

HUMAN VALUES & PROFESSIONAL ETHICS

UNIT 4 NOTES

- HARMONY IN NATURE
- EXISTENCE AS COEXISTENCE
- INTERCONNECTION & MUTUAL FULFILMENT
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UNDERSTANDING HARMONY IN NATURE

- Nature is the collection of units - the air, soil, water, plants, trees, animals, birds, human beings and even things that are distant from us like the sun, the moon, other planets etc.
- Understanding harmony in nature means recognizing that all plants of the natural world - plants, animals, humans and environment are connected and dependent on each other.

FOUR ORDERS OF NATURE

All the things in nature can be divided into 4 orders.

- ① Material Order (Padartha Awastha)
- ② Plant/ Bio Order (Pran Awastha)
- ③ Animal Order (Jeev Awastha)
- ④ Human Order (Gyan Awastha)

① Material Order

- It includes non-living entities such as soil, metals, water, gases and celestial bodies like stars and planets.
- It is largest order of nature.

② Plant Order

- It includes all forms of plants life such as Grass, Plants, trees, flowers, fruits & huge forest which possess the quality of growth and decay.
- It is next largest order of nature.

③ Animal Order

- It comprises all the animals and birds, characterized by consciousness and ability to move.
- It is third largest order of nature.

④ Human Order

- It refers to human beings with their unique capacities for consciousness, reasoning and self-awareness.
- It is smallest order of nature.

INNATENESS IN ORDER OF NATURE

- Innateness refers to the natural or inherent qualities that define each order of nature and determine how they function.
- Each of the 4 orders - Material, Plant, Animal & Human - has its own specific innate characteristics that guide its existence and interaction with the world.

ORDERS	INNATENESS
Material Order	Existence
Plant Order	Existence + Growth
Animal Order	Existence, Growth & will to live
Human Order	Existence, Growth, will to live and knowledge (want for happiness)

NATURAL CHARACTERISTICS OF 4 ORDERS OF NATURE

- When we look at different orders in nature, we find the each order has a certain value.
- This value is also referred to as 'natural characteristics'.

① Material Order

- Composition and decomposition
- Entities comes together & form bigger unit
- Bigger transform to smaller
- Soil - Brick - Tower : Composition
- Tower - Full → Soil : Decomposition

② Plant / Bio Order

- Composition & Decomposition + Nurture or Worsen
- Eat healthy fruits & Vegetables : Nurture the Body
- Eat Dhatura (Thorn Apple) : Worsen the Body

③ Animal Order

- Composition / Decomposition + Nurture / Worsen + Cruelty / Non Cruelty
- Cruelty : The feeling that it can fulfill its need through violence and forcefulness . e.g Tigers , Lions are cruel.
- Non- cruelty : Cow / Goats are non cruel.

④ Human Order

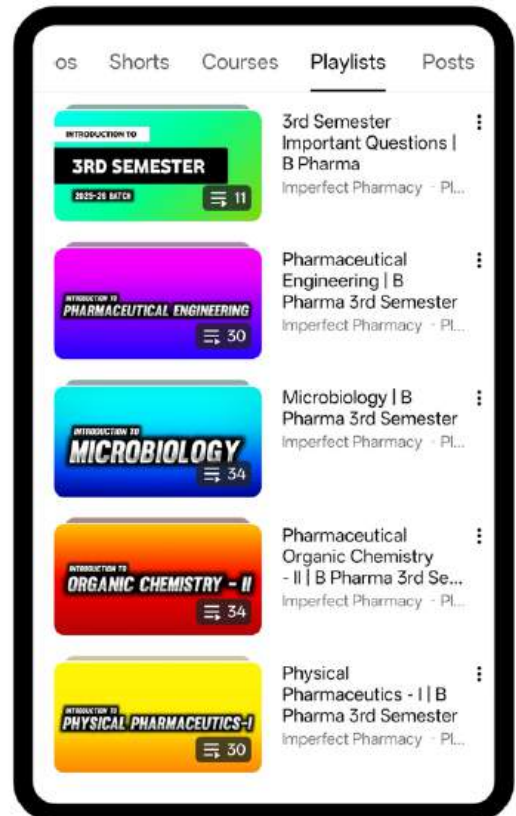
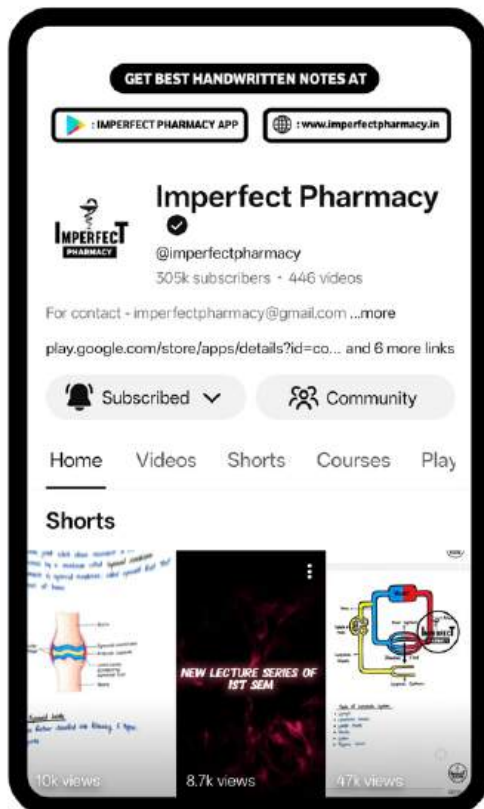
- Composition / Decomposition + Nurture / Worsen + Perseverance / Bravery / Generosity
- Perseverance (Dhirta) : This means being committed to living in harmony at all levels of existence.
- Bravery (Virata) : It involves being ready to help others to have right understanding of harmony and living at all 4 levels.
- Generosity (Udarta) : It involves being ready to invest yourself, your body and wealth to help the other have the right understanding.

