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Explained In Simple Words For All Humans Whether
They Are Religious Or Non Religious

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*To my wife Rita, daughter Suman and son Jay, who supported me
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Introduction

Can we ever have the correct answers to these questions?

Why, What and Who:

Who are we?

Why were we born?

What are we doing?

What is this life about?

What is real in this life?

Why are we living? For whom we are living? Are we doing the right thing by living?

What we should be doing, as we are living now?

What is the reason behind this life?

Why do people die?

Why are we fighting?

Why people fight in the name of religion?

Why don't we look the same as each other?

Why aren't we on the same level?

We are born, live and see others die, but the world keeps moving.

Does it make any sense?

What is space? What is in outer space?

Why are there other planets?

There are so many questions in our minds. Most people leave these answers to God, and I think it is because it is the easiest option for them. Some people believe in science, but science is still struggling to find clues about the origin of life—from the big bang theory to what existed before the big bang. No one even knows if there was more than one big bang or if there were many happening in different places within this big space we call the universe! Both God and scientists cannot understand the mystery we call “life.” Both are still confused as to why

we are living. What is the real intention behind this life? I have chatted with thousands of people from all over the world who believe in God; others who believe in science, and those with a neutral opinion regarding both of these. I have included a few of these interesting chats, as well as other examples in this book.

Oops, I forgot to introduce myself...! I am also a human like you. My name is Munish Bansal. I was born in a town called Jagraon, in India. Now I live in town called Gillingham, which is in England. I am not a God believer but I believe in humanity and myself.

I grew up seeing people who lived in huts, starving and without medical treatment or drinking water. I used to wish I possessed some magic or that I had a Genie I could call upon, so that I could change this world. Slowly, however, I realized the magic was indeed in me and that everyone has same magic. The key to creating change is to combine that magic. If we were to combine our magic, we would be able to change this world. With the writing of this book, I am trying to combine the magic we all have within us—and for that I need your help and efforts—so we can make this world a better place and put a real smile on every face.

In this book I have written about my experiences and beliefs. I have also added few examples; most of them are common sense things that most of us are already aware, but may not realize. I have done nothing special, outside of living a normal life like most of us humans do, for most of my past years. However, it is never too late to start something worthwhile.

When I began this book, I began writing things down the way that I was remembering them, so you might find there is no particular order. You might find some duplication or paragraphs that are not in their right places. I apologize in advance for that, as I am just a human like you, who makes mistakes. My goal is not to write a perfect book, but to share my understanding and opinions with you.

By the way, in this book there are more questions than answers, as some answers we must find within ourselves. The views in this book are my views, and if you have different views, you do not have to agree with mine, but do consider what is the end result of your views and my views; it should be the same point if we are both right. One good thing about writing is that there is no qualification needed to write our views. There may be plenty of books about human life in print, but these books simply present another individual's opinions and ideas, just as this book does mine. And, while most books have happy or sad endings, this book, in reality, has no end.

In the writing of this book, I did not read or follow any other book,

as I wanted to write purely from my own opinions without mixing them up with anyone else's. I hope you will find the information I have to share interesting.

The main thing I want to say is that most of the contributions or profits gained from publishing this book, or future books, will be used to fund a social work project. This project, I explain in the Mission section.

Good Luck!

Normal Life

How did this life start? Why did it start? These common questions are still without an answer. One common question that most of us have heard is: Which came first—the chicken or the egg? No one is yet able to solve this puzzle, but still human beings think they are the most intelligent and the best life form that exists—but how much truth is there in that?

What is a normal life...? We are born, grow up, eat, work, and die. Does this life have a purpose, or is this life just a dream? Ninety-five percent of people spend their lives chasing personal pleasure or struggling to survive; to meet society's requirements. Do we ever think about what are we doing here? Are we alone in this universe?

The truth is, we are born with empty hands and we will die the same way. It makes no difference whether you are a millionaire, king, or a big religious leader—for all, death is equal! This life gives us so much, but what are we giving in return? What really belongs to us in this life? We look at our watches or clocks to see the time, because we don't want to be late for an appointment or event. But really, do we ever consider our real time? Life's clock is ticking and our purpose for living is not going anywhere: even we still don't know the purpose. Why do all of us want a life like flower, but we do not want any thorns? Some beautiful flowers do have thorns; similarly, our life has difficulties.

Consider...how is it that our hair or nails grow? Why don't we feel any pain when they grow? Our teeth grow as well, but why do we have pain when they come out! Why does skin heal automatically? Even if we cut our self, it heals and joins together sooner or later, depending upon the severity of the cut!

Why do we have to eat in order to live? Why do we need oxygen to breathe? Why do we breathe at all? Why can't we breathe under water? We have some general habits that most human beings share like while standing, we sometimes cross our arms; while walking or running, our arms move forward and backwards; our facial expressions change with our moods...why? Are these things all related to the nature?

We meet or see thousands of new people every year and yet, never really see them again. If may see them only for a few moments, And while some people's faces leave permanent impressions within our memory, most do not. Why do we see them? Most of us do not even keep in touch with our former classmates or teachers from school or college, etc.; we rarely see them or meet them even occasionally. There are over 6 billion humans on this earth, and we will be lucky if we talk to or see even 0.001 percent of them. What kind of life circle is this?

There are billions of people who are living below the poverty line! There might be a difference in rich or poor financially, but at the end of the day, the poor sleep the same way the rich sleep—there is no difference in sleep. Is there? Even a person who is living in a hut has the same colour of blood as a king, — or queen, or very rich person.

I remember one incident when I was very young, when I went to one hill station in India with my family. I saw few monkeys sitting on a wall, which was situated along the edge of a river. I saw a baby monkey fall off the wall and into the river, but a big monkey caught him by the tail and saved him. Somehow, I never forgot that incident. Life is full of love and I think we can see more love in animals than we can in humans, and as humans, we should learn from the animals, because the human animal is the worse animal on this planet. Most of us are so selfish that we will do anything—even something unjust, to get what we want. Many of us are so mean, that without caring, we hurt others. Without any reason, we make people cry! Why?

Why do most people think they are always right? We know jealousy creates hate, and hate can make us to do some nasty things that we may regret later—even knowing this, we are still jealous of others. Why are our lives so full of jealousy, hate, and selfishness, and so little of our lives devoted to being loving and compassionate? I am not making this up, we can look around us, we can see there is more hate than love, more selfishness than true caring. The choice is ours, but it appears that as a race, we mostly choose hate over love. I am no better than any one else. I have a similar mind. I also hate and become jealous, and sometimes think about bad things. I think as we grow, our nature becomes more cynical, because of the things and people we see. Most of us rarely do anything good, unless we can see the possibility of personal gain!

I grew up hating one person, but now I feel pity for that person, as there is hardly anyone who really could love that person. This person did not show any love to anyone or care for others, but was always ready to take advantage of them. Why is it that some people only want to take advantage of others?

When we are young, we see things around us and we eventually decide on a goal or dream that we want to achieve when we grow up. But how many people achieve their childhood dreams? It seems that there are always some restriction that prevents them from pursuing or achieving their goals. It can be anything from resources to financial problems, job demands in the market, or the need to look after someone or to take over the family business. Some are unable to pursue their goals because their parents stop them from doing what they wish, because perceive the field their child has chosen as being sub-standard, or they don't have enough money to pay for the needed training or education, or they simply are afraid of what other people will say about their child's chosen study, business, or work. Sometimes, jealous relations and friends give wrong advice as well. For example, I always wanted to be pilot, but because I used to wear glasses, one of my relations told me that I could not become a pilot. As a child, I did not receive the right guidance.

I don't know why some people feel jealousy when someone else wants to achieve something. Instead of encouraging, they discourage others. It seems that it is part of our nature to never want someone else to move forward or achieve something that we cannot see ourselves able to achieve. Another way of looking this is: we choose to follow the ways of others—what others are doing and what our elders did—which is usually the easiest and most comfortable way, instead of even trying to live the way we want. Is it the fear of being embarrassed that prevents us from starting something—in case we are unable to achieve our goals? Should we let this fear stop us from achieving what really we want to achieve?

Some parents and relatives force a child to become a doctor or engineer, etc, whereas that child wanted to be something else, like an architect, lawyer, or something else. Why is that? Why do we try to force others to do things our way? Do we think we are right? While doing that, do we ever think we also wanted to achieve something when we were a kid and what we felt when we were forced to do something different? At the moment, most countries have resource problems, and because of a lack of finances, many children cannot move forward or achieve the things they want. Have we ever considered how much skill is being lost because there are not enough financial resources to fund a child's education or training? Can we provide enough resources so that everyone's dream could come true and also improve this world with those potential skills?

Often, when people see individuals who have achieved something in business or in an artistic endeavour, and who have made a name for

themselves in society, they expect that if these individuals have children, the children will also be achievers. Or if people see individuals who did not achieve, they assume that these individual's children will also be failures. Why do we judge like this? We know everyone is unique and we should treat everyone as an individual and not compare one to another. We can see a very common example in the lives of famous actors; if an actor has succeeded in films and become a star, and then their child gets a chance to act in the films, the public often fails to see the actor's son or daughter as an individual. Instead, they compare the son or daughter to their star parent, and expect the same kind of acting from them, which is not possible, as even the child of an actor must develop their own acting style.

Everyone should have a goal, an aim, so that they can move forward in life. Without something to aspire to, I don't think our lives have any value; having a goal makes life worth living! If we ask someone what they want to achieve or what they want to become, you may hear that they want to be a doctor, lawyer, teacher, etc., but have you ever heard anyone say they just want to be a good person? Getting married, becoming a doctor or pilot; becoming a millionaire, or living a life of luxury, these are not a life purpose. I am not saying that becoming a doctor or teacher, etc., are not worthy employments, but a profession is just one task—one small part of life. If everyone became doctors or chose the same profession, then how would the world move forward? An aim or life purpose should be something we do to make our self a proud person, while doing something special in this world. Another thing we often seen is that if a person does not achieve his or her goal or does not get any positive encouragement, he or she will make excuses, and act like the goal was not worth it. Why? Because they cannot get what they want or they do not want to try harder, preferring to take the easy route. I believe we should not lose our confidence.

So far in this life, I have found that most relatives are just for a name, but friendship is the truest and best part of life. I will say friendship is another word for trust. When a friend's worry automatically becomes our worry, then we know we have a special kind of relationship. There is no doubt that some relationships have the potential to turn into true friendships, but when our friends act selfishly, we wonder why they do such things. Don't they understand the meaning of friendship? What is friendship? Who is a true friend? Just telling someone what he or she wants to hear is not being a friend. Friendship is a relationship between two people, which is based on trust, where no selfishness is involved. A friend always stands beside you, especially in bad times. A friend always

tries to stop you from making mistakes and poor choices, and also tries to keep you from harm. Friendship cannot be proven. Some people might be jealous about your friendship; they may even try to separate you by poisoning each person's mind with untruths, which can lead to an argument or a fight. Avoiding a fight does not mean the person is a coward, but ignoring it does not resolve anything. Conflicts should be solved calmly, so as to not bring any dispute or doubts. If we ignore small conflicts or disagreements, they become doubts in the future, so they should be cleared straightway. Fighting with a friend should be like water or air, not like thread. As we know, once a thread is broken, to join that thread, there is always a knot left, but in the water or air, you may try with swords or in other ways to separate two, but they will combine and come back together.

Examples of this: when an airplane flies, you can see there are white lines left behind. That is because the engines shake that part of the air; later you will see the white lines disappearing. In a similar way, a big boat in the water will leave marks in the sea or river, but after few minutes, everything become normal.

No doubt, we can have bad friends company as well. One common phrase is: *one bad fish makes the whole water dirty. But a good fish could do the reverse.* It's true; creating bad habits are much easier than good, so it could take a longer time. It all depends upon us and what sort of atmosphere we choose to create around us.

Quotes I've heard:

False friends are like pebbles, could be found everywhere, but true friends are like diamonds, precious and rare.

Money makes you wealthy but a friend makes you rich.

A long time ago, I read somewhere that one small way to test whether a friendship is true is to cut an apple into two pieces and offer a friend, one big and one small piece. If the friend takes the small piece, then you have a good friend; if he or she takes the big piece, then that person wants something in return. Well in my eyes, this is just an old time imagining test, as there is no real test of true friendship, for if a friendship must be tested, then there is no trust. If you do test your friendship with someone, and he or she passes the test, you could be jeopardizing your friendship, because the testing itself could cause some doubts to build up in your friend's mind—that you do not trust them—and as a result, you might lose a very good person as a friend. So,

you should think before taking any action. In friendship, sometimes we have that kind of relation that has no name.

I received one nice email about friends:

A friend is a tissue, when you cannot stop crying!

A shoulder, when you feel like dying!

Always listens, when you have something to say!

One week, when you just need a day!

Super glue, when everything falls apart!

A sun, when the rain just won't stop!

A hand, when you feel all alone!

Wings, if you want to fly!

Understand without knowing why!

An ear, for a secret to tell!

A paracetamol, when you feel unwell!

A love that can never let you down or let you go!

I will share one experience with you:

One of my friends, "A," had a hole in his heart and had to undergo a big heart operation. All of his friends did whatever they could to help him. They took him to the hospital, never took notice of how much time they spent on his behalf, or the amount of money they spent on his expenses. They never asked for repayment, stayed with him all the time, donated blood for his operation, and much more—even when his own mother initially refused to give her own blood for him. All went well and he recovered. After few years this same friend, "A," was ready to do any harm to one of the friends that had cared for him, all because of a small amount of money, which he had lent to him. How can a person so easily forget what others did for him? He remembered the money he lent to his friend, but did not realize this same friend never asked for the money back that he had spent on him while he was ill. In real terms, money was not the real subject here; the real subject is that after he had his operation, he still had a hole in his heart.

A true friend does not think that they are doing any favours for a friend; they just do it without any expectation—that's why it's called friendship. If a friend expects something in return the relationship has just become a business deal, like you scratch my back, I will scratch yours. But a person like "A," who had that favour, should not forget what friends did for him, without any expectations. You cannot recognize a right person unless some incident happens, but it does not mean that you should not trust anyone. Life is not based on how much we trust someone, but how much someone trusts us, and how much we trust our self! It should not put us off or restrict us if we have one bad experience

with one person; it should not lead us into presuming that others are also bad. Think about person "A." Will he ever find friends like those who cared for him again? Will anyone stand with him if he is in any kind of difficulty in the future? If there is a life-threatening situation, because of humanity, I am sure we all will do the same again for person "A," but for the other things, we might restrict ourselves!

One important thing, someone's habits should not effect our trust, because once the trust is broken, it is very hard to build again. For example, if someone has a bad habit of drinking or smoking, etc., it should not come in the middle of trust.

I remembered one story of two friends, which I read when I was in school. Two good friends were passing through a jungle to get to another village. Suddenly, they heard the noise of a bear. They thought the bear was coming their way, and wondered what they should do. One of them did know how to climb up a tree, so very quickly he climbed one. The other friend asked for help to climb up, but the friend in the tree was so scared and worried about his own life, he did not help him. Once the other friend realized the bear noise was coming closer, he lay down on the ground and held his breath. The bear came close by and he sniffed at the friend who was lying on the ground pretending to be dead. Bears don't eat dead people, so he went away. This way that friend saved his own life. What do we learn from this story? You only recognize a true friend when there is a bad time.

We see big movie stars giving interviews on the television, and while they might have a big bank balance and can spend millions on weddings, houses, or other luxury things, there is always an empty space within them, and that is the lack of true friendship. They can have plenty of friends because of money and fame, but real friends are very rare. Recently, I saw one of Bollywood's top stars being interviewed and his life story being shown on television. We cannot realize how they live their real life and how much different they seem on the screen. I felt like he was so alone and needed a true friend.

There are plenty of days and we celebrate one of them: Friendship Day, I don't understand why it is celebrated only once a year. I believe this day should be everyday.

Here is another story about friendship: two friends were walking through the desert. During some point of the journey they had an argument and one friend slapped the other one in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, wrote in the sand:

TODAY MY BEST FRIEND SLAPPED ME IN THE FACE.

They kept on walking until they found an oasis where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but the friend saved him. After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone:

TODAY MY BEST FRIEND SAVED MY LIFE.

The friend who slapped and saved his best friend asked him, "After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand, and now, you write on a stone, why?" The other friend replied, "When someone hurts us, we should write it down in sand, where winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone, where no wind can ever erase it."

Let me tell you about myself a little more: when I was a child I was good in mathematics and science. I passed most of my other subject's exams by cheating in school as well as in college. As per my parents and relatives demands, I attended a polytechnic college to get a diploma in Electronics and Communications. Because of good marks in Mathematics, I did not have any admissions problems, but I never had interest in Electronics. For three years, I hardly studied. I even went to the cinema the day before my exams to relax my brain. I mainly studied one day before and the morning of the exam. My main objective was to get passing marks. I was good in few subjects and passed them without any problems, but I cheated on a few exams by taking information into the exam room. I never denied what I did, but really I am not proud of this. While studying, I found out that quite a few of the examiners just wanted to see the same wording on the answer sheets as was shown in the book, and I could never remember the exact way. Even in physics class, one of my teachers wouldn't accept my practical example of using balloons to explain that air has weight. In science, we could give plenty of examples on one topic. It was not only I; I also saw intelligent students cheating. Not everyone can be perfect in every subject, and sometimes they are not good in few of the subjects, so they try to get help on the exam in order to get good marks.

Once a classmate received a lot of help with his exams because the supervisor and teachers were well known to his father. He received all the answers, but he still failed. Why? Because to cheat on the exams still required some common sense—it was still necessary to write one question's answer under another question's answer. We needed skill to follow even simple instructions. Even having those skills, we tried to ignore them. Instead of using our skills, we tried to cheat, because using a skill is too hard in life.

I think children should be able to use their books in exams so that there is no need to cheat. Students don't get enough time to continue their research, as their time goes into learning history. In the future, regardless of the job a person is going to do, except for general knowledge, he or she will still have to follow books, because either the syllabus changes or style of treatment changes. For example, accountants have to follow books to keep up with new tax rules; it is the same with doctors, regarding treatments and new medicines; for engineers, there's new equipments, etc. No doubt, we need to learn the basic aspects of history in order to move forward, but I don't believe learning history thoroughly will take this world further fast enough. Today, to check history, we have books and computers, which can give us the history of a topic with one click.

School time is an unforgettable time, which hardly anyone can forget. Catching butterflies and glow bugs, going higher on the swing, etc., is just left like a dream. There's no tension because of any job or the need to earn money. We use to have teachers' nicknames in school and college. I think students do that, depending on the teacher's habits and how they deal with pupils. Also when we start a new college, older students use to do ragging. In ragging, they ask new starters to do silly things, like wearing their shirts the wrong way out or folding one side of your trousers and shirt and walk in single lane like train around the college. Some students have bad ragging as well, like to swear in front of teachers and girls, etc.

In school or college we make excuses! When we don't feel like studying or want a day off from school, we make excuses like we have a stomachache or feel sick, etc. I made these excuses a few times on Sunday late evenings, so I did not have to go to school on Monday. Sometimes I also made excuses in the middle of the day in school, telling my teacher that I had a bad stomachache, so that he would send me home. Once, I made the excuse and the teacher said I could go home. At the school gate, the school Headmaster was standing; he asked me why I was leaving. I told him the same. He said to go back to class; he knew that lots of children make excuses. What did I do? Did I go back to the class? No way... I went to the back door and left the school. Sometimes, I also went with my friends to watch movies by ditching school. I believe most children do these things.

Once during exam times, my friends and I were coming out of the cinema and one of my friend's parents were passing by, and we got caught. Luckily, they did not say anything, as the next day was a mathematics exam, and we all were good in that.

At college, I stayed in hostels. One day my friend and I went to watch a movie after school. It was the first day of the film. The film was long and it finished about 11:00 p.m. The hostel doors use to close about 8 to 8:30 p.m. We were supposed to go from the backside, jumping from a wall then, through the garden, then jumping and climbing at different places to enter the hostel. Because we were going to get into the hostel the back way, we decided to walk from the cinema to the hostel; it took about 45 minutes to walk the distance. We were about 10 minutes away from the hostel when a police patrolling jeep stopped and the officer asked us where we were coming from and where we were going. We told the truth. At first, he did not believe us, because no such movie finished that late. When we gave movie details, and after checking on his wireless, he realized we were telling the truth. He gave us some good advice, that we should not be out that late, as at that time there was a heightened concern about terrorists. But as we were only teenagers, and teenagers hardly ever follow good advice, we let his advice go in one ear and out the other. The officer said he would drive us to the hostel. I made the excuse that if other students or the supervisor saw police, they would think we were in some kind of trouble or that we had done something wrong, but the real reason was that the doors were closed and I feared the supervisor. He dropped us on the corner of the street near our hostel. Luckily, that office did not come to the hostel; otherwise we were going to have double trouble, from supervisor as well as from the police officer. Even getting inside the hostel, there was glass fixed on the top of the wall, for our protection from thieves, and we hurt ourselves. That was my first experience and last with the police and also jumping walls.

In our young years, there are times when we all do naughty things, and if we misbehave, we get punishment. I hated it when I used to get punishments like “no TV watching, no playing, or grounded, etc.”, even smacks at times. All children do hate these restrictions. Sometimes I said some naughty things to my parents because of their punishments, even though I knew why I was getting punished. It was my own fault, because I did not do my homework, I fought with brother and sister, I had been naughty, and many more things. I used to listen to my parents’ instructions—in one ear and out the another. But later, I realized that everything that was said to me, was for my own good, as I am in the same position now as my parents were then.

I am not sure what to say about this next story—whether to call it a joke or a lesson. You will have to decide. Once in one class there was one very naughty student. He never tried to learn anything. The

teacher asked him to study hard and try to concentrate, but he wouldn’t. After the summer holiday, classes started again, and the teacher asked the students what page we were on in the book before the holiday. No one could remember the page, but that naughty child told the correct page number. The teacher and other students were surprised that he remembered the correct page. The teacher told him that he was proud of him; at least he remembered something. Then he asked how he had remembered the page. That student replied that as soon as the teacher had finished teaching from a page that he would rip the page out and chucked into the trash bin. The top page that was now in his book was the page the teacher has not yet explained. It’s shocking isn’t it! We can laugh about that student, but it will shock us more when we think that we are considering our life pages just as that student. Most of us are ripping our valuable life pages out and chucking them into the trash bin! We do not even want to learn from these pages that we are wasting. These pages have no meanings to us and hardly any memory to keep! Ripped books can be glued back or can be bought anew, but the main problem with life pages is that once those pages are gone, they are never going to come back—we can’t glue back or buy that time again.

I always used to come in third position in the school exams. Once, my biology teacher invited my friend and me to come to his house to help him to check the exam papers. He said he would check my friend’s and my exam papers; the rest we could check. We checked the exam papers and gave reasonably good marks to everyone. Now it was time for my exam paper. He started checking my exam sheet. He marked one answer wrong. I was standing next to him. The question was where did *Aids* come from, and answer was *monkey* and further explanation on that. The teacher said this was wrong. I said this answer is absolutely right, but he didn’t agree. In the end, I told him that I had cheated on the exam and that I had copied this answer from the book. He checked the book I was referring to. He did not have any choice but to give me full marks for that.

When I was in school, my hobby was to read mathematics and puzzle books. I always had an interest in mathematics; don’t know why, as I did not pursue any future education in maths.

Sometimes an average student could do better than an intelligent student. I am not proud, but I have an example on that: while I was in the final year of my diploma, one company came to take our tests and to interview us, so they could employ us soon we finished our diplomas. They were going to select ten students out of 34. As I said above, I use to cheat, but in this test nobody knew what questions would be asked.

The questions could relate to any subject, including IQ. I got lucky, as most IQ questions were math-related. I did all the questions, passed the test, and hardly two or three were correct in electronics section. I think I was in 7th position. A few students who were very intelligent could not pass this test, but by saying of head of department, that company also taken their interview. When my turn came for an interview, the interviewer asked me one question: where did I wish to start? I asked him to start with math. He said he knew that I was good in math, so how about starting with the electronics question. I went quiet, as I knew most of my answers were wrong. Then he chose one question and said, "Tell me about this." I said my calculations were wrong. He said to me he knew it was wrong, but explained how I came to that answer. In next one minute, I explained how I did the question, by explaining how current passes from registers, capacitors, and transistors, etc. He was so impressed that when he prepared the list for passing the interview, my name was there and I was number eleven.

When I came to England, I joined a college for a little while. There were two tutors for mathematics. The topic they were teaching, I had already studied for my diploma. One tutor "A" always tried to comment on tutor "B," meaning he never used to let tutor "B" speak. One day, "A" gave us some sums and explained how to do them by writing an example on the blackboard. Tutor "B" was absent that day. After tutor "A" finished his class, I talked with my class fellows and told them that the sum he had shown on the blackboard was wrong, the answer should be this, and the technique he showed us was also wrong. One of the people said I was wrong, and took my notebook to tutor "A." Tutor "A" checked my notebook and simply said to us "This is correct; you know I am little weak in math." We were all shocked to hear that. No surprise even knowing his mistake, tutor "A" never corrected his mistake in the class. Anyone could make a mistake, but it is worse when a teacher cannot correct his or herself. How can they teach properly? I might have also followed him, if I had not known how to do it correctly.

One day in one communication class, a form was given to us that was to be completed in two minutes. On the top of the form it said we had to read all the questions to the end before we began. Because of the time limit, instead of reading the whole form, most of us jumped straight to the questions and started doing them. When the two minutes were finished, most of us were halfway and were wrong, including mine. Only three to four students did it correctly. We did not follow the simple instructions, which was to read the whole form before we started. And the end of the form it said we should only complete questions 1 and 2,

which were our first names and surnames. It was an eye-opening game, showing how we rush doing things or try to take short cuts, without realizing the effect.

I believe everyone needs an education. They should become educated in the field in which they have an interest, instead of following their parents' or relatives' interests. People change their interests because of future prospects, like money or job opportunity, etc. I will say that everyone has to live, but they should also keep in touch with their interests and skills. Don't lose sight of these because these are gifts. Some people who did not study or learn to read or write, still make excuses saying they are too old to learn now, etc., but they do not realize is how much they are restricting themselves. If a person cannot eat eggs, but while buying a product, he or she cannot read the ingredients on a food label and the ingredients contain eggs, whose fault is that? Can he or she blame someone else for that or only make the excuse, "I cannot read, that's why I made a mistake?" I have seen very old people who joined Adult Education Centres to learn to read and write. I don't think it is ever too late for anything.

Some people think that they are the best people around. A few parents also think their children are the best. Well, most people think that their children are the best in a few things like study, attitude, sports, etc. They will say no one can compete with their child. Some parents just won't accept that other children can do the same high-level things just as well as their child. They mainly try to find something in their child, which is better than others, even comparing their children to children who are slow learners! Why can't they accept that everyone is not same? Some children may be intelligent in some things while others may excel in other areas.

In Asian and African countries, we see very young children working at other people's houses. Their parents do not bother about their education. Do they just give birth so that the child can work and earn money? No doubt some parents cannot afford to pay for school, but most of them won't let their children go to school even using the money the child has earned. Many parents even take their child's money and live on it or spend on their own pleasures like drinking, etc. For these personal pleasures, some parents even sell their babies. Some parents give birth to children and put them into orphanages! If they can't afford to look after their baby, then why have a baby—or these are just mistakes that happen a lot? Some are orphans for different reasons, like their parents are deceased, etc., but no one wants to take responsibility.

In these continents, people also like to keep servants so they do

not have to work themselves. They feel proud that they can afford a servant. Even some unable to afford servants; still try to hire part-time servants. Do they feel ashamed doing work with their own hands? Well not all, but the majority of people are like that.

People even hire young children to look after their own children and to deal with their child's demands. Don't they realize that if their child is going to school, the child who is working and caring for their child also deserves an education? Or do they think their child is more important than other child and that the other child does not have any value? I am very much concerned about them. What is the government really doing about them? There is no compulsory education. Children are our future and we are teaching them master and servant relationships only. If we see how kings, queens, or any royal family member or government officials are living, and compare the lives of the public they rule or control, I will say they are not doing their jobs properly, but spending the public's money, which they should be using on public, on themselves. They spend hundred of thousands of dollars on dresses, cars, parties, and other pleasures. Do they have a problem with wearing a normal dress? Yes, of course, I think they have, because they are related to royal or they are on the top. If they don't wear special expensive clothes, how will people recognize them? I will say, it's a shame, because they have forgotten their duties, but just want to enjoy their own life.

In Asian countries, people work as labourers on the hills, carrying large weights up and down the hills for a small amount of money. Yes, we could say that is their profession, and someone has to do it, as we are not used to it, so we won't be able to carry our stuff up the hill, but do we understand the value of a human life? To save a small amount of money, we bargain for their labour charges! Even sometimes, those people have to argue to get their hard worked money. A rich person can easily spend a few pounds on their own pleasure, but will quibble to pay a servant who has worked hard; even if he is more than worth it. Why have western countries improved their facilities? Because they consider the human values very seriously. In eastern countries, if a person is lost, murdered, or has had an accident, very little news is broadcast on the television, because in their eyes, this is normal and not very important. They give much more time to sports news or movies, etc., but don't count the value of a human life. Most of the time, these kinds of new stories do not reach the media, or even if they do, most won't be aired, because of pressure from the top (higher people). But in the Western countries, any incident that happens like this reaches worldwide TV

audiences. For example, watching news in India or Pakistan, we can see more overseas news than local news!

Some people force children to beg! In a few countries, people kidnap little children and disabled them for begging, so that people will feel sorry for them and give them money. In some places, children and adults are sold as slaves! I believe those people who are doing such things should learn some kind of lesson so they never do such things. One thing I am unable to understand is that the government has public money, so why does that government like to spend money on other things, like a major movie star's security or a politician's visit, instead of on the public? Most money disappears into corrupt politician and officer's pockets, instead of being used to sort out the country's problems.

Some people don't want to do anything, they just like to beg and live. They are even healthy—no sickness or any physical problems. Even if someone offers them some work, they won't do it. Why? I think some people get into the habit of not working. Some people will say they are hungry and ask for money, but they are not interested if someone tries to buy them food—they only want money. Why is that? Do they really need money for food or do they want to buy drugs or alcohol, etc.? I've also seen young children asking for 10 pence, etc., so they could buy cigarettes.

There is one thing you must have seen worldwide, if a normal person's family member been lost or kidnapped or become a hostage, the governments says they are not negotiating, police hardly try to search; they even they ask for at least a 24-hour delay before they write a report of missing person. But if that was a relative of any rich, important person or politician, superiors would alert the police departments the minute they were informed. There is no problem with delays or negotiations in those cases! Does it mean that rich person's or politician's relative who has been kidnapped is more important than a normal person's relative? There is a big question mark about how we see others and how others see us.

Some police departments or public sectors are also corrupt, especially in Asia and Africa. They will do anything for a small amount of money. You could bribe them and your work would be done. Quite a few people join the police force to make money from bribes. In hospitals, if someone had an accident, the doctors won't treat them unless it has been reported to the police, even if that person is in a critical situation and dying. In some countries, a doctor cannot treat or save a patient because the government has tied their hands with silly

laws. One law says that if someone is burned or taken some poison, it should be reported before they are be treated. It does not matter if the person dies, as long as they are following their reporting procedure. I believe becoming a doctor or nurse and saving people's lives is the best profession, as long as they embarked on the profession with the goal of doing something good—and are not only in it for the money. I hope there are no wars, etc., so that all of the manpower and intelligence can be used to improve this world.

Have you ever noticed that if you discuss a problem or condition you have, suddenly everyone around you becomes a professional about the subject. They begin giving you advice and hundreds of suggestions about what you should do. Everyone thinks that they are right. Similarly, if someone is trying to choose a career, everyone becomes a career expert. Naturally, no one can follow every suggestion they receive. Only one career can be chosen. In any case, if someone unable to achieve that career they chose or did not succeed as expected, people may start saying that they were suggesting a different career! At home, everyone likes to be in charge, even if they are wrong. Some also like to use the benefit of their age, if they are older. They try to boss everyone around because they are older.

There are numerous festivals that are celebrated all over the world to commemorate religious events and other events deemed notable. I believe most all festivals are related to sharing and helping others. I will talk about festivals where we spend thousands of dollars on fireworks. For example, during Diwali (which is the “festival of lights”) in India, people spend millions of pounds on fireworks. Similarly, in UK, the Bonfire night people also spend large sums of money on fireworks. Other countries have their own similar festivals using fireworks, including fireworks to celebrate New Year's. If we consider all festivals, we spend billions of pounds on fireworks each year, or shall I say, we burn billions of pounds! Is it a small amount?

People buy huge amounts of fireworks to show off and so that no one can say that they bought only a few fireworks, and compare how much they spent and have a laugh. People even get hurt because of fireworks. Also, don't forget about how much pollution it brings into our atmosphere—but we don't care. We burn huge amounts of fireworks so that we can have a little enjoyment, even knowing that some place, somewhere, people do not have anything to eat or money for medical treatment? These all are trends, which we have found more important than lives. Is it really important? Can we change these trends? Why don't we try to spend the same kind of money on building instead of

burning? I am sure we can make a big difference. I am just asking you to make some changes. What would happen if we do not have fireworks for one year, and instead, get together and build something? I am not asking you to stop enjoying fireworks altogether, but only to reduce it to about 10 percent, and to then to use that remaining 90 percent to build and see where it take us and how many improvements we could make. If it doesn't make any difference in few years, then by all means, continue again, but do give it a chance. Don't say first let other person to stop then I will stop, because that will never happen, as other people might be thinking the same, so please take action now!

In this modern world, we have plenty of facilities like electricity, gas, telephone, travel facilities, etc. The Internet is counted as a major invention after electricity! We have facilities to cure illnesses. Scientists are inventing new things every day to improve life and make it easy. Quite a few people have even travelled into space. Compared with the past, can we ever think about living without these facilities? Millions of years ago, people use to be afraid of fire. How did they survive without using fire? How did people start using oil and also start making equipment, etc. Did people improve themselves as through their needs like we are doing now? There are always positive and negative impacts of these facilities like electric shock, computer viruses, which could send personal information worldwide, sickness because of mobile phones, and much more. But, without these facilities, what would really happen? Can we live without them now?

In life everything starts from somewhere and it follows on—good deeds, like helping and humanity work, bad deeds like killing, harming each other, corruption, or speaking lies, etc. People learn these things as the time passes.

Can we imagine how many human beings have lived and died since this universe was born? Humans might be countable in billions or trillions, but what about animals? I don't think we ever be able to keep that kind of record. But if we think seriously, the vastness of the numbers will amaze us! If we consider the current situation in this world, there are over 6 billion humans living. Could anybody think that in this century, at least 7 to 8 billion humans will die! No we cannot even imagine that many people could die in next 100 years. This is not a prediction but it is a real thing.

Have you ever been confused about life? No doubt, this life is a big confusion, but I am asking general confusion. I had a big confusion experience, which I am sure will make you laugh. While on holiday from college, my friends and I travelled to one city. One of my friends wanted

to buy one travelling bag, and the shop was on the first floor. While going up the stairs, I saw on my left, a boy, but at that time, I did not stop and kept going upstairs. In the next few minutes, I felt very confused. I was thinking about that boy. I was sure I saw that boy somewhere, but could not remember where. I asked my friend to go downstairs quickly to see if he could recognize him before he disappeared. While coming downstairs, he was first to come down, and when he saw the boy on his right side (coming up on our left), he started laughing. I was puzzled, and when I reached downstairs, I was shocked. It was nothing but a very big mirror. What I had seen earlier was my own reflection. I was so confused that I could not recognize myself! To tell you the truth, I used to see my face only while shaving, which I used to do only twice a week. I gave this example not to see your face more times in the mirror, but to demonstrate that confusion happens when instead of our outer face we don't recognize about our internal face, where bad things are hidden. We know bad things are there, but we do not want to recognize them, or shall I say, we ignore them.

With the beginning of the New Year, people make resolutions. This year, we won't lie, we will not drink or smoke, we will not do such things, or will do these things, etc., but how many of us stick to our resolutions? Only few people stick to their resolutions; most of us go back to doing the same things we did before after few days, leaving our resolutions undone again until next year.

Sometimes while driving, I think, "What's happening, what I am doing here?" Sometimes, something happens and we think very hard, because we believe it has happened before and it's repeating. For example, after watching a film or visiting a place, we presume we have seen this film before or have been to this place before. Why do we feel this way? Some would say it's because of our previous life—that we are remembering such things. Does that make any sense?

What we see may not always be true or correct. We look around and judge accordingly, but many times our perspective could be wrong. Before we form an opinion about someone, we should learn to take a look at the same situation from a different perspective. Never come to a conclusion about anyone, because what you know or what you see may not be the truth or the real side. When you take a second look, you may find that you were wrong. We should not judge anyone whom we met just a few minutes earlier, especially regarding their nature. If someone has bad habits, if we look at only bad things, it will make us bad. Why don't we try to look at the good side and good things about that person?

Sometimes, our eyes can lie or sometimes we only see, what we want to see. Sometimes, when we get desperate about something, which threatens our life, we see unusual things. It's like thirsty people travelling in the desert and seeing water in the distance, but in reality, there is only sand. Sometimes we start imagining things. If two people had similar clothes on, we might make a mistake. Because of these mistakes and silly actions, sometimes we have regrets. It is always a good idea if and when we realize our mistake, to try to rectify and correct it whenever possible.

All around us we see different colours, when in fact, there are only three primary colours. If we keep mixing them with different quantities, we will have unlimited or uncountable colours. We learn about different colours while we are young, like we have been taught that blood is red or grass is green, etc. But, can we really define a colour? What does green or any other colour look alike? Scientists say when we see something and light reflects back from that object and whatever colour reflects, we say that is the object's colour. That's why we see different colours! In the same way, the sky seems blue, whereas there is nothing there, just a blank space. How can we check to see if a reflected colour from one object appears the same to others as it does to me? Have we ever realized if someone is looking at green and saying that is a green, we naturally say that is green, because that's what we were taught. But do we really see the same colours that others see? Is it possible that what I see as green, someone else might see as red, but since we all learned the same colour as green, that's why we say it is green? I am not sure how to explain this but I meant to say, what one person sees, others might see differently. There might be only two true colours—which really are not colours at all—black and white. Similarly, the way our taste works, as we can see our tastes are not same, we could try to explain and estimate, but will never be able to know correctly.

Similarly, a person's feelings could be different from each other. One would feel differently from other. But we should not think if a person does not want to speak or hide their feelings, they do not have feelings. We can imagine if similar things happen to us, what we will feel, but we will never understand what others are truly feeling.

We find some good famous people very interesting and we try to copy them, act like them, and speak like them; their hobbies may even become ours. But why do we never try to copy those things that made them famous and made them so special?

