

The Other Side



Dear friends

I am grateful and will remain so forever to all of you for showering your affection and guidance for my earlier publications:

‘Life an art’ & ‘Tragedy and after’. Now, I am back again to share my earned experiences with you once more. I am sure that you will go on sending your feedback regularly.

May Nature go on blessing you|

N.B. ‘The Word’ HE’ is used for the whole of the human species.’

‘Other ever seems to be well

But the other is always hell.

He is looking at thee

Hence thou both are in misery.

Unless & until thou look unto thyself

Nothing can save thee.'

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Introduction

Man always considers the other well but him-self not so hence lives a split life hence remains miserable whereas bliss lies only in living totally and wholly. He wastes his whole life in the vain bid to be alike the other which is just impossible because every creature is born unique. Nature has no photocopier and it never repeats but goes on from freshness to freshness. So, it is unnatural and even anti-Nature too to try to be the other. Moreover, one who tries to go against Nature can never enjoy a healthy and joyous life. How can ye be the other? Ye are ye and the other is other. Why try to be the other? Just be your own-self, just here and now, if you want to enjoy the beauties of life in all their dimensions. Remember, 'beauty lies but only in variety'. Does any other species other than human one try to be the other? Does any other

species manifest tension, anxiety, worry and other sorts of misery?

They live as they are by Nature hence no problem. Why only human species live so miserably? The present man must have been enjoying life as he hath all and even more what the earlier man used to imagine in the utopian heaven somewhere else. The earlier man who hath nothing at his disposal to enjoy life did enjoy life because he lived as per laws of Nature. All this shows that the present life-style is wrong and the so-called super species is living against the laws of Nature and the time has come to learn from the so-called lowest species i.e. animals and birds etc, the art of enjoying life. They enjoy life as per their own and never try to be the other whereas man suffers in life due to his eyes ever- fixed on the other but him-self. Why grass on the other side of the fence seems to be greener? All this is the game-plan of mind which will

die the moment thou learn to enjoy life as it is. Lust in its various forms is the only reason and it remains ever insatiable. Only the art of living **there** where you are and leave the other can get man rid of the malady of ever having eye on the other.

One more malady-None is content with what he is, where he is, what he has, ever thinking about the other and considering the other better than him. Ask anyone, whom do you think is well placed in life and the usual response will be, "No, no, you are better than me". He will begin to tell about his difficulties and yours' easies. The same will be the response if you are asked about yourself. In this way, all are cursing themselves and dreaming about the other. One anecdote will do. Two men were waiting for the bus at the bus stand. As is usual, they got to some chitchat to ward off time. Just then, a gorgeous beauty happened to pass by

them. One of them sobbed, "Would that this woman had married me, my life would have been heavenly". The other resorted just then, "This is my wife and she hath made my life just hellish". What a strange creature man is! A person was having a joy ride in a boat with his friends in Dal lake (Srinagar, India). He was bragging about his sojourns abroad such as enjoying the boat rides in the Thames (London, England) and the seine (Paris, France). One of the group, an intelligent chap, interrupted him and said, "You had never enjoyed those outings." The bragger became upset and retorted, "How can you say so?" The quick-witted fellow remarked that you would have been dreaming and thinking of the Dal lake when you were there. This is the story of all of us, being anywhere but here and this is the basic reason of all our miseries. One can never be at peace so long as he remains in the illusion that the other is good

and he is not so. All have problems of their own. It has been the tragedy of man that he wanders every here and there seeking peace but peace can happen **only there** where he is. The other is just like a mirage and one's own-self is the real reality. Nothing can shake him who accepts the reality as it **is** and lives as per it. Be thine own-self and let the other be his own-self. Never compare; 'Comparison kills uniqueness' – and thou are unique by Nature. To compare is unnatural, do live as per thine own nature and laws of Nature. The other side *shall* disappear the moment you accept thine own uniqueness and it is the only way. How can the unique be compared to? So long as, man goes on looking toward the other, he will go on missing his own-self. Ever remain thine own-self; thee are thee and he is he. The other attracts more from far away but the interest is lost the moment one gets near to it. The

musk deer goes on running after the fragrance of that very musk which lies in its own naval. Chase the mirage and it goes on going ahead of the chaser at the **identical** speed and the gap always remains the same. Appreciate thine own intrinsic worth and try to hone it. Ever live just here and now as per thine own-self and enjoy life as it *is*. Say 'hello' to thine own-self and bid goodbye to the other. May Nature bless man!

Then and Now

‘Was, is and will can never meet.’

Time always moves on turning the new into the old. The term 'generation gap' too reflects such nature of the eternal movement.

The present generation feels that the previous gen. lived well as it had healthy physical, mental and spiritual health. Life was too simple, Natural and leisurely. People were just innocent, spontaneous, authentic and aesthetic. There was not any undue hurry and worry. There was no cutthroat competition and blind race for blind materialism. The family and social fabric was too well-knit, sweet and amicable. People had to take care of their basic needs only which they did with mutual cooperation, understanding and goodwill. They had sufficient time to attend to their families and social platforms. They lived near to Nature and even their own self. There was complete harmony with Nature and its creations. They worshipped It hence no question of going against It. There was no

mad rat-race for pelf, power and prestige hence no tension.

Population, being sparse, there was longing for meeting other people hence bonhomie existed. There was deep attachment between blood relations as well as other relations. Lust in all its manifestations such as sex, anger, greed, attachment and ego was not as blind as it is now. People lived just a simple, Natural and innocent life. There was no form of pollution worth the name as compared to the present '*multiple all around* pollution'. There were very few ills and diseases in life hence a wholly healthy living. But life was hard as all work had to be done manually. There remained shortage of essentialities of life such as water, food, clothes, shelter etc. There were few means of conveyance, communication, transaction and interaction. Man had to work too hard even to make both ends meet. There was a galore of superstitions and blind

beliefs due to the lack of education which led to too many untoward happenings. Many social evils used to poison family and social life. People did not have the means to live a comfortable and enjoyable life. They lived in unhygienic conditions which gave birth to too many fatal diseases. Agriculture and some other vocations related to it were the main professions of the people. It was dependent on rain due to lack of irrigation means. There were few crop diseases hence little use of pesticides, herbicides and insecticides etc. thus *poor crops but pure environment*. Though famines happened on regular intervals even then people managed to sustain themselves due to Natural storing methods and their own mutual understanding on humanitarian grounds. There might have been lack of sources but not of human values and ethics.

Let's see what the then people think of the now people.

They feel that they had lived a hard life devoid of any comforts and means. There was scarcity of even B-needs what to say of wants and luxuries. They feel envious on seeing such a comfortable and meaningful life. Modern liberal views sting them because they had lived an inhibited, orthodox, closed and conservative life. The present glamorous and trendy life-style pinches them because they had lived just a dull, static and routine life. Ultra-modern electrical gadgets and electronic goods make them rue over their primitive and monotonous past. Explosion in automobiles, communication means and information technology makes them think of their immobile, unrelated and un-enterprising way of living. Modern day residential buildings equipped with all facilities with stress on hygiene, cleanliness and comfort make them feel that they had

lived in medieval dwellings. All said and done, they feel that they had lived a hard, harsh and means-less life as compared to the modern, easy and comfortable life.