HUMAN BEINGS IN CURRENT SCENARIO

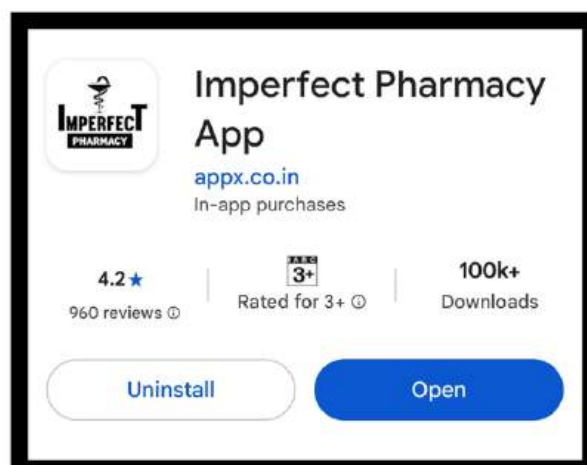
- Even though we have above natural characteristics, we are not living according to this.
- This is the basic reason for the contradiction and conflict that we see in human being.
- This is what leads to state of unhappiness.
- Only when, we start to live according to our basic human characteristics as mentioned above we can have harmony with rest of the nature.

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INTERCONNECTEDNESS & MUTUAL FULFILLMENT AMONG 4 ORDERS OF NATURE

- In nature, everything is interconnected and works together to maintain balance and harmony.
- This concept is known as interconnectedness and mutual fulfillment among the 4 orders of nature.
- These 4 orders are:
 - ① Material Order
 - ② Plant Order
 - ③ Animal Order
 - ④ Human Order

① MATERIAL ORDER & PLANT ORDER

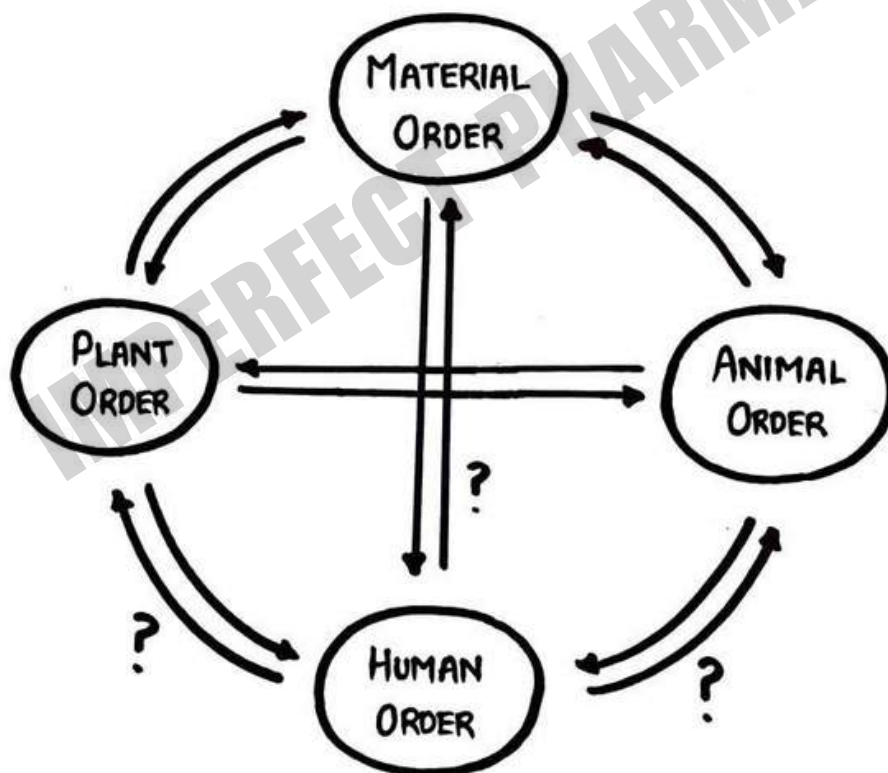
- Soil provides a foundation and nutrients for plants to grow. In return plants help prevent soil erosion and contribute organic matter back to soil, maintain O_2 level in atmosphere.

