

# Lecture 12 Program for Self-regulation and Health



#### **Basic Human Aspiration**

Continuous Happiness and Prosperity

#### Happiness is to be in Harmony

#### **Program for Fulfilment of Human Aspiration**

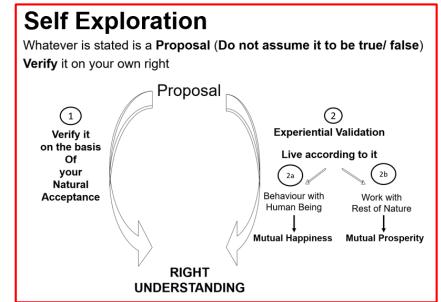
**Understanding Harmony and Living in Harmony at all Levels** 



Harmony in the Human Being – Health and Prosperity

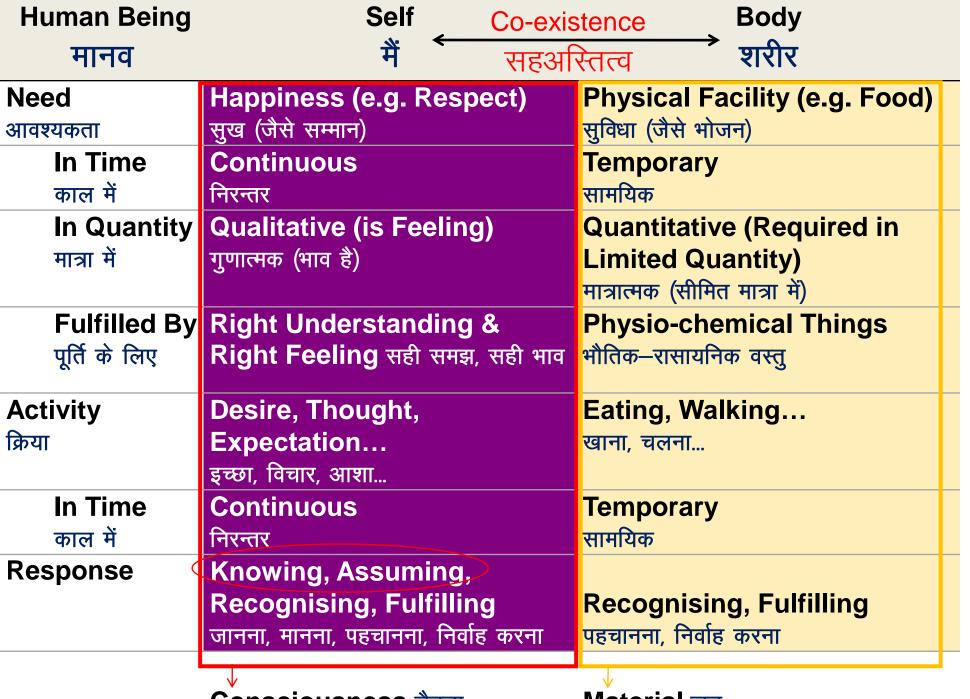
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#### **Process of Understanding**



