

Beyond Rituals: Living Basweshwar's Philosophy in the 21st Century: Basweshwar's Thoughts - A Compass for Social Reform

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Abstract: *Basweshwar's philosophy, centered on equality, dignity of labor, and social sharing-offers practical solutions to India's present-day problems such as caste discrimination, corruption, unemployment and gender inequality. His principles of Kayaka (work as worship) and Dasoha (sharing and service) remain highly relevant in addressing today's social and economic challenges. Mahatma Basweshwar, the 12th-century philosopher and social reformer, articulated a vision of society grounded in equality, dignity of labor, rational devotion and service to humanity. His principles of Kayaka (work as worship) and Dasoha (sharing and service) remain profoundly relevant in addressing contemporary challenges such as economic inequality, social discrimination, technological disruption, environmental crises and mental health concerns. This paper examines the applicability of Basweshwar's*

thoughts to present-day problems, situating his philosophy within global discourses on ethics, sustainability and artificial intelligence (AI). Mahatma Basweshwar's philosophy is not just spiritual—it is deeply practical and it offers solutions to many pressing problems of our time. His principles of Kayaka (work as worship), Dasoha (sharing and service), equality and rational devotion can be applied to modern challenges in ways that are surprisingly powerful.

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