

खण्ड-A / Section-A

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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।

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 light."

"Whether you agree or not, I stand by what I say, since that's not my belief but the truth!" said Galileo.
to the Noble court, when he was questioned about his "truth" (his light) that Earth is not the center of solar system, but the sun is.!

Galileo had to face harsh reaction and scolding from the noble court for his different truth than the then prevalent truth.

There was a time when people used to believe that earth is the center and sun revolves around it, Galileo proved them wrong, he brought in new 'light' in the field of knowledge for the people. What was problematic with this new fact? It was the fear of men for the 'light'. People were not ready to come out the dark and accept the light.

Time has proven of Galileo right, with all empirical evidences!

For Galileo what was dark was
truth or light for the people. It is quite
obvious that people would not accept ^{"new} truth.
So easily since new truth completely shakes
the old truth - the fundamentals of belief
system, but what is courageous is to
accept the new truth - new light.

The courage to accept such
new truths, we can not expect from
the children since there is cognitive
limitation, lack of capacity, lack of
instrument to understand, comprehend, test
and verify. But problem arises when
men do not accept the new truth even
with all cognitive abilities and instruments
to verify the truths! rather new truths!!

It is not just problematic
rather it ~~is~~ becomes tragedy for the
man kind if new truths are neglected.

In every society and in every era
there have been a dominant truth
accepted by all, when that truth
is challenged ~~now~~ with new truths,
it creates crisis in society but that is
the only way of development.

Let's consider, India society
of 16th-17th century. The strong belief
system was about Caste - purity and
pollution. We can not expect a child
- i.e. a man / ~~with~~ women without
reason to question such belief or
so called truths of that time.

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But it is ~~expected~~ ^{and} it must be expected from the developed minds, ~~also~~ minds with reason to question the whole premise of such belief - such darks. This happened with the social reform movement in country led by Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Jyotiba Phule, Dr. Ambedkar and Gandhiji in ^{19th} ~~20th~~ century.

It is futile to expect the child ~~(people from 16th)~~ (people with less reason) to question, however even at that time some men/women questioned the practice and showed light to the people. Bhakti - Sufi movement had come up with ideas of equality, humanity in 16th-17th century but people could not come out of dark, people could not embrace the light and hence the tragedy of caste system continued for long time.

Even today, caste exist but
 in 21st century, but most of the people have
embraced the light. In every ~~area~~ arena
 of thought, beliefs, ideas and knowledge
 There are children who are afraid
 of darkness - the unknown, and there are
men who are afraid of light.. but there
 are also men who are not afraid
 of light.

Throughout the history of
 mankind, these people who are not
afraid of light have contributed to the
development of human civilisation.

Y. N. Harari in his book 'Sapiens' argues
 it was the act of dialogue-discussion
 which led to human development, and
human civilisation to reach at a
point where it is today.

Dialogue - Discussion - Debate exist means that there is existence of multiple truths. And deliberation is being done to arrive at one truth.

One of the significant feature of this 'truth' is that it is constantly evolving - constantly changing. We humans try to know the truth with our limited cognitive understanding. Moreover we humans at this point of history are living in duality - of belief and knowledge.

When knowledge challenges the belief system - that is moment of crisis. However the sphere of knowledge is constantly increasing and the sphere of belief is constantly shrinking.

That's why, some scientist calls 'God' as constantly shrinking entity of unknown. A child who does not have answer to How? and why? - end up finding answer as "God". However what is important is to discard the belief once the answer is found.

If answers to such questions are found not denied - then tragedy is bound to happen. In 1970s UN celebrated International decade of women, various studies were conducted about their status. Reports actually came up with shocking facts which changed the discourse & direction of government policies for women. Imagine, if people back then were afraid of this light of facts.

The light of truth rather
new truths is bound to come - everyday.
What is significant is that are we ready
to loose old discourses, old redundant beliefs
to accept the light?

We are in the age where
we can't not ~~ever~~ ignore light - the
new emerging truths. That's the only
way of development. A child can
afford to do that, but men certainly
can not afford to be afraid of light.
in 21st century. real world.

In 21st century - the ideas,
belief of 20th century may not work.

Let's consider Non alignment policy of
Indian government in post independence - cold
war era. Can we say we can
still follow non-alignment policy in
today's geopolitics?

People can

Today's geopolitics has completely changed, reality has changed. We can not remain idealistic in our approach. Hence we need to fit in with new realities of world - be it geo-politics or geo-economics. We follow policy of "strategic autonomy" now, since we are not afraid of new realities, new truths, new lights.

