# A conceptual definition and contextual identity on Sāmaggi (harmony/unity) to prevent conflicts towards on worldly success and spiritual development

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#### Introduction

The concept of Sāmaggi (harmony/unity) is one of the most valuable and precious solutions for the sustainable peace in the society. It is actual and the best way to ensure the sustainable peace in the society. As well, this concept of sāmaggi has the ability to lead one for the self- awareness (spiritual emancipation). If one has a perfect understanding, practical effort, perfect determination and perseverance on this significant pragmatic humanistic way of sāmaggi (harmony), then both worldly success and spiritual emancipation also can be truly achieved in this life itself. Even though the society has been defined this as one of the other solutions for the sustainable peace, but as I think (as I found it) this is the most relevant way for that effort because, the concept of sāmaggi is a collection of ethical, social, psychological and spiritual facts and phenomenon. Therefore, this concept should be improved and modified as a new, common and practical humanistic way (foundation) towards the worldly and spiritual success of living beings, by not harming its trace and realistic meaning. The Buddha also highly appreciated and recommended the necessity of sāmaggi (unity/harmony) of living beings for a conflict-free life. This is one of the most highly effective humanistic ways for harmony, peace, freedom and conflict-free life than most of the other old, decayed, disgusted and impractical religious, philosophical, political, social or whatever humanistic ways foe conflict preventing.

## **Research Objectives**

The aim of this analytical study is to figure out that how the concept of sāmaggi (unity/harmony) functions for conflict preventing, what the contextual definition on it and what the utility of sāmaggi (unity/harmony) for worldly success and spiritual development.

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## Research Methodology

In this research, the methodology relates to philosophical, social and spiritual fields of qualitative research. In doing this research, I referred to the Sanigha sāmaggi sutta in Itivuttaka Pāli and few other selected Pāli canonical texts which are related on this subject field to study Buddhist perspective on this. In spite of these, the secondary sources on this subject field such as journals, websites and many other sources were used.

# Research problems

The problems of this research are to analyze that what the conceptual definition and contextual identity on 'Sāmaggi' (harmony/unity), How to ensure the sustainable social peace through individual inner peace by practicing this as a new, common and pragmatic humanistic way, and how to the concept of 'Sāmaggi' ameliorate (develop) up to the spiritual level from worldly sense?

## **Research Discussion**

Sāmaggi is not a single thought, fact, phenomenon or concept alone. It is the process of the collection of phenomenon which is related to peace, freedom, emancipation, harmony, unity, friendship, relationship, interconnection among human beings and etc. Therefore this concept of sāmaggi can be analytically criticized and defined in a perspective outlook through the various humanistic aspects and foundations such as ethical, political, social, religious, spiritual foundations and etc. Therefore, everyone must raise their hands for this great effort to make a new, common and pragmatic humanistic way for the samaggi, without considering any conditions, or classifications and diversity of policies. Then it is easy to have the sustainable peace, ultimate purity of life, absolute freedom and even the spiritual emancipation of living beings. Sāmaggi is not something disdain (undervalue). The harmony (sāmaggi) in the responsible people always leads to a conflict free society. That's why wises and intellectuals value the harmony (unity) with being of most socialized and having a mature understanding on different social orders. When the sāmaggi lost in a society, then that society become a place where people dispute, quarrel, argue and controvert against each other, without considering any relationship or interconnection. That's why the Buddha emphasized the necessity of sāmaggi among the human beings. Therefore, by succeeding this perfectly, one can have a superior

success in one's own worldly life and through that successful foundation even the spiritual emancipation (Nibbana) also can be truly succeeded.

To practice/promote the sāmaggi (harmony / unity) and analyze the causes of dissension and disunity are the two main approaches of sāmaggi for the analytical study of contextual identity of sāmaggi. However, the perfect understanding on ongoing conditions of individuals and society also is much needed for this purpose to get it success. It is essential to explain the reasons for disagreement and dissension when describing and criticizing sāmaggi (harmony / unity) in corporate form. Because the social imbalance and dissension arise through serious disagreement, disputing quarrelling and arguing etc. based on convention, policies and ideologies on human being and universal laws and truths. To have a perfect understanding on these ongoing various conditions and conventions it is much needed to establish the sāmaggi (harmony / unity) among human beings. The unfortunate thing is people do not have a perfect understanding on this mentioned matters. Therefore most of them try to behave like a person who is arbitrary, (capricious despotic) because of one's own arrogant life which is full of power, strength, money, resources, intelligence (wise), mankind, etc. Especially an arrogant life mainly causes for the dissension (disagreement) as one of the most effective facts on it (for the dissension). Then the perfect self-awareness is much important for the samaggi in social beings. Also the person who does not have a self-awareness always causes for many conflicts and by that the samaggi disappear from the society. Therefore the self-awareness is much needed to be a well-socialized one and to be a social friendly person. Not only that but also whole the society respects, worships, and follows such people. Then the sustainable sāmaggi (harmony) will automatically ensure in the society for a long time. And interpersonal connectivity (relationship), mutual understanding of social beings and worldly success and spiritual development also can be achieved by succeeding that well.

## **Research Conclusion**

The concept of Sāmaggi (harmony/unity) is not a single phenomenon or concept but it is the process of the collection of phenomenon which is related to peace, freedom, emancipation, harmony, unity, friendship, relationship, interconnection among living beings. This concept of Sāmaggi is the most valuable and precious solutions for the sustainable peace in the society. And also it is the actual and the best way to make a conflict-free society among human beings. Self-

awareness and perfect understanding on ongoing social and different conditions lead the person towards on a conflict-free life. As well, the worldly success and spiritual development of human beings also can be achieved by succeeding that well.

**Keywords:** Sāmaggi (harmony/unity), society, conflict-free, worldly success, spiritual development

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