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- Q.1 If you look into someone's face long enough, eventually you feel that you are looking into yourself.
यदि आप किसी के चेहरे को काफी देर तक देखते हैं, तो अंततः आपको महसूस होता है कि आप अपने भीतर ही देख रहे हैं।
- Q.2 We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light.
हम उस बच्चे को आसानी से क्षमा कर सकते हैं जो अंधेरे से डरता है; जीवन की वास्तविक त्रासदी तब होती है जब लोग रोशनी से डरते हैं।
- Q.3 It is the province of knowledge to speak and it is the privilege of wisdom to listen.
बोलना ज्ञान का क्षेत्र है और श्रवण करना बुद्धि का विशेषाधिकार है।
- Q.4 Drop the question what tomorrow may bring, and count as profit every day that fate allows you.
यह प्रश्न छोड़ दें कि कल क्या हो सकता है, और हर उस दिन को लाभ के रूप में गिनें जो भाग्य आपको अनुमति देता है।

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1. "If you look into someone's face long enough, eventually you feel that you are looking into yourself"

The victory of Carlos Alcaraz in Wimbledon against Novak D. shows the perseverance, gait and the determination of nearly 20½ year old. He was constantly inspired by likes of Roger Federer, Nadal and Novak D. He kept learning from their games. Guess what,

it is believed that he has picked up element from all of them. This perfectly conveys the central theme of quote. The more you look at someone, you continuously learn from them. The similarities and differences between the people become clear.

Learning from one's mistake happens only on analyzing oneself. It reflects our character and helps in staying true to self.

Going forward, we will see this quote from different philosophical schools of thought, in different spheres from political to social. We will also look at ways of developing true positive character and attitude in ⁸ process.

The history is filled with such instances of countries blaming others while being at fault. The rise of Napoleon where he constantly viewed French Revolution (1789) and Monarchies, helped him in realising that he himself is hungry for power.

Similar is the case with Hitler whose constant view of unfair treatment to Germany in World War I (1914-1918) helped him to realise that he wants to bring the glory of Germany back. The constant view of British towards Indians with inferiority and suspicion is due to fact that they themselves were distracted with their colonies and people.

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Even our philosophical schools of thought lay emphasis on character of oneself. The ways of meditation via Yoga helps in self-introspection and character building. The 'Vedanta' focus on learning from other, spiritualism to understand oneself.

"Pratyaksha Kim Paranam" is the central theme of Carvaka. This highlights the fact that the learning based on observation doesn't need a better proof.

The idea of viewing someone with love, hate, anger reveals about your character more than others. Plato has argued for Knowledge to guide world because he sees himself in others.

Mahatma Gandhi's focus on "Antyodaya", looking with compassion towards others reflects his character. His belief in non-violence and trust in others, from trusting masses for Non-cooperation to Civil Disobedience movement reflected (1934) his true spirit.

Jain monks view soul in everything (inanimate as well) since they see themselves in those things. Lord Buddha viewed world with compassion and love for all, since he saw his reflection in crowds.

These philosophies are relevant in today's world even more. In geopolitics of South China Sea, the constant face off by China has

shown to the dragon that the other countries also going to stand their ground like her. Even, the exclusivity of UNSC and constant push by India for UN reforms reflects her ideals of inclusivity and peace.

The constant struggle for power in form of coups in Myanmar to Taliban takeover in Afghanistan to Sudan crisis. All this highlighted to the selfish power hungry leaders presence.

In similar sense, the economies also reflect their true nature if reforms are done blindly by copying others. The example of India ^{viewing} ~~opening~~ the western economies success made her realise ¹² what they want

The globalisation reforms of 1991 are a reflection of relatively better living conditions with opening up of economies. The example of Bangladesh looking at India's success has made her belief in open economies resolute.

However, this success in GDP increase came at cost of environ-ment with IPCC realism report highlighting 1.1°C rise in global temperature by 2021. The constant tussle of man with nature made him feel invincible. This myth was broken with frequent floods (Pakistan 2022 floods, Delhi floods in 2023) to drought and heat dome events in Europe and North America.

"The Earth has enough for everyone's needs but not for everyone's greed."

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Even in scientific sphere, man's view towards development for long has exposed the bitter reality of pollution with the industrialisation. The constant advancement in Artificial Intelligence (AI) led to the Chat GPT, Bard and other large language models (LLMs). However, their consistent use reflects the biased and true nature of user.

This is not limited to the scientific progress. Even, sportsmen constantly train for the games. Eventually, they realise that it has become part of their life.

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This part gets reflected in games in form of calm and compassion. For instance, the recalling of Gan Bell by MS Dhoni in Test match reflected his fairplay. The calmness of Vishy Anand in chess has made him a 5 time world champion which shows his perseverance.

Even, the governance is a reflection of welfare of people. Civil servants doing great work can see the happiness and satisfaction in eyes of people. This highlights to their vision of joining service. For instance, an IAS officer worked for the upliftment of tribals which led to tribals (Gonds) naming a village "Divyagud" after her Divya Devaryan".

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The main factor is to look at the positive aspects of oneself in others and inspiring from positive attitude. When one is guided by negative virtues it leads to destruction and chaos.

All That Glitters is not Gold.

The rise of influence of social media has shown negative consequences. The more one looks at Instagram, the more one feels the desire to imitate others and reflect their true character.

The instances of identity theft to deep fakes due to years of socialisation of worshipping celebrities have become common.

The constant looking at each other by US-USSR led to nuclear weapons proliferation and arms race.

This brought the negatives of country. ~~world~~ out into the world.

The constant view can lead to rise in feelings of ego, jealousy, hunger for money leading to corruption. This can give boost to negative vices which needs to be tackled.

