

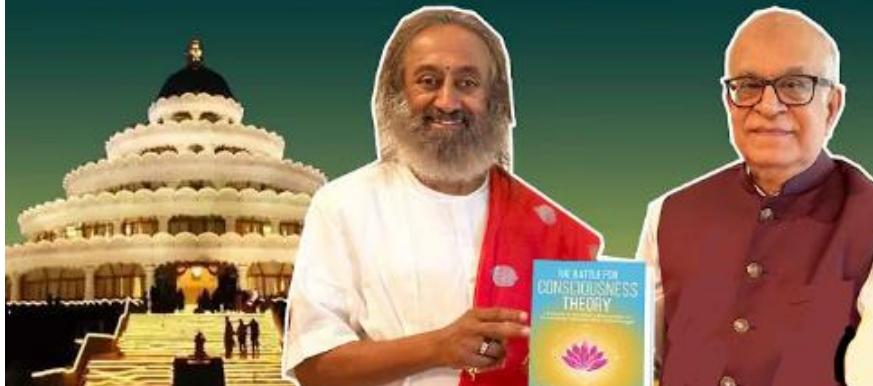


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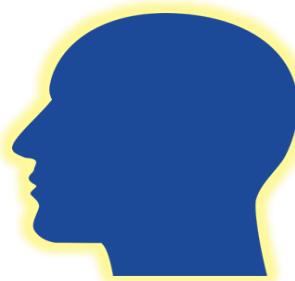
Sri Sri Ravi Shankar and Rajiv Malhotra at the Art of Living Ashram, Bangalore

## SRI SRI RAVI SHANKAR & RAJIV MALHOTRA IN ART OF LIVING ASHRAM, BANGALORE.

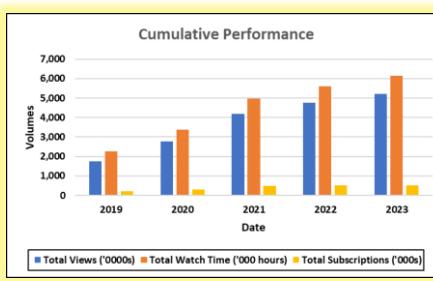


Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar invited Rajiv Malhotra to address his gathering at the Art of Living ashram in Bangalore. Rajiv Malhotra told the shishyas that his latest book *The Battle for Consciousness Theory* is in defense of one guru, Sri Aurobindo. But his goal is

to sensitize all shishyas about the need to defend their own gurus and carry on their lineage, thus continuing our tradition. He also talked about the danger of artificial intelligence becoming so powerful that it takes over young minds that then accept online answers as true, not realizing the hidden agenda behind such answers and the fact that they are generated by people not rooted in Indic traditions. These systems therefore become the new adhikaris, in direct competition with the guru-shishya parampara. Sri Sri Ravi Shankar agreed with this analysis, adding that it is important for those with positive thinking about our tradition to be more active as the other side will not slow down just because we have a laid-back attitude. [Video](#).



