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खण्ड—A / Section—A

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- Q.1** The greatest deception men suffer is from their own opinions.
मनुष्य जिस सबसे बड़े भ्रम का शिकार होता है, वह उसके अपने विचारों से उत्पन्न होता है।
- Q.2** A truly gender equal society would be one, where everyone can be themselves.
सच्चा लैंगिक समान समाज वह होगा, जहाँ प्रत्येक व्यक्ति स्वयं बन सके।
- Q.3** Science is organised knowledge, wisdom is organised life.
विज्ञान संगठित ज्ञान है, प्रज्ञा संगठित जीवन है।
- Q.4** I know not with what weapon World War III will be fought, but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones.
मुझे नहीं पता कि तीसरा विश्व युद्ध किन हथियारों से लड़ा जाएगा, लेकिन चौथा विश्व युद्ध लाठियों और पत्थरों से लड़ा जाएगा।



Topic 1GREATEST DECEPTION MEN SUFFER FROM
IS THEIR OWN OPINION

The search for Goddess Sita was going on. The "Vanara" army reached the coast of South India, but were unable to find a way to cross the ocean. Lord Hanuman, blessed with many supernatural powers had forgotten about his powers due to a curse, hence having low ability ~~at~~ and incapacity to cross the ocean. However, when Jambavan reminded him of his powers, his self-perception changed, and would confirm presence of Sita in Sri Lanka.

Men suffer more from their own opinion, which is usually based on a fallacy, illusion or mirage. The opinion may be flawed, but we humans tend to view it as absolute truths. This turns into a self-fulfilling prophecy.

We will explore why humans tend to believe in ~~in~~ this prophecy, and later what can we do to break out of it.

Our opinions are a deception because they create a confirmation bias in humans. Humans fear uncertainty, and any behaviour not giving guaranteed results is believed to be futile. So, in general this opinion creates a self-fulfilling prophecy which further strengthens our deception.

However, few individuals are able to come out of this deception. Dashrath Manjhi believed that he could cut the mountain, and was successful in doing so. Dr. Ambedkar refused to accept "lower abilities" just on the basis of caste, and became one of the most educated leaders of freedom struggle.

Our efforts to come out of this deception also leads to freedom. One should start to look the world more objectively, and question every previously held beliefs.

"If you think you can, or you cannot, you are right" — Henry Ford.

The confirmation bias also creates pattern seeking ability in humans. There are too many variables present that would determine our future. But the deception of opinion, often based on observation of others, leads to recognition of flawed patterns. Often, family is the source of such opinions.

In childhood, I hated dancing. I was awed by it, but since no one in my family could dance, I believed even I couldn't. But, when I entered college, I gathered courage to join a dance team and eventually got very good at it. The only deception of my dancing abilities was the opinion of my family, and hence myself towards dancing.

Thus families, often inadvertently shape defeatist opinion of self. Such opinions would always be there, so practicing courage at all times is necessary. Courage and perseverance would not only allow to break the first glass wall, but do that consistently.

Glass walls, are not just created by family, but society as well. These glass walls could be a deliberate strategy to perpetuate power dynamics in a society. By having negative opinion about someone, and by institutionalising it in society, people would stop questioning inhumane and regressive practices.

Patriarchy, for example, is ~~not~~ sustained by convincing that females of a society are inferior to males. Similarly, caste system creates a inferiority complex in the so-called lower castes. Society, deliberately forms such opinions to ensure authority of males & ~~low~~ upper castes persist.

Society needs to increase dissent acceptance. Renaissance in Europe did exactly this, where authority of King & Church was challenged. By fostering liberty, individuals were allowed to change opinion about self and also their society as a whole.

Lack of critical thinking, also restricts our imagination. Humans, in most cases, can achieve goals only that they can imagine, and believe those goals are within reach. But, due to so called "rules" or opinions, the deception about what can be achieved paints a false picture.

SpaceX, questioned that why can't we use reusable rockets to reduce costs. NASA, the premier organisation for space had this opinion, but due to imagination & ability, SpaceX demonstrated reusable rockets. Similarly, DeepSeek AI showed how cheap it was to make LLM models, unlike the opinion held by Open AI, disrupting the market.

Visionaries, thus are those who can imagine and then achieve. We should thus not be ridiculing such people, even if we don't believe in their claims. Time and again such disruptions are seen, where it is by corporates or nations.

Lack of imagination creates a comfort seeking behaviour as well. To imagine and then to create, one needs to leave their comforts, onto a treacherous path. However, this path or more appropriately the way is itself not visible at times. This discourages prolonged efforts to find a way, and people stop after one failure itself.

In India, the contrast is seen between our space program on one hand, and startup ecosystem on other. Our space program, under stalwarts like Vikram Sarabhai, Meghna Saha believed in themselves and made major advancements. Our startups on the other hand are just focussed on delivering food items, groceries etc.