The right thing for both the then people and the now ones is to learn to enjoy things as they are. 'Learn from past, enjoy the present, hope for future'. Past was present and future too takes birth out of present, hence present is the central point. In fact, past is bygone present and future is incoming present. Time is an **eternal** flow but we have to put IT in words for our own convenience hence the terms of past, present and future. Everything is all right in its own times and it has its own merits as well as demerits. There were certain things that *were* right and there are some others that *are* right. The *then* people were simply natural and aesthetic whereas the *now* people are just complex and materialistic. They

had somewhat but even then they were contented, we have too much but are ever discontent. They had precious things such as well physical and mental health whereas we have mundane trivia and ill 'body, mind and soul'. They used body more hence wholly healthy whereas we use mind more and body less hence wholly unhealthy. In sum, we have lost the precious for the trash. In my view, they were too better to us. They had nothing but still had everything, we have everything but still have nothing. They were *poor* emperors, we are *rich* paupers.

In sum, man must live contemporarily if he wants to enjoy life. 'Past is dead, Future in the womb, only present is alive'. So, enjoy the present at the optimum and leave all the other to Nature

The Old and the New

‘The Old Has Past, The New Future.’

As the saying goes on- 'Old order changeth yielding place to new.' - indicating the ever-changing nature of things in the show of eternity. The new can never happen sans the departure of the old.

A very lovely and meaningful tale comes to my mind. A Sufi saint was on his way to a long journey to the jungle. As the Sun set, he sat under an old Banyan tree to spend the night there. In the morning, he thanked the tree for giving him shelter and asked it to have somewhat as gratitude. The tree said," Grant me the blessing of remaining ever green." The sage was at first astonished but the promise has to be kept. He granted it and went on going his way.

After some years, he happened to follow the same route on his return journey and spend the night under the same very tree. As he was lying under the tree, he saw that tears in the form of water drops were falling from the above in his lap. He asked the tree why

it was shedding tears. The tree begged his pardon and said," I hath asked for that which was against the laws of Nature because growth happens if old leaves yield place to the new ones. My growth has stopped from that day onwards when you granted my wish. Now forgive me and take back thine grant and let the law of Nature prevail." This Sufi tale is very pregnant with meaning and tells of the nature of laws of Nature. Old was new and new will be old. Nothing is static in The Whole Show, everything goes on changing moment to moment and that is how The Whole Show goes on going so smoothly, harmoniously in a fail-proof manner.

The old often think that the younger are at ease having no worry and hurry. They have no work to do other than playing and wandering. Worldly obligations and disciplines are the last things to be followed by them. They are miles away from the earthly rat race

of social, economic and political one-upmanship. Narrow, parochial, caste and creed barriers have no meaning for them. Being away from all manifestations of lust, they enjoy a good and balanced physical and mental health hence a sort of heavenly living. Human weaknesses, which are lower even than those of beasts, have not stung them as yet hence just a simple, natural, spontaneous and authentic way of living. Social taboos, inhibitions and limitations have no meaning for them. They have no hangover of past and dreams of future hence free from almost all diseases of mind. Their eyes are just innocent, full of wonder, awe and curiosity. They live just in this very moment not worrying about the dead past and the vast, deep and uncertain sea of future ahead. They have no false notion of any Utopia, Just enjoying all manifestations of emotions, sentiments and feelings. The old having lost and wasted that

blissful period of life just go on going from misery to misery....., they just having fond memories of that past and fear of the incoming exit.

The younger ones think that the old have physical and economic power as well as overall freedom. We have to live under their control in all matters. They have the means for living life of their own choice and taste. They can take their own decisions and pursue their interests and aspirations. They are at liberty in charting out their daily routine of life. They can dress, eat and venture out as per their own likes and dislikes. They can work out their own schedule for work, play and relaxation. We have to obey them in all the vital fields of life. We have to kill our own instincts and remain dependent on them even for the B-needs. We have to go through

the rigorous schedule of studies and work at home too whereas they are free from such a tight schedule.

Both old and new have their own freedoms and limitations, all depends on the age factor. Both are right and just in their own respective roles. The old were young and the young will be old, it is just a matter of time. Do enjoy thine own beauties as per thine age because time once gone is always gone.

Those who have old things think that the new trendy goods are more good-looking and useful. Modern commodities are light, sleek and swanky having multi-utility, facility and are easy to handle. Having up-to date things adds to one's status and *height* in society. They add glamour, glitz and color to life. Similarly, those who have latest things think that oldies are strong, durable and secure. They cost too less but are too sturdy and safe. Moreover

they are tested, reliable and affordable and they are a treasure trove being classical antiques and the owner has a deep bond with them. In a way, they are not just goods but are alive entities. They are precious and invaluable.

Both old and new things have merits and demerits of their own. New takes birth out of the old and itself turns into old, all this is based on law of change of Nature. The question is not of old and new but is of the mechanism of mind which always thinks that the grass is greener next door. Learn to be content with what you have, then the concept of old and new will evaporate. If the vision is old then the new too will seem old but if it is new then the old will seem to be new, all depends on how you see life.

The old are peeved at the new generation for doing away with the old customs, traditions, rituals, ethics etc. The spread of

education and awareness in the new era of media boom has helped in cultivating liberal, practical, pragmatic and scientific outlook. The present generation is enchanted by the old folk lore, festivals, games and sports and family and social get-togethers which were marked by mutual love, co-operation and understanding.

Social values and views go on changing with the times. Old perceptions were right when they were born. In fact, life-views take birth out of contemporary social, economic and political set-up i.e. 'The Earthly Trinity.' Some go on changing with changes while those based on earthly reality remain unchanged. All old-visions are not bad and all new ones are not good either. Some of them may be good and some may be bad. Don't reject them in toto, don't accept them in toto either but do evaluate- Keep those that

are relevant even today and throw away those that have become obsolete. Strike a balance between the duo, keep that which is useful, practical and relevant, do away with the redundant and obsolete. Use thine brains, learn from the old and live with the earned new. The old was new and the new will be old, do appreciate this reality, then neither the old nor the new will trouble thee. This is the only way for living just here now. In fact, only the present is ever present, past and future are just its attributes, same is the case with the new, old and yet-to-be. Time always happens in present, all other terms related to IT are just its by-products. 'Is was is, is is, is will be is.' Hence only 'is' is the center. Remain in the center to be in the center.

The High And The Low

‘The high hath frustration, the low ambition.’

High seems high due to low, low seems low due to high. In fact, each and everything has its exact opposite in the Universe and The Whole Universe runs so smoothly and in a fail-proof manner due to this very factor. Positive-negative, Day-night, Light-darkness, joys- sorrows, High-low etc. make life a lively affair, none of them can stand alone, the other has importance due to its exact opposite. High can't be explained sans the presence of low and the vice-versa is also true, both have their own pluses and minuses.

The low considers the high as wielding pelf, power and position. They feel envious to the high as they have to bear its whims and fancies. 'The eccentricities of the high have to be taken in their stride by the low.' They have to nod to the boss at the cost of their conscience. They have to laugh at the silliest jokes of the *chair*. They have to put on different masks at different times and

places. Insults and rebukes have to be swallowed with a smiling countenance. They have to make too many compromises and adjustments so as to please the higher than them. They have to heap too many adjectives, accolades and praises only to keep the high in good humor. Moreover, they have to go on changing with the changes with the chair. All this intrigues them so much that they go on dreaming of avenging and paying in the same coin to the boss if they ever happen to be in the same chair.

