

Philosophy of life

and other essays

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Hard work and fate

There are two widely prevailing and mutually contradictory views on hard work. One is that however hard you work, you are only going to get whatever is there in your fate. Other one is that 'nothing is impossible'. First view is held by those who are either influenced by eastern religions or who have experienced failures in spite of hard work. Second view is held generally by those who have experienced success.

My views on hard work are somewhat statistical. To me fate is nothing but chance. While people say somebody is born in rich

family by fate, I would say it is so by chance. Thus it would be more appropriate to say that hard work doesn't guarantee success, but improves its chance.

"All fingers are not alike.

If you stretch smaller ones to make all equal, it is socialism.

If you cut bigger ones to make all equal, it is communism.

If you do nothing to make all equal, it is capitalism. "

Alternate medicines

In greek the 'allo' means different. Perhaps allopathy meant a different therapy. Today it is no longer just a different therapy but since long time has established itself as main therapy. Alternate systems of medicines harp on the fact that allopathic medicines have side effects. Many of todays so called alternate medicines do not have any effect. Where is the question of side effects ?.

*"Poor are poor ,
because
rich are rich"*

Existence of God

Existence of God is matter of faith. He exists at least to those who have faith in him. But it is the society which creates the faith and society consists of men. This brings us to famous question 'Man is God's creation or God is man's creation.

*“In past people never questioned
existence of God, because they knew
he exists,
In future also they will not,
Because they will know he doesn't.*

Religion

All religions originated with the aim of making the world a better place to live in. Originators and propagators of most of the religions realized that if every body works for self interest only there would be conflict of interests and weaker would suffer more. Hence in most of the religions, any activity which adversely affects others is considered immoral.

The biggest challenge confronting religious heads was how to keep man away from doing immoral things. In most of the religions this challenge was met by taking

recourse to the concept of God. God was attributed to be omnipresent, guaranteeing rewards and punishments either in this life itself or in the next life.

Morality

Man's actions are by and large governed by self-interest. Morality is a code of conduct to ensure that our actions are not just governed by self interest, but the interest of other members of the society is also taken into consideration. Morality has relevance only in context of society. No action is moral or immoral for a man living in isolation.

Man's observance to this code of conduct, which we call morality or goodness, partly comes from within himself and partly results from external controls. Whereas taking care of interests of near and dear ones comes from

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