This, comfort seeking nature is also what drives urge for government jobs in India. The deception here is ~~go~~ such jobs lead to lifelong comfort, but clearing such exam itself is a task, where 99% rejection rate exists.

However, often, the "visionaries" could end up overestimating their power of "imagination". They bite more than they can chew, again due to the deception of overconfidence in their abilities. Such obnoxious opinion of self ensures one is humbled quickly.

Hitler, in World War 2, overestimated his abilities and started a two-front war failing miserably. Japan, similarly attacked Pearl Harbour. Napoleon also lost first to Russia and then in Waterloo.

Such over-estimation is a deception, where one is too arrogant ~~to~~ to acknowledge the ground realities. A humble person thus may be mindful of his resources, abilities and global dynamics, but an arrogant one hold a very flawed opinion of self.

This brings us to understand when should we respect the opinions, as ~~it~~ they may have some merit to it.

Firstly, one should be mindful if whether their opinion goes into the domain of delusion. Over-estimation of abilities, integrated with arrogance is the framework for failure.

Secondly, one should understand the source of ~~our~~ their opinions. If one's opinion is formed on the basis of precedent set by various stalwarts in past, probably they may be right. For example, the opinion that entropy of a closed system cannot decrease is based on a fundamental law of nature. Trying to refute this Second law of Thermodynamics is waste of time and resources.

Thus, as long as one is mindful of evidences & humble to accept flaws, ~~opinions~~ ~~of self~~ negative opinions are mostly deceptions.

Such deceptions are necessary to be debunked for progress of human society, culture and civilization. Following steps can be taken for the same

Firstly, self-respect in individuals should be promoted. Having a negative & defeatist attitude of self often is the biggest illusion. Self-respect & self-confidence help to counter it.

Secondly, the society should not be conformist. Students, and even adults should be allowed to ask questions. Mirage of conformity is what stops people to break the deceptions, even if they are recognised.

Lastly, role models in society should be promoted. We learn most of our behaviours from peers. Celebrating those who succeeded due to positive opinions would promote this tendency in others. Role Models also teach us the ethics if someone tries to overstep their actions.

Today, social media is the biggest creator of opinions. Often, it is full of xenophobia, misogyny and hatred towards other religions. Such activity creates negative perception of self, creating a major problem of depression and suicides among youths. This can be fixed by all three solutions above.

To conclude, the reality of a person is not his own opinion or even the opinion of others. Belief in self helps to counter such opinions. Karne, in Mahabharata, despite being humiliated for not being a "Kshatriya" believed himself to be better than Arjun, and reality as well he was of equal match. We thus need to stop living in our opinion and restricted imaginations because—

"We suffer more in imagination,
than in reality"

खण्ड-B / Section-B

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- Q.5** People travel by road or rail, economy travels on infrastructure.
लोग सड़क और रेल से यात्रा करते हैं, लेकिन अर्थव्यवस्था आधारभूत संरचना पर निर्भर होती है।
- Q.6** As you start to walk on the way, the way appears.
जैसे ही आप मार्ग पर चलना आरंभ करते हैं, मार्ग स्वयं प्रकट हो जाता है।
- Q.7** Adopt the pace of nature: her secret is patience.
प्रकृति की गति को अपनाओ: उसका रहस्य धैर्य है।
- Q.8** Everything that life teaches can be summed up in three words: it goes on.
जीवन जो कुछ भी सिखाता है, वह तीन शब्दों में समाहित किया जा सकता है: यह चलता रहता है।



Topic 7: ADOPT THE PACE OF NATURE; HER SECRET IS PATIENCE

A famous experiment was conducted in US in second half of 20th century called the Marshmallow experiment. Children aged 3-5 years were given marshmallow (a candy), and told them that if children didn't eat marshmallow for 20 min they would be given two. Many children ate it immediately, some showed sign of distress, and few were calm. After few years, when the status of children was assessed, it was found that those who resisted the urge were more successful and content in life.

This experiment shows the importance of patience in our life. The pace of nature is slow and continuous efforts, rather than instant modifications. Taking up pace of nature helps us be wise and calm, virtues necessary for success. In this essay, we'll explore how patience shapes the trajectory in various themes of life.

Nature's most visible efforts are seen in evolutionary process. Evolution is a very slow process, which has led to better survival of species. "Survival of the Fittest" by Charles Darwin explains that gradually the changes that were most effective would survive in nature.

Gradual changes in evolution are necessary to preserve the progress made in past. Certain traits loss of tails in humans were gradual. However, imagine if we would have suddenly lost tails, it would have become very difficult to deal with newer anatomy.

Thus, patience also allows us to adapt to changes well. Sudden changes are committal that gives us little room to adapt to changes. Evolutionary change in organisms is also seen in technology and science.