② MATERIAL, PLANT & ANIMAL ORDER

- Plants produce oxygen and serve as food for animals, while material order provide basis for movement of all animals, birds and fishes.
- In return animal order helps enrich soil its excreta & plant with pollination.

③ HUMAN AND REST OF THE ORDERS

- Each three orders fulfills human orders
- Human orders takes soil, minerals and metals from material order, but in return end up polluting the soil and resource depletion.
- Human order dependant on plant order for food but destroyed forest, multiple species of plant and herbs.
- Human dependent on animals to carry out production, transportation, milk, honey but in return he made them to extinct.
- Human order dependent on all other 3 orders but is not mutual fulfilling and this leads to problems such as pollution, resource depletion, extinction of animals, Global warming and threats to human race on earth.



RECYCLABILITY IN NATURE

- Recyclability means that materials are used over and over again, ensuring nothing is wasted for example, when plants and animals die decomposers - like bacteria and fungi break them down into nutrients that enrich the soil, these nutrients are then absorbed by new plants, continuing the cycle of life.
- Similarly, water continuously moves through the environment of cycle: It evaporates from surfaces forms clouds, and returns, as rain or snow ensuring that water is always available for living organisms.

SELF REGULATION IN NATURE

- In forest, the growth of trees takes place in a way so that the amount of soil, plants and animals remain conserved.
- Nature keeps the population, proportion naturally maintained.
- In animals, the number of males and females generated through reproduction is such that the continuity of species is ensured by itself.
- This happens with humans too.
- But Inhuman practices have led to disproportionate numbers of men and women.

UNITS & SPACES

UNIT

- Unit is any individual thing that has a specific form & takes up space.
 - All the 4 orders of nature comes under the unit.
- ① Material Order
 - ② Plant Order
 - ③ Animal Order
 - ④ Human Order

SPACE

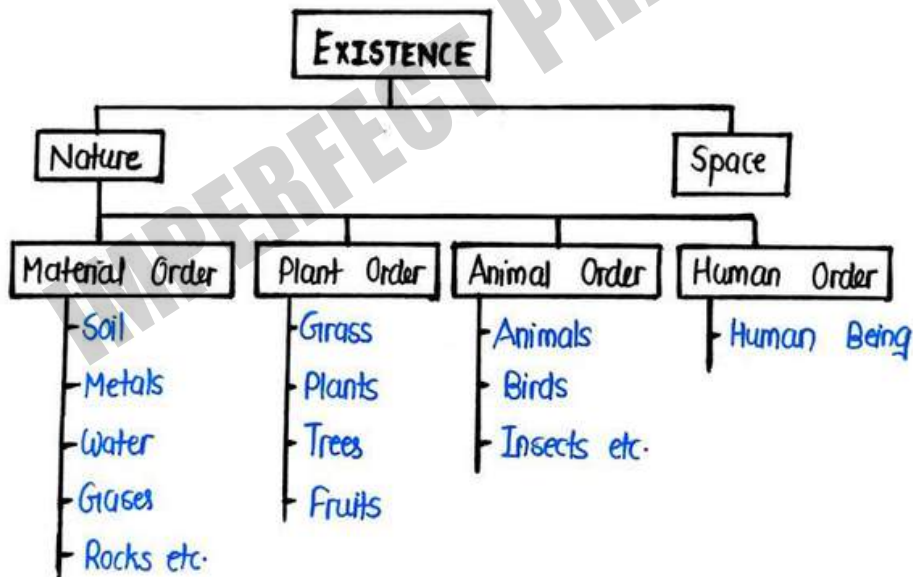
- Space is the vast, empty expanse in which all units exists.
- It doesn't have a form or physical presence.
- It exist everywhere.
- In other words the empty area all around the nature is space.

EXISTENCE

- All the units together constitute nature.
- All the units of nature exist in space which is an important reality to understand.
- Existence is nothing but the nature in space.

$$\text{Existence} = \text{Nature} + \text{Space}$$

- Existence refers to the state of being real or having actually.
- It encompasses everything that is present, including both living and non-living entities.



UNDERSTANDING EXISTENCE AS COEXISTENCE :

- Existence as coexistence means that everything in nature is connected and dependent on each other.
- When we see around, we observe that in nature everything coexist together like if there is plant order then there is also human order & also animal & material order and all are dependent on each other.
- Understanding 'Existence as Coexistence' means caring for the environment, using natural resources wisely and not harming nature for selfish reasons.
- Living in harmony with nature means protecting forest, reducing pollution & ensuring that future generation can also enjoy a healthy planet.

HOLISTIC PERCEPTION OF HARMONY AT ALL LEVELS

- A holistic perception of harmony at all level of existence means understanding that everything in the universe is connected and works together.
- This view sees the world as a unified whole, where each part, no matter how small, plays a role in maintaining balance and harmony.
- By recognizing these connections, we can better appreciate our place in the world and act in ways that support the well being of all.

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