The resourceful, easy and comfortable life style of the high irks those who are at the lower rung of the ladder. They feel small before the pomp and show of the boss. The glamorous and glittering life-style of the high pinches the low at the very heart. Moreover, they feel at unease due to the deliberate show of means

and might by the high. In sum, the low remains perturbed over the overall dominance of the high.

The high considers the low at ease having no worries related to the chair. They feel zealous at the care-freeness of the low. Moreover, the low has to mind their own very business, whereas the high has to deal with so many and diverse persons working under him. In fact, the high hath means, might and status but hath little time to enjoy the fruits thereof. The boss has to be accountable to too many chairs whereas the low has to be so only to the one. Due to less worries and leisurely pace of life style, the low enjoys free and healthy life. The high envies such a carefree and easy life-style of the low.

The high have its own advantages and disadvantages and so hath the low. Both will never cease to look at the other if they are

made to swap their positions. All this is the game-plan of mind and nothing else, step out of the mechanism of mind, then nothing can distract thee. Interestingly, man is never ready to part with that which he has at his own position but wants to have all the good things of the other as well. 'Be thine own very self' is the only way to be at peace of mind.' The high can become the low one day and the vice-versa too can happen any time as nothing is static in the show of ever moving show of Nature. So live as per what and where you are just now and leave all the other to.....!

The Rich And The Poor

‘The rich hath misery, the poor penury.’

The rich have often most of the worldly things but peace, their life is too luxurious and comfortable but even then they are not wholly healthy and happy. They have almost nil economic worry which is the mother of almost all other worries. They have pelf, power and prestige. They enjoy good amenities, good educational and health facilities and a good hygienic life-style. They have almost everything at their command just on call. In today's world of astonishing development, the rich hath all that which was fantasized by the earlier man only to be found in the Heaven somewhere else. In fact, so much hath been invented and the effort to do so will go on going that even the definition of the *word* 'Heaven' will have to be kept on changing on and on and on

The earlier man might not have even imagined all that in the so-termed Heaven that has been arranged by the present

man on this very planet turning it into the living paradise. Those who have means can have all that and even more than that which can't be arranged by 'the imagined super power somewhere else.'

So, the rich live a resourceful, comfortable, easy, luxurious, glittering, glamorous, aristocratic, enterprising, absorbing and fancied life.

But they too, who on the surface, seem to be enjoying heavenly life and have almost all at their command and will, envy the poor on certain points! Ask any rich person who seems to have all and he *shall* tell you about immense problems, intrigues and miseries being faced by him turning his life into a virtual hell! The rich envies the poor for having good health, simplicity, leisurely way of living, closeness to Nature and their own nature, innocent ignorance, less formality, less lust, less tension, less depression,

less grudges, less complaints but having more contentment, more gratefulness, more faith, more understanding, more optimism, and more compassion etc..... The rich are at a loss to find the poor having sense of sharing, cooperativeness, sacrifice, and faithfulness etc. They consider the poor at peace due to their being away from the blind rat-race of materialism which consists of competition, fastness, restlessness, deceit, cunningness, hypocrisy, leg-pulling, back stabbing etc. They envy the poor for their being immune to such dreaded and hellish multiple diseases as insomnia, alzhemeir, psychizophrenia, heart & brain related diseases, cirrhosis of liver, kidney failure, diabetes, arthiritis, spinal problems, hypertension, acidity, obesity, depression, tension, and many other ills related to the vitals organs of body. The poor seem to be lucky for having too less physical, mental and spiritual ills and

having less *polluted* mind hence making well use of senses and brains. The rich feels that the poor are free from power games hence less ambitious enjoying a carefree and compact life. The so-called modernism mar the life of many an aristocratic people totally whereas the poor can't afford to have such an *expensive* ruining and this fact makes the rich rue over their wretched state in this matter vis-à-vis the poor. The aesthetic and practical outlook of the poor on most important aspects of life irks the rich on their being not so. Moreover, the rich feel at a loss due to their over-taxed life schedule in sharp contrast to the poor who have much time to spare for relaxation and recreation. The poor are not worried over any status hence do laugh, sing, dance and rejoice whereas the rich can't do so due to their marriage to manners, etiquettes and status and they feel tied and bonded in the get-togethers.

Now, Let us ponder over the plight of the poor. The poor just crawl on from conception to cremation. "Poverty is the living hell." The poor have no proper three B-needs leave aside other things. They barely make both ends meet till their last. They remain deprived of basic amenities and facilities. They live a very hard and tight life. They know no comforts and luxuries but do know all the troubles and worries. "Poverty is the mother of all the worries and ills." The poor live a wretched, pitiable, pathetic and helpless life. They live in too unhygienic conditions which tell upon their health menacingly. They are fleeced by the cunning charlatans due to their ignorance and are pushed into the abyss of blind beliefs, faiths, sectarianism, superstitions, myths etc. taking advantage of their poverty promising all that in some utopian heaven which they have missed here on earth. They are exploited, by all the means, to

the hilt by the rich and the powerful. They miss the living paradise here because they can't afford to enjoy the fruits of the boom of science and technology. They crawl to the grave with a heavy heart which had been pining for this and that and these and those till it ceases, just a sort of liberation from the veritable ugly cage.

'Poverty is the life sentence sans any crime.' May Nature saveth...!

The poor envy the rich due to their comfortable, easy and resourceful life-style. They conclude that the rich enjoy life as they can have anything at will anytime. The opulence and influence of the rich remains an eyesore to the poor. They feel small in every aspect of life as compared to their affluent brethren. Showy, aristocratic, glittering and dazzling life-style of the rich ever goes on stinging the no-so-well-off. They go on imagining of enjoying life if they happen to have those riches. Even their dreams of paying in

the same coin to the rich if their positions are swapped anyhow remain unfulfilled.

Both the rich and the poor have their own pluses and minuses. The rich spoil their health due to excess of means and sedentary life-style and the poor do suffer *life-term* due to lack of them and excessive work. The former have no time for enjoying the precious beauties of life and Nature and the latter nil *means* for the same. The rich have to step out of the vicious circle of insatiable lust if they want to enjoy life in all its dimensions and the poor have to learn to live within their means if they cherish to relish the fruits of *real* richness. He is rich in the real sense who is physically and mentally fit and knows how to manage his resources in a judicious manner. Everyone is rich in certain matters and poor in certain other matters. Those who tend to look at others shall always

remain poor and those who are at ease with their own-self are
ever-emperors, it is just a matter of life-vision.

Man And Woman

**‘Both man and woman are
supplementary as well as
complementary to each other.’**

Human species is termed as 'the super species' because it is the only species that has been blessed with the gift of hands and the ability to speak and think. Due to this factor, It *can* enjoy life in all its dimensions **consciously**. The male part of It is man whereas the female part is woman and both have their own special qualities of head and heart. Both are physically, psychologically and biologically unique by Nature and nature. The show of life goes on going due to such unique qualities of both. They have different qualities hence different roles to play in order to live life resourcefully, easily and joyfully. Both have their own specific qualities as well which help in *running* the show of life and making it beautiful, meaningful and blissful. They are *unequally* equal hence both must have equal rights in all the spheres of life so that they

can make full use of their intrinsic worth. Now, on to how do they think of each other?

