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Divine Display

What can be said to the person who practices austerity (Tap), is mindful for holiness (Pabitrata), shows compassion (Daya) and is resolute on truth (Satya)? What will such a person find, in him and in other from such activities? What we know from our own experience is that having unflinching and steadfast focus in these highly moral things have the profound effect in knowing the vastness lying inside us, that which is sort of dormant and sort of illusive otherwise. The moral behaviors seem to cause opening in knowing and seeing inside which is more vigorous and reflexive. As soon as one finds this, the subtle and fallible senses we have, which we assume are awake and sort of active all the time, may begin behaving more in disciplined way and can take full control making them active or passive as needed. The knowing grows as the practice of the moral activities continues longer, more is known of this vastness and its power. All human beings and even other beings can also recognize this in such a person; they begin admiring the person, they all get along easily as all begin finding peace with it and its surrounding.

Such a person exhibits equanimity to all beings. Such a person is always mindful to everything in the present; it appears the past does not cause him any sorrow, nor the unknown future makes any anxiety. They become intimate to each other no matter how different second person may be with those moral virtues. They practice those and show tolerance, humility, charity and hope all the time. Such are the qualities of undisturbed and stable person and their actions have power to make everything in their surroundings in harmony with the nature. Nothing is against, everything is natural and peaceful. Pain and pleasure are simply the natural process of evolution for them. These are behaviors no one dislikes, because those are beneficial to all. These are Godlike behaviors. No matter how different another person may be, there is always sufficient space in their hearts for deep adoration of these morals.

There is nothing more valuable nor there anything less useful, everything has importance on its own right. Power to bear scorching heat or stand on biting cold both has the same effect to kind or tender things, which can survive only in normal condition, therefore both can be regarded equivalent. In the same way, the pleasure and pain have the effect of disturbing our mind and then to our peace. However, for a person with moral virtues, it is different. They recognize these and accept. The accepting nature teaches us also things like tolerance to others views, humility to everyone, charity for harmonious life and hope for wellbeing and serenity of all.

As they have shown this is possible, all we need to do perhaps is and spend time in solitude for some time every day. In solitude, we are more to our own intrinsic nature. In crowd, we are far from our nature, because we are influenced by the falsehood or fiction (Asatya), sensuality (Mad), attachment (Asakti), and cruelty (Nirdayata). In crowd, the demonic nature prevails, Godly nature prevails in solitude.

There are hardly very few with Godlike behaviors. History tells us only handful of such people lived in the long span of time. Even with so few, their effect exists because the Godly things have the power to be pervasive and cannot be destroyed. Human history tells us this. We also can understand that each of us have the potential and hence possible to be Godlike person. If we have only handful of such people and they exerted so much effect on us from their behaviors, what can happen if more of us can become like them in understanding these qualities and knowing the divinity inside us. If any person can stick in those pure virtues in the face of our earth, will not that elevate all of us to a higher level than what we are now? Can we begin to act for our own progress and for the unfettered peace in the face of the Earth? May our consciousness guide us to become what our inner self is!

- Dr. Bishnu Phuyal

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My First Phone

It was the week before thanksgiving. My mom and I were in the kitchen when randomly out of nowhere she looked up and said she might get me a phone. So just out of curiosity I asked why? She said since I had been responsible and had good grades, also I needed it for after school stuff, so she would get me a phone. So being the excited person I was, for the next few hours all I did was look for black Friday deals for the phone that I wanted to get. After looking for a long time, I finally found the phone that I liked, Samsung galaxy on5.

Eventually the day came that I was going to get my new phone. I woke up at 2 in the morning (not lying) because I was so excited. I couldn't sleep at all. 6 hours passed and when it was about 8:00 A.M my mom left for shopping and she said when she got back I could go with my dad to get my phone. So I waited and waited and waited until she finally came home. It was only a couple hours but it seemed like an eternity. When she did come home it was lunch time, which means my dad would get hungry, which also means I would have to wait a bit longer before we could go! When he finished eating we left to go to the T-mobile store which is 5 miles away.

15 minutes later....



