

World Peace and World Unity: A Most Emergent Need of the Present and Future

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ABSTRACT

The world peace and world unity are the most embryonic need of the modern society in order to protect our habitat earth. Lots of efforts have been made to ensure the world peace and unity in the past and several international organizations have been made for the purpose. Several meetings of the representatives of different nations have also been organized time to time in the past history as well as in the present time. However still we are very far away from a united world or united earth with peace and prosperity and the risk of war that may be minor aggression between neighboring countries (cold war) or a big war like the world war with use of nuclear/chemical weapons still and always hang over the mankind. Now with technological advancement of the world and development of nuclear and chemical weapons and newly emerging nano engineered and biological weapons which if used for small aggression between countries will greatly pollute the atmosphere on earth and can ruin the whole world and the modern civilization. Due to the development of these drastic weapons which are highly dangerous to the society and the environment it has become big threat to the life on earth. Therefore, now it has become utmost important to find a solution to counterbalance this problem and hence we need to make potential and innovative efforts for the complete elimination of the war between countries and search for a peaceful solution to resolve the disputes among countries by establishing a powerful international law and order. A critical review of the present and past efforts made by various researchers, peace organizations and societies has been presented here. The key suggestions by various researchers include moving from divided world to unified world, development of world culture system, development of peace-based curriculum, religious harmony, interreligious cooperation, global citizenship etc. It has been concluded that the inner willingness among national and religious leaders of the various countries, religious & cultural organizations and all the human being need to be developed that will surely realize the world peace and world unity. The concept of unified world and powerful international law and order to resolve all the political, religious and other kind of issues and aggressions between countries and religions has to be established.

1. Introduction

The peace and unity among mankind is the key to the prosperous world with happiness, advancement and resourcefulness. We have developed huge and extremely powerful weapons to fight with each other for small issues and we have created a hatred and polluted environment and world of violence. Now it has come the time to develop weapons and tools to kill all the evils of the human mind i.e. covetousness, greed, violence and hatredness which results in destruction, unhappiness, loss of life, and resources.

In this 21st century, we have emerged in a world of science and technology, we have made many impossible things very much possible and we are leading toward a society with very high living standard due the advancement of science & technology and industrial development. The several new technologies due the drastic advancement in the area of nanotechnology have made many of imaginary things of past easily and economically available and very much possible in the present and near future. However, with advancement of science and technology we have emerged with parallel development of powerful weapons and destructive technologies like nuclear weapons, nano-engineered bombs and biological weapons that can not only ruin the mankind but whole life on the earth. As far as we know earth is the only place in whole universe where life is possible, but with the development of powerful nuclear, chemical and biological weapons we are advancing toward destruction of our mother earth which is the only known planet for survival of mankind and animal life in the whole universe. Therefore, we should completely ban the production and use of chemical and nuclear weapons for military purposes.

Therefore, it is emergently required to develop peace, harmony and friendly atmosphere among the countries and completely end the possibilities of war between countries. This can be possible by establishing the International Law and order. The dispute and controversies between countries must be resolved in peaceful manner in the premises of international courts. To overcome or reduce the controversies two important things are that we should accept different cultures and religions firstly and secondly, we should legally fix the border of all countries and completely ban the taking over of the land of one country by other country. Most of the disputes are related to these two issues.

2. Past studies towards international Peace, prosperity and Unity:

Several research studies have been done and reported by various scholars on international piece making. The various studies reported till 2010 are discussed here:

(Kapoor, 2007) has reported on Auroville: A spiritual-social experiment in human unity. The idea was inspired by Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, an international 'city of the future' was developed in 1968 in southern India. The aim was to set up a city where human beings of different countries and religion can live in peaceful manner in spite of their different doctrine and political affairs. Auroville is a radically transformative initiative and it was radically transformative. The conception of Auroville is grand and futuristic. Auroville was developed from the philosophy of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. It is a major concern that the idea was not simply a supposition but it was adopted by thousands of people who have taken active part and enthused lakhs of people.