Science, technology, research & development is a slow process. Although the results of such research is often portrayed as breakthroughs, but a lot of time and effort goes in background. In such cases, it is important to note that patience doesn't mean inaction. Continued efforts are needed to see results of patience.

Albert Einstein gave concept of Special and General Theory of Relativity in 1905. However, actual experimental evidences of such concepts were seen more than 100 years later. Continued efforts from various research institutions discovered evidences of time dilation and gravitational lensing.

Thus, in India as well, to grow our R&D setup, we need to focus on continued steps with patience. More patents are filed from Indians than ever before, showing the fruits of decade long research promotion.

Gradual improvements are also seen in administrative and developmental goals in our country. Patient approach here is needed to ensure our policies are under scrutiny, with focus on consensus. Quest for rapid results lead to rapid actions, may lead to antagonism of few people.

Farm laws in India were very good legislations that could have revolutionised agriculture. However, the government failed to bring gradual reforms, and explain its benefits to farmers. This led to protest, and very well-meaning policy was withdrawn.

On the other hand patient approach in social development was seen in reduction of poverty in India. Also, polio campaign's success is owed to patient & persistent efforts of on-ground officials, teachers, and government who removed any doubts in mind of parents.

Pulse polio campaign improved physical health parameters of country, which is also necessary for sports. Sports require patient training with immense motivation to show up everyday. Often, the results are not visible, but athletes still have to patiently try to improve.

When shortcuts are taken, philicous impact is seen. Doping is a very major problem in Indian sports, where many athletes fail the tests before events. One of the reason for poor performance of India in Olympics is also attributed to such shortcuts, which creates suffering for honest athletes also.

Chess, on the other hand has boomed in India, due to patient efforts of Vishwanathan Anand, Srikant, Ramesh B, Surya Ganguly. These grandmasters patiently worked with children, giving us gems like Gukesh & Dlya, also making India a chess powerhouse.

Importance of patience, apart from sports can be seen in these very turbulent geopolitics. Despite the saying that "there are no permanent friends in diplomacy", efforts of patient dealings with other nations provide for strong friendships.

Indo-Russia relation is based on similar patience and trust. Our ties have strengthened over 20th and 21st century. This has allowed us to have mutual trust, even when India signs strategic deals with USA. Large scale cooperation with Russia, shows us they are a reliable ally & vice versa.

Trump's geopolitics on the other hand is impatient. USA today is forcing allies to submission for own gains. Though they may get short-term trade gains, but unreliability of USA is more apparent in amidst his ~~arm-bands~~ arm-twisting tactics.

One reason for impatient Trump diplomacy is also social media. Social media today is focussed on instant gratification. We as a society now want quick results— quick food delivery, quicker transports and quicker policy implementations.

Such, thirst for instant gratification reduces the ability to focus for long time. Attention span of youth and elderly alike is reducing. This is also increasing anxiety, depression, general irritation in people. Children are at even greater risk, as instant gratification could increase symptoms like ADHD.

In this backdrop, patience needs to be cultivated. In almost every field, long and focussed hours on work is needed. Social media is robbing people of this ability of deep work. The pace of nature is what creates long lasting results and need to be fostered.

However, a few times, people need to understand that what pace of nature is not.

Pace of nature is patience but not inaction. Water cuts rocks not through inaction. Perseverance is what leads to formation of canyons, and complete erosion of mountains to plains.

Furthermore, nature also sometimes use sudden motions. Earthquakes, Volcanic eruptions are sudden motions that can create long lasting changes. Thus, ~~use~~ on one hand patient efforts should be the norm in our lives, but sometimes a sudden push may also be necessary. However, such sudden events gives results only when patient efforts precede it. Sudden events like earthquakes could be the beginning or end of ~~the~~ tectonic plate movement, but most part of process is patient movement

of these tectonic plates.

The solution to adopt the pace of nature in one's life also lies with nature.

Firstly, meditation & connect with nature is an excellent method to become more patient. This moment of self reflection allows us to connect to our surroundings, reducing the constant chatter of our mind.

Secondly, as we see integrated efforts of water, wind, rain, temperature in nature, our efforts should also be consensus-driven, especially in developmental domain. Such consensus prevents hasty decisions and allows us to adapt to changing conditions.

Lastly, society as a whole needs to go back, at least to some degree to the serene & calm pace of life. We need to focus on delayed gratification demanding for not quick, but long lasting results.

Humans, today have a major disconnect with nature. The growing arrogance and over-estimation of one's ability creates anxiety to see quick results. Despite evidences like the Marshmallow experiment, humans still focus on instant gratification. We need to slow down our pace and accept the importance of lessons we can draw from nature. After all, Earth was formed 4.5 billion years ago, whereas humans have existed for less than 100,000 years only.

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