Man thinks that the woman is the empress of the home. He has to attend to most of the social, economic and political necessities whereas she is to take care of only home matters and of the *nearby surroundings* at the most. She holds important and powerful portfolios of home and finance whereas he is left with the troublesome external affairs one but has nil saying in the internal affairs of the home. A husband was bragging about his powerful position at home to his friend. He told that his wife takes the petty decisions of home just as how to spend the monthly salary and keep law and order at home. But he takes the bigger decisions just as what will happen to the nation and the world if things went on going this way. In most of the social and family ceremonies, the

role of the fair sex is all pervasive and man just plays the second fiddle. Man feels at ill ease at woman having preferential treatment in all walks of life everywhere.

Woman, on the other hand, feels that man has more liberties than her. He can move around freely at will, can dress as per convenience, can make fun and frolic freely and can do whatever he wants. He enjoys certain natural liberties and holds dominance in social and political matters. He has few do's and don'ts to be followed than her. Biologically too, man's role is too easy to woman's. He lives more fearlessly and in a carefree manner than her. She has been having deep wounds on her heart since times immemorial because 'The Earthly System' has always remained male chauvinistic and she has ever been treated like a commodity and not as a human being.

In fact, both have their own fields of work and responsibilities.

Man holds sway in the external matters whereas woman does so in the internal ones and it is a must to run the show of family in a successful and effective way. Man is offensive by nature but woman is receptive, man embodies strength and boldness whereas woman is a symbol of love, perseverance, large heartedness, sacrifice and all tender feelings of life and all these paradoxes have been blessed by Nature so as to run the show of life successfully. In fact, Nature hath endowed both male and female species of all the creations with special characteristics so as to make the show of life go on and on and on..... but mind is mind ever looking at the other.....

The Illiterate And The literate

'Experience is the most authentic teacher.'

What we call 'education' is not education in the real sense but it is literacy. The mere knowledge of the three 'R's is not the real education, it is more than that. Education comes from both literacy and experience. Mere literacy is half because '**earthly wisdom**' is as important for succeeding in life and enjoying it as well and it comes through experience only. Knowledge comes from books whereas wisdom does so from the book of life itself. In fact, the term 'illiterate' should be termed as 'non-literate' as it denotes ill-literacy which is more fatal whereas 'non- literacy' is not so fatal. The non-literate suffers in today's life of science and technology due to the lack of the knowledge of the three 'R's and the literate does so due to the lack of practical wisdom. The present education system puts more stress on theory than practice hence serves half the purpose.

What does Education mean in the real sense? It means '*to draw*

out the intrinsic worth of a person. Does the so-called Education do so? In fact, the present education system is doing exactly the opposite as it is burying the latent talent of a person too deeply right from the childhood to be discovered again in the whole of life. That's why there are square pegs in round holes all around. Man can't enjoy life '*wholly*' if his intrinsic worth is not groomed right from the kid-hood. The whole worldly system right from the parents to the teacher to the whole society is against the child. The child is stuffed in some school just at the age of about three years whereas his brain is got fully developed at the age of seven. How can he lead a happy life when his childhood has been killed? 'Life will be as is one's childhood because it is the foundation of the edifice of life.' One more malady, the child is *stamped* by the parents to be '*this and that*' in life, none bothers about the **seed** within which has

been blessed by Nature. How is it possible that all become doctors, engineers, bureaucrats etc.....? Ask any the so-called successful doctor, engineer, bureaucrat etc. and see.....? All are unique by Nature, then how can all become white- collared, black- collared are equally needed and may be more so to run **all** the affairs of life.

So, don't stamp the child in your own way but recognize his intrinsic worth and then promote it by all your means, only then true education will follow. He might become as per your choice and earn a lot of pelf, power and prestige but *shall* miss the blissfulness and life sans bliss is a wasted opportunity which is blessed by Nature only once. You have wasted your life, have not you?, running after the trivia and are now training your offspring to fall in the same abyss of blind materialism hence wasting his life as well for realizing yours' own unfulfilled ambitions. In fact, the so-called

illiterate might earn less pelf, power and prestige but enjoys life more and *wholly* because he has the '**worldly education**'. Moreover, the present E-System promotes cramming and tuition and not the understanding because it is just theoretical and not practical. The syllabi are such as not to be of any practical use in the '*practical game*' of life. I was watching a movie in which the mother of the hero was exhorting her son to study hard to succeed in life. He was a very practical guy and took the book of Algebra and showed her mother a formula which stipulated that $a+b^2 = a^2 +b^2 +2ab$ and asks her mother to tell him, of what use will it be in life? I myself have taken voluntary retirement from the post of Principal of Senior Secondary School due to my indignation with the present ill educational system and corrupt, insensitive & inefficient bureaucratic set-up. I can say with authenticity from my own

experience that much of the syllabus is of no use in practical life.

Now education has become a very lucrative business and unnecessary books and other material is being sold to the students of which much is not even touched throughout the whole of the academic year. The professions of the teacher and the doctor were considered to be noble ones but today these have become a *novel* way of minting money by any hook or crook. The teacher forces the students to have tuition and '*tuition kills intuition*' and man sans intuition is just like a tree without its roots. The doctor is looting people by conniving with the medicos, the lab fellows and other test doers, all working under the same roof of the doctor ruining many a lives for minting money and money and money..... Imagine the quality of the society in which the two most important aspects of life 'education and health' are treated so. See the plight of the present

educated man and the victim of some doctor's apathy, both just the *'wretched creatures.'* Man may have many degrees but not necessarily wisdom and life needs wisdom more because it is a *'practical journey.'* It does not mean that I am against getting education but I am definitely against the present education system and in favor of the **real** education. 'The main aim of education must be preparation for a wholly healthy, good and useful life. Wholly healthy means healthy physical, mental, material and spiritual health. But the present education system is preparing man for *material health* only at the cost of other three **equally** important aspects of life. That's why the present man is bankrupt on physical, mental and spiritual fronts hence a wholly ill and miserable creature. In my scheme of things, education system must be such as prepares man for *the examination* of the whole life. I have seen

people getting 100% marks in papery exams but got 0% in the ordeal of life falling like a log of dead wood in the end. Can the really educated person commit hara-kiri? But I have seen many the so-called educated people and you too have done so who have done so. The presence of so much **all around misery** stands testimony to my views. In fact, the so-called non-literate people have not turned this world in to a veritable hell as hath been done by the so-called educated ones. That's why I call the present education 'ill-literacy'. The true education must be the well-literacy which can turn this world in to a virtual heaven. In my scheme of things, there must be the subjects of the mother tongue, of English; the international link language; of arithmetic, of general science and of general knowledge in which the *useful* history, civics, geography, environment and other contemporary subjects may be included up

to the eighth standard from the third standard onwards and the subject matter must be stepwise. There must be one hour for rigorous physical exercise at the very outset of the opening of the school. Extra co-curricular activities must be a must for each and every child but as per his intrinsic worth only. I can say with authority from mine own experience that any language can be *mastered* more easily and more fluently if the *Natural* process of listening, speaking, reading and writing is followed in order and in its letter and spirit. How does the child learn the mother-tongue? Of course, through the above-mentioned Natural process, It first listens to some word, then tries to follow its connotation, then watches the movement of the lips of the speaker and then tries to imbibe the word and learn it by and by through constant practice. Do we teach the child the grammar of the mother tongue? No, he

learns it by practice and experience. When the child is put in some school, then he must at first be taught the next two steps of reading and writing of the mother tongue first because he has gone through the first two steps of it already. Now, it will be easier for the child to learn both the next steps of the M.T and it will also be so for the teacher because half the job had already been done. I am dead sure that the child *shall master* the language of the mother tongue sans the help of any grammar. If he can master the language of the M.T, then why can't he master the other languages sans grammar?