According to a report on the 29th United Nations of the Next Decade Conference (Peace, 1995), in June 1994, Santa, NM, USA. A system of international co-operation was developed after 50 years of establishment of UN in 1945 and it has a several important organizations under the control of the UN. The two superpowers have agreed to neutralize the propagation of nuclear arms and other weapons, for the global peace.

The Commission on Global Governance was developed as a vital step for change in the international system. Freed from East-West tensions, the different countries now possess favorable environment to work collectively and realize the peaceful world. The nations have become more inter-reliant and mutually supportive in many aspects. Several new issues have emerged, which require collective action. The rights and responsibilities of the different countries need to be modified in a new era of global democracy. The improvement of global society was the major objective of the Commission.

After World War II, different countries envisage an international establishment to encourage peace, harmony and collaboration among countries in 1945. After long discussions on how to achieve these objectives of peace among mankind, with experiences of past mistakes, the Founding Members have accepted the United Nations Charter, signed in San Francisco in June 1945. The concept of the Working Group improved and fortified the existing United Nations system. (Schafer, 1996) studied the possibility of new world system from a cultural outlook, as the world is passing through a great cultural change and culture has become a compelling vigor in the whole world. The two evidence are the declaration by the UN and UNESCO of a World Decade for Cultural Development (1988-97), and secondly the creation of a World Commission for Culture and Development (1993-95). There is the most emergent requirement of the world today is to move from a 'divided world' to united world.

This is very true that some countries have good financial and industrial resources, other countries have more of social, aesthetic, spiritual and human resources. Therefore, from this perspective, all nations are nearly at same developmental stage and they are merely taking different paths and directions, depending on their circumstances and public requirements. Moving towards an indivisible world as all countries in are in same developing stage can enhance the potential for international association and collaboration. There are vast number of examples in the arts, sciences, communications, medicine, education, business and the media where international cooperation and collaboration have become fruitful and nourishing. Shifting from divided world to one world will be greatly beneficial in the future deeds and possibilities. Therefore,

it is very important to execute the world cultural transformation and make all possible efforts to build a global system based on culture and therefore there is greatest need at the present to develop a unified world'.

(Marien, 1995) reported on the role of United Nations on the world future. Even with transition from Monarchy to democracy, still many barriers are there to peace because of the transformation of war. The future wars would be encouraged by groups of terrorists and guerillas, rather than national armies and by the use of gas and chemical weapons. As reported by, Newsweek magazine the 'global Mafia' will be a major threat. Military expenses over the world are decreasing from the peak year of 1987. Nuclear weapons are being reduced; however, there is increasing fear of the use of nuclear arms by terrorists. Biological weapons are also growing in addition to ballistic missiles. To overcome these threats, integrating various weapons control regimes have been the suggested recently. After the Cold-War, focus will be given on preclusion and resolution of the conflict and encouraging democracy. Other proposals include non-offensive defense, cooperative security, and mutual peacekeeping with a permanent UN army, and a UN marine bureau for naval peacekeeping. The United Nations is in making growing efforts for peacekeeping, however there is a problem of financing this mission. Michael Renner proposed taxes on the international arms trade while Saul Mendlovitz proposed a global tax scheme.

Population growth is the fifth key element of world futures, is surely the foremost fact of the future. Yet it is rarely mentioned in the discussion of world politics, security issues or the global economy. However, most authors in the area of world futures still ignored the population control and environmental concern.

Although there are no doubts that the United Nations needs reforms, but there are many ideas to accomplish and also finance it. These reforms include modifications in policies, especially in peace making services.

Harold Stassen proposed police and peace force, a super peacemaking corps, Harlan while Christopher Stone proposes a Global Commons Trust Fund with revenues from utilization of ocean and carbon emissions tax. (Marien, 1995) recommended few proposals like the establishment of the goal of 50 Doctoral programmes in reputed universities through the world. Secondly establishing a target of one course on world problems at school/ college level all over the world.

