



Cosmo School

Class-5

Chapter-5 (Lecture Sheet)

Etiquette (Shistachara) and Tolerance of Other's Views

Lecturesheet-2

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Paramatsahishnuta or Tolerance of other's views: Sticking to one's own opinion, obeying the others is called tolerance or Paramatsahisnuta. Tolerance is one of the principles of unity or solidarity.

Examples of Paramatsahishnuta or Tolerance of other's views: Shamol and Shamima are class- mates. One day they went to a book fair and bought some books. Then they came out of the fair. They saw a a food stall named "Esho Kichu Khai" by the side of the foot- path. They entered there. Shaymol said, he will take ice-cream. But, Shamima said she had cold, so she'll have tea. Then Shaymol said, "Well have tea but I will take ice cream." This sticking to one's own opinion, obeying the others is called tolerance or Paramatsahisnuta.

Importance of Paramatsahishnuta or Tolerance of other's views: Paramatsahisnuta has great importance to establish a peaceful society. There are many religions along with the Hinduism in the world. Every religion has its own rules and regulations, its own ways and procedures to perform. In the contest, we will obey our own religion or doctrine and we will also recognize the other's. On the contrary, peace and order of the society will be hampered and restlessness will be prevailed. In its absence, the state cannot run smoothly. Paramatsahisnuta is needed in the conduct of the state.

Tolerance and Swami Vivekananda: It was 11 September, 1893. A great religious meeting was going on at Chicago, a town in America. Cardinal Gibbons, the president over the first session of that great religious meeting, introduced Swami Vivekananda to the present audience.

In answer to the reception, Swami Vivekananda held up the Hindu ideal of Paramatsahisnuta or tolerance. He was an exception there where many voluble to prove and win about the superiority of their own religions. Vivekananda said, "I feel proud of belonging to that religion which is teaching the doctrine of tolerance and recognizing all opinions of others. We not only endure all religions but also believe them true. **He cited from "Shivamahimnastotra"-**

**"Ruchinang baichitryadrijukutilananapathjussam
Nrinameko gamyastvamasi payasamarnava iva."**

Meaning: Different rivers originate from different places. But they all pour their water to the same ocean. Oh, Ishwara, likewise, "You are the only God for them who are passing over the straight or twisted roads as they are different for their own varieties of tastes."

The audience applauded incessantly. All were amazed at the uttering of "Paramatsahisnuta" from the mouth of Swami Vivekananda.

What will we learn by following Vivekananda's doctrine of tolerance of other's views:

1. We should respect other's opinion even sticking to one's own opinion.
2. We will obey tolerance as a part of religion.
3. We will follow the ideal of tolerance in our own life, society and the state.