To summarise, As. Y. N. Harari in Sapiens, Hegel and Buddha says, we humans are product of our thoughts ideas, If there are certain thoughts and ideas we adhere to, then that will shape our reality. Hence belief is very important. But a child can afford to "believe" without scrutiny.

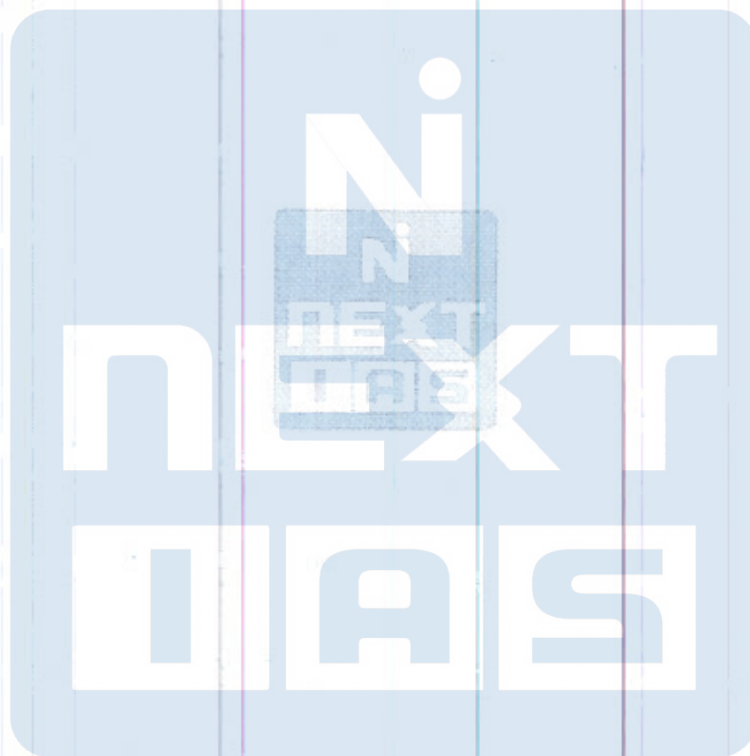
Men can not afford to believe without
scrutiny. It wont be an exxageration
to say - "A child can believe but
men must know!"

A child can be afraid of
darkness, can be indifferent towards
darkness, but men should enthusiastically
enquire, question and reason to bring
light - new light. To make sure that
darkness shrink and light expand.
But yes, men have to courageous in
this exercise, courageous enough to
face light each time! sure -

"Vade Vade Jayate Tattwabodha"

(It is only with deliberation - debate,
discussion - one can find TRUTH)

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खण्ड-B / Section-B

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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।

Q.7 Only the dead have seen the end of the
WAR

"I see blood on my hands!"
said. Oppenheimer - the father of nuclear bomb
to the then President of United States of
America after bombing on Japanese city
of Hiroshima.

One enthusiastic and passionate
about his work of making atomic bomb
was person with empty eyes, and
heavy heart after its success. Why?

Because Oppenheimer could see his expectation that atomic bomb would end all future was breaking in pieces. He had expected Atomic bomb would bring Peace in world and what it brought was world in pieces!

Ironically, All wars in the history have been fought for some or the other "just" cause. With every war it was expected that it will bring peace and stability, which wars could never achieve. , hence only the dead have seen the end of war. Those who died in war - some with pride, some with misery, some in disappointed surely had expected that their sacrifice will bring peace in world - A mirage indeed!

Why, it remained a mirage because of the nature of humans - power seeking, dominating and greedy. Over a period of time reasons for war have changed but war continued. There was a time when wars were religious one, then people/humans started fighting for dynasties, then for resources and today for territory (Russia-Ukraine).

In all these types of war what remained constant is the innate greed for power and dominance. Why the dead could see the end of war, because there is no life to witness future and with their death - there is a death of war for them.

Those who could survive after
fighting was desperately demanded end
of war. Since they were the people
who took first hand experience of the
war.

During Korean war, which was
a protracted war, American
Soldiers suffered so
much mentally that post war they could
not live a normal life. Many suffered
issues of mental illness shows documentary
by 'British Pathe'.

Hence, war even after end
on ground, survived with survivors,
war survived in their minds, thoughts,
dreams and life. It is interesting to
ponder upon that does war even ends
ever? or it remains alive with those

people who suffered because of it, particularly as primary victims.

