

WE CAN EASILY FORGIVE A CHILD WHO IS AFRAID OF DARK ; THE REAL TRAGEDY OF LIFE IS WHEN MEN ARE AFRAID OF LIGHT

The light of Diwali was all around.

As family get together meet was on its high , two kids Rinki and Bittu came running to their parents. Rinki was crying . Bittu was trying to hide. Rinki complained that Bittu slapped her. Bittu exclaimed, "Hum ghar ghar khel rahe the . Maine to bas wohi kria jo papa roz karte hain". Mujhe mat daanto "

[Don't scold me, while playing domestic indoor game, I just did what my father does everyday]

Their parents heard. His father's eye reflected the uneasiness, his mother was in tears. The mysterious darkness & silence of Amavasya grew all over.

sitting beside in a corner, myriad of thoughts crossed my mind.

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Whom should we forgive easily?

Little Bittu who out of innocence slapped Rinki and doesn't want to be scolded or his parents who are self blinded and do not see the light, despite knowing everything.

Moving deep into my trail of thoughts, in this essay we would explore the following - who is a child, why is child afraid of dark and why can he be easily forgiven. Further we would try to find out why men are afraid of light and the grave consequences it results into. What we require for men is to have courage to face the light.

A child is a person who doesn't have the knowledge and awareness of his actions. Hence out of this ~~voluntary~~ or involuntary ignorance one may commit any wrong act. But such acts can be easily forgiven as the intention of the act is the real determinant in fixing guilt.

Also, a child can be shown light and brought to right path.

There is always scope of course correction and improving. The intention or will to move towards truth and ~~if~~ light will be there.

'Where there is a will, there is a way.'

However, when men who are all knowledgeable and aware, out of choice remain in the darkness the consequences are disastrous and tragic. Their bystander's apathy results in perpetuation of brutality and evil. Let's travel across time and space to witness this.

History is replete with examples to prove our point. The ignorance of people to the light of knowledge that ^{Galileo}~~Copernicus~~ tried to show resulted in his inquisition. People were not ready to accept that Earth is round. The personal reprimandment of Galileo shows how men were afraid of light of knowledge.

moving on, Plato's allegory of the cave story also reflects how there is inertia of change among people for anything which could even be better for their own good. The three men preferred to stay in the cave despite efforts of the fourth man to show them the real light of reality.

All throughout, war have been a consequence of men who knew the effects of their action but still choose the rampage. The world wars showed us how bloodshed and loss of lives could have been avoided, if wise men chose peace and amicability over darkness of destruction and damage.

on the political front, corruption, hunger for power and dictatorship of the democratically elected politicians reflects the knower-doer split. They are cognisant of the wrong actions but still choose it in self interest.

Also the 'AAM AADMI' trapped in his daily life and 'office-office' becomes 'Mussadilal' and gives way to collusive-corruption and red tapism.

On the environmental front, the developed nations evading their responsibility of the historical wrongs hint towards the tragedy that awaits us. According to IPCC 6th Assessment report nearly 120 cities will be submerged till 2050. The moving out of US from Paris Climate Deal shows its fear to light of accountability.

Society is the best laboratory to prove this statement. The internalisation of patriarchy, caste rigidities and class inequalities reflect the social fissure. People have very conveniently used these designs of society to exploit. Even after knowing that such evils are wrong, people live in the happy ignorance of bliss. Recent cases of Manjiv is an apt and grave consequence of how men's convenience and lack of courage of conviction to face the light keeps him in the dark. It results in the lady dressed in blood and tears on the road. and the perpetrators, still unapologetic.

Economy also helps us to elaborate. Money laundering and

tax evasion results in loss of thousand of crores to government which ~~can be~~ is actually 'public fund' However, ^{with} lack of transparency and greater greed over need, so called wise men choose not to see this as tragedy. Their personal pleasure outweighs public tragedy.

Having seen the grave ramifications of men being afraid of light, it is important to 'remove their fear' and bring them from 'darkness to light' i.e.

Tamsoma jyotirgamaya

Education can be one such fear extinguisher. It enriches people's understanding of themselves and the world. It improves the quality of their lives and of others through

positive societal spillover effects.

Lack of education causes people to live with inherent fear. One never tries to come out of stereotypes.

