

On Humanity

Address by His Holiness the Dalai Lama

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After introductory remarks by Maj. Gen. K.K. Tewari (Retd), His Holiness the Dalai Lama addressed the gathering in the Auditorium on the theme: "Humanity".

(speaking through his Secretary)

I'm extremely happy to be here again in
who are working in Auroville and are dedicated to your work and to achieving
the goals of Auroville. I would like to th

boundaries have no significance. Today, I think because of the increase in population, and also because of the modern economy and technology, the world has truly become just like one human family. Therefore we need some

some former Soviet Republics: there is some unrest, some killing and bloodshed, and this of course is very sad.

Still on the subject of humanity, there is the gap between the Southerners and the Northerners. One part of the world

Another factor which is an essential factor according to my own personal experience and the first-hand

being a religious believer, you can be a compassionate person. Therefore, if a person feels that in different religious traditions there is something effective or something useful, of course it is very good. But even if those people do not feel that religion is very relevant to their daily lives, it doesn't matter, they can remain non-believers, but at the same time they shouldn't neglect the basic human qualities such as human affection.

Obviously, I believe that the basis of human nature is gentleness. Many people feel that the basis of human nature is aggressive. Let us think about it, let us examine it. Yes, certainly anger, hatred, greed and aggression together with human intelligence are part of human nature.

If you look at human history, the aggressive human nature has played an important role, it has caused much wrong in human history. But, certainly, the dominant force in our mind is affection or gentleness. The dominant human force is human compassion and affection.

Now, let us reason, think about our lives. Our life begins with our mother, nourishing us with her milk? It can be our mother or some affective force that nurtures us from the beginning.

course go up here (pointing to his head), but not down here (pointing to his heart).

Now, when we get sick, we call for one doctor or another. But, according to my own experience, when I meet a really qualified doctor ? with sophisticated machines, but less than a smile, a doctor

The reason is quite clear: the external features of religion can be utilized in a negative way. They are therefore not essential, and not necessarily religious either. The essence of religion, like compassion, cannot be negative! For example, the recitation by mouth (Mantras), is of course par 23.4 (o) 25.9 (f) 28

compassion will become a part of your life. Then you'll be a truly happy person.

If you find that my talk has not much relevance to you

forget it. (Laughter) There is not much problem.

So thank you very much. That's all. (Applause)

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After His Holiness had spoken, an Aurovillian expressed the sentiment of the whole community when giving the vote of thanks: "Ever since the soil of Tibet was placed in the urn of Auroville in 1968, our contacts have been ongoing. Your laying of the Foundation Stone of the Tibetan Pavilion is like a confirmation, a Seal of Dharma on that relationship whose ties will be cemented further still in the years to come.

In 1954r the Mother had a Dream:

"There should be somewhere upon Earth a place that no nation could claim as its sole property, a place where all human beings of good-will, sincere in their aspiration could live free from the constraints of the world, obeying one single authority, that of the Supreme Truth."

Your Holiness, you have the Dream of a future Tibet that will be a Zone of Peace and a spiritual sanctuary for mankind.

May both those Dreams prevail.

His Holiness the Dalai Lama:

Thank you very much.

The Dalai Lama: I would like to express my deep appreciation for these gifts. I specially very much appreciate that you mentioned about Tibet and particularly Claude my old friend who always shown deep concern about Tibet.

We, Tibetans are in this country [India] for more than 34 years. we are refugees. But not refugees from a natural disaster, but because of the political situation.

Tibet, even according to the Chinese has a civilization as old as the Chinese