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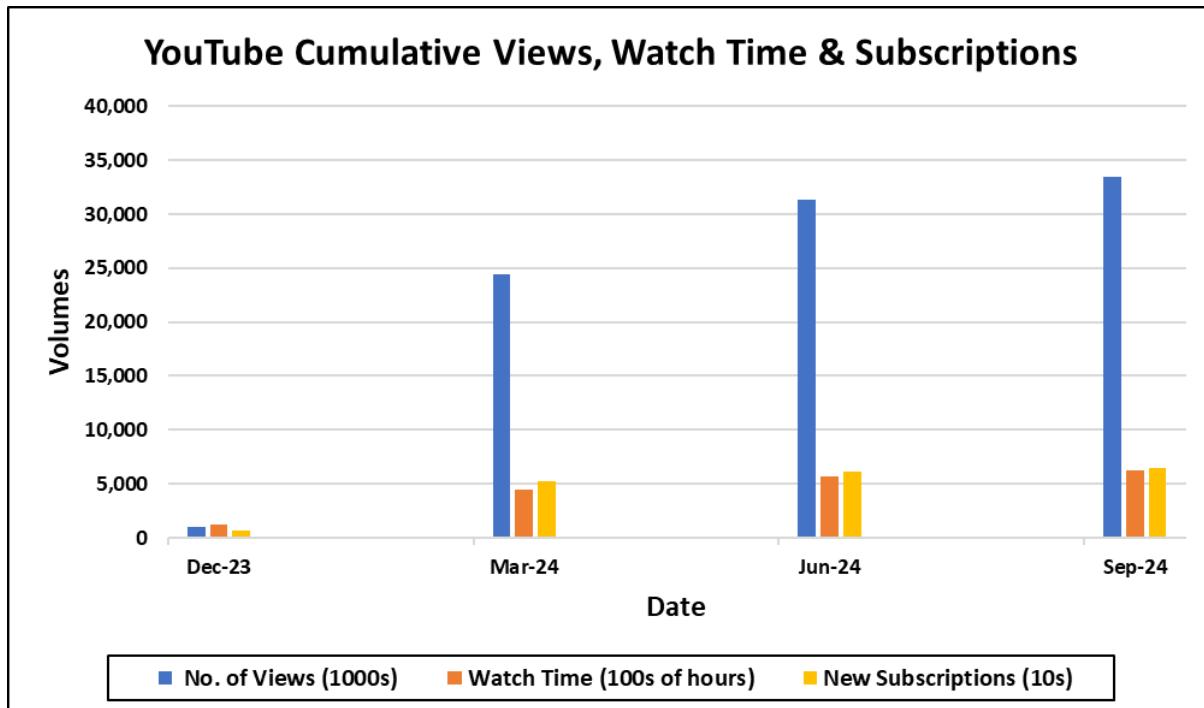
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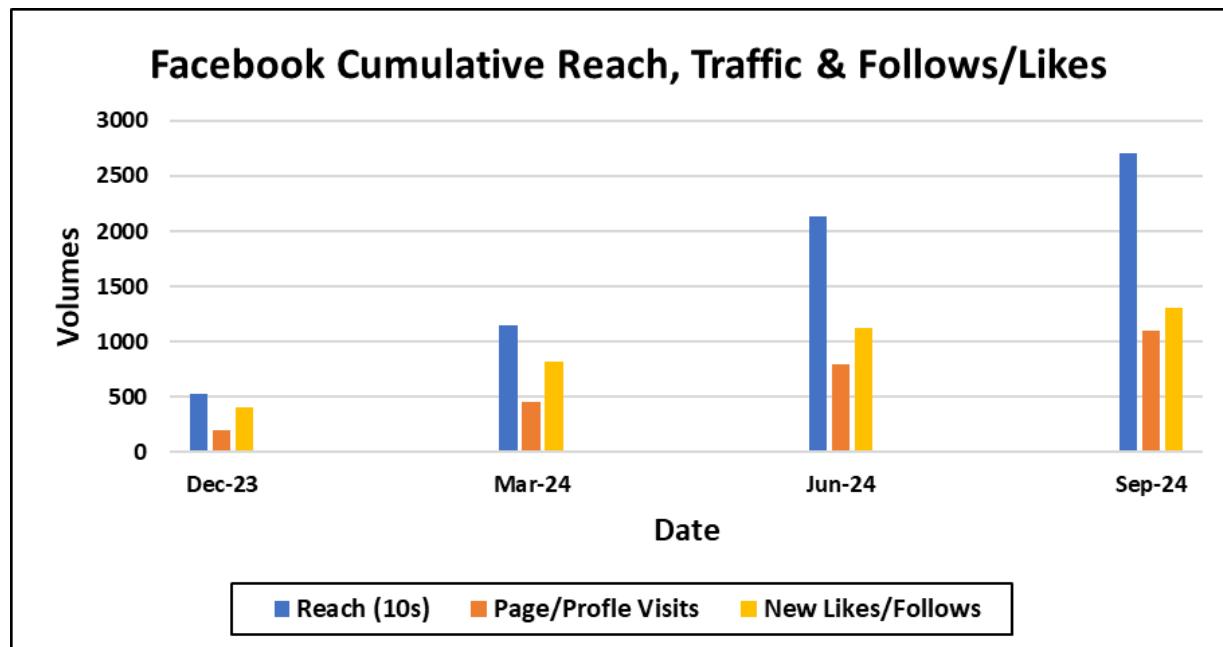
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## Our Performance

