



A STUDY OF SPIRITUAL INTELLIGENCE AMONG ADOLESCENTS IN RELATION TO FAMILY CLIMATE

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ABSTRACT

The main aim of the study was to find out relationship of spiritual intelligence with family climate of adolescents students of Faridkot. A total of 100 students: 50 boys adolescents and 50 girls adolescents were selected using probability sampling technique. All the subjects were assessed on the Spiritual Intelligence Scale by K.S. Misra and Family Climate Scale by Shah, Beena to analyze the Spiritual intelligence and Family climate of the different groups of the students. Pearson's product moment method of correlation was used to find out the relationship between variables. The study concluded that there is positive and no significant relationship between spiritual intelligence and family climate of adolescents.

Keywords: spiritual intelligence, Family climate, adolescents

INTRODUCTION

Adolescence is a sensitive period. In this period, adolescents face many challenges and difficulties. Various factors play an important role in the overall performance and behavior of adolescents. To understand the behavior of adolescents we will have to consider the impact of these factors. Spiritual intelligence is one of the important characteristics that can have an important impact on the beliefs and attitudes while facing the problems of daily life. On the other hand, family climate can have profound influence in forming the beliefs and ideas towards the presence of god. Family climate is an important factor in developing spiritual values among adolescents. The development of children's intelligence is one of the important functions of family.



SPIRITUAL INTELLIGENCE

Spiritual intelligence is related with our ability to distinguish between good and bad. Spiritual intelligence is the spirit of intelligence which helps to deepen our search for meaning of life. Spiritual intelligence is helpful in handling problems of human existence. A person who is spiritually intelligent can fight with the problems of good & bad and life & death.

Robert Emmons (2000) describes spiritual Intelligence as "the adaptive use of spiritual information to facilitate everyday problem solving and goal attainment."

Spiritual Intelligence is described in Buzan's (2001) book "The Power of Spiritual Intelligence" as "awareness of the world and your place in it."

Wolman (2001) defined spiritual intelligence as "the human capacity to ask questions about the meaning of life and to experience simultaneously the seamless connection between each of us and the world in which we live."

Vaughan (2002) further elaborated that spiritual intelligence is the multiple ways of knowing and integration of the inner life of mind and spirit with the outer life of work in the world.

FAMILY CLIMATE

Family offers the natural environment for growth and well-being of all its members, especially for children. The physical and emotional character as well as social and cognitive development of children considerably depends on how their family behaves. Family Climate generally speaks about of the environment, both physical and emotional, and the state of the family whether it is good or bad.

REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

Kaur and Singh (2005) conducted a study on 200 female adolescents (17-18 years), studying in schools affiliated to CBSE of Ludhiana city, Punjab. Significant and positive relationship was found between high performers for strategic emotional intelligence and family climate.



Negative correlation was observed for six dimensions of family climate among competent level of strategic emotional intelligence whereas eight dimensions of family climate were found to be negatively correlated with consider developing level of strategic emotional intelligence.

Khurana (2010) explored the relationship of spiritual intelligence of adolescents to their self-esteem, gender and personality. The findings revealed that male and female adolescents do not differ significantly on interconnectedness, expansion of self, extrasensory perception dimensions of spiritual intelligence. A significant difference was found on the dimension transcendence. There was no significant interactional effect between self-esteem and gender in relation to spiritual intelligence and its dimensions. No significant interactional effect was found between self-esteem and personality on the variable of spiritual intelligence and its dimensions. The interactional effect between gender and personality development showed no significant difference on the variable of spiritual intelligence and its dimensions. The interactions between the variables of spiritual intelligence and self-esteem were found to be significant and positive

Vibha (2012) studied the spiritual intelligence in relation to self-esteem and family environment of the pre-service teacher at the pre-service teacher at the secondary stage. The sample comprised of 500 pre- service teacher at secondary level from the school of education, lovely professional university, phagwara. Results shows that the main effect of self- esteem on spiritual intelligence is not significant. The main effect of family environment on spiritual intelligence is significant at 0.01 level of significance.

Kaur and Singh (2013) conducted a study on spiritual intelligence of prospective engineers and teachers in relation to their gender, locality and family status. The results indicate that there is no significant effect of gender, locality and family status on spiritual intelligence.

OBJECTIVES

To study the relationship of spiritual intelligence with family climate of adolescents.