Why do people commit suicide? People end their lives for small reasons! Is life just a game, so we could end our selves? I have heard

about people who were in love, because they did not get together, they committed suicide. Sometimes, one of them commits suicide, and sometimes, both. These cases are rare now, but why do they still that? For one person, another person becomes so mad or crazy, that they end their own life—are our lives limited to loving only a few people? I don't think we are born to kill ourselves or to live only to love a few people. In many countries there is one law in force—that suicide is illegal. If a person is already dead, then whom can they take action against? Or if they save one person from committing suicide, are they not only wasting everyone's time taking legal action instead try to solve the problem as to why the person tried to end his or her life? People with family problems or problems related to finances often also choose this simple, easy option, instead of fighting with the situation.

Lets talk about Love! What is love? Can we define love? Is love a friendship? Can we compare love? Should we test love? I don't think there is any proper definition for love. Everyone has their own opinions about love. I believe love is an invisible force, which is built on friendship, and it can even be one-sided. Love is the most beautiful thing that binds people together. Love makes life beautiful. If love didn't exist, we wouldn't be able to see any beauty—or shall I say, without love, there beauty would not exist. Everything and everyone's life would be dull. Some say love is a slow poison. I really do not understand how it could be poison. Can love really kill or harm anyone?

Is it possible for someone to fall in love and fall out of love as well? Well, this must be true, as we see this regularly!

Love is to give, but not to expect in return. How many types are there in love? If there is no type, then why we say, "I love you more than anything." How much truth is in that? Can we tell the difference between a lover's love, a parent's love, the love of other relations, or a friend's love? Our relationships, between parents, brother and sisters, other relatives, friends, and anybody else, all are based on love, so we cannot compare love. Truth is even someone could write whole book on love; still we won't be able to define love! Is there any way to learn about love or we just born with that?

Is there any relationship between love and hate? Sometimes somebody mistreats or hurts you, which brings hate and also jealousy. Sometimes, small incidents between very good friends or relatives can generate friction. At times, friction calms down, and yet grows into a feud. As generations pass, they see each other as an enemy; even people who do not know what really happened in the past and what their great-grand parents did that generated this hate! Without knowing the

reasons, people just carry on hating each other! In real terms, we are our own enemy. If we see in our self carefully and think why things happened, why we become enemy, we will find we are full of ego, jealousy, hate, and anger. We just have to try harder.

Children also could build jealousy, with their brothers or sisters thinking parents love them more than him or her. Sometimes it feels great when brother or sister buy you things u needed, does not matter they are younger or elder from you. It makes you special when they give you a gift without any reason, without any expectation.

A small quote I received in chat, "*3 seconds to say I love you, 3 hours to explain it, and whole life to prove it,*" but in my views, I don't think we need to prove anything!

These days, people say, "I love you," online or offline very quickly. One friend was telling me about one of her friends who had a boyfriend and the friendship was only few weeks old! His boyfriend used to say he loved her so much. One day, he pressed her for a physical relationship, but she refused; because she refused, he left her. Was that love or just a misuse of the word? I do not have to reply to this question; I think you all know the answer! By the way, there is no restriction of age in love.

Once one of my close friends asked me if I had to choose someone, only one person in whole world, whom would I choose? I replied I would do one of two things; as I cannot compare anyone. Either I would choose the person who would needed me the most at the time, or I wouldn't choose anyone at all. I cannot choose one and leave others. There is no comparing love. In real terms, I love the whole world. I believe if we live in love then we will live better, and if we live by hating, then our life becomes miserable.

There was one joke I heard when I was very young: One physic's class teacher was explaining, "If this book is on a table and the table is on the ground, in scientific terms, we could say the book is on the ground." He asked one student to give another example. After thinking for a few seconds, the student replied innocently, "I love you and you love your daughter, in scientific terms, I love your daughter."

Can we compare like and love? What is like? I think it's just a word to show interest in something or someone. By saying, "I like that, I like you, or I like that place," etc., we are just explaining our feelings of affection. We like so many things; but we often choose a few favourites from those things. We also compare somebody's nature by saying, "I like his nature about a particular thing, but I do not like the same person's nature about something else," etc. Liking has no limits. We cannot compare like or love, as it's possible we do not like somebody's nature

or habits, but we still love them or we like someone's nature, but do not love them.

What is trust? Is trust a type of love? You can trust others without having any kind of relationship like love or friendship with them. Trust is believing in someone. As I said earlier, it's another name for friendship. Everyone has his or her own views and we all think we are always right. If we trust someone or someone trusts us, it does not mean they, or we, should force each other to accept each other's views. In some places, trust does not come into the picture. For example, people could have an argument about something, but trust about money or some other things always stay. People ask me, while chatting, if I trust them. And I reply that there is no reason I should not trust them. Sometimes a few people say, if you trust me, then believe in God, etc., which I view as their lack of trust, as these beliefs are based on an individual's opinions, not on trust. These are just their personal views, because I could ask the same questions in return or reply back with, "If you trust me, do not believe in God!" But I would never do that; I don't like to force my opinions on other people.

What is marriage? Why do people get married? Is it a compulsory thing? Is marriage just a mutual understanding of two people and a licence to have a physical relationship and have children? Having physical relations and children is something anyone can do, even before marriage (We can see these things in western countries; this trend is also moving to eastern countries.). Then what is this marriage thing? Is marriage a commitment or just to settle down and build a relationship as family? In some marriages there is no trust. I've seen people fighting every minute, who have been married for many years. Do they still have to live together if they are fighting every minute and blaming each other for everything? Are they just passing their life together because they do not believe in divorce? Or they do not want to divorce or separate because of what other people will say? What happens when these marriages break up and a relationship ends up in divorce? Who really suffers from these situations? In most cases, it is the children who suffer.

One more question about marriage...why is it that the female has to take the male's family surname? Why doesn't the male take the female's family name, or create a new surname by joining parts of the two surnames?

If someone is in love and wants to get married, few parents agree with that relation, and few don't. Some even make comments about the boy not being handsome enough or the girl not beautiful enough,

etc. Some people even add further comments, like *if they sit together, they should at least look nice equally*. Why do some people only look at the outer appearance of others and ignore their inner beauty? Don't they want their son or daughter to be happy, or do they just want showcase equipment, so they can tell and show people that they have very beautiful daughter-in-law or very handsome son-in-law? Sometimes children can be wrong as well, but if a child insists they are right about the person their parent is planning to marry, I believe, in those cases, that instead of creating hate in their minds or losing them, the parent should take a closer look at their intended spouse as children often have a second sense about the goodness of others.

In some cases, marriages are just a business agreement. Two people may not want to get married, but do so to increase their business relations or royal relations. Why parents or relatives don't think that those two persons who are getting married have to live together, they should have some control of their own lives.

What difference does it make if you are married or not married, except of a few legal strings? In most countries have, a man can have only one wife, but in a few countries, a man can have up to four wives, longer they treat his all wives in equal way! I read when I was younger that this happened because there were less males than females in these countries, and since females had to marry, they made a this rule that a man can have up to four wives. But now that times have changed, why do they still have the same rules? And why doesn't a woman have the right to have four husbands in those countries where there are more men than women?

In Asia, during the old times, if a husband died first, people used to burn his wife alive, with him! I hope they don't do this nonsense and unlawful thing anymore. Again, why do most societies view men as having more importance or value than women? If a wife dies first, why are their husbands not burned alive?

Oftentimes, I've seen marriages celebrations where the bride and groom end up just sitting in a corner while most of their relatives and friends get drunk, or are busy doing other things. Most of them ignore the bride and groom, and also ignore why they are getting together—to celebrate a special union. But marriage is supposed to be a special day for the bride and groom. Do they really get a special day?

People spend thousands of pounds on marriages; some rich people even spend millions! Some people take a loan to show off; even at the later date, some of them are unable to re-pay the loan! I do not understand why some people take out loans and go into debt when

they could just have a simple celebration. I don't really understand who gets the benefit of that? Most all the guests would also be rich anyway; they won't see anything special! Why not get married a different way? Spending millions on something that will be remembered for only a short time by most in attendance seems foolish. If you want to spend millions, why not do something important with your money and live in people's hearts forever.

In some countries, people marry off their children at a very young age. Sometimes the bride is just a child and the groom is an adult! Why they do this? How they can play with a child's life? Young children do not even understand anything about themselves yet, but suddenly find that plenty of duties and other people's responsibilities have been added to their task of just growing up. In Asian, there is also a dowry system. Its illegal, but the boy's relatives demand a dowry from the bride's parents. If the bride's relatives cannot fulfil the demands, the groom's parents either stop the wedding or if they already wed, they torture the bride. In some cases, the groom also helps torture his bride. They even try to murder the bride so that the groom can marry again! You may have heard about the burning of new brides in the news. How can people do such things? I believe in giving wedding gifts that you can afford, but demanding a dowry is very wrong. In-laws also torture, misbehave, and blame a bride if she cannot have a baby, or does not have a baby boy, even if it's their own son's fault, as in most cases. They don't even value the fact that the bride left her parents or relatives for them.

We do exchange gifts on special occasions and festival times. How many people mean to keep that gift? How many people moan behind another's back that they did not expect that gift or they deserved a better or more expensive gift? How many times is that gift packed away again, only to be given to someone else? We all do that, pass on the same gift that we received, to others or even sometimes, we get the same gifts back for a different occasion—the gift that we had once given to someone else. Why do we have so much formality? One good thing, I believe, is that at least during holidays and special occasions, families get together, otherwise even living in same town, people sometimes don't see their relatives for months, or even years.

What do we do in our free time? Most of the time we gossip about other people. Don't we have anything better to do than talk about what others are doing? If someone is doing well, then we become jealous of them and wish we could do the same. On the other hand, if someone is not doing well, we make fun of them, or give them poor advice so they won't be able to improve. We talk about and hear about how we can

make more money, we discuss different news, but how often do we hear or talk about how many hospitals have been built, or schools opened? How often do we talk about a person who is doing humanity work? How often do we offer support to that person? If we also want to help, then how often do we decide to join that person and do our part? We rarely try to think about what we want to do. Most of the time, people just put off doing things, because while they like to comment, they don't really have any interest in improving their level of living. I've heard few good stories:

One man was travelling from one village to another through the desert. He was travelling with his wife. He had a camel, and both were riding on the camel. There were many people passing by, and one commented that he heard was, "What kind of people would put that much weight on a camel?" The Man realized his mistake, so he got down off the camel and started walking; now only his wife was riding. Soon, he heard another comment about how that lady was selfish, because she let her husband walk while she rode. His wife also heard that and she got down and insisted that her husband ride while she walked. Later on, they heard another comment: "What kind of a man leave a woman to walk and himself sitting on the camel?" After hearing that comment, the man got down off the camel and started walking along with the camel and his wife. Later on, they heard another comment: "What is the use of that camel, if they have to walk?" As we can see, we cannot win either way, as people have to say something no matter what we do. People always talk, and some talk we should let go into one ear and out the other.

Once one man bought a goat. Three crooks wanted to get that goat. They made a plan. While that man was going to his home, he passed through a countryside area. Then the first crook appeared and said to that man, "Hello, sir, what are you doing with a fox?"

The man said, "This is not a fox, but a goat."

The crook replied, "It is a fox." And then he walked away.

The man was a little confused. After going a little further, the second crook appeared and said something similar to that which the first crook had said. The man was puzzled, doubtful, and he got angry. He replied with anger that he bought a goat not a fox. A little further, the third crook appeared and he said a similar thing, and asked if he could buy the fox for a very small amount of money. By now the man was really confused and he made his mind up that it was a fox that he had bought and not a goat, as three people could not be wrong. He figured that must have been conned by the seller. He sold that goat and

went home with a sad face. Those three crooks were very happy, as they bought that goat much cheaper than what it had actually cost.

I received one forward email about frogs:

Once upon a time there was a bunch of frogs participating in a competition. The goal was to get to the top of a high tower. A crowd of people gathered to observe the race and to encourage the participants.

Quite honestly, none of the onlookers believed that the frogs could actually accomplish getting to the top of the tower.

Comments were heard like: "Ah, it's too difficult!" "They'll never reach to the top," or "Not a chance...the tower is too high!"

The race started; one by one, some of the baby frogs fell off. Those who were fast, climbed higher and higher. The crowd kept on yelling, "It's too difficult. Nobody is going to make it!" More frogs became tired and gave up, but one kept going higher and higher. He was not about to give up!

At the end, everybody had given up, except the one who was determined to reach the top! All the other participants naturally wanted to know how he had managed to do what none of the others had been able to do!

One competitor asked the winner what his secret was?

The truth was, the winner was deaf!

The lesson to be learned from the above example is don't ever listen to people who are negative and pessimistic. They will deprive you of the loveliest dreams and wishes you carry in your heart! Always be aware of the power of words, as everything you hear and read will interfere with your actions!

Therefore, always stay positive! And most of all, turn a deaf ear when people tell you that you cannot achieve your dreams; always believe you can make it! Some say daydreaming is good for satisfying our minds, but we cannot get anything out of it. Well at some point it is correct, because unless we work on that dream, how will we be able to achieve? We might have to work very hard for that. No work is small or big. If a surgeon's work is complicated, then without tools, he cannot do surgery as well. So that toolmaker that makes the surgical tools is as much important as the surgeon. Everyone has an ability to do work; no one can be perfect at everything. In other words, everyone's work is related to everyone else's.

Sometimes while we are doing something, we leave it for tomorrow. What is tomorrow? Is there really tomorrow? Or is there no tomorrow? We only live in the present, which is today! If we think, the next day comes and that again becomes today, so we cannot see tomorrow. We

live hoping for tomorrow. If there is no hope for tomorrow then there won't be any purpose in living today, or shall I say, our minds' would be dead without hope, even if our bodies continued to work. If we see our past and realize what errors we made in the past, we can correct them and attempt to make no further mistakes in future.

Hope is a dream, but that does not mean that we start building bridges in the air. Those dreams break very quickly, because they are built without any base. One very poor lady bought a few eggs with the leftover money she had. She put them in a basket, carried it on her head, and started walking home. While walking, she started daydreaming. She dreamt that from these eggs, chicks would come out and grow up. Slowly, there would be more eggs and chickens. And soon, she would be able to open a farm. She would have all the facilities. When a neighbour asks me for a free egg, I will say no, she thought. Soon, she moved her head to say no to her imaginary neighbour and her egg basket fell off her head and all the eggs broke along with her dream. Like I said above, I believe it is possible to make your dreams come true, but only if we work on it and do not get carried away like that lady did.

There is also one true example. A famous Indian dancer lost her leg in an accident. She got an artificial leg. She wanted to dance again; everyone was discouraging her, some even laughed at the impossibility of her dancing on an artificial leg. But with courage and hard work, she achieved her goal and become the best dancer in India. We should never lose our courage. If someone puts their mind one hundred percent on achieving something, it can be achieved; as long as that something is not harming anyone.

We can find many of examples like those above. We cannot make people happy, as most of them just like to comment or like to make you confused for their own enjoyment. As per the above examples, everything is possible within its own limits, and it will stay impossible until we start trying. The aeroplane flew, but it was thought to be an impossible task. Man walked on the moon, before achieving that, people must have said it was impossible. There are no miracles or instant things; only thing that we can do is try and hope.

Many people just want to stay up to date on the latest technologies. For example, they want to change cars regularly and buy a new one. They will buy cars, which will run double or triple the speed limit of that country—which they will never going to use it! I don't understand why that much speed is made available in today's vehicles, when no one is legally allowed to drive that fast worldwide because of speed limits. Why do governments allow this? It is a similar thing with sales people,

they will sell seniors a big car, when most of them are just going to drive in local areas; rarely are they going for long drives. Most sales people just like to make their commissions; they don't care or hardly consider what others really need. A car is just an example here, but this lack of care is happening in every field.

I remember one joke about a new sales person joining a shoe store. The store manager advised that the new sales person to keep a positive attitude so that every customer would be provided with good customer service, and they would return again and again. The salesman said ok. The next day, one of the customers came back and saw the manager. He explained to him that he bought a pair of shoes, but one shoe was a size 8 and other a size 9. The manager asked the customer who sold the pair to him. The customer recognized that was the new salesman. The manager asked that salesman why he sold the shoes this way. The salesman answered, "You asked me to provide the service so that the customers would come back again and again. Here.... he is, back again!"

We see charity advertisements in western countries saying that a small amount of money can buy people so much food. It makes me wonder if we are living in the wrong place. If a few hundred pounds could give a blind person vision, then what we are waiting for?

Donating blood is a great thing. I used to donate blood while in college, and after college, I also donated a few times. It gives us a great satisfaction that we did something good. Think about how many lives have been saved because of donated blood, and, really, our bodies makes up the same amount of blood after a few weeks, so it does not make any difference to our bodies.

Not only blood donation, but other organs as well, which people could use who really need. If someone dies, he or she does not need eyes or other organs, like kidneys, heart, etc., but donating your organs could save someone else's life, also someone could see with your eyes. Some organs can be donated while you are alive without disrupting your life or your health, like your kidney or some special kinds of bone marrow, blood, etc. Some horrible people are the business of killing a few humans to harvest and sell their organs to rich people. Some also do such things to save themselves or their own relative's lives. Those people take the benefit of people who are in financial trouble and ask them to sell their organs. In my eyes, it is evil to take advantage of others like this.

I had one operation in December 2003. It was on one of my kidney tubes. After the operation, I needed blood, so doctors gave me blood. I think that blood was from someone who was very sensitive,

because ever since I was given that blood, I have felt more sensitive. Does transferring blood or other organs really affect the nature of the person receiving the gift? I am not sure, but I feel that way. I never cried while watching movies or upon hearing sad news, but since this blood transfer, whenever I watch a sensitive scene in a movie or in the news, my eyes become wet.

Sometimes we do things without realizing the results. When I was young, I use to chase one cat, which use to climb upon our roof from a neighbour's house. As a kid, it was fun chasing the cat, but she used to get scared and run away. One day, the cat ran up the stairs and jumped back on to me. It was a big shock for me, as I was not expecting that. After that, I never chased a cat!

Some people have odd habits when it comes to sharing food. I remember when I was young. Whenever I ate nuts, I offered some to my grandmother. My grandmother only asked for a couple of nut, as she had a habit of asking that way. And I always gave her two or three. Then she use to tell everyone that I gave her only two to three nuts and I use to reply in return, that she asked only for that much. It was fun winding her up with her wording! I miss those times, as I am too far away from her now to wind her.

I have never been shy about food. Why do a few people make a fuss about food or have formalities about food? Especially in India, I found people most saying no to offered food the first time. Some people keep saying no-no that they do not want it, but they will still take it. But in my case, it was different; if someone asked me if I wanted cold or hot, I mostly said the same thing, "While you are making tea, bring cold" (an old joke).

A murderer could become a softer person; all they need is a chance, which we do not want to give. Why is our nature is like that; if something happens to us, don't we think or ask for another chance? Sometimes slipping a few words accidentally without any meaning becomes a huge thing. The problem with speaking thoughtless words is that we cannot take those words back. Sometimes people blame others, even though they made a mistake, or even when both parties made mistakes! We can see examples of this in road accidents, etc.

Sometimes, one person makes a silly mistake and it becomes bigger. Our reputation gets ruined because of few silly things we did, or even because of geeing wrongly accused. But because of that we should not judge someone's character. We can hide visible scars with clothes or with plastic surgery, etc., but a scar that is invisible and that is on one's character, everyone can see, regardless of how much we try to hide it.

Think about a person who was wrongly accused or who had lies said about him or her. How much that person suffers, no one could imagine! The person who made those wrong accusations might leave the local place physically, but he or she still leaves behind invisible scars on the person that was wronged. Those hidden scars could become bigger if that person becomes famous, as the public and the media like to know more about what someone did wrong in the past, even if the events were false, instead of what that person did right or is doing right thing in the present.

It hurts when people wrongly accuse others when they are not the ones who have been abused. They even don't think about how much a false accusation affects another's life. Most people see the accused person with doubt. Sometimes the pain of the accusation can result in a person committing suicide. What do people get out of making false accusations? Some people just wrongly accuse another so that they can get money or exact revenge; others do it out of jealousy. Even if they gain something positive for themselves, will they ever be free of their guilt?

Why do people abuse others; Child abuse, sexual abuse and others? It hurts when we hear about such things. Why does it happen? How can people do such things? This kind of abuse leaves a big scar on the minds of the victims. In some cases, the victim never fully recovers from the shock. As I said above, people can be wrongly accused by others for personal benefits or because another person simply dislikes them. Michael Jackson's case was the biggest case about this. No one knows what really happened, but I don't think we should judge someone as guilty. One thing I could say about him is that his mind is childish and any accusations made against him would most probably be wrong. My theory about him is, if he had gone to prison for a long time, and after all the appeals, if he did not succeed, he would have committed suicide. Well, what could a child do in a prison? This is only my opinion and what I feel, but I could be wrong about him.

We all make mistakes both minor as well as major mistakes, but some people purposely steal, cheat, kidnap, and hurt others. Is it all about the money and fun they have by doing these things? Or are they trying to make some point? It could be jealousy or terrorism, perhaps. People hijack planes, trains, etc., for money or to show terror. No one can forget September 11, 2001. But one thing is still not understandable and that is how people could hurt or kill other people. What they want to show is that they have a power. Some people even play with other people's lives as if others are puppets, and all for money. In a few places,

you will find people will do anything for money, as long as they get enough money so that their family can have better life! Mistreating people also creates terrorism. Some even make themselves into suicide bombs. If someone treats us badly, does it mean we do the same to him or her? If we did that then what would be the difference between them and us? I am sure there must be solutions to make them realize their mistakes. People who fight for their freedom are called freedom fighters; calling them terrorists is absolutely wrong. In real terms, anyone that is trying to rule another's freedom is a terrorist. A few people do such things for other reasons, which I will express in the "our beliefs" section. Whatever happens, no one can justify taking a life.

Some people say killing a terrorist will finish the terror, how much they are right? Police and others have been killing terrorists for years, and yet it seems that it has not affected anything. Killing is not a way to end terrorism. I don't think this system or anyone will ever be able to end terrorism this way; killing will increase terrorism. We should be working on the reasons why people become terrorists. While killing a terrorist, many innocents are killed. Now, those whose families have been killed would naturally be angry and want to take revenge. So, who is really creating terrorism here? However in some cases, we could say it is an exceptional case to take the urgent action against those who are guilty of killing thousands of innocents in bomb blasts and aeroplane crashes like Sep 11, 2001. People behind these sorts of terrors just do these blasts for their enjoyment and I believe they should be in some kind of mental hospital. Of course it is a difficult task, and we are here to sort that out! Or shall I say, it is our duty in life to end terror without killing a terrorist! Many would say they have tried, but it did not work. Well did they try hard enough or did they get tired of doing this?

People kill others. Don't they realise what they doing? They leave families to suffer and make children often. Don't they realize how they would feel if they lost their families for no good reason? Naturally, if we keep taking revenge this way, it will increase and become worse. One of my friend's father and uncle went to attend somebody's funeral. Terrorists came and murdered the people who were there, including my friend's father and uncle. That day was the first time that I felt like crying, but I could not, as I was there to support my friend. They did not do anything wrong to those terrorists, so why did the terrorists kill them? About the time of incident, there was much terrorism in Punjab, which is a state in India. Terrorists stopped buses, trains, and cars, etc., went into buildings, even schools, and killed thousands of innocents. They did not care about anything but killing and destroying everything.

They didn't have even the smallest bit of kindness. Why are similar kinds of incidents happening in this world? If someone is critically ill, we know he or she is going to die soon. It is not that shocking, as we expect it. But when someone dies suddenly by accident or for other health reasons, or is murdered, it leaves the person's family and friends in a shock—and in the event of a terrorist attack, many people are left in shock.

I remember one small drama at a similar time, which was shown on the TV. It was night time. One family was travelling one town to another, and the husband took a shortcut through the countryside. The wife tried to stop her husband, but he said he knew the way. After few miles, they lost their way. After few minutes, they realized one motorbike light was following them. They got worried, as in the evening there were more terrorist attacks, especially in areas like the countryside. The wife was shouting at her husband about why he had taken this route. Two children sitting in the backseat started crying. In the end, they found the main road. There was one railway crossing, and they had to stop the car, as the crossing was closed. The motorbike, which was behind them, stopped beside their car. The man who was riding, took his helmet off and said to the husband, "Thank you!" And explained how he had also lost his way and after seeing their car, he followed them to the main road. Both the husband and the wife were surprised and also felt ashamed, because they were thinking that the person was a terrorist. I believe that if we assume something, we should not force ourselves to believe our assumptions until we know the facts. It could be dangerous. Human minds think negative thoughts much more quickly than positive thoughts. We hardly expect anything good to happen! A glass is half full with water; some will say the glass is half full and some will see the glass as half empty. Saying the glass is half empty is part of our negative thinking. Similarly, if we think about a river, it has two sides, and those two sides never meet each other. This is our negative thinking about not meeting, but if we think logically, without those two sides that river will never exist, then those two sides become very important. It all depends how we see things.

Sometimes a very small incident happens which we remember. I remember when I was young, someone spit in the drinking syrup. My mother thought it was I, so she got angry and gave me a slap. Once she came to know it was not I who spit, she gave me a big hug and kept saying sorry for a long time. I was hardly six or seven, but I can still feel that hug. Sometimes incident like this leaves a good memory and makes

us smile whenever we think about that incident. We also try to share that incident with others.

In parents and children's relations, the big question can become, "Is it a child's duty to care for their parents?" Why do people have babies? Is it compulsory to have baby? If having a baby is not compulsory, then why do we have babies? We have babies for our own pleasure. Also to continue our family name! If the whole world stopped doing that, what would happen? Is a baby just made from a reaction of acids? Do acids become the heart, brain, kidneys, etc., in the stomach? Why are scientists still unable to make that sort of acid? Why is it that everyone does not look the same as everyone else? What would the world have looked like if everyone all had the same faces?

Are parents right about everything? Why are twins or multiple babies born to one mother? What does a baby think in its mother's stomach or until he or she starts talking? Why can't men have babies? Will men ever have the experience of having a baby? Why do females have all the pain instead of men? Even men cannot share that pain! Females suffer period pain every few weeks' and huge pains when babies are born. I cannot explain that pain in words, as I cannot feel, but why do only females have that pain? Sometimes by accident, a girl becomes pregnant. You must have heard the shocking news about the young ages at which some girls and boys have become parents. Some people have children so that when they are old, their children can look after them. Many people have an abortion done and many take treatments to have a baby, because they have problem conceiving a child! Those who don't believe in abortion, have no choice but to have that baby. Many children go to foster homes, because parents don't want their children, or some send them to orphanages because they cannot afford to raise them. Some cannot look after them because they are too young to be parents. Is it a mistake to have baby? I believe it is a parent's responsibility to care for that child, because they brought that new life into the world. That responsibility is here to stay until the end. Parents just cannot run from their responsibilities. If parents think they don't have any responsibility, then they should think again about who brought that baby into this life and why.

Once I read about a lady who left her child with the police so that she could go on a holiday and there was no relatives or friends available to look after her child! Sometimes we hear about these stories and cannot believe the way this world is going.

In a few countries in Asia and Africa, the population is increasing very fast, but there is hardly enough food for them to eat. Perhaps, they

need education, entertainment, or other resources, so that they can think of some other entertainment instead of just making babies. Sometimes after marriage, parents also force their children to have babies. They just don't care about whether their child is ready to take on the extra commitment or not, they only want to see their grandchildren. Many Asian or African families prefer to have boys instead of girls. By the way, if the population keeps increasing like it is, soon we will have to develop the desert areas, live underground, or find another planet on which to live! It is similar way to traffic congestion; most countries build extra roads in advance to prepare for the next five to ten years of traffic. We should think about population problems the same way.

Quite few ladies smoke while they are pregnant, and men also smoke sitting next to pregnant women. They also drink alcohol or take drugs. Don't they realize how much it will affect the unborn child? They know this is not even good for their own body! So, why do they still do these things?

Cigarettes and tobacco, alcohol, other drugs are not good for your health and everybody knows this, but people still smoke, drink, and take drugs. Do people get pleasure from this? Most countries restrict the selling of these to those who are age 16 or 18. There is a ban for buying or selling, but no ban for using! I see school children smoking while going to school, or sitting in groups, also sometimes drinking beers, etc. How do they get this stuff? Why doesn't the government ban using this stuff, as everyone knows it can make you sick? I believe the government is making a lot of money in taxes, etc. Every year, the government increase taxes so that less people will use, but if someone has a habit, they won't see any small increment in price, they will just buy as normal, and the government's trick works to get more taxes. I experienced smoking and drinking while I was in college, and I believe once or twice is ok for the experience, but never try to make it a habit. Once we make it a habit, initially we enjoy these things, but later on these things enjoy our body by emptying us from inside, adding poisons, and creating illness. We can see people falling down on the roads because of too much drink. We always hear that drugs only do damage, did we ever hear about a cigarette saving someone's life, or alcohol having improved anyone's kidneys. It is common sense. We know what we should be doing.

I tried these things for taste purposes. These things we do try for taste, but sometimes we get addicted and that is our biggest problem. I see people drinking in excessive quantities and then becoming sick all over. Why don't their friends stop them? Or they do not have real friends? Because of addiction, to buy this stuff, people steal or do wrong

things. I ask that people, if possible, stop drinking and smoking, or even try to cut down as much as they can. This way you won't only be saving your money, but also your health. You must have heard that cigarettes, drugs, and alcohol affect all your body parts, liver, etc. They also affect your personal lives and family life. If you have spare money to burn on these things, why don't you save and help someone in need?

I received one nice joke about this topic, which could be true, especially in the western countries:

A man walks into a shop.

Customer: Worcester sauce crisps please.

Shopkeeper: Sorry can't, it's off the shelves, Government banned because of cancer scare.

Customer: Oh right, Chinese Chicken Wings?

Shopkeeper: Ah that's the same, Cancer scare.

Customer: Hamburger Relish?

Shopkeeper: Cancer scare.

Customer: Sausage and Mash?

Shopkeeper: Cancer scare.

Customer: Cottage Pie?

Shopkeeper: Yes,...no wait, Cancer scare.

Customer: So they're all off the shelves because of a Cancer scare?

Shopkeeper: Yes

Customer: (sigh) Just give me a packet of fags then.

Shopkeeper: Certainly. £4.50 please.

The governments won't ever ban tobacco stuff, because it will cut down their large income! We can see here how much they care about cancer and other illness.

Some people say they cannot stop smoking or drinking. One man had a drinking habit. He went to a consultant. The consultant told him he had to stop, otherwise there would be a big problem with his health. The man said he tried everything, but he has failed. The consultant stood up and held one pole very tight. Then he started shouting let me go, let me go! That man said to the consultant, "Why you are shouting? You could just let that pole go, as you are holding that pole; that pole is not holding you." The consultant smiled and said, "You have answered yourself about your problem. You are holding alcohol; you have to let it go! Yes it could be difficult to let go and could take a little time, but you can do it and have to do it." That man tried hard and was soon out of that habit. I believe if you smoke or drink a lot, and reduce your habit slowly on a daily or weekly basis, and one day, you will succeed.

People smuggle alcohol, tobacco, and drugs. Some even make drugs!

Why? People die because of these drugs. You must have heard about people who have died from drug overdose. Why are people making and distributing this poison stuff? Is it just for money or do they just like to see people suffer? Is that money really worth it, which is made by taking other people's lives?

People also do smuggling of other things as well, like gold, diamonds, electronics stuff, etc., but people do this to save duty and other taxes. I don't think it harms anyone's health. I believe governments should make this open, so there should not be any taxes bringing this sort of stuff in or out of the country, as this gives all countries more growth and also make improvements. The extra time the customs people have should be used to catch those who are bringing in drugs, weapons, etc., which are life-threatening and could really harm that country.

I am not sure about other countries but I have little information about the British tax system. In Britain, consumers have to pay first income tax, then, whatever they buy from their net income, they have to pay Value Added Tax (VAT) on most of the items. There is no vat on necessity things like food, fruits, and vegetables, tea, coffee, etc., But a few of these things, if we buy them in a restaurant etc., they become taxable. One thing I am unable to understand is why the government thinks that clothes are not necessity things (except children's clothing), and even medicines are not viewed as necessities, as we could live without them, so they charge vat on these. And yet, there is a law in force that states no one may walk around naked! What sense does it make? On one hand, they say it is not a necessity, and on the other hand, they make laws that require you to wear clothing. I heard that some countries don't have taxes at all. It would be nice if governments didn't put all the pressure on consumers, as most everything we buy is taxable.

We work hard and pay taxes and national insurance. Now, why is it that whatever we buy with that money is also taxed? Even if we save some money, any interest we receive is also taxable. If public sector employees like Fire fighters, nurses, etc., ask for a pay rise, members of parliament (MP's) normally increase their pay only a small percentage—and only after a big fuss. Employees have to strike to get even that. When MP's like to increase their own salaries, naturally, they don't have to discuss it with anyone or get any approval from the public, to increase whatever percentage they want to increase. Yearly inflation increments in old pension will be hardly 1 to 2 percent, whereas the house taxes inflation increment rate will be 5 to 10 percent! How is it that this inflation system always works in government's favour and no one here challenges that?

There is also another good technique of government to get more taxes, dropping the interest rates, which is a minor loss, but it increases the value of homes, and most of the homes come into the bracket of stamp duty, so most of the people who buy houses have to pay much more extra taxes. Even if a person dies, their estate has to pay inheritance tax. It is very interesting how a country's government can collect money from the public, but it's sad how politicians spend that money on wars and weapons, instead of on things to improve the condition of humanity!

Why do people steal? I believe if someone wants to work, there is plenty of work out there. Yes it is possible that it might not be same work that they wanted. To get a job, employers look for experience, and a person won't have any experience until he or she is given the chance to do a job. But it does not mean that stealing someone's hard-earned money is an option. I believe that a few think stealing is *easy money*. Some people even hurt old people; in some cases, they hurt others so badly that they die. For small amount of money, people break into cars and take stereos, etc., leaving the owners to pay for the damages. That money runs out quickly and because it seems like easy money for them, they do it again. How we can make them realize the error of doing these things?

If an attack or robbery happened in front of us, what would we do? Would we try to stop and get involve in the incident? How many people like to take that sort of action? I believe it also depends upon the situation. There was one small incident I remember; once in a police officer interview, one question was asked: *If someone tried to rob you, and no one was there to help you, what would you do?* One of the candidate replied, *If it was one robber, I would try to save my valet, if they had any kind of weapon or there are more than one, then I would give them my valet, as I hardly keep any money in that, and for that much money, it is not worth getting hurt!* What do you think?

People not only steal money, but other things as well. People steal land by using false documents, and plenty of other stuff like machinery, computers, etc. Some people steal their own country's secrets and sell them to others and much more—just for money and personal pleasure?

I remember when I was young, about 8 or 9 years old. While coming from somewhere with one of my friends, I took a banana from one of the market stalls while the owner wasn't watching. I remember my friend and I were laughing that I got the banana. When I reached home and told my mum, she was really angry with me. She gave me money and made me go back. I was so scared, so I left the money on

the corner of the stall and came back. Further, I lied as well, and told my mum that I had given the money to him, and he was not angry. But I realized that stealing is very bad and it also caused me to tell a lie a few times.

To hide one lie, we speak another hundred lies. Sometimes we lie to keep others happy or sometimes to stop somebody's feelings from getting hurt, but slowly it becomes routine, and we start lying about other things as well.

One incident I saw in Jalandhar city (India), where I studied. In the late afternoon, we used to go for a walk, and where we used to walk on the both sides of road, there were fruit stalls. One day, I saw a motorbike stopped at a banana stall; two people were on the bike. The person sitting behind picked up the big bunch, while they were talking to the stall owner about the price; they suddenly drove off with the bunch of bananas. It was shocking and disappointing, as that poor owner and the people standing close by could not do anything, and those two thieves left the owner in loss. Some incidents like these, we just cannot forget ever.

People also try to con people. This is another way of stealing money. They will trick other people to make money. Some people go to old people's houses pretending they came to read the electric or gas meter, etc, they trick old people by asking for water, and while they are waiting, they quickly steal their things. It could happen to anyone. Con people also attract general public to sell them different things and the public falls for it. I fell for one trick. I saw one ad in the local newspaper about satellite cards; with those cards I would be able to receive all the channels. I thought it must be legal as it is in the newspaper, so I sent a cheque to the given French address, and after chasing a few times, they sent me card. I tried that card but it didn't work. I returned that card and waited for my refund. I also tried to speak with the staff, but got no reply. Later on after researching them on the net and inquiring about them with the local trading standard office, I found that I was conned, and it has happened before. I was worried that I would lose my money. I contacted other government offices and made complaints. When it did not work, I created a web site with the same name they used, but with co.uk extension. This way, they started losing their business. I also contacted the newspaper where I saw this ad. The owner of that con company started threatening me by calling me and through emails. He also gave my address to other people who wanted refunds like I did, so they would chase me. I really had a bad time that period. I even went to the police, but they said it wasn't their department.

After forwarding those threatening emails, which I received from them, to the newspaper, which was publishing their ad, the newspaper stopped running their ads. Now that con company really started losing their customers, because of my web site and having no ad in the newspaper! They agreed to pay me my money, which they paid to the newspaper for me. Later on, because of my complaints, which I sent all over the place, including their host company, their web site closed down. It took few months, but I recovered my money and expenses. It is not always the case that we recover as I was receiving refund letters from other people for a while. I don't understand why people cannot do some hard work so that they can live a nice life, instead of a guilty life by conning others.

We work hard for money, but money cannot bring internal satisfaction, and if we work for internal satisfaction that might not bring enough income! It's hard to find a job so we can earn a living and have satisfaction at the same time! Earning money is much easier than earning self-respect. The kind of life a person prefers all depends upon the individual and their situation. Some who have luxuries are not happy and some are satisfied with what they have.

We see others and think what a satisfied life they are living and wonder why we don't have that sort of life, etc. But have we ever thought that others might be thinking same thing about our life and wishing they could have a life like ours? We cannot see everything about the life of another and when we only see happiness, it may not be the truth. We should consider and wish carefully.

Why do we laugh at other people because of the way they look, walk, or because they don't behave like most people do? Everyone has a unique personality. There is always a reason for everything; sometimes we can explain that reason and sometimes we cannot. Why do we moan about the weather—What dull weather or miserable weather, or a depressing day? It is too cold or too hot, etc. I have a very simple reply for all of this: if you ever moan about such things or laugh at people because they don't act or talk like normal or seem right, then you are moaning at nature and whomever created all these things. I believe you understand the meaning of what I want to say here. The simple answer is that we should be satisfied with what we have.

Why are we typically so concerned about the general manners of a person instead of that person's abilities. How someone eats, whether they make noise eating or chew with their mouth open, how they hold a knife and fork, or eats with their hands? Or how they walk, too fast or too slow; we tend to judge others by these too often. Should we only

consider a person's mannerisms, or should we think about what good that person is doing in the life? Why do we have to concern ourselves with what others might say before we do anything? I don't think a person's mannerisms matter as long as we are on the right track in our eyes and doing something good within humanity.

What is normal behaviour? Everyone tries to judge others or mimic each other. Some middle class families try to copy their rich friends. If somebody had a party in a nice hotel, others also will try to show off by giving a party in a similar level hotel so that they will appear to be better off than their true financial situation. They only care about their artificial reputation.