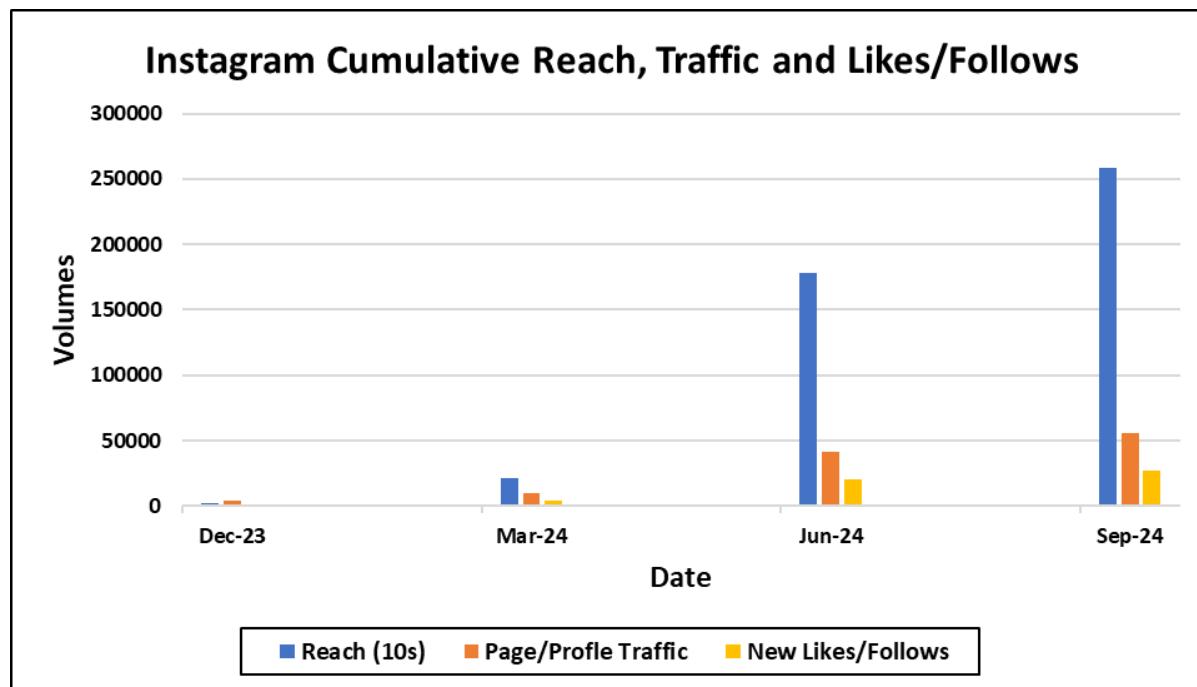
This section provides a brief overview of our recent performance. In the first chart below, we present the cumulative performance of our YouTube channel over the past year. As in past quarters, we have materially grown our views, watch time and total subscriptions during this period.



In the second chart, we present the cumulative reach of our Facebook page in the last twelve months. Our performance on Facebook shows continued growth on all key metrics, as we expanded our reach, increased traffic to our page and garnered an ever-growing number of likes and follows.



The third chart shows our cumulative performance on Instagram. Here too, our content appears to be receiving continued traction, with expanding reach, swelling traffic and the resultant increase in likes and follows.