Therefore, value based education which also focuses on practical aspects and inculcate ethics in doing and not just theory is the need of the hour. Gandhiji's new Talim can serve as the epitome. The NEP and Happiness Curriculum also stresses on how qualities like courage, innovation, will to bring a positive change is of utmost significance.

Also, Institutional and legal measures can also be put in place so that people do not 'fear' being truthful or bringing out other's truth.

Implementation of POCA (Prevention of corruption Act), Whistle Blower's Protection Act is not only in letter but in spirit can be an incentive to bring coward men to light of courage

According to Ikigai, attitude towards improvement determines how far a society can go, how far a nation can go. Hence, developing open attitude to self correction and nudging others for same is one of the many path to light.

Let's us all be not trapped in amavasya of apathy, ignorance and indifference towards others. Let us gather courage of conviction ~~to and~~ action to sparkle in the light of right faith, action and conduct. Let us see the light and spread the light. Let the silence of Amavasya becomes voice of Diwali

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- Q.5 Truth, like a torch, the more it is shook, it shines.
सत्य मशाल की तरह है, इसे जितना अधिक हिलाया जाता है, यह उतना ही चमकता है।
- Q.6 Art is I; science is We.
कला मैं है; विज्ञान हम है।
- Q.7 Only the dead have seen the end of the war.
केवल मृतकों ने ही युद्ध का अंत देखा है।
- Q.8 Act as if it were impossible to fail.
कार्य ऐसे करें जैसे कि विफल होना असंभव ही था।

ACT AS IF IT WERE IMPOSSIBLE
TO FAIL

"Too stupid to learn anything.
We can't teach him, he is
bound to fail"

These lines echoed through his veins. Dismissed from his first job on account of being 'non productive and non serious', this man never let any failure deter him. After 1000 attempts he finally brought 'LIGHT' to

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'LIFE' through invention of bulb.

When asked about his 999 failed attempts, he replied with a smile,

"The invention of bulb was a journey of 1000 steps. I did not fail 999 times, I discovered 999 ways which don't work."

He is Edison, the epitome of resilience and perseverance. His life is a living model of how to act as if it were impossible to fail.

In this essay we will delve into how failures are nothing but stepping stones to success, the attitude and ingredient required to never fail and what to do if you fall in the run.

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F.A.I.L. → FIRST ATTEMPT IN LEARNING

There is nothing called failure. It is said that the only person who has never failed is the person who has never tried anything new. Who better to exemplify this than our very own 'People's President' - Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam in his book 'Wings of Fire' calls failure - the first attempt in learning. His life is his story to the world.

Hence, we realise that failure, rather falling or not doing a task as per standards in the initial attempts is inevitable. What we need to cater to, is our attitude and resilience towards that fall. It is about DO IT; DON't quIT.

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To exemplify, Shekhar of Bollywood would not have been 'THE AMITABH BACHCHAN' if he would have quit after 11 initial failed movies. When asked about how did he sail through this low tide, he quoted his Babuji - Shri Harivansh Rai Bachchan and said -

Lehro Se Darr Kar Nauka Par Nahi Hoti
Koshish Karne walo Ki Kabhi Haar
Nahi Hoti.

[You cannot sail through being afraid of waves, If you try, try you are bound to succeed].

As we further elaborate, it is rightly said by Daniel Goleman, that our attitude determines our altitude. The optimism and courage to fight back differentiates

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extra ordinary from the ordinary.
If we gather our inner strength
and have clarity of our goal, no
falling or failing can deter us.

Take the case of Japan.

Devastated by the biggest atomic
explosion of the century, the country
fought back with all it had.
Within a few decade it restored
or rather rebuild itself with enhanced
might and glory in all spheres -
social, economic, political, spiritual,
cultural.

Hence, all it takes to
not fail is to not give up under
pressure. We have to be like crazy
ball which bounces back to greater
heights every time it hits rock bottom

THE INGREDIENTS TO DISH OF SUCCESS

After exploring that the necessary condition of not failing is not giving up as it is more a game of attitude. As goes the old saying, "Man Ke Hare Har Hai, Man Ke Jete Jete" [If we lose in the mind, we lose in real, if we win (in) the mind, we win real].

