

„Art of Living“ Festival, Delhi, 2016-03-13

High Dignitaries,
Highly esteemed and beloved Gurudev,
Dear Friends,

Allow me to welcome the fantastic World festival and all who celebrates Life and Peace. That is hope and belief also of my country Lithuania, the true ancient sister to India.

The great Bengalian Poet Rabindranath Tagore has said in his little set of poems “Lover’s Gift”:

“I shall gladly suffer the pride of culture to die out in my house, if only in some happy future I am born a herd boy in the Brinda forest”. That is “Lover’s Gift”, about Love to Life.

Nobody wrote yet a set of poems “Killer’s Gift”. Exactly that “gift” now comes to prevail. But we can say: Stop killing! Stop killers lying!

The question remains: how to stop amuck-runners? Shri Shri was sometimes able to do that. Let us help him.

Stop the deadly disaster of ultimate global mistrust, including lying to yourself. Killing is not liberation. The gravest sin is to destroy Life. No Deity is calling for hatred.

Let nobody and nowhere call anyone to kill in the name of God. The teaching of Shri Shri is totally different: allow others to live. Without us living, even the God, who likes fun, would have nothing to do.

Thus the Art of Living inspired by Shri Shri is totally opposed to Art of Killing and looks hopefully as one and unique, to stop Amuck-runners of every modernized re-armament.

Let us share one more dream – to see the world-wide Constitution for Humans, the Constitution of compassion and solidarity, and to get it adopted by every nation, every religion.

Remember the apology of Socrates: if I wish to get my human environment worse, which would make it worse for myself, then I am insane.

Thus spare your effort, instructor of any group or nation, to get human life worse. Don't be insane.

Let us work to get ourselves and everybody better. This world is worth to continue living. For what? – For the very sake of Life on the blue planet still wondering in the endless darkness.

Vytautas Landsbergis