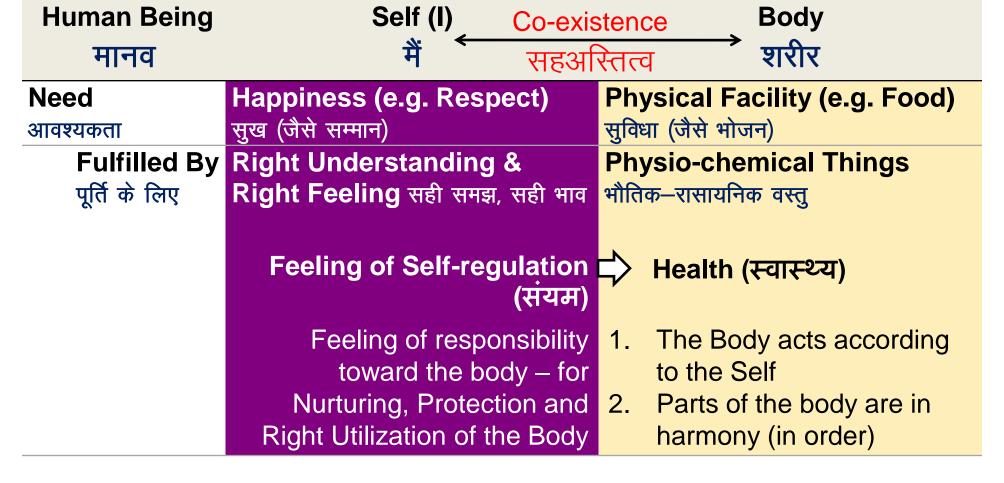






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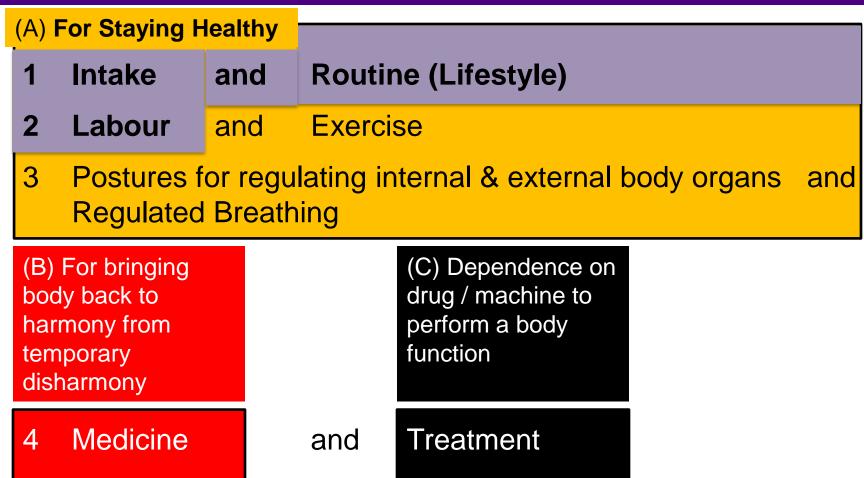


The Body is an orderly system (a harmony). It has definite conduct The cells in the body work together, in harmony with each other, participate in the larger order to form tissues, organs and organ systems...

With a feeling of responsibility towards the body, I (Self) naturally ensure the continuity of harmony in the Body (at least I do not disturb it)

Health in the Body is a natural outcome of the feeling of self-regulation in the Self

### Program



Note: This is a program for health, not the only program for health



#### Intake

Intake includes all that we take ingest – food, water, air, sunlight...

#### To maintain health:

- Intake of food that is nutritious, digestible, tasty and the waste is excretable
- Intake of water in the right amount and at the right time
- Daily exposure to fresh air and sunlight...

#### Routine

#### The Circadian Rhythm

Body response to the solar cycle
 (Understanding this helps in setting up a harmonious daily routine)

#### The Rhythm of Seasons

- Body response to the seasons
- Availability of complementary plants in various seasons (Understanding this helps in deciding appropriate seasonal intake, necessary protection of the Body and setting up a harmonious seasonal routine)

