

On the occasion of the 43rd Foundation Day
Celebrations of Nations' League of Penfriends.

THE PROBLEMS OF TODAY

by

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On the happy occasion of the 43rd Anniversary of the Nations League of Penfriends, we send to the Founder Director Shri Radha Ramanji, our warmest felicitations and every good wish for the continuation and expansion of the constructive work done by the Nations League of Penfriends.

A better understanding among nations and people has never been more important than it is today. Mankind has perilously complicated life and approached the gaping chasms of possible total destruction.

In the context of Man's accelerated rush towards the outer conquest of matter we must ponder and think what are the most important, most vital problems that still face mankind today. The basic eradication of want and poverty, the creation of better conditions of life and of a happier society, security. These are undoubtedly some of the fundamental problems which we must solve, but we must ever remember that wealth, an easier life, and more leisure by themselves will only create new problems unless we recognise and give precedence to these most

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important keys to human behaviour; the right education, the cultivation of Ethic, the true basis of Morality and goodness and the emphasis on the so called higher Human Qualities in man. In other words that which goes to build the more perfect, better man who was the ideal and concern of so many transcendental Teachers, and Philosophies. Unless we stop to ponder and realise that it is simple human behaviour and attitude that is at the root of happiness and unhappiness, peace and war, strife and felicity, we shall only infinitely complicate our life and multiply the insurpassable barriers that we build with our own hands to separate ourselves from one another. We live amidst the paradox of a mankind irresistibly drawn together by the great contributions of science and rent apart by the misguided forces that surge within man - greed, fear, intolerance, unbridled passions and other manifestations of a misguided human individual and society. The piling up of mountains of armaments which drain the wealth of countries and of mankind as a whole, the creation of unsurpassable barriers that stifle the free contact between peoples, a mankind haunted by one and a thousand fears, edging imperceptibly towards the abyss of a holocaust of extermination - What a vision to evoke and contemplate within reach of possible plenty and felicity !

But deep within man's heart glows the sacred flame of Hope. This divine spark that becons to us all and tells us

that our future can be better, that we can have a happier and richer life. Towards this goal we must all actively strive by recognising the fundamental factors that forge true happiness and are the true foundations of a better life.

To weld together into a mighty flame the little sparks of hope that glow however dimly today within harassed human hearts is the sacred task before us. All those who work towards this sublime goal are indeed the true friends of mankind.

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by Sureshwar Rao

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In the context of Man's accelerated rush towards the conquest of Matter, We must ponder and think what is the most important, most vital problems that face mankind. Production of wealth, the eradication of poverty, the creation of a happier society, security. Undoubtedly these are some of the basic problems, but we must ever remember that wealth, an easier life, more leisure will only create new problems unless we recognise and give precedence to that most important key to human behaviour, The right Education, the cultivation of Ethics, the basis of morality, the cultivation of the so called Human Qualities in man. In other words that which goes to make up the Superior Man who was the ideal and concern of so many transcendental teachings and philosophies. Unless we stop to ponder and realise that it is simple human behaviour that is at the root of happiness and unhappiness, peace and war, strife and felicity, we shall only infinitely complicate our life and multiply the insurpassable barriers of

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