



myNachiketa Constitution

Vision

Vivekananda introduced Hindu philosophy to adults, myNachiketa seeks to teach Hindu philosophy to children.

Our primary focus will be on Vedanta, Samkhya, and Yoga schools, which are the bedrock of modern Hinduism. The primary sources for our material are, but not limited to, the Upanishads, the Bhagavad Gita, and the multiple Vedanta traditions.

Mission

Make the new Hindu¹ child an open-minded, inquiring, inclusive individual, one with awareness of the wealth of philosophical knowledge in the Hindu tradition, a critical thinker, a finder of his/her own way, and a helper for others in the process of discovery.

Guiding Light

Swami Vivekananda.

In the event of doubt or critical decision-making, the organization will refer to this Constitution. If that doesn't provide the answers, it will refer to Vivekananda's teachings for inspiration and solution.

Motto

"Education is the manifestation of the perfection already present in man" -Vivekananda

¹ myNachiketa knowledge is open for all. We will actively reach out to the Hindu. We DO NOT aim to push 'Hindu ideas' to children of other religions. The interested are always welcome to use our material.

Activities

The organization will primarily focus on two purposes:

- a. Expose children to metaphysical concepts within the Hindu tradition. We aim to raise widespread awareness of these ideas and guide more serious students to in-depth study.
- b. Provide values and tools to live a good life, a manifestation of 'philosophy as a way of life.' The primary source of these values will be the Gita.

The organization will do the following activities. It may take up other activities that align with the organization's vision, mission, and principles.

- Produce educational content and products including books, audio/video, activity kits, journals, immersive games, stationery, etc., on Gita concepts. These products may be sold or offered for free.
- Conduct courses and classes.
- Conduct a Festival of Hindu ideas, talks, workshops, etc.
- Conduct Competitions and Quizzes for children.
- Build a community of volunteers.

Ideology

myNachiketa's core ideology is as follows:

- The organization, at all times, upholds the principle that there are many paths to God and there is one truth, but seen variously. While we adhere to this, we will introduce our readers to other viewpoints.
- The organization will introduce, what we consider, as the best traditions of Hindu Philosophy. It may include all traditions that originated in the Indian subcontinent, rather than only those explicitly considered Hindu today.
- The aim of the organizations is NOT to preach or convert, but to make scholarly knowledge accessible to the masses, encourage them to question, critically analyse, and find their answers.

Principle

The ideology will manifest as the following principles for myNachiketa to achieve its mission.

- The organization will be open and reach out to all categories of people, including males, females, and individuals of mixed gender; all nationalities, races, and both rural and urban areas. The organization will not exclusively serve any particular group, such as the elite, urbanized, a specific caste, or those holding certain views.
- The organization cannot introduce all the various traditions within Hinduism. It will use its discretion to teach what it considers the best traditions, but provide enough direction for readers to explore more.
- The organization will publish materials that encourage and aid individuals in reading the original texts of our scriptures. This will not be limited only to the Upanishadic literature, but also to the Puranic literature, which is a treasure trove of devotion and philosophy.
- The organization is free to expand its reach among adults and is not limited to producing material for children.
- The organization will always prepare its materials through deep scholarship. It will use methods such as peer review to create high-quality material.
- The organization, at all times, upholds the principle that there are many paths to God and there is one truth, but seen variously. We share this thinking with the Ramakrishna-Vivekananda tradition. For younger children, the organization will publish material in line with this thinking, while providing them with a gentle understanding that there are multiple perspectives. For higher grades, the organization will introduce multiple philosophical traditions to children, allowing them to debate, question, and explore to find their preferred approach.
- The organization will consider publishing material on all philosophies that originated in the Indian subcontinent, such as Jainism, Buddhism, and Sikhism.
- In relation to other religions, including the Semitic traditions, the organization also holds them as ways to reach God, in line with the Ramakrishna-Vivekananda tradition. Our material will primarily focus on teaching Hinduism, but also touch on themes such as how to interact with other religions and their followers.
- The organization's aim is NOT to preach or indoctrinate the student in one particular thought, but to provide exposure to various schools, develop inquiry, and critical reasoning.
- At no point will the organization try to PROSELYTIZE or CONVERT any person into a specific religion.

- The organization will focus on spreading concepts and ideas, and NOT promoting individuals or personalities. Different personalities are free to promote the organization's ideas.
- The organization will stay away from promoting any exclusive (miraculous) rituals, mantras, or 'special' products.
- The organization will NOT affiliate with any religious organization and will remain independent.
- The organization will at all times be free from any political viewpoints, affiliations, or activity.
- The organization will, at all times, only accept unconditional donations without any influence on principles, mission, or vision. The organization can receive donations for specific activities.

Structure

- The organization will be set up as a non-profit or a group of them. It will engage in revenue-generating activities, but all profits will be reinvested in furthering the mission of the non-profit.
- The organization aims to establish a core team and a volunteer base.
- The organization will aspire to have a professional board devoted to its mission.

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