Sometimes people will put off others for something, but do the same thing themselves. Once we made a program to go to the seaside with someone. They put us off at the last minute by making some silly excuse, so we did not go. They then went to the seaside with someone else, by making the program themselves. Why? Because the other people were more important, so they made an excuse to us. Even as per the excuse, they should not be going anywhere, because of the short notice, but the short notice did not affect prevent them from making plans for the same day and going with other people. These things hurt a lot. We can understand we might not be at the same level as others would be, but it does not mean people should start playing with our feelings. No doubt that I am not good company for everyone, because I might have a nature that others might not like, then why make a plan with me first? This is just a general example of our behaviour. We all try to change our planning the way it suits us, without realizing the hurt it can cause others.

We hurt plenty of people through out, not always physical but mentally. Sometimes these things could happen by accidentally, people don't mean it or realise it. Sometimes people do it, even knowing people will get hurt, but they don't put any value of those feelings or do not care. And some people just do purposely these things to hurt others, so they could enjoy, as some people feel happy by seeing some one hurt, another word for this we could say jealousy.

Have we ever thought about what we have achieved in our life up until now and what we will achieve in the future? Do we live for our self all the time? If we take an example: say our life is about 72 years. The first 24 years, we spend sleeping, learning, studying, playing, choosing a career, etc., with no time for others. The next 36 years, if I average about 8 hours of sleep per day, we sleep about 12 years, about 3 years goes towards travelling, 3 years towards eating, at least 3 years for

entertainment, 12 years towards work averaging 8 hours per day, 2 years we spend on bathing, to look good, doing nothing and relaxing, and 1 year on religious beliefs or hobbies. The last 12 years or more of life, after the age of 60, most people would like to live an easy life, without tension, as they have worked hard until 60, but really do tensions ever end? Most of their time goes towards sleeping, resting, religious activities, worrying about grandchildren, body problems or other sufferings, like an inability to walk etc., or other stuff like financial wills and savings. In the whole 72 years process, we also create a family, have children, but how much time is spent as a family, how much time do we give to others? This whole world is a big family; we cannot live without each other's help. But in the whole of our life, we don't make or have enough time for other people, because of our all time goes towards our personal requirements, as I explained in the example above!

Lunchtime, I go for a walk in the high street. I see older people sitting on the benches and gossip. Why don't they make good use of that time by doing some good work? But they do not want to do it, because they are tired of working their whole lives and now they just want to rest. Is it all about everything being related to ourselves? Every night we should think about what we did today. What actually it benefited to others and did that make anyone happy?

What do we think all day, while travelling, while eating, while doing work? Most of the time, we think about how we could improve our self, how to earn more money, how we could show someone down or similar things! Why do we always think about ourselves, or are we just in the habit of thinking only about us?

To save some money we look for a bargain? We search for what is cheap, or where else we could buy the same stuff cheaper? We look for special offers, etc. If it's a big item, how are we are going to finance it? Most we pass our whole life like this and make this life a bargain.

Typically, when we meet someone, we shake hands or even give a hug! Some common questions we ask are, "Hello how are you? How do you do? What's up?" etc., and if we are chatting with someone online, then the most common question I've found is, "asl please," which means Age, Sex and Location. Then further conversation starts. The second most common question I have been asked is what is my religion. Some people won't chat if they don't like my age or sex, and some won't chat further because I do not belong to their religion! Another common question I have been asked is if I could be their friend, and as soon as I say yes, they ask for an invitation to the UK. It's amazing how many people want to be friends because I live in the UK. Well you might want

to know what I reply to that; I normally say it is better where they are and if they would like to visit the UK then they should go to the British Embassy in their country, but I am unable to send any invitation. Soon, I say that, those friends somehow disappear!

We say our universal language is mathematics, everyone should learn about math. But can we really communicate with each other in math only? As per our current situation, we communicate with the people of other countries in English. So, English is our international language. Then why in schools or other places is this language not compulsory? If we see today that most communications are happening in English, and I believe in the future there won't be any other language that will come forward, which we will be using on an international level—as first people have to learn about that new language whereas English is already widely spread. So, I think everyone should learn, so that we could communicate with everyone, instead of looking at each other's faces. We should not treat any language as being only for foreigners. We know if we could communicate better, we would be able to understand better, and if we understand better, we will improve very quickly. And all this depends upon our communication. Of course, I am not asking to stop regional languages. I studied English in school just as another subject, never liked studying English and always passed with just minimum marks. I did not realize that I should learn it properly, as most of the higher studies are in English. So, when I started my diploma, I was feeling uncomfortable, mainly because of English. I believe all children must learn from a young age, and elders should also encourage them, as it's very important in our life, not as a language, but for communication purposes. In my view, I think we should also have some kind of international currency, which could be used anywhere in the world.

Why do we need an education? Why do we study? The whole of our lives are spent on learning things, still we are unable to learn everything. In this limited time of life, how can we possibly learn and grab everything? Everybody needs at least a basic education, so we can communicate with one another, as I said above. This education is not only about language, but also common sense. It's about what is wrong or right. We can find somebody's purse, etc., on the road, now it's up to us to choose what the right thing to do is by either returning the purse or keeping it. It is possible that when someone tries to return an item or purse that they might get accused of taking some of the money out of it. It all depends upon people's behaviour. People can be rude. Because of the possibility of bad behaviour, will you stop returning

things? Now these things related to common sense and depend upon individuals. If someone needs help, how do we judge if we need to call for an ambulance or fire engine? It is in our hands that we should make that sort of education available everywhere. In western countries, five words are very important, which are *please, yes, no, thank you* and *bye*. But just saying *please* or *thank you* does not make someone a nice person!

Why is it that sometimes when we try to help someone, they just try to be rude. One example I can give is that once I was travelling by bus. I was sitting near the door. The bus filled up quickly and there was no room to move. I gave my space up to an old lady; she took the seat very quickly. Soon, I noticed that she was acting horribly to a man seated nearby, because there was no space to move. Some people just know how to take, but don't know how to give to others or to appreciate what they receive. I was not expecting anything by giving old lady that seat, but sometimes things could put you off! Luckily, I still feel positive. By dealing in a rude way, what do you gain? You gain nothing, but you can lose a new friend, but by treating people in a nice way, you will bring smiles to the faces of others as well as your own, and you'll build a wide circle of friends.

Sometimes, a well-educated person cannot do a thing, and yet an uneducated person can do it with very good manners. Once my grandfather's brother told me about a small incident. He lived in the UK for six months and I was very young at that time. He was waiting at railway station. That time there weren't any barriers to enter into the station. One Asian gentleman was standing close to a ticket window and seemed confused. One uneducated person was watching him. After some time, he went to that gentleman and asked in Hindi if he had any problems. The gentleman said he bought this ticket, but he was not travelling now, so he wanted to return the ticket, but wasn't sure how. That uneducated person took the ticket from him. He went to the ticket sales window and said; "No going, ticket back, money back, please!" By saying this, he got that gentleman's refund. That gentleman was embarrassed that he could not say or do a simple thing and that a person who could not read or write had done a better job than him.

Accidents are part of our life. A few accidents leave marks on the skin, but some leave them on our hearts, and we never forget. I was very young and at the back of my house there was a big grain market. Just after a few houses, there was an oil dealer's shop. One late evening, a tanker came to collect oil. Oil pipe connector was on the top. While checking the level in the tank, one staff member lost his torch. Without thinking, he gave a light to a match, but it was too late. I did not see, but

heard, a big bang. I was only a kid. I saw fire in the sky. All of our family moved quickly to a relative neighbour's house. I think a few people died in that accident. It was a tragedy and I will ever forget it.

Most people get hurt in road accidents. Some leave people hurt and run away after causing an accident, and some stop and check to see if everything is ok and call for help. Some just get scared and run away, worried about what will happen to them if they get caught, without realizing that other people may be hurt seriously. Accidents can happen when a driver is over speeding, tired and falls asleep at the wheel. Some people drink too much and drive. Don't they realize that they are endangering their own lives and the lives of anyone travelling with them? Everybody knows it is not a safe idea to drink and drive, anything could happen. But people still do it! Does drinking stop a mind from think? Yes, I think so. That's why, if we see a drunken person, they do not realize what he or she is doing or saying.

What will happen if someone got hurt or is sick and he or she hasn't got enough money for treatment or there is no insurance, who will pay for them? How much can we do? Can we do something so that no one dies without treatment? I don't think governments do much about this. Only a few countries provide free medical treatment, as they deduct extra money from taxpayers.

We have plenty of experiences, some good and some bad. The more we grow, the more we get corrupted. Most of the things we learn from our elders; we also pick up bad habits along with few good things from everyone around us. Somehow we remember bad experiences more than good. If some one hurt our feelings, we always try to find a way and time when we can get even!

I was very young and I had to stay at my relative's place. I remember I was crying and one of the neighbours asked my relative to give me some sweets so that I would stop crying. My relative replied, "I have already finished all the sweets." I started more crying because I did not have any sweets. People should not lie about these sorts of things to show off that they cared, because a child could have a bad effect—like I still remember this!

I was in 6th standard, and we were only seven students in the class. I was popular among my class fellows. One day at lunchtime, I did not go out to play; sometimes we don't feel like going out. Because of me, six others also did not go out. I told them to go, but they just wouldn't go without me. Later, one of my class teachers came and gave me a slap, telling me off about that and saying that I was trying to be a leader. A similar incident happened later that year. One of the boys was swearing

at me, and I only chased him, but did not do anything else. The next day, he brought his mother and told the teacher I was swearing at him, and the teacher, without hearing my part of the story, just gave me a slap, so his mum could be happy. Even the teacher knew that I wouldn't swear. I was not that kind of boy, which could bring these kinds of complaints at home, but I am sure if my grandfather had heard about this, that teacher would have been in big trouble.

I remember on one summer holiday, I went to another town to stay at my uncle's (mother's brother) place. My cousins were about my age. One day, I swore without knowing it was a word I should not be using. I got a big slap from my uncle. I think that day till now, I never swore again. Sometimes, we need a lesson, and that slap stopped me from doing it again.

I know you are not interested in my life history, then why I sharing the above incidents? I am also a human like you, who had or will have similar kinds of experiences. I cannot ignore these incidents, because these are very common in our lives, or, shall I say, in our normal human lives. I do not have the experience of living as a rich boy or the experience of being born as a prince, but I think they will never have the experiences of living as a normal human being.

We live in a building called a house, and that becomes home as soon as we start living there. Home is a place where we have a roof over our heads. Can we imagine millions of people sleeping on the street, a footpath or other inappropriate places, because they do not have any place to live? Why we do not think about others? Why do we always after our own comfort? We always try to get a bigger house. Some people have houses like castles, hundreds of rooms, etc. Some large homes have only a few people living in them and so most of the home is left unused and empty! I used to hear that where presidents or kings live, they have hundreds of rooms, so they can sleep in any room, and no one can tell which room they are in from the outside. This is so that if there is any terrorist attack, they won't know which room the residents are in. I think it's the duty of those who sit in these chairs to provide people in need with accommodations by reducing their own showing off and pleasure.

I remember one small story: A long time ago there was a king. One evening, he made a plan to leave his castle. He changed into a normal person's clothing, so that nobody would recognize him. He wanted to check out his kingdom's situation and how people were living and if there were any problems. The weather was getting bad. While he was passing through the farms and jungle areas, suddenly a heavy rain started. The

king started looking for shelter. He saw a small hut. He knocked on the door. An old man opened the door. He invited the king inside, not knowing that person was a king. The king saw that the hut was very small, only room enough for two people to sleep. While the king was looking at the old man's face, the old man said, "We have enough space for two to lie down. The king was used to a big space, but he did not have any choice. Both lay down. Later on, another person knocked. He was also looking for a place to get out of the storm. The old man invited him in as well. Now all three people had to sit, as there was not enough space for three people to lie down. The old man gave them some fruit to eat. They spent all night sitting. In the morning, both people deeply thanked the old man and left. The king realized how a guest was important to that old man. Even if there was not enough physical space in which to live, he had a generous. The next day, he invited that old man to stay in his castle. The old man wasn't sure why the king invited him. When he reached the castle, he was shocked to see that his guest was a king, and that it was this same person who had stayed with him the previous evening. The old man felt embarrassed and began making apologies that he did not look after the king properly. The king told him that it was nothing to be embarrassed about as he had done a great job of opening the king's eyes. The king asked the old man for his suggestions. After some discussion, the king decided to build a free shelter place where the old man's home stood, so that travellers could have a place to rest. And he put the old man in charge of the shelter. The lesson is simple: our heart should be big even if our physical space is small.

We always think we are accurate about most things. Do we know what the exact year is at the moment—if we really started counting the years? Why does every country have its own calendars and New Year's? We follow one calendar for international purposes. As per that calendar, we are in the 21st century. I am still confused about when the years started—was the first date 01/01/00 or 01/01/01? If it was 01/01/00, then we can say 2000 years finished on 31/12/1999, and celebrating the millennium was correct as the 2nd century finished and 3rd started. But it looks odd to me that the first year started with the year 00. If we say the correct date was 01/01/01, then the last day to finish the 2nd century should be 31/12/2000, and we should have been celebrating the millennium on the night of 31 Dec 2000!

Also many people predicted that the world would end in the year 2000, but nothing happened. Many people predict different things about the same events, so they all cannot be correct. It is like guessing something; and sometimes that guess becomes true!

I read somewhere that the earth completes one circle around the sun, which we called one whole year, in 365 days, 6 hours, 13 minutes and 49 seconds. Six hours makes one day in four years; that's why every 4th year (leap year) we have one extra day in February! But what happens to those 13 minutes and 49 seconds each year? If we count that time, in 100 years that becomes about 23 hours. And in 104 years, it's nearly one day. It's very interesting. Do we have one day extra every 100 years time? When did we last count that one extra day? If this is the case, then every 15000 to 20000 years, seasons would change. Where there is now winter it would be summer, and summer would be winter!

In some countries, people change their clocks twice a year; clocks are set one hour ahead and then next time, they are set back to their normal position. It is called daylight savings time! To tell you the truth, I did not know about this until I came to the UK. Seems a person learns something new every day. The first time I went to France, I travelled by bus. Initially, I did not realize it, but eventually, I noticed that the bus was driving on the right side of the road. One person explained to me that all of Europe except the UK drives on the right side of the roadway. Before, I used to think America and Canada were the only places people drove on the right side. Later, I checked and found that most of the world drives on the right side, except where the British ruled.

These days, we can buy an Atlas that has all the locations marked on the map, but there are easier ways to get directions to any location. Some locations can be found by satellite, etc. In most countries, we can just go onto the Internet and enter postcodes and get a map of easy directions to our destination appears. Most travelling is based on maps. In older times, how did people travel? Especially since most terrain was covered by jungles and deserts, and there were no roads. How did they find other islands? They must have travelled for months looking for new land, etc? It must have been very hard. One day I was looking at a world atlas and found the bridge between Sri Lanka and India, which is called the Adams Bridge. I think scientists found the oldest footsteps in that area as well. People think that bridge still exists under water. I am not sure how much further investigation has been done on that bridge, but if that bridge still exists, even under water, we could improve and build a proper bridge, linking India and Sri Lanka!

We hardly know about our history. Scientists are still investigating things like the pyramids in Egypt, which are only a few thousand years old. If we are still struggling to find about that, then how can we know about things, which are older than that or about what really happened millions of years ago? It has been millions of years that humans have

been living on this earth. In those millions of years, how much have human beings improved, and are we still improving! Do not forget, whatever we are doing today will become history, and also add a chapter to the history books. One thing I do not understand is that if most of humanities progress happened the last few hundred years, then what were human beings doing millions of years?

Can we read someone's mind? What would happen if that were possible? Would it bring something good or bad? People could express what is in their minds. I read scientific theories that say we only use a small fraction of our brains and that we cannot think beyond some point. If that is the case, why do we have such large brains? What would happen if we were able to use more of our brain? By using more brain, would we be able to do something special, like walk on the water, float in the air, become invisible, or do other things that we are unable to do as yet? Maybe we would be able to perform any kind of work faster and even read other people's minds. It seems these thoughts are madness, but I believe it is possible. If we can float in water, then why can't we float in the air? No one is able to do at the moment, but it does not mean that it could not be possible! How can we use our brain more? Are there any techniques to teach us to use it more? If we were able to use our brains more, how much of our brain would we devote to humanity? By the way, if someone had the ability to become invisible or read minds, would that person use that ability to his or her own benefit or to help others—like fictional super hero characters do? I think if at the moment, a person using his or her limited brain is doing wrong things, then if they had the chance to use more of their brains, they would only use their skills to do more wrong things.

Some people are physically strong and they think being strong is better than being clever. How true is this? I heard a small ant could kill an elephant. Or the pen is mightier than the sword. But we also lose our brain if we get angry. The more we are angry, the less brain we use. There are many examples of this.

A common story about a rabbit and a lion that you might have heard: One lion used to show his terror. He used to kill plenty of animals in the jungle; even he if he did not need the food. One day, all the animals got together and requested the lion that not to kill like this. The lion agreed on one condition: if they would give him one animal everyday as his food, then he would not kill any others. The animals agreed. So, the animals had a drawing everyday and the animal whose name was pulled had to go to lion's cave as his food. One-day a rabbit's turn came. Like the others, he did not want to die, but he had no choice

but to go. While going to the cave, he stopped for a drink at a well. Suddenly, he made a plan. He thought since he was going to die anyway, why not try the plan. He entered into the cave. Because he was late, the lion asked in anger, why he was late. The rabbit replied that another lion had stopped him and he said he was the strongest. After hearing this, the lion's anger flared. He insisted that he was the strongest—no one else. The rabbit replied, "I said the same to that lion, but he said you would be nothing in front of him."

The lion got even angrier. He asked the rabbit where the other lion was and the rabbit said that the other lion did not live in a cave, but instead lived in a well. The rabbit showed the well to the lion. The lion stood on the well's wall and peered inside. He saw his own reflection in the water and thought there was a lion in the well. He growled, and with the well's echo, he heard the growling back. Then he said, "I am the strongest," and the words were shouted back to him. He was so angry that he jumped into the well to fight the other lion. Soon, he drowned in the well. With the rabbit's thinking, the lion was dead and everyone lived happy after that. We should try to control our anger.

Some people have obsessive-compulsive disorders, like washing their hands every minute, checking a few words again and again to make sure they are correct; some fear crossing a bridge, some can't walk on any kind of line or crack, and many other things. Even though people have these sorts of conditions, it does not mean that these people are mad. They just need help to build their confidence.

There are plenty of wonders on the earth. Seven wonders of the ancient world are:

The Great Pyramid of Giza

The Hanging Gardens of Babylon

The Statue of Zeus at Olympia

The Temple of Artemis at Ephesus

The Mausoleum at Halicarnassus

The Colossus of Rhodes

The Pharos of Alexandria (The Lighthouse of Alexandria)

The above wonders have been counted more important. To tell you the truth, I knew of only two of the above, but I just searched on the Internet to get the other five names. These are ancient wonders; there are further seven wonders, which change every now and then. How we can forget the main wonders of the universe, and yet we hardly talk about these wonders?

Eyes—so we can see and admire the other wonders and nature!

Mouth—so we can eat and feel the taste!

Ear— so we can hear all kind of sounds and voices!
 Nose— so we can smell all kind of smells!
 Sense— so we can feel!
 Brain— so we can make a difference!
 Life— so we can follow humanity!
 And much more...

Without these, we will never be able to admire the other wonders!

I believe everyone should get a chance to see at least one physical wonder, which they dream of. The Great Wall of China, which also can be seen from outer space, is one example of amazing architecture.

Why is it that we hardly seem to care about local places, and yet the thought of seeing far-a-way places, excites us? Don't we realize that other tourists come to see where we live as well? I've met many people living in New Delhi, but have not seen some historical things located close by. It is the same way for people living near London; they rarely travel to London. Most have travelled overseas more times than they travel to their local city. I wanted to see the Taj-Mahal and I travelled to New Delhi a few times, but I did not travel to Agra, which is only a few hours from New Delhi. Similarly, we appreciate the beauty found overseas beauty, but hardly notice the beauty around us locally.

Why is crime growing? What are we doing about this? We should be changing the mind's of criminal's instead of giving them encouragement. For instance, in western countries, we hear news of criminals suing the victims. In a few countries, if someone commits a crime, the government provides a lawyer to save that criminal, and most of the cases are free of charge—it only costs the taxpayers! You might have heard stories about a thief falling from roof, hurting himself, getting a lawyer, and then suing the victim. Or if a thief was in someone's house and the owner caught the thief, and in the struggle, if that thief gets hurt, even a little bit, they sue the homeowner. There are plenty of cases like these. This is really a silly system where the law favours the criminals; that's why so many criminals win as well. Naturally, everyone will try to stop his or her property from being stolen, but in the law's eyes, instead of being the victim, we become criminal. There are many laws that are wrong or badly explained. I think they should be reconsidered. Do you know that some trials and court cases seem to last forever and some people spend their whole of their lives travelling to courts?

These days, many movies depict clever ways to steal and rob others, and real thieves often successfully use these techniques! By the way, we should remember that closing our eyes will not make any crime or incident go away; we must take some action. But what action we can

take where we won't become the criminal? Films show how to steal, lawyers save the criminal with compensations—and similar things are happening in real life. What can we do if the law is on the criminal's side? I would say the world is operating upside down.

In western countries life is very fast; hardly anyone has time for socializing! Eastern countries are even following the same trend now. We are chasing money to satisfy our greed, while we are forgetting about everything else. Why do we try to copy each other? In my beliefs, sharing a technology is not copying, but following a trend is copying. If someone famous does something, people mimic him or her. A simple example of this is if Michael Jackson, or any other famous person, wears ripped jeans, even if their jeans were ripped accidentally, soon we will see most of their fans wearing ripped jeans. We are forgetting our culture and backgrounds! We are becoming copycats and just following other people's instructions; it does not even matter if those people are wrong, they always look right to us. It is called dancing on someone's fingers, and some people know how to make others to do that. I believe western countries improved only using eastern countries brain as we can see most doctors are Asian, chemists are Asian, chartered accountants are Asian, labour workers are Asian, even call centres are now in Asia! But how much are technologies and profits shared by western countries? Even those Asian people who have reached a higher status and make a good living...how much are they trying to improve their own country?

I had a short chat with one person and he really made me smile. While chatting, I asked him, "What do you do?" He replied, "Breathe in and out, I think you are also doing the same, copying me, copycat!"

One story I used to read when I was young, was about a hat seller who travelled from one town to another. He stopped under a tree for a rest. Soon, he fell into sleep. After a little while he awakened and was shocked to see that all his hats were gone! Only one was left, which he was wearing. He checked here and there, but found nothing. Then he checked up in the trees. He was surprise to see a lot of monkeys sitting in the trees, wearing his hats. He thought of something and then he started doing some actions with his hands. Soon, all the monkeys started copying him. Suddenly, he put his hands on his head and the monkeys did the same. He took his hat off. The monkeys copied him. The man then threw his hat to the ground. The monkeys did the same. That man collected all the hats and went on his way. He saved his hats because monkeys just like to copy. Make sure if you are copying something, you copy that part which improves this world.

Why do some people think that one rule is made for others, and a

different rule applies to them? Once, I was walking to the bus station. I saw a healthy man walking ahead of me. Suddenly, he slipped on one banana skin. He started swearing about the person who dropped the skin there. Soon, I boarded on the bus. I got the seat behind same man. While the bus was moving, the man opened his bag and took one banana out. He ate the banana and threw the skin out the window! It made me wonder how people can condemn someone else when they are doing the same thing. Now, the skin he threw outside on the road might also cause someone to slip and get hurt. But people do not care.

Similarly, while watching entertainment, a parent stood up to see his children as he could not see them properly, but by standing, he blocked the view of people who were sitting behind him! The parents sitting behind him started moaning, as they could not see. Without any other choice, the standing parent had to sit. Soon, another play started. This time, the parents who had been sitting behind and moaning, were standing to get a clear view of their children and blocking the view of those sitting behind them!

Some bosses or supervisors also behave like this too. Does bosses just want to show that they are in power? Normally, a boss listen to everyone, chooses the best ideas, and, at a later date, convince others to accept his or her ideas. And, if it is other way around, like something goes wrong, then the boss is very quick to blame other people related involved in that work, even if the boss made the mistake. Some bosses just like to show that they are perfect and that they can never make any mistakes. It's easier for them to blame someone, because no one is going to reply back. Or shall I say, most of the time, bosses are too ashamed to accept their mistakes. We can see how some bosses change the rules as it suits them. One day one rule for employees is implemented, but the same rule changes very quickly for bosses, to accommodate their needs, and after that, the old rule returns. That's why I think they are called bosses, just bossing people around with no one there to question. Don't they realize that they are hurting their employees' feelings by doing this or they do not want to realize it because they are boss! Most employers only care about how much money goes into their pocket, so they try to cut their employees' pockets! Of course, all bosses are not the same. I think I could be a leader, where everyone would have the opportunity to speak without fear and have equal responsibilities—discuss the matter properly and together take that matter further. As a leader, a person would request and ask for opinions instead of ordering.

Some people wanted to do something, but they just hold themselves back. For example, in the parties, etc., on the dance floor, some people

like to dance, but they are afraid of what others will say about how they are dancing. Some hold back because their senior or boss is around. If you want to do something, and you are not harming anyone or yourself, you should make some time for to enjoy yourself. That small amount of time makes you relax, and you will be able to think and carry on more good work.

Why don't we pick up our own rubbish so that others won't have any reasons to criticize us for being untidy, and at the same time, we will be keeping our environment tidy and clean? Why do most of us leave our rubbish to be cleared by someone else? I've seen people who had a some sticky candy or chewing gum on their shoes, and when they realized it, they took it off their shoe, but instead of putting it in the trash bin, they chucked it back onto the street. Why does our thinking work like this? What is the difference between them and those who threw that on the road or footpath in the first place?

One windy day, I saw from a distance a cardboard box in the middle of road, which was disturbing the traffic. Cars were passing by slowly, but no one stopped and put that box away! Even people walking on the footpath, did not care. I walked to that point, picked up the box, and put it on the side of the footpath, at safe place so no one would have the problem. I am not saying all people ignore such things, as I've seen many people clear stuff from the road for other people's safety. However, most of us leave the responsibility on others as if that duty is not ours. A lot of work gets behind because of that! But if we all start realizing it is also our responsibility, the world would be a better place to live.

Some jobs are very hard, like the job of postman. They have to work regardless of the weather conditions. If it is raining and people get a little wet letter, some people understand, but some people moan about that. On the other hand, some postal workers misuse of their job, like they bin the letters, etc!

Some people earn barely enough money to survive from day to day. In Asian countries, people pull rickshaws; some have paddles, and others are pulled by foot. Most people work hard so that they can have food in the evening and for the next day. They also have families. What happens if there is a flood or strike, and they are unable to do any work? Because they will be unable to work, they won't have any money to buy food, etc. They even have to take loan from local people, leaving their rickshaws as security! After a hard day of labour, some labourers hardly earn £1.00. With that, they have to feed their whole family. What is the world coming to when a hard working person has difficulty just surviving? There are plenty of similar examples like the above; if, one

day, they are unable to do work, their life shakes up! Can we think of something that could give them more comfort? I do not think of this as doing anyone a favour, but I believe, it is our duty to help humanity.

When I was young and in India during in monsoon time, I used to play in the flooded streets with my friends. I enjoyed the rain and wished it would never stop, so that we could go boating on the streets. I was young and never realized what effect the rain could have. People lose their homes in floods, mainly those who live in huts. Some people are unable to work, especially those who earn and live on a daily basis. Naturally, in our youth, we just think about our enjoyment. I was aware of people living in the huts, but did not know that floods could cause that much damage or that people could become homeless. During one flood, the water came into my father's shop and damaged everything. In the shop there was mainly sugar, tea and washing powder. The flood came during the night, and we thought it was a normal rain. We had protection in the shop from a small wall at the entrance. But that time, the water rose above the wall and entered the shop. It was too late, when my father opened the shop in the morning. Everything was destroyed. Bottom bags of sugar melted in the water and all the bags that were stacked one upon the other became damp. The same thing happened to the tea and washing powder. My father lost his whole business. I was young, but because of the tension created, my father was greatly affected also suffered some depression problems.

I think some incidents like the above leave people in shock and depression. We can try and try, but we cannot do everything. We can achieve few things, and few things, we have to let go.

Some people think they are more important than others. Sometimes they have so much ego, they forget what they are doing. Once, a religious leader came from India to visit the UK. He stayed with a family whose members knew him and followed him. While he was sitting on one sofa, one of the family members came and sat next to him. That religious man said to that member, no one may sit next to him or on his level. That person had to sit on the floor. Was that religious leader's ego about his status, so no one could sit on an equal level with him? In my eyes, if someone judges others as inferior or less, he cannot be a religious person or spiritual teacher. A person cannot earn respect doing such things. It does not matter how high-level a religious leader he or she is. I am not saying that he would have all bad points; he might have good points as well, which other people should always follow. But how do we make discern what is a good point and what is bad—that every individual has to judge for themselves. By the way, a good person

having a nice heart will always see others as a nice person and also try to see goodness only. Everyone has good things and some bad things, but why do we always try to see the bad things first? It might be because we have the same habit, and that's why we can recognize them so quickly in others!

Some believe they always can do better than others. Is it true or is it again ego? Sometimes their ego grows so much that they don't realize how many mistakes they could make. Egos always make us worse. Sometimes we do not realize whom we are talking to. When we are in ego, we don't make decisions properly. We hurt others, not physically but mentally. We also get out of control. Because of that, we could lose our relatives and friends.

I think everyone heard the famous story of the hare and the tortoise. In one jungle, a hare was the fastest runner of all of the other animals. He always challenged others, saying that no one could beat him in a race. The hare used to make comments about the turtle, because of his slow walk. One day the tortoise accepted his challenge. All the animals were shocked and were sure the tortoise would loose. They got together on race day and the race started. The hare ran faster and went ahead of the tortoise. After a distance, he saw carrots. He felt hungry, and he thought since the tortoise was so far behind, he would stop and have some carrots. He had few, after a long time when he saw the tortoise in the distance, he ran again. A little further, he felt thirsty. He stopped for a drink. After drinking, he thought the tortoise was so far behind, and he was going to win anyway, so he should have a little rest. While resting, he fell asleep. When he woke up, it was late. Without realizing the time, he thought the tortoise must still be behind. He ran to the finish line, where he saw that the tortoise had the winning cup and he realized that he had lost the race. Because of his ego, he lost that race. All of the animals started laughing at him. From that day on, he never said anything about racing.

Instead of our daily routines, do we ever think about what is beyond this earth? Before we talk about beyond, let's talk about earth itself. How much do we know about where we are living? Scientists have found humans tracks, which are millions of years old! So, millions of years passed and still we are not sure about earth. We cannot live without air, water and food. Why cannot we do so many things? Can we imagine, if there was no water or snow on the earth, how the earth would look or what the shape of the earth would be? I don't think there will be any particular shape, but it would look like an apple, which has been beaten from all the sides, or like a rough rock. It won't look round

for sure! As per science, over 70 percent of the earth is covered with water. Underneath there is also water. If we presume the whole universe as sea, the earth would be a small drop of water, which has dirt parts, whereupon we are living.

There are different views about the centre of earth, from big magnet theories, to hot core theories. In the sea there are millions of different animals, many might not be discovered yet! How and why is the earth moving and rotating? Is there any reason for its movement? We have a lot to learn. Earth has a diameter of 7,926 miles (12,756 km). Why we are still unable to go deep within the earth and find out more about the centre of the earth? Is it too hot to go down there? I used to think, while rotating around the sun, when earth is far from sun, it is cold here, and if close, then it is hot. I was partly right, as few countries have different weathers than rest of the world. Most of us don't know such things, like when many of the countries have winter, Australia, New Zealand, etc., other countries have summer and vice versa!

A few places on the earth, we have six months of night and six months of day, especially at the poles. It is also amazing to think that where we are standing or sitting right now what could be the other side of the earth. On the other side might be another person standing upside down from us, or there could be an ocean, mountain or a volcano!

Everything here is a mystery and weather is one of them. It is a very complex system. Hot air moves towards two poles and cold air from the poles to the equator. Why does rain or snow fall? Yes, there are scientific explanations like heat and water makes clouds, air makes clouds move, cold temperature makes rain and snow, but there is no explanation as to why it all was created!

Millions of years ago jungles were destroyed, which have been converted into coal and oil. We are using that now. How much pollution do we make by using coal and oil, etc.? What will happen when all the coal and oil is gone? By that time, will we be able to discover something alternative to use in place of natural resources? Do we need substitutes? I think we do, and if we don't find anything soon, we will be in great trouble, as this world will stop without oil and coal!

What is space? What is in the space? What is out there? Is there life there? Some people say they have seen unidentified flying objects (UFO's). Is that for real or just peoples' imaginations? If they are correct, then alien technology must be much more advance than ours, or are these just experiments done by our governments? What if we are trapped in this universe? What if earth is a prison where a long time ago, humans living on other planets left their prisoners. For example:

Australia, which was once a prison, and which later developed into a large country. Or maybe we are some kind of experiment. Humans from other planet left a few orphaned children on this earth to see how humans would develop, to learn about their own history and past. That's why it is possible for people to see UFO sightings; perhaps aliens might come to review the situation without providing us any help.

Science and even few religions believe this whole thing about space and the universe starting from one big bang, which happened from one point and it has been expanding since then. If we do consider that, then what was before that point? Can we imagine there was nothing before that point? Or there was only empty space? If that is the case, then where did this point come from? How big was that point? At the moment, this universe is stretching, What if it started shrinking? And one day, it will shrink to one point. Then in the future there might be again a big bang and whole life system will start again. What is the future of this whole system? If it is expanding, then there might be another bang going on out there somewhere, every second, creating another galaxy, etc.

There could be uncountable galaxies existing in the infinity of space, and each galaxy could have millions of solar systems like ours, and so there would be billions of earths where life exists. We can make any presumptions. No one can tell what really happening out there. Scientists found a few things like our galaxy, and named it the Milky Way. We even hear about black holes, which exist in the galaxies where all the planets are disappearing. What if we are already in one of the black holes, which is making us rotate, and in this black hole there are plenty of other small black holes existing, or maybe black holes are gateways to other galaxies. What about if we are all in one big balloon? This balloon could be a very good quality, but has its own age to pop! We could make many as theories, as anyone could be right! We talk about other solar systems or galaxies that are million of light years away. On that basis, will we ever be able to see another world or planet like our earth? The answer to that is, we do not know unless we invent a very fast moving transport, which could travel the speed of light or more.

Scientists believe that if we keep carrying on and going straight, at one point we will come back to same place! I just can say these are just imagination and very good theories, but I doubt we have the resources to prove anything like this.

There are billions of stars—might be much more! Why are there so many stars? What is the purpose of that? What is the meaning of the whole system? If there won't be any life out there, it will be just wasted space—a space that we could never measure and which has no limit.

Scientists say everything is moving. What if one universe hit another universe, what would happen? Would we become one point again, and start everything all over again? Well anything is possible!

We know on the poles there is only ice; what is the meaning of that? Does that ice mean one day, because of global warming, the ice will melt and the whole earth will be covered in water? Where will we go if it happens?

Most of us, when we were young, used to give stars names and decide to keep them. Many of us used to make shapes out of the clouds when we were children, and still help children to make the shapes. Why do tides come; how and why does the moon and sun pull the water and bring the water level up at one side of the world and down at the other side?

With UFO's, I could add my theory about time travelling. I don't think time travel is possible. If my presumption is incorrect, and time travel is possible, then there is a possibility that no one could die, as everyone would exist in the past, if someone travels from the future. The past would be running parallel to the future. In simple terms, the past would never die. Then there would be a good probability about UFO's. It might be that the human race, meaning us, which is advanced in the future, invented a time machine so that we could travel into the past. We could come and visit the places we wanted to see or to watch main events. There would have to be some restrictions about changing the past, otherwise we would have noticed by now. If there weren't any restrictions, anyone could amend their mistakes. I mean, there would be like "undo button" for human lives! Or we could make our wishes come true by changing the clocks back; Save our love ones, and do so much more. If somehow we knew about our future, what was going to happen, or about future disasters, we would be able to stop them or try to stop them. If we do stop them, then the future we came from would change and the same future would no longer exist. There would be a new future, because the past would have been amended. There might be the chance that we do not exist in the new future—then what will happen to us? By the way, do we really want to see our future?

In one movie, I heard it took about over forty thousands generations to convert apes to humans. If we average about four generations in one century, then it means it took about one million years. If it is true, then what will really happen in the next few thousand generations? We might become thin, have longheads, and look like the aliens we see in the movies. If it is possible, then what I wrote about time travel and the sightings of UFO's could be very much possible. If this above procedure

is true, then there is there the possibility that nature could be cheated or edited?

Why do humans have only human babies and other animals have their own type of species? Is it possible another animal could give birth to a human or that a human could give birth to an animal?

In science, we learn that if we do not use any part of our body, after years that part disappears or our body part adapts to the way we regularly use it. Like giraffes have long necks, because in older times, they used to stretch their necks to reach out for leaves. Thus, their necks slowly evolved so they could reach up easily. Similarly, I've heard of some humans being born with a tail, and because humans did not use the tail, it slowly disappeared. There are a few people in this world who have a small tail. Well, I am not sure about these things, as these things we all study during school.

Our technology is very slow. It has been over 45 years since the first man went to the moon, and through all these years, how much have we improved? This explains that our minds are working more on destroying things, rather than on making something! Concord, which used to fly faster than the speed of sound has already been grounded because of accidents. But sooner or later, we have to develop something so that we can travel fast. Similarly, we have to develop other things.

Since TV satellite equipment came out, I have some negative thinking in my mind. Most of this equipment is made overseas. To activate an equipment card, a signal is sent by satellite. We don't know what is in the equipment, there could be a few other smaller equipments placed in there. As the whole system is controlled by satellite, like activating a card, those small equipments could be activated as well, and that could happen without our realising it! It could be any thing like spy cameras or a bomb!

There are many ways to hear about the latest news—by newspapers, TV, Internet, etc. What news do we hear most? I don't think there is any news that does not contain stories about one of these: war, attack, murder, terrorism, robbery, rape, accidents, political and natural disasters. Now, we are so use to this kind of news that I am not sure there could be any other type of news.

Why are people more interested in spending money to develop more weapons than improving things? Why do a few countries think they are the super power, so other countries have to follow their rules? To prove about their powers, one country attacks other country. Thousands of military people die, and for what? Thousands of civilians also die along with them. Is attacking another country terrorism or not? Sometimes

one country has to take action against another country's superiors who are misbehaving or making their public suffer, but for that, is it necessary to attack the whole country? Should it not be possible to only pick up the people who are guilty and responsible for the suffering? Does that country's government think, by attacking another country, that terrorism will end and people will have less suffering? I doubt it very much! How many innocent people die in the wars, and terrorism take birth within their family relations and friends to take revenge. They were already suffering under their own superiors and now some outsider attacks them, by saying they will be free. Soon, the people of that country have to fight with the power who said they are making them free, to get their freedom again! To become free, how many lives have to be sacrificed? So, how can a country end terrorism, when that country itself is creating more terrorism? A politician or politics never die in a war, they only make decisions, but soldiers and innocent people die, and in both countries the public has to suffer.