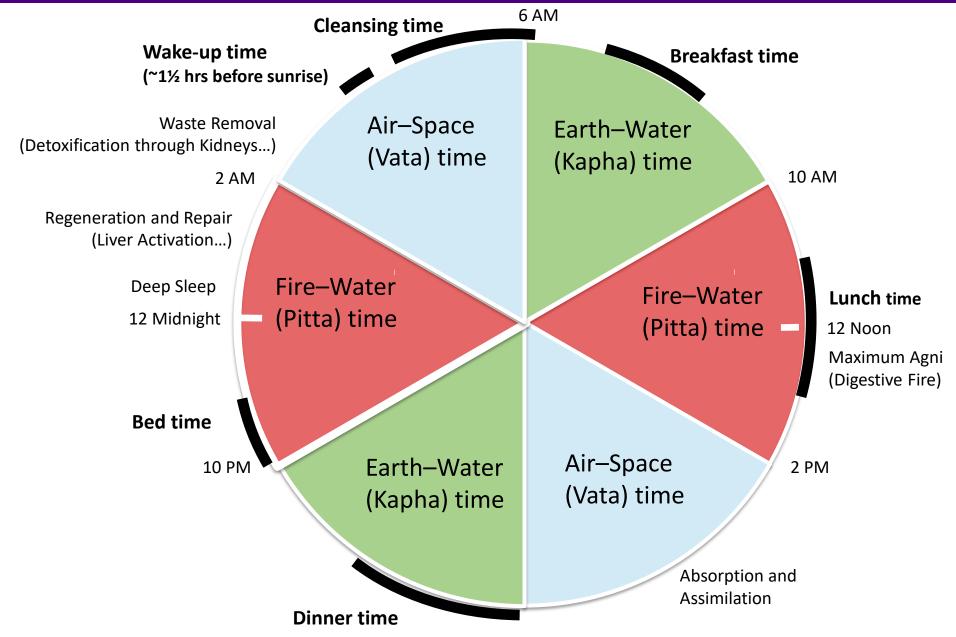
#### The Body lifecycle Rhythm

- Childhood growth (cuf)
- Youth (pitta)
- Old age (vata)

(Understanding this helps in deciding a harmonious lifestyle for each stage of life)



### Understanding the Circadian Rhythm can help us setup a Harmonious Daily Routine





#### **Exercise**

# Ensure adequate movement of the Body + production of physical facility

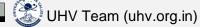
# Ensure adequate movement of the Body

#### Examples:

- Sweeping and swabbing your room / house / hostel
- Kitchen gardening
- Cycling to your college and back...

#### Examples:

- Jogging outdoors
- Weight training in a gym
- Exercise cycling in a gym
- Recreational cycling outdoors



For bringing body back to harmony from temporary disharmony

Using a drug / machine to perform a body function that the body is no longer able to perform (dependence)

### Examples:

- Home remedies
- Integrated systems of medicine

#### Examples:

- Insulin
- Dialysis
- Ventilator

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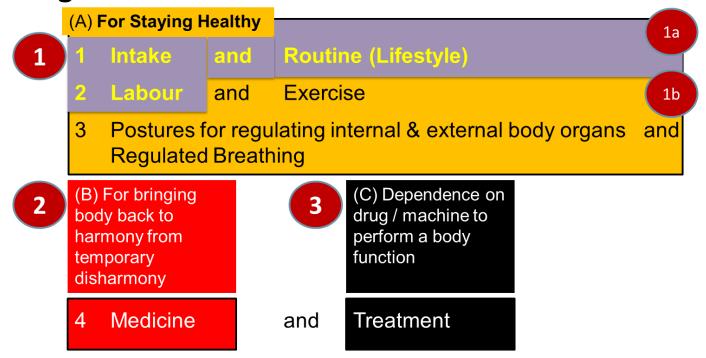


# Sum Up

The Self and the Body are in Harmony when there is a feeling of Self-regulation in the Self and Health in the Body

- Self-regulation = Feeling of responsibility toward the body for Nurturing, Protection and Right Utilization of the Body
- Health = The body acts according to Self and parts of the body are in harmony (in order)

#### **Program**



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# **Self Reflection**





#### **Practice Session**

In the last 3 years, recall the times that your body has been ill (in disharmony). What steps were taken to restore the harmony of the Body?

Date(s)	·	Type (Accident, viral infection, bacterial infection, lifestyle related disorder, any other)	Steps taken	Root Cause

What kind of daily schedule would you have with a strong feeling of self-regulation?

Approximately how much time would you allocate for keeping your body in good health through:

- Healthy intake (food, air, water, sunlight, etc.)
- Timings for upkeep of the Body (sleeping and waking up time, excretion, bathing, etc.)
- Labour (production of physical facility)
- Exercise
- Balancing internal and external organs of body
- Regulating breathing of body

(Of course, you need to keep adequate time for studying, understanding, learning, behaviour, work etc.)

