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## Welcome to Chicago Chautari Times - 92nd Edition

### Overcoming Defects with Decency - Happy Deepawali

Both the mundane and the extraordinary person are conditioned soul. Conditioned souls are subject to four types of defects: possession of imperfect senses (incomprehensiveness of senses), propensity for cheating (self-importance), certainty of committing mistakes (largely due to ignorance), and inevitability of being illusioned (inability for proper discrimination). The degree of conditioning, that is the extent of fairness or impartiality imparted - alternatively the unfairness and partiality they abide, vary from person to person. Given this, how can we trust anyone? What assurance we can have if any action from a conditioned person will be good? Will not the possibility of fairness be low if not at all? How to live in such an environment of uncertainty? We can ask all types of such question to bewilder.

In the last ten plus years, I do not know how many things and how many times I might have done something wrong or incorrect things? How much I may have disappointed one or more person with whom I interacted or worked together, with many different persons in our community? How much unhappy I may have caused them or made their life miserable? On the contrary, how much I have faced similar thing from other with whom I was associated or interacted for one or other matters? Am I very unhappy? We are unhappy or displeasure or discontent from other. But sometime, our displeasures are also due to our own above mentioned inherent defects, and for that there is no one to blame.

With all of this, if we look at us and around us carefully, the situation is not that worst however. So the next question then will be why and how we are alright or actually happy generally? The answer to all these questions lies in knowing the fact that 'We know we have the defects, but we also know we have the decencies also. Our decencies are our virtues. We all possess of many kinds of virtues. Those virtues, such as forgiveness, tolerance, humility, and so on, have enormous power to quell any ill effect of mistreatment and misbehaviors. They save us from ruining. They have the effect of guiding us for a proper action. So, we need to have faith that the decencies are very powerful than our defects. Because our decencies save us. While our defects, even if they are widespread, have lesser effect because of the presence of our decencies, even if they are sparse. Meaning there may be more people knowingly or unknowingly using defects and fewer people acting with decencies.

In my own case, I consider you always have tolerated me, you always have forgiven me, etc. even for my inappropriate actions or inactions. I know you have shown the humility towards me despite my ill temperament or whatever. You also have always encouraged me to do something more. I think this is only because of your decencies. It cannot happen with your defects. Your decencies cause you to treat me the best way possible. Therefore, I feel fortunate to realize about your decencies and your wisdom. Your prudent behavior to me is not surprising because we are people from a culture whose most important character is tolerance, forgiveness and so on. We are people of decency.

Our decencies have brought us all together. It had made us stronger than any single one of us. Our very actions have strengthened our decencies further and weakened our defects. Every time when we feel something not right, we must be careful first to use our decency so that we act wiser and be ourselves stronger and make our unity strong. We need each other collectively to strengthen our character, our unity, our purpose to fulfil our future progress. Let us remember to thank our creator giving us so many decencies we possess and our freedom to choose decency above defects and build strong unity among ourselves. It is important to remember this at the time of celebrating our greatest tradition of Tihar. We love all beings and when we step up to quell the darkness from illumination, by lighting candles and lights to dispel outer darkness and use this to quell our defects to make the decencies more revealing. Happy Dipawali. - Dr. Bishnu Phuyal

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## Types of people in fast-food restaurants

Hello there its me again back at it again with another world defining topic...Types of people in fast-food restaurants. This might seem really random but we all at some point in our lives go to a fast food place at some point. Like McDonald's, Burger king etc. But we all encounter the same types of people at some point in these places at some point too. For example, Mr. I don't care how long it takes for me to order (impressive name right?). Now at first this might not make sense but its basically the people mainly in a drive through who take the longest time possible to order their food, and I'm talking like freaking 25 minutes. This is what their conversation would probably go like.

Guy working at McDonald's: Hello can I take your order, Customer: Yes can I have the medium...

Guy working at McDonald's: I'm sorry we don't have that., Customer: OK then can I have a extra large...

Guy working at McDonald's: I'm sorry we don't have that either, Customer: Fine then can I have the... \*getting a bit annoyed\*

Guy working at McDonald's: Sorry again we don't have that either.

20min later

Customer: THEN WHAT DO YOU HAVE?????!!?!?!?!?, Guy working at McDonald's: Um we have the....

HONK! HONK! Random guy behind them: HURRY IT UP

Guy working at McDonald's: So what would you..., Customer: Ah forget it I'm going to Burger King

Guy working at McDonald's: \*mumbles\* finally, Customer: What was that?

Guy working at McDonald's: Um..., Customer: ARE YOU GIVING ME ATTITUDE?!?!?

