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Divine Display

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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 then 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



Things that could end the Earth

This article is all about things that can end the earth. One thing is that the earth is going to be flooded. Some scientists say that the earth water is rising by this second so there is a good chance of the earth being flooded. By there's more water than land in the world. Global Warming melts ice which turns into water than it adds to the earth's water. Another disaster is the sun coming to close to the earth which will hit earth and blow it up. There is a slight

chance for that, but it can happen. Last is the human race could end. The reason is that the earth runs on humans. Humans plant trees and feed livestock. There would no person to keep the genitors from start and stop. That will cause air pollution, will kill trees and animals. Home animals became wild than all of the livestock came outside. Dams will be destroyed. Soon the world will turn grayish and sad with nothing left. These are SOME ways of the earth being destroyed.

- Aarogya Regmi

The Horse Rider - Art by Jovial Rana

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Hanuman

It all started when Anjana and her husband Kesari were praying to Shiva so they have kids, they gave him sacrificial pudding. When Shiva got the pudding, he split it among his three wives, which resulted in the births of Rama, Lakshmana, Bharata, and

Shatrughna. While the pudding was being sent to the god, a kite, led by Vayu (The God of the Wind), snatched a small piece. He led it to a small place in the forest where Anjana got engaged. She was there waiting for the pudding, and when it came she ate it. This resulted in her carrying Hanuman.

There aren't very many stories about Hanuman, but there is one I found. When young Hanuman woke up one morning, he was exceedingly hungry. He looked up and saw the Sun, which he had the thought was a red ripe fruit. Out of hunger he leapt up in the air to catch the fruit. There are two different versions of what happens next. One version says the King of Gods, Indra, strikes him down with lightning. It hit Hanuman on his jaw, and he fell to the earth unconscious with a broken jaw. His father, Vayu (air), became upset and withdrew. The lack of air created immense suffering to all living beings. This led Prajapati, the god of life, to intervene and resuscitate Hanuman, which in turn prompted Vayu to return to the living beings.

In the second version, when Hanuman leapt in the air, the sun burned him to ashes. His ashes spread over oceans and land. The gods got all of the ashes they could and resurrected Hanuman. They however didn't find his jaw, so Hanuman forever had no jaw.

This has been interpreted in many ways, some people think that this is saying that you should always be careful or else something bad could happen, like you could get a disfigured jaw forever. Others think that this means that you should always think before you do or say something. For me, I think both of these are accurate, but another way you could interpret it is to always use common sense. The reasoning for this is that if the Sun were a fruit, it would have to be connected to a tree or bush or something. If there isn't, what you're looking at is not a fruit.

- Simran Adhikari



Points to be Remembered

- ⇒ Try hard to get success.
- ⇒ Disobedience leads to trouble.
- \Rightarrow Don't give up.
- ⇒ Change yourself to change the world.
- ⇒ A true friend never leaves your side.
- ⇒ Never break your promise.
- ⇒ United we stand, divided we fall.
- ⇒ Love and kindness; best solution of problem.

- Sanskriti Phuyal (Kathmandu, Nepal)

Night Light



The moon glows, In the pitch black sky, It comes and goes.

By day and by night, The moon gives us light, The moon gives us light, By day and by night.

Owls hoot, And cats prowl, For in the night, Animals howl.

These creatures of the night, Are all nocturnal, Sleeping while the sun is up, Rising with the moon.

These creatures of the night, The moon and its light.

- Arya Rimal

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A Teen's Struggle to Earn Money

So recently I have been trying to convince my mom to pay me for doing things around the house. Things like washing the dishes, vacuuming the house etc. are apparently "family jobs", which is a fancy excuse for not giving me cash! Whenever we have these money conversations, whatever valid point I make, my mom has an arsenal of responses. If I say I want to buy my own things then she will be like, "What things?" Now in my brain I would think that she would either start paying me for doing chores or she would just stop the conversation and leave. So when the conversation continues on the inside I have no idea what to do because I don't usually plan this far. It normally takes a brain 24 milliseconds to come up with an appropriate response to whatever is happening (I think), but my brain is like 25% pure intelligence and 75% cluelessness. So instead of the typical 24 milliseconds it takes my brain 24 legit seconds to process this. So instead of giving the straightforward answer of something like 'videogames' I would blank out and start saying 'um'. My mom combines the things I don't like, work and writing, and combines it in order to make it something she could pay me for. So she came up with an idea. She said that every time I wrote something good she would pay me some money. But since I don't enjoy doing work and writing, this made me want to not do the work, which in turn discards the whole topic of me getting paid to do stuff.

My mom acted the same way in another similar situation. I asked my mom if I could mow the lawn for cash. She said yes, but she also said that I would have to "learn" how to. What's there to learn? All you do is go in lines across the lawn for a few hours. I agreed to this deal because I really had no other choice. So fast forward like a week and a half. I find out that she hired a guy to mow our lawn. I was understandably upset because I thought I would be the one to mow the lawn. But no, I had to learn how to do it from my dad. See, this is where my mom's tricks come into play. She came up with a way for me to learn how to mow the lawn and not actually ever mow the lawn! We cut our grass every 3-4 weeks. Assuming that my dad has to "teach" me a few times at least (according to my mom), by the time I fully "learn" how to mow the grass it will be winter. Now since winter completely hates me it will probably take 5 months before it's spring again and I will probably forget about the whole thing until like July next year. But I'm also smart. Mowing the lawn and snow blowing (I think that's what it is called) the lawn are practically the same thing. So if I learn how to mow the lawn, I basically learn how to snow blow at the same time. So in the end I did win in some small insignificant way, but it's still a win. On that happy note bye!

- Alok Das

An Ignored Call



Intricate colors dance through flowers, Mother Nature's sign of warmth and peace. She struggles to reach out to her children, For only few will come listen with ease.

There was once a meadow of grasses green, Where small life was still life indeed. But now is a barren wasteland Made by her children corrupted with greed.

But through the cracks of an uneven road A single flower was still willing to grow A symbol of hope from the great mother Soon to be driven over by a truck of cargo.

Life still flourishes on the outskirts of cities Mother Nature's heartfelt gift to us all. She struggles to reach out to her children, For only few will listen to her call.

- Shikha Adhikari

Living



everyone is living today

our beings are feeling + fussing our hearts are stretching + suffering

everyone has plans to see the world

we have dreams of venturing + soaring we have hopes of exciting + not boring

oh, what a magical day oh, what a glorious way to spend all of our energy fighting to make this life worth trying. - Sutapa Adhikari