We have enough natural disasters to destroy lives and whatever we built. But it seems like, for us, disasters are not enough, so we use weapons, A country, which has been attacked, left behind with bodies, smoke, and destroyed things—it takes years to improve that country and to put it back upon its feet. A war sets a country backwards. I believe, military is for our protection, but it is more important if we use the military in natural disasters aid, like helping in the floods, earthquakes, etc. All countries should be working together, instead of showing off about how much they are better than others. To show off, these countries only choose weapons or bombs, like they have nuclear power, etc. One hand, we say life is very short, and on the other hand, we just try to ruin this life whichever way possible, and try to make it shorter! There is always competition between countries to become the super power. Scientists are developing better missiles every day. We could read in the newspapers that one country has invented a specific missile, which can go that much faster, and can go farther and destroy more area. Can we ever think about building something to improve life? Has anyone tried to invent any missile, which could send water, food or medical supplies where needed? If big areas can be destroyed by missiles, then, I believe, it is possible; there would be a way to send a few needy things and possibly, it would be faster as well. But, I doubt it very much that any scientist is working on these kind of projects. They won't waste time on such things because their time goes towards inventing new things that can only destroy. Why would they waste their time on inventing things that could save lives? Most probably, those scientists

will say it is impossible! How it could be impossible, if a missile carry gases and acids, which can destroy one area, why can't we fill it with gases and acids that could fill a small area with water? It is true that building anything takes much longer than destroying something; either it is a person's character, trust or a building! By the way, not all scientists are working on destroying; some are working hard on saving lives and researching cures of different sicknesses and diseases.

If we read our history, how many wars took place—World War I, World War II, in world wars, atomic bombs on Japan (Hiroshima and Nagasaki), Iran, Iraq, etc. There has always been competition about who will rule the world. The British tried, Hitler tried, Alexander tried, but what really did they achieve except to create hate in peoples minds? Some countries lost their beauty because of all the damages caused by war. Damage is one thing, millions lose their lives because of these wars. A super power does not mean you have the right to attack others and take advantage of others. A super power means you should look after others. This is not jungle rule—whoever is stronger will survive...or is it?

No doubt all the rules are made by humans. There is one general and common rule you might have heard: Rule is if we fight each other, the third person takes the advantage. Why do we have to do everything this way; instead of the third person taking advantage, why don't they give advice? Britain did the same thing with India; the Indian people were fighting each other, and the British got the advantage and ruled India for decays. Ruled is a different thing, as they brought all of the Indian treasure to Britain. We can see examples of that in the queen's crown, which shows how much queen respect India. Robbing is one thing, but killing innocent people in "Jalia Wala Bagh" and other places—what sense does it make? I am talking about the past now, and I hope these things won't happen again. I think the world has changed a lot compared to the past. People are helpful in Britain now. Even they are sorry about what happened. And, we should start living in the present, as the past only brings us pain.

Here's one story I remember regarding the same rule, which I discussed above: there were two hungry monkeys who were searching for food. After a long search, they found one piece of bread. They started fighting over it. Both wanted to have the whole piece. One hungry cat saw the two monkeys fighting for the bread. The cat stopped them and said, "Why don't you let me cut the bread into two equal pieces and give you each half?" The monkeys agreed. The cat cut the bread into two pieces, but one was bigger than the other. She said, "Oops, one is bigger,

let me make it same size, and she took a big bite.” Now that piece was smaller than other one. She said same thing and had a bite from other piece. She kept doing until she had eaten the whole bread. The monkeys were stunned while looking at the cat’s face. After finishing the bread, the cat said, “Sorry fellows, that bread was not meant for you!” We can see in this example in internal fight, how an outsider could take advantage; of course all outsiders do not have the same nature.

Here is one very interesting question for all of us: if we were not doing what we are doing presently, what we would be doing? If we did not do a particular thing in the past life, where would we be standing at this time? This question leads me to the question: If I did not marry a British-born Indian girl and did not move to the UK, what would I be doing now? Would I be in some other country? Would I be doing a different kind of job? Would I be able to do what I am doing now? It’s about probability, the other side of life that did not happen. Could we change the clock if we have a chance? Would we be able to amend the past—amend our mistakes so life could be perfect? Life does not have an undo facility like a computer has, which could bring us back to the previous position. I remember a couple of times when I thought about that undo button, when I dropped noodles on my top and when my file fell on the floor leaving all the papers on the floor, which I had to sort out again. People regret doing or saying a few things and wish they did not do that or had not said that. But how would we know if we did not do this, what could have happened? Anyhow whatever we do, we should do calmly after adding positive thinking, as our life has no undo button.

Our whole life is a gamble and we know betting is always a risk, sometimes we succeed, sometimes not, or sometimes we partly succeed. But just because we could loose, we should not stop trying. Even crossing a road is a gamble in life, as we could be careful while crossing, but accidents still can happen. Because of those accidents, life does not stop and we cannot sit at home. Even at home, we could have plenty of accidents. Everyone has his or her own fears. Some fear to travel by boat and some by plane; some fear eating something, some fear other people! Because of these fears, we cannot stop living.

Anyone can die, at any place, anytime, while sleeping, by accident, because of sickness. Because of fear of death, should we stop travelling so there won’t be any accident on the road, or in the water, or in the sky, or should we stay away from other people, so we won’t catch their diseases? On the other hand, if people know they are going to die one day, should they start walking on the road, closing their eyes? Well, that

is a common sense. We should take some precautions. One reality is how much we try, but accidents still happen and people die. People do get sick, not only by catching diseases from someone else, but their internal body can also generate a disease. If everyone has to die, then why learn anything? Instead of wasting life on learning, why can’t we just enjoy these natural things? Why work at all? Why improve life?

We even play lotteries to win, people do bets on sports, etc., but betting with money is also addicting; people can lose their hard earned money in seconds. Once someone starts winning, they get excited and start betting more and more, and if someone starts losing, they bet again and again to recover their money, until they lose everything. Whatever you play, you should play in control. You should not lose your control on gambling; otherwise gambling will take control of you. In betting, a few people will do anything to win, cheat, fight, threaten, etc.; some even steal money to bet. You might have heard of Hindu’s religious book of Mahabharat story, in that while playing the betting game, one of the princes put his wife and brothers on bet and he lost all of them! You cannot put someone’s life on the bet, because a life does not belong to you. You never own a life.

Some people think whatever is happening is happening for good, and that we should not have regrets. I am not really satisfied with this quote. Many good things happen, and naturally we want more good things to happen and again and again, but if someone had an accident, or got a disease, or someone’s whole family died in a disaster or war, or someone becomes disabled, then what is good in that? We cannot expect always good to happen, but in these situations, I don’t think this quote has any meaning.

There is also one small story about a king and his minister. You all might be thinking most stories are related to kings, etc., well these are all stories I read and heard when I was very young. And at young age, we talk about kings, queens, princes and princesses or fairy tales. Because we learn lessons from them, I am sharing them with you. Let’s continue with the story. One day a king and his security minister went for hunting. While passing through sharp plants, they got bad scratches. The king started moaning about that, but the minister said whatever happened is for the good. The king got angry; he said, “I got hurt, what is good about that?” They went a little further; they felt a few eyes following them. After a few minutes, they were kidnapped by some cave men who were cannibals. They caught the king and minister for their dinner. Both were worried, but the minister said again, “Whatever is happening is for the good.” Now the king said, “What is good about the fact that we are

going to die soon?” Before the cave men killed them, they checked their bodies, as they only ate perfect bodies. Once they saw the scratches on their bodies, they did not kill them and let them go. Now the king was happy and believed that whatever happens is for good! They got hurt and because of that, their lives were spared! The question is: does it happen in real life?

Why we taking photographs or making movies? Is it for our memories only? These are also used to prove different things, like we did something, which others do not believe. We occasionally see our albums or watch homemade movies and remember things. At times, which we forget, that past comes in front of us. Photographs of when we won a prize, we did a special activity or play, functions, places we visited, our relative’s wedding photographs, our first birthday, and later, our own wedding photographs, our own children’s first birthday, and even a few embarrassing moments like standing naked or having a bath when we were very young, etc. Like these similar kind of photographs that we take of our children, there are plenty of occasions we celebrate and catch the moments for the future so that we can keep them as a memory in the form of a photograph. Sometimes, we also wish that time could come back. After remembering a few moment’s, a few tears also come into our eyes!

These days, we can see the planet Mars photographs taken by satellites, etc. It is an amazing discovery. I was very young the first time I saw a camera that prints a photo right after it takes it (the Polaroid). It was new to me, and I was really shocked to see such thing. As technology is advanced now, these days we capture our photos in a chip and we can print them whenever we want and also keep them on the computer. If we like to share our moments, we can make online albums or send them by email, etc.

Another thing happening in this world is, we don’t care about someone while they are living, but as soon as they die, we talk about them! We put their photograph where everybody can see it! Why? Only to show others that we cared about that person? We put names on their grave, or try to make it fancy so it can be recognize from afar. Even at the funeral, we try to make special signs with flowers. Do we ever think about what it would do extra for the dead person? Another thing is how much we pay respect while a person is alive or we only realize about this when a person is dead! We can see a lot of people caring for elders because they have an interest in their money, etc., but not all are the same, as many also do these things because they really care and have feelings about them.

Some people want to hear how beautiful they are? We can spend thousands on our hairstyle, makeup, cosmetic stuff, and now these days, plastic surgery to change faces, or shall I say, to change our natural beauty, and much more. Some will like to have their nose done, as they don’t feel nice about their nose, as it is too sharp or flat, or some people have their breasts done, some will like to have different things so they would look younger. Some people take their natural teeth out to have gold teeth done. I have even heard stories about sex changes. Are they not happy as they are? They spend huge amounts of money doing these, but cannot spend a small amount of money on helping the needy. Some people think it is simply that they worked hard so they are spending money on themselves. Is it a standard rule that if we have money, spending that should be only limited to us? People love to buy expensive dresses, which they hardly wear! They could spend thousands to hear how beautiful or handsome they look. Some people are obsessed about jewellery, they just get mad to buy diamond jewellery, gold, and I don’t know what. They will spend millions so that their finger can shine or everyone can see it on their neck. If other people do not notice the jewellery he or she is wearing, then they will start talking about those themselves. We all are aware that these are all related to our outside beauty and showing-off to others, and also the fact is that this beauty is temporary. Our faces are just like masks, where hardly anyone could recognize what is behind that mask. Similarly, our internal beauty is hidden and we should be bringing that beauty outside by removing this artificial mask. One thing I do not understand is, scientists are making techniques to improve outer beauty, but no facility has been discovered to change bad minds.

There are over six billion humans; all have their own liking or disliking, their taste for living life. We see many new kinds of styles come for a limited time and change to another. It can be anything like hairstyle, clothing designs, new make-up stuff, or jewellery designs. Some styles stay for a short time and some for longer periods, but, we are crazy about these things, which are temporary. We forget about our internal beauty. No matter how many styles come and goes, or how old we get, our internal beauty is permanent and here to stay, so we should be improving and using that.

I remember one incident. I worked as a video and still photographer’s assistant for a little while. Once, we went to shoot a wedding. All the people were sitting together. The groom was also sitting with them. His tie was outside his jumper. I asked him if he could put the tie inside the jumper, but he replied, his tie was new and expensive, so he wanted to

show everyone, and if he put it inside the jumper, how would people notice it? Well, this made me smile; people like to follow a western trends, but in their own ways!

We are aging everyday and everyone knows we are getting older day by day. While getting older, we will lose our hair; our hair will become grey, etc. Why do we try to hide that? Even people try to colour their hair, especially if they are getting grey. Why we do that? Are we ashamed that we are getting older? No doubt, I also used hair colouring a couple of times.

These days, some people spend more than their income. Credit card companies give extra facilities of credit limit. They even attract people by giving them free gifts and also zero percent interest for a limited period. Most of the time, we over-spend using these facilities and we go into debt. At a later date, we pay higher rate interest or pay penalties to pay that debt. Similar things are happening with mortgages and loans. Sometimes, because of our habit of over-spending, we lose our house or our stuff, as we are unable to pay loans or mortgages. A simple quote is: "*We should stretch our feet up to the size of the bed.*" Most of our life passes keeping tension about financial arrangements—like how to save, where to save, investments, etc. No one has satisfaction. A poor person worries about how to survive the next day, and a rich person worries about how to spend the next day!

These days, we can see if people have thousands, they are chasing after millions, and if someone has already made millions, they go for billions. There is no limit for that. But do they think that because of that money, will they be able to eat or drink much more than another person? No doubt, we are full of greed! The more money we make, the more our greed grows. The older we get, the more we are attracted to money. People are making money and saving it, for what? Don't they realize when they will die, and their money is going to stay here? Once they are dead, will they be able to use that money? More money makes life complicated and also brings tension. One of them is worrying about how we can increase our bank balances. We are never satisfied with what we have at the moment. People even try to get money in wrong ways! They even hurt or kill for money! If someone offers you money or truth, our human nature becomes so greedy, as most of us will take the money and think we can buy truth with that, or we'll plan to start telling the truth at a later date! We are so used to living these lies that now we always think about corruption. Why it is hard to tell a truth and so easy to tell a lie? Similarly, it's very easy to do any bad thing or talk about nasty stuff, but it's hard to do any good thing. Why do we delete

good emails or nice messages and forward other stuff, which could be jokes, etc.? Why do we get bored talking or reading about life or charity things, but we spread nasty or irrelevant words very quickly?

Some people sell items in the black market; if there is shortage of any product, if they have the stock, they will charge unreasonable prices. Is this life only for making money?

Many rich people make a will that part of their money would go to a charity. One thing now makes me wonder, why they are not doing anything now with that money while they are alive, instead they are only trying to build up more money! They won't even know where the money is being spent after their death. It might go into the wrong hands or be spent in places that already have enough resources. So, why are they not trying now, so they would know the money is being used properly? Why they are holding themselves back? Or are they charity word just using so it would look good for their reputation? Why? Why not take some action while they are alive?

In other words, I would say a successful person in business does not make that person good or bad, until that person uses his ability to do some humanity work. Has anyone thought about why we have less hospitals and schools, but pubs are in the most of the streets?

We see most people trying to do things only for their own community, so that they will have a good place in the community and be esteemed in the eyes of their fellow community members! Why do we restrict ourselves to only helping one community? Don't we have any responsibility to others?

I heard everyone has a skill! While writing only few pages, I found writing a book is not that easy, especially where I do not have any skill—well, none I know of. Sometimes, I feel jealous of people who have skills for doing different things. For example: drawing, painting, artwork, carpentry, or playing magic tricks, playing music instruments, etc. Should a skill be restricted to only limited people? Everyone has different kind of skills. Some even believe that they have skill to heal or treat other people with touch, and in some cases, even from a distance! If it is really true, someone could recover very quickly from their sickness. But most people who have skills like these are just trying to make money. Most won't treat people if they don't get paid minimum fees. Now, if they believe this healing power is a gift, then why misuse it? This skill is for everyone, not only for those with money. Even outside of some clinics, especially in Asia, we can see minimum consultancy fees written on the boards. What if someone cannot afford it, then won't that doctor treat that patient? I am not accusing anyone,

as not everyone is like this. Some people use their skill to bring smiles. They leave luxury lives and work with those who need real help or they work on projects that can improve a human life. I am not saying always do it for free, as all have to earn their living as well, but make some contribution to better humanity.

People also think they can tell a person's past, present and future just by looking at the person's face. Also, some do it by looking at hand lines. Again, how much truth is in that? Does anyone really predict anyone's future? If someone really knew about the future, then why do accidents happen? Don't they want to stop them and save lives? Of course, most of them are only interested in money. If no money is paid, no action is taken to save! While walking in the High Street, I have been stopped two times by different people, who said they could tell me about anything my past, present and future by reading my face, but only if I pay them. I don't believe in these and don't pay for these services. Can't they read this on my face, that I am not going to pay them? In humans, there is also following trend, if one person follows someone, others start automatically following without understanding anything. They only think if person "ABC" has started following, there must be a good reason in that. No one wants to be left behind from these trends.

Some people don't like to teach or share their ability with others, as they want to keep any skill to themselves. Why do people do that? Do they think that if they share a skill it will decrease their ability or value? I believe the more we share, the more it grows. We should not restrict ourselves or hold ourselves back. If a person dies, their skill will die with them unless they teach or share that skill with someone. A simple example: in old times we hear people were happier; they used to exchange things, some grew vegetables, some fixed and made tools. Why don't we do those things anymore? We should learn to exchange skills. While watching very old films, I sometimes wish I could go back in time and see people's behaviour. I want to see how they lived with fewer facilities and a different type of living.

The more you read this book, the more complicated and confusing it will get, not only you, but I am also confused about whether I am really making any sense. These are simple questions, but will others be able to understand what I really want to say? There are so many things to write about but all things do not come into the mind. I don't know how people write books. It should need good imagination, especially when people write thick novels. I hope you are not getting bored reading this book.

We know the power of a pen is mightier than the sword. If someone

wants to make their point, why need to hurt, why not write and share their thoughts worldwide? Hurting someone will only create fear in the other's mind; they will follow your instructions whatever you say, without any meaning. By hurting, you will never be able to bring your point forward, even if that point is absolutely right. If you would like to make that point the right way, then write it down and use the media.

How does our memory system work? Our brain is so complicated that until now no one could understand it properly. We forget things very quickly and some we remember our whole life! Sometimes we just think of something, but in just few seconds we forget about what we were thinking. Sometimes we leave our glasses on our head and look everywhere for them. This has happened to me a few times. I had a rubber band in front of me on the desk, and I was looking everywhere for it, even though sometimes I had it in my hand. It seems silly and mad, but people accept it or not, it happens to everyone. I believe sometimes our short-term memories disappear. Sometimes we are doing something and suddenly we become unsure about whether or not we did a particular task or not—even if we did it only a few minutes ago. We check that work again to make sure. I am not good at remembering things like names, what I did all day yesterday, etc. Some people are good at remember things, but they should not keep commenting on others that if they could remember things then others should also be able to do so. They should realize everyone has their own ability. Others might be good at something, which they are not.

While sleeping, we have dreams, we time travel in our dreams, different times, different situations and different locations. Who generates these dreams in our minds? One second, we might be at home and other second we are in a different country. Some dreams we remember and some we don't. When we wake up, we remember some parts of dreams like mixed things. We see people we never met. Why do we see them? Why do we dream at all? Some dreams are fantasies; we become superheroes in the dreams. No one can harm us. Sometimes we see our death in the dreams, like we are watching a film. I also saw a dream about my death. I only could presume others might have seen similar dreams as well. Sometimes people get scared because of bad dreams. If something bad happened or we were involved in an accident or witnessed a big accident, even that is a small incident that can become a nightmare. Every time we go to sleep, our mind works towards that. A few people say dreams are related to whatever we have in the mind while sleeping. I doubt it very much, as it is not always a case. Science

says we have black and white dreams, again I doubt in that theory as I see all kind of colours!

Whenever we are sitting in a group, we can have jokes or other stories, we talk about other people etc. Why don't we ever talk about humanity? Why does humanity seem like a joke to them? Why they leave this conversation by saying it is not possible or it is not our duty. Whose duty is it? I remember whenever I started that topic; people say I am a boring person. I think I am, as I cannot think much about other things. Near the end of my final year, I bought autograph books, to get signed by friends. Many of my college friends wrote that I am a boring person. Why do our mind works on things, which only benefit us, but do not benefit others? Why do we like to spend money on an entertainment for ourselves, when we know that someone close by could make use of that money for food or medicine? No doubt I have also wasted money on cinema, etc., but I realize that and try to control these expenses.

Some people have a very good nature. They are just so good that everyone would like to be them. But some people's natures are so mean and they like to hurt other's feelings. Once, while on a bus, sitting behind the driver's seat, I noticed a small sign that said: "All passengers make me feel glad, some when they get on the bus and some when they get off the bus." I believe it is understandable why a driver would be glad when some passengers get off. Because those passengers have been naughty or nasty to others or to the bus driver, or may have made mess in the bus.

Why do old people always think they are right? Why do elders always try to order youngsters around? Because of these things, misunderstandings can come into life and cause families to separate. I am not saying this is only the elder's fault, as you cannot clap with one hand, or, we can say, where there are a few dishes together, they will make noise. Similarly, anytime family members live together, things happen. Yes, older people have experiences of life, but I don't think they are right or perfect in every field. Sometimes, they think that the things they can do, a younger person won't be able to do. I think it is wrong thinking. They should try to put some confidence in others. Yes, others might not be as perfect as they could be, but they should still be encouraged to try.

Sometimes people say, "Grow up" or "Don't be childish." Why is that? Why do people think childish habits are bad? Children are not selfish. Children like to speak the truth, unless we tell them to lie. Everything they learn, they learn from us, including speaking lies and corruption. Watching cartoons or reading comics, does that make you

childish? I watch cartoon programs and children's movies; I do plenty of children activities. I am sure most grown-up people enjoy the things they enjoyed as children, but don't want others to know. Why? Most of the things we enjoyed doing as children, we suddenly stop doing. Why should we restrict ourselves if we enjoy a cartoons or comic books now and then? Are we scared about what others will say? Every grown-up's mind has a childish corner, which will remain even in adulthood. Why should we lose our childish joy? Even if we have grown up or become old, it does not mean we should give up our good habits as well.

Many of us have forgotten our youthful interests. One of these is that we used to get excited just seeing a train—our curiosity about how trains ran or if they could derail. Once, my friends and I were playing close to the railroad tracks. One of steam engines was there. The driver was putting water into the funnel. We wanted to see the steam engine from inside. Luckily, the driver gave us a chance to see all the system. We felt very proud. People might think this is a small thing, but not that many people get to see and know these things. One day, when the circus was packing and getting ready to travel by rail, it was amazing to see an elephant pushing all the cages onto the train. We were amazed to see the circus. I remember how the clowns made us laugh, never realizing how hard they had to work to make us laugh. In some cases, they also got hurt physically, but we thought it was just part of their act and we laughed! How we used to get excited to see the animals in the zoo. Sometimes we still do, but we prevent ourselves from enjoying most of these things because we might look childish!

Do you remember how many different types of toys we used to play with when we were kids? Doesn't matter how much poor any family was, every kid had a shaking rattle, either bought from a shop or homemade. I still remember playing with a toy bus, which had animals printed on it. We played many other common games like cards, snake and ladder, ping-pong, etc. Why have we stopped playing those games now? Is it that they are no longer fun, or are they too childish!

When we were young, we used to do a few things, which now we might think were silly. Like leaving coins on the railroad track so that it would become flatter. Climbing walls and trees. Pick up nice stones and put it into our pocket. Some children also eat dirt or sand; even a few adults still do it! I know it is dirty, but some even like to pick their nose and eat bogies! Biting nails, playing with matchboxes, etc.; there are plenty of other things that we did. And now, we just smile when we remember those things, while watching children doing the same activities.

How can we ever forget the times we used to sleepover at friends' houses or they would come to our house? Do you remember how you used to wait for one particular weekly TV program to come on? Or getting together on Sunday to play games? Or how on school holidays you would finish your homework quickly, so that you could spend the rest of your time playing? Or travelling to relative's homes? Do you remember your favourite class, subject, or teacher, etc?

We change schools and make new friends. We miss our old school's friends, but a few friends remain friends for life. We make more new friends when we go to camps or on a holiday, and again, sometimes we keep in touch with a few and a few slowly vanish from our memory.

Parents or relatives took us to the fair. When we were teenagers, we went with our friends and enjoyed the different rides and shows. Now, we do these things with our children; we take them to fairs or special places where they feel happy. We also try to do extra for them, which we could not do in our life because of lack of money, or products were not available.

It is hard to remember all the things, but whenever we remember, we feel we are like time travelling and we get lost in that time. We are making similar kinds of memories now. We should make them special.

Kids do unusual things and no one can say for sure what children have in their minds or what they can do. A child or a baby is only attracted to things that interested them. If we offer a child the choice between candy, a cheap toy, or a £50.00 note, that child will go for the sweets and toys, because, for a child, that is more valuable than a piece of paper. But as we grow, we understand the value of that money and that money becomes our habit. I proposed one small TV show about if we give a child age 6 to 7 years old about £100.00 and send that child to a shopping mall with a 10-year-old child who could help them to choose things, what would that 6 or 7-year-old child buy? Every week a new child should be chosen. I think it would be a fun and entertaining show.

New discoveries and inventions are being made every day. I've found that one big problem exists and that is, if someone has a new and different idea there is not much help provided by government to develop that idea. People think of new ideas, even children have some new ideas, like how to improve something or how someone might like something better. If someone has an idea, they don't know how to proceed or who to approach. We see companies that advertise on the television asking for new ideas, but as soon as someone approaches them, they ask for money to develop and market the idea. No real

help is provided whatsoever, as those companies just make their own profits and leave the inventor with the expenses. In some cases, they steal the ideas as well, as you might see at a later date or in few years time, the product you thought about and gave to a company for review, and because of major expenses you pulled out, it has become someone else's invention. There is a possibility that someone else could also have thought of the same idea, but sometimes people just develop your idea in their own names. Naturally, it is hard to prove that it was your idea and someone has stolen it. The same thing happens with other things like sharing an idea with someone, developing a web site on new concept, new software or a film story. Some people just take advantage of other people's brain by stealing their ideas. By developing that idea, they take the whole credit, showing off that they are very intelligent, but the reality is something else. My cousin and I wrote a chorography for a college function, but it really hurt, when a friend took advantage and took credit for the writing. Why don't we have companies, if they think someone's idea is good, then they develop that idea at their own cost? Once in the market, they get their cut. In that way, the person who thought of the idea does not have to bear the cost.

If I will ever get a chance in the future, I will try to bring people's idea forward. There are over six billion people on the earth, and there are millions of ideas that need to be developed, and billions are still hidden. People don't have the needed resources. We should develop them. We never know if one idea is not useful for one part of the earth, but could be very useful for a different part. I have a few ideas, but no one gave me real support to develop it or advised me as to how to approach to the right people. One project is answering the doorbell from a mobile phone, or receiving messages left at the door. It has a small procedure; the doorbell connects to a wireless internet, and when anyone comes to the door and leaves a message, the message will convert to text by using software, and then send that text message to a specified mobile phone. Different menu facilities could be provided, like live talk, with whom ever was at the door; also the ability to store messages, etc., could be incorporated. It has Internet costs involved, but most of the people have broadband these days. I believe separate equipment could be developed, instead of having to leave the computer on all of the time. Also, a camera could be installed in the doorbell so that one could see who was visiting.

Another project is a fireworks stand. A stand should be able to hold most kin of fireworks. These days, we see people getting hurt doing fireworks because, in some cases, they do not have the correct ground

surface where on which to light the fireworks. Most times, they dig a little hole to fix the fireworks. A small stand would have adjustable legs so that there wouldn't be any problems relating to uneven ground; the top bit could hold all kinds and sizes of fireworks, even rockets.

One project I thought about is much more major and you might think it's serious madness. We could dig more tunnels, like channel tunnels, to travel worldwide. Trains speeds could be very high, so they could travel to another country without any disturbance. A train could run in a vacuum or by magnetic field or electric lines with five wheels, two at the bottom, two on the sides, and one on the top. It would use the whole space of a tunnel and there could be a path going down the middle between two tunnels for maintenance. Every 25 miles there could be a service station. In some cases, service stations could be built under the sea. Every train would be tied with a chain, and every 25 miles or so, it would transfer to another chain. It could have three ways to run, one is normal as I said earlier, i.e. magnetic or vacuum, etc. In case that failed, the driver could use the manual engine, and if that failed, then the chains would come into the picture. It could be pulled forward or backward by the service stations in case of an emergency. I know while reading this, people will think I am mad. Well, imagining things is good, that's why this world is moving, if people had not used their imaginations, then what would we ever have been able to develop?

Everyone knows that every finger is not same, neither are all humans. Everyone has their own skills, but no one is complete without each other. Together, all fingers become not only a fist, but also a power. I am not talking about the power, which destroys, but I am talking about unity. If humans keep fighting each other, there will never be a united power. If we got together, we would have more manpower, more brains, more ideas with which to fight diseases, and we could find quicker cures. If a disease exists, a cure must surely exist as well; we just need to find it. We could do anything if we worked together. You might have heard one and one becomes eleven. There is one popular story I used to read in school. Once, there was an old carpenter who had four sons. All four were teenagers and used to fight each other regularly. The old man was worried about them. Once, he thought of an idea. He called his children and gave them one thin stick each and asked them to break them. Four of them broke their sticks easily. Now the old man put a few sticks together and wrapped them up with tape. He gave that bunch of sticks to each of his sons to break. All tried hard again and again, but could not break the bundled sticks. Then that old man explained to his sons that there is nothing worthwhile in fighting. If they would stay

together, they could do anything, and no one could break, just them like the sticks.

Some people lend their money or give credit to others on faith or trust. Sometimes people are unable to return that borrowed money, but sometimes people don't return a loan on purpose! Why do they do that? By holding someone's money, what satisfaction they could get, or are they just greedy, which holds them back. I know that I feel anxiety when I am in debt to someone, and I can hardly wait to repay them, but some people just sit on it. How can they sleep guilt-free? They even make excuses about returning the loan, even if the person who lent the money truly needed that money! People don't appreciate that a person helped them, and now they should at least return that person's money.

Once, a wise man lent a person a large sum, about £100,000. The person who took the loan, used the money to solve his problem, but then started making excuses about why he couldn't return the loan. His intention was to keep it. The wise man understood what he was thinking. He offered the person his money for 30 days, doubling every day from the previous day, starting from only one pence, then he didn't have to his money anymore. That man counted the 1st day—1 pence, the 2nd day—2 pence, the 3rd day—4 pence, and thought the wise man had gone mad, as it was only a few pounds. He straightway agreed with that. For £100,000, there wasn't any legal paper work, so they had a witness. Now the wise man went every day to that person's house and collected his money. The other man was happy, as he got £100,000 for this small amount. On the 7th day, he paid only 64 pence and on the 14th day, only £81.92. But everyday after that, that money started becoming a larger sum. He counted the amounts properly for 30 days and realized that the total for the 30-day payout would be over £10 millions. He then realized his mistake and went to the wise man with his £100,000. He accepted his mistake and was ashamed for what he had done. He promised never to do it again. The wise man just wanted to teach him a lesson, so he told him that if he ever did this to anyone again, the contract would be enforced again because the man had only paid for 14 days. The man agreed and he never did such thing again.

One more common story about greed is the story of King Midas. A king was greedy and always wanted more gold for his treasure. Once, a magician came to his kingdom. The king was pleased with him. Before leaving, the magician asked the king to make a wish. The king asked if he could have a power, so whatever he touched would become gold. The magician smiled, as he did know the habits of the king. He said ok and left the castle. Now the king had the power, and whatever he

touched it turned to gold. After a while, he felt hungry. He picked up an apple, but it also turned into gold. He was getting hungrier. Later on, the king's daughter came to see him. She was only seven years old. Without thinking, he opened his arms and picked his daughter up for a hug. But it was too late. She also turned into gold. He realized his mistake and wasn't sure what to do. He now wished that he did not have that power and wished to reverse everything back to normal. Suddenly, the magician appeared. The king asked him to take the wish back. The magician understood that the king has learned his lesson and he changed everything back to normal. We should also learn from this. Instead of chasing after money, we should pursue good deeds. One thing I do not understand is how some people's behaviour changes very quickly when he or she becomes rich.

There are many examples like the story above. Another example of greed is the story of a man who bought one hen, without realizing that she laid a golden egg everyday. The next morning, the man was surprised to see a gold egg beneath the hen. He became rich. Now every day, he started getting one. He bought everything he needed and started storing the extra eggs. One day, he thought the hen gives him only one egg per day, why not slice open the hen's stomach and get all the eggs at once. Greediness made his mind blank. The next morning, he killed the hen, but he did not find any eggs inside the hen. Soon, the hen died and all of its stored eggs also became normal eggs. He learned his lesson, but it was too late.

In India, there is a stone called Paras. People believe if they rub that to iron it will become gold. But people misunderstand the meaning of that stone. That stone is a symbol for good deeds and sharing; if we do good deeds, they will bring more good deeds. If we share our skills, everyone's life would have more shine—like gold.

Do we know the real meaning of being rich? Why are we always counting people who have money as the only people who are rich? If we see in the dictionary, it clearly says the meaning of the word "rich" is *wealthy, having many possessions and fortunate in having good things*. In truth, rich is a word that can also symbolize the good things inside of us. How rich we are within ourselves depends upon how much we believe in humanity, support others, and do good things in our lives.

To operate a car we need fuel that converts into energy. Similarly, to operate our body, we need food. We eat food to live—we do not live to eat. Many people even eat when they are not hungry. Many eat luxury food, junk food, etc., just for our tongue's taste. Most of us do that, including me. Why are we so concerned about a few minutes' taste?

Even when we know that it is not good for our health? We have a big lunch or dinner, no space to eat more, but still, we could make room for deserts. Some people fill their plates and then leave half for waste! While doing that or having fun, we forget that there are millions of people sleeping hungry at that moment. Why don't we take only a small amount, and if we still feel hungry, then we can take more, instead of wasting food? Wasting food is not good; if you think it does not matter, then please think about those who do not have any food.

Frequently, when there is a special program, party or event, special guests are invited. It could be anyone from a big celebrity to the mayor of the town. Many times, most of those attending the event, don't even know who this special guest is. In business parties, it is understandably all about promoting their business, but when the event takes place at school functions, why do we not invite someone who actually did something positive for that school or college, rather than invite a celebrity or political guest? Did the celebrity or guest mayor ever help any student with their homework? I believe special guests should be only those who have given of their own time. It could be anyone from a peon, clerk, or a teacher. Why is that we rarely show any respect to a person who spends their whole life doing a job for a school or college? Why can't they be the special guests? Is it important that special guests should only be only outsiders and famous people? But I think time is changing, as many schools now honour their volunteers and teachers, etc.

There was one web site competition about film script writing. I submitted my ideas as well. Entrants, including me, used to leave the messages on the site, discussing movie topics, etc. We all were waiting for the results. The final date came and went, but we were given no results. A few weeks passed, but no email from the company doing the competition and no reply to our messages. As we were so impatient to hear about results, I posted a message pretending to be the site's administrative staff. I wrote results would be declared on a particular date. That date came, but no results, so naturally, I did know that nothing was going to happen, but others did not. I was really surprised that the company did not care to inform entrants. At least they could have informed us that they were still evaluating the results, etc. Other entrants started sending nasty messages to the administration, because of confirming a day for the results and still receiving no results. I felt really badly that time, as it was me who posted that message and could not even say that it was me, as I was too scared of getting nasty emails, etc. I did not mean to hurt anyone, but I just posted that message so

the site owner would inform us about the results or what really was happening. Anyway after a few weeks, results were declared and I was not the winner.

We are asleep at least one third of our lives. While sleeping, we are like half-dead, so every time we awaken, it is like having a new life. But what do we do when we are awake? Usually the same things we did the previous day. Most of us don't try to do something new and different each day. Most of the time, we think about getting back at someone who hurt us, or about how we can make points in our boss's eyes; some start their day out with anxiety, wondering why someone has succeeded and how we can slow them down. Others start their days with alcohol, drugs, etc. Well, in simple words, if someone is doing bad things and if we do the same, then what is the difference between them and us? Why do all of us, mostly, think the same way? Don't we have brains to think a little different? You might have seen statue of three monkeys. One monkey is closing his eyes, one is closing his ears, and one is closing his mouth. It means see no evil, hear no evil, and speak no evil. Still, many people misinterpret the meaning of the statue, and assume it means if someone is doing wrong just close your eyes and ears, etc. The real meaning of this is that we should change our attitude and environment in such a way so that nothing bad would happen, we would hear nothing bad, and because we would change our selves, then nothing bad would we would speak or think about others.

Birthdays! Why do we celebrate birthdays? Is it just another old excuse so that we can get together? Greeting cards, gifts, etc.—are these just formalities? Have we ever thought about why we celebrate birthdays? Are we happy that we are one year older or are we sad that we have just lost another year of our life? No one knows when someone is going to die—does it mean we are celebrating our birthday because we have lived another year?

Do you know most people say that women are better cooks than men, and yet the majority of famous chefs are men. We can see this in the restaurants, at weddings, and even on the cooking programs on the television. One day my wife asked me to prepare lunch because she was not well. Preparing frozen stuff is easy, or that's what I thought. I took a pizza and chips from the freezer. I read the instructions: 180 degree for 25 minutes in oven and they will be ready. Instead of wasting extra time, I thought I'd cook it at 240 degrees, so that it would cook quickly. After 10 minutes, I smelled something burning. When I saw the pizza and chips, they were all black and burned on the outside, but uncooked

on the inside. Instead of saving time, I wasted food that day, but the one benefit I derived from that is that I was never asked to cook again.

Learning about something new can be hard, like when we try to learn about riding a bicycle; we usually get many scratches from falling. Similar things happen when we learn anything new. It feels very hard and we do fall many times. Falling again and again does not mean we cannot do it, it just means we should try harder—try and try again. In the end, we do learn to ride, so we see that we can also achieve other things. I remember when I started learning to drive, I used to hate following the rules and instructions, but now long drives are one of my favourite activities. Swimming was the same way. Whenever I went to the swimming pool, I only played with children and hardly tried to swim myself, as I never took it seriously. Once I decided to learn and soon I was able to swim. It is not perfect, but everyone knows practice make a man perfect.

One story I remember is about a crow that was very thirsty. Searching for water, he was flying here and there. After a while, he found a pot that contained water. The pot was narrow at the top, and, because of that, his mouth could not reach water. He was very thirsty and tired. Suddenly, he thought of an idea and flew to look for something. He saw what he wanted—small stones. He picked up one stone and took it back and put it into the pot. There wasn't any real difference in the water level. He went again and brought another. The water level rose, but was still quite far from his reach. The crow did not lose his hope and kept bringing stones. After putting a number of stones into the pot, the water level rose to his mouth's level. With his hard work and try-try again, he achieved his goal. This is one example, but it's true that if we want to achieve something, we should not lose our mind and hope, but keep trying. Sometimes our intensions are good and even if we work hard and put all our efforts, everything goes wrong. That should not put us off. We should keep trying.

A few people might say I am a good person, but in my eyes, following someone's good habits and learning from them, makes you a good person. Good people always see others as a good person. I have anger, jealousy, ego, hate; nothing different than normal human habits. If we all just forget about anger, jealousy and ego, we will see that this world is a beautiful place to live and peace is everywhere. In that way, we won't have any expectation of others, and we will have more time for humanity.