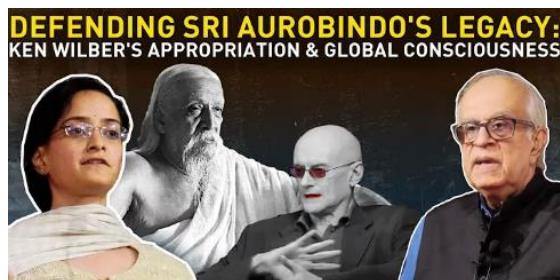
Views on any of these platforms can be unusually high at times because of celebrity involvement, hot topics and certain event-driven hits, such as during book launches. Therefore, cumulative numbers are more meaningful.

## Our Content

*The mega-launch of this quarter was the path-breaking book **The Battle for Consciousness Theory**, jointly authored by Rajiv Malhotra, Manogna Sastry and Kundan Singh. Some of the book launch and explainer videos are summarized below:*

### [The Battle for Consciousness Theory](#)

**Rajiv Malhotra & Manogna Sastry on Ken Wilber's Appropriation of Sri Aurobindo**

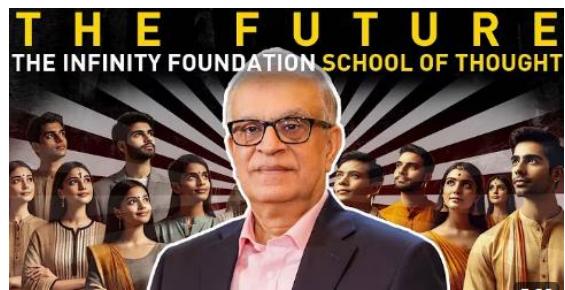


Authors Rajiv Malhotra and Manogna Sastry introduce their book *The Battle for Consciousness Theory* to the Aurobindo Study Circle in Bengaluru. They talk about the major contributions to Western civilization and thought of first, Swami Vivekananda and then, Sri Aurobindo, through his diksha by Vivekananda after he had left his body. Their contribution to the enlightenment in the West and then again, to the global consciousness movement in the 21st century is colossal and largely unrecognized because of the subversion and theft of Indian intellectual property by the West. The gurus inadvertently facilitated the process by writing in the English language. Another interesting topic discussed was their theory of involution and evolution that shows how the divine is expressed in the mundane through its evolution.

However, the very institutions that were founded to propagate the works of these

two luminaries failed to defend their gurus' works from appropriation and distortion. The book does this job partially, defending Sri Aurobindo's seminal models in individual and collective consciousness against Ken Wilber's hijacking and digestion of Indic philosophy. [Video](#).

**Sanatana Dharma - the eternal way of life by Rajiv Malhotra**

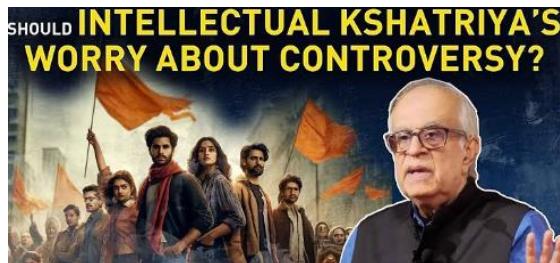


*The Battle for Consciousness Theory*, the latest book from Infinity Foundation, was launched at the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru. Authored by Rajiv Malhotra, Manogna Sastry and Kundan Singh, the book details Ken Wilber's appropriation of Sri Aurobindo and other Indian thought. Rajiv Malhotra explains how he wishes to take the movement he pioneered to future generations, saying how the other side had developed such movements for each generation, thus keeping alive and further developing certain thoughts and ideas. For a proper defense of the Indic traditions, we need to do the same. [Video](#).

**Should Intellectual Kshatriyas worry about controversy? | IISc Bangalore**

Speaking at the Satish Dhawan Auditorium at the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, Rajiv Malhotra discusses the influence of the illustrious scientist and mathematician Satish

Dhawan on his own childhood and journey into the philosophy of science.



He recounts how his *Theory of Digestion* came to be formulated and the gross distortions of Dharmic concepts and entities that he fought against, which led to major breakthroughs in creating new frameworks in Indology. Rajiv's actions, though, began to be seen as controversial by those who preferred inaction as a response. Sadly enough, these people included the followers of Swami Vivekananda at Ramakrishna Mission and the followers of Sri Aurobindo, people who have the first responsibility to defend their gurus. [Video](#).