Guy working at McDonald's: No sir it's just that..., Customer: WELL THEN I AM OUTTA HERE

See what I mean? These people can be so annoying and you'r just so dang nice that you don't have the guts to make them hurry up. The next example, The best person you will ever meet. This person is basically the best person you will ever see in a fast-food place. This person is quick, doesn't get in the way and has very good manners. Literally the best person ever! They have every quality needed in a good fast-food experience. Manners quickness and they won't annoy to your death. Moving on the next person. This next one is actually a person who just doesn't give 2 turkeys about how good her personality is or how well they serve your food, they just don't care. They're just always not happy, they don't care about whatever you need like napkins or an extra bag. The only thing that would make them happy would be firing them or doing something drastic.

- **Alok Das**



## Tricks

The main reason that I named this article because it is all about tricks that you will enjoy all lot so let's begin! In Halloween people ask for candy so you have to give them candy. Here is a trick that you can save up candy in no time. Go to your computer and type 'No more candy' then print it, place it on your front door. Then no more people will come to your house to ask for candy (if you have no printer or you do not want to just write down no more candy on a piece of paper). You know when you have to write a card for a birthday or baby shower and your mom wants to write in on marker. But you do not want to mess up. Here is a tip write the things that you write down or draw. Then write or draw over it marker or crayon. But remember this erase that pencil that you wrote with so the people that you give it to don't know! You know when you have to chew something that you don't like and you have to eat it or drink well this trick will make you be a good person. If you have to drink something that you hate (or any kind of liquid) just plug your nose because your nose is a part of your body that can taste. It will taste like nothing. For solids get a knife and cut that food into small bits. Here is the hard part to not to forget make the pieces so that you can swallow.

Here is the last trick for the day! Whenever you play tag and the person that is it is slow and did not get tagged you go up to them. You say that you will wake and he can run. If he says yes then walk very fast but not too much fast. Go to a place where there is a ton of people and make him lose track of you. Then start running away. If he says no just run 100 miles per hour

and make him lose track of you. Here are some handy dandy tricks that will make your life easy!  
- **Aarogya Regmi**

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## The Importance of Govardhan Hill

Today I will be telling a story about how Krishna saves Vrindavan. It all starts off when all of the people in the village are worshipping lord Indra and then Krishna asks his father, Nanda baba, "Why are we worshipping lord Indra?", "What is the importance?" Then Nanda baba says the importance of worshipping lord Indra is that he is the one who gives us rain and if we don't have rain then the fields won't grow all the precious food. That is why we worship lord Indra. Then Krishna says but why don't we worship govardhan hill that is the most important part of Vrindavan. Vrindavan gives food for us and all our cows. Then Nanda baba thinks about it and tells all of the people in Vrindavan that they are going to worship Govardhan Hill instead of worshipping lord Indra. After Indra hears that they are not worshipping him he says how they could do this to me. Why would they want to worship a mound of earth instead of me? Then lord Indra calls Shambharta cloud and tells him to start a huge storm and destroy the land of Vrindavan. Sumbharta does what Indra tells him to do. But when the storm starts everybody takes shade under a tree. Nanda baba says that Krishna has made him angry and he should do something to save Vrindavan. Krishna says that he will save Vrindavan then he goes to Govardhan hill and puts his pinky next to it and creates a crack next to it. The hill starts going up and Krishna jumps under the hill and starts to hold it up. He calls all the people in the village to come for shade. Krishna starts to play a song with one hand then Shambharta says to lord Indra that Krishna is still protecting Vrindavan. Lord Indra says that he should see this miracle by himself. He goes and sees that Krishna is saving Vrindavan and makes a tornado. Then Krishna sucks up the tornado then the sun starts rising and everybody gets out of the shade and cheers for Krishna. Lord Indra is amazed with Krishna's power. So he comes down to find out who this Krishna is. He comes and talks to him. Krishna explains Vrindavan is providing the people and their cows with food, firewood, and timber. Therefore, it is necessary to recognize and serve Vrindavan. Indra understood everything and apologized to Krishna. - *Isha Mishra*

## Athletics

Athletics is a collection of sporting events that involve competitive running, jumping, throwing and walking. The most common types of athletics competitions are track and field, road running, cross country running, and race walking. Athletics was first played in 776 BCE.

### Some Facts about Athletics:

There has been 78 different events in Olympics Athletics.

Athletics has been part of Olympics for 29 times.

The Athletics competition is organized by **IAAF** (International Association of Athletics Federations).

**NDAA** (The Northeast Disabled Athletics Association) is the organization for disabled athletes.

### Some famous athletes:

Baikuntha Manandhar (Nepali)

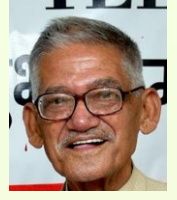
Mira Rai (Nepali)

Usain Bolt (Jamaican)

Justin Gatlin (American)

Kerron Stewart (Jamaican)