I, myself have taught English, the foreign language, from sixth std. to tenth std. for eighteen years and that' why I can say with certainty that any language can be mastered sans any grammar. In fact, grammar is a futile burden on the student and is a barrier to master some language. Teach the students to form the sentence

and other things shall follow by and by. But the present system promotes cramming and I have seen students who cram the essay of 'The Cow' but are at a loss if asked to write a one on 'The Horse'? I know many a people and you too do so who were just middle pass and very mediocre students and migrated to some developed country and became too fluent in English, the international link language just through day-to-day practice. But their class fellows who studied English up to graduation level could not do so. What does it show? Language is meant for conversation and one can learn to converse fluently through day-to-day practice only. You understand what the other wants to convey and the other understands what you want to say, that's all. That's why I favor to teach some language through conversational method and promoting the students to write their own short paragraphs, letters,

stories etc and they **shall** begin to master the language by and by.

This is the Natural way and the learning becomes interesting, absorbing and burden-less. The computer age has set in motion the process of doing away with grammar by promoting the cause of learning some language through practice doing away with the rigors of rules and regulations and making conversation too easy, brief and effective and now I see a ray of hope of turning my idea in to a reality. I hope that some-ones somewhere **shall** understand me and help me in promoting mine this cause of getting rid the students of the undue burden of do's and don'ts of learning some language. May Nature bless them...! Mine own medium of instruction had been Hindi up to the graduation level but I succeeded in learning English up to this level through practice and the only way to master some language is through consistent

practice till the grave. 'Practice makes a man perfect' as goes the old adage but in my view 'Practice can make a man an expert'.

Perfection means there is no more to be learnt but the moment you cease to learn you are dead in the real sense. A young foreigner and a septuagenarian Japanese happened to travel in the train in Tokyo. The latter was trying to learn French with the help of a guidebook. The former laughed and said to the old man," You are nearing your grave then why are you making so much effort to learn a foreign language?' The old man giggled and told the young man that I shall die when I shall but you are already dead because the moment you cease to learn you are dead that very moment.

Only those are alive in the real sense who ever remain student, open and receptive, those who close themselves are already dead.

Now, over to the teaching method-The teacher must at first give the

first hand account of the lesson to be taught, then exhort the students to study it objectively at home and then ask the very important objective type questions before starting to take up the lesson for thorough study. It will make the studies more interesting and absorbing and will bear more fruit without straining the students as well as the teachers much. After finishing the lesson, the teacher must prepare his own questions and their answers related to the very 2 important points of the lesson which are useful to the student for the whole of their life. I don't consider him the true teacher who can't prepare his own questions and answers but I am sorry to admit that a very few teachers can do so? Most of them dictate the students to tick the answers of *all* the questions given at the end of the lesson on the book *itself* and then write them in the notebook at home. Some of them are more ingenious who tell the

students to do the answers from so and so guide which has been recommended by them at the behest of some commission agents who dole out commission to the teacher to promote their sales.

Many of the questions are not so important and so many questions are dependent on some other questions hence they can't stand alone and they too are imposed on the hapless student. Then for what the teacher is being paid for? In the process, the students don't understand the spirit of the lesson and it promotes the *habit* of cramming among them killing their comprehending power for life and they become just perpetual **parasites**. But it should be so, that the student must be exhorted to try to answer in their own words and by and by they *shall* certainly learn to do so by trial and error method and then become experts for life getting rid of the boring *parroting* method and such students must be given more marks

than the parrots so as to inspire them and also the otherwise ones to imbibe their self-do fellows. Such educated persons can be *the real* professionals hence an asset to humanity and they *shall* enjoy life wholly as well. The child must not be admitted till he is five and the proof of age must be too authentic. The schools are fleecing people in the beautiful names of K.G, L.K.G. and U.K.G and do nothing but charge all for full three years and the beauties of the childhood are lost on the way. I can say with certainty and I myself have done so, that the child can be prepared at home by the parents themselves for getting their ward admitted to the first class directly saving both money and honey (of childhood). But the parents, who profess to love their child more than their life, want to get rid of the child for some hours as they consider it a nuisance?! But what can the child do, he is just bewildered and helpless losing

his innocence by and by and then just crawls to the grave in later-on life. The first two classes must be very play-some and only the basics of the above mentioned two languages and arithmetic be taken up in a very playful, loving and interesting method along with **cultivation** of good habits which will prepare the blueprint of life ahead. Here the role of the teacher is too important, so he must be a role-model for the child because the child **follows** the teacher more than the books. Moreover, the primary teacher must have a degree in Child psychology and must be paid more than other teachers and he must find out the seed within the child in the first two classes by observing the child constantly and then he should prepare a written and detailed report about it and the child must be groomed as per the seed mentioned in the said report from the third std. onwards. For ninth and tenth, mathematics should replace

arithmetic and science come in place of general science retaining all the other subjects as they were up to the middle std. Specialization of subjects should start from the eleventh std. onwards as per the choice and capability of the student, nothing must be imposed here by anyone whosoever. In this way, education will become interesting, less burdensome, less tension-full, less costly but more useful and fruitful. The person so prepared *shall* lead a '*wholly healthy*', meaningful and blissful life, it is guarantee of mine, for it is The Natural way. Most of the so-called educated ones are just not so wise as far as right vision of life is concerned. Wise non-literate is better than the otherwise literate.

The so-called illiterate think that the literate have the knowledge of the three R's which helps them much in today's world of science and technology. They are at ease in making good use of

modern facilities. They learn manners and etiquettes of modern living. They have not to remain dependent on others in the matters of day-to-day life. Moreover, they can find good jobs with the help of knowledge hence live resourcefully and easily. They can become global and enjoy the fruits of science and technology. None can cheat them in economic matters and they can rise higher at the ladder of socio-economic and politico trio-the reigning worldly trinity. They can manage men and matters with ease and success. In their view, the literate lives comparably easy, resourceful, comfortable and successful life.

The literate on the other hand think that the non-literate lives a carefree and simple life. They have no unnecessary and unavoidable worries and hurries. They are in synchronicity with themselves as well as Nature. Being raw and original they have

less conditioning of mind hence they remain free from the ills of ego of knowledge. They might have less means yet they have more contentment. They fall less prey to the ills of those five vices which poison the stream of life. They live more in the body hence more healthy. Their life style is just simple, Natural, spontaneous and straightforward. They are more practical, pragmatic, authentic and realistic. They are less ambitious hence more blissful. They are not a part of the mad rat race of blind materialism. They don't live a robotic life but do enjoy a wild and free schedule. They remain free from undue hassles that are related to the monotonous life of the so-termed literate ones. They know no tension, anxiety and depression because of being away from too materialistic life style. Their life energy is too pure, vibrant and bubbling. They remain miles away from the modern ills and diseases due to their too

leisurely a life-style. During some adversity, they adopt a practical approach which helps them in coming out of the calamity. Their life energy is not blocked as they have regular and Natural Catharsis. They are more transparent and unambiguous in life hence fearless and at ease. In sum, the literate envy the non-literate for the latter's having peace of mind which happens due to their childlike innocent life-vision.