#### Launching new game-changing book: The Battle for Consciousness Theory



The Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) hosted the launch of The Battle for Consciousness Theory by authors Rajiv Malhotra, Manogna Sastry and Kundan Singh. The book is an extensive critique of the digestion and subversion of Sri Aurobindo's legacy.

Rajiv Malhotra explains the disconnect that Americans have with their own

history and its indebtedness to India with his U-turn theory. The five stages of the theory describe the systematic digestion of Indian thought, at times unwittingly and innocently by many Americans over time with the effect of decontextualizing Indian thought from its sources and recontextualizing it in Western frameworks, taking pains to see that the origins are erased. Ironically, this repackaged information is then exported back to India where it is consumed by the public as American knowledge.

Ken Wilber is the case study in this book. Without personal experience of his own, he had the arrogance to name the *panchkosh* as Wilber 1 through 5. Since his conceptions were synthetically derived, stitched together from his readings, he missed the underlying integral unity in Aurobindonian thought and committed violence on it and the Vedic tradition from which it was derived. He patented his theory as Integral Psychology, the term itself plagiarized from early works of Aurobindonians.

Sri Aurobindo today is idolized but his teachings aren't kept alive in curriculums of schools and colleges.

Manogna Sastry explained Wilber 2 and 3 at some length while Kundan Singh talked about the U-Turn Theory, how Ken Wilber went through the various stages as well as some specific cases of appropriation by Wilber. [Video](#).

#### Other Books

*Outreach events for earlier books also continued, as Rajiv Malhotra visited other channels and fora to discuss current affairs in the context of dharma and provide inspiration to the next generation.*

## How Being Different Helped Students | Rajiv Malhotra & Devendra Singh



In an online conversation with a study group on his seminal work *Being Different*, Rajiv Malhotra briefly described his personal awakening around 35 years ago, and how that influenced his spiritual quest and desire to give back to the culture. He noticed how Hinduism was not given its rightful position in popular and academic discourse, and played a pioneering role in funding universities, conferences and individuals to do India research.

Although he had no plans on becoming an author, the discovery of anti-Hindu bias in academia, his personal interactions with academics, USCIRF, Christian seminaries and others, as well as the lack of interest in Indian government officials, thinktanks and gurus made him realize that he should take his ideas to the public himself.

*Being Different*, originally called *The Audacity of Difference*, is his personal favorite book. It was originally conceptualized as five different books but later condensed into 5 chapters with the common theme of difference. The book is important because it establishes the foundations of who we are and what's distinct about us. [Video](#).

## Invasion of American University Campuses | Rajiv Malhotra & Sree Iyer



Rajiv Malhotra and Sree Iyer discuss the state of American university campuses by the unholy alliance of the Left and Islam. Rajiv said that Israel/Jew hatred is only one issue (Kashmir, Khalistan, Aryan Invasion Theory, etc. could be the next) providing fuel to stoke the flame of destruction.

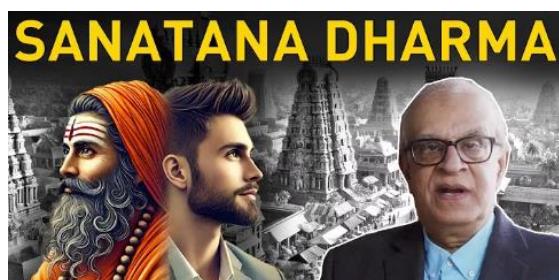
Despite their mutual incompatibility on various issues including women's rights, LGBTQ rights, patriarchy and so forth, the alliance has held up because the Left brings intellectualism to the Islamic movement while Islam brings street power to the Left for the common goal of destroying existing structures. After U.S., France and England, India is the most vulnerable to these forces.

