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The Apex Body Of Hindu Dharma

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I have reviewed the vision and mission of Dharma Civilization Foundation, Los Angeles, California and the various initiatives they are undertaking to make an impact in the Western Academy, with regards to the formal academic study of Dharma in general and Sanatana Dharma or Hinduism, in particular.

The systematic study of the timeless wisdom of the Hindu Dharma's core texts in a formal academic setting is vitally important. The promotion of the authentic interpretations of the texts is critical for ensuring that misrepresentations and erroneous understanding do not become authoritative. The Hindu Community must take responsibility for the study and teaching of their religion and philosophy, in modern academic environments. The view and way of life embodied in the teachings of the texts of Sanatana Dharma, especially the Upanishads and the Bhagavad Gita have universal relevance, and offer many benefits to those who pursue their study seriously, irrespective of their background and orientation.

I consider this a very welcome development and fully support and bless this effort. I am very happy to note the scale and scope of the initiatives being undertaken, and call upon the Hindu community to enthusiastically support this effort. The success of such a significant effort will require many organizations and institutions to come together and participate in a collaborative manner, in a broad based movement.

I encourage Acharyas, Spiritual Heads and Leaders of various Dharma traditions and Sampradayas to participate in this movement, and get engaged with the creation of numerous academic scholars and professors who can represent our traditions and their teachings accurately and authentically, within academic environments and articulate them in a suitable manner for the modern world. I consider this to be vitally important not only for the sustenance of our own traditional wisdom and knowledge, but also for the future well-being of humanity itself.

I convey my best wishes for all success in this effort to the Key Leaders and Trustees of Dharma Civilization Foundation as well as all those involved.

Yours,

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