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Message from the Issue Editor



Dear readers,
Welcome to the eighth issue of our monthly E-magazine "Tapasya" and thanks for your contributions through your

ideas, suggestions, criticisms and feedbacks. It gives me immense pleasure to share my thoughts.

As we all know that the world is a stage and we human beings are the actors and actresses who perform our respective roles in the form of duties. Each one of us is bestowed with some talent. We need to recognize it, set our goals and try to perform well in that role or duty with whole heartedness so that people will appreciate us and make us their role model. If not people will criticize us. So, we should put our best efforts to play our respective roles carefully so that no one will get the chance to criticize us. In short, we should inculcate the moral values of life like good character building, truthfulness, sincerity, discipline, willingness to work hard, sociable, faith in God, ethical and rational behaviour, kind heartedness, being dutiful and abstinence from drinking, smoking etc.

'Dignity of labour' indicates that all types of jobs are respected equally and where no occupation is considered superior or inferior. Though one's occupation for his or her livelihood involves physical (or manual) work which carries the same amount of dignity as a job involving intellectual work.

Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing in the process of participating in God's creation. If the dignity of labour is to be protected, then the basic rights of the workers must be respected, which include - the right to productive work, the right to decent and fair wages, the right to form and join unions, right to have private property and the right to take economic initiatives.

Nowadays, many of us forget about the concept of dignity of labour and lack the work culture. We want to be rich within a night for which we run after easy money. That is why, corruption, bribery, black marketing, stealing, robbery, kidnapping, gambling, smuggling, etc. have increased in

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the society. On the other hand unemployment, poverty, inequality etc. have also increased in the society.

So it is my advice to my dear readers to inculcate the work culture within us and in the society. Undertake any economically productive and socially desirable work efficiently by which we can achieve rapid economic growth and development. As we know:

Worship towards our duty is worship to God

Let me narrate a simple incident. Once, during their college vacation days, a group of young students hired a *Sikh (Sardarji)* taxi driver for sightseeing in Delhi. During their tour, the group started cracking *Sardarji* jokes at the expense of the modest and humble taxi driver who remained silent throughout. At the end of the tour, the taxi driver gifted the boys a one rupee coin each. He told them to donate their one rupee coins to the first *Sardarji* beggar that they could find. Coincidentally, till date the coins are still with them as none of them could find a *Sardarji* beggar. This meant only one thing. They could not find a *Sardarji* beggar anywhere because, the *Sardarjis* have the willingness to do any job with utmost dedication and pride, be it as a truck driver, as a roadside dhaba owner, or even as a garage mechanic. That is why Punjab is the highest *per capita income* state in India. Sikhs contribute towards 33% of the total income tax in India, 67% of the total charities, 12% of the Indian Military, 20% of Defence Officers. They are one of highest numbers among Indians who are working abroad and contribute foreign exchange for India's economic development. But, they constitute only 1.4% of the total Indian population.

Lastly, I thank all the contributors of the e-magazine "Tapasya" who have enriched the pages with their knowledge, talents, aptitudes and creativity. Keep on reading and start writing and contribute things which are valuable to the society.

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Place of Education

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The place of education is not
A battlefield
Neither a home of siren
Nor a place of quick march and retaliation
A ground of blood to lie on
Surrounds which make no mention
'Quick,' 'Go,' 'Get back,' all beyond
Everyone at cannon
Bullied by drunken demons
Horrors of common
Dozen of barons
It's not a force of sworn
And combat to dawn
Do and die for all that born and reborn
Choice is for those who ferry on
With thoughts, words and actions
Fits for those who recons
Place for those who sweat alone
Keeps promises of millions
Choice for those who knows how to patron
Someone who blends the tone
Pledge to be a time of mourn
Cares for the one that glaze the grown.
Almighty, bless him, the wisdom
Laying flat cap on his horn
Let him speak his mouthpiece
And all that, bury.

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The Essence of Music

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Music is an art form consisting of sequences of sounds in time, especially tones of definite pitch organized melodically, harmonically, rhythmically and according to tone colour. In other words music is a combination of sound that creates melody, harmony and rhythm.

Music can also be defined as an art of sound in time that expresses ideas and emotions in significant forms through the elements of rhythm, melody, harmony, and colour. Music is a universal language with no boundary over culture or race and is understood by people of all age, regardless of identity, rich and poor, or even powerful and defenceless.

Music is everywhere as omnipresent, only you need to listen, hear and feel it. Music was created by God and it is in the heart of God. Music lives in you as long as you live as God has put music in your heart. Your heart beat is the music of God. There is one fact that you need to be aware of that. There is musical connection between a mother and a child. When a baby is born in the world it cries at first. There are many other reasons why a baby cries yet this is also one fact that when a baby is born it feels strange and lost contact of its mother's heart beat (which is the music of God). The baby learned this music and felt it while it was inside its mother. Now, when a baby is born, it loses contact with its mother's heartbeat and therefore it cries. That is the power and essence of music.

The Biblical perspective of music:

Music was used as a means of deliverance and healing. When Saul the first king of Israel was possessed with an evil spirit which oppressed him, David was called to play music for him so that the evil spirit goes away. Whenever David played the music, the evil spirit released the king and fled. David was a gifted musician. Music was played for the exorcism of King Saul.

Jubal was the inventor of musical instruments (Gen. 4:21). The Hebrews contributed a lot to the cultivation of music. Their whole history and literatures gives abundant evidence of this. After the Deluge, the first mention of music is in the account of Laban's interview with Jacob (Gen. 31:27).

After their triumphal passage of the Red Sea, Moses and the children of Israel sang their song of deliverance (Ex. 15). But the period of Samuel, David, and Solomon was the golden age of Hebrew music, as it was of Hebrew poetry. That was when music was systematically cultivated for first time.