Do you think this schedule will make you more productive or less productive? What conclusions do you draw from this exercise?



# **Key Points**

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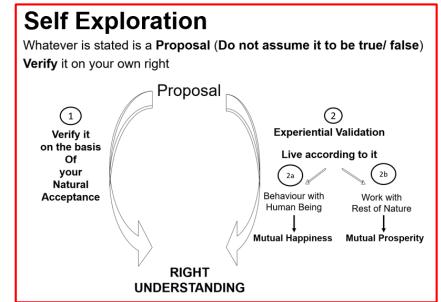
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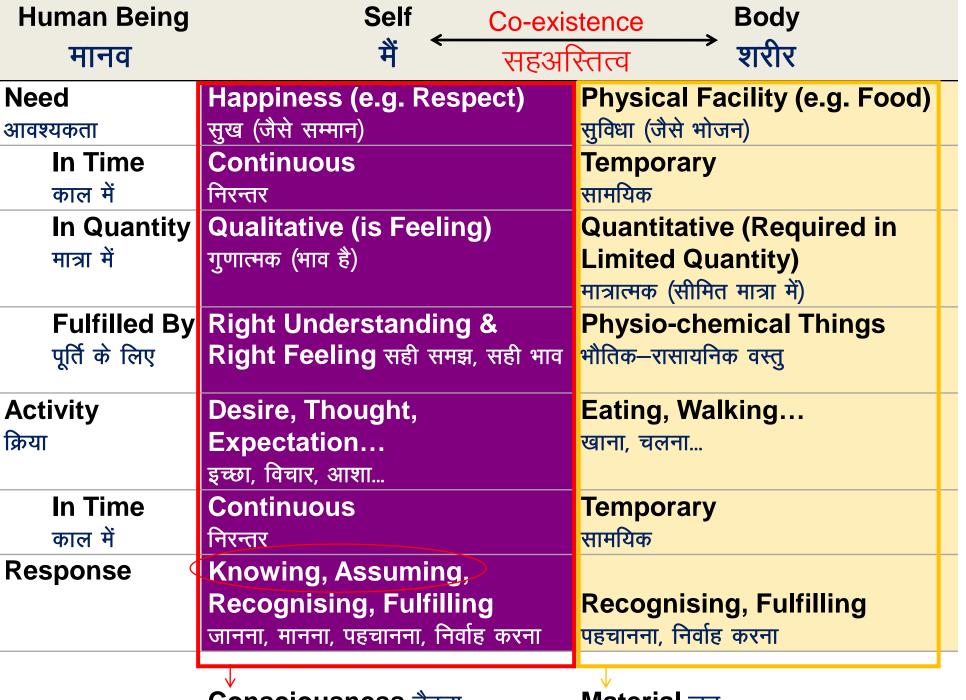
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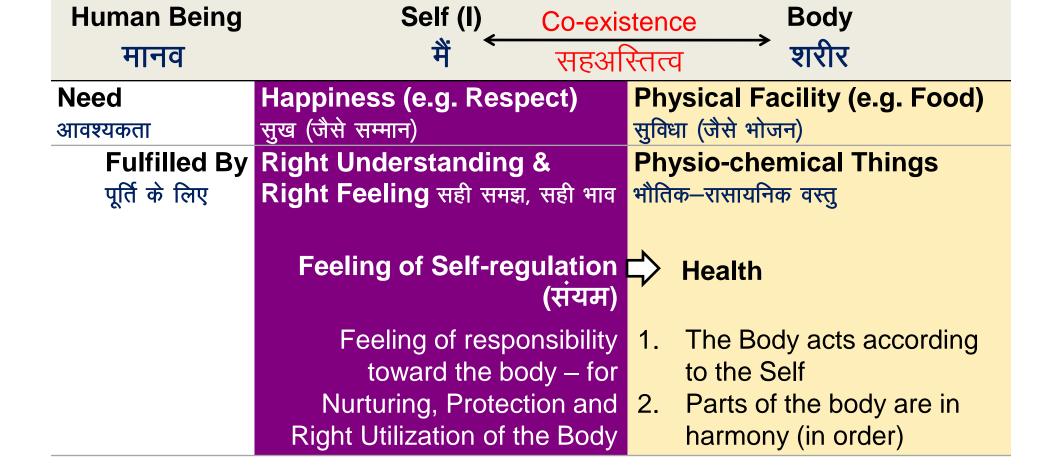






