

## COVID-19. Where did we go wrong?

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Human beings exploring the entire universe  
Exploiting at will, planet's land, trees, rivers  
To many warnings of danger, we were averse  
Never thought we'll have to pause and reverse

With tsunamis, floods, wildfires, drought  
Nature trying its best, to show us its clout  
Ignored as trivial, never having any doubt  
Not even allowing the dead earth to sprout

How sad we didn't listen to cries of nature  
Thought for our use, created every creature  
Uncontrolled exploitation, the ugly feature  
Mankind is sinking in a suicidal culture

Nations topping the scales of prosperity  
Salons, beaches, gun sales given priority  
Enjoying themselves with unending variety  
Kept us thinking, what a fascinating society!

Then COVID struck, a thundering bang  
Everyone is bitten by its poisonous fang  
Was a little too late when alarm bells rang  
Now locked down, have nowhere to hang

Spending billions of dollars for warfare  
Investing little for providing healthcare  
In a pandemic contagion caught unaware  
Shortages in basic services now laid bare

Even before the epidemic reached its crest  
Against the restrictions Americans protest  
Encroaching on basic freedoms they detest  
With such stupidity, they shall fail the test

Looking for salvation from powers invisible  
Hoping the deity found nothing impossible  
Could save mankind from disasters horrible  
With blind faith, outcome inevitably terrible

With harmless deeds, will reap what we sow  
Throughout Sansara the Karma shall follow  
As it has been laid down many centuries ago  
Observe five precepts, the simplest way to go!

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