I was with my dad in the T-mobile store waiting in line to get my new phone. I was practically jumping in excitement because this was my very first phone. So after about half an hour we finally got to the store clerk. We wanted to get a 'pay as you' go phone plan. After we talked about discounts the guy added it all up to be about twice of what we expected to pay for it. My dad and I were naturally dumbfounded. So my dad asked if they charged us the activation fee. The advertisement mentioned free activation and that is what we expected. So the guy at the counter said, "ohhh yeah that's right I completely forgot!". When he said this I mentally face palmed because how do you forget the activation fee???!?!? So he took the activation fee off the total cost. We also mentioned that we already had a T-mobile account. So the guy at the counter replied, "ohhh yeah that's right", as if he just remembered something. He probably already knew that we had an account, but he just wanted us to pay more so he didn't mention it to us! Annoying greedy T-mobile clerks!!! In the end it all worked out fine. My dad didn't pay double the actual price of the phone, I got a phone, and for 1 month I have 2 Gigs of data and unlimited text/call. I love my new phone. I don't have much more to talk about it since I've only had this phone for about 2 days. - **Alok Das**



Donald Trump

Donald Trump is going to be our new president of USA. But, do you know all about our 45th president? Donald John Trump was born in June 14, 1946 in New York city in New York. He is in the Republican Party. His Vice President (Mike Pence) and himself are going to be in office in January 20, 2017. He has 5 children Donald Jr, Ivanka, Eric, Tiffany, and Barron. Barron only being 10 years old. And Donald Jr being 38years old. At the age of 13 Trump was at the New York Military Academy. Trump got a bachelor degree in economics from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania in 1968. Let's talk about the election now. Trump got 29 states so far but there are a few more states. Trump also has 290 electoral votes. That means Trump is now our new president for 4 years. Trump lovers are happy that Trump won. Hillary lovers are sad that Hillary lost. So let's hope Hillary would run for president in the next 4 years.



Hillary Clinton

Hillary is a good person and has a good life.

Hillary was a candidate that was running for president but then lost because of Donald Trump. Now Trump is president and Hillary is not. Let's talk about Hillary though! Hillary was born on October 26, 1947 (now 69) in Chicago, Illinois. She was raised in the suburban town of Park Ridge, Illinois. And attended Wellesley College, graduated in 1969. She got a J.D. from law school in 1973. She moved to Arkansas and married to Bill Clinton. Her only child is Chelsea Clinton. She was born in February 27, 1980. Hillary got 228 electoral votes and Trump got 290. Trump is now going to be our president. Trump got 29 states and Hillary got 20 states. Hillary is a Democrat and her husband was a Democrat also.

So let's cheer for her next year! - **Aarogya Regmi**





Christmas

Christmas day is on December 25th every year. Christmas started out as a Christian holiday that was honoring the birth of Jesus Christ, a spiritual leader whose teachings form the basis of their religion. Over two millennia Christmas evolved into a worldwide religious and secular celebration. Today, Christmas is a time for friends and family to come together to exchange gifts. Since 1870 Christmas Day, December 25th, has been a federal holiday. Some popular customs are, sharing a meal with friends and family, attending church, decorating a Christmas tree, exchanging gifts, singing carols, and waiting for Santa Claus to arrive on Christmas Day! Christmas means "Feast Day of Christ". The season to prepare for Christmas is called Advent. Advent begins on Sunday, four weeks before Christmas. The Christmas season, which is called Christmastide, ends on January 6. In conclusion, Christmas is a day honoring the birth of Jesus Christ, a time for friends and family to come together, is also a time to attend church, sing carols, share a meal with friends and family, decorate a Christmas tree, wait for Santa Claus to arrive, and exchange gifts. Christmas is a very important holiday that many Christians and non-Christians celebrate, and has many customs, meanings, names, and preparations to be done for it. So, Christmas is one holiday that many who are different, celebrate together.

- Arya Rimal

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- बुलु जमकटेल



नेपालीहरूले बुझ्नैपर्ने कुरा !!!!!

हवाई यातायात र संचारको क्षेत्रमा भएको क्रान्तिले सात समुन्द्र पारीका युरोप, अमेरिका, अष्ट्रेलिया र नेपाल बिचको दुरी छोटीएर पानी पँधेरो जस्तै भएको छ। यसरी दुरी छोटीदा यताका रहन सहन भाषा संस्कृति उता र उताका रहन सहन भाषा संस्कृति यता प्रयोग हुनुलाइ स्वभाविक नै मान्नु पर्छ। बिदेशियका नेपालीहरूले आफ्नो देशको रहन सहन भाषा संस्कृतिको प्रचार प्रशारको त के कुरा आफ्ना बाल बच्चाहरूलाई नेपाली भाषा सम्म पनि राम्ररी सिकाउन मुस्किल भइरहेको अवस्था छ। नेपालमा भने बिदेशी रहन सहन भाषा संस्कृति धर्मको अत्यधिक मात्रामा प्रयोग बढदै जाँदा नेपाली मौलिकता नै धरापमा पर्न सक्ने खतरा उत्पन्न भएको छ। पश्चात्य पहिरनमा सजिएका पुरुष र महिलाको अगाडी नेपाली पोशाक लगाउने नर नारी पाखे र गंवार भै अबहेलित हुनुपर्ने अवस्था सृजना हुँदै छ। यस्तो हुनुको मुख्य कारण "नेपालीहरूको अर्काको नक्कल गर्न मरिहत्ते गर्ने बानि नै हो"।

