself. The methods adopted by each one may be different but their ultimate goal is Welfare of the entire Humanity. Therefore, it is our firm belief that the greatest saints, sages, seers and prophets should be considered as “Philosophers” and not as religious preachers only.

**SESSION – VIII**

***Theme: "Need to Redefine Philosophy and Interpret its Indian and Western Concepts, for the wellbeing of the entire mankind."***

Philosophy is defined as, study of general problems concerning matters such as Existence, Knowledge, Truth and Mind, with immense "Love of Wisdom", unfortunately its true purpose was shadowed, as it doesn't allow in its scope of study – the "Knowledge Divine", which is the sole objective to acquire, in all Religions. So, Philosophers kept the "Absolute Divine Truth", which lie at the core of the Religions and Existence at bay in actual practice, while surprisingly they have included it, in the very academic definition of their subject.

Any thought process or words of wisdom or philosophical concepts, which does not think or guide and show the pathway for the well being of the society at large, cannot be considered as 'Philosophy' itself. Anything, which speaks about fundamental principles and laws of life and the Mother Nature, ultimately showing a pathway for peaceful coexistence for the entire mankind, can only be called and defined as a true 'Philosophy'.

Highly imperative that a cross-cultural productive dialog takes place between Philosophies of the Western World and their Indian – Eastern counterpart, to understand and interpret each others' concepts, so as to evolve the appropriate concept of the very word "Philosophy". This would help in understanding and finding synergic similarities between Philosophies of the World Religions, role of Eastern Philosophy and Indian Philosophers in it, leading to a unifying approach in search of answers, to the fundamental questions facing humanity, since time immemorial. Let the entire world know that Philosophy does not simply mean web of logic and rationality and play of intelligent words, stimulating intellect and not touching the Human Heart, without much relevance for the welfare of the Human Beings. Possibly, appropriate redefining of the word 'Philosophy' would give a holistic approach to life.

**SESSION – IX**

***Theme: "Need to Promote Value Based Universal Education System to Establish Culture of Peace in the World."***

Friends, it is high time that the learned Scholars, Thinkers, Academicians, Philosophers, Scientists and Men of Religion/spirituality should come together to evolve a VALUE BASED EDUCATION SYSTEM with an appropriate component of Science and Religion / Spirituality to establish and develop a HOLISTIC PEACE-LOVING HARMONIOUS GLOBAL SOCIETY. Looking at the prevailing disturbing scenario all over the world, it is imperative that we carry out introspection, search where we have gone wrong and decide about the measures, that can help in setting the things right. It requires sincere efforts and firm action by all the right thinking knowledgeable people without any further loss of time. Any further delay will make the process irreversible and whatever rot has set in, will get perpetuated. Education and Training-the only way to develop ‘Positive-Mindset’ As enunciated by the Great Noble son of India-Swami Vivekananda, “Education is a manifestation of pure intelligence and of the perfection already in man”, and is obviously closely related with the proper understanding of the Role of Science and Spirituality/Religion for the wellbeing of the entire Mankind.

The main thrust of Education, in addition to providing inputs by way of knowledge and information, should be in developing purity of mind, purity of thought and purity in each and every action of life, which are basic for establishing a holistic global society. The main purpose of education is to develop the “WINNING PERSONALITY” of the student, who shall be Physically Fit, Mentally Alert, Intellectually Sharp and Spiritually Elevated, so that he will be able to contribute his might for the wellbeing and welfare of the society at large.

**SESSION – X**

***Theme: “Aum (›) and Yoga – The greatest gift of Mother India for the wellbeing of the entire Mankind.”***

Friends, the very word “Aum”, which is apparently misunderstood as a religious / spiritual word symbolizing Hinduism, is actually a universal word and a symbol to denote the INVISIBLE FORCE OR ENERGY, which binds this entire Universe together and signifies the ULTIMATE TRUTH – ULTIMATE REALITY – THE ALMIGHTY GOD, THE CONCEPT WHICH IS ACCEPTED BY ALL THE WORLD RELIGIONS.

India is one such country wherein, from time immemorial, the great visionary saints, sages, seers and even the great scientists have always worshipped the KNOWLEDGE DIVINE in quest of the ULTIMATE TRUTH. It is worth noting that in the present scientific era, after all the scientific innovations and discoveries, an entirely new universal equation like › - Aum = E = MC2, is emerging to give an appropriate insight about the “Role of Science and Spiritual / Religious Component of Life.”