Ray of Hope : Developing
Positive
Attitude →

The focus on quality of education and value based education needs to be promoted. Our scriptures, Vedas, Gita (Niskkam Karma) can be our guiding light. As Mahatma Gandhi has said

"Education that does not build character is worthless"

The importance of role models and local leaders should act as source of inspiration. They need to be promoted for emphas-izing on positive attitude and values.

One should look at rectifying the negatives in oneself, owning up the mistakes and leading a virtuous life. In such cases, agencies of socialisation can inculcate the right values.

This constant learning will help us in taking from

"Asto ma Sadgamyā

(From unrighteousness to Righteousness)

"Tanso ma Jyotirgamyā"

(From Darkness to light)

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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।

6. Art is I; Science is We

The discovery of Bulb by Edison took place after more than 2000+ experiments with different elements. This was an artistic approach by Edison to continue trying by himself. However, the efforts behind discovery of so many elements to the practical application of bulb to light up our homes was a collective effort. This shows that the science of lighting up place, was based on 'We'

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Art is a based on free thinking to come up with new ideas, be it in field of music or dance or even science. On the other hand, science is use of logical facts and rational thinking which is based on collective work across the globe. Its main focus is on making lives of people easier.

Going ahead, we will try to understand the meaning of arts and science in different spheres. How arts is based on one person whereas science is effort by many for many. We will also try to find the best way forward between arts and science and many important facets ahead.

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Arts is generally associated with either dance, music, painting etc. It reflects the artists ideas, via use of rap songs or story via dance. The philosophers like Plato to Voltaire are considered as artists who single handedly tried to change the world. The deontological ethics of Kant to the separation of power by Montesquieu are done by one person.

on the contrary, science is based on group effort. The publishing of research papers aid the work of other scientists to the science of painting where step by steps are broken down reflect a collective approach.

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While the origin of bharatnatyam to Carnatic music to painting of Mona Lisa are creativity of an individual. For instance, the discovery of Gharal or Qawalli is attributed to Amir Khusāa. Their spread among masses took place with opening up of schools, recruitment of teachers and experts all of which requires a systematic logical plan to be executed.

Our history is beset with such examples of both arts and science. From proposing heliocentric to geocentric theory and discovery of gravity, this was done by Copernicus to Galileo or Newton. Their spread and acceptance among

masses took place after future tangible proofs and discovery using telescopes, that required efforts by many individual and organisation.

From the ideas of jigsaw fit of continents by Wagner based on creative thinking, formed the basis for convection current and plate tectonics theory highlighting the fact that "Science is We".

In our society as well, the globalisation has democratised the reach of science - both in terms of final discovery to its knowledge aspect. The process of migration and its impact has been studied by many for the benefit of people₂₃ at large.

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The psychology behind migration or the reasons for how different society behaves is a scientific way to tackle societal problems.

This has reflection in our political landscape as well. While the artistic way leads to the development of party slogans and timelines by a few. The larger science of voting behaviour is a collective effort across different regions by different party units. The use of data science to study the population distribution - ranging across caste, religion, gender etc. is a humongous task performed by a team of experts.²⁴

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The most direct relevance of quote can be seen in scientific field and advancement. From the discovery of fire due to rubbing of stones by primal man was an unplanned and unexpected ^{act.} ~~task~~ Its larger use and spread across the globe, mastering the art of generating fire in scientific step by step form required efforts across generation.

The relativity theory by Einstein can be termed as artistic and creative thinking. However, the discovery of gravitational waves to application of relativity in atomic clocks or jet engines required a large time and team effort

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The ideas of settling on mars to looking out for aliens show the free thinking of humans.

On the other hand, a team of engineers and scientists worked day in and day out to make Chandrayaan II or Curiosity rover on mars a reality.

Even the Noble Prize is based on discoveries that benefit large human society and not merely discovery of an idea. This has been established fact in Mathematics that it is both arts and science. The discovery of new theorems and proofs require creative thinking by a few, their use in different areas of life is collective science.

The ideas of nuclear fusion and the designing of fusion reactors has been pondered over by many. It required a global effort in form of International Thermo Nuclear Reactor (ITER) to make it a possibility.

In environmental sense, the nature is an art in itself present in form of hills, rivers, deserts across countries. However, the science behind conservation required global effort by signing Paris Climate deal under the framework of UNFCCC. The collective public-private partnership formed the backbone for adoption of Electric vehicles to reversing deforestation.

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In sports also, a player's style of play from Surya's shots behind wicket in cricket to discovery of new openings in Chess is an individual effort largely for self benefit. However, science of defeating team based on choice of field to bowlers is a team effort.

In entertainment space, while the choice of story for a movie may be based on directors / producer creativity. The completion of movie requires efforts from spot boy to actors to designers to make up artists to editors in a systematic way targeting a larger audience across the globe.

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When art is adopted by many, it becomes science. For instance, the introduction of Rawalpi or Ghazal is attributed to Amir Husrao, it has been largely adopted by masses. From the ideas of liberty and equality in 17th Century that laid the foundation of freedom movements across Europe, art is sometimes a global phenomenon influencing everyone.

The need is to find a balance between the promotion of both arts and science. The education should emphasize on scientific thinking with equal focus on free and creative approach as envisaged in New Education Policy²⁰

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The role of agents of socialisation such as parents, teachers, media can't be ignored. The need to promote a collective approach for welfare of humanity across science and artistic field is also required. The role models or local artists can be roped in for same on lines of campaign such as "Padhega Bharat, Badhega Bharat."

India needs to promote research and cultural regeneration to achieve "Sankalp se Siddhi" with the aim of becoming a "Vishwa Guru" and developed by 2047.

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