



INSTITUTE OF OBJECTIVE STUDIES, NEW DELHI

ONE-DAY ONLINE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

ON

“POWER OF GOOD IN CHANGING GLOBAL SCENARIO”

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CONCEPT NOTE

Background

‘Good’ is too common an utterance with wide use and extensive meaning pointing to anything desirable, agreeable, acceptable or approvable in relation to any aspiration, act, process or object as the case may be. Whatever is perceivable, observable and doable or apparent, or observed or achieved is generally described in terms of the quality of its being ‘good’ in its comparative and superlative degrees of better or best, or in its combination with antonyms as bad, worst, low and poor. This is the reality and the spirit behind the common use of many other words referring to the same sense, such as: excellent, fine, standard, superior, magnificent, adequate, up to the mark, up to par, all right, superb, outstanding, of the highest quality, of the highest standard, exceptional, fabulous, astonishing, splendid, commendable, laudable, great, etc. It is, therefore, quite perceptible that “good” is a great reality observable in anything and reflected in any expressions about the standard and quality of something found, thought about or done.

In human history, the term ‘good’ has been used, *inter alia*, as a noun to indicate righteousness, virtue and anything morally right. The popular like-terms are: goodness, uprightness, purity, integrity, dignity, propriety, worthiness, blamelessness, pureness, lack of corruption, justice, justness, fairness, benefit or advantage to someone or something. One may with the same spirit say, “The Scholar convinced the King to use his wealth for the good of his people”. And the people may say, “The Scholar is good” and they also may say, “The policy is good”. Examples are multiple. There can be the statements like: unreasonable restrictions are not good; starvation in a country is not good; low literacy is not good; child mortality is not good; the prevailing poverty is not good; freedom of expression is good; avoiding unwanted arrests is good; aid for education is good; treating all equally is good; creating a feeling of security among people is good; false promises are not good; trickery is not good; deceptiveness is not good; and much of the kind.

The opposite of the ‘good’ is ‘bad’ and ‘worst’, which are reflective of ‘disadvantage’ as against good, better and best that are indicative of ‘fairness’ and ‘genuine advantage’. Being

human, it is most natural and appropriate for anyone to think forcefully about anything 'good' because of its perceptible driving pull towards itself and opt for fairness and genuine advantage. It is equally natural and appropriate that no one aspires for disadvantage, meaning thereby anything which is not good is repulsive. So 'good' carries a great driving and encouraging force with inner incentive, inspiration and motivation, culminating into true power to support a truthful human endeavor to establish the best of the thinking process, practices and systems to attain the goal of humaneness and good governance in India and abroad.

"What pleases is supreme!" needs to be understood in its multiple facets. A large number of people in the contemporary world suffered through aggressions and excesses by people who worked devoid of an actual understanding and capacity to discern the 'good' in their perception, observation and action. It is when 'not good' was presented as 'good'. That resulted in wrongful use of potential for personal achievements, discrimination, annoyance, arrogance and holocaust, definitely at the cost of 'good', which could be otherwise reflected in equality, peace, security, dignity, fairness, justice, liberty and faith in oneness of humanity without exclusions. What could be avoided was embraced and what could be avoided was embraced without appreciation of the distinctiveness of good as a universal force to bring happiness to all. The emergence of the voices for democracy, constitutionalism, human rights, good governance, corporate social responsibility, universal education, better health, global cooperation, peace, no war, environmental protection, sustainable development, abolition of slavery, social justice, gender justice, child protection, prevention of immoral trafficking, etc. are sounding so high that every nook and corner of the world is protesting at a very high pitch against all that precludes these naturally generated high potential voices, reflecting 'good', to prevail upon. It is for these voices the world is looking for now without an alternative.

The whole humanity must appreciate fully the power of public opinion in favour of 'good'. Media and social media have opened much larger space to know, appreciate and stand with 'good' and reject the mischief, anything not good and not acceptable, as being bad, fake and untrue. So the 'good' possesses power to emerge, influence and dominate. The concern has, however, to be voiced as needed. The 'not good' is only 'wild' having capacity to fog, but has no strength to face the 'good'. That is to reiterate the story of humanity so far!

Today's world is in a melancholic state of churning, offering opportunities to feel, ponder and respond. Academicians have the primary responsibility to play the role of meticulously identifying the 'good' and exposing the 'not good' with their power and weaknesses respectively. The framers of the global conventions and declarations after the world wars and national constitutions after rise of national voices for survival for acceptable social, political and economic policies after developing will to push behind exploitation are all the manifestations of the 'power of good, and a product of 'good thinking'. Appreciating the need for 'good' and its 'power' to bring change in the world for better, there is need for a response by opening academic corridors across the globe for discussing this significant

theme with past, present and future perspectives. *Let the global scenario change with the 'power of good'.*

The Institute of Objective Studies, New Delhi is organizing an online **International Conference on “Power of Good in Changing Global Scenario”** on September 17, 2022 via Zoom.

Themes for Deliberations

The main themes being focused in the conference are:

- I. Meaning, Dimensions and Practices of the ‘Power of Good’ as Explained by Human History.
- II. Present Prevailing Ideas, Policies, Practices and Situations against the ‘Power of Good’.
- III. Preeminent Goals of Humanity Needing Support of the ‘Power of Good’.
- IV. Strategies for Rightful Advancement and Effective Utilization of ‘Power of Good’ for Neutralizing the ‘Not Good’.
- V. Responsible Role to be Played by National Governments and International Agencies for Attaining Sustainable Social Order and Development for All
- VI. Muddle not ‘Good’ with ‘No Good’
- VII. Any other as may be relevant

Objective

The objective of the Conference is enable rightful thinking and consciousness about ‘Power of ‘Good’ among the people of the world to develop a more peaceful, harmonic and truly happy world.

Participants

The participants will be academicians, scholars, authors, literary producers, activists, policy makers, bureaucrats, diplomats, lawyers, judges, commissioners, etc.

Language

The language of presentation will be English.

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