It was an essential part of training in the schools of the prophets (1 Sam. 10:5; 19:19-24; 2 Kings 3:15; 1 Chr. 25:6). There now arose also a class of professional singers (2 Sam. 19:35; Eccl. 2:8). The temple, however,

was the great school of music. In the conducting of its services large bands of trained singers and players on instruments were constantly employed (2 Sam. 6:5; 1 Chr. 15; 16; 23; 25:1-6). In their private lives also music seems to have held an important place among the Hebrews (Eccl. 2:8; Amos 6:4-6; Isa. 5:11, 12; 24:8, 9; Ps. 137; Jer. 48:33; Luke 15:25).

Different kinds of music:

Martin Luther was a musician, liberal and reformer. He stated that “music must be simple, direct accessible and aid to piety”. He also warns against voluptuous, effeminate, disorderly forms of music which insisted upon supremacy of text. Devil gets into music and plays a good role to let people go astray from God. There are also dangers in listening and performing the wrong types of music.

There are different types of music such as, country music, jazz rock music, blues, popular or traditional music, accapella, Gospel music, satanic music, pop music etc.

My passion for music:

Though I did not attend any music college, I have a great love for music. I learned music from my childhood days, especially how to play guitar. I love playing musical instruments and enjoy singing and composing songs with what little knowledge and skills I have and also enjoy teaching music in my church. I was born with music in me and will die with music in me.



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21 Effective Quotations for Life

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“If the mind is intensely eager, everything can be accomplished—mountains can be crumbled into atoms.”

“Take up one idea. Make that one idea your life – think of it, dream of it, live on that idea. Let the brain, muscles, nerves, every part of your body, be full of that idea, and just leave every other idea. This is the way to success.”

“Come out into the universe of Light. Everything in the universe is yours, stretch out your arms and embrace it with love. If you ever felt you wanted to do that, you have felt God.”

“All knowledge that the world has ever received comes from the mind; the infinite library of the universe is in our own mind.”

“Stand up, be bold, be strong. Take the whole responsibility on your own shoulders, and know that you are the creator of your own destiny. All the strength and succour you want is within yourself. Therefore make your own future.”

“There is no help for you outside of yourself; you are the creator of the universe. Like the silkworm you have built a cocoon around yourself. . . . Burst your own cocoon and come out as the beautiful butterfly, as the free soul. Then alone you will see the Truth.”

“It is our own mental attitude which makes the world what it is for us. Our thought make things beautiful, our thoughts make things ugly. The whole world is in our own minds. Learn to see things in the proper light. First, believe in this world, that there is meaning behind everything. Everything in the world is good, is holy and beautiful. If you see something evil, think that you do not understand it in the right light. Throw the burden on yourselves!”

“Hold to the idea, “I am not the mind, I see that I am thinking, I am watching my mind act,” and each day the identification of yourself with thoughts and feelings will grow less, until at last you can entirely separate yourself from the mind and actually know it to be apart from yourself.”

“All love is expansion, all selfishness is contraction. Love is therefore the only law of life. He who loves lives, he who is selfish is dying. Therefore love for love’s sake, because it is law of life, just as you breathe to live.”

“Our duty is to encourage everyone in his struggle to live up to his own highest idea, and strive at the same time to make the ideal as near as possible to the Truth.”

“Even the greatest fool can accomplish a task if it were after his or her heart. But the intelligent ones are those who can convert every work into one that suits their taste.”

“Condemn none: if you can stretch out a helping hand, do so. If you cannot, fold your hands, bless your brothers and let them go their own way.”

“Each work has to pass through these stages—ridicule, opposition, and then acceptance. Those who think ahead of their time are sure to be misunderstood.”

“If you think that you are bound, you remain bound; you make your own bondage. If you know that you are free, you are free this moment. This is knowledge; knowledge of freedom. Freedom is the goal of all nature.”

“As long as we believe ourselves to be even the least different from God, fear remains with us; but when we know ourselves to be the One, fear goes; of what can we be afraid?”

“Your *atman* (soul) is the support of the universe—whose support do you stand in need of? Wait with patience and love and strength. If helpers are not ready now, they will come in time. Why should we be in a hurry? The real working force of all great work is in its almost unperceived beginnings.”

“Learning and wisdom are superfluous, the surface glitter merely, but it is the heart that is the seat of all power. It is not in the brain but in the heart that the *atman*, possessed of knowledge, power, and activity, has its seat.”

“Understanding human nature is the highest knowledge, and only by knowing it can we know God? It is also a fact that the knowledge of God is the highest knowledge, and only by knowing God can we understand human nature.”

“Purity, patience, and perseverance are the three essentials to success and, above all, love.”

“If you want to have life, you have to die every moment for it. Life and death are only different expressions of the same thing looked at from different standpoints; they are the falling and the rising of the same wave, and the two form one whole.”

“Each soul is potentially divine. The goal is to manifest this divinity within by controlling nature, external and internal. Do this either by work, or worship or psychic control or philosophy – by one or more or all of these and be free.”

Note: The compiler of the above quotes regrets his inability to provide the names of the authors who have written them.



Brown Pages

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Farewells are boring, unless we die,
People sigh and cry;
But happily we may again meet,
When soiled is our feet.

It seems to me that a heavy heart,
A thinking human always shows.
So with time, as life away flows,
Why be sad and teary,
Like this own end life will tarry.

So, may this be etched through time's march, soothing
When hard and heavy this journey is, breaking
Through the images for memories, lasting
In those brown pages without fading.

Note: This poem was dedicated to the outgoing students in the "5th Parting Social" of Icfai University Nagaland during April 2014.

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