To study the relationship of spiritual intelligence with family climate of boys adolescents.



To study the relationship of spiritual intelligence with family climate of girls adolescents.**HYPOTHESES**

There is no significant relationship between spiritual intelligence and family climate of adolescents.

There is no significant relationship between spiritual intelligence and family climate of boys adolescents.

There is no significant relationship between spiritual intelligence and family climate of girls adolescents.

SAMPLE

Total sample of 100 subjects were taken for this study. The sample comprises of 50 adolescent boys and 50 adolescent girls studying in 9th class. Probability sampling technique was used to select the sample from the population. Data was collected from Faridkot district of Punjab.

TOOLS

Spiritual Intelligence Scale by K.S. Misra (2014)

Family Climate Scale by Shah, Beena (2006)

DELIMITATIONS

The study is delimited to 100 adolescents.

The study is delimited to two variables i.e. spiritual intelligence and family climate.

The study is delimited to 9th class students.

The study is delimited to Faridkot district only.

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

All statistical analyses were conducted using SPSS software. To find out the relationship between variables Pearson Product moment method of correlation was employed.



Relationship of Spiritual Intelligence with Family Climate among Adolescents

The coefficient of correlation of spiritual intelligence with family climate among adolescents for total group as well as for boys and girls group.

Total Group of Adolescents

The coefficient of correlation of score of spiritual intelligence with family climate of adolescents is given in table 1.

Table – 1

Correlation Matrix of Spiritual Intelligence with Family Climate among Adolescents (N=100)

Variables	r	Degree of correlation
Spiritual Intelligence	0.092	Not significant
Family Climate		

*p<0.05, **p<0.01

Note:- Table Value

df(98) =0.195 (0.05), 0.254 (0.01)

Table 1 indicates that there is positive and no significant relationship of spiritual intelligence of adolescents with family climate. ($r=0.092$; $p>0.05$). Spiritual intelligence is positively and not significantly correlated with family climate. So, the Hypothesis, "There is no significant relationship between spiritual intelligence and family climate of adolescents" stands accepted.

Boys Group of Adolescents

The coefficient of correlation of score of spiritual intelligence with family climate of boys adolescents is given in table 2.



Table 2

Correlation Matrix of Spiritual Intelligence of Boys Adolescents with Family Climate (N=50)

Variables	r	Degree of correlation
Spiritual Intelligence	0.126	Not significant
Family Climate		

*p<0.05, **p<0.01

Note:- Table Value

df (48) =0.273 (0.05), 0.354 (0.01)

Table 2 indicates that there is positive and no significant relationship of spiritual intelligence of boys adolescents with family climate ($r=0.126; p>0.05$). Spiritual Intelligence is positively and not significantly correlated with family climate of boys adolescents. The Hypothesis 2 "There is no significant relationship between spiritual intelligence and family climate of boys adolescents" stands accepted.

Girls group of Adolescents

The coefficient of correlation of score of spiritual intelligence with family climate of girls adolescents is given in Table 3.

Table – 3

Correlation Matrix of Spiritual Intelligence of Girls Adolescents with Family Climate (N=50)

Variables	r	Degree of correlation
Spiritual Intelligence	0.034	Not significant
Family Climate		

*p<0.05, **p<0.01

Note:- Table Value

$$df (48) = 0.273(0.05), 0.354 (0.01)$$

Table 3 indicates that there is positive and no significant relationship of spiritual intelligence of girls adolescents with family climate ($r=0.03$; $p>0.05$). Spiritual intelligence is positively and not significantly correlated with family climate. So, the Hypothesis 3 "There is no significant relationship between spiritual intelligence and family climate of girls adolescents" stands accepted.

Discussion of the Result

Spiritual intelligence is positively and not significantly correlated with family climate of adolescents. Spiritual intelligence is positively and not significantly correlated with family climate of boys adolescents which shows that there is positive and no correlation between spiritual intelligence and family climate. Spiritual intelligence is positively and not significantly correlated with family climate of girls adolescents.



Conclusion

The present study aimed to investigate the relationship of spiritual intelligence with family climate of adolescents. Spiritual intelligence is positively and not significantly correlated with family climate among adolescents which shows that family climate has positive effect on spiritual intelligence but there is no relationship between spiritual intelligence and family climate of adolescents.

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