

Educational Value and Peace Education in Bhagavadgītā

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Abstract

Philosophy is concerned with value and education should be value-oriented. The Education Commission (1966) points out “The weakening of social and moral values in the younger generation is creating many serious social and ethical conflicts in western societies and there is already a desire among some great Western thinkers to balance the knowledge and skills which science and technology bring with the values and insights associated with the ethics and religion at its best, viz., a search for the knowledge of self, of the meaning of life, of the relationship of man to human beings and to the ultimate reality.” Thus western educational system is well organized. In the same way our educational system is also value oriented and it inculcates values, morality and concept of peace in the futures of the nation. Actually we are well familiar with the educational system, theories and thoughts developed in the West. However, we have no adequate information about our own historical and cultural thoughts in relation to education, despite their importance and comprehensiveness. Our scripture are the ocean of knowledge and wisdom but still we are viewing towards West for advancement. Our scriptures are full of educational values and knowledge of peace. In Bhagavadgītā, I noticed that several values of life are present. Among the various aspects of values of life, this paper deals with educational values and peace education that can be found in Bhagavadgītā.....

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