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Can we say the Japanese people have overcome memories of nuclear bomb attack, the World War II ended on ground with nuclear bomb attacks. But it continued in memory of victims for time to come. Human mind is so fragile and sensitive as because of its power to memorise, hence a poet says - to forget is the blessing to mankind, memories often keeps you restless.

Memories, mental traumas,
dreams about ^{tragic} events have ~~strong~~
~~the~~ long term effects. Tata Institute
of Social sciences worked for mental
health wellness of 26/11 survivors.

They found in their studies that even after 10-11 ~~ys~~ years after the tragic events. People still get horrifying dreams about it. The event has impacted their subconscious so deep.

Hence those who survived in war - for them war continued even today, war could end only for those died.

End of war is not ~~ab~~ just about individuals, but it is also about the human civilisation which could not arrive at consensus even today where dispute and differences can not be solved by dialogue and diplomacy. What are the compulsive reasons for us to take path of violent wars. It brings us to question the so called human's

development as the most rational animal
on the Planet. In this context George
Bernard Shaw was right. Once a reporter
asked to him "how do you see human
civilisation ?", He answered - "We are yet
to arrive at it"

We as human - so called most
rational minds on planet have not found
thousand ways of ending wars, but we
have surely invented thousand different
ways to fight the war. Earlier we
used to fight on land & water, then
we started fighting in air. Today we
are fighting "Cyber warfares" and
we are almost ready to enter
into new theatre of war - that is
the "space wars"

Even with existence of constitutions, global governing institutions, like UN, WHO, WTO, war are still continuing, if there is no full fledge war then there is a proxy war. - Africa is the core in point.

It is ironic that we have developed with our ideological evolution concepts like "human rights", human dignity and what not, yet we do not have consensus about its meaning. We do not even agree on the definition of terrorist, Convention on Countering international terrorism is the core in point. We must ask ourselves if we are really rational, are we really developing and where are we going to?

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On the other hand, it is important to ponder upon, that is it possible to end war in the world? Wars have ended for those who have died but wars have ended for those who have found peace within. As well

There are conscious mind who simply laugh at human's race for material gains, material greeds, for such enlightened minds wars have ended long ago. Ability to disassociate with the rat race, ideologies, chauvinism and greed have ended war from them internally and externally too. They have found the peace, internally if not externally.

There is war beyond the
war which exist in real world,
there is war inside each one of
us, in our mind and emotions,
for dead people the war has
ended with their death. For enlightened
minds, war ended with birth of
their enlightenment, consciousness.

War has not ended both
externally and internally for most of
the people. To end war on the ground
is a complex exercise, whose success
depends on number of factors. But
war within ourselves can be ended
with our efforts of letting go greed,
power, desires, lust, etc.

This is the ~~ex~~ state of individual
which Buddha called Nirvana, Mahavira called
Kaivalya, Lao Tzu called awareness, Gurdejiff
called beingness and Gandhi called Swaraj.
Thousands of such minds can surely
end with internal victory over vices
can surely ensure end of war
externally - even and wars can end
both internally and externally even
before the death!

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Space for Rough Work



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Q.2 Child
narrator.

Men
developed

story Galileo: Earth not the
center of world.

- not ready to accept
- child - little knowledge
- difficult to understand
- enthusiasm.

Dashen { - fear of unknown
low capacity
low power
instrument to handle

Men - developed
capacity
instrument of further
development
possibility to change
world

- denial of truth
consequences
India,
society

1970s. UN - Decade of women
study of women
missing women

~~idea of God~~

science - past ideas
conflicting
ideas - with
old discourses.

thesis antithesis synthesis
Vade Vade Jayate Latvabodha

End of War

1) Oppenheimer - I see Blood on
my hands.

after bombings on Hiroshima
and Nagasaki in Japan

- Since ancient time ~~men~~ human are fighting.

- fighting was - small trig.

- every war is a 'just war'
for someone and

- every war is fought to
bring peace - ironically.
& stability.

- have been fighting - in
name of religion, then in
name of nation, now in
name of ideology.

- Why only dead saw the
end of war - since for them
it's end of their life. no
possibility to witness

- ~~poor~~ soldiers from Koreans war
were so mentally affected
& were under trauma that
they could not live a normal
life

- end of war in mind
of love, hate greed

- people with common sense
seen end of war - peace
within - international