

On Establishing a Varnasrama College: 40 Founding Principles

1. A varnasrama college will bring about global peace. (Siksamrta, Srila Prabhupada on Varnasrama)
2. A varnasrama college will bring full employment. (Same)
3. A varnasrama college will prove that Krsna is the Supreme Personality of Godhead by all two thousand fields of endeavour taught in schools, gurukulas, colleges, universities and all other training and educational institutions globally.
4. A varnasrama college will implement the work of the Bhaktivedanta Institute by showing consciousness within the sciences.
5. A varnasrama college will teach bhakti-sastri, bhakti-vaibhava, bhaktivedanta and bhakti-sarvabhauma.
6. A varnasrama college will provide education and training for all 225 heads of state.
7. A varnasrama college will give direction to the United Nations Secretary-General how to adopt one book – Bhagavad-gita, how to worship one God - Lord Sri Krsna, how to chant one mantra – Hare Krsna, Hare Krsna, Krsna Krsna, Hare Hare / Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama Rama, Hare Hare, and how to adopt one work – service to the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Krsna.
8. A varnasrama college will establish one emperor for the whole world, under one government.
9. A varnasrama college will teach how to grow your own food, how to milk your own cows, how to weave your own cloth, how to build your own shelter.
10. A varnasrama college will teach simple living and high thinking by producing only what you need and using everything that you produce.
11. A varnasrama college will teach all 64 Vedic arts and sciences.
12. A varnasrama college will not simply be an educational institution, but also a social, cultural, political, entrepreneurial and practical operational institution, based on pure spiritual life.
13. A varnasrama college will teach the 14 books of Vedic knowledge which are:-

The 4 Vedas

1. Rg Veda
2. Sama Veda
3. Yajur Veda
4. Atharva Veda

The 6 Vedangas

- 1.Siksa (phonetics)
- 2.Chanda (meter)
- 3.Nirukti (dictionary)
- 4.Jyotisa (astronomy and astrology)
- 5.Kalpa (Deity worship, Yagnas, samskaras)
- 6.Vyakarana (grammar)

The 4 Upangas

- 1.Dharma (including Canakya Pandita's Niti-sastra and the Manu Samhita or Vedic book of Law)
- 2.Vedanta (philosophy)
- 3.Nyaya (logic)
- 4.Purana (history, including the Itihasas: Ramayana and Mahabharata and Vedic sciences taught in the Upapuranas: -
 - 1.Ayurveda (medicine)
 - 2.Gandharva – veda (performing arts)
 - 3.Stapathya – veda (Vastu or the science of sacred space)
 - 4.Dhanur – veda (military science).

14.A varnasrama college will teach Pancaratrika viddhi and Bhagavata viddhi.

15.A varnasrama college will teach srutis – theoretical knowledge, i.e. srutis refer to spiritual and to transcendental knowledge and
smritis – practical knowledge, application, smritis encompass all material arts and sciences needed for functioning properly while living in this material world.

In any science, a theory is proven by its application so smritis (evidence) demonstrate the srutis.

16. A varnasrama college will teach how to come back to the countryside, stay in your village, cultivate your soil, milk your cows and chant Hare Krsna.

17. A varnasrama college will teach Samskrta, Bengali and English at the very least.

18.A varnasrama college will teach all soft technologies found in villages globally.

19.A varnasrama college will be attached to each ISKCON temple / center globally and there will be 1008 such varnasrama colleges.

20.A varnasrama college will be funded from the following main sources:-

- 1.public sector – UN, central governments, local governments, agencies
- 2.private sector – multi-national companies, businesses
- 3.voluntary sector – charities, trusts
- 4.individual – sponsorships, donations.

21. A varnasrama college will establish Vedic culture and civilisation globally.
22. A varnasrama college will teach sambandha – jnana, abhideya – jnana, and prayojana - jnana
23. A varnasrama college will teach how to bring all ISKCON farms up to date and relevant to the times, with a view to accommodating any number of people who want to stay.
24. A varnasrama college will teach how to divide society into four social orders, namely, brahmanas, ksatriyas, vaisyas and sudras and four spiritual orders, brahmacaris, grhasthas, vanaprasthas and sannyasis.
25. A varnasrama college will incorporate all Bhakti Life courses, and those undertaken by all other ISKCON educational institutions, such as Bhaktivedanta College, VIHE, MIHE and Bhaktivedanta Academy and Rupanuga Vedic College, IYF, Vaikuntha Players. In this way, a varnasrama college will seek to converge and unite organisations, communities and countries in order to create harmony and stability everywhere.
26. A varnasrama college will be based at tertiary level along the lines of the Krsna Avanti primary and secondary level of education schools: at the heart will be the ISKCON temple and around the periphery will be the varnasrama college.
27. A varnasrama college will offer across the spectrum courses from fully residential to day only.
28. A varnasrama college will be for ten years of age and upwards, both for men and women to learn and teach all cottage industries, as discovered at our present ISKCON communities, such as New Vrndavana, West Virginia and Spanish Fork, Utah.
29. Each varnasrama college will have a purpose-built temple, if one does not already exist, with all the surrounding land and property belonging to the presiding Deity, along the lines of the system of Sri Jagannatha Puri, India.
30. A varnasrama college will take our Krsna consciousness movement into its second phase based on land, cows, grhasthas and varnasrama- dharma.
31. A varnasrama college will cater for a community within a 10mile radius. So, typically, if it 1000miles from John O’Groats to Land’s End, there will be approximately 50 communities, diagonally and similar cross-wise as appropriate (10).
32. A varnasrama college will in this way, be the focus for a varnasrama village or a Vrndavana village, with appropriate divisions of brahmanas, ksatriyas, vaisyas and sudras. Candalas and others will live outside the village.

33.A varnasrama college will form the basis for the daiva varnasrama-dharma institution, which will be the means to create a Vaikuntha planet.

34.A varnasrama college is meant for making a person self-sufficient, self-sustained and self-realised by developing all 50 qualities of a jiva-tattva and thus attain his full potential in one life-time.

35.A varnasrama college will form as a result of and as a product of the purity of the chanting of the Holy Name and proof of the efficacy and the efficiency of the sankirtana movement of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu and thus usher in another wave of the Golden period in this age.

36.A varnasrama college will have at its core the books of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada and his disciples and followers to take direction from for its philosophy, management and administration, its funding and its application and operation.

37. A varnasrama college will have the following:-

1. brahmanas - for studying and teaching, fire sacrifices, samskaras
2. ksatriyas - for management, administration and law and order
3. vaisyas - for cow protection, agriculture, horticulture, permaculture, trade and commerce
4. sudras - for manufacturing all items of arts and crafts under cottage industries and services such as kirtana and drama.

38.A varnasrama college's purpose is to create a God-centred society globally.

39.A varnasrama college will teach how to minimise and down-size in the cities by having city farms and community gardens.

40.A varnasrama college will teach the science of Krsna and devotional service.

This is not an exhaustive list and devotees may want to add to this in due course.

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