In my view, the non-literate faces problems in their day-to-day life in the present world of letters whereas the literate make hell of life with the burden of borrowed stuff. If we scan life then it becomes crystal clear that the **fed** mind is the reservoir of most of the mischief in the world. It ignites lust which is the mother of all the ills. Hypocrisy, deception, cunningness, duality and blind selfishness are the hallmarks of the trained mind whereas the

innocent mind remains too away from these negativities of life. For me, education is more important than mere literacy. Only those can learn who remain student up to the grave because education is longer than life.

The Rural And The Urban

‘The rural people lack facilities, the urban festivities.’

Most of the population of the undeveloped and developing countries lives in villages due to lack of resources and a very low percentage lives in cities and towns. Agriculture is the main vocation of the rural people whereas business and service is so of the urbanites. The ruralites are mostly engaged in primary vocation but their urban counterparts are mostly engaged in the secondary and tertiary sectors. One's profession decides one's life style. Those who are engaged in primary sector have to wear clothes suited to their profession and so is the case with people of other two sectors of the economy. Till the advent of science, the primary sector was the only kind of vocation and barter system took care of transaction but after that things and services began to be evaluated by money. People mostly lived in rural areas before the advent of science and technology but began to move to urban areas after

that in the search of greener pastures. The population explosion added fuel to the fire as people had to move to the urban areas in order to earn their livelihood. With the fiasco of the primary vocations, the demand for secondary and tertiary vocations got momentum. Infrastructure had to be provided for secondary and tertiary sectors hence the development of the urban areas got accelerated. In the process, the rural areas became backward devoid of basic amenities. By and by, a big gap developed between rural and urban life, the neo rich preferring to live in the cities and the not-so-rich have to stick to the villages. Both rural and urban life has its own pains as well as gains. Now the views of both about each other.....

The rural people consider that their counterparts in cities enjoy good standard of living having most of the modern facilities

and services at their doorsteps. They have better transport and communication facilities. Basic needs such as water, power and sewage are better provided in the urban areas. Modern high tech facilities are found only in the cities. Moreover, all these go on being upgraded as per new technologies and requirements. There are better educational and health facilities, the primary necessities of today's life. They have good dwellings having ultra-modern infrastructure, gadgets and accessories. Living conditions are hygienic there because of good disposal system. Infrastructural facilities make life easy, comfortable and enjoyable. High tech entertainment gadgets provide color to life. There are plenty of ultra-modern goods and services at hand on competitive rates. Personal hygiene and cleanliness make the urban people look smart, active and agile. Good looks, good clothes and good

maintenance lend grace and charm to the personality of the urbanites. High fashioned articles add glamour, glitz add oomph to the life of the city dwellers. Such high-fi lifestyle of the urban people make the rural folk turn green with envy. Moreover, the city people have more opportunities hence more sources of more income. There are plenty of jobs available in various fields for all the sections of society. Social, cultural and economic activities keep the people busy and interactive hence no time for unnecessary meddling into others' affairs hence lesser feuds and litigation. People are so much involved into their own respective lives that they have no idle time for creating mischief for others. None bothers to interfere in the private life of the other hence lesser problems. Due to spread of education and good sources of earning livelihood, the urbanites fall less prey to social evils. Such an easy,

comfortable and resourceful life becomes the eye-sore of the rural people.

On the other hand, the city people feel envious of the simple, Natural, carefree, spontaneous and transparent life-style of the ruralites. In their view, they live a hurry-less and worriless life. They are less ambitious and less egoist but more humane. They are miles away from the bug of blind materialism which is the mother of all the ills. Their life is easy paced, somewhat wild and raw, original and clean. They live near to Nature and in complete synchronicity with It hence more blissful and healthful. They have open houses and spaces and hearts. They take clean, original and nutrient food minus spicy, readymade fast foods. Moreover, they grow their own food through hard labor hence have immense appetite and deep relationship with their food. They enjoy good health because they

use body more hence remain free from mental tension, ills, diseases, depression and obsession. They are less formal but more real. They may be considered backward but they are too forward in matters of human values. They are at peace unto themselves through every thick and thin. Their family and social fabric is well knit and they stand by each other during testing times. Their life is not artificial and showy but is down-to-earth realistic. They find pleasure in being hosts and can do anything for their guests. They are true Epicureans enjoying life in all its dimensions. They don't live an isolated life but do have constant interaction with each and everyone. Their life standard may not be so high but their life vision is too deep. They are free from all kinds of pollution hence wholly healthy. In sum, they don't live like dead machines but enjoy life alive-fully.

Both rural and urban people are dependent on each other having their own fields of work. It is also a law of Nature that everything hath its own merits and demerits; nothing is perfect and it must be so because perfection means death. In fact, in today's world of materialism, the poor have to suffer everywhere whether in the city or in the village. The rich have urban facilities even in the villages and the poor can't have them even in the urban areas. The former hath thrill and color whereas the latter has precious things of life. In sum, there is no alternative to remain content wherever you are. Once I was asked to speak on rural vs. urban subject in the class in the briefest possible words. I spoke thus, "The urban people take bath in the morning whereas the rural ones do so in the evening" and it sums up the whole about the nature of professions of both. Lo and behold, my teacher and my classmates patted me

for the one-liner as it was too pregnant with meaning. Do ponder
over it and you too will grasp its meaning very easily.

The King And The Subject

‘The king hath power, the subject personal liberty.’

Someone has to be the ruler so as to run the earthly trinity.

There are various methods for deciding who the ruler would be.

The word 'king' means the ruler and the ruler has to take care of all

the sections of society. His task is too gigantic and testing because

he has to put his personal liberties at stake to serve the public

interests. 'Uneasy lies the head which wears the crown' denotes

the unlimited worries and concerns of the king. It is too hard to

manage one's own single home, think of the state of mind of that

person who hath to attend to innumerable heads. In today's world

of political awakening, the task of the king is becoming more and

more arduous. Due to population and science explosion the

demands of the people have increased and have become varied.

Today, the ruler has to remain on his toes for taking care of

peoples' basic needs first and then wants, luxuries and super-

needs. Safety and security of the people as well as the state are the major concerns of the ruler in today's volatile world. He is supposed to protect the basic rights of his people. In today's world of globalization and competition, he has to take some harsh decisions. He has to take all the sections of society along with him which is a very tedious job. To defend the unity and integrity of the state is a formidable task of the king. To maintain cordial relations with the neighbor states demands a great deal of statesmanship and diplomatic skills in the present ever-changing scenario. No doubt, the king has power, pelf and prestige but a cage is a cage howsoever a platinum coated it may be.

The subject thinks that the king has palatial palaces, huge properties, caravans of vehicles at his disposal, security paraphernalia and lavish life style. They are fascinated at how the

high officials of the state bow to his demands, whims and fancies.

They feel how a word from his mouth becomes a law unto itself.

They are wonder struck at his might, grandeur and authority. They

think that the ruler enjoys life at their expense on the might of might

and means. In their view, he lives an easy, comfortable, luxurious

and colorful life whereas they have to shed their blood for mere

sustenance. They aver that he has no worries as he hath all that

which is projected in the heavens somewhere else. What man

should cherish more than this – social, political and economic might

– the king being the cherished one of The Almighty. They go on

dreaming – would that I had been the king.

The king on the other side thinks that the common people live

a carefree and worriless life. They have to take care of themselves

only hence a well scheduled life pattern. They have plenty of time

to stand and stare. They are free from the hassles of power politics and intrigues. They live leisurely and playfully and are away from the mad and blind race of power, pelf and false prestige. They enjoy privacy of life and have immense time to be with their family and their own-self as well. They are free from the intricate worries of the state, inter-state, intra-state and international ones. They can move freely at their own free will. They have a very compact social circle hence few adversaries, hence are more secure and less tense. They are free from *rich* diseases and ills hence enjoy well psychosomatic life. They have a good family life because of stationery nature of their work and have deeper emotional relations with their family members, neighbors, relatives and friends. They remain free from family feuds that are related to the *game* of name, fame and pelf. They can make wild fun and frolic as and when they

want. They have less responsibilities and accountabilities in life.

They are their own *kings* as far as private life is concerned. The ruler rules over theirs' such precious possession which make life just a playful game.

In fact, everybody has gains and losses in his respective job.

The king hath almost all the worldly things for which the common people go on dreaming and dreaming and dreaming..... On the other hand, the subject enjoys the beauties of life even though they might be lacking in earthly possessions. It is too paradoxical that the opulent can enjoy but have no time to do so and those who know how to enjoy have no means to enjoy life. Every king is the king of all but for his own-self. The real question lies in being one's own-self whatever one is. So long as one goes on trying to be the other-self, one can't be at peace with his own-self. Everyone can

be one's own emperor but one has to give up looking at the other for being so. Learn to make best and judicious use of that which you have and to be there where you are. In this way, thou can be thine own emperor and enjoy life as it is just here and now. Ever remain thine own master, then nothing can shake thee.

The East And The West

‘May East and West meet!’

At first, man just crawled on this planet just like animals devoid of any means. He went on just surviving for an unknown length of time *evolving* in the process. By and by, many changes on the physical and mental level began to happen resulting in the dawn of the **present** man. Initially, he began to learn from Nature by observing It keenly and with curiosity. That's how he discovered fire and began to cook food and other discoveries followed by and by and the process went on going and will go on going. The real turning point happened after the transition from the stone-age to the metal-age. By and by, man began to make raw tools of the metal which helped him in hunting with ease. As he went on evolving, his thinking power went on improving and he went on making discoveries after discoveries to make life easy to easier. He began to live in groups near some watercourses some thousands

of years back and that's how the journey of civilization began. He learnt to grow food and make use of water for day-to-day needs. It is estimated that the formation of earth dates back to about forty million years. Too many violent changes after changes and counter-changes brought changes after changes in the climatic conditions on this planet resulting in the origin of life in the watercourses after millions of years of the onset of the water circle on this planet. It might have first appeared in the form of an Amoeba in water and took millions of years to crawl on to the ground and again took millions of years to go on evolving from one species to the other resulting in millions of species. As far as I can deduce, the human species in its present form, might have happened after billions of years of the *happening* of life on this unique planet. I have read that man undergoes the same very

journey from the Amoeba to the present man in mother's womb itself. The past of this species can be divided into two parts- the first being pre-historic of which there is less record and the second being historic of which we have details in some form or the other. In fact, the advent of language proved a turning point in bringing in sea changes in human life. After it, he began to give names to things and events etc. for his convenience. He began to frame calendars based on Lunar and Solar movements. He termed the movements in the Universe as Time and divided it further into years, months, days, hours, minutes and seconds for his convenience. Similarly, after exploring the geography of this planet, he divided it into four directions i.e. East, West, North and South. Each and everything on this planet has been given name by man himself just for the sake of addressing. If we scan the globe, then it

becomes crystal clear that the populated areas of the world are mostly spread from the East to the West, that's why East-West syndrome. It is but natural that man cultivates such life-vision as is prevalent where he takes birth, is brought up and lives the later-on life. Similarly, even his dress, language, customs and living habits are influenced by the prevalent system of the region he lives in.

West began to develop in the seventeenth century after the advent of science there and has certain geographical advantages which helped it in climbing the rungs of the ladder of development speedily. Its work- culture, honesty and integrity has made this part of the globe an advanced one. Most of the East on the other hand went on becoming not so advanced due to over population, under utilization of natural resources due to not so advanced science and technology, lack of three above mentioned qualities of the people of

the West. Man's ideology depends on the social, economic and political set up of his place of residence hence the division of the world into East-West syndrome. Both East and West have their own pluses and minuses. Let's proceed.....

The natives of the Eastern hemisphere think that the Western people are prosperous, pretty and healthy due to opulence and fine climate. Their standard of living is too high and glamorous. Due to abundance of means and opportunities, they have almost nil economic worry which is the mother of most of the worries. Their life is easy and comfortable due to ultra-modern and highly sophisticated technology at their command. They are virtually enjoying those very heavens just here of which the poor may dream somewhere else. Due to the spread of education, their social system is too liberal and based on scientific outlook hence

less social problems. Their social life is very vibrant and colorful due to availability of good social platforms due to plenty of means. Work culture is such as to work like a king for five days and enjoy like an emperor at the week-ends thus pre-empting many social and economic problems. The political system over there is too really democratic, transparent and responsive. Consequently, people's fundamental rights are rarely violated resulting in safety and security of life and property. Rule of law ensures equal justice to all. Due to modern infrastructural facilities, essentialities and facilities of life are provided for almost all. There are few hassles in life due to clean and responsive administration. In sum, people over there can enjoy life in a congenial social, economic and political environment.

Now let's us ponder over the views of the people of the West about the people of the Eastern part of the globe. They think that the people over there hath a certain degree of mental peace and tranquility. Though they lack in modern comforts and facilities even then they live a life of gratefulness and contentment. They are free from the wrangles of blind materialism and ills related to it. They live a leisurely life hence miles away from the rustle and bustle of the fast life. 'The more the pace, the less the peace'. Their life may not be showy and fancy but it is full of simplicity, innocence and wonder. They have less hence less lust and less ego, the two surest blockades in the way of blissfulness. They have to do physical work hence away from modern diseases and ills. They are more practical in solving problems of life. They have sufficient time to stand and stare. Due to less stress and tension, they live a

carefree and worriless life. Their social relations are not aristocratic and showy but are too deep and reliable. Human vices and ills are less manifested in eastern natives. Their life is just lively and breathing. Social and moral values are practiced and preserved by them leading to a certain order which keeps people away from frustration and wrong habits. They have precious treasures of feeling, compassion and sympathy. They are not caught in dog's tail and mouth round race of insatiable lust. They don't live a robotic life but enjoy a pulsating and alive life. In fact, they are human first and all other thereafter. They live a compact life, hence are more with themselves and Nature. Their family life is stable and full of love, care and attention. Moreover, they are optimistic, pragmatic and authentic. In a nutshell, they live and enjoy life as it is and don't waste it in following mirages.

We see that both East and West have something to give to each other. The latter hath the means and the former good values. The east should follow the work culture, honesty and integrity of the westerners. It should learn to value time and remain in tune with its changes, means shall follow this approach and all other things such as standard of living facilities, luxuries and comforts etc. do follow means. Infrastructural facilities coupled with educational and health ones can bring in qualitative changes in life. West too on its part can learn from east the noble values of family and social life. It can follow other rich practices of the Orient old culture and civilization which will help in spiritual growth of man. It can invest means in East to improve its lot. It too will gain in the process because the health of its stagnant economies will improve. It has to be done so otherwise stagnation in economy will ruin the big brother one day

and that has begun to be so. But alas! So far west has been investing in destruction which yields no economic output but for the political one. That's why economic slowdown is increasing day-by-day and the day will come for ultimate depression. In this way, East too is going down due to the vicious circle of poverty and increasing population. It shows both are suffering due to their respective reasons. I seem to be talking utopia now but it has to be so someday otherwise the whole world will have to face the music.

Similarly, West has to learn from its younger brother the art of living and leaving. It has to appreciate the social and human values because man being a social being can't close his eyes to this reality. It should follow the noble values of deep family and social relations. It should shun the path of mad rat race as it leads to too many diseases and ills. There must be some let-go if man wants to

be at first with his own-self and then with the whole existence. The West has to come out of the cyclic mad race of blind lust as it shuts the door to beauties of life and Nature. Life can become interesting, lively and lovely if man knows the art of striking a balance between matter and soul. He has to be the master of mind so that he can wriggle himself out of the pernicious trap of the **political** game of mind. West should learn to remain ever grateful to the existence whatsoever may be the circumstances because it has blessed us with the precious infinite treasure at first for sustaining life and thereafter making it comfortable and resourceful. It should learn to remain composed and calm through every thick and thin of life. Such an approach will help it in tackling the present problems such as violence, short-temper, tension in relations, deadly and

dangerous physical, mental and spiritual diseases and ills
etc.....

In sum, man's mind works alike irrespective of his place of residence, ever considering the other better than him. That's why Eastern people have been migrating to the Western lands for raking in more moolah and the Western ones to seek spiritual bliss. But the middle path lies in striking a balance between the matter and the soul. For this, the culture of earning the means of the West and the values of the East to have peace of mind has to be synthesized so as to make man '**meansful and blissful**' the world over. Both East and West should learn good things of life from each other. They should shun their respective **extremes** and settle down at the middle path because the middle path is always easy and fruitful. East should not ignore future by harping on glorifying

the dead past and the West should not remain over-obsessed with the yet-to-be future. Both are missing present where life lies. 'Learn from past, hope for future but enjoy the present.' If we observe objectively then it becomes crystal clear that only present exists – past being by-gone present and future being in-coming present. But it had ever been human tendency to remain ever sandwiched between past and future hence missing the very *present* 'present' and it is the root cause of all the miseries on this planet. Those who value present are sure to be successful as well as blissful-the ultimate desires of man of living a comfortable as well as joyous life-just a living paradise very much here and just now. The process of East-West meet has been set in motion by economic globalization. Social and political globalization will do follow it by and by because this trio is so much linked to one another that they

have to go side by side. Once this happens, people of both the polarities shall begin to learn to strike a balance between the matter and the soul when they come in to interaction with one another dawning the dawn of a totally new man 'Zorba-The Budha' which is the need of the hour if we want to make this world a better place to enjoy the Nature-blessed Heaven here. Who bothers about the **fictional** heaven when one can enjoy the real one very much here consciously? May this happen sooner than later!

The Good And The Evil

‘Both good and evil are inevitable.’

As and when man began to think, ideas began to flow incessantly. By and by, he began to separate the grain from the chaff. The brain which remained unpolluted till the happening of thinking began to be stuffed with ideas. Earlier man used his thinking power for making arrangements for three basic needs of life. When he became able to do so, then he began to upgrade those very three B-needs which he is doing right now too and will go on doing so! In the process, the brain went on becoming sharpened and sharpened and sharpened..... The formation of the brain is such by Nature that whatever is **fed** in it by the worldly system becomes a permanent part and parcel of it. The child enters this world with a clean brain but is begun to be conditioned right from the word go. If we go further deep, then we can see that much had been chartered much before the birth of the

child because the journey of life begins right from the inception itself because genes too play the fundamental role in the formation of the cells of body and the behavior of the mother too shapes the destiny of the yet-to-be-born child along with the immediate environ. In this way, almost most of the life-vision's foundation is laid till the end of the childhood. Those who have well genes and are well groomed develop in to good human beings and the otherwise gened and groomed ones turn in to the otherwise beings and so goes on the show of good and evil. There have ever been the two forces of good and evil on this planet and these might be a must by Nature. When the forces of the good are in more %age, then that era is termed as 'Satyuga' (The Well-Era) but when the forces of the evil are in more %age then that era is termed as

‘Kalyuga’ (The Evil-Era). The epic of Ramayana depicts this reality of society in a very novel way.

The good avers that the evil enjoys pelf, power and prestige in this ill-era of evil and cunningness. They are meansful and resourceful and have high status in the society. They have not to do any hard work for being socially, economically and politically sound. They live an opulent and comfortable life. In fact, they are manipulative enough that they commit all sorts of crimes by putting on the cloak of the so-called social-worker. By doing so, they earn both public applause and immunity from law as well. They are respected everywhere and have omni-say. Moreover, people bear their ill-doings out of fear as they have all the earthly powers on their side. They have both the purchasing and the snatching power. In fact, the evil hath mostly ruled the roost. ‘The king can be good

but the good can rarely be the king.' They have the might and might always wrongs the right. The good anyhow goes along with life working like an ox and living like a....? They remain pauper on all the three social, economic and political fronts. What an ill-system indeed! The good are made to be befooled again when they are told that some super power is testing them and they will be rewarded for it in next lives? They are suggested to bear all the sufferings mutely as they are being punished for their some ill-doings of the earlier lives. In this way, the evil goes on exploiting the good and gaining worldly powers in the process.

The evil on the other hand thinks that the good hath a certain degree of contentment and compose. They live fearlessly and freely. They enjoy the **true** respect of the people and are at peace with their own-selves. They need no certificate of goodness from

anyone as they hath their own certificate from their own conscience. In this way, they are not dependent on anyone for certification, hence really independent. They might not have other mundane possessions but they enjoy a certain inner precious treasure. They are free from the constant fear of any kind because they have done nothing wrong in life. Sometimes, they might have to suffer but even then they remain evenly poised. They live and leave contented sans any grudge and remorse. They remain free from the complexities of the evil life. Their individual and family life is at ease with its own-self as they have nil sense of guilt. Their old age is comparatively graceful because they have done nothing ill over which to repent.

In sum, both evil and good have their own respective pains and gains. 'Excess of everything is bad and so is the want thereof.'

‘Be situational, be neither too good nor too bad but be as required.’

‘Goodness is its own reward, the evils its own punishment.’

The Conclusion

‘Do learn from the exact opposite.’

Everything has its own exact opposite in the whole show of Nature just as day-night, darkness-light, joys-sorrows etc. All the chapters of this book are based on such paradoxes of life and Nature. Man remains miserable by envying at his own exact opposite. He can be joyous by remaining in his own place. He should not envy the other but must learn from it by doing away with its minuses and picking up its pluses. By doing so, he will arrive at a synthesis which will make his life centered. Remember, nothing has any values sans its own exact opposite. Has light any value sans darkness? Those who learn to strike a balance between two exact opposite can never be miserable. It is too easy but too difficult as well, to get out of the human nature of looking at the other. Insatiable lust is at the root of such nature of man. Don't look at the other because he is looking at thee and both are suffering in

the process. You can't look into your own-self so long as you are looking at the other. In fact, you have completely forgotten thine own-self by ever gazing at the other. You are you and he is he because every cell in the show of Nature is unique what to say of the full man. 'Be thine own very self just here and now' is the only talisman to get rid of the nature of ever-envying the other. The other will automatically vanish the moment you begin to be your own-self. The choice is thine – look into or look outside.....