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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।

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

A child with deep interest in science and technology started deep exploration of it. Soon afterwards, he started pursuing research in nuclear physics. Citing to his deep interest into nuclear physics, Government of USA assigned

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him the task to develop nuclear bomb.
 With his dedication and hardwork, he was
 able to make it. But soon, this
 nuclear was tested on Hiroshima where
 millions of innocent lost their lives.

Later on, this scientist
 on looking face of Hiroshima, felt
 remorse and realised that he himself
 is responsible for such a havoc. Yes!!
 the scientist was J. Openheimer who
 is also known as Father of Nuclear Bomb.

The anecdote highlights that how on
 deep analysis of a matter gave realisation
 that we ourself are responsible for it
 or we are looking into ourself through
 perception, thought~~for~~ process, values etc.

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As highlighted by 'Levi's Strauss' in his book 'Structuralism' the 'world we see is a reflection of our mind'. It highlights that what we see shows the thought process of our mind which in turn is a reflection of ourself.

The following essay will highlight, that how on deep analysis of different things will show the image of ourself. It will also conclude how we can see this world better by making ourself better.

In historical context, various rulers analysed India deeply and were amazed of its wealth and thus decided to attack. This decision of attacking, if we analyse it deeply shows the image of self i.e. of ruler's greed.

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Similarly, history today is criticised as it is written by various scholars who gave their own narration and thought process which shows that history is not only study of past but it is showing perception of the historians writing it. Thus it highlights that how history became a reflection of self i.e. of historian who was involved in deep study of past.

Not only this, the present society which is facing various issues like discrimination, prejudice, Casteism, women harassment etc are also linked with ourselves. For instance, if we deeply look into the face of these problems, if we will analyse that somewhat we ourselves are responsible for existence of these problems. As highlighted by 'Louis Dumont' a French Indologist

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In his book 'Homo hirarchus' highlights that men like hirerachy which led to stratification in society. thereby leading to various issues of discrimination, prejudice etc. Thus we ourself are responsible for such social construct.

Furthermore, since such social evils are existing even now and we are not raising voice against it shows that we ourself like it. This shows reflection of self.

Even in political context, various issues like horse trading (defections), Corruption, Criminalisation of politics (as highlighted by ADR report) etc are prominent challenges which India is facing now. But on looking face of these long enough, we will realise that we ourself are responsible.

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Choosing legislators or voting for freebies, without looking at criminal history, not raising voice against corruption, nepotism, horse trading etc. shows that we ourselves somewhere support it which shows inner reflection of our self. It is not only limited in India only. Even in international context various issues shows nature of ourself.

In international arena, issue of divided world order, lack of effectiveness of global institution of governance like UN, issue of Russia-Ukraine war, USA-China rivalry etc highlights that it is reflection of our nature itself. i.e. our self.

For instance, desire to conquer world, or to show hegemony or to enhance sphere of interest or to fulfill national

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Interest without caring for others etc highlights our true self. Thus on deep analysis of several international challenges highlights that these are reflections of human minds. As proclaimed by 'Gandhiji', 'World has enough for human needs but not for greed'. But the true picture of human's greed is being reflected in present day international challenges.

Even in the sphere of advancement of technology, human's desire to 'ease of living' led to various innovation. With this various 'double edged sword' technology also got invented which are being misused for vested interests of few. For instance, 'Darknet' was developed for anonymity but soon it is being used for various illegal activities hampering right to privacy through leakage of personal data, drugs, arms trafficking etc are also

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being taken through it. But if we deeply see face of these problems we will find ourself behind such technologies. The desire of greed leads men to even engage in illegal and inhuman activities which highlights our true self.

Not only this, even in environmental context, issues of pollution, 6th mass extinction, land degradation, water scarcity, rising man-animal conflicts, zoonotic diseases spread etc are major challenges at present. But on deep analysis, we ourself are responsible for this. For instance, 'Cancer train' which runs from Bathinda (Punjab) to Bikaner (Rajasthan) is because of excessive pesticides used by farmers to enhance their productivity.

Similarly, Economy also faces challenges like Oxfam report highlights that in India, richest 1% occupies 40% of resources.

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which highlights deep inequality. Along with it jobless growth, excessive over-consumption of resources, destruction of ecosystem etc are major problems faced by Economy. But as highlighted by 'Raghuram Rajan' in his book 'I do what I do' whereby he highlights, men excessive greed along with lack of investment in ~~circ~~ circular economy is responsible for these problems, which shows men's self responsible behind such unsustainable development.

Evenmore, the declining values in ethical context like living greedyness, materialistic, selfishness, hatredness etc in present society also reflects ourself if we look into these challenges deeply. For instance, the growing purpose of education is job, this attitude is leading to destruction of our rich traditional values of love,

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respect, tolerance, peace, Universal brotherhood (vaandhava kutumbukam) etc. Therefore, on looking deep into the face, we find ourself.

Thus, focus should be on how we can make ourself better so that the world can become better. Because we individuals make this world. Excessive focus on sustainable development with adhering to value education, cooperation among multiple stakeholder based on values can make ourselves as well as this world better so that great scientists like Openheimer should not indulge themselves into such activities which themselves make them guilty.

Hence, it is rightly said that "If you look into someone's face long enough, eventually you feel that you are looking into yourself".

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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।

e Truth, like a torch, the more it
is shook, it shines"

e In the childhood, a boy from very
humble background and even being
a physically disabled heard the truth
that, Energy is neither created nor
destroyed, it only changes from one
form to other. Realising on this truth,
he started working hard to convert
electrical energy into light energy.