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  - 1a. Intake includes air, water, sunlight, food (food is nutritious, digestible & tasty and waste is excretable), all intake through our senses (sound, sight, smell etc)
  - 1b. Rising time, sleeping time, eating time...
  - 2a. Outcome of labour is production of physical facility
  - 2b. No physical facility is produced by exercise

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# FAQs for Lecture 12

Programme to ensure self-regulation and Health



# Question(s):

# Response

Is self-regulation same as self control or self restraint?

 Self-regulation is defined as- Feeling of responsibility toward the body – for Nurturing, Protection and Right Utilization of the Body.
 With this feeling of responsibility, the self takes care of the body.

When we talk about self control or self restraint, the sense we get is that the self is controlling things related to body with a feeling of fear or of opposition.

For example, with feeling of responsibility, I eat food which is nutritious and tasty, but, I don't eat food which is tasty but, not nutritious. This happens in a natural manner. On the other hand, if I don't have this feeling of responsibility, and I want to eat food which is tasty but not nutritious, however, due to fear of falling sick, I am not eating that food, then, this is self restraining. This doesn't happens in a natural manner and somewhere I have a feeling of unhappiness.

# Question(s):

# Response

The body has an ageing process and with age diseases start appearing. Also there are viruses etc. Will a person with right understanding and feeling of self-regulation not have such diseases?

 In general, a person with right understanding and feeling of self-regulation will be able to maintain the health of his body and not fall sick. However, the aging of the body will certainly have its effect, but, he will be able to see this and plan his lifestyle accordingly. Similarly, tmhe effect of environment such as extreme weather or even viruses can effect the health of his body. But,, he will handle this by taking preventive measures or by doing the necessary detoxification or taking the suitable medicine, so that the body can recover its health.

Is health of body also a human value?

 Feeling of Self-regulation is value in the self, which expresses itself as health in the body. This can be seen as the feeling of care towards the body. What would be right utilisation of a healthy Body?

The Self is central to human existence
The purpose Self is to develop completeness
of

- 1. Right understanding, i.e. understanding of harmony at all levels of being Truth
- 2. Right feeling, i.e. feeling of harmony Love
- 3. Right thought, i.e. thought of how to live in harmony Compassion

The Body is used as an instrument by the Self for interacting with the world outside:

- Behaviour with human being
- Work with rest of nature

Physical facility is required for the Body – to nurture it, protect it and in the process of right utilisation of the Body

# Question(s):

# Response

If body is unhealthy, will the Self be still happy?

 As we have discussed, happiness in the self can be unsured through right understanding and right feelings which has to do with the state of the self and not state of the body. However, if the body is unhealthy, it will be a matter of concern, and the person with right understanding will do whatever is necessary for recovering the health of the body, without getting unhappy over it.

How do you distinguish between mental health and physical health?

 Mental health has to with disharmony at the level of self, but, Physical health has to with disharmony at the level of Physical body.

### Question(s):

# Response

Why is medicine and treatment kept separate – aren't they similar?

 As discussed in the session, medicine is used-For bringing body back to harmony from temporary disharmony

this can be done through Home remedies or through Integrated systems of medicine However, Treatment has to do with Using a drug / machine to perform a body

For examples, by using Insulin in case of diabetes or doing Dialysis for blood purification.

function (dependence)

What will be the role of a doctor if everyone has the feeling of self-regulation?