We now see that there are more sufficient conditions to bake the dish called success. Just not giving up is ~~to~~ not enough. It has to be accompanied with more values to call it success in true sense - to make it impossible to fail.

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Firstly, consistency in efforts is the key raw material for success. Absence of consistency is guaranteed way of failure. Case in point could be Indian Freedom Struggle. The consistent unwavering efforts of Moderates, Extremists, Revolutionaries, scholars, common men and women from 1800s to 1947 led to India's Tryst with Destiny - The dawn of independence.

Secondly, consistency has to be coupled with will power. The ability to take doubts, questions and criticisms as challenges to prove ourself to ^{the} world is required. For example, when the world

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called 1st general election of India 'Biggest Gamble in History'. India took the challenge and proved to be the longest surviving and largest democracy. It lived the proverb, "Where there is a will, there is a way".

Thirdly, consistency and will power needs sacrifices to move closer to the desired goal. Sacrifice is sine quo non for package of success. Ritu Srivastava

Karindhal when interviewed after launch of chandrayaan III talks about the blood, sweat and tears of endless days and sleepless nights that her team worked for. Their

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इस मार्ग में
लिखना नहीं है।
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home was space centric only. Therefore there is nothing called 'mid night wonder'. The Iceberg Illusion graphically represents how the world perceives and celebrates only the tip of iceberg i.e. success but tends to ignore the disappointments, failures, sacrifices that comes along.

Last but not the least, the most essential ingredient is the intent or integrity of the task. Putting efforts, will and sacrifice in the right direction and for a noble cause is of prime importance. Hitler's and Mugabe's determination to fail caused the trail of death and destruction.

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FALL, BUT NOT FAIL

Having travelled through the path of success in terms of ingredients require for it, one might think what if after all this, yet we don't achieve our desired goal. What if there is no silver lining or energy left to re try?

Swami Vivekananda answered this in Chicago when someone from the audience asked him, 'What is worse than losing everything and falling again and again?' Swami ji replied, The only worse thing could be losing the hope with which you can rise again.

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Therefore, Hope is the cherry of the dish of success. It is essential driver. When we look around, we see plethora of examples who had all the reason to be depressed, give up and quit. But they chose not to. Manjhi - The Mountain Man or Lincoln - ex POTUS. who despite all odds just didn't lose the spark of silver lining called hope.

The efforts of the individual must be combined with helping hand of society which doesn't just jump upon labelling someone as failure ~~and~~ or success. Rather focus must be on inculcating values of perseverance

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in the education system itself like Happiness curriculum.

Such collective efforts can save individual from drowning into darkness of loneliness, depression and suicide in ^{times} of failure and help him rise and fight back.

The flight of Phoenix is the call to the soul → IMPOSSIBLE = I AM POSSIBLE!

"Rise up, from the valleys of tears
like the Phoenix, spread your wings

IT MAYBE HUMAN TO FAIL OR TO FALL,
BUT ANGELIC TO FLY AGAIN "

- Ulysses

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Act as if it were impossible to fail.

Intro: Too stupid to learn anything.

1000 steps. } 19,20

Conclusion:
Koshish karne
walo ki Haar
Nahi Hoti.

In this essay we shall explore how consistency
and hard work {

- 1) FAIL - First attempt in learning - stepping stone
- eg:- Amitabh Bachchan
- ↳ Inevitable.
- ↳ nothing called failure, attitude towards failure. (1) ant.
- ↳ book Ikigai
- ↳ wings of Fire.
- (21,22,23)
- (2) Resilience to bounce back. crazy ball, egg.
- eg:- Charles Darwin
→ Abraham Lincoln.

- 2) The ingredients to success. (24,25,26,27)
- eg:- Indian Freedom struggle. (History)
- eg:- Disaster Israel Japan (International)
- Hardwork
- Consistency
- Will Power - Where there is a will, there :- Chandrayaan (Science)
- Tirelessness. Sports - Sachin Tendulkar. ↳ stones to milestones

- 3) What if you fall again - Fall but not fail. (28,29,30)
- Sudha Murty.

- Manjhi
- UPSC in 8th attempt.
- Lincoln.

Thirsty crow.

From the ashes I rise
Rise like a Phoenix

DONT QUIT