

Namaste

I am sending the following as a contribution to the 'kavisammelana' . Due to conflict of schedules, I am not able to be physically present in the WBF conference.

The above poems in classical Sanskrit metrical format can be read on my behalf. The meaning of the composition is placed below for reference.

प्रथा विनश्यत्वति शीघ्रमेव , विप्राः दरिद्राः भुवि भिक्षुकाश्च
देवाल्यादन्य प्रवृत्तिमूढाः पराश्रिताः पापफलोपजीविनः ॥ १ ॥

वैश्वामित्रं भार्गवं दिव्यतेजः विज्ञानाध्वन्यात्तच्चिज्जातवेदाः
द्वन्द्वातीतं विश्वजेगीयमानं कुर्युर्भूयो ब्राह्मणत्वस्य गाथाम् ॥ २ ॥

ब्रह्मत्वं किमु नाम किंफलमहो रक्षा चिकीर्षा कुतः
संस्कारात्- स्वतनोः स्वकर्म करणात् स्वाध्यायतः संयमात्
वेदोक्ति-स्वनुभूति-संभृत-सुधी-संवर्धित-श्रीकुलं
विश्वब्राह्मण-संहतिर्भुवि भवेत् भू-देव-लोक-प्रियः ॥ ३ ॥

Summary translation

1. Let the saying as below be removed from the face of earth: that 'brahmin' is a synonym for 'daridra' (poor), bhikshuka (beggars), those who don't know or endeavor to do anything beyond the 'temple', always dependent on others for initiative and those who live on 'the fruits of others sins passed on in the form of charity and dakshina'.
2. Let the resplendent fire of Divine fire 'jata-veda', surging forth from the inner consciousness of those coming in the lineage of Vishwamitra and Bharagava Parashurama (Bharadwaja and the like) work in re-establishing

the epoch making history of 'Brahminism' in such a way to reestablish the unparalleled glory that shall be universally sung over with highest respect.

3. Question: What is this thing called 'Brahmatva-brahmanatva' about which so much is being said? Of what use is it? How does one attain and save it? Why should any one desire for it ?

Answer: 'Brahminism' is the unique outcome characterized with sacred resplendence seen in the families, generations and community, having a history and life style nurtured by the intellect glowing with the mystic experience of the Vedic wisdom and adopted in all activities.

It is established through the practice of the 'Samskaras' and performance of the prescribed duties for refinement of the Body, regulated study of the sacred lore and a life of restraint for the refinement of the Mind and Psyche.

Let this conference where such 'Brahmins' are coming together be for the welfare of the denizens of this world and the heaven.