बिस्तारै नेपाली भाषा सिकाउने प्रयास थालियता पनि विदेशको नेपाली समुदायमा चाड पर्व अनि बिबाह तथा बर्तमान र जन्मदिनको राम रमाइलोमा नेपाली खानेकुरा र पहिरन संगै भजन, गीत श्लोक गाउनको सट्टा बिदेशी पहिरनमा केक र पिचा काट्दै हिन्दी, अंग्रेजी डिस्कोमा रमाउने नक्कली बानीले साना नानी बाबुहरूलाई नेपाली भाषा संस्कृति सिक्न र बुझ्न मुस्किल भएको छ।

तसर्थ अंग्रेज लाई जितेको बिर गोर्खाली, सगरमाथा शिर भएका, भगवान बुद्ध जन्मेको देशका, संस्कृति र भाषाका धनी भन्ने गरेका कुराहरूलाई गर्बका साथ सार्थक बनाउन र नेपाली भाषा र संस्कृतिलाई जिबन्त राख्न हामीसबै नेपालीले नेपाली भाषा बोल्न, नेपाली गीत गाउन, नेपाली नाच नाच्न, नेपाली खाना खान नेपाली पहिरनमा रमाउन तत्पर हुनु पर्यो, लाज मान्नु भएन।

"आबस्यकता अनुसार नगरी नहुने नक्कल मात्र गरौँ तर नक्कल गर्नकोलागी मरिहत्ते नगरौँ".....चेतना भया !!! - सत्यदेव न्यौपाने

Nepali American Center Organizing Deusi-Bhailo Program on Sunday, Oct 30, 2016

Like in the past years, Nepali American Center (NAC) executive board and volunteers organized Deusi-Bhilo program on Sunday Oct 30th 2016 in the Northwest suburbs of Chicago. Accompanied by their parents, several young children participated in the Nepalese traditional Deusi-Bhailo visited different homes in the Chicagoland suburbs. There were two groups of children, Group 1 in Niles, Des Plaines and Glenview and Group 2 in Elk Grove Village, Schaumburg and Rolling Meadows. Names of the participating children are:

Group 1: Jaylen Kunwar, Jaina Kunwar, Rahul Bikram Thakur, Bishesh Shrestha, Aaren Thapa, Anya Thapa, Arya Rimal

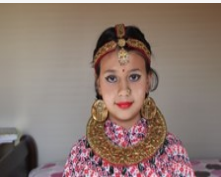


Group 2: Reena Pokhrel, Tara Pokhrel, Alisha Pokhrel, Alok Das, Anjali Das, Rohit Joshi, Parees Pradhan, Pramsu Parajuli, Prisha Parajuli, Aadi Sharma, Anya Sharma, Aarya Rayamajhi, Vani Rayamajhi



They sang and danced Deusi and Bhilo and collected sweets, fruits, traditional sweets (Sel) and cash. A total of \$434 by Group 1 and \$494 by Group 2 was raised by the children. Like in the past, 50% of the fund generated from the Deusi/bhailo program will be distributed to the children on January 7, 2017 during the regular Puja program at Radheshyam Temple. Remaining 50% will be deposited to the Chicago Nepali Youth Club fund created to assist Children education and support programs in Nepal.


NAC likes to thank all the children for their participation, their parents for helping their children to participate in the Nepalese culture tradition and all NAC volunteers.



Percy Jackson's Greek Gods - By Rick Riordan

You might not much about Greek mythology or you might know a lot about it, either way Percy Jackson (half-mortal son of Poseidon) tells you all of the classic stories in a modern way, by adding his own magic and sarcastic asides.

From chapters called *Hephaestus makes me a Golden Llama (Not Really, But He Totally Should)*, *The Olympians Bash Some Heads*, *Persephone Marries Her Stalker*, *Athena Adopts A Handkerchief*, *Artemis Unleashes The Death Pig*, and many other funny titles, he will make lots of stories impossible to forget.

All in all, I would rate this book with  because, I think that anyone and everyone would be able to love this book.

- **Simran Adhikari**



Are Humans Responsible for Global Warming?

Definitely. Since the dawn of time, humans have been very selfish and careless. Proof of this came to me as I was searching some debate topics and came across this one. As I looked further into it, I learned that there are people that don't consider climate change an issue, much less blame themselves as its cause.

There is a strong correlation between the ambition of people and the destruction of the planet. Determination isn't necessarily a bad quality because there are positive outcomes of it, but when caution is neglected, some harm can come of it. As many can see, the race to a faster means of transportation has poked holes in the ozone. The abundance of carbon dioxide has caused the Earth to boil, and yet some people aren't admitting that we could have played a role in this.

- **Shikha Adhikari**

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