February 14th is celebrated as Valentine's Day in many parts of the world. As I did not have any knowledge of the meaning of Valentine's

Day when I was in college, one of my college friends told me that if I give a rose to any girl, she would become my friend. I was too shy to do that kind of stuff. When I came to the UK, I came to know more about what it means to give greeting cards, gifts and flowers to partner or a friend. Today, I still do not understand the meaning! Is it another trend to make our partners and friends happy?

In a few countries, especially in Asia and Africa, there is a cast system. I don't understand why it has been divided into a cast system? Some people think they are better than others and they believe others are dirty and low-level people. I believe ego of something like money, etc., also creates this difference. This cast system causes jealousy and anger in the people. Like in Indian schools, colleges, offices, and other work places, there is a reserve quota for casts. Government has divided these casts, and instead of ending this cast system, they support it. Qualified and eligible people do not get proper jobs, because of the caste system quota, even if the people in the reserved category has no knowledge of the work, the companies still have to hire them. During college admissions time, some students do not get admittance into higher education even they have very good marks, but students in reserved casts get admitted, even if their marks are much lower than those who did not get that place. Even after qualifications, a top student may not get a job, but a different cast or category person may get the job. Because of these reasons, a general person gets angry, as they cannot get a job in their own country, so many try to go overseas to find jobs. My question to all of the public is, "Do they want to live their whole life in the cast system? Don't they think they should make their own identity and improve their country with the skills they have?" Even many reserve cast people are also against these things. Is it possible for us to make a world where no one is considered better or lesser; all are equal and respect each other?

If a student has no interest in or ability for doing something, why do governments allow the wasting of a place (like I wasted one place by joining Electronics Diploma), when another student could take advantage of that place? The government only worries about their votes by saying they want to bring other cast people forward, instead of trying to improve their country by creating more employment for those who could make the difference. Why send all the skilled workers overseas, when government could end this cast system and give those skilled workers a chance to improve their own country? Why doesn't the government make education compulsory, provide free books and free education, so that people from all categories could come forward

as per their ability and take the jobs, instead of cast or reserve categories being given jobs they are not qualified to hold? Many people won't let their children go to school or join higher study, because they just think it is a waste of time and, in some cases, they cannot afford it. These days, it is getting worse; to join private schools and colleges or higher education, parents have to pay big large sums of money for admission! To learn something, why is it that a person has to pay huge tuitions? Can we really put a monetary value on education?

I am not against people going overseas for jobs or study, but they should not forget about the country they came from. If their country's government could not do well, should we also ignore the needs of the people? People should not forget why they left their native place; which is for money, a better life, resources, and jobs. Keeping that in mind, we should learn while overseas and return to improve our native place as well.

One more thing, while moving overseas, we could earn money for family, but most family and friends that we care about have to be left behind. How many times are we able to see them? It is not easy to travel to one's native country regularly, unless a person is earning well. If we travel to our home country, say every second year, in 40 to 50 years we would hardly see our parent, brothers, sisters, friends or other relatives—maybe 25 times. Still, we are unable to see everyone during every visit. When we live far away, we often do not know about the problems occurring in our hometown, or if someone needs our help—or in emergency, we might not be able to reach there in time. I went to India in March 2004, after an absence of over six years. My grandfather had passed away in February, just one month before I arrived. I did not get to say goodbye to him...! Even my children weren't able to see their great grandfather. Naturally, we cannot be everywhere all the time, but living overseas makes a big difference and you sometimes need a visa to visit your own country.

When we travel overseas, most countries require that we present a visa in order to enter that country. Why are some legitimate people not granted a visa, but other people who just want to stay permanently and illegally, get the visa? An immigration officer cannot judge all the times, but I believe some kind of security precautions should be taken if they have any doubts.

Why is there prejudice about the colour of a person's skin? My colour is brown. Does it matter? I am not good in the English language—again does it matter? Some people make a big fuss about skin colours. They hate others because they have other skin colour. Luckily, this kind

of thinking is in minority of people. Once while driving, I stopped at the corner of the road to turn right. There are traffic rules that require us to stop and look before making a turn. One white man came and hit my door with his knee and ran away. For few minutes, I was in shock. What really happened? Was that just a dream? When I got out of the car, I saw that there was a big dent on the car door. Another white man helped me to calm down, and one black skinned man helped me remove the dent from the car door, free of charge. Why do some people hate others so much? This cast and skin colour difference is goes on worldwide, without anyone realizing that inside our skins, we have the same blood and organs.

These days, sportsmanship is ending and bribes are taking charge. In sports, some people or teams will do anything to win. The same thing is happening regarding jobs—bribes work, especially in eastern countries. People pay huge amounts of money in bribes, because they know that they could recover that money in few years by getting bribes from others. The whole system is running like this. This way, unemployment is increasing and the average person will do any job to survive, even very low-paying jobs. Some government officers make big money from bribes by giving work preferences and even for illegal work like leaking work secrets. Why we are so selfish? As I wrote earlier in the book, everyone is not the same. There are many people out there who want to live their life faithfully, but many others don't let them, do we?

Many government officers worldwide are very corrupt, especially in Asia. Whoever is sitting on the chair or is in the leadership role is just trying to make money to save it in their overseas accounts. A budget might pass for a particular amount, but hardly any of that money reaches its destination. The money passes through many hands and as it's passed through so many places, most they fill their own pockets without worrying about why that money was needed. In Asian countries, if the government allocated say £100 for a particular work, when reaches its destination, only 5 to 10 percent is left, because everyone takes their cut. At the destination, say if that money was for intended to build a bridge, then most contractors also make money using more sand than cement, without caring about the lives that are at risk. Why is Swiss banks are so secure and most rich people have accounts there? Are these banks to keep their black money?

One of my cousins told me a story about a company where he worked for few months. There was one employee who had worked for the company for 35 years. Once in the board meeting, one member asked

the chairman, about the employee who had worked for the company for 35 years. His family had no other income. This was the only job he had, but he had all kinds of luxuries in his home and he changed his cars regularly, etc. "We know how much we are paying him and clearly we know he could not afford those sorts of things, unless he is getting bribes, we even have proof of that. Why don't we sack him and take on some younger, more and reliable person?" The Chairman replied, "I know everything about this. That old worker has given a long period to this company. He is like a bee that has been taking the company's blood for the last 35 years, but now he has become old, fat, and tired. He won't be able to suck that much, but if I hire a new person, he will start all over again." All the members understood what he wanted to say. I hope you understood as well.

Business people are allowed to give donations to politicians! Why does a businessperson donate thousands to millions of pounds to politicians and yet, will hardly donate for hospitals and schools. There is no doubt that they donate to a politician so they can get something in return. But why is that not counted as bribe? Or shall we say, that is a very high level bribe, which is legal! They use name donations for these kinds of bribes! There is no complaint department where the general public can complaint about this. Many politician even began bribing people when election times grows near, to get votes, promising changes if people vote for them. Well we know most of the promises just vanish as soon they win the election. But aren't these promises are also bribes? It is the same 'if you scratch my back (vote me), I will promise to scratch yours' (reduce taxes, etc.)! What is the difference between this kind of a bribe and any other bribe?

In my eyes, a promise has a big value. I try to keep all of my promises, which I mean. At the time of this writing, I have two promises pending. The two people that I made these promises to might have forgotten, but luckily I did not put any time limit on my promises, and I still have the intention of honouring these two promises. In some people's eyes, promises are only made so they can be broken at later date—like politicians' promises!

We plant trees without knowing if we will ever sit under that tree and enjoy the shadow or able to eat the fruit of that tree, but we plant, hoping someone will enjoy those facilities at a later date. Similarly, we should do our good work without expecting anything in return.

Sometimes we feel like other people are talking about us or laughing at us. Even if they are just talking about their own things, one eye contact with them and we start presuming these things. If this kind

of presumption or doubt grows, it could be very dangerous, and it could affect our mental health. There is no treatment for our doubts. By the way, if we are thinking in similar ways, it is also possible that other people might be thinking the same thing—that we are laughing at them even if we are not. Sometimes it might be true as well, that we laugh at how someone is behaving in the street, or someone laughs at us, but this is not always the case.

When we are children, we agree with the things very quickly and we also get angry very quickly. I am not sure how to explain this properly, but I'll give you one example and hope it will clarify what I am trying to say. I was about ten years old. Once while on the roof, my cousin and I were flying kites. In India there is always competition to cut each other's kite strings while flying to show off how strong your string is, and how skilful you are at flying kites. On that day, after a while, I stopped flying my kite. My cousin was also flying his kite, but soon he lost his kite in one competition. He asked if he could borrow mine. I was excited about this competition, so I agreed. After a while, he lost my kite as well. Soon after that, when I realized I had lost my kite, I felt angry; I forgot the competition and all the fun I had, and started crying. I kept crying until my cousin bought me another kite. This example explains how we do things and how we lose our temper very quickly. Even before giving him the kite, I knew the risk of losing.

I was born into a vegetarian family, but I did try meat. To tell you the truth, when I did, I felt like I was eating myself. Maybe it was because I had not tasted meat before and was not used to it or maybe it was because I knew that an animal was killed just to satisfy my taste. So, I have not eaten meat again. It does not mean I am restricted to that. If I had no choice and there was no other option left in order to live, then I would eat meat. But I won't eat meat just for the sake of taste. I know people love to eat meat; you might be one of them. I am not against you, as you have your own choice to eat meat and I made my own choice, which is to not eat meat. There is also one small paragraph on this topic, which I have added in the next section.

One thing that amazes me is when people say one thing but do another thing. People are against animal testing. They believe it is cruel. Of course, it is cruel. But for their taste, they forget about cruelty and kill any animal they like to eat. What sense does it make? It is just that whenever it suits us, we change the rules.

Once my family and I went on a mini cruise from England to Spain. There were hardly any vegetarian things to eat. All the staff in the restaurants was French, so we also had difficulty communicating.

I asked one staff member about vegetarian meals and she gave me a quiche. I bought that and brought it to my table. When my wife cut that quiche, there was meat in the middle. I took it straightway to that staff. She explained in her mixed English that this is also made of vegetables. There wasn't anything else vegetarian, except bread rolls and chips, so we had that for two days! I believe communication also brings us situations like these!

Why do people keep pets—to enjoy them or do they feel alone, so they keep them as company? People also hit pets. Why? Can we own a pet? Do we really think we can own a life? Can we protect that life? In some people's eyes, pets are more important than human lives. They also get all kinds of manicure treatments or luxury things. I found in western countries that if a person becomes old, they buy puppies to provide themselves with company and to reduce their emptiness. While old people pull around puppies, we can also see some young parents pulling their children like pets, putting a leash around them. I believe they shouldn't leash their children. I think they need support of a finger rather than pulled like a pet.

There are TV shows being aired about making people millionaires, in Britain, in India, and also in other countries as well. It is a good idea to have competitions, but very bad if only rich people can participate. If someone would like to participate, there first will be a fee or the need to contact the TV station using a premier telephone, which all poor people cannot afford. In Asian countries, most people do not have enough resources or income to study higher education and many cannot afford general knowledge books. So, those people are cut off from these competitions. So, the TV stations are left primarily with rich people who can afford the entry fees and who have studied the books and have knowledge of the questions. So, basically the competition monies are going into rich people's hands, making them even richer!

We have many sports and games, but there's a few sports I do not understand, like boxing and wrestling, etc. We know people get hurt in these games; so then why do people play them? Sometimes it becomes so serious that they could die. If someone wants to show how strong they are, there are plenty of other ways to do it, and also other ways could be discovered that do not entail hurting others—using the same strength for good purposes. If you are strong and that is one of your skills, it should be used to protect others, instead of proving to the world that you can beat someone who is less strong.

We have many games like the World Cup, the Olympic games, etc. Countries spend billions of pounds to bid for these, organize these

games, and make attending comfortable, so that when other countries' people come to see the games, they won't have any problems. Can't we have annual charity games similar to the World Cup? Why can't we make some efforts towards this? Why are most games played only to win? Can't we organize something to bring smiles? Can we build something, which the public really needs, which a country's people need? But at the moment, governments are just trying to see how many gold medals they can win, instead realizing how many people are hungry or dying from hunger. It leads me to the same one question: "How did we become so selfish?"

I heard that if someone loses one of their five senses, for example they cannot see or they are unable to talk, etc., another of their abilities becomes enhanced or heightened like a sixth sense. Which makes them special from others. Blind people cannot see other physical things, but they can sense everything. On the other hand, wrong thinking may blind a person with perfect sight. Even being able to see all things, they may still be unable to understand anything. Even as we sometimes see an accident, but we become blind and pretend we did not see anything. Someone may be hitting another person, but we ignore them? There are plenty of things like this, which we see, but pretend not to see. In short, closing our eyes from a crime does not mean a crime is not happening.

I watched a movie called the *Titanic*, after that I came to know about the real incident. People on the Titanic were lied to and told there were enough lifeboats onboard to save them, but there were never enough lifeboats to accommodate the number of people onboard, and the ship's management knew that before starting the voyage, but they didn't expect to encounter a tragedy. I might be wrong about what I am thinking, but I want to share. On the Titanic there were many intelligent people. If we think about it, older ship's had an interior that was constructed out of wood. Even births that were used as beds might have also been made of wood. On the Titanic, people could have broken the tables' apart and saved more lives, as they had time to do that. As this is my presumption only and I could be wrong, as people must have tried their best to survive.

You must have seen science fiction programs like Star Trek, etc., where they can transport anything from one place to another instantly, including humans. That is a science fiction program, but in the future, if we could do this, then time and distance would no longer be a problem. When I was young, I used to hear that Russia scientists were saying they would be able to do this kind of travelling in 50 year's time. I do not know how true this may be, but I am excited about the possibility.

Recently, scientists discovered how to transport light from one place to another place. I believe this will take us one step closer to the transporting of human beings. No one knows what the future holds, but we can only hope for something good.

Have you ever thought about how many different types of faces exist in this world? Whatever we feel internally is reflected in our facial expressions. If we feel happy inside, our face shines. If we are sad, then our face becomes miserable and shows sad signs on the face. Some people get angry very quickly. I also get angry sometimes. There are three types of anger that I know of. One is to show, one to keep inside, and one is temporary reason. Everyone has these three kinds of angers. The first one is when we get angry; our face shows that anger and sometimes we start shouting as well. Our brain slows down. We even say things what we did not mean it. The second type of anger is anger we keep inside, and don't try to show on the outside. It keeps building inside us, and one day, it blasts outward with a surprise. The third type is connected to when we do not get or achieve something. In that case, sometimes we also try to keep others from getting as well or if we are losing a game we just want to finish it quickly by losing.

I remember when I used to play chess about 15 years ago (just as a hobby); whenever I saw that I had lost a few of my pieces, I used to get angry and try to finish it quickly, even if I could have won if I had tried harder, but I did not have the patience at that age. All angers are dangerous. We can try to avoid this. One simple technique is, when you feel yourself getting angry, start counting. Increase your counting until your temper calms down. Hopefully, in a minute or two your temper will calm down and you will be able to start thinking straight. It is true that we sometimes get angry because of other people's fault or mistakes, but we should try to sort things out calmly. By the way, I am trying the same and it is working. Another way is, if you are angry, write down why you are angry, what are you going to say, and what's in your mind. Slowly, you will find that your temper is going down and later, if you read why you were angry, you might laugh, as many things you were going to say will seem meaningless, or you'll find that you really did not mean them. Luckily, you did not say anything in anger that you might later regret.

Some people want to do any work instantly, but sometimes doing some work does take time. Many of us have no patience so we rush things. By rushing, we make mistakes, and while making mistakes, we get angry and so on. Drying a wet cloth in natural weather will depend upon the conditions of the weather, air, sun, etc. That cloth will take its time to get dry, depending upon what kind of cloth it is. But remember

that drying two or more similar types of cloth won't take double the time! So instead of rushing into anything, we should gain from the experience.

A long time ago, an incident happened. There was an interview for military intelligent person. Of the five interviewers, one was very rude. They were also taking interviews in-group of five people. The rude person was making fun of a few students. All of the applicants were feeling uncomfortable because of his comments. One interviewer asked one applicant if he could do any surprise thing that would shock everyone sitting nearby, and if he could, he would be given the job. The applicant said ok, and got up, went to that rude interviewer, and gave a big slap. Now that was a surprise and everyone was shocked. No one was expecting that! Naturally he did what the interviewer asked, so no action was taken, and he got the job.

On the television, I saw a few shows about selecting a singer, dancer, or a movie star. Some interviewers and judges are so rude. I do not understand how someone becomes a judge who treats applicants like they are nothing but dirt! Before I go further, did we ever notice what experience those judges have? Can they sing or act, as they judge applicants for these? Some judges swear at entrants on the television, and also sometimes make fun of an entrant's performance. Those judges never encourage, saying you should try harder, etc, they just discourage them by telling them that they cannot do it ever. There was also one program, sponsored by one of the Bollywood directors, to find a star in the UK. I know I have no knowledge about judging who is good or not good in acting, but I think we all have common sense. In this competition, quite a few English people also took the part. They could dance, act, but there was a language problem. One rude judge told one English person everything was ok, but then asked if he could speak Hindi, as he had to speak Hindi in the film. That English person was so much in Bollywood, he said, he does not know Hindi, but he would learn the language very quickly, as his life is Bollywood. Still, that judge dropped the entrant because he did not know Hindi. Even other judges insisted that he could do a small part, as in Bollywood films, English actors also appear. But the same judge selected another English girl, saying she will learn Hindi! Did I miss something here? If there is a language problem, why did they not ask beforehand? Also, if they can decline one person for the one reason, then how they can choose another person who lacked the same skill?

Some people feel there is nothing good in their life, whatever they want, they never get, no one likes them, they cannot do anything right,

or cannot make anyone happy. I will say this is just a negative feeling which leaves any person behind. We should not forget that if we exist here, there is a reason for that. Otherwise there won't be any meaning for us to be here. We should try to see all the positive things instead of crying all the time about negative things. We always try to copy others, but we may find that we are not talented in the same areas as others. Still, each of us can do something that others may be unable to do. Everyone should strive to maximize his or her own unique talents and be positive. We should try to be ourselves. We should not change our good habits because our friends do not like them. I used to hear that I was a boring person, because I talked about changing this world. But I think everyone can make a difference in the world. As soon as we are born, we have made a change. The only difference between us is that some of us could bring small changes into the world and some could bring bigger changes.

I was surprised when I first saw a photocopier. I was very young and one of my friend's fathers had an old style machine in his shop. I never asked what it was used for. Once, when I was there talking to my friend, a customer came in to have a photocopy made. My friend's father put the paper into the machine, pressed the switch, the paper moved around to different places in the machine, and then the photocopy came out. I was shocked and wished if we could copy the money this way. You might wonder why I am telling you about photocopying, as it may seem that I am off the subject of being your true self, but do you know that a photocopy is never as perfect as the original? So, always be yourself and be original.

People think others are not good, because others did not treat them the way they expected to be treated. I believe people should expect everything in moderation. Even if they were not treated as expected, it does not mean others do not want to treat them nicely. It might be their culture, or that they do not know what are you expecting.

Some people try to be thin. They believe if they are fat, no one will like them. Some fat people try to lose weight; others do not try as hard. Some people are thin and try to gain weight. People do yoga, exercises, takes medication, and even some have surgery done to lose weight. I believe that if someone really wants to reduce or gain weight they can do it, unless they have some medical condition. In most cases, if we want to lose weight, but we make excuses that we will start tomorrow. Well, it's true that we often try to put off many things until tomorrow, which never comes. One excuse made me laugh. One person said she would reduce after her wedding and that was over a year ago. She did

not want to reduce her weight, because she did not want to spend extra money altering her wedding dress size. On one hand, she moaned about not being healthy because of being too fat, and on the other hand, she was not trying. Why do people moan if they aren't going to take action to remedy a situation that is making them unhappy? Is this just laziness? These sorts of excuses a person makes because they really just do not want to try. I believe it would have been better to look nice at her wedding, instead of making excuses about altering her dress. Another thing is that she should also stop moaning. While writing this book, I am also fat, but being fat does not mean anything, except too much fat can create health problems.

In Bollywood films, if shooting has been done in the mountains and everywhere there is snow, you will see an actor wearing thick clothing, coats etc., but an actress will be wearing only a blouse with half-sleeves and very little clothes. Do they want the actress to appear thin and believe that the extra clothes would make her would look fat on screen? In behind-the-scene documentaries, we can see that those actresses are feeling the cold, because as soon as the director says, "cut" in the film, the actresses run for a blanket!

In life, there are too many problems. Is someone else creating these problems or do we create them ourselves? Some problems and tensions are out of our hands and we cannot resolve them, and some we just create ourselves and make them more and more complicated every day. Some have tension because of their studies. Some has tension because they can't have a baby, and some have babies and have tension because of their children. There is no end; stress comes from many things. If someone has no family, no one to take care of, and that person goes into a jungle or into the mountains to live, what problems is he or she going to have? It is possible that the person might not have luxuries like electricity, gas, and the Internet, etc. There might be problems about treatment, but people already living at those places should have knowledge about such things, how to treat, etc. I am sure that person wouldn't have any stress or tension of any kind. But my question is, by just going to the jungle or the mountains are these people just running from their responsibilities? I believe this life is tough and we have to struggle. There is always some problem before us; it could be any problem, family, business, study, or job, etc., but running from our commitments will never solve our problems.

Once A professor began his class by holding up a glass with some water in it. He held it up for all to see and asked the students,

"How much do you think this glass weighs?"

"Fifty grams...100 grams...125 grams," the students answered.

"I really don't know unless I weigh it," said the professor, "but my question is: *What would happen if I held it up like this for a few minutes?*"

"Nothing," the students said.

"OK, what would happen if I held it up like this for an hour?" the professor asked.

"Your arm would begin to ache," said one of the students.

"You're right. Now what would happen if I held it for a day?"

"Your arm could go numb, you might have severe muscle stress or further troubles; might have to go to the hospital!" Their answers were a mixture of similar opinions.

"Very good. But during all of this, did the weight of the glass change?" asked the professor.

"No," replied the students.

"Then what caused the arm ache; the muscle stress? Instead, What should I do?"

The students were puzzled.

"Put the glass down!" Said one of the students.

"Exactly!" said the professor. "Life's problems are something like this. Hold it for a few minutes in your head; they seem OK. Think of them for a long time; they begin to ache. Hold it even longer; they begin to paralyze you. You will not be able to do anything. It's important to think of the challenges (problems) in your life, but even more important to 'put them down' at the end of every day before you go to sleep. That way, you are not stressed, you wake up every day fresh, strong, and able to handle any issue, any challenge that comes your way!"

The above professor story was one that I received as an email. It gives us very good example of tensions.

In colleges or schools we study many things, different languages, science, social studies, what happened in the past, and most subjects are compulsory. But don't you think something important is missing, without which our lives could be nothing? I hope you have guessed. I am talking about love, humanity, and common sense. People are getting involved in different subjects and forgetting this subject—which should be mandatory in every school.

These days, whatever we buy has a barcode so that it can be scanned. With a bar code it is a very easy procedure to find out all of the details about the item being purchased. I think sooner or later the government is going to add some kind of barcode to human bodies, which could not be copied. So, whenever we travel, etc., we do not have to keep any documents. With one scan, all of your life history, including your

medical records would come up on the computer. It would be easy to recognize someone and also easy to treat someone, if a person is unable to explain or tell about his or her medical history. They might put some kind of tracking system, linked to a big computer, so that they could find any one instantly. They also could find a criminal quickly or those who might be on the site of crime. It could reduce crime for sure, but how possible is it? Well, missing people's report would be solved very quickly and less kidnappings would happen. Like in the US, where there is a unique social security number, and in the UK, where each person has a national insurance number, in the world, each person could have a unique bar code. Hey, do not get serious about this; it is just an idea about what could happen in the future!

Once, my daughter brought a questionnaire home from school, and one question was: *is cold faster or is hot faster?* To tell you the truth, I did not know the answer. I believe many of us don't know, but I found the answer very interesting. The answer was *hot*, but why? Because we could catch a cold easily, so it makes hot faster than cold. By the way, I did not hear anybody catching hot!

We use the words, *I am happy* or *glad*, but what are the really meanings of these? Have we forgotten about other things? Are we satisfied with everything? If we are satisfied with everything, then naturally everything must be perfect, and if that is the case, there should not be any meaning to life. Why do we always consider our happiness and importance of our pleasure. Or shall I say we are just making fools of ourselves while living on our small world, forgetting there is another world that exists outside of our minds and that we have to get involved in that world where we have some role and responsibility. People say to me: *if we are happy, then we can make others happy!* But I think it's the other way around; if we see others happy, only then do we become happy. People try to make themselves happy first, and for that, all their needs to be fulfilled. This is a universal truth that as soon as one of our needs gets fulfilled, another needs takes preference. Will our needs ever be satisfied? If not, then when will we ever be able to make time for others?

Sometimes young children throw money on the footpath or in the street. They do it because they do not like to keep small change or pennies in their pockets or feel embarrassed keeping change in their pockets. Why don't they like to put that money in the charity boxes in the shops or collect coins in a bottle at home? At the end of the year, they would see how much money they could have thrown away if they have not collected it.

Talking about money, can you imagine the many places a money note might travel? While I was in India, I wrote my name and the date on one Rupees 5.00 note and used it as normal. I was about 100 miles from my hometown. Months passed, and one day, I was surprised to receive my Rupees 5.00 note in change from one of the local shops! Yes, it is unbelievable, but it did happen. It could be just a coincident. I cannot say where that note might have travelled, but it might have travelled overseas or through many parts of India. I did not bother that time and used that note again, and have never seen it again. Another reason I have not seen that note again might be because I live in England and do not use Indian currency regularly. Have you ever tried this? I think we could make an interesting film about the story of £10.00 so we could show where a money note might travel.

Like other people, I sometimes feel like indulging myself—travelling around, going for a holiday, dining out regularly, and buying whatever I want, but I just don't feel right doing this too often. I believe I have a responsibility towards this world, and, naturally, if less people try to take this responsibility more pressure they have about this. No doubt, I also go on holidays and dine out, but I try to do as infrequently as I can.

One person was crying about not having enough money. One thing I did not understand was that this same person spent money on things, which are known as extras, like spending every week in pubs, going to the cinema, buying the latest video or DVD and going to special plays, and twice-a-year overseas holidays. Now, how could that person moan and cry about being poor if they have enough money to waste on unnecessary things? I don't have sympathy for such a person and I count that person as stupid. If that person was spending their same money helping others, I could understand, but...! I believe that person is poor, but not because of money, but lacking in common sense. If someone is living a life of luxury like that then why moan about things? I do not understand the expectations of that person. If someone knows they have a home loan to pay, then how could they waste their money like that? Do they just want a permanent vacation and to do nothing but just enjoy luxury items?

There are also ways to save money like; don't buy coffee or tea from a nice machine, take a flask or a kettle to work. The money you will spend on buying a kettle or flask, you will recover in few weeks, as vending machine items are always expensive. Or ask the company you work for to provide one kettle. While giving money to vending machine operators, you won't get any benefit, unless you have stock shares with

the machine provider. Even then, you are spending a lot more than the ingredients really cost. Buying sandwiches from restaurants and shops will also be expensive, so why not take a few minutes and make yourself a sandwich at home instead of wasting time waiting in lines and then spending five times the amount of money you could be saving? Why not cut back on alcohol and smoking? You will double your benefits—saving money and also improving your health.

In life, we see everyone wants to come in first; no one wants to come in second or third. Everyone wants to win and wants to come out on top. In exams, in wars, in sports—everywhere there is this competition. Is this a real human race? What really happens if we do lose? Why don't we try to take others along with us, if we are winning? In exams or sports, if we win or we lose, life still moves on, but what happens with the losing or winning of a war—both side's lose, even if one side says they won. Many lives just stop at that point. We could reach on the top of hill or a tree, we try and prefer to stay on top, but staying on that top is not easy. Even coming down from the top could make us slip and fall. Similarly, other things work like a person's reputation.

Here is one interesting quote that I received:

"The greatest test of courage on the earth is to bear defeat without losing heart."

Starting anything new is a big task; everyone tries to see each other's faces that who will start that new thing. Most people are afraid that if anything goes wrong, they will be blamed, so they won't start anything. Some people do not have confidence; some are over-confident and make mistakes. Some take risks without confidence and succeed as well. Those with self-confidence have a greater chance of succeeding. Believing in ourselves plays a major role in any activity.

How do we build up a fear about something in our mind? It could be anything, a fear of a person, an animal, etc. The most common fear is fear of the dark. Why are we afraid of the dark? It is just a fear, which is just built from our childhood. When I was young, I used to get scared when I had to go up on the roof at night-time. There was nothing to be scared about, but still some incidents or surprises make us jump. We watch horror films, where unexpected things scare us, and some people even have nightmares from watching these films. This scary stuff is just made up. A child learns fears from their elders. I watched one film called *Monster Inc.*, and found it very interesting. It is a very good idea. If you have not watched it, I won't spoil your fun by telling you the story.

Most of us break plenty of driving rules. When we are learning to drive, we try to be very cautious, but as soon as we receive our licence,

we become king of the road. We break many rules like speed limits, running red lights, parking rules and much more. Some people break them purposely to show off. I broke one once, but that was innocent, as I did not know the street was one-way, and in the middle of road, I turned back. I realized I was going the wrong way when I saw that all of the parked cars were facing the opposite way, but it was too late. Luckily, I wasn't far from the junction.

Some people are old and they think it is not worth doing something or they don't want to get involved in most things, in case they are scams. They just want to pass the rest of their lives without any trouble. They also talk about their experiences; because they have lived longer, they have seen more things, etc. Don't you think people who think like that are missing something in their life? They lost that many years of life and still worry about troubles. No doubt people could have had bad experiences, but a few bad experiences should not put you off for any good achievement you want to do. Everyone misses part of his or her life. We could miss doing a few good things because of a lack of resources, but having those resources, we won't do it, and we regret it at a later date. Why don't we do things when we have the chance? If we look back into our past and see what we lost and what we gained, we would realize that we lost much more than what we gained.

We see there are plenty of TV programs, where TV artists do people's gardens or houses. Why don't they do these things for charity or in the Third World where their skills needed more?

Once, it made me laugh when I went to one Italian market and at one counter they were selling Italian Kisses. There was a sign that said: Italian kiss for £2.50 for 100 gm. After checking the counter, I found it was Italian sweets. After seeing that, I found myself smiling the rest of the day. Sometimes we take the wrong meanings and misspell letters, sometimes we get confused about spellings like "week" or "weak." But still we understand the meaning of the whole sentence. Some words even have more than one meaning. See the paragraph below;

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If you can read the above paragraph as quickly as you could read it if all the words were correct, then I think the above is true.

If we see the overall picture of all human lives, we would find that our lives are very similar one to the other. The same common incidents happen to most of us. The next section is much more interesting than normal life, which is based on our beliefs. I hope you will enjoy reading it.

Our Beliefs

Before I start this section, I should tell you about my beliefs. I am not in any religion and do not believe in God. I just believe in humanity and my self. Some people say because I believe in humanity it means I automatically believe in God. Anyhow, I do respect all religions and never stop anyone from believing in their religion. I am not in the habit of hearing about someone judging other religions and saying that their own religion is perfect. I won't take sides in support of any religion. In this section, I am going to discuss people's views about religion and God. I have added three main religious views (Hindu, Muslim and Christian). In most of the online chats, we can see people blaming or saying nasty things about other religions. I try to defend that religion, as I believe all religions are the same and people should respect one another's feelings and opinions. People might comment on how I can write about religions and God when I do not believe. My answer to that is that if people can give their own opinions about God and other religions, without believing in other religions, then why can't I give my opinions? If you will read carefully, you will find my comments are genuine and most of the questions are still mysteries. People can say they know the answers, but I don't think anyone can really give right answers to that, unless we time travel or have a direct link with God. In this book, I used the word *priest* to symbolize all the religious leaders, even if they believe or are related to different religions.

Nearly 85 percent of people believe in God, using different names or faces. There are many religions and every religion has their own name for God—some even use more than one name.

The biggest human belief on earth is God. What is God? Where is God? Who created God? How did people come to think about whether there was a God? I know religious people's answer would be that their prophets explained about God and talked to God. But those prophets were also humans. Is that just an imagination, which was created thousands of years ago? Is God a super human being or a being without any definition? All God believers think God is good, but what if they are

wrong? People believe God created everything, and that he is a perfect creator and this universe is a good architectural example of his ability. Why did he create this universe? If God exists, why can't he answer these questions, or he does not have time for us? Is there any reason to hide? Is he scared of something? Or is it that his creation was just not perfect, so he is too embarrassed to come out? Will he be able to answer the question about which came first—the egg or the chicken?

God believers say they believe in God, because God created them, where non-God believers ask for proof, before they believe in anything. Even if a believer or non-believer changes their opinions about God, will that change anything? I don't think so. Whether you believe in God or not, the world will still stay the same, blood will still be red, grass will still be green, a woman will give birth the same way, there won't be any change. The only change there would be, would be in our opinions. Does God want us to just stop doing everything and only praise him? Then what is the reason for creating this world?

Everyone says, even they are religious or non-religious, if something is created, then there must be a creator. If the creator is there, then there must be a God's creator, and that creator's creator, and so on. We always count God as a male. How can anyone say or presume the creator is male? Why not female? Why do we presume God is male—only because males like to stay in power? What about if God has no sex? In this case, we should be calling God "it" instead of he or she. What does God want from us? Does God have any colour; I mean, black, brown, or white? Can we draw a picture of God? Does believing in a God solve everything? If God is a light, could anyone ever be able to hold or catch a light? Does God have any hobbies or goals? These questions do not have any starting point or any ending point.

People believe (as per forwarded emails I have received):

1. He is the one God, who has no partner.
2. Nothing is like him. He is the creator, not created, nor a part of his creation.
3. He is All-Powerful, absolutely just.
4. There is no other entity in the entire universe worthy of worship besides him.
5. He is First, Last, and Everlasting; He was when nothing was, and will be when nothing else remains.
6. He is the All-Knowing, and All Merciful, the Supreme, the Sovereign.
7. It is only he who is capable of granting life to anything.
8. He sent His messengers to guide all of mankind.

9. God knows what is in our hearts.

10. He created us to learn about humanity!

How many believe in above?

People say God does not need anything. Then why did he create us if he did not need us for anything? Many people would say that he created us so that we could praise him and worship him. So, God made us to praise him? Well, it clarifies and proves he needed us so people could praise him. Don't you think you are making God selfish by saying this? Is God selfish? This wording also proves God exists because of us—he would not exist without us. I think God believers should use different words to tell about God instead of using wording like "praising or praying is our purpose for living." If people want to show respect for God, they should show it in proper ways. By using these words, they are just moving out of their own track, which is their religion. Life is full of suspense and questions, but if people keep fighting about their religions, then how we will achieve any mutual goal?

If anything bad happens, why do people blame each other, why not blame the problems on nature or on God? How can he be perfect if his creations are not? We humans say it does not matter how much someone is perfect, as they can still make mistakes. Then why not use the same wording for God?

Why are children born disable or blind? Why do people become disabled? Why are some children born with diseases, and why are there so many other human problems like these happening in this world? Are these examples of a perfect creator, or are these just mistakes? A mosquito's life: it is born on dirt; it drinks some blood, spreads malaria and dies! Did God make mosquitoes for that? Some people believe in karma—because of what we did in a previous life, we receive output in current life, and any deeds we do in our current life will affect our next life. Well, it makes earth as heaven and hell. Does it also means babies die at an early age or from sickness just to make their parents suffer? We will keep going in circles, or will this circle ever end? Some religions believe this circle will continue until we really learn about ourselves. In the end, our soul will meet with God. If in the end of the day, sooner or later, our soul is going to meet in God, where was it started? Then we are again back to initial question: will we be born again? Why are we born? Why did God create us? Was he bored, had nothing else to do, so he created us? Some people think God is like a jewel; he created us so we can admire that jewel. Whichever way we think, if he created us, it means he needs us, without us, he cannot exist, because without living things like us, who would there be to think about a God? Some says

he created us to serve him. Well again, it means he needs us. Overall, I believe if people think God sent them here, then there should be some other purpose for that, instead of these: praying, serving, praising God—surely this could not be a God’s plan!

How did people come to believe there is only one God? The reason is that because everything started from one point, people presumed there was only one Creator. Who created religion? Did God create religion? Well, that contradicts the concept that God never makes mistakes, so religions are just the products of man. Whenever a new prophet comes, why do people quote that prophet’s advice as a new religion? Why not carrying on with the existing religion or carry on with the first religion ever created? Does it mean there are mistakes in the system, which needs correcting? In the last millions of years since the birth of human beings, we don’t know how many prophets have come and gone, or improved religions by creating new one. Does it mean that no religion is perfect yet, so people should wait for more prophets to come? One thing to understand is, whichever prophet we choose to follow, we will find the same thing to be true—that there is one God and we are here to help others! How many people are following this simple truth?

No one can define love properly. Similarly, no one can define God. I don’t think anyone has words to define the creator. Some say God is nature; some say God is a power, and some say God is an invisible force that runs this universe and much more, as millions of minds have millions opinions. We are unable to define this life, and all the answers seem too far away yet. We could give any name to that power; it could be God or nature, but the truth is that even science is still looking for a clear word.

A few of my relatives tried to convince me that their religion is best, and that I should follow their beliefs. Even one or two tried to force me initially, but forcing someone is not the way to get anyone to embrace any religion. My wife believes in her religion, but she does not go to her religious place. Does it matter if someone goes or not goes to a religious place? I never stopped her from going. Some people think because I do not believe, I stop others from going to worship as well. But stopping someone from practicing his or her religion is not the way I choose to promote my beliefs. I do not have time for such things. Even if I had the time, I would spend it working for humanity, instead of stopping someone from practicing his or her beliefs. Forcing someone to adopt your beliefs only creates friction and misunderstanding about religion.

I don’t think anyone should waste time on debates over whether

God exists or not, but we should be talking about how we can improve the living level worldwide.

Like I said earlier, some online people said that if I am their friend, I should trust them. And If I trust them, I should trust in their beliefs about God. I always say, “I am your friend and as a friend, I respect your beliefs. I am not saying anything bad about them. But it does not mean you can put a condition about trust on our friendship.” Some have replied that it means I do not trust them. I don’t think trust means you should start forcing your opinions on someone, especially the opinion that are not related to trust. People ask for proof of friendship by believing this. Again, this is irrelevant to this opinion.

Some people have said to me that if someone does not believe in God, that person is their enemy. Now what sense does that make? Religion is not like a stamp; if you made other people attend your religious program, it does not mean that person become religious. He or she might be attending out of respect for your religion, or attending out of fear of someone. Why don’t people understand one simple thing: *if they don’t respect other religions, how they can expect others to respect their religion?* And, if every religion says to respect other religions, then why do people try to force others to accept their religion?

Lets begin with how human life began. Most religions believe the human race started from Adam and Eve and mostly humans do believe that they were the first humans. How do people know this is true? Anyway, lets talk about them. What do we know about them? Religion says God made these two perfect humans, but why? Was the reason for creating Adam and Eve to develop earth and increase the population, or was there was some other reason? There is no answer to this why, so lets move on further! Adam was created first or Eve, or both were created at the same time. Where on earth were they created, or were they were created on some other planet? If God created them, then were they children of God? Were they brother and sister? Were they married? When they were created, how old were they in human years? I mean to say, when God created them, were they babies, kids, adults, or old people? If they were babies or kids, who looked after them? How long did they live and when did they die? At what ages did they die? Again, there are no answers to these questions—even we cannot make a guess or estimate.

