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From the welfare of the universe comes the wellbeing of the self. This statement is difficult for an ordinary man to understand, because he is intelligent and also has an ego. But in the living world where the intellect is not so evolved, this truth is evident. Moving in single files, ants are organizing their work. The honey bees live harmoniously together in one bee- hive. When an ant collects any food material or when the honey bee collects nectar from flowers to make honey, it, at that point of time does not think that it is merely for itself. If one minutely ponders over the behaviour of the ant then the question arises what if the ant decides to eat the collected grain itself, or stores it for future in the ant nest, then what would be the fate of the ant community? If that happens neither would it be possible to be able to help each other in a state of emergency, nor would it be possible for them to protect themselves when invaded by other pests and insects. The purport of the fore mentioned reference is that life of beings is based on social and community living, which is the law of nature. On the other hand, man behaves in a way which is unlike the natural life style of other beings. Due to his intelligence, man's vision is diverted from caste, religion, country and is aimed at his own self. Conflicts, wars and other incidents continue to take place when one overlooks the universal interests.

It has been observed that the flight of birds in the sky or the herd of animals roaming in the jungles move in a definite pattern. They do not require any written guidelines or laws because they naturally modify themselves as per the requirements of nature, which we call discipline. However, in spite of being more intellectually sound, though man has made various rules to be regimented, yet he remains disorderly. In the human community and history, the described terror of wars, the expounded incidents therein, repeatedly remind us that till the time human race, moves without understanding the laws of nature, merely self centredly or with restricted thought processes, up till then there shall be no peace established on earth. No matter how much brainpower man applies, until he does not follow the edicts of nature, he cannot take pride in calling himself civilized.

The definition of civilization cannot be considered larger than the definition of nature. In reality, following the guidelines of nature spontaneously, this animal world is far more civilised than that of the so called intellectuals. Just like a dog can give up his life to save his master from the assaulters, yet when the same dog ages, it has also been seen that the same master does not take care of it and lets it go unattended. The greater irony is, that in some countries, with advancing age, those beings who are of no more use to man, are poisoned or shot dead. If the same law is implemented on humans, then should all the disabled, aged, etc. be killed? In ancient times, in Sparta town in Greece, girls were sacrificed, as they did not have enough

physical strength due to which they were unable to fight wars as their male counterparts. Hence they were exterminated.

Was it right for Hitler to kill the Jews, based on their caste? But man, being controlled by his mind and self centered selfishness, has been continuously committing major sins. The joke of the matter is that, he has been justifying this with false doctrines and various reasoning and the historians have encrypted the same with a very limited vision. At times it seems that even history has not been appropriately written.

That is why, instead of limiting man's lofty and expansive consciousness to humanism alone, it has to be dispersed towards the animism. Mere animistic practices would not be enough. Along with it, it is also incumbent on us to protect the entire creation, and balance must be maintained with it, as per the natural law. Therefore, it has been said "Ahimsa Paramo Dharmaha" (non violence has been considered the greatest virtue). But this feeling of non violence should not be restricted to merely man or other beings alone, but should also be extended to trees and foliage. Since plants also have life, they are sensitive to violence, this fact has been scientifically proven by the Shri Jagadish Chandra Bose. The main reason behind the disasters of land erosion, earth quakes, floods, air and water pollution in today's world, is that man has not adopted the right perspective towards holistic welfare for over thousands of years.

Shri Sainath was physically hurt when his horse Shyamsunder was caned. When the hungry dog was beaten up and chased away, Shri Sainath Maharaj had told Upasani Maharaj that He was in that dog and had come back hungry from Upasani's place. If we minutely evaluate these two events, then we get to know that He has put forth a great and expansive principle of animism before us.

If, on this Guru Diwas, we wish to see the real self of the Sadguru, then we must look into each living thing- be it a man, a creature or nature-it must be seen in all.