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The family and. the nation

Come and fathom the depth of
wisdom as revealed in the classic
The Family and the Nation
by two great souls – one an ascetic
and the other, a scientist.

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About the book

As we talk of rising economic prosperity and a strong and confident India, this book forcefully reminds us of the values that make for a truly sustainable society, at the heart of which is the family. For it is not economic growth or military strength alone that will make India strong. Sustainable success comes from values, and these can sustain a society, and a nation, even in times of hardship. The book expresses an ideal by which Indian society may prosper, and speaks of how spirituality can help create a noble nation and a better world. It provides a valuable counterpoint to the modern-day emphasis on consumerism and the philosophy of more is better, highlighting the sanctity of the natural world and its great power to evoke human creativity and love.

Writing on this crucial subjects are two of India's most respected icons. Together, Acharya Mahapragya and A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, one a Jain muni revered as a saint, the other a secular Muslim, a distinguished scientist and a former President, bring their vast experience to bear on this important subject that will determine the course of the nation. As the Acharya puts it, it's only a strong and happy family that will lead to the birth of a noble nation, one that can be a true fulfilment of 5,000 years of India's civilization. The book is an engaging journey through India's evolution as a civilization and takes up the difficult and pressing task of setting a new agenda in these confused times for the country. It shows us the path we need to follow to take India to its rightful place as a great nation.

- Harper Collins editorial team

We solicit your gracious presence at the release of the long-awaited classic

The Family and the Nation

co-authored by His Holiness **Acharya Mahapragya**, one of the most celebrated exponents of *ahimsa* and **Dr APJ Abdul Kalam**, former President of India.

You will be pleased to know that both HH Acharya Mahapragya and Dr APJ Abdul Kalam have consented to grace the occasion by their benign presence. Yuvacharya Mahashraman will be the keynote speaker.

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