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To,
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**Regarding: How to globalize the message of Satyarth Prakash and Philosophy of Vedas,
as envisioned by Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati**

Namaste Respected Ashwini ji,

Many congratulations on successfully creating an International Online Community of Arya Samaj and Vedic Foundation under your leadership along with your friend, an eminent scholar Dr. Ravi Prakash Arya.

1. Permit me please a little liberty to rephrase the central problematic and **to put a new perspective on this theme** and ask you like an optometrist, does this optic look better now or was the previous one better? A more appropriate audacious question would be - **How do we revive and globalize the mission of Arya Samaj?** That is, how to make our world more noble and more humane?
2. **It is limiting ‘Arya Samaj’ if say our goal is to spread the message of one book? And if we consider Vedas or works of Swami Dayananda only a mere philosophical, academic, knowledgeable literary pursuit!** Original idea was of “Arya Samaj” and uniqueness of Arya Samaj is that it says being liberated or being self-actualised individual is not enough, we must together work to make our society prioritise nobility. Helping others is a nobility and that is why previous generations of Arya Samajees built schools, hospitals, dispensaries and other charitable institutions of Arya Samaj. They did not spread the word; they did build social machines. To talk about greatness of a utopian intellectual idea is one thing and working for establish nobility in society is another. **Key Point here is that we must undertake projects/actions of nobility and common good. Action is the mother of hope, and of a better world, this was the message from our previous generations Arya Samajees to our generation.** Having said this, it is important to underline that Arya Samaj is not and should not be a harvest for politics or business, housing or colony construction property projects. Also, an Arya Samaj includes but is not limited to a weekend getaway or class room study activity or recitation and ancient text reading. Our previous generations did not see Arya Samaj like this and we should not too.
3. My French Professor, Madam Mukta, used to say, **precedence of an idea**, or “I said it first” or this idea is the oldest in age is not actually a very strong logical argument, it more of a political statement. Therefore, to really make mission of building a noble society, an “Arya samaj”, it is important to work on issues and subjects that will make our world noble. First step for which, in a globalised world would be to be globally relevant, humanly universal and appropriate to our time and age. **Are we working on issues of samaj or are we only reciting what is written in the book?** Is Arya Samaj a closed meditation group or mind calming meditation techniques or should it be platform that can hammer a new shape, a better shape, a noble form our reality?

4. **What are the social problems of today, resolving which would make world safer and more noble place?** I'd say (a) Women's rights, Patriarchy, Crimes and Discrimination against women at home, in office and in social order. (b) Human Rights, World Peace, and Global Justice; (c) Violence and war crimes, and overly aggressive ideas/narratives of nationalism and international security; (d) Environment Justice, Ecological Sustenance and Animal Rights. Is Arya Samaj or your International Vedic Foundation working on any such topics? Bringing Forward what Vedas say on this? What Maharishi Dayananda said on this?
5. **Take for example, an international chain of French teaching institute – “Alliance Francaise”.** I have been their student for more than six years. Great lessons can be learned from them. They are cradle for making citizens that are global, they are relevant to youth of each country they are part of and most importantly they have evolved from a language institute to a cultural organisation, which is celebrates, reinforces French values of liberty, equality and fraternity through literature, visual art and films. They support social causes and work on several social issues I mentioned in my earlier point. Can we not revive the institutions of “Arya Samaj” with global activities and beyond border communities that are non-political, beyond geographical boundaries on today's problems of humanity as a culture centres? To again become a cultural movement, a social phenomenon, a promise noble world, Arya Samaj must generously discuss and support contemporary world problems to say yes, a noble world is possible, a kinder and better world is possible if you and I work together for a noble society.
6. **World must invest in peace; citizens of the world must invest in nobility because a more noble, a more peaceful society is much required today than before.** Countries are spending heavily on weaponization and militarisation. India is world's biggest importer of arms and weapons for many years. Our Oscar winning Hindi film “RRR”, had a dream of a weapon in every hand. Your neighbour USA has gun problem. In fact, culture of hate, gun, violence and rape is increasing in every country. From two world to recent the Russian-Ukraine war, there is no evidence that trend of violence and military might is going to change. Perhaps some people will say that Arya Samajees are a small number, we cannot solve social cultural problems of the world, we cannot reduce the distraction of television and social media on our children, we cannot stop the conflicts and eradicate poverty of the world, we cannot stop rich are becoming richer and poor are becoming poorer, we cannot stop the overdose and overload of consumerism and capitalism, we cannot stop humanity overlooking the ecological price of profit-making but an real arya samaji would say, if they are investing in violence, we will invest in peace, we will invest in nobility, we will invest our time, money and energy in a pacifism, non-violence.
7. **To summarize, Yajna is the key and central of Arya Samaj and not a person or book, and yajna can be done by any person, of any religion or any nationality.** It is an individual prayer, community prayer as ceremony of purification. Like a potluck, it is an actional prayers of combined actions for nobility and common good. Let us come together to participate and contribute within our capacities for establishing goodness and nobility through our actions, through online virtual and real-world projects that address problems of our day and time.

In the hope that my humble prayer would be heard in positive spirit, I submit this letter, respectfully.

Sincerely yours,



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