Marxist ideology is the framework being used to teach children. Wokeism is an umbrella for people claiming victimhood. The only silver lining is that Jewish billionaires have pushed back against places like Harvard, Columbia, UPenn, Stanford, MIT, etc. Hindus think that they will fight our battles, which won't happen. Our Indian billionaires are still soft-pedalling although there are some changes. For the first time in a decade, Mittal Institute at Harvard did not have any woke speaker at its 2024 India conference. The criticisms directed at

them in the book *Snakes In the Ganga* likely played a role.

Propaganda plays an important role in this game. Even in influencing lawmakers, it is not the truth that moves them but the propaganda they are exposed to, the number of people that approach them. So political levers have to be studied and controlled. [Video](#).

**Sanatana Dharma - the eternal way of life by Rajiv Malhotra**



The most important term that explains who we are is Sanatana dharma. Sanatana means eternal, with no beginning nor end, not dependent on any event in history and not negated by any falsification of known history. It was revealed to the rishis, as a result of their tapasya and expressed in the Vedas.

We also have the smritis, which are texts that change depending on historical events, laws, politics, science, society, etc. The extraordinary feature about our tradition is that we have both the eternal Shrutis and the changing smritis to handle change, new research, progress and new developments.

Rishis discovered that the entire cosmos is also present as every location in time and space. So the macro is also reflected in the micro as a mirror image, which could be our bodies (as in Tantra), or any object (as in deity worship), or society. This significance of this macro-micro principle,

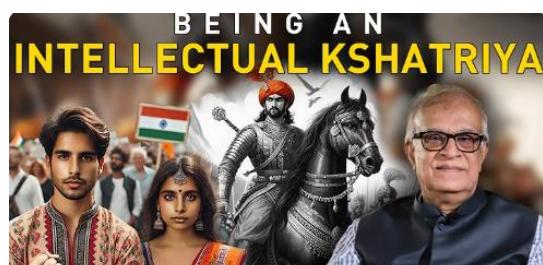
central to the Vedic tradition, is that if you meditate on any object, following a rigorous tapasya and puja, you can discover the entire cosmos for yourself.

The purpose of yoga, meditation, etc. is to attain the stillness in which the ultimate truth reveals itself. Books/shastras, teachers/gurus have their own importance. But even if a person has none of these, this truth can be discovered because of its omnipresence. This presence of the supreme in each one of us is what we also call satchitanand. [Video](#).

### Providing Thought Leadership

*Rajiv Malhotra has fought many battles during his 30-year journey fighting for dharma. The one thing driving him was his own kshatriyata, something that he has constantly endeavored to inspire others into doing.*

### Being an Intellectual Kshatriya | Rajiv Malhotra with CYAN & CoHNA



At an event hosted by the CoHNA Youth Action Network (CYAN), Rajiv Malhotra discusses intellectual kshatriyata and its vital role in upholding dharma. This idea of kshatriyata is not new in itself, it is rooted in Hinduism and highlighted in Shri Krishna's profound lessons to Arjuna on the battlefield of Kurukshetra. It was what drove Shankaracharya to take on the intellectual luminaries of his time, and what drove Savarkar, Einstein or even Jesus.

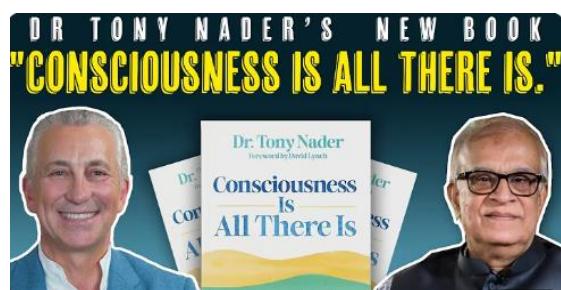
As intellectual kshatriyas fighting for Hinduism, it is important that we embrace controversy because that is the only way to change the paradigm. Hinduphobia is the status quo today in academia, politics and public life. To take this on requires unwavering purpose and emotional equilibrium that can process controversy and disagreement and be the stronger for it.

He also briefly touches upon his own kshatriyata in doing an industry analysis of Indology to study the ecosystem in which we operate. All IKS were encouraged to do this. [Video](#).