The major role of the doctors then would be

- Health education- education that will enable people to have this feeling of selfregulation and develop the competence to take care of the health of their body
- 2. To help them to take preventive measures for the effect of the environment
- 3. Provide them necessary help to recover if their body falls sick due to the effect of the environment through
  - detoxification or
  - medicine
- 4. Provide treatment, only in extreme cases when there is no option to take any other recourse

# Question(s):

# Response

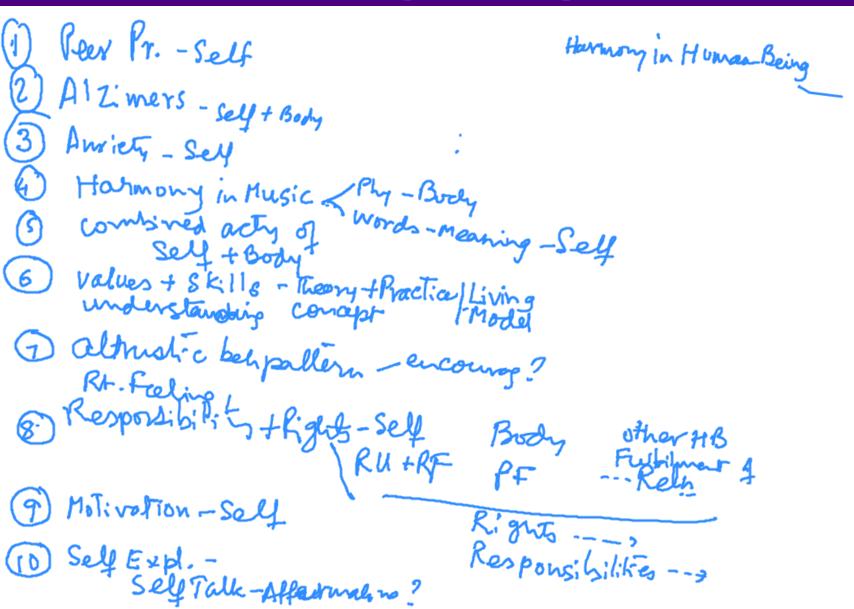
Like this doctors will become unemployed...
What about their income? Today health-care is a thriving multi billion dollar industry employing millions of people! What will happen to all that?

Check what is naturally acceptable:

- A system that ensures health
- A system based on illness

So, we have to make effort for that kind of system. Ultimately, a system for the wellbeing of all (what NEP2020 calls and equitable and just society). People with a holistic world-view, competence and commitment may be able to work towards such a society. We will discuss this when we cover harmony in society

# Q&A at end of Module 1 & 2 [22-01-2021]



# Nurturing the Body – e.g., Food

Purpose of food: To nurture the body

Check re. my choice of food

- 1. Is the food nutritious?
- 2. Is it digestible?
- 3. Is it tasty?
- 4. Is the waste excretable?
- 5. Am I trying to fetch happiness from the taste?
- 6. Am I choosing food to get acceptance, respect?

#### Protection of the Body – e.g., Clothes

Purpose of clothes: To protect the body

#### Check re. my choice of clothes

- 1. Are my clothes appropriate for the season?
- 2. Am I trying to get respect from others on the basis of clothes?

#### Check re. how the other may be influenced by the way I dress

- 1. Are my clothes socially appropriate, acceptable?
- 2. Do my clothes help others to see me as similar to them?
- 3. Are my clothes creating jealousy, envy in other?
- 4. Do my clothes arouse feeling of lust in other?
- 5. Does my choice of clothes promote or compromise social justice?
- 6. Does my choice of clothes promote or harm harmony in Nature?

# **Right Utilisation of the Body**

Purpose of body: To facilitate me in fulfilling my basic aspiration

#### Check how I use the body

- 1. Do I use the body to receive proposals for my self-development?
- 2. Do I use the body to share proposals for the self-development of others?
- 3. Do I use the body to produce required physical facility?
- 4. Do I use the body to enrich, protect the rest of nature?
- 5. Do I use the body for getting favourable sensation (which I have assumed to be happiness)?