

Gandhian Varnas/Spherons: Global Peace, Nonviolence and Humanity's Survival

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This article is about the book [1] dedicated to the Mahatma Gandhi 150th anniversary as research result of the Global Harmony Association [2] peacemaking organization members last year.

Gandhi's Spherical Approach:

Four Spheres as Peace and Nonviolence Foundation

Gandhi was a forerunner of the spherical approach in social philosophy and societal (deep and holistic) thinking, although he never used similar terms. It is the foundation of his theory and practice of nonviolence as he wrote in *"My Religion"* [3].

Gandhi discovered this approach in 1927, almost 100 years ago [3, Ch. 29]. In the society spherical system he assigns a key role to religion, which *"permeates all [four] spheres of society ... as an invisible whole ... social, economic, political and purely religious"*. Based on this, he makes universal conclusions about nonviolence/ahimsa: *"If it cannot be practised in all departments [spheres], it has no practical value."* [3, 141].

Social Equality of People through Social Spheres Equality

Gandhi approves *"all men are equal"* in society, because each of its spheres in which people are engaged is equally necessary for it. Gandhi reiterates this principal idea of people equality in terms of employment many times: *"it is because I believe in this inherent equality of all men ... it is unmanly for any person to claim superiority over a fellow-being."* [3, 142].

Gandhian Varnas/Spherons Equality Defined by Spheres Equality: "Newtonian Law of Gravitation"

Gandhi explained social equality of people by four equal varnas/classes, which cover the entire population and are employed in four equal spheres. Therefore, they later received the name "spherons". It gains the theoretical justification in his doctrine of *"Varna and Caste, Law of Varna."* *"Varna means pre-determination of the choice of man's profession [spherical employment]"*. Varna – *"It is not a human invention, but an immutable law of nature—the statement of tendency that is ever present and at work like Newton's law of gravitation... It was given to the Hindus to discover that law."* [3, 169].

"All varnas are equal, for the community depends no less on one than on another." Varnas ensured peace and prosperity of India *"several thousand years, during which the law of varnashrama worked without interruption."* [3, 170-172].

Varnas/Spherons as Humanity's Sources of Nonviolence, Peace, Harmony, Truth, Love...

The Varnas/Spherons *"Newton's law"* is universal, global law of humanity in all its history. *"Varna... is no man-made institution but the law of life universally governing the human family ... Fulfillment of this law would make life livable, would spread peace and consent, end all clashes and conflicts, put an end to starvation and pauperization, solve the problem of population and even end disease and suffering.... Though the law of varna is a special discovery of some Hindu seer, it has universal application ... The world may ignore it today but it will have to accept it in the time to come."* [3, 170].

Gandhi constantly denied any justification for the unequal, hierarchical castes, which rejected the varnas/spherons equality and thereby plunged India into millennia of wars, poverty and depression. He was firmly convinced in the global revival of equal nonviolent varnas/spherons providing global peace, prosperity and survival of humanity that is disclosed in the *"Gandhica"*.

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