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He failed 1000s of times. But he shook the tough of energy transformation again and again thereby eventually ending in invention of Bulb. Yes!! the scientist behind it was Thomas Alva Edison?

The anecdote highlights that although tough may be difficult to find in initial stages but more we shake the better it shines. It is proportional to the efforts we put.

The following essay will explore how in our humanity at various stages and in various domains the tough got shined with more and more shake. It will also conclude why there is need of shaking, and how this shake can be made more effective so that tough can shine with full glow.

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In historical context, Britishers started projecting Indian culture as inferior so that under their 'White Men's Burden Theory' they can legitimise their rule. But this was not true, soon after various hands raised and shake this truth. Scholars like VA Smith, AL Bhasham through their efforts highlighted that Indian had a very rich culture far superior than of west. Such truth highlighted even in texts like 'The Wonder that was India' led self-confidence among India who then started resisting British rule and finally got independence which led to shine of truth.

Similarly, the truth that 'Earth has enough for every one's need' led to haphazard exploitation of ecology which therefore led to ecological destruction and gave

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Several existing challenges like global warming, melting of glaciers, rising sea level, destruction of habitat etc which is even highlighted by various reports like Environment Performance Index where India lies in last as compared to its size of GDP.

But this truth on shaking again and again led to conclusion that greed cannot be fulfilled and this is the real cause of destruction of ecology. Hence shaking again and again various concepts emerged like 'Sustainable Development', creation of UNFCCC bodies to look into environment and climate change. These bodies led to Coordinated effort which even shined. For instance, recent reports highlighted repairing of Ozone hole shows the success of Montreal Protocol.

Furthermore, with rising population, huge burden on limited resources led to

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haphazard economic development. The truth that with economic empowerment, men becomes more developed in terms of capability and choices as highlighted by 'Amartya Sen' in his book 'Development As Freedom'. But this led to haphazard exploitation of limited resources which led to issues like inequality, poverty, unemployment, ecological destruction etc.

But on further shaking of truth various ideologies of Capitalism, Socialism emerged to tackle these challenges but even this shook was not sufficient. On again shaking, the better truth of mixed economy along with circular economy is yielding better results which even is leading economic development in terms of rising standard of living highlights the shine of truth which arised on various shakes.

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Similarly, the truth that social empowerment of people leads to a better society and better human prompted government and individuals to focus on social indicators. These led to improvement in health, education etc. But this also led to challenges of haves and have nots as highlighted by 'Karl Marx' in his book 'Das Kapital' and 'Communist Manifesto'.

This led to issue of social conflicts, discrimination, prejudice etc in society.

But on further shaking the truth, various solution like welfare state with socialism attitude yielded a more peaceful and progressive society which yielded the shining truth of socially empowered society.

Not only this, in political evolution of human history, various political institutions emerged to resolve disputes and redress

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Grievances . Starting With Band society where elders use to resolve dispute had challenges like nepotism . But on further shaking, we got leaders like village councils . But these too found challenges like elites taking decisions based on vested interests . Thus on further shaking, the authority of chief or monarch got established which was also criticised and later on evolved into democracy . Thus the effective and continuous shakes led to shining forth of in form of 'Democracy' to resolve disputed which is based on people's consensus .

Even in international affairs context, each nation aspired for their own interest which even led to wars like World War I but with shaking of tooth, body like League of Nations was formed so

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that peaceful resolution of conflicts can occur. But this body was also not very effective without enforcement mechanism, which eventually led to World War II. But on shaking truth, a more effective body in form of UNO was established in 1945. To effectively enforce decisions even UNSC was formed which had Veto power. But this raised concern at present. Thus continuous shake to this truth is leading to demands like reforming multilateralism as highlighted by India through G4 as well as keeping it as a priority even in G20 summit. This shows continuous shakes is leading to shake of truth.

Moreover, the truth that technology helps in easing life of human led to various shakes which eventually led to various

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innovations like AI, ChatGPT which shows advanced machine learning and deep learning. But these technologies also led several illegitimate activities like 'Cambridge Analytica' misused data for political gains. Various cyber and ransom attacks like Wannacry, Petya, Even espionage on individuals through Pegasus led to shaking of this tough to yield more egalitarian and better technology. Thus, new technologies like Web 3.0 are coming which are much more decentralised along with Blockchain and cryptography to protect right to privacy as highlighted in Justice K S Puttaswamy Judgement.

Furthermore, even in ethical context, the tough for peaceful and progressive society humans started living together. But various scholars like Kautilya, Thomas Hobbes highlight that humans have negative character and

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leads to frequent conflict. These values like love, dignity, tolerance, emotional intelligence etc. came into being through the shakes of truth by various scholars like Socrates, Plato, Aristotle etc. which helped in establishing better shining truth.

But later on, conquest for economic wealth led to commodification, materialism, greed which again leading to individualism, conflicts. Therefore various shakes on present truth are going to establish society based on morality and principles thereby leading to 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' which is reflection of shining ethical truth.

To establish a shining truth world, significant proactive steps are essential which includes various stakeholders like Parents, Teachers, Leaders, Scientists, Economists, Ecologists etc. When these specialists

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through their continuous shakes will yield
a better shining truth than only this
world will have better shine. Hence effective
Cooperation, Collaboration is essential to
shine truth like a torch.

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