



Dishonest Prospers and Honest Suffers, Why ?

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Our present life is in continuation of many earlier lives. What we are to-day is the resultant of deeds performed in earlier lives and those performed in the present life. Those who have done meritorious & credit-worthy acts in their earlier lives are rewarded by birth with good health, wealthy homes, good connections and resources etc. The stock of good deed is carried over to the present life. It is on a/c of such credit balance in their favour which neutralise the effects of all deeds or indulgence in sensuous pleasure by them in their present life. Once the stock of good deeds is exhausted, they are thrown into terrible sufferings. This is like a Bank transaction. Suppose you have deposited Rs.10 lakh in your bank account & you can go on withdrawing @ Rs.10,000/- every month for eight years and the bank will gladly honour every withdrawals. But if you have a credit balance of only Rs.5000/-, the Bank will refuse to pay if you attempt to withdraw Rs.10,000/-.

The case of those people who are suffering even though they are leading an honest life can be compared to those having nil balance in their account due to careless withdrawal without application of mind. Till the balance is swilled by depositing further no withdrawals will be permissible. The people who are suffering will have to suffer till their stock of misdeeds are exhausted.

Whatever joy we are enjoying go to decrease the stock of good deeds in our account. On the contrary, whatever sorrow or sufferings we bear go to reduce the accumulated stock of our sins.

The reward of good deeds is always joy, happiness and those of wicked is tragedies, sorrow, grief etc. However, the time in which the fruit of action matures varies in different cases. In some cases it may be after several lives. Let us take an example of agriculture. There are certain cash crops harvested only once in a year. Mango plantation will not bear fruit less than ten to fifteen years. Therefore we should not be surprised that whatever suffering or prosperity we are having today is the result of vice/virtues done in the past and the same are producing results.

Nature follows very strict laws. The sun is never dark, the Moon is never hot. Fire is never cold and so on and so forth. Virtuous acts result in happiness and sinful acts in grief and misery. Persons are suffering or prospering only on account of their earlier deeds. God recreates His creatures in position high or low in accordance with the merits and demerits earned by them in their previous lives.

Many times we have learnt that a particular dacoit or a terrorist who was responsible for hundred or two hundred murders was shot dead in police encounter. Now the question arises why he was not killed earlier? The reason is that on account of merits of earlier lives he could not have been eliminated till he committed crimes in the present life exceeding his stock of merits. One of the most wicked persons like Ravana, Kansha etc, were not killed till they have committed sins on large scale. In some cases the wicked and cruel are saved to some extent



by the virtuous deeds of their parents and wives etc.

The point that our present conditions is the result of the deeds performed in the earlier lives and those done in the present life. By our present deeds we are shaping our future. It is only the result of deeds performed in earlier lives and thereof the present life. Our present actions play an important role in molding our future. It is therefore necessary that a person should stick to his duty however inconvenient it may be because by performing one's duty a man does not incur sin. But ignoring it he / she incurs sin which makes his / her life dark in future. Nobody should remain under the impression that whatever has no happen will happen, and so why he should discharge duties involving bodily risky trouble and expenditure. Whatever has to happen will happen but the Performer with the allotted duties will improve and brighten his / her future. If the wife or child of someone falls ill it is duty to get him / her treated according to the best of his ability and resources, even if he is unable to save him / her on the other hand a person discharging his duties with sincerity carves for himself the bright future even if the result of his sincere efforts were disappointing. One can only act to his / her ability, sincerity & honesty without attachment leaving the results to the Almighty (According to Bhagabad Gita).

Generally, we judge the prosperity of a person from his outward glamour without deep insight in his / her inner life. A person rolling in riches having magnificent buildings, owning fleet of cars, appearing prosperous may be having no peace of mind and highly discomforted from the side of his children, own ill health, legal suits, labour problems in the Factory/ apprehension of raids etc. On the contrary, a man appearing poor and un-prosperous may have no worries and enjoying a lot of peace and tranquility. So generally we see the material prosperity and ignore these sufferings.

Some wicked person indulging in heinous crimes remain unpunished for some time and are

even considered prosperous and powerful leading luxurious lives. But really they pass a very agitated life full of fears and anxieties. Their illegal acts remain unpunished only temporarily. They meet terrible end. The crimes committed may remain unpunished even by the Govt. but never remain undetected and unpunished by the Almighty sooner or latter in this life or in future lives. Punishment will have to be undergone by the culprit and there is no escape from it. Sometimes punishment is delayed due to influence of well-wishers and Guru.

It is not necessary that a human being after death may be born again as a human being. After death some souls enter the wombs to have an organic body, others take the inanimate form viz. plants, birds, stone, etc., according to their work, knowledge and deeds performed during their lifetime. Persons acting without fore-thought and heedlessness giving pain and suffering to others for their own selfish motives or even thrown to hells (Infernal) regions to undergo terrible sufferings and tortures there which has been inscribed vide ("Kathopanishad"; Chapter-II V.7.Gita Chapter-XIV,XV,XVI, 19,20 & Isopanishad; Chapter-III). The future is carved out in the present which should be utilized intelligently and well so that we may reap a better time in future.

It should be remembered that unethical, immoral acts are bound to bring misery, grief, pain, whereas good deeds are bound to improve here and here after the doer. Therefore, the call is to avoid criminal waste of present chances and do inspired activities to ensure bright future.

- i) An illumined soul always dwells in God though engaged in all sorts of activities.
- ii) Attractions and repulsions are two most formidable enemies of a man/woman to retard his/her progress on the path of spirituality.

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