How we can say that Adam and Eve were the first human creations and they were actually humans? Science says we are related to apes, meaning we slowly developed from apes. So, does it mean that Adam and Eve were apes? Were humans really apes? Can we really believe in

that? If this is true, then we should be saying that Adam and Eve were apes, not humans. If this is not true, then is what we study in schools just a lie? Worldwide, all children are being taught that we came from apes, as everyone read same science books. How they could teach this lie? If this is a lie, then why do all the religious people allow these teachings in schools? Is there no objection to this, or are they just confused about it themselves? It is not only this, but many other important things are being taught, which do not make sense. Even mostly follow science theories. Does 85 percent of the believers have their doubts? Well, if we consider carefully, the above reasons make the presumption that Adam and Eve were apes!

I am not sure about you, but writing this topic is getting more interesting. The next question that comes to mind is, were Adam and Eve born before dinosaurs, or at the same time, or after the dinosaurs? As per science, dinosaurs lived 65 millions years ago, we only know they lived, because of their skeletons. Well it cannot be before or at the same time as when the dinosaurs vanished, because how could humans have survived? So, it must have been after the dinosaurs, when earth was again ready to live. But this leads us to another question about why the dinosaurs lived and died. Even in the present, we hear about other animals becoming extinct, or that a particular species of animal is now in limited quantity. Were these animals' mistakes? Creating them first, and then to amend that mistake, destroying them, or did they only exist so that we could learn about them? Is it like humans building a house, and after 100 years or so, they changed their minds and now they want to build hotel on the same place. So, they destroy that old creation and start all over again and so on. Sometimes we make mistakes building something, so we have to abolish and recreate, and sometimes, that building becomes so old, falling apart, and we have to change it without choice. Was the creation of dinosaurs a similar procedure for God? There is also the possibility that many other species might have lived, but we never found their bones, because they did not have bones, etc., so we are unaware of their existence. Possibly, some might have lived and died 400 to 500 miles below the earth (underground)—or perhaps, some still might be living!

Back to the same topic: we read in the books that Adam and Eve found the tree of knowledge (good and evil). The tree was in the Garden of Eden, which bore the forbidden fruit eaten by Adam and Eve (as per the dictionary). God instructed them not to eat that fruit. A few interesting questions come to mind. If God did not want them to eat the fruit, then why did he create that tree in the first place? God

just created, so one day, they would eat that fruit and have knowledge? Did God know that one day Adam and Eve would disobey him and eat the fruit? If so, then why did he ask them not to eat it? Was he testing his first creation of apes/humans to see how perfect they were? Well, I think that proves Adam and Eve were not perfect.

What knowledge did Adam and Eve have before eating that fruit? They should have common sense, like if one got hurt, the other would help. Or were they just perfect physically, free from any suffering or sickness, that they never needed this support? Did they ever have any accidents, and how did they get treatment if they did get hurt? If they did know about helping each other, then humanity was already there. If they did not know about that, then how did they survive? For example, if one of them fell from a tree, got hurt badly, but the other person was not a doctor, if he or she was bleeding, because of dirt, etc., the injury could have become infected and would have needed proper treatment. It is quite possible that God did not create any infection at that time, and if they fell from the trees, etc., instead of having any major problems, they had only small scratches. If that is the case, when were infections and other kind of sicknesses created?

Can we imagine what they did all day? Another question comes, how did they communicate? What language did they use? Or while creating them, did God also give them a way to communicate, like telepathy or one language and a dictionary of words so they could recognize things? It is also possible they made their own language? But then, how did this world end up with so many different languages—it seems people should be speaking the same language everywhere. What happened when Eve had her period? How did they deal with that? Did they know about sex? I believe God must have explained sex to them, otherwise why did God gave them the ability to have babies, if they were not meant to have babies? It means they must have had children before eating that fruit, because it must have taken a long time to disobey God's order, unless they disobeyed very early. If people believe life finds its own way, then they must have known about sex. Why did Eve have to take on all of the pain of birth? Didn't God think about this, or did he do it purposely?

While their life was passing as normal, once one angel came to them in the form of a snake, and insisted they eat the apple? As we know, one question leads to another. So, why did God created angels? Anyhow, since Adam and Eve ate that fruit, what extra knowledge did they receive? As per religious books, they realized they were naked, so they started using leaves to hide their body. What sense does that make? This whole fuss about trees or fruit was just to have knowledge

about hiding their body parts? Some people living in the jungles still do not wear anything. Does it mean they need that fruit to have this knowledge?

What about good and evil? Why did God create such things? Evil is related to the devil; does it mean God created a devil purposely? Another presumption could be that, say Adam and Eve were uninformed about sex, and God gave them those facilities so that they would make mistakes, and eat that fruit, have sex, and have babies. Understand about bad things, and do the bad things! Then we can also presume sending an angel was also God's plan, so they would eat that fruit. Well, if that was the case, then one question is still confusing, why did God stop them from eating that fruit in the first place? Why in the religious books does it only suggest about knowledge of nudity? It must be much more involved than this. It is possible that people did not give an explanation because younger children also read this topic, and they should not be taught sexual things? I believe if there is more involved, then why try to hide the truth?

As per religious beliefs, Adam and Eve lived in the Garden of Eden as innocent as children, without shame or self-consciousness. God provided everything to sustain them. Their only restriction was that they were not to eat of the apple tree. After being led into temptation, and eating the apple, they were cast out of the Garden of Eden and as punishment, Eve was made to bear children in pain, and Adam to toil the earth to survive...or something close to this. It means they did not have knowledge of sex until they had that apple! It does not make any sense, why did God create that apple tree? What would have happened if they did not eat that apple? Does that mean we exist because of their mistake, where God did not want us to exist!

Anyway how did the human race progress after that? If Adam Eve had only boys or only girls then there was no chance for further births. But if they had boys and girls then there is a chance, a long as they allowed sex between brothers and sisters. Presuming Adam and Eve had plenty of children, and further, that they had plenty of children and so on. Well, it means we are all related to one another, one way or the other. If we are related to each other, then how can we hurt each other for any reason? Another possibility could be that God might have created a few more humans and they also had fruit. Or an angel, who became a devil, and he created a few more humans. But if a devil had created humans and they were bad, wasn't God supposed to get rid of them? If God knew the devil is trouble, then why did God not try to get rid of the devil well before he created the human race? As per religious beliefs,

Adam and Eve had Cain, Abel and Seth. According to these teachings, Cain killed Abel and then went into the world and returned with a wife. So, a better question to ask would be, "If Adam and Eve were the only humans on the planet, where did Cain find a wife?" Who created his wife, was that God or devil!

People say if anything good happens, it is done by God, and when anything bad happens, that is done by the devil. Well, a question comes: who created the devil? The devil, according to the religious beliefs, was God's favourite angel. The angel got so powerful and was so beautiful, that he challenged God's authority and God cast him out of heaven. Is the devil so much more powerful than God, that he is able to create so many problems? Is God unable to cope with all of these? People also say hell is ruled by the devil. So, does that mean God has nothing to do with hell? Or are these all just fictional stories? If the devil meant to destroy things, and God has no power to stop the devil, then God is guilty of creating the devil. If God did not create the devil, then there must be something more powerful than God. It is possible for us to say that God is just a sign of good things and the devil just a sign of bad things?

One probability could be that there might be some other power above the God and devil, which is controlling them. And it is possible there was a competition between God and the devil, where God was supposed to stop Adam and Eve from eating that fruit and the devil was supposed to make them eat, and devil won. And, still some competitions are going on as to who will win. Another probability is that this universe is much bigger than we can imagine and God cannot look after everything at the same time, so he has employed someone to look after the earth, unaware of what is happening on the earth, like big company bosses are not always aware of what is happening in the small departments within their companies.

What colour skins did Adam and Eve have? Were they black or brown or white? Or did one have a different colour of skin than the other? I am asking this to establish how we have different skin colours; we all have different skin colours, some are black, some are dark brown, some light brown, some fair, and some are like white. Well, only we can presume, after thousands of years, where people started living, their body adjusted to the local weather and changed their skin colours to allow them to adapt to their environment. People living in Africa became black because of too much heat. People living in Asia became brown because of the hot places, but not like Africa. People living in Western countries became white, as the weather is cold; in Russia people became white/red, because of too much cold. But, this still does

not answer our original question, what colour skins did Adam and Eve have?

Did Adam and Eve have any religion? I doubt it very much if there was any religion, but humanity. They should have known about sharing and helping. There are too many presumptions without any real answers.

What is a soul? As per the dictionary, the soul is an element of a being, which thinks, feels and desires, etc. People believe that the soul stays in the body. They also think that without the soul, we are nothing, our body cannot work, and also that the soul cannot die. Then why does a soul need a body? Why did God need to create bodies, if the soul is the primary thing? Or were bodies created because souls were invisible and no one could see each other? If the soul cannot die or be destroyed, then does it mean the soul is God?

Is there a limited number of souls, and can we count them? As we know, the population is increasing. So, does it mean God has an unlimited stock of souls, or he is creating more souls? Some people also say God needed human souls, so he creates these disasters, and he collects extra souls for his work. If God does need souls at later date, then why did he send and is still sending too many in first place? Why doesn't he keep a reserve in case of emergency?

In which part of body does the soul reside? How big is a soul, does it have any shape or does the shape depend upon the body it inhabits, like a human body or animal body, etc.? Does a soul think? Can we cut a soul? Can we make parts of a soul? Our body changes throughout our life, does a soul change as well? When we are born, we might be only one foot tall, and at the age of 20, we might be 6-feet tall—does the soul grow with that the body? What part does the soul play in a body? If a person is alive because of soul, then why doesn't the body stay the same size? Does a soul go through stages like a body? We did not hear anyone getting younger from old age or, shall I say, reverse procedure, does it mean it is a fixed procedure of life? If someone loses one part of the body, for example, becomes handicapped by losing an arm or leg, etc., does the soul also lose a part? If not, then let me ask you using a different example. I heard that if a live chicken's head is cut off, the head lives for a limited time and body also runs around. In this case, does the soul separate in two parts or it is just a side effect? Another example: if we accidentally cut a worm in half, both parts of worm live, or, shall I say, one worm becomes two worms—did that worm have more than one soul, or as soon as this incident happens, does another soul appear?

If small insects could have more than one soul, then why not humans or bigger animals—as religious people say we have only one soul each?

Not all cases, but in some cases, we hear twins feel each other's pain; if one person feels something or gets hurt, the other twin also feels a little bit of that. What does it mean? Are the two souls connected together? In some animals, if their part is cut off accidentally, it regrows! Does that mean the soul grows and also becomes fat or thin?

Changing sex, male to female or vice versa, or in the future, if scientists are able to make human clones, what does it mean? Does it mean that by doing that, we are playing with nature, or is it supposed to happen like this? If we are playing with nature, then why has nature provided all these resources? We cannot say we are misusing, as we are not hurting anyone with this. If humans, including those who believe in God, could build weapons and also use them, which kill and hurt millions, and people believe that by doing this they are not playing God or nature, then there should not be any objection or problem to God believers regarding cloning. Or if taking someone's life has nothing to do with nature, but giving a life does, does it mean we cannot play with that? Scientists claim that they only need tissues to generate a body. I don't think it has been done yet, as it could take decades. But, does it mean every tissue has a soul? Or in other words, is there more than one soul in a body? It could be millions or billions. At the moment, one thing is true: scientists are able to make a rocket that can travel to the moon, but unable to learn about small insects. They are still unable to bring back to life to even a small fly!

There is one common habit I have noticed in people, and that is, if something goes wrong or we hear bad news, people say, "Oh My God." By saying this, are they just trying to reach a particular God? But all religions say there is only one God, which could have plenty of faces or names. So, why do they always say, "Oh my God?" Don't you think they should be saying, "Oh Our God?"

One of my relatives attends religious places every week and spends a few hours. This person has believed in a particular religion for the last 35 years. One day I asked a simple question: "What did you gain by going there? What did others gain while you went there?"

The answer I received was one I was not expecting at all. That person replied, "If I did not gain anything, I did not lose anything as well!"

I was shocked to hear that. Then I said to that person, "If we counted all the hours you spent, you have lost nearly one whole year doing nothing. If you had spent same time in the hospital or doing

something about humanity, many people could have been benefited by your time.”

While sitting with some of my relatives, the topic of why we are living came up. One of my relatives said life is a test about how we live and behave, and what we do in this life. Now, my question was how do you know whether you are doing the right things to pass that test? One of them said he could give a speech on this topic for two hours. If a religious person can give a speech on the topic, does it mean he or she follows that? If not, then how could they suggest it to others, if they don't follow themselves.

I saw that most of the people that go to religious places talk about others, pull each others legs, make fun, discuss business, and much more. And after coming out of that place, the same routine starts again. What is the meaning of all this?

While chatting online, I see people arguing over religions. I have chatted with many who were from different religions. Everyone was saying that their religion was the best. One told me that to protect his religion, he would do anything! He said further that he couldn't listen to anything negative about his religion; he could even harm others because of that. One question comes to mind: do these people really believe in something? Now, if they do harm someone because of that, naturally others would say, that person's religion teaches fighting. They won't think that is one-person's view and not a religion's teachings. People normally don't need any excuse to try to show that another religion is bad. Now, thinking about the person who was arguing and saying wrong things about this person's religion, don't you think that person is also wrong—like if someone says something wrong about someone else's religion, aren't they really saying the same about theirs? Let me put in into simple words: one person is accusing and judging a religion, and also saying others should believe in his or her religion. As we know, all religions are related to same God, because all religions believe in one God, so indirectly that person is denouncing his own God! It means he is abusing his own beliefs. It seems people like this person, who says they believe in God, but say nasty things to other religions, or some would like to hurt them, because they cannot hear anything negative about their own religion. Are they just pretending they believe in their religion without understanding religions teachings, or do they just do such things because of ego?

In the chat rooms, most people fight or argue about their religions, without any reason. They criticize others about their religion, saying bad things, swearing at them, etc. Sometimes, others also start the same

thing. How can people pray to God one minute and later these same people swear at him? Don't you think it is nonsense? No doubt, people have been twisting their religion's wording for their own benefits and also creating more trends. Some people even laugh at other religious people and how they pray—how they pray by dancing and singing songs. Is it really a special way to pray? Is there a right or wrong way? If sitting to pray is only the right way, then if someone is disabled, that person won't be able to pray.

People kill others or give up their own life for their religion, because they cannot hear anything negative about their religion. In that case, they are just pretending to believe in God. How can you take someone else's life or your own life? Do you really think God gave you this life to take another's life, which is also given by the same God? Or do they believe these people have nothing to do with their God, and that some other God created these other people? They must be thinking that their God would be happy to see another God's creations destroyed! Both ways, it would be wrong; I don't think any God would ever want this to happen, even if there were more than one God.

Every living person, eats, sleeps, and gets older—how is this system running? What would the world be like if there were no politics and religions, but only humanity and love?

Hinduism has many names for God, and one of them is Krishna. People pray to Krishna, but how many Hindu's follow his words and the examples he has given? I remember one story about him: after the big war of Mahabharat, which was between cousins, when Pandaws won, they decided to go to every religious place so that whatever wrong things (sins) they did, those sins would be washed away. Krishna gave them a bitter tasting vegetable and told them wherever they went, they should take this vegetable, if they take a bath in holy water; they should give a bath to this vegetable. The Pandaws were not sure, as they believed in Krishna; they took that vegetable with them. They followed the instructions and after they came back from their journey, they returned that vegetable to Krishna. Krishna cut that vegetable into five parts and asked them to eat. All five brothers tried that vegetable, but only a small bit made their mouths bitter and sick. Then Krishna explained that we are like this vegetable. We could take a bath in holy water or travel to all religious places, and that bath could wash our outer dirt. But our bad habits or bad things, which we did, won't go away until we wanted them to. To remove internal dirt, we have to work hard, and for that, we don't have to go anywhere; we just have to look inside our self.

I am not saying Krishna is the face of God. I was talking about

how many Hindus really believe in that. Still millions of people go to have a bath in holy water or go to special religion places, for what? Do they really follow the words of their own God, or are they just thinking that Krishna was wrong, so they still travel to religious places and think holy water can wash away their sins? Then, why do people follow Krishna if they have to do what they want to do? It is possible that water coming from the hills also adds some special salts and ingredients from trees, etc., which could be good for their health? That water could make someone physically better, but it cannot wipe away their sins. Miracles do not happen unless someone acts on that. I am just giving one example, but most people in all religions think like this. I believe few people follow such examples. Their belief in God or his faces just seems like a formality. It does no good to profess belief in someone if you do not following his or her examples.

In religions, many of God's faces or angels have done wrong things, which have been said in religious books and stories. Those stories people tell or teach children, as if they are factual things that really happened! In Hinduism, stories explain how in charge of heaven, Inder tried to break other people's prayers, so no one could take his place. Those angels will do anything to keep their places. Those angels have, or had many wives. If that is the case, really those angels are not perfect at all or, in other words, there is also corruption in heaven. If we read all the religious books of different religions, we can find similar stories in all of the books!

Many people claim that their religion is the oldest. What is religion? Religion is a manmade path to God. Some people only try to find negative points in other religions so they can say that their own religion is for everyone, and is the only correct path. I think that's why most of the religious people who have been fighting for the last thousands of years, are killing each other—for what? If I have to give a definition about religion, I will explain in a different way than the God believers explain it. As I am not in religions, I would say that if we draw a line, one side is human and other side is our task, God believers could say that task is God. Travelling from one point to other point, everyone has to cross that line. There is no fast way, like a train or rocket to travel on that line. That line we could call humanity. God believers have given different names to that path, which is their own religion. As the centuries passed, people have also added plenty of extra things to their religions. People even twist their religion's wording and add their own traditions. People are getting too involved in their traditions, and they are forgetting their humanity. But, if they are forgetting the most

important aspect, how will they be able to cross this line? Reading a book or praying again and again—how much effect can this have? I doubt that doing such things will ever have any positive effect. In real terms, it does not count how much you believe in something, but how much you follow your beliefs.

Do people follow a religion just for their own purposes only, so they can go to heaven, or are there other reasons? When people talk about their religion, why is there nothing said about humanity? All religions are based on two points: humanity and God, and all religions say the same thing: that God is one. Humanity means helping others without any expectation or selfishness, without looking at their skin colour or their beliefs. If someone goes to one village feeling very thirsty, but does not speak the language, or if he or she falls, will the village people notice that person needs water or not? Will they give that person water or not? That is the way humanity works. Helping others without expectation is a big task. Well, we know it is not an easy task; that's why we choose easy ways. I will say 95 percent of believers don't believe in humanity. They might be doing little a humanity work here or there, but that is only to show off to others that they did something good. It is similar to people who go to small family parties; some pretend they are helping so others will say nice things about them. Are they putting dirt in others' eyes or their own eyes? In a way, they are lying to themselves about all these things.

Does any religion ask fighting? Well, if any religion suggests fighting, that could never be a religion! I think similar things as above are happening in all the religions. People just twist the religion's rules and make new rules by breaking old rules, but in the end, these rules are made by humans, and hardly anyone cares after decades or few centuries.

Does a parent's religion automatically become their child's religion? Some parents do force children to follow what they believe, or some expect them to follow. Some children's education is contains so much religion from the beginning, and the children are brought up in such a way that they think it is the only right way and all others are wrong. Only a few children have the option of choosing what they want to believe.

Can someone tell me what religion existed when the dinosaurs were here or whoever was before them? What religion other than human animals have? If one dog is staying with Christian family, one with Hindu and one with Muslim, do all dogs have different religions? I should ask in a different way. Do these animals have any religion? If they

do, then which one and do they have any choice? Again, if they do have a religion, then how can someone kill and eat them? Similarly, I ask if parents have one religion, does it mean their children have to have the same religion? Why I am saying this is because people ask me what my religion is and if I say I only believe in humanity and myself, then they try to guess my religion from my name or ask about my parents religion, and presume I belong to the same religion, without knowing what I have to say!

Most religions do not allow gambling. Then, why do people still gamble, play lotteries, or bingo? Is that for entertainment or do people just not want to follow their religion? For bingo or some entertainment, people could disregard their religion. So, is it ok to follow one rule of your religion and dismiss the other rules?

Is our whole life a stage play, where the stage is this earth? Are we actors? Could it be possible that we are just acting without realizing it? In this live show, if we behave properly, we will be life heroes and if we do not then we will be villains. We will be villains not only for others, but also for ourselves. We choose the way we want to live and becoming a hero or villain is all up to us. In movies, there can be only a few heroes, but in real life, everyone can be one. Most of us have watched a film titled *The Matrix*. If we presume that story is true and we are just dreaming about the whole thing, then what would happen? Or if life is a film like *The Truman Show*, everyone is looking at us and working as actors without knowing we are acting and just doing our part.

I read one word in the dictionary: “deicide,” which means *killer of a God*. Why was this word created, is there any possibility of this word to become true?

There are many kinds of diseases we do not have a cure for. Who created them? Did God created that to punish us? If parents have some kind of disease, it is also possibility that their children might get the same disease. Why? If punishment was made for the parents, then why do the children have the same? If that is the case, why do most God believers become doctors? If God wants to make someone sick, or wants to take the life of someone, then why do doctors want to treat them? If, in front of a doctor, someone is dying, even doctors know that person would die; still they try until the end—why? These days, we see or hear about body organ transplants like heart, kidneys, eyes, etc. Is this God’s wish to use one person’s organs to save another life? Why were those organs defective in the first place, and in need of replacement? Or is it God’s wish that both people should die, even if one person could be saved with the dead person’s organs? If that is the case, then, again, are these

doctors playing God, and should they stop treating that person whom they could save? We cannot say what is really God’s wish, but if we could save someone’s life with a transplant, would that be against anyone’s religious beliefs? Would a religion suggest not saving someone’s life? Of course few religious people like Christian Scientists and Jehovah Witnesses do not believe in receiving blood products, and some do not believe in medical treatments of any kind. Another thing, does a doctor check a patient’s religion first before he treats or should he check? Yes, doctors do consider the person’s religious beliefs, like in the case of Jehovah Witnesses and Christian Scientists, who will not accept some treatments, but what will happen when a patient unable to tell? Will a doctor stop treating someone if he knows that patient is a criminal? Similarly, does a fire brigade person check the religion of person before saving someone from a fire or accident?

People go to work in Temples, Churches or Mosques voluntarily. By doing this, most think they are doing a great thing. With that, they are creating good karma, or pleasing their God. I am unable to understand what good karma they are doing with this and what benefit other people get from it. When there is a hospital or school being built, some people make a fuss, commenting about location, complaining about how many problems it will cause, like increasing traffic, parking, and more, but few volunteer to help with construction. Similarly, if someone wants to build a temple or mosque, etc., people contribute big amounts very quickly, but for hospitals and schools, most will back down or only give a small percentage of what they give for temples, etc. That’s not the only thing, people are without money for food, but still donate money to build gold statues of their God. The needless millions spent on building and adorning temples or mosques could save many lives if used differently. Another question comes to mind: by spending that much money on temples, etc., do people think God would be happy, as he would have another house in which to stay, or would it not make any difference to him because he was already there regardless of whether that temple or mosque or church was built or not. Another thing, is there more of God’s power in a gold statue with diamonds instead of those made of simple clay or wax? I think it is foolish to think that God is ever happy about people wasting resources on a building, rather than on saving lives. Instead, the same money could be used to reduce a lot of suffering. How much do people really understand their own religion or beliefs, and do they even realize they are not following them?

Helping in any voluntary work, we do not only help others, but we also do it for ourselves, that is for our internal satisfaction. We also feel

happy that we did something important today, and soon the hospital or school we contributed to will provide help to thousands. People could argue that what I have written is not entirely true, as thousands will also go to religious places. It seems some people think God can only be found in religious places. If that is not absolutely true, then where else could God be found? Can God be found at home or on a railway platform or a boat sailing in the middle of sea, the middle of desert, etc? In other words, people say God is everywhere and to find him, people just have to look inside. If people can find God anyplace or anywhere then why do they need to build special places to worship? I don't think that God's effect would be less at other places or more at religious places, or it is possible?

As above, if God can be found anywhere and everywhere, then people can remember God while having a bath, eating food, reading a book, or while working. There is no place or time restriction for that. But for education and treatment, we need special places. If for some reason you are unable to go to a temple, say all the ways to the temple are closed because of snow or earthquake or any other reason, you could remember or think about your God while you are at home or wherever you are. But if somebody had an accident, and that person was injured badly, without choice we have to take them to the hospital, because of this, we need those facilities more. So, I believe hospitals and schools, etc., are more important than churches, temples and mosques. A service you could not find as it is. If you would like to say I am absolutely wrong, then I won't mind, but then you will have to accept that God only exists at religious places.

Whose duty is it to put a smile on every face? Is that the duty religious people or non-religion people? Well, I think that duty is on all of us. Most religious people, I've found, just say pray and accept God, and everything will be ok. They are just praying for their future, which is life after death. In other words, for heaven, as no one wants to go into hell. At the time of suffering, most just pray. But who is responsible for all the suffering? Is that God, believers, or non-believers? I believe we all are, and if God exists, he is also guilty of everything. Do you know hardly less than a quarter percent of the world population is doing real charity work and helping people worldwide? I do not believe building temples, mosques or churches are charities at all, because the same money could be spent on hospitals, which could save someone's life and schools, where someone could learn about different things. Well again, in simple words, does God dwell only in temples, mosques, etc., places? If that is the case, believers should build more religious buildings to

satisfy their minds. But believers also believe that God is everywhere. Then why build more religious places; there are already enough religious buildings worldwide! Why don't we build only schools and hospitals, so everyone could benefit?

One more thing I also found is that many God believers waste so much time trying make others believe in God, instead of doing something really good. In my eyes, a real good job is one that helps others. And believers also believe that telling others about God and making them believe in their religion is helping them. Is this a real meaning of life?

Sometimes wars happen because of simple misunderstandings. Both sides of people believe in God, both sides pray to win. So, who gets help from God, who has God's favour? We know favouring someone only works when someone knows someone in power, or does it also work if someone does not know powerful others? But God knows everyone, so then whose side will God take? I am talking about war, where hundreds of thousands of innocent people dies. Let's take another example. One game, two teams, while teams are playing, we know one will lose. Both teams pray to win, but as with war, will God help team A or team B, or they will win on the basis of good performance and their hard work? Will God be able to do anything? I don't think God could take anybody's side here unless you think he would take the side of those who pray more. It would be the same if there were one side was non-believers and one side was God believers—the team that had the most ability would win competition—and it could be non-believers.

One important thing to remember; life is not a competition about who will win or who will lose. It's about what we can achieve together.

Here is another example. One man was living in a jungle. While that man was hunting small animals, a lion stepped out in front of him. In shock, he dropped his weapon. He prayed to God saying, "God bless me and give me a long life and save me from this lion." At the same time, the lion also prayed, "God bless my food!" God would listen to whom?

A God believer failed his or her exams, why? Because he or she left giving the correct reply to all the questions up to God. If God could help, then everyone should have the same marks and all will be on the top!

Like I said earlier, most people think this life is a test and God is creating the exam. If that is the case, what we are doing to pass that exam? What we have to do to pass? Are people bribing God by praying or praising him? Will that help? If this will work, then taking bribes wouldn't be wrong, because it would be God-approved. By the

way, if God wanted to give you something that you are praying for, why didn't he give you that thing in the first place, instead of you praying or asking for it now? We are so used to bribing each other, but we die with empty hands—so how do these empty-handed people bribe God after their deaths? At that time, people won't have money or the power of a political chair!

Some people believe God knows what is going to happen in the future, who will die at what time, who will be able to achieve their goals or not, etc. I don't think God knows anything about the future. There is no meaning left if he knows the future. If he does know what will happen and what we will be doing in our life, then there wouldn't be any tests, as God would already know the results.

People read religious books everyday; some people even them several times a day. Reading a religious book is very easy and you can even remember the whole book by heart, but do you know one important thing, it won't do any good unless you follow that words or put the teachings into real practice, which is quite difficult.

Reading a book won't wash away your sins automatically, or undo whatever you did wrong in the past. But if you realize those mistakes and try to correct them, then it is possible to forgive yourself. I know all the mistakes cannot be corrected, but at least feeling guilty and doing correct things would affect your life. For example, if someone is a thief, everyone knows it. But if he changed to a nice person and helped people now without any expectation, people would give examples that he was a bad person, but now he has a changed personality. Initially, people might avoid you or pass comments, but if you really changed, then you just ignore them. Slowly, people will put trust in you!

Some people think that by reading holy books or more prayers, God will be happier with them. Are they just running from the truth or are they just following what other people are doing or saying? Some people believe the more they read these books, the more they secure their place in heaven. Even repeating God's name over again and again, some think they will please their God. Why do people think doing a little good or praying to God will automatically open the doors of heaven for them? Why do people only do good things so that they can have space in heaven, why don't they try to do good for their own personal satisfaction? Anyhow, God must have a big heaven as most of the public do believe in him and also read books. Some people also believe that those who do not believe in God will go to hell and also automatically follow the devil. On that basis, I will be going to hell! But I do not believe in the devil, so what will happen to me?

What is heaven or hell? Can we really explain them? Most believers' say after death we will be judged by God or one of his angels. Some believers say this earth is hell and heaven; it all depends upon our point of view. If we consider this earth as heaven and hell, we could talk about plenty of examples. I believe it all depends upon the individual's personal satisfaction, how much they get satisfaction. Like some people are making money doing work which harms others, like drug trafficking, etc., they might be living as luxury life, but they do not get personal satisfaction. Those kinds of people could never be satisfied, unless they change themselves. People living happy with whatever they have, who also help others, I think, they are more satisfied in their lives. In simple words, if someone is happy while seeing everyone happy, they automatically go to heaven. I do not think there would be much difference between earth's "heaven and hell," and after death's "heaven and hell," unless people believe after death all the good people go to heaven and all the bad people go to hell. What happens to those who are neutral or who did a few bad things and a few good things? In their cases, there should be something between heaven and hell. It means hell and heaven could not be permanent for everyone. If we try to draw a line on paper showing one side heaven and other side hell, there would be unlimited points between them. All the people should be allocated one of the points like a percentage. Say someone is better and also did few bad things, that person we could show on the line closer to good and farther from the bad. Similarly, if the same line was used for earth's heaven and hell, we can work, in a similar way, how much a person who is satisfied and did good things will go toward the good side of the line and which others will go towards the other side of the line. There is a one big problem, what happens to people who are living without knowing what is good or bad? Some are even unable to do any activity that is good or bad, like some mentally disabled people. How can God judge them, as they do not do anything bad, or if they do, they do not do it intentionally. Similarly, they do not do any good thing intentionally. Some babies who die before they are born, or shortly after birth, also come under this category. Where does God's test stand in these cases? Are these special cases for God?

If a person has been good in all of his life, but also made few mistakes before he dies, does it mean will he go to hell for part of time then shift to heaven, or go to heaven first and then later go to hell? On the other hand, if a person has been naughty in his life, but did a few good deeds before he died, does it mean he will go to hell or will those good deeds wash away all of his bad activities? For example, a murderer

saves one person, would the person go to hell or heaven? If one person does equally good and bad things, then will that person be stuck in the middle of hell and heaven or become a ghost?

Some people believe that only those who believe in their religion will go to heaven. I will say if someone compares like this, then in simple words, whoever died before that religion was created, must have gone to hell, as that religion did not exist at that time. Then heaven must be empty until then and only start filling few thousand years ago?

When people go to heaven what they do there? Do they eat, of course they cannot. They do not have bodies so they won't need food; they might not need to breathe as well or wear clothes. Then what about other things like rest, entertainment, having a luxury life without doing any work, or do they have to do some work? What do they do the whole day? How do they communicate with each other, by telepathic? But how do they recognize each other if they don't have bodies or faces? Will they be able to see each other? Are souls transparent? Who look after them, who works while they relax? Someone has to work, or does it all happen by magic? Don't tell me souls who has been transferred to hell, work for souls living in the heaven. On the other hand, souls living in hell have to work and get pain as per their earth life; depending on what wrong work they did there? How long do people stay in the heaven and hell? Or does God send all of them to different parts of the universe? By the way, how do people travel after death? Do they have to walk to hell and heaven or are special services provided, like first class travel, business class, and economy class?

One good thing that is happening these days is marriages between people of different religions. A person of one religion marries someone of another religion. I believe this is a very good step that will effect new generations, and one day it will lead us to unity. Some religions might think it's a sin, but they are forgetting if they really believe in God, then their God also made the other religions and person.

I heard that marriages are made in heaven; well this wording could not be true, because if a person who is about to get married was in heaven before, then what is he or she doing on the earth? Most of us must come from heaven, as many of us are married. If we were not in the heaven in the past, then what is the meaning of that wording? Or after death, do the people who go to heaven control and make decisions for us? Well at least this way we can say someone has to work in heaven, even playing with other people's lives and controlling them. Similarly, their lives must be controlled by someone else. If heaven people are controlling earth lives, then might angels be controlling the lives of

those in heaven, and then God might be controlling angels' lives. If the circle is running this way, then it is quite possible God does not know the situation about earth and what is really happening here. He has to look after the whole universe, so he put a few angels in charge. Is it possible that people went from earth to heaven might have made those angels corrupted by bribing! Don't say it is not possible, but it is very much possible as all religious books say the devil was a good angel before becoming the devil. If one angel could change, so can others. Like I said earlier, it is similar to running a big company; the chairman may not know what is really happening in a small department.

Does marriage only relate to male and female? Who made this rule? These days, gay people also get together and get married as well, so did God give that option? I think if two people are happy together, then there should not be any objection.

Simple questions to God believers who think after death they will face God and that will be their judgement day (an amended and extra added contents in one of forward email):

After death when you are in front of God,

Will God ask what kind of car you drove or will he ask how many people you drove who did not have transportation?

Will God ask what kind of house and area you lived in or will he ask how many people you welcomed into your home?

Will God ask about the clothes you had in your closet or he will ask how many you helped to clothe?

Will God ask what your highest salary was or will he ask if you compromised your character to obtain it and how many times you made use of that for needy people?

Will God ask your bank balance or will he ask if you made sure no one was sleeping hungry because of having no money to buy food?

Will God ask about how many temples, churches or mosques you helped to build or he will ask how much support you have given to hospitals and schools?

Will God ask about your job title or he will ask how you performed your job to the best of your ability?

Will God ask how many friends you had or he will ask how many people to whom you were a friend?

Will God ask which neighbourhood you lived or he will ask how well you treated your neighbours?

Will God ask your skin colour or will he ask about the content of your character?

Will God ask if you were male or female or will he ask how you behaved?

Will God ask how many happy moments you shared with others or he will ask how many times you stood up to stop bad things?

Will God ask how long you used to pray and what name you used to call him or he will ask how long you spent on humanity work?

These are just a few basic questions and we all know the answers to these simple questions, which would be the second option in each question—but how many people really mean that? Many people receive these sorts of emails, but how many take them to heart?

Everyone knows God created Ram, Jesus, Mohammed or other prophets. If the circle is going this life to the next life, and the next to the further next life, then it means if we look backwards, one of us might have been Jesus, Ram, or Mohammed in a previous life.

All religions say there won't be any more prophets. Before Jesus, religious people said there wouldn't be any prophet, then the Christians said no prophet would come, and now Muslims say no prophet will come—does it mean no one is sure? I think Jewish people think their prophet has yet to come!

How will people recognize someone a prophet? Do they have special things on their heads? Or they would have a beard? Do you think they might have a special face or hairstyle? Or that they might look different from normal humans? Is it possible they eat in a different way? If nothing would be different, then how would you recognize them?

If you do recognize or presume that someone is a prophet, and he came to you for a day or two unexpectedly, I wonder what you'd do?

Oh, I know you'd give your nicest room to such an honoured guest!

All the food you'd serve him would be the very best!

You would keep assuring him that you're glad to have him there and serving him in your home is a joy beyond compare!

But...when you see him coming, would you meet him at the door, with arms outstretched in welcome to your visitor? Or...would you have to change your clothes first before you let him in?

Or hide some magazines and put any holy books where they had been?

Would you still watch the same movies on your T.V. set? Or would you switch it off?

Before he thinks something, would you turn off the radio, and hope he hadn't heard?

And wish you hadn't thought that last hasty word?

Would you hide your worldly music? And instead take Holy books out?

Could you let him walk right in, or would you have to rush about?

And, I wonder...if the prophet spends a day or two with you,

Would you go right on doing the things you always do?

Would you go right on saying the things you always say?

Would life for you continue, as it does from day to day?

Would your family squabble to keep up their usual pace?

And would you find it hard each meal to say a table grace?

Would you keep up each and every prayer?

And would you always jump up early for prayer at dawn?

Would you sing the songs you always sing and read the books you read?

And let him know the things on which your mind and spirit feed?

Would you take the prophet with you everywhere you plan to go?

Or, would you maybe change your plans just for a day or so?

Would you be glad to have him meet your very closest friends?

Or, would you hope they stayed away, so you only could spend the time with him?

Until his visit ends, would you be glad to have him stay forever, on and on?

Or would you sigh with great relief?

When he at last was gone, it might be interesting to know what you really did!

This is also received by a forward email; I amended its contents in few places.

We are presuming a prophet is a male, what about if a prophet is female? I do not think it matters what sex they are, in my opinion, prophets are map-readers and teach people how to read a map, to reach a destination.

Every one has good and bad thoughts. Some God believers try to use their good mind because they are afraid from God and to build their good karma, but at sometime, they also forget about God and also use their bad mind! Not only you or me, but everyone forgets about our good mind at the time. That is in our nature now, but why do we do that? There are only a few people who are using their good mind all the times. I can give one example about this, In India people create a Ravan's (A king who kidnapped Hindu God Ram' wife) cardboard effigy before the Diwali festival. People show him respect by praying and give a light end of the day to his effigy. That means burning bad and evil minds, even Ravan was good, but one mistake and his ego made

him a bad person. Even burning his effigy every year, just becomes like another tradition in India.

I heard one joke, which also gives us a lesson:

Once, four friends were crossing a river together in a small boat. One was Hindu, one was Christian, one was Sikh and one was Muslim. They were in the middle of the river and suddenly they found there was a hole in the boat and water was coming in. The boat started sinking, but no one knew how to swim. They did not have any choice but to jump. First the Christian jumped, he said, "Oh Jesus," and after a struggle he reached on the edge. Then the Muslim jumped, he said, "Hey Allah," and he also reached the shore. Sikh did the same thing, he said, "Wahe Guru," and reached the shore. The Hindu saw everything; he thought if the others could do it, he could also do it. He said, "Hey Shiv, hey Ram, hey Sita," and jumped, but instead of reaching the shore, he drowned.