In a report published by *Ministry of Defense, Skopje, Republic of Macedonia*, (Contev & Gacovski, 2000) have claimed that after the Second World War, the several conflicts have grown throughout the World like internal conflicts between religious or ethnic groups etc. The resolving these conflicts needed special treatment and innovated techniques. The conventional technique of conflict resolving did not worked so far. The authors documented this innovative way of conflict resolving used by the United Nations (UN). Especial focus was given on peace-making, peace- keeping, preventive diplomacy and peace-building. Some of the solutions proposed by UN charter are general and are not adequate for resolution of several conflicts and hence the improvements were the emergent necessity.

3. Recent work and studies since year 2010 for peace and prosperity:

(Ghaderia, 2011) reported on the peace-based curriculum based on the theories of "difference" and "similarity". He reported that some researchers working on peace education wishes to use syncretistic theories to answer all the awareness, approach and proficiency of peace needed for schools, for example (Danesh, 2006) proclaim for a syncretistic peace curriculum based on unity World view. Danesh suggested that the speculation of peace teaching should be investigated as a general theory or extra theory and sub-theory. Therefore, human interpretation and moral responsibility in their all aspects that lead to democracy, Cosmopolitanism and the development of international laws are among the important solutions to realize peace. The peace can be realized by setting up a utopia in which countries/ democracies will not attack each other. Several other researchers also reported that during the 20th century, the democratic countries did not fight each other and liberal governments did not have bloody wars.

According to philosophers like Spinoza assuming the world as a whole with a common providence, the peace can be realized by unifying whole world and highlighting the morals and ethical values. If we believe this theory of peace as an ideal and not to be real one, then this theory may be treated as guideline to move us toward peace. The permanent peace is a rule to obey in any situation at national, regional or individual level (Ghaderia, 2011)..

(Zuo'an, 2013) has discussed the importance of religious harmony among different religion in the new globalized world. The religious diversity and differences, should be recognized, interreligious cooperation and peace among different religion should be enhanced by mutual understanding and empathy through dialogue.

Religious harmony and peace should be treated as social responsibilities by all religions. The religious controversies should be opposed and religious radicalism and intolerance should be overcome. The things in the world grow simultaneously without harming each other and all policies in the world are followed without any conflict. This is a correct idiom that the world moves in harmony without uniformity. A lot of religions have been developed in the world parallel to each other for thousands of years.

Religions of the world, may be old or new and large or small are neither superior nor inferior to each other. Racism and cultural ego do not have any basis. In this world diversity, with financial globalization, all religions should come together, distribute responsibilities, work in conjunction to each other and contribute to world peace, and harmony. All religions should work peacefully, combat violence, and care for each other.

(Unal et al., 2014) reported on the philosophy and belief of the Mehmet Akif Ersoy of Kazakhstan. He believes that the unity is the only means to keep the country in triumph and prosperity. This idea was the main spirit of his life and his works throughout his life. He sermonizes the need for unity with single religion for the betterment of the country. He believes that the dis-union of people and religion resulted in beating of land and life. The thoughts of Mehmet Akif Ersoy were very different than the other scholar's vision on the beginning of the life. He believes that we are not only made of bone and flesh, but is a developed holy creation of nature. He believes that Islam play major role in the unity and strength of the nation. He believes that the peace and unity are the beginning of the powerful force then the destructive weapons.

(Zhang, 2013) has studied the Chinese religious culture. He discussed the *declaration made by* Hans Küng many times that, *Toward a Global Ethic*, peace among nations is not possible without harmony among religions, without the talk among religions and without religious learning, there can't be peace among religions. According to him, interreligious talk is very imperative and it affects the peace among different cultures and countries.