### Discussions with Dr. Tony Nader

*To spur discussions on consciousness theory among his audience and increase focus on dharma's contributions to consciousness studies, Rajiv Malhotra starts a new series of talks with his friend and Aurobindonian Dr. Tony Nader.*

### Dr Tony Nader discusses his new book "Consciousness is all there is."



In the first part of discussions with Dr. Tony Nader on his new book *Consciousness Is All There Is*, Rajiv Malhotra takes us through some of the basic questions the book answers, including: Does the brain create consciousness; are the brain and the mind two distinct substances or same aspects of the same fundamental thing; does consciousness survive the brain; does

everything have consciousness; will robots eventually be conscious; etc. Dr. Nader's scientific background, knowledge of Vedanta and training from Maharishi equip him to explain Vedanta's scientific underpinnings. His book talks about science and philosophy, and their inter-relationship.

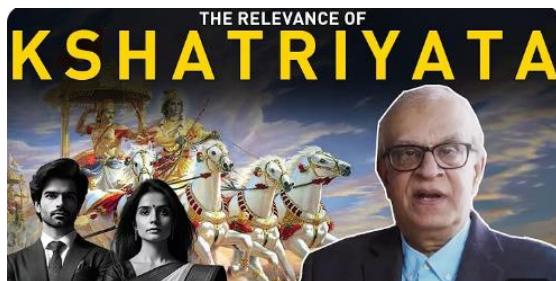
Rajiv Malhotra says that scientific propositions are deemed to be closer to the truth when they stand up to empirical testing. Consciousness theory also stands up to a lot of testing. And just as one never really sees a neuron although its behavioral changes are very much observable, subjective experiences of consciousness are seen in the behavioral changes that the experience brings to the person (fast thinking, problem solving, mental calmness, happiness, etc). When we recognize the limitations on our processing power, we may become more open to the explanatory power of these ideas.

The social contract among equals that western social science offers has failed to bring world peace. The carrot-and-stick approach of this system is better suited to training robots. A system that doesn't teach the individual ego to transcend things like jealousy, greed and materialism while bringing tough laws in a top-down heavy-handed approach, is set up to fail. Malhotra suggested that Vedic social sciences, including meditation are a better approach because it aims to take the individual to a higher state of consciousness and these individuals then become the building blocks of a better society. They also discussed the dangers inherent in new technology like Neuralink.

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## Sutras By Rajiv Malhotra

### The Relevance of Kshatriyata | Sutras By Rajiv Malhotra



The traditional Hindu social order includes interconnected roles upholding the ecosystem. Brahmins had the intellectual capital; Kshatriyas included not only the military but also leadership, risk-taking and defense. Vaishyas made certain that adequate wealth was being created. With weak kshatriyata, the other two also cannot survive. History demonstrates that a deficiency in Kshatriyata leads to prolonged periods of subjugation and colonization. The central question, therefore, becomes: "Where are the Kshatriyas?"

In this context, the question of Ahimsa comes up. This term, discussed more in Jainism and Buddhism, is often not understood correctly. Himsa refers to harm and Ahimsa refers to the minimizing of harm. At times, such as during a terrorist attack the way to minimize harm is to kill the terrorist. Therefore, a rigid attitude to non-violence is not useful. Passively accepting aggression can increase it. A kshatriya has the discernment to do the right thing.

The second important principle that kshatriyas adhere to is studying the other side, its strategies, its technology, its ideology, etc. Once complacency sets in, kshatriyas become lazy about this ongoing study and make mistakes. The side that

continues to study the other ultimately wins. This has been demonstrated by the Muslims in their invasion of India, as they were able to defeat local kings with their horses and cavalry, and later, with their cannons. The study of medieval India should have ensured that this kind of destruction didn't happen again. Unfortunately, it happens even today because we haven't really got our act together. [Video](#).

### Other Videos

- [AI & India, Rajiv Malhotra, Bhavish Aggarwal & TVG Krishnamurthy at Ola HQ](#)

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