## तीर्थ हो हाम्रो देश



तीर्थ हो हाम्रो देश, हो हाम्रो घर मन्दिर ।  
 शालिग्राम यहीं शिला, छन् यहीं गौरी शंकर ॥  
 यहीं भए ऋषभदेव, यहीं बसे कपीश्वर ।  
 जनक, ब्यास, कौशिकी, भरत, वाल्मिकी, नारद ॥  
 गायत्री, शक्ति, सावित्री, सीता, लक्ष्मी र पार्वती ।  
 कपिल, सिद्धार्थ बराह, लब (कुश लम्बोदर ॥  
 लेखियो यहीं बेद, यहीं रामायण भारत ।  
 गणना शास्त्र ब्याकरण, रची नाचे नटेश्वर ॥  
 तीर्थ हो हाम्रो देश, हो हाम्रो घर मन्दिर ।  
 हुन् पृथ्वी लक्ष्मी माता, पिता सूर्य हरिहर ॥

## हाम्रो धर्म

आमा हुन् पृथ्वी हाम्री, सूर्य देव परमपिता ।  
 भाषा हुन् भगिनी हाम्री, वन्धु वान्धव शिष्टता ॥  
 कर्तव्य कर्म हो हाम्रो, हो संस्कृत सभ्यता ।  
 नेपाली हामी हिमाली, हाम्रो धर्म मनुष्यता ॥

- किशोर कुमार गौतम, असल संगत, चारसमी  
 (गुलरिया) बर्दिया ।



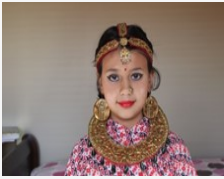
- *Sanskriti Phuyal (Kathmandu, Nepal)*



## Walls

They are tall, and wide, thick, sturdy, meant to prevent someone from getting through. Their purpose is to divide, to separate. Walls are made of cement. Cement sandwiched between bricks and that cement solidifies it all, and ensuring that no one gets past. But sometimes, those walls are not visible. You can't pick them apart like bricks on cement. Sometimes you can't even see them. Sometimes these walls are things like the melanin in your skin, or the books you've read, or the kind of clothes you're wearing. Some people—they can walk right through walls, and not feel a thing. Others find themselves constantly running into walls, slamming their heads against phantom partitions. Still others tiptoe through their universe with their hands out, trying to feel for walls before they slam into them. But then there are those who, having slammed into walls before, are now terrified of doing so again. So they avoid everything of substance in fear of hitting those walls again. They see walls where there are none. They guide others around nothing—not out of malice, but out of fear. These are people who know what it means to hit a wall. They have felt jarred, shaken of their beliefs—these are people so afraid of walls that they would rather sacrifice opportunities than face one again.

Why are walls so scary? They are tall, and wide, thick, sturdy, to be sure. But they are not impossible to climb. There are ways and ways to be rid of walls. You can tear them down, yes, if you are thinking of the others that may encounter them. But if you're thinking of yourself—you can just use a rope. - *Rhitom Mishra*



## What would you be?

If you could be anything in the world what would you be and why? And I mean you could be anything in any way, it could be a job or an animal (real or fiction) or an everyday object. Job wise, I would be a doctor, because I want to help people in need. Animal wise, I would love to be a cheetah because I would be able to do things quick and fast. Everyday object wise, I'd be delighted to be a computer because I serve multiple purposes. I could help with school work or be used for entertainment. Food wise, I would like to be a smoothie/milkshake because they're both nutritious and delicious. Flower wise, I would favor being a rose because it is simple yet elegant and stands for the month I was born in, June. - *Simran Adhikari*



## Is Alexander Really Great?

Alexander the Great, despite his name, was not as great as historians say he is. True, he was the king of Macedonia in ancient times and conquered a large area of land, including Greece. What many don't tell you is that he didn't unite the territory that he took over, so he hadn't quite built a true empire. Not to mention, his reign only lasted a short thirteen years. Adding on to this statement, his fame only comes from those who tried to emulate him. In other words, he was only made great by the people that considered him as such. Many credit him for the cultural diffusion of the Greek civilizations, such as seen in the town of Alexandria in Egypt. True, he did begin the conquering quests, which lead to him men getting tired, but the ones that chose to abandon him were the ones who actually sprinkled Greek culture along with them. A lot of what Alexander did was go around naming cities after himself and his precious horse. And with this, his "greatness" withers away. Alexander the Great, although having done well in some aspects, doesn't fully live up to his name.

- *Shikha Adhikari*

## आशीर्वाद



हामी अन्धाहरुको जमातले ,  
राखेनौं मतलब किन हो ?  
के राम्रो अनि नराम्रो भनि !  
झोला बोक्दै पछि लाग्यौं ,  
यहि हो हाम्रो भनि !

यस्तै हुनाले समाजमा ,  
बिकृति ब्याप्त हुन गयो !  
क्षणिक स्वार्थमा दौडदा ,  
देश अन्धकार भयो !

बुद्धि विवेक अनि दृष्टि लगाई !  
बुझे कोशिस गरौं अब ,  
सत्य र असत्य लाई !  
यहि आशीर्वाद देउ ,  
माता दुर्गा मलाई !

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