The ten features of Chinese religious tradition described by Prof. Lou Yulie have been discussed. History of Chinese Religious Cultures and compared with religious studies done by Prof. Mou Zhongjian who dedicated his whole life to study the history of Chinese religion. Prof. Mou briefed five important features of Chinese religions. They are, first, the continuous subsistence and growth of the religion; second, influence of the monarch constantly supersede the religions; third, diversity and inclusiveness; fourth, humanization and secularization; fifth, the correlation of the three structures.

(Jaruma, 2013) proposed an international framework, from three concepts of Peace Building; Disarmament Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR); and Responsibility to Protect (R2P). It was recommended that the Rule of Law (ROL) is the major element for the peace building.

Two concepts are prevalent of peace building mostly utilized to resolve the clashes. Firstly, the depiction of a post conflict state; and secondly national and international collaboration working for the peace. Peace building initiated from the world which is deal with the appalling devastation ensuing from vastly different human beliefs. The world is full of war and conflicts. With the evolution of the conception of peace building it results in new universal responsibility. The United Nations has founded the Peace building Commission (PBC) in December 2005 under the authority of the UN General Assembly and Security Council. The aim of PBC's was to assist the nations in post-conflict recuperation, rebuild their infrastructure.

The concept of responsibility to protect (R2P) was established by international relations to deal with the negotiator or involvement of external actors. The rule of law (ROL) is the major synchronization on peace making mainly in post conflict regime. The major confront is to utilize rule of law to reconstruct the community without risk as much as possible. The Rule of Law (ROL) is the method to attain objectives of peace making (Jaruma, 2013).

(Takkac & Akdemir, 2012) reported on training the new generation of the world with consideration of global citizenship. This include teaching national ethics, qualities, cultures, ethnicity and bring into line them with the global prospect. To give a superior, secure and added habitable world for the new generation, the modern educationist must perform to define the nature of global citizenship with giving due respect and regard to national distinctiveness, and to establish the foundation for the future of a global peacefulness.

The ideology of this education should be built with the supposition that the main goal of the human efforts should contributed to global harmony. The world must be converted into a place with more harmony and obligation for the humanity.

Although global citizenship may seem a new idea at present, however the world in which war, illness, starvation and disparities have resulted in huge losses in the past, make it emergent for modern society to take the corrective actions for the betterment of the future world. Teaching global citizenship is becoming necessity at the present. In fact, it requires utmost attention to evaluate this wide agenda and one cannot say that the issue does not concern him.

Whomever are willing to work for this inspirational idea will logically recognize the significance of the concept of global citizenship. Many aspects and understandings of the global world have changed for the betterment of the mankind; several organizations are working on the objectives to encourage peace and universal cooperation, and immense people getting benefited by the globalization in the benefit of humanity. A number of education systems and NGOs in the Western world are

working in the directions of global citizenship. Similar efforts have been made in Asia. However lack of willingness in schools and universities to run Global citizenship programmes is the main barrier in establishing an accurate perceptive of global citizenship throughout the world (Takkac & Akdemir, 2012).

(S. D. Edwards, 2018) reported on a wisdom way of transforming the heart of modern humanity. The wisdom way may be realized through meditation practices, which transform consciousness, human deeds and values with main focus on contemporary, scientific, HeartMath and related studies on international peace and stability. The HeartMath Institute was created in 1991 in Boulder Creek, California, by Doc Childre and a small group of professionals, to develop heart-based intelligence, health and welfare. The HeartMath system has now become worldwide in different application. In one study on the democratically chosen positive emotional workshop theme of peace (S. Edwards, 2014), participants' described experiences of, calmness, relaxation openness, oneness with self, inner world and nature, harmonious connection between body, heart and mind, stability, forgiveness, concentration, control, love, happy imagery and transcendence. The workshop was helpful for individual growth, emotional control, meditation, stress relief, general health and spirituality, and of therapeutic importance within a multidisciplinary team context. HeartMath research finding on intuition has indicated the involvement of the brain, heart and nervous systems correlation to a field of information beyond normal cognizant awareness (Childre, et al., 2016).

