

# VASUDAIVA KUTUMBAKAM

It is the feeling that the world is one, freedom from the thought that this is mine and that is theirs. This is possible only if we know that this world does not belong to you or me but to God. That is a Being, a reality, higher than anyone of us, a Being above us all but whom we unconsciously or consciously look up to for help, solace and justice.

So if we are going to think of this world as something which belongs to us, to think that some of us are friends and belong to us and the others do not belong to us and could be inimical to us, then unhappiness could result.

It is difficult for the human mind, holding in itself the images of so many janmas of struggle against other people, holding in its body the genes of ancestors who had to fight to survive to think of all beings as being friendly and as friends.

Who can then think of the concept of Vasudaiva Kutumbakam, the world as God's family and practice it in his or her life?

It is a person with a large vision, person who has a noble outlook and has cast aside his fears of other people, has cast out selfishness and fear of the unknown. Such a person does not differentiate between friend and foe when it comes to basics, though he knows that they must be dealt with differently.

While the small minded person with a narrow vision is tied down with his feelings of mine and theirs and is unable to really do anything for this world or to attain a place in the next.

Who shall we be?

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