In a few minutes time, he was standing in front of God. He asked God, "The Christian said *Jesus*, you saved him; the Muslim said *Allah*, you saved him; the Sikh said *Wahe Guru*, you saved him, but I said your three names, so why did I die?"

God explained, "First, you said *Shiv*, I become Shiv. Then you changed your mind, and said *Ram*, I changed into Ram. You changed your mind again and said *hey Sita*. While I was sorting out my sari as Sita, you jumped!"

Lesson: Believe in one that is in you before believing anything else.

Some religious people do not eat meat on a particular day, because that is their God's special day. Does it mean the rest of the days are not related to God or they are related to some other God? If that is the case, there is more than one God? Or is it just another trend? Some religious people won't eat certain animals. Why is that? Do they think their God favours those animals, so they shouldn't eat them? Does it mean other animals are not favoured by God? I don't think it makes any sense. I believe if you eat meat, then eating other animals won't make any difference. Some religious people won't eat a particular animal because that animal is dirty. Is this a religion restriction? What if that animal was born and lived in a clean atmosphere like other animals, then will they eat?

Did God give humans the right to kill animals? If killing a living being is legal in God's eyes, then why is killing an animal condoned? Did God create one creation to kill his other creations? By killing an animal, that animal does feel pain—that we know—were we born to create that pain? If an animal becomes very sick, the Vet puts them to sleep; if a

human become very sick and they want to die, no one can put them to sleep, as that is manmade rule! What will happen if everyone becomes vegetarian? Will the sea be full of fish? Will the ground be full of animals, like cows, chickens, or pigs, etc? A few people told me nature balances itself automatically, so we don't have to worry about that, how right is that? If a balanced system works like this, then why don't we have the same weather all the time? It has been billions of years since the earth was created, so why do we not yet have balanced weather patterns? Is there any balancing point for weather and other things?

Am I really a vegetarian? Or people, who say they are vegetarian, are they really vegetarian? People say a vegetarian is one who does not harm or kill any living animal or insect for their food. What if an animal died because of natural causes? I give you one example: all vegetarians eat yogurt. Under the microscope, if we see yogurt, we can see moving bacteria. Now, if they are moving, they must be alive and also must have souls. So, will eating that yogurt make anyone vegetarian? Why does bacteria not count as meat? Another thing, God believers who are vegetarian follow some religious rules and some scientific rules, whichever suits them.

One more interesting thing is, billions of animals and fish are killed every day. What happens to their souls? Do they go to heaven or hell? It is also possible that they might become ghosts, as I heard that a soul also becomes a ghost if there is an unexpected death. If that is the case, there must be billions or trillions of animal ghosts moving around! What if there were no other animals except humans? Then everyone must be vegetarian or cannibals. On the other hand, does fish or other animals have souls? Does it mean God created them only so others could eat them? Then while killing any animal, they should not be getting any pain? If they do get pain even fraction of second, and they also have souls, then how God could allow one of his creations to destroy another of his creations? Is there different soul in an animal and different in human?

Are there insects or living things that we are not aware of yet? Or does science know about all of these? Some animals live underground or in the deep sea, out of our reach, so we have not learned about them yet. What is the reason for that? Does God want to keep them hidden like a secret? Why did God create them if he does not want to show us? It might be because humans would harm them. If that is not the reason, then why are they still not found? Why did God create them in the first place, if humans should not be able to find or learn about them? This also links to lives or aliens outside our solar system.

Ok, eating meat is one thing, what about when God believers kill, or shall I say, hunt animals for pleasure? Does any religion suggest hunting for personal satisfaction and putting the animal heads' on the wall or in a showcase? Or are those people non-believers?

No religion agrees with the violence, but in any argument, people just want others to touch them so they have an excuse to break their legs or arms and do real harm to them. Our minds are always ready to do such things. It is not a laughing matter, but truthfully, most of us think this way.

Billions of people pray to God, mostly for personal reasons, like to find the right partner, have more money, have a happy life, pass their exams, buy a nice house, and other similar things. How many pray for peace, how many pray for others? People might say that they also do that, but do they take any action or just pray?

I said a little bit about suicide earlier. I am sure who ever commits suicide is a non-believer, as God believers should accept whatever happens, happens for a reason. A God believer could never end their life, as God will never suggest ending your life. Some people would not consider taking their own life, but in the name of religion, they take other people's lives by becoming a suicide bomb. What sense does it make? I think some people are so selfish that they will do anything to create trouble by misleading other people about religion and brainwashing them for their own satisfactions. Some people do things just to create terror, because they like violence and feel happy when they see other people suffering! Not only that, some people use the words *holy war* by misusing a religion as their backup, and give that religion a bad name. Why they do such things? A holy war on what, does it mean a war on their own God?

Most religious people say money could make a person evil, but have they noticed more people die because of religion than because of money? We hear news about people harming or killing other people to get their money or estates, etc. But we can hear more news about killing in the name of religion, so does it mean religion is more evil than money? If religions have no evil, then why are these things happening?

While chatting online, I found that many people say all wars are related to the Islam religion. Well, I think they've forgotten about World War I and II, which were not about any religion, but to extend their own country's borders! A few examples like Hitler, Alexandra are in front of us. Even a few tried to convert other peoples to their religions. Many wars happened for independence. I think people should stop blaming one religion. Wars happened and are still happening in all

religions. They are still fighting for lands or to show personal ego. Why don't they say it is a holy war, when the same religious people fight each other?

When people go to temple, churches or mosques, they will get ready like they are going to a wedding or party. People put on makeup, jewellery and special clothing. Do they need those things to pray or to show others that they have that much stuff and how smart looking they are? Some boys only go to see other girls and girls go to see boys. A few go to socialize and meet friends, etc., and a few go to these places only when one of their religious teachers comes for a speech—other times they just cannot bother to go! Is this real faith?

Whenever people go to temples, mosques or other religious places, they listen to the same thing again and again; tell me if there is anything different or new every time. People will talk about God, do prayers, and hardly talk about humanity. Are people really following what they are supposed to follow?

In simple words, if people say there is a God, and they believe in God, then how they could harm anyone? How they could even think about doing harm to anyone? On one side they say they fear God, and on the other side they just forget when they commit crimes. I will say about 90 percent of the population which believes in God, say there is only one God, but internally people believe others have different Gods, otherwise no one would be saying my religion is the best, or your religion is fake, or swearing at God's different names. While saying that your own religion is best, will that really make it best? Does it mean anything, or are you just comparing different Gods! In real terms, if you swear at one name of God, you are really swearing at your own God. And if you harm someone, how can you think you are making God happy, where you are destroying his creations? In other words, people say they respect God, but what about God's creations? Shouldn't people have respect for these as well, or do people think God's creations are just not perfect?

Everyone needs rest; even people say God had a rest after creating this universe or world. If he rested, he must have become tired, if he became tired, then he will retire one day. In humans, we can say the ages of 60 to 70 years, but in God's case, we can presume a few million years, or it might be billions. Has anyone thought about if God ever wanted to retire and leave his responsibilities to others? Or it is possible he has already retired and the new creator just doesn't have enough experience to run this place at the moment? Perhaps a new creator destroyed dinosaurs so that he could work in his own way, starting life from

scratch. Is it like a big company having new managing directors who come and go, some make the mess, some clear the previous mess and create their own mess, and try to improve company the way they think, but do they stay forever? Soon, when they have more experience, either they change their jobs or move to a different department. The new person takes charge and starts doing their own experiments. Sooner or later, they retire as well. If we see this world in the same way, what really happened? Why were dinosaurs killed and humans created? Was that due to a change in God's position?

If the earth was born about 4.6 billion years ago, why did it take so long for God to create human beings, i.e. about same 4.6 billion years? Why did he make the earth hot when he created earth, and then slowly, after billions of years, he created life? If he created earth for us, then what was he waiting for? Why didn't he create humans instantly? Or is it possible that billions of years are as an instant to him, that's why he did not notice? Might be his one-second is equal to our one year or so. If that will be the case, then it would take a long earth time before God realized all this suffering. Every theory leads to another. Similarly, any question or answer about God just creates another puzzle.

Why do people fast? What is the meaning of that? How did it start? Well, everyone has his or her own opinions. Some people do it for their God's name or for religious reasons. Some do it to keep themselves healthy. I believe thousands of years ago priests, who looked after the temples, mosques and churches, were getting fat because the general public used to give them too much food or invite them for meals. Priests decided to start fasting one day, so they could stay fit, and also use the same food for others who really needed it. Priests tried it and it worked. Fasts helped keep them fit. Slowly the general public also started following their priests. Priests connected every day with different God names, and people who believed in a particular name, started to fast on that day. So the main reasons for fasting is to keep healthy, adjust the body, which we had for six days; also, to donate one day's food to others. I remember when I was very young I used to do a half fast, eating only in the afternoon on Tuesday. I started that because my granddad used to fast that day, and in the afternoons, he used to eat only one chapatti with sugar. I thought if I will do the fast, I would also get the sugar with chapatti. So, I started the fasts. I don't do fasts now, but we still could do something about those who sleep with empty stomachs each night.

Everyone has favourite places in the world, where we would like to go again and again. I am not talking about home, where we live, but I am talking about different places, which we admire. My favourite

place is the Lotus Temple in Delhi, India. If you get a chance to see that place, please do so. It is not related to any single religion, but for all the religions. Anyone can go inside and pray. I do not go there to pray, but I prefer it because it is a peaceful place.

Who invented truth? Did God create or humans create that? If someone says that God did, then why did he need to create truth, because he created a lie? Does it mean God created a lie first? The answer to this question could be that humans made lies and truths, to satisfy individual's or others necessities!

Most religious people say that no matter what happens, we should not speak a lie. Some might say we can speak lie in limits as long as we are not harming anyone, but for a good cause. What could be that limit? Should we lie to save our life? Or can we save another person's life by telling a lie? I will try to explain with examples.

I heard people who run businesses say; none of the business could run without lies. One or another way in business, people have to tell lies. To keep their customers happy or to improve business or to get more profit, etc. How much truth is in this? If people bargain in a shop, then most shopkeepers would say he is selling at cost or making hardly anything. Do you think a businessperson really does that? Then how he could run a business without a profit? That small profit would not even cover the expenses. Then after that, there is hardly any business that declares proper sales or full sales for tax purposes. That proves how much they believe in religion or God. People lie to claim benefits. Some even ask others to lie so that they can pretend to be sick and take day off from work or school, to attend a religion festival or religious activity. All religion says not to lie and religion believers lie to attend their religion's activity, what sense does it make? If people cannot follow a simple instruction of religion, then what will be the outcome of attending that activity which would be based on a lie? What do they want to prove to others—that they are the best person in religion?

If we count all these small things in this section, we will find that instead of 85 percent of people who say they are religious, most of them would become non-religious, as they do not follow a religion's teachings—or we could say that believers are less than 5 percent in this world, who really follow. The majority is non-believers, who instead of their religion, they follow lies, violence, wars, killing, cheating and much more.

Until now, I have not heard about any religion suggesting one should speak lies, but I might be wrong! It is possible a religion says lie within reason. But if we could lie, up to what extent? Like I wrote

earlier, can we speak a lie to save someone's life? Can we speak any lie as long as we are not harming anyone? Can we speak a lie so it won't hurt another person's feelings? What is the limit for speaking lies? Would other person be better off with one truth, which will hurt his or her feelings? But this could be another test for God believers. A test about where and when a person speaks a lie. But how someone would know what would be right to pass the test? I will put a simple example, if a girl asks a boy how she looks, expecting the answer to be that she is beautiful, even if she is not beautiful externally, would he say she is beautiful? On one hand, he must consider that girl's feelings and also their relationship, and on the other hand is the truth! Of course, that boy will say she is beautiful!

One man believes in religion "A". "B" religion people are killing "A" religion people (they should not be killing, but we can see one religion people killing other religion people). Religion "B" people caught that man and asked for his religion. Should he lie? If religious people say this life is a test, then how does that person pass that test? By lying he could live, as he did not finished his purpose of life yet, but because he lied to save his life, he might fail his test, or if he tells the truth, he dies and fails the test, because God created him for a particular job, which he has not finished yet. Which way should he choose?

Another example I can give, one man believes in "A" religion. He is in the middle of the desert. He is dying of thirst. People passing by offering him water, but he asked their religion first, as he won't drink from any other religion person's hand. Now, if another person believes in religion "B" and he knows the other man won't take the water if he won't lie, should he lie to save his life? Again, the test comes in to the picture. With his lie, the other person survives, but he might fail his test by lying, as God wanted the other person to die. But it could be the other way round, if he did not lie and that person dies, God failed him again, because he wanted the second person to help the first person! We can give hundreds of examples, but I don't think we can handle a truth all the times.

In the above examples, we can neither win nor lose. We can only do what we think is the best at the time. So there is no limit to speaking a lie as long as we are not harming or putting someone's life in danger? But if that is the case, do we have only a duty towards humans?

I keep bringing up the issue of humanity, but why we must? Do we have other duties beside humanity? Well in my eyes, humanity is the way to make this world a more sensible place. Yes, a few commitments, which we make our self, could restrict us from doing a few things, but

we could try other ways, as humanity has no end and no sides. Moreover, humanity has no value, and like love, the more we distribute, the more it grows.

A guru is a teacher who does not force their students to do something, but shows the way to live. It is not all about spirituality or God; it is about the path, which does not harm anyone, a path about humanity. But at a later date, we cannot blame a guru because he did not force us, as we ignored what the guru told us. Well again, the same example...millions goes to their religious teacher to listen to what their teachers have to say and that's it! In most cases, people take in from one ear and take out from another. People still do the same things, which a teacher asked them to stop. People have very good excuses for that, which is that they are just human, and humans make mistakes. What is the meaning of going to a teacher if we are not going to follow. One of my relations "A" always tells off my other relation "B", "you should not do that, as we just heard what our religious teacher said," but whenever that relative "A" feels like, starts doing same things! What you will call these believes?

Have you ever think about a sportsman who could run fast on a two and half foot or three foot lane without going into other lane. But what will happen if the same person has to run on the same size width, but on a high wall? It is psychological effect so that the person will walk slowly or might not walk at all, because of fear of heights or fear of falling. It is not only a sports person, but every individual has the same problems. We could walk on a brick lane for a long distance, but on a small wall after a distance, we lose our balance. I give this example to explain about our path of humanity. We can have easy paths, but the path of humanity is like a high wall. We have to walk on that very carefully and keep our balance.

How people can believe in God or something else, when they don't believe in themselves? Really, they are not sure about what is true if they cannot trust themselves. Many people I've chatted with say they only believe in their religion. Some said only God. I do not believe it is possible, if someone does not believe in themselves. To put their trust in someone else and have confidence about God's existence and their religious beliefs, to do anything, they should be absolutely sure of what they are doing, not following because of what others are doing; that decision only can be made when a person believes in themselves. Until then, it is just giving comfort to our self with lies or other people's beliefs, without knowing what we believe.

Every believer thinks whatever they believe is perfect. It does not

mean that anyone should say another's religious beliefs are wrong and disregard other people's beliefs. If we want respect, we should also learn to respect other people's views.

If there is no meaning of life why don't we all just commit suicide? Or blow the whole earth with special instant bombs (I am sure governments will have those bombs, as I said earlier where they spare billions for weapons, only few millions for humanity work), so no one would have any pain before dying and the no one's responsibility will be left to lookout? If someone did that, then what will happen, will God do something again like Adam Eve? Well my main point is this, if there is a purpose to our lives, why we are so reserved? Why we are so mean and full of selfishness?

Some people believe in God, they harm others, steal, cheat, jealous, talk nasty things about others and much more, and go to their religious places! Do they really believe in religion or God? I have no doubt they are just pretending. I won't say even they are in any religion. Not only that, but in some cases, people commit crimes and tell their priest. The priest says because they feel guilty, they have been forgiven. Soon after that, they do the same crimes again. I still do not understand this. What sense does it make? Is religion and forgiveness just a game?

There is one small fiction story about jealousy I used to listen to when I was young. One person prayed to God, God gave that person three wishes. That person's neighbour heard about his wishes and became jealous. He also prayed hard and then God gave him one wish. He asked whatever his neighbour wished for from his three wishes; he should get double that! The first neighbour found about his wish as well. He used his first wish to get a big house, soon he wished he was standing in a big house, at the same time, his neighbour got a big house double the size of his. The first neighbour was jealous, but he could not do anything. Then he used his second wish that his house be filled with gold. At the same time, the neighbour's house also filled with gold. Now, the first neighbour really became jealous. He wished he could not see with one eye. Soon after his wish, he lost sight in one of his eyes, and his neighbour became blind. We can see in jealous how when we start thinking negative things about others, it harms us as well.

What is death? Who made death? Is dying a good thing or bad thing? If God made death, then it must be good, as all believers say everything made by God is perfect. If everything dies, does God die as well? If death has a fixed time, then why does someone try to restrict eating something or try to avoid dangerous things like drugs etc.?

I believe in death, but only others not mine. We see others been

born and dying. I believe I cannot die, and if I die, this world will be finished. I believe the whole world exists for me, and, in case I die, then there is no reason for this world to exist. I do not exist, then how could I say this world will exist? Everything is made for me, and their brains are filled with the information for me. If everyone is here for me, then it is my duty to do whatever is in my hands to bring smiles to others. Some people agreed and converted my views in their ways as a soul, because the soul cannot die. Some people might think I am mad, even a couple of them said I have mental problems, but this is my opinion. If people say I am mad, then I am. But people should also accept that whatever happens, no one can see his or her own death. The death point is less than a billion parts of a one second. I don't think any mind is capable of understanding that point. We can catch the birth moments in a video, which a child could see at a later date, but if someone does catch moments of death, how can someone see that after death? I might be wrong about my death, but no one could explain after death, so until I will have the experience after death, I am unable to believe that. If someone will read this book after death, like sitting in heaven or hell (if book suppliers supply the books there), then I am sure I was wrong about my death. But will I ever know about someone reading this book there?

After death, bodies are either cremated or buried in the grave. Why do people bury bodies? Do people believe that could the dead come back to life, and if they think this way, then why do they bury them so deep? I am not asking people to stop burying bodies, but to consider that if we keep doing this, then in 30 to 40 years time, will we have enough land to bury bodies, or will we have to bury bodies with other bodies, or take old bodies out and cremate them? Considering that human bodies decompose and turn into dust over time, so we will never run out of earth to bury people in, but the way population is increasing we do need space!

If religious people assume they will meet their God after death, then why are people afraid of death? Are they afraid to meet God? Why do people pray to not to die or for a long life? Why if someone had an accident and survives and people say God saved them? Does it mean God wants us to live forever? If that is the case, why do people die natural deaths, painful death by accidents or diseases, after long-suffering or natural disasters, which take hundreds of thousands of lives? I am confused here, why would God like his creations to die painfully? That will be bad and God does not do anything bad. Does it mean God did not make death? Then what part could be true? It might be possible

that God also gets angry and when things do not go the way he wants, he becomes evil and creates these disasters.

Why do people cry when someone dies? What if someone lives a little longer, still that person will die sooner or later. What could that person have done in that extra time? People believe death is the only truth. If death is the truth, then this life could not be true, but should be false. Think logically, if there was no life, then there won't be any death; so only the reason death exists is because of life, without life, death is nothing. So I will say life is truth. If life is true, then our pains and happiness are true. Then nothing could be lie. If nothing is lie, then without a lie, a truth won't be able to exist. It seems these questions are more complicated than I expected!

Where actually does the soul go? To God or the devil? Ok, what really happens after death? Well, the religions say that the soul goes to God, where he then judges where that soul should go. Some also believe in ghosts. If it was not someone's time of death, but they die because of an unexpected accident, etc., then does he or she become a ghost? Some say some are left behind while going from the living world to the world of the dead. If this is true, then there must be error in the system, which makes mistakes. Death should not be taking someone's life if that soul is not due!

People have different theories about ghosts. They assume some ghosts can see us and some ghosts cannot see us. Some ghosts also have magic powers. People also believe ghosts only want to see or believe, what they wanted to.

People love God—well that what they say? Outside religious places, I saw banners that God loves us! How do people know if he loves us or not? If he does, does he love those who have more luxuries, or those who pray more? If he loves those who pray more, what happens to the people who were born and lived their whole life in a place where no one knows about God? Is it this person's fault, who does not pray, as he lived all his life where no one had knowledge of God, or it is God's fault, because he sent that person to that place? For God, everyone should be equal, as God himself created those situations for that person. If there is no equal love for everyone, then it cannot be God!

Some people say we should believe in God and think of his power as if he could create this entire universe, he could do anything! My question to them is, should we fear him because he can do anything? What can he really do? Could he take our life? Could he make us suffer to show his power? If he does ruin someone's life, how much effect will there be on that person and how much will it affect God himself? That

would prove he is creating and destroying for fun! If this is not fun, then people's thinking is wrong. Take me, for instance, if I do believe in God, what change could it bring to me? Will I become more selfish? Will I be trying to do the same things I am doing now, which is create a mission for humanity (explained later in the book), or will I stop trying to do this?

People leave their families and goes to the jungle for God prayers, so personal pleasures cannot be any problem in their prayers. Do they really think by going to the jungle and leaving these luxury things it will do something good for them? I do not think they could get personal satisfaction like this. Do they just do it because they think they are just not strong enough to control their thoughts, and while staying in a normal world, they will make mistakes instead of doing some good work? I believe they are only running from their responsibilities and also cannot think about others but only about themselves.

People have brilliant minds and ideas, but why do they use those ideas to destroy? Like the World Trade Centre mastermind behind that mission—if he or she used their brain to build something to bring smiles, I think this world would be much better, instead of giving tears. That sort of bad thinking kills people and they also relates these activities to religions so they can create more troubles. One thing is clear, people who do these sorts of missions that destroy, including dealing drugs, etc., do not believe in God for sure, whatever they say their beliefs are just to destroy. Secondly, they do not believe in humanity. Third, they don't trust themselves, and finally those people do not have any friends. If people think God has all the power, why does God not change that person's mind, which is about to destroy? Does it mean God wants this thing to happen? If that is the case, then how can people blame a person where God is in that person's favour?

Some people do not believe in God, but it does not mean a person who does not believe in God could be a bad person. It works both ways, some religious persons could be good and some could be bad people. It does not matter what religion they belong to, as it's happening in every religion. Similarly. With non-believers—some are good and some are bad.

Who is the enemy? Because of misunderstandings, should we think of others as our enemy—even if people say wrong things, even very nasty stuff about other religions? People of other religions should feel sorry for them instead of saying back nasty things or thinking they are the enemy. You must have heard the saying that if you try to spit on the sky, that spittle will only come back into your own face. Similarly,

if a person of one religion says nasty things about another religion, he or she is really saying this about their own religion, unless he or she believes there is more than one God. Also, if the person hearing these nasty things about his or her religion starts saying similar things, then what is the difference between them?

Religion books or holy books are the written opinions of person that others call prophets. Books we see and buy are only copies of the original books. If someone wrote an original book a thousand years ago, how we can say the books we buy are the exact copy of the original, and how many changes have been made to the text, and by whom, and for what reasons? How many words have been twisted or deleted, and how many new rules have been added in the revisions? These books have been translated into other languages and also into simple wordings. I believe much material must have changed from the writer's own opinions. By the way a book could contain only limited information and when original books were written, most were not written by prophets, but someone else wrote down what the prophet said, and while writing, many things must have been missed and the interpreter's own understanding added. Because of missed things, people think they can add their own rules, as religious books do not say specific things. I am sure if a book did not say killing is not a way to live, everyone could be following and killing more. Some people even argue that their religious book is the perfect book, etc. I am not here to judge.

A simple example I will give: Hindus believe in the Bhagavad-Gita. Krishna gave a lesson about life to one of his closest friends, warrior Arjun. If only Arjun heard those words, then how did a writer write about the Bhagavad-Gita? Did Arjun write the Bhagavad-Gita? If he did, then how did he manage to remember the exact words of what Krishna said to him? Did he remember everything or did he miss many things? None of the books say that Arjun had a good vocabulary, so how he could remember everything? He was in the middle of war; he did not even have paper and pen. Similarly, the Koran, Bible, or other religious books have been written or translated further. Words change from mouth to mouth, and after thousands of years, how much has the wording been changed? I am not saying those books are saying something wrong. My point is, in these books many words must have been changed and personal opinions added as the years passed; that is just my opinion. We can take a simple example. One person tells something to his friend, and that friend tells something to someone else. Naturally, his way of telling the events will be different and also might have some added extras and lose a few bits. In most cases, the same wording, after being

re-told to 10 people, becomes changed altogether, and people could take or understand different meanings of that wording. We can see these things happening on a daily basis, that's why we normally have a lot of arguments and misunderstandings.

Why do people say everything is in God's hands, he can do anything, even a single leaf won't move without his permission? Or there is nothing difficult for God? Thousands die and millions are affected by natural disasters like earthquakes, floods, tsunami waves, volcano, twisters, lightening, etc. What is the meaning of that? Who created such things? Doesn't God have the power to stop these? Not only natural disasters, but accidents also kill people. In accidents, we say human error, but creating natural disasters, whose error is that? If really God wanted such things to happen, then why do God believers try to stop or help after a disaster? If God did not want these things to happen, then who wanted them? If someone else wanted this to happen, say the devil, then is God aware of what's going to happen or what is happening? If the answer is yes, then why doesn't he try to stop such things, or why doesn't he do anything, and instead just lets his creations suffer? If the answer is no, that proves there is nothing in his hands and he does not know anything, or is there any possibility that he does not want to know anything? If he knows and does not try to do anything, is he enjoying watching this suffering? On the 26th of December, 2004, in Asia, tsunami waves took over 250,000 human lives, thousands were hurt, and children became orphans. Worldwide, people sent aid, and thousands went there to help. Will you be able to link that with God? Which part will you link? People normally say, in these cases, God had nothing to do with it, but God powered the help, which is reaching out to people through us! Of the people who died, most might be good people. Is God supposed to kill only bad people?

We know most problems are created by humans, including damaging the earth's environment. Because we make too much pollution, scientists are discovering global warming problems. Well, we are inviting ourselves to the disasters like ozone layer problems, etc. It might also lead to other natural disasters.

Not only disasters, when someone lost in the fairs or holiday, or someone kidnap someone, family or kidnaps or is lost, people pray to God that the person will come back quickly and safely. Even if someone kills another person, then the other person's family also prays for harm to those who killed his or her relative—or what about a soldier who kills for his country? Now, why did that kidnapping and killing happened in the first place, if God did not wanted it to happen? Come on, come to

one point, either God can do everything and he knows and he purposely does these things, or he does not know anything! Most religious people say God loves his creations. By saying this, it does not mean he knows everything that is going on in the universe. Give me few examples of what God can do? Please don't tell me examples like God created the sun, which gives us heat. Bear in mind that heat kills thousands every year also. A perfect creation should not have any kind of suffering, so people could think of other things. Is it a perfect creation of God or did God make it imperfect on purpose? Some people say when God created humans, initially they were not like us; they were so caring. He didn't create us as we are now? It means God's design has gone wrong somewhere down the line, or that some other power is also playing some part, that's why we become like this. Why didn't God start all over when Adam and Eve had that apple?

If someone has the powers, like people say God has the powers, but if someone also got these powers, what would happen? Or if God has gone on a holiday, or is resting, he must have given these powers to someone else to run this universe. Even they have limited power access? What if that someone is misusing those powers?

What about tsunami waves as above, is it possible that humans created those? Might be by some kind of bomb, which is non traceable, or did not leave any trace of existence. Well, as we can see, some people don't care about other's lives, on the top they like to destroy more lives like September 11, 2001. Those mastermind people could do anything to create major disasters and blame it on nature. Well, I think anything could be possible!

Don't we have enough sufferings mentioned above where people do things like September 11, 2001, in New York where thousands were killed, millions suffered, and billions were affected? Why do people do such things? Don't they realize what will be the outcome of that? Some people use religion's name for these kinds of incidents. I don't think anyone should have any right to say anything about another's religion. Because of this incident, it was blamed on the Muslim world and many people started hating Muslims. Don't people understand no religion said to do such things, but some people just become mad about things and they use religion so they can get backup from other people involved in the same religion? And some fanatic people just follow those leads, because they think that is the path of their religion, without understanding. Because of their mistakes, other Islamic people suffer! There is nothing written in the Koran, Bible, Ramayana, or any other holy book that condones killing for any reason. Then how can

people follow these fanatics? Don't they understand their own religion? Because of this incident, war started and thousands of innocent people are dying and suffering. But why are we all doing these things? Will we ever be able to stop such nonsense, especially using religion as an excuse for destruction?

Some astrology people read the movements of the star to predict the future. Some people assume that if their stars say something is going to happen to them in a particular period, or they could be harmed because of any reason, that it can be changed with some special techniques or prayers. The first question is: do they believe in God? Or are they like me, non-believers who make their own theories? If they are non-believers then predicting and changing the future are their opinions. If they are believers, then in simple words, then are they playing God, by changing a person's destiny. By the way, if any accident is going to happen or death is going to come, how can someone prevent it with prayers, etc? One thing we could say here is that God does not know any future, but he is writing as he is going along, like a TV soap opera, they run for years. In the beginning, a few characters, and later, new characters join in and the old go never to come back, and story just moves around that place. Many people predict things, but how many become true? Like the world will end in year 2000!

Who decides about who should win a lottery? People say that is luck, or it's their lucky day. But how does it work? Does God decide that? If God decides that one particular person will win a lottery this week, what will happen if that person does not buy a lottery that week? It's confusing about luck and this system, isn't it? If someone survives a big accident, was that person lucky because he or she survived, or was that person unlucky because he or she could not meet God? So, how can we really judge whether that person was lucky or unlucky? Some people living in other countries say you are lucky as you are living in a developed country, or they would say that they are so unlucky and feel sorry for themselves because they are unable to move overseas. Someone could not buy their choice of house or car in time, because of their luck. Some are unable to buy or afford specific things, again are they unlucky? This is not an easy life. We struggle to live and we live to struggle. Some restrict themselves to only to their family and personal life, but some struggle for everyone. I would say, who has no friend is an unlucky person. A person who does not want to make a friend because another person has some physical problems or their brain does not work properly, then the person who is handicapped is not unlucky, but the person who does not want him or her as a friend, is the unluckiest

one. I think, in most cases, someone's unluckiness becomes someone else's luck!

I also want to be millionaire, that's why I buy lottery tickets every week. I am not sure about others, but if I win, I know where I would be using that money, to fulfil my humanitarian goals.

Why do people only follow one prophet, like some Hindus believe in Krishna, some in Ram and some in other names, Muslims believe in Mohammed and Christians take Jesus as God's son and messenger. Why don't Hindus follow Mohammed and Jesus or Christians follow Mohammed and Ram, or Muslims follows Ram and Jesus? I'll give another example. Is it possible that Ram does not live in a mosque, or Allah does not live in a church, or Christ does not live in a temple? Do all Gods or prophets have different teachings? I doubt in that, as all religions are based on humanity, but how much humanity is there left in people? A very simple question: if there are three or four real brothers, what is the difference in their fathers? Do they have—three or four different fathers, or one father? If someone does not understand this simple example, then I think they will never able to know about true religious beliefs!

Why does God need to send prophets? Does he send them to amend his mistakes? Everyone who is a believer says their prophet was sent by God—does that make their religion better than other religions? In that case, if we think prophet of other religions were also sent by God, then did God make a mistake by continuing to send the prophets? Why did God send so many prophets, with more yet to come?

In one of the online chats, I found three different religious people fighting and attacking each other's religion, and it was a very serious chat. I tried to make them calm down, but they wouldn't listen. Then without choice, I used their own words to start this chat. Hindus were saying their religion is the oldest, and teaches us humanity; Muslims were saying their religion is the latest; there is no religion after that, so that is the latest edition; Christians were saying Islam is the worse religion, and only Christ is the way to life. I had to start from somewhere, so I asked them to give me a few moments.

First, I asked the Hindus if they really believed in humanity, and if so, why they destroyed the Mosque in India? One of them said, because there was supposed to be a Ram temple there. I asked who said there should be a Ram temple? Did Ram say to kill his people, destroy mosques, and build his temple? That person answered no, they destroyed it because that was the place where Ram was born. I said, then how could you say that you follow humanity when you are hurting

and killing Ram's other people? He replied they are Muslims! I said it means you believe that they are not Ram's people and they have a different God? On one hand, you all say God is one, then how can you do such things? Well, they got quiet on this main topic.

Then I asked the Muslims why they think they are the best, and if it was only because they follow this latest religion? Did Allah make mistakes earlier, so that's why he changed the rules? Is there really any rule changed or they are same, but just twisted in the wordings? Did Allah say if someone destroys my temple, mosque, or church, kill them? Can someone really break God's house? One of them replied no, as Allah is everywhere. That wording made everything simple; if Allah is everywhere and that Hindu or Christian is also created by him, then why fight? One said Islam is latest edition. I asked what basic wording has been changed from one prophet to another. If it is none, then why was there a need to update the religion? Does a religion's rules changes now and then?

Then Christians were saying Christ is the Son of God and Mohammed was a servant of God. I asked a simple question, which made them quiet; I asked if God's son could have done a better job, then why did he need to send his servant? If you really think God, Ram, Krishna, and Allah are different from each other, then either you should say there is more than one God, or you should accept these are different names or faces of God. In the end, I said these arguments only to those people who either did not understand their own religion or hated their own religion, or didn't believe in anything, and they could think of nothing else except fighting. I know I do not believe in God, but still, I could understand this common sense, and if I can understand, why all believers cannot understand? This was a long discussion that took nearly four hours on one Saturday. But I am glad I managed to calm them down and convince them there is no advantage to fighting. The only thing was that I had to make a few rude remarks like those mentioned above.

In most religious chat rooms, while accusing other religions, I read plenty of people saying nasty things about Mohammed, who married a 8-9-year-old girl. People say nasty things without knowing the actual facts. I chatted with one Muslim priest about this. I am not sure how much is true in that, but what he explained is what I am writing here. He said Muslims and non-Muslims scholars believe that Aisha, who married Mohammed, was nine. Also, the religious books said the same. Now, don't take this as number 9, as in Saudi Arabia, when Arabic people say 19, it seems like 9, and because of the language problem, the non-

Arab world has taken it as 9. After reading this now, my question was this language problem is for overseas, but what about normal Arabic people? Why didn't they correct the wording? If they were saying 19 instead of 9, then what language were they trying to translate or explain, which made it as 9? It must have started from somewhere that she was 9 instead of 19? That person explained to me further that the prophet also made a rule that to join the army and fight in a war a person must be at least 14. If Aisha was 9 at that time, about four years later, when Aisha was about 13, she accompanied him on the first battle, which was the Battle of Badr. At that age, she could not join the war, but, in reality, she was about 23, that's why she joined the forces with her husband!

He did explain well, but there is also a grey area left where we are saying she was nine, she could be nearly ten, but as we always say our age up to the last birthday and war might have taken place a little more than four years, which made her fourteen. But this whole thing could be possibility a misunderstanding in communication.

I am not here to prove anything, but without knowing actual facts, we should not comment on anything. On the other hand, accusing is very wrong, as people listening or reading these accusations about their religion could start accusing your own religion, as in every religion, we could find points that have no true explanation. In other words, people living in glasshouses should not throw stones into other people's houses. Overall, why do people try to see only negative things in other religions, why not try to learn and grab the good things?

In one chat, one Hindu explained to me that Hinduism is not a religion. If people read the holy or religious books, there won't find any Hindu word, but the actual religion is called Vyshnava dharma. The people who are living along the Sindhu River are called Hindus. To tell you the truth, we learn some thing new every day, like this one, but this could be only that person's view, otherwise every Hindu would be using words like Vyshnava instead of Hindu.

These days, you will find many religious leaders promoting their religions, asking people to join their religions. It seems they are just like politicians asking for votes and fighting for their religion or chair. On one hand, they all say God is one, and then at the same time, they will make parts of that God and start talking about a particular God. I have no value for those religious leaders who just talk, but do not even offer water to a thirsty person without checking their religion. Why they have to know what religion another person belongs to and what cast they are? Even in some cases, if a lower cast person touches them,

they have to take bath again because of their religion. What kind of religion are they following?

Some people do change their religions—well what really changes? A few things might change, like the position they take to pray, words of prayers, clothing styles, food options; some might become vegetarian or some become non-vegetarian, but will this change their God? In the first religion, people might be praying to one name, and after changing religions, start using a different name, but did it actually make any difference? Nothing!

In some religions, females have to hide their faces. I do not think any religion says that, but this sort of rule men make as a way to show their power.

In one of the religions, males won't touch females and females won't touch males. It means no relative and no children, presuming everyone becomes like them; if it happens, then this world would stop. I do not think it makes any sense. If God believers stop using the faculties that God provided, then what is the meaning of those faculties? What will happen if one female hurts herself and the male won't be able to help, because his religion does not allow him to touch a female? Or vice versa!

In chats, some religious people explain about their religion and start further conversation. Up to this point it is ok, but when they try to say that they are right in everything, that shows they are in ego. Once, because of one of my relatives, I visited one of their religion's priests. I listened to what that priest had to say. She started telling me to believe in her, that whatever she is saying is the only truth. Naturally, I asked a few questions; soon I asked a couple of general questions about the soul and God, she told my relative that I was debating with her. I am not saying that I am proud because that priest could not do the debate with me, but it's a shame that people think other people would just believe in them without any reason. In a way, it is reality—people following others without understanding or realizing anything. I think convincing anyone about his or her religion is not a good idea; with that way, someone could only learn about comparing with other religions and nothing more than that. Yes, if someone wanted to try convincing others about the benefits of embracing humanity that would be a good idea, as that would make a difference in the world. We have questions which no one has answers to, as no one could really debate on such subjects, so how can someone could say he or she is only right?

Some people's their own religion's knowledge is just too terrible which cannot be explained! One-person, about 25 years old, who goes

to church regularly, explained to me that Jesus and the Devil were real brothers, that is what Bible says. That was really shocking and I asked that person to read the Bible again. How can someone explain their religion, if they do not understand their own religious teachings.

These days most people just play with religion. One incident I remember was that to keep few relatives happy, I had to go to one Hindu program that was in the evening. It was called “Jagratta,” which was where people stayed awake all night and prayed together. After an hour or so, those people started praying with money, by saying a person’s name and the amount the person donated. One person was saying the names and how much he or she paid for the prayer and the rest followed the same wording. To show off, most of people paid a larger amount than the last person, like bidding! It shocked me, as it was as if they were just trying to buy prayers or buying God. Can they really put a value on God or bid a prayer? Does this system really work like this, or did some people just make that up? I doubt they understand their own religion. I doubt they could buy God like this. But people just try to make their own rules and trends, and other people just follow along. Like marriages, people think that if someone spent a certain amount of money on the wedding, then they should do at least the same. Similarly, in religions, these kinds of trends grow very quickly, leaving the actual teachings behind. It’s not only about people who believe in Hinduism, but other religions also play different kinds of things using that religion’s name and making religion like a business. By the way, money donated at religious places is not certain to be used for needy people; again, that might go into one person’s pocket or to contribute to the development of another religious building.

A few people go door-to-door promoting their religion. Sometimes they also come to my house and ask me to accept their religion or their beliefs. Some of them give me their booklets and some also give me their church’s web site. At the same time, I also explain about my mission and give them my web site address. Normally, they reply they won’t be able to see the web site for a year or so. A few times, I’ve asked them to give me a reason why I should make time for their site, when they are not willing to make time for my site. Even if I do make the time to read their web site, is there any different there?

How can people tell the difference between someone who is Hindu, Muslim, Christian, or any other religion? I have met people of most all religions, but they don’t seem any different; everyone has all the standard things that the others have. They all to eat and breathe in the same ways! If God did endow people of different religions with

different physical traits to set them apart one from the other, then why are humans so eager to create those differences? Some people even say that without religion no one is human. Well, I would say if someone has no humanity, they are not human.

Some people living in the jungle and other remote places are still not aware of these formal religions. Were they born Hindu, Muslim, Christian or any other religion? Is anyone born with a religion? No one is born with a religion, but I am sure all are born with humanity, which we follow at later date, or not; it depends upon the individual. If an orphan is adopted by a religious family, will it make any difference if that baby was born in a culture that practiced a religion other than their own? We say there are six billion humans with a religion, but what about the other billions and trillions of other species—what are their religions?

A festival should not be restricted to a particular religion and should be open to all different cultural and religious people. How often do we do that? Why don’t Hindus get together on Eid or Muslims get together on Christmas Day, or why don’t Christians gather on Diwali and vice versa? I think people of all religions should try to invite one another to their festivals. People who have been invited should also join in, instead of restricting themselves, and should enjoy the company and the cultural differences; instead of thinking they are celebrating some other religion’s festival. I think the world would start getting better the sooner we start sharing the festivals.

There was a guru in India called Guru Nanak Dev. His whole life, he promoted God and humanity, without involving or promoting any one religion. He helped the needy where he could. Muslims and Hindus believed in him. After that, nine more guru’s came and the tenth guru created a new group from Hinduism called *Singh*. Singh means lion. He created that group to save humanity. Centuries passed and now, these days, if we see most Hindus would say those ten gurus are Sikh gurus not Hindus. In the same way, some Sikh’s says those are only their gurus. If Sikhism was created to save humanity, how much are they really serving? They are very proud to be called Singh, but how many know the true meaning of that? Similarly, we humans have been dividing humanity into parts like we divide parcels of land. We still have not stopped; still we are making additional parts. Soon there won’t be any humanity left. It seems, we wanted that, that’s why we are doing such! Guru Nanak Dev is one example. There are plenty of guru’s that come and go like him in all religions, also Sai Baba, who also tried to combine all religions. These gurus did succeed, but problems happened after them with those

who should have continued their work, as most of now gurus just pray instead of continuing with their teacher's work!

Some people say I am making big mistake by not believing in God. My question to them is: what mistake? Are they doing something different by believing? If 85 percent of the population believes, why are they so selfish, why is this world suffering? What are they doing to stop this suffering? Until now, I've hardly heard any sensible answers from them! I don't think it matters if someone believes in God or not, as long as their intentions are good and remain good. Believing in God does not mean you should close your eyes to humanity, as God would do everything, to achieve anything, we have to act! A thirsty person dying, but a religious person instead of giving water says, "I'll pray for you." Do we really think that will work? I leave this to you to think about!

One person told me about an incident that happened over the weekend. She said that she wished she had not gone to the church on Sunday, because she heard some bad news. It was news of someone's death. If she did not go to the church wouldn't that news have reached her anyway, or did it happen because she went to church? Did church kill that person? Because of this incident, will she stop going to church just in case she might hear other bad news? Or should anyone stop going? People might think it is a figure of speech. Well, is this a correct way to speak? Blaming church for that? People go to religious places so they can join in the atmosphere, not wish about things, which have no meaning.

Most remarks of this section point out that there is more than one God. People say there is one God, but nobody actually believes it, that's why they fight about religions. If people believed in one God, all of them should be doing humanity work, instead of holy wars and destroying, unless they have made up their minds that their religion belongs to one God and another belongs to a different God. Only then could one religion be different from another. Only by showing unity in all religions and by doing humanity work together, could I be convinced that all religious people believe in only one God!

I am not trying to prove that God does or does not exist. I am just trying to open people's eyes and bring some awareness to the fact that they are not following their own religions properly. If they believe in one God, they should follow one, instead of making their own rules as they go along. I am not saying I am perfect, or I have done enough good things or have not done any bad things. I could say I am a non-believer and I do not know the difference between good and bad, but what excuses can believers who are making much bigger mistakes give?

We keep talking about good deeds and bad deeds. How do we know what is good or bad? Who is to decide? Does our heart decide that, or do others judge that? If a person's heart says something is bad, why does the person still do that thing? Most priests say you should do good work. One thing I do not understand is that if they think they are right, then why don't they do such work as well, instead only instructing others? Are they afraid of hard work?

While chatting, quite a few people I have found, say they only believe in God, but not in humanity, as God made humanity. So, a person could believe in a creator, but not in his or her creations, then what could be real in their eyes? In their eyes, a crime would be equal to humanity work, as both are created by the same creator.

Most of the examples I have given here have been about Muslims, Hindus, and Christians, but other religions like Jewish, Jain, Buddha, etc., also work in similar ways. All have made different rules to show that their religion is different. But how many of those rules are common in all religions. Again, mainly two rules...one God and humanity!

In the online chat rooms, not only have I found religious people, but also people who are confused about whether there is a God or not. I normally suggest that they first believe in themselves, then ask that question, and also to make one goal to do some thing good and follow that, instead of wasting time on whether there is a God or not, as until now, no one can find the correct answer.

This is the end of this section, and I ask you one question:

You are standing in the centre of a crossroad. At the end of the first road there is God. At the end of the second road there is the love of your life, and at the end of third road there is one person dying from thirst. At the end of the fourth road there is a million pounds. There is a time limit for all four things, and if you don't reach it within three minutes, God will disappear and within three minutes, the love of your life will move, and within three minutes, that person will die if he does not get water, and that million pounds will disappear if you do not claim in three minutes. Because of time restriction, you can reach only one place. What road would you choose?

This example would be only for believers, as non-believers won't believe that God would be waiting at the end of the first road.

Would you choose God, as that is more important, and also you will be the first person to see God in this life? Other things are important, but a million pounds could be earned at later date, love could also be found anytime, and a thirsty person would die one day.

Would you choose the love of your life, as love is more important

than other things, other things like God, who you would meet after death; money also could be earned at later date, and the thirsty person would die one day, so no worry about these.

Would you choose money, as with money, you could build more religious places, and God would be happy and he would appear again. Because of money, you would be able to find love easily and that thirsty person is not going to live for long, so that person's life is not important.

Would you choose to save that person's life, as that person could live little longer and also help you with your humanity work? As for the other things, God, you would meet after death, money could be earned later, and as soon as you save that thirsty person, it shows you have already love inside you.

What if you do not choose God and he became angry? Or he wanted you to save that person or he might want you to have that money so you could do something good with it—might be he wants you to meet the love of your life so you could live in love the rest of your life.

The answer to the above question is that you don't have to give to anyone, but yourself. You have to choose!

With God believers, all answers come back to God, but science believers only believe in facts and use another word for God, which is nature. As we know, no one could go back and see how this whole system started, even science believes in big bang theory, which a few religions also believe. Scientific theories about how everything started are based on calculations relating to the current situation. Whatever we try, we cannot get the right answer for all the questions, like how it all started, etc. Any theory could be right, but until we will have something solid, they might all be right or might all be wrong, and there might be new theories that come along in future, which we are not yet aware of. So, we should not judge, blame, or laugh at anyone's opinions, but respect those opinions.

Regardless of whatever happened in the past, either good or bad, the world is still running and will continue running until we die.

Supernatural

In this section, I will talk about the supernatural and also share some personal experiences. I know few things are hard to believe and I am not here to convince people, but to explain what could happen.

What is supernatural? When a thing is not a common event and it cannot be attributed to or explained by natural laws, it is considered to be supernatural. Some people believe there is also involvement of ghosts in supernatural incidents. Is God supernatural or are supernatural things beyond God? For believers, there should not be anything supernatural, because they believe everything is related to God.

The question is where does God stand if evil forces do exist? We all hear about plenty of supernatural stories and bad things that happened, like someone cannot live in a house because there is a ghost living in that house and that ghost won't let anyone to stay there, or ghosts hitchhiking on the road where they died in an accident, etc. Is the supernatural only related to bad forces? Does God have no power to make any good forces, or are we ignoring those good forces? Is every incident that is related to the supernatural supposed to be bad, or could it be good as well?

Most of us are able to do normal and common things. When a person can do abnormal things, like calculating faster than a calculator, eating glass, swallowing a sword, etc., why are these not considered supernatural? Are these things natural, or is it that we cannot call them supernatural because they are not related to any ghostly power? But how we can say they are not? Just because these things are not harming anyone, are they not still supernatural? Does the supernatural have to only be related to fear? What about sleep walking, where a person goes here or there, and, in most of cases, without even falling from the stairs; how do they do that? In the morning or whenever they wake up, they do not remember where they have been or what they talked about while sleeping. It is an amazing and mysterious part of life, which no one can understand. Not only sleepwalking, but also millions of other

things, like the Hot Springs that are in Iceland or in the sea, are these supernatural or what? Science might have some explanation about a few things, but still it's not common, is it?

How do people do extraordinary things? For example, you must have seen in some games, participants run for 30 to 35 kilometres! It is amazing and makes you wonder how they do it. Isn't this supernatural?

I believe everyone has his or her own abilities. Most of us know our common abilities, which we use routinely. Most are hidden from the human mind. Like I said earlier in this book, if we used more of our brain, we would be able to do different things. Mind power is really powerful, if we use it. To use that power, we have to concentrate hard, which could take our whole life to put in practice. If we do know that we have the ability to do something, it does not mean we have control on that like most people are not aware that they have the ability, because they do not remember if some incident took place and they might be doing some really bad things, which they are not aware of. Well, in reality, everything is supernatural. First, take this life, which we are living. It is supernatural itself, as it has no explanation.

People have different beliefs like:

Dreams, which come in the early part of the morning, become true!

Hiccups and sneezing mean someone is thinking about them! And saying, "Bless you" to them!

Some believe Friday the 13th is related to evil forces!

Especially the number 13, that's why many places you will see are missing the number 13 (like most tall buildings have no 13th floor).

Itching on one hand will bring fortune and itching on the other hand, fortune will go!

Some believe black cats bring good luck and some believe bad luck!

Bad things always come in three! But good things have no count, because we never count them!

Crossing fingers or touching wood!

And much more...!

We should be very careful what we wish for, because sometimes wishes come true and we have regrets, as we did not mean for them to happen. I have had several unusual experiences, and I am not sure what can I call them, as I do not believe in ghosts, etc. What I am writing here, are my own experiences.

I used to guess the questionnaire on exam papers when I was young. I just chose the questions, and they would be on the exam. Yes, I

know many people do guess, but one extra thing was involved there; if I learned some questions, which I guessed, they wouldn't be on the exam. Was there a supernatural force? Who was doing that?

I wrote in an earlier section about getting confused after seeing myself in the mirror. Is it possible to forget our own face? I think it is more related to madness than the supernatural!

Once, I went to hill station with my friends. We went on a cable cart (timber trail), which takes people to the top of the hill. While coming back, about 15 other people were sitting in the cart. In the middle of the way while going down, I suddenly said what would happen if this trail stops here. As soon as I finished saying the words, that train stopped on the top of a deep valley. People were looking at me and I was trying to hide my face. After a few minutes, it started moving again, and without any harm, we reached the bottom.

One day in the college, one lecturer was late for his class; he wasn't even in the college. I said in a laughing mood, "He is not going to come to college anymore because he is dead." After a few minutes, one student brought news that the lecturer I was talking about, had committed suicide because he did not like his life. I felt very bad about what I had said. But these things do happen without realizing. Like I said, some things we do not have any control over, and in this incident, that professor committed suicide a few hours before I said what I said. Most of my friends in college were surprised, as they did not know about my negative thinking. My friends suggested that I don't speak without thinking, as my voice is evil. My friends started saying I had a black tongue, which means if I said something without thinking, that things would happen. Do these things really make me evil?

One day, after coming back to my hostel from the cinema, I went to my room. My room was second to the last on the left side of the corridor; at the end of the corridor, the passage turned left and there were the toilets. My roommates were asleep and I was trying to go to sleep. I am not sure if I was asleep or what, but suddenly, I saw that I was standing at my room's door and looking outside right of the corridor. One student, who was my junior, was also standing at a room door, which was on the opposite side, four rooms away from my room. (Instead of his name, I will call him junior A). I saw a beautiful woman in white, with golden hair on the right side of end of corridor (not sure, but was that a ghost?). She was walking towards my side. When she passed in front of my junior, his neck broke and he fell down. I presumed he was dead, but I could not move from the place I was standing to help him. The woman, while smiling, passed in front of me and vanished

in the hallway that led to the bathrooms. While this entire thing was happening, I could not do anything. It was as if I was hypnotized or under some kind of spell. Suddenly, I realized I was walking down the hallway outside of the bathrooms. I was confused about what really happened, as I have never sleepwalked before or since that incident. I awakened my two roommates and told them the whole story and everybody had a laugh with me about this dream. I started seeing a woman ghost when I do not believe in ghosts. It was about 1:00 a.m. in the morning. Suddenly, we heard a knock on the door, which surprised us. We were not expecting anyone this late and wondered who it could be at this time of the night. My roommate opened the door and we saw another junior was huffing, and told us junior "A" has taken poison because of personal family reasons. Everybody was in shock as we were just talking about him, as he was in my dream just now! This news left us in shock. Luckily, that boy was taken to the hospital in time and saved. Until now, I am still unable to figure out what part of that incident was a dream and what was real. What was the connection with me? Well, after that, I never had the same experience again. I think one big shock is enough for life. This dream did not affect me much as I still do not believe in ghosts.

One last experience was about a movie. I had preview tickets to one movie, which I really wanted to watch, but at the time of movie, I had to go to the airport to collect my relatives. Well, a day before I was thinking hard that I really wanted to watch the movie. Later that evening, I received a phone call that my relative's flight had been delayed by 7 to 8 hours because of bad weather. Was that a coincident or some thing else?

Some people may laugh and say these are not true. Well, I do not have to prove their occurrence to anyone, as I know what really happened. But one thing is for sure, those who think these incidents are just made up or a laughing matter cannot truly believe in God. If these small things cannot be true, then how could believing in God be true? People just pretend without realizing what they actually believe in!

All these experiences that we call either supernatural or coincidence, happened on my negative thinking. We should change our thinking. There might be positive things also happening, but we do not realize them. I think if we think or concentrate hard, sometimes those things can happen, especially negative things. One thing we should also keep in mind is that we should think before we speak.

I have also prepared a basic script by adding extra things to make it a supernatural film. Let's see what happens in future.

Mission

Can we make this world a nice place?
Can we make everyone happy?

I believe there is a reason behind our life and our existence. I am not sure, but we should do something important so that we can feel proud of our life. What's happening at the moment? We work all of our lives and save for our children and for our old age, but people say death is the only truth in life. We even don't know if this world exists after our death. Why don't we make this life useful by helping each other, and make this world a better place to live?

My aim is to see a smile on every face. My mission is to build hospitals, schools, work places, houses, etc., so we can reduce suffering as much as we can. Hopefully, by providing these resources, no one will die because they did not have enough money to afford medical treatment, and no one will go to sleep hungry, and everyone will have access to education. I believe we could do that much or at least we can try! I do not think there is anything to lose, do you?

My wish is to start a charity project, which will bring a change worldwide, but I need your support. Please see My AIM. I would appreciate any support.

MYAIM

My first step is to make a film, the basic script is:

NAI KRANTI (New Beginning)

"We can make sense of life"

This story is based on the religious fight between Hindus and Muslims. This is not a true story, but we can make it true, or, shall I say, this is a true story, but has not really happened yet. In this story, our hero tries to sort out various situations.

The movie starts with an old man (our hero Sanjay) living with his family. He is sitting on an adult swing. His adult children are doing their jobs here and there, decorating, etc., and his grandchildren are playing in the park. It is the celebration of Sanjay's birthday.

Sanjay starts walking. Close to his home, there is a graveyard, where he stops in front of a grave and starts talking to the grave about his past. The grave is that of Sanjay's friend, Sameer.

The past (like a flashback) starts when Sanjay and Sameer were young, about 18 to 22, and playing cricket (or another game). Sanjay belongs to a Hindu family and is the only child of his parents, and Sameer is from a Muslim family, but they are best friends. Sanjay's friends are mixed; some are Hindu, some are Muslim and some are Singh.

Sanjay does not believe in God, but he always tries to grab good things. He reads all the religious books, i.e. Ramayana, Bhagavad-Gita, Koran, Granth and Bible, etc. He is a serious boy, but doesn't mind jokes. He believes in himself.

He goes to another town or overseas to continue his studies. He meets a girl there, who becomes his girlfriend. At one time, Sameer goes to see Sanjay and falls in love with one of Sanjay's juniors.

While Sanjay was away, the Ayodhya incident happens: Hindus destroy the Muslim Mosque; Hindus and Muslims fight each other. Hundreds of people die. Some Muslims burn Sanjay's home as well, but luckily, his parents survived.

Now, Hindus are saying, "We want to build the Ram temple there," which creates more trouble in the region. When Sanjay receives a telegram from his parents, which tells him about the problem, he comes back home.

The real story starts here: Sanjay wants to reunite the Muslims and Hindus. When he arrives home, he has a small fight with Sameer about religion. Sanjay starts bleeding, and tells Sameer to hit him again until he is satisfied. Sanjay tells Sameer about the Koran and other books, and explains that Allah or Ram does not want blood; if God is real and he is up there, then he wants only peace.

"What's the meaning of life if we can't stay happy and make others happy? No religions say to kill each other. If we don't try to stop this, then who will? Some Hindus made a big mistake by destroying a mosque; does it mean all Hindu's are bad? Similarly, a long time ago when some Muslims buried Guru Govind Singh's sons, because they wouldn't convert to their religion and also killed many who wouldn't become Muslim, does it mean all Muslims are bad? How you could think that way? Buildings can be rebuilt, but life can't be rebuilt once it is destroyed. Think about them: someone's son died, someone's father died—can somebody fill the gap they left? NO—nobody can."

Sanjay shows Sameer how to fix a stone on the wall.

"You can fix the wall again, but a broken leaf from a tree, nobody

can fix that," Sanjay says to him. "We can't really smile until this whole world is happy. Everybody should have a roof, nobody should sleep hungry, and everyone should learn and get educated and help to improve this world further."

Sameer understands what Sanjay is saying. He apologizes and asks what they can do further. Then Sanjay explains that they can get together and prevent others from killing each other.

"We will ask for help from the government and big companies, if they'll give it to us."

Sanjay and Sameer's girlfriends join them and some other friends also get together with them. Sanjay and Sameer speak at rallies and ask people to give them a chance to make change; if they don't like it, then they can continue what they were doing before. People started listening to Sanjay and Sameer.

They say at a rally, "If we build another temple or mosque at the same place in Ayodhya, really nobody will get the benefit and dispute will always stay. We'll just have a bigger temple or a bigger mosque; there would be a bigger queue of beggars as well. This fight will never stop. You say that you believe in the God, then why build a mosque or temple? Do you think you will find God more in this place than other places? If that is the case, then you should fight for this place, but if you believe God is present everywhere and there is only one God, then what is the reason of fighting? What is the difference between, Allah, God or Ram. These are just different names you are using to call that power. Why don't we get together and build a hospital, a school, and a small factory instead, where people can earn a living? A factory will give people revenue, and a school will help children get an education and a hospital will provide medical treatment to those who cannot afford it. Even if people want, they can also build one extra hall in the hospital for prayers without any photos or religious signs, so anyone of any religion could pray. Everybody will benefit from these places. In this way, a circle will start. If this factory makes extra revenues, we could build another hospital, school or whatever we need. Why are people staying in huts when we can build nice houses so that people will have a proper place to live, proper food to eat, access to education, and medical treatment? Why do you waste time on fighting these matters when you could be a help to someone? Ram says the same thing that Allah says, as both are the same! A politician makes money and gets votes, regardless of whether we fight or die. So, we should follow what we think is right instead of following someone and making wrong decisions for us."

People listen to Sameer and Sanjay very carefully, and then start

talking amongst themselves. They think what Sanjay and Sameer are saying is correct. Hindus and Muslims get together and start building a nice hospital, a school, and a factory. Architects, civil engineers, and other contractors provide free services, along with other people. Everyone is excited. Now, whoever has free time, they contribute that towards helping to build. The government gives its full support. A few big companies also join in to sponsor this project and also further projects. With the help of the media, donations start coming even from overseas. Everybody is happy and trying to put in all the effort they can. Slowly, they make good revenue from the factory, and the government declares that if the community uses this money to build the hospitals, schools, and factories in other places, there won't be any taxes, instead the government will support the effort and also contribute with finances and land.

Near the end of this film, everyone is happy and helping each other. Every ten miles, there is a hospital, a school, and a factory in a group, and anyone is eligible to join them. Children study during the day, and also could work two hours in the evening and enjoy themselves. The adults have nice jobs, and feel internally satisfied, because they are helping others.

Suddenly Sanjay hears someone calling him; it is his daughter, and he comes back to the present. He smiles at his daughter and starts walking with her.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SANJAY
THE END

I believe this film can be made with the government's help. Hopefully, they will be able to provide land for the buildings and also won't charge taxes on it either. But, how many government members would agree to do such things, we cannot predict.

WHY A FILM

After reading a few sections, the first question comes to mind: Why a Film?

These days, over 80 percent of the population worldwide follow films. Normally, people make films to just to make profits; why don't we make a movie for personal satisfaction and for a social cause. Naturally, we are also looking for profit, but instead of that profit going into pockets, we will build more hospitals, etc. Even while making this film, spending money on sets, we could build the real thing. While building the first Hospital, school, work place, etc., we could make this film. This film would take this message across the world and, hopefully, will

open closed minds. This mission is not related to any religion or to any one place, as help will go everywhere, wherever it is needed. I wrote this film idea because fighting over religion is not an answer. It's just a misunderstanding, which could also be corrected at same time.

Thousands of films are released every year worldwide. Some become very popular and some stay in the box. But, it is true people follow very quickly whatever shown in the films. Even films show the way to commit crimes, like stealing things, robbing, or killing someone, etc. Sometimes, films have a good moral as well. We learn lessons from them. Some of them leave a big effect on our minds! Thousands go to Hollywood or Bollywood to become actors or have other skills, like storywriters, scriptwriters, etc., but how many succeed? There is no direct contact between a common man and a production company! Can we build some kind of link so that common people can bring their work forward?

After making this film, it can be translated into every language. I am sure we will achieve some profit from the film, and we will promote this in every corner and hope to get more contributions. Hopefully, we would make other people interested in this mission worldwide, so we could build more places and also afford to run these places. This way a circle will start.

At the moment, I am in no position to say we will succeed, but I have no doubt at all that we will succeed, or, shall I say, we **have** to succeed to save humanity.

Do you know millions of people cannot bring their opinions and their knowledge forward because of lack of resources? If we can provide the resources to them, I am sure we can see a big difference very soon.

HOW IT WILL WORK and WAYS TO HELP

For my first step, I need good financial backup. I believe we could make a good Bollywood film and build a hospital with £7-£8m; if we try to make a Hollywood movie, it might cost ten times more. I would like this film to be made in a few languages at the same time, especially in English, but it all depends upon contributions and backup received, so for the time being, I will stick with the Bollywood idea. As soon as I have the support and at least half of the above amount backing this project, I will proceed. I need support without any religious restrictions, as my goal is to help anyone who needs help.

Our skills and efforts should not be restricted to only one place either: we live in India, Pakistan, England, or any other part of world; it should be for the whole world. Bringing a smile to every face is difficult,

but not impossible. As soon as we have a good response, this project will be registered as a charity.

If we find at least another 4,999 individuals and businesses (5,000 including me), who could contribute a minimum £100.00 a month for 12 months, at the end of a 12-month period, we will have over six million. Of course, people can contribute less or more, and even more people could join in anytime. From that six million, at least five million will be used to build the first hospital, etc. I was also thinking about a gymnasium where people could go to exercise. They use a lot of their energy, but how much we make use of that energy? Why can't we connect gym equipments with the work place to use that energy? Well, this is just an idea for a later date. The first building will be built either in Pakistan or India and the rest will go to make the movie expenses. From that 4,999, we will choose five members who could work part or full-time on this project. One is myself, and one from a media group, totalling at least seven members. Interest received from this money will cover the expenses of search, advertisement, wages, and any rent. We will go to India and Pakistan to explain about this mission. We will also try to sell promotional products like clothes, stickers, etc, which could advertise this mission and help to advance our project. Also, try to join few super markets. But, big organizations will only back us up; if we could show them we could do something ourselves.

Again, this mission is not restricted to any one country, either India or Pakistan, but the whole world, wherever needed. For a starting point, I chose these countries because both India and Pakistan have all the Bollywood art and also need this sort of mission to stop misunderstandings. This mission is not restricted to any religion, as we won't be promoting any religion, showing which one is good, etc. In my eyes, all religions are basically the same, and it all depends upon an individual's understanding as to what they want to learn.

What advantage will those have that contribute their efforts? Their names would be shown in the film, at the end, showing contributions as well as in the film wherever possible. Also, telephone books with advertisements will be made, to show who is contributing and how this project is doing.

Everyone can see the world is going to the negative side more than the positive. We have to do something soon, if we don't do something similar like this, then one day we will be suffering and there might not be any help received from outside, or worse than that, there might not be anyone left who could help us.

We have world games, Olympic games and other games, where all the sportsmen and sportswomen get together; also millions go to watch them from all over the world. Why don't we start similar things for charity? If the same quantity of people gets together in one place, we can achieve anything.

To those who are involved in the film industry: I will need their help to make this idea into a proper script, and other film activities, including cameras, operators, screenwriters, etc.

I have added one website www.EarnYourName.net adding the above mission to build hospitals and schools, etc., and to stop these religious wars and misunderstandings. While promoting this site in the chat rooms, I have chatted with hundreds of people. They all were from different regions worldwide. Since I started this book, I could not chat as much, but once it's published, you will find me there occasionally!

The reason for the Earn Your Name is for individuals and companies, who would like to have something in return, which most would. So the main purpose of providing the name of this site is so that companies can help and their names will become known worldwide through our web sites and other ways. There is no obligation to publish their names, if they do not want to, as a few individuals won't like their names to appear anywhere. Everyone who contributes in anyway will have their names published for publicity, as long as they have no objections.

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Give this site address to your relatives, friends and others. Media is the main component of getting people's attention. Those who are

linked with media groups, i.e. television, radio or newspapers, please help us to promote this mission.

I have heard many people saying everyone has one talent or skill. I am still looking for mine. If we know everyone has a skill, do you know there are billions of brains and people unable to come forward because most people's time goes towards surviving in this world?

Is it my duty to help others, then what are other people's duties? If we think only this way, and compare ourselves with others, we will never be able to do anything. Why do people think this is only my mission, because it is my idea? I feel it is my duty to put a real smile on every face. My vision is to see this world without any crime and without any suffering.

A few people say where they live everything is ok, and they are not in need of anything and nothing is wrong. Are they just trying to restrict themselves to their area of thinking or restrict their thinking to the area of land where they are living?

For this mission, we have to become like bees, which collect a very small bit of honey from different flowers. We have to approach all the people and put their skills together.

One person said to me that I should not attempt to do my mission as God would do it! Do you think the same way? Anyway, I asked a simple question to that person, if someone is dying from thirst in front of you, will you give water or just tell them God would give to you and also stop others from giving that person water? I think you just know what the right thing to do is, instead of waiting for God's confirmation. Will God ever confirm to give water or not? If God believers think God will do everything, then why did he create humans? I asked a few of them if God takes care of everything, then why are they studying or why do they go to doctor if they are sick? I never received any reply.

One person said I am trying to be God while doing this mission, as I wanted to spread humanity, and the only one who can spread humanity is God or his follower prophets, and our duty is just to follow! Who made that theory? Has somebody taken the copyright on humanity work so that no one could do the same? By the way, if it's our duty to follow, what are we doing to follow that? People say things, but do they follow the humanity themselves? Another thing, were those prophets not humans like us? If prophets taught us about humanity, should we restrict that to ourselves or should we also expand further? I believe we should expand as much we can without restricting ourselves.

One person told me that he would help, but after a few weeks, he

put one condition on his assistance, and was that he wanted me to find a girl for him for physical relations, and only then would he help me! He lives in one of the Arab countries and already has two wives. He wanted a third one just as friend for physical relation purposes. What has the world come to now, in regards to humanity work people, when someone put conditions on giving assistance for personal pleasure?

One person put one condition that he would only help if I joined his religion, otherwise he wouldn't. Now, one thing to think about... does any religion say that help is only for those who believe in the same religion? To understand that person's beliefs, I said ok I accept your religion, even if I do not believe in any religion, as long as you will help. Then that person said that I have to promote his religion to others as well. I do not understand why people just want to push others to accept their religion, even without understanding what their religion teaches, especially not to force anyone and adding conditions on humanity work. If some religion says don't help unless they believe in that religion, I won't call that a religion, but a business. Everyone thinks their religion is perfect, without knowing what their basic teachings really say. Those teachings, hardly anyone understands.

Sometimes, online chat people ask if I could send them money for their relative's operation, etc? Quite a few people ask the same! I also receive emails about money needed for study, etc? I don't know how much truth they are saying, but because of too many people asking for the same; sometimes it feels like they are just trying to get some money out of me. Some said if I give them money, God would give me money! I replied, if that is the case, why don't they ask directly God for the money they need? It is not understandable, these people have money to chat and surf the Internet, money for web cameras, and mobile phones, even they can afford to call overseas, but they suggest they don't have money to eat or go to school. Does it mean they just want to keep the luxury of mobile phones and cameras instead of food or study? I have nothing against it if they have luxury items, but why do people try to make their country look bad? I have also received scam emails, especially from Nigeria and Ghana. People offering millions of dollars secured with a company in Holland. I believe people fall for these kinds of scams and lose thousands of dollars, as those companies ask for cash before releasing any documentation. Many people offer to help online, but soon after, they ask an invitation to the UK. Do they just pretend to offer help because I might be able to invite them here? Why do some people just want to give their country a bad name? Most whom I've chatted with from Nigeria, I've had the same experiences with. Of

course, not all people from these countries are the same. A few of them also helped me to forward this web site address instead of asking for money or visa. By the way, if this project moves forward, it won't help with money, but with the resources.

Is there any chance this mission could fail as I have been trying to get help for a while now? I believe as per religions teaching, God believers should be doing what I am trying to do. Why are they are not doing such things? I think they are just too busy spreading their religion, fighting over religions, comparing religions and Gods! What is the duty of humans? What is the duty of God believers? Is their duty to bring as many people as possible to their religion? Well, after looking at past facts, I will only say, this mission is for non-believers, as God believers have no time for such things, no time for humanity! Well again, I would say there is only a small amount of people who are God believers and care about humanity.

I am not asking people to stop believing in their religion or God. I am not asking people to demolish their religious places. I will never ask that, but I am asking before they build new ones, they should think about what people need, and I also ask them to get together and make a big difference. I do not think there is a difference between building hospitals or schools rather than a religious places, is there? Together we could reduce suffering by creating a foundation of humanity instead of corruption and misunderstandings. Hurting others could not be humanity or religious work. If any religion stops humanity work, I don't think that is a religion at all.

Any incident happens worldwide few people expect me to go there physically. Some people even say to me that I should go and help them, as this is my work. Yes I believe it is one of my works, but it is not possible I could go everywhere. I just cannot drop everything and go. I also have responsibilities, which I took. Some are dependent on me. Some people say you could earn money later or could get another job, just leave everything and go to help. If I say I cannot go, telling about reason, then they just say I am just pretending and really I do not want to help! Some people thinks helping physically by reaching at the place of incident is only right help, if that is the case, then yes I am guilty of this, we most are. I wish I could help in disasters or any other incidents, but I cannot leave a job like this, where I could leave my family in financial problems. I took family commitment myself and I am sure my family will support me if I will choose to go to help. I have no regret of this commitment; if we see in another view as I wrote in earlier section, if I was not doing this what I would be doing, well if I was still single I

might not be writing this book or I might be another part of the world or I might be helping people at one place where disaster happened. No one knows what really was going to happen if we have done something different. Where ever possible I donate money, but that is only what I could do at the moment. Before moving further with this mission I also have to make sure financial security for my family. Some might think I am just trying to con, but I don't think they could say anything unless they have such experience. People should understand not all the fingers are same. By the way if this book published or if I do write another book after this, whatever money I will be able to generate, most would go to my aim.

Thousands dies in the deserts because of no water, why can't we build tunnels or put some kind of pipe system, so there won't be any problem? Why don't we put a thick lair of dirt on the desert area, so we could grow? Yes people will say it is impossible, well tell me how many have tried? If some tried and failed they never tried alternative way. Nothing is impossible but we make that impossible. Main problem is finance; who could finance these sorts of projects, as most rich people only cares for profit. So big businesses won't like to put their fit in, because they won't get any profit. I believe only way is to do by increasing taxes or introducing charity tax, which would only effect big businesses instead, normal public. Another problem is, if there is something like this setup, how much government would do for charity as countries spend billions of pounds on weapon improvements and nuclear experiments, but do not like to spare few millions for projects like this!

I am promoting this mission in the chat rooms, by emails also with letters. A few people advised me that in the chat rooms most people come, who are young between 15-35 of age! I should be approaching older people. They are right about people coming in chat rooms are young, but I think approaching new generation is better, because their understanding is better and realise the current situation very well, and also new generation is not that much corrupted yet, than older people. They also hold our future. In chats few people ask me what they will get in return? Most of times I reply personal satisfaction. Some like to join as employee, but at the moment I am unable to pay anyone. Of course every one has to earn for surviving. I also work for living and support family. But we could spare some time from that to do something good.

Improving life and reducing suffering is a challenge for everyone! Why are most people afraid of this challenge? If they recon they do not scare, then who would like to accept this challenge?

While you reading this book the above first step might already be

taken, it does not mean that we do not need your support. Hospitals, schools etc needs to be build everywhere worldwide, where needed. If we have not taken this step yet, it means we need more support, please do not hold back and wait for others to do first, as others might be looking at you to support first, before they start. Please support this mission. Thanks.

This is not my project but everyone's project. I believe this is our duty. All the charities working on humanity are doing great work. I just want to approach the public in a different way. For social work, media plays a very important part, and only with the media we can approach the public quickly and show them what we are capable of doing on regular basis. Most people, including me, worry about where the money is spent which we donate? Because of corruption, hardly people trust that money is going in right hands. Still we donate while thinking at least part of that money will reach at the right destination. If we show public how exactly every ones money been spent, I know there might be few extra people needed for this job to workout where money spent, but that would build a trust on public and public will have more confidence. I believe if our intensions are good, we will never loose, even we could not achieve our goal, as we wanted, longer we know we tried and keep trying to make some difference.

It is not only about just making this film! It is about changing people's minds. The longer this message reaches worldwide, so people could open their minds and instead of hating, learn to love one another and appreciate each other's efforts. It will be planting seeds of love. Soon love will grow, humanity will grow, and sooner or later, the world will become a beautiful place to live.

People say if all people will change, then the world will be changed automatically. It is correct, but if people do not want to change, then what?

A few people say it is impossible to unite people. I don't understand how they could say that. Previously, people who tried to unite, if their efforts we won't continue, surely they will vanish and people will have to start all over again. Someone said to me, Rome was not built in one day. Similarly, uniting people could take centuries. To build a pyramid took many years. If they stopped building because of the main architect died, all of the efforts of that architect could have been stopped in the middle of construction. Similarly, we should keep trying.

We have plenty of old trends, which humans have been following for the last hundred years. I am sure if we start some thing now, in 10 to 15 years that will become a trend in town, and if it stayed popular, in

50 to 60 years time it will become a whole country's trend, and in 100 years time or so, it will become a whole world trend, like Father's Day, Mother's Day, Valentine's Day, etc. Similarly, if we carry on passing this mission's message across, hopefully one day, we will reach worldwide.

I believe many of us are doing the same work as small groups or individuals. We all are trying to achieve the same thing, but in different ways. I think we should try to put those groups and individuals together, and work together. They can even proceed their own ways, but with this way, more positive suggestions will come forward.

No doubt, people have to eat to live, and to eat in this world, we need money to buy! We also have other main duties in life, like looking after our dependents, etc., but because of this, we cannot presume life only runs on money. People see themselves before others. Why do we have that kind of attitude?

After reading this mission, a few online people said that I am using a dirty mind to make money. Well, I don't think we should judge anyone like that. Some try to test how sincere I am. Why waste time on testing, if someone agrees with this, why not start doing instead of testing? Testing should not come into the picture as everyone has their own opinions and it is possible that a few opinions do not match. Some said they don't like the idea the way I am trying to do it! Why don't those people bring their own ideas forward? Why do most of them just like to give advice instead of taking any action?

Some people do think I am trying to achieve this mission to make money for myself, that I have a private interest in this, or have some kind of benefit to gain by doing this. Yes, I have a private interest in this mission; I want to have real smile and personal satisfaction. Until this world's suffering is reduced, I won't be able to smile internally. Sometimes, I feel angry as well, we have all kinds of recourses, but why we are not sharing? Why we have restricted ourselves?

One question I've been asked is, "It's all very interesting, but how will you find time for all this?"

I replied, "If you think it is interesting, should we just forget after that or we will act on this? If we want to act on this, we have to make time, because we were born for others, not for ourselves.

One sent me email:

"Hey this was a pretty good story. Do you think that could ever happen in real life? If it were possible, would you take the chance to do it your self? Do you think that people would ever pay any attention, knowing that this world is filled with kayos?"

I replied, “This is a big question if people pay any attention or not, as they already know what is going on this world. I am trying to reach those 1 percent of people who actually want to act on it, instead of those who just hear from one ear and take from other ear. If that 1 percent of people get together, that could make a big difference in the rest of the 99 percent of people.

Many people say with yoga I can fulfil my aim, how true is that? Doing anything for me could only satisfy me, not others. If I do yoga, but someone needs medicine for treatment, my yoga won't do any good. It won't make others better or give water to needy people. I do not think suffering will disappear automatically.

A few people sent me emails and also chatted saying I am wasting my time by doing this! I asked them a simple question, if this is a waste of time, what is not a waste of time? I still have not received a reply, as I can't think of any answer for that, can you?

I know it is all depends upon us, the way we look at things; most people in the world won't do a single good thing unless they can get something in return! Why is this world coming to that? What action are we taking to stop or reduce that selfishness?

Some people won't chat with me or talk about humanity, because I do not go to a church or a mosque or temple. I do not want to succeed in this project by lying. If my mission is built upon a lie, then how far could this mission hope to go? That's why I never lie that I believe in