4. Conclusions

As we all know that the whole universe is created from one and the single power which is named different names in different religions such as as God, Allaha, Yeshu or other names. All the religions tell that the God is one and he is the creator and survivor of the whole universe. The life and our mother earth are important creation of the God therefore it is the utmost duty of all the human beings is to save our mother earth. We also know that the love is the base of life and whole world is a one and single family. However due to advancement of science and technology we have developed and moved toward powerful weapons which can completely destroy the life and healthy atmosphere on the earth. Therefore, now the time has come when we all must get united without delay and destroy all such negative forces and harmful weapons and work toward the betterment of our mother earth and all living and nonliving resources on the earth. The present paper has reviewed the various studies reported for piece building in the past and in the recent times. The few important conclusions from this study are:

- (Schafer, 1996) reported on different cultures in the world and reported that the world is going through a major change in the cultural and culture is becoming very important in the whole world. Therefore, at present the most emergent need in the world is to move from a divided world to unified world. Hence, we need to develop a world culture system in which all cultures in the world are included.
- The suggestions of (Marien, 1995) of the establishing the goal of 50 Doctoral programmes in reputed universities throughout the globe, secondly starting of courses on global tribulations at school and college level over the world and thirdly sober research and debates on world futures to be encouraged in a different ways by bringing together those with interim and long-standing goals must be implemented immediately.
- The idea given by (Ghaderia, 2011) on the peace-based curriculum seems to be very important in piece building in the future world. The children are the future representatives of the world and if we teach them from beginning in the manner of a peaceful and a singler unified world system, then only we can think of a peaceful world free from hatredness and huge number of conflicts. (Danesh, 2006) also suggested a syncretistic peace curriculum based on united World view.
- Global citizenship is an important concept to develop a peaceful world and global harmony with a view of persons as citizen of global world (Takkac & Akdemir, 2012). For this training has to be given by teaching national values, qualities, behaviors, customs, cultures and objective and align them with the global expectations. To afford a superior, secure and harmonious world for the subsequently age group, the modern educationist should try hard for the possibility of global citizenship with giving due respect and regard to national characteristics, and to establish the foundation global citizenship.
- Religious harmony is very important among different religion throughout the world to ensure global peace and harmony (Zuo'an, 2013) The religious diversity and differences, should be recognized, interreligious cooperation and peace among different religion should be enhanced by mutual understanding and empathy through discussions. The religious controversies should be opposed and religious radicalism and intolerance should be overcome.
- For conflict regarding Land, religion and cultures international law and order has to be developed. All the conflict, controversies must be resolved in the premises of International Courts and not by the war among countries. (Jaruma, 2013) also proposed an international scaffold, of three peace based-theories of Peace Building, Responsibility to Protect (R2P) and Rule of Law (ROL).

- The yoga and meditation are very important for world peace just like they are important for the mental peace of human being. Therefore it is recommended that techniques like yoga, meditation, prayer etc should be used to build peace and harmony among the mankind. (S. D. Edwards, 2018) also reported on the heart-based meditation practices for peace building throughout the world. The Heart Math Institute developed in 1991 in Boulder Creek, California, by Doc Childre and few experts, to develop heart-based astuteness, health and welfare of the people.
- The war-based culture should be replaced by the peace-based culture to resolve conflicts and controversies related to land, border, religion and others. These issues must be resolved by the International law and order in the international court premises.
- Finally, the author concludes that for the peace building among people and countries an inner will is most important in the heart of all human being and the various national leaders. That inner willingness among national and religious leaders of the various countries and religious & cultural organizations will automatically lay the foundation for development of the concepts like global citizenship, peace-based curriculum, International law and order and development of more powerful international peace organizations and powerful international law and order to develop international peace and unity.

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