



21st Century's ways towards spiritualism, realism

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I would like to treat everything differently as exceptions are searched during crises than generalizations. To quote a common proverb, "***Swimming along the flow is effortless but swimming against it needs effort. Don't go the way life takes you, but take life the way you want to go. Dare to be different.***"

Honesty should be inculcated from one's home, right from childhood when we emulate our parents' way and standard /sources of living which further gets strength in our primary education and gets maturity during adolescence. This acts as basis for our moral strength/corruption as we all inherit our childhood happenings till adulthood. As child, we are carried away more by actions than spoken words. Unfortunately, due to improper prioritization of moral education at our primary courses, our country has been plunged to this extreme where we score a **meagre** 3.3 index out of 10 points' index on honesty as per index prepared by Transparency International in 2011. We are ranked 87th in the Earth as most honest country, much below Denmark, New Zealand and Singapore who have scored 9.3 out of 10. Only Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Afghanistan and some middle-east countries are reported to be more corrupt than India. We have to go for self-introspection for this and find out remedial measures like proper public accountability for all executives holding public offices/corporate offices/media/NGOs and voluntary organizations, time-bound speedy delivery of justice against corrupts and attachment of ill-gotten properties to State, protection to whistleblowers and enactment of Lokpal Bill covering all 122 crore population of our country under its ambit. Over a period of years, corruption in private and corporate sectors including media houses, NGOs have gone steep increase due to inadequacy of legislations.



For an effective progressive drive, we have to plan out our long-term strategy as a nation with ultimate aim of becoming Superpower by 2025. In my mind, first and foremost step is to *strengthen Primary education* and make it compulsory with emphasis on high moral and ethical education comprising noble thoughts of Gandhiji and our ancestral heroes. 2nd step in mind is to *arouse Patriotism and Nationhood* feeling which was visible on 2.4.11 when we won World Cup in Cricket. I don't feel this would have been ever possible without strong desires and will power of 122 Crore population. Remember, we have defeated strong contenders and superior teams like Australia, Pakistan and Srilanka, en route to lifting this Cup. 3rd step in my mind is to visualize and practice SPIRITUALISM in each of our day-to-day activities. I would like to define modestly the word SPIRITUALISM as following.

S- SELFLESSNESS / SANCTITY /SERVILITY

P- PURITY/ PIOUSNESS/ PROFESSIONALISM

I- IMAGINATION / INTUITION

R- RIGHTEOUSNESS

I- INTELLIGENCE

T- TRUTHFULNESS/TOGETHERNESS

U- UNIVERSALISM

A- AMICABILITY

L- LOYALTY TO LAW AND PATRIOTISM

I- IDEALISM

S- SELF-ACTUALISATION / SALVATION

M- MANNERISM

After defining Spiritualism, we should endeavor to find out lacuna in ourselves. We will definitely get our replies within ourselves. Most of us have missed the way of life some way or other by drifting away from ethical, conscientious ones. We are all duped by pseudo-honesty, hypocrisy, diplomacy and started losing our self-trust/self-belief. We have started comparing with abnormal high growth rate of our neighbors' through illegitimate ways. I have been always arguing over the theme of Newton's 3rd law which reads "EACH ACTION HAS GOT EQUAL AND OPPOSITE



REACTION” which is very much relevant for each of our daily activities. May be, we are lucky enough to be bestowed with power, privileges, authority in our present life. To my mind, all these good fruits enjoyed by us are attributed to residual *sat-karma* of past life. To be borne as poor or ill-fated or with squint eyes/blind/deaf/dumb/with physical deformities can be perceived to our residual sins of yester life. If we understand this analogy, we should be scared of doing wrongs or running **after short-cuts** or acting with malicious/**motivated motives** with some resultant aim/objective. Lord Krishna has elaborated on this by saying, “Man should do *niskam* (selfless) karma, without aiming for fruit. It is up to me to give fruits on its merit”. In this eternal astronomical universe, we just stand nowhere before Supreme Force. In stead of complete surrendering, we are vaguely and foolishly running after transient and temporary allurements at stupendous cost of our values, conscience and credibility. We must not do any wrong for which we would repent alone in future as timeservers would not be remaining to share with our sorrows. To quote a proverb:

Birth is - our opening balance,
Death - our closing balance,
Prejudiced views are - our liabilities,
Creative ideas and good deeds -assets,
Heart is - our current asset,
Soul - our fixed asset,
Brain - a fixed deposit,
Thinking - our current account,
Goodwill and achievements are - our capital;
Character and morals - our stock-in-trade,
Friends - our general reserves,
Values and behavior - our goodwill,
Patience -interest earned,
Love -our dividend,
Children - our bonus issues,
Education - a brand,
Knowledge is - our investment,



Profit and loss is - Karma earned.

Before final assessment (death), Balance your Sheet !

So we must prepare our balance sheet before we book our ticket for retired life and next life. Choice is definitely in our hands.

I would like to define modestly the word 'HONESTY' as most of us are confused with its pecuniary aspect only. Of course, pecuniary honesty is one of most important determinant of definition, but it expands much beyond that also. One may be honest monetarily, but he is considered dishonest if he does not maintain morale honesty and behaviour honesty. We must maintain fairness and transparency to all issues, circumstances without being carried away by past credentials of anybody. Personal liking or disliking, favoritism should not be criteria to judge one's dishonesty or honesty. I sincerely feel that a senior officer though honest in financial aspect is most dishonest if he deprives a suitable officer from his legitimate service prospectus and unduly extends it to his favorable incompetent officer only on basis of favoritism. In my opinion, mental suffering/shock is more painful than losing money. Not only we should appear to be fair, it must be perceptively felt by all quarters. In our day-to-day decision-making, there should not be any ambiguity on ground of caste, religion, sect, sex, region, Gotra etc. At the same time, an honest officer must be able to decide each case on its merit without any external influence and without any unreasonable delay. Merit of the issue must be sole criteria for deciding any subject matter. Without above, self-advertisement will not give any credibility angle to one.

I would like to add two *collections on money*: ' *I met money and said why everyone runs behind you, you are just a piece of paper. Money smiled and said of course I am just a piece of paper, but I haven't seen a dust-bin yet in my whole life.*'

'*A person who have lots of money is not RICH , But one who have lots of Time to Spend that money is RICH !Have a RICH Life.*'

ANOTHER QUOTE: Somebody once asked God !'***What surprises you most about Mankind?***' God replied... '***They lose their health to make money and then, lose their money to restore their health. By thinking anxiously***



about the future, they forget the present; such that they neither live for the present nor for the future. They live as if they will never die and they die, as if they had never lived. So live every moment of your life!

Coming to our karma life, we must work with a mission or vision for nation-building as all our cumulative work output will put our country on top of world which cannot be accomplished without our combined visionary activities.

Swami Vivekananda was once asked by a Blind Person : " Can There Be Anything Worse Than Losing Your SIGHT ? " He Replied : " Yes, Losing your VISION."

To raise our national productivity / output, we must work out in plugging all loopholes in the system and thereby minimizing transmission-related losses as per Carnot's physical theory. All of us must blow whistles by detecting rats in the system for optimizing our precious resources' utilization. Time has come for our nation to pull down and confine pseudo-honest persons and diplomatic Hippocrates. Similarly, a saying reads **"whatever good we do is never lost, it is credited to our account. Every shadow has its light. Every night has its morning. Every pang of pain has its thrill of pleasure & every salt tear has its crystal."**

I would like to add one famous quote, ***'Never trust the doubted & never doubt the trusted one. GOD has given us "REAL EYES" to "REALISE" the "REAL LIES". Therefore, think twice & act wise.'***

To summarize above, my humble submission is to raise our national standards by eliminating corruption from all wings of public activities through dint of spirited hard work, good citizenry, spiritualism as path of life, strong moral and compulsory primary education, social accountability by all, obedience to laws of land and obedience of Fundamental Duties by all citizens, effective time-bound prosecutions of corruption cases, honesty in day-to-day activities by all.
