

## DIALOGURI

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#### Dialogue with Mr. Gauri Shankar GUPTA



- *The Internet is currently the fastest source of **information**, but written/printed books continue to offer the soundest training in **intellectual formation**.*

- *How could we convince the young generation to correctly use the two essential sources in the quality of training?*

- Internet has indeed brought about revolutionary changes in access to information. Today while sitting in our offices or homes we can instantly access the whole world breaking all physical borders which was unthinkable even two decades ago. Therefore this is indeed an extremely useful tool at our disposal. However this tool is not quite suitable for in-depth study, intellectual pursuit and proper understanding of issues. Since the information available on internet is scattered and superficial in nature, it cannot replace books, papers and journals published after thorough research, investigation and profound analysis. While internet can be used to gather information on sources; for profound knowledge, in-depth study and intellectual pursuit books are indispensable.

- *Is philosophy the preferred field of your writings?*

- I do not consider my writings in the category of philosophy. My writings are primarily scientific in nature based on ancient wisdom and spiritual thoughts. **Spirituality enables us to go beyond the obvious and to understand the enormous power of what I call ‘Invisible existence’ which cannot be grasped through our sense organs of hearing, touch, sight, taste and smell.** Our senses are not powerful enough to grasp and understand subtle and non-physical

existence in this universe which has no particular attribute (smell, colour, form or size). For example the enormous power of the so called 'Empty Space' cannot be understood by our sense organs. Till date there is not even an agreed definition of this vast infinite entity. My writings are designed to provide a scientific explanation to subtle and non-physical existence and their power. Thus my writings are primarily scientific in nature based on spiritual thoughts and wisdom left behind our ancestors over millennia.

- *What arguments do you have in supporting the idea of an absolute cause in creating human life and harmony in the Universe?*

- If you observe the creation around us you will immediately find that no creation is possible without consciousness. An ant can create an ant-hill because of consciousness. An animal can give birth to a young one because of consciousness. Human being can create a house, an air-plane or a sub-marine because of consciousness. Can a dead man create anything? Can a piece of stone create anything? Consciousness is the pre-requisite for any creation. Therefore the this vast universe consisting of trillions of systems and sub-systems all with precise and mathematical functioning; and millions of life form including the human race could not have come into existence without a Creator (universal consciousness). Therefore the Creator is the source as well as the cause for creating human life as also other forms of life. This Universe has been created in a very scientific way and hence is harmonious and interconnected.

- *What do you think of your volume being translated into Romanian by "Vasile Goldis" Western University of Arad – Romania?*

- I am profoundly thankful to President Prof Dr. Aurel Ardelean and Rector Prof. Dr. Coralia Adina Cotoraci who decided to translate and publish this book in the Romanian language. I am also grateful to them for their wonderful Foreword to the Romanian Edition of the book. Let me also express my sincere thanks to the members of the international relations department of the Vasile Goldis Western University of Arad for their whole-hearted support in translation and publication of the book. This will enable the Romanian people to access contents of this book.

- *What other countries has this book appeared in?*

- The book has so far appeared in English, Hungarian, Czech and Romanian languages. Translations are underway in Hindi and Bhasha Indonesia. These two editions are likely to come out by the end of this year. Translation possibilities in German and Mandarin are also under consideration.

- *What cultural/editorial projects do you have at present?*

- Presently I am in the process of writing articles on 'Science and Spirituality' and 'Development and Environment'. I am also working on a second book on issues similar to those covered in this volume. I hope to finish the second book by 2015.

- *What are your arguments in favour of optimism, regarding the harmonization between the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century and ancient wisdom?*

- During my speaking engagement at Vasile Goldis Western University Arad, I had summarised the challenges of 21<sup>st</sup> century such as poverty and malnutrition, vast disparity in distribution of income and wealth, sub-human conditions in urban slums, new diseases and health problems and social unrest and terrorism. I had particularly highlighted that the path based on higher GDP and ever increasing consumption we are treading today, would endanger the very survival of human race. Nature is our mother. Everything we need for our survival starting from the air we breathe, water we drink, food we eat and the habitation we live in; come directly from Mother Nature. Over-exploitation of nature for excessive consumption and large scale

contamination of air, water and soil is threatening the very existence of life on the Planet Earth. Nature will survive with or without us but human race cannot survive without Mother Nature.

Therefore it is time to reverse the path of excessive consumption. Wisdom lies in living with less. We must return back to small scale industries based on local resources to contain concentration of wealth and income and to reduce unbridled growth of slums in urban areas. Excessive consumption must be contained to reduce over exploitation of nature and increasing contamination of air, water and soil to keep the Planet Earth habitable for our grand-children. If we fail to contain our greed for consumption, Mother Nature will send us back to Stone Age in the coming decades. I am hopeful that the humanity will understand the dangers of treading the path of ever increasing GDP and consumption.

*- To conclude, please give a message to the management and academic community of "Vasile Goldiș" University Western of Arad, Romania.*

- My message is simple. Let us teach the younger generation to stop over-exploitation of nature and increasing contamination of our surroundings. Greed for consumption must be replaced by contentment with less. We must distinguish between our needs and desires. Human needs must be satisfied. However desires are infinite and can never be fully met. They grow in geometric progression. Every fulfilled desire leads to many more causing more and more stress for the individual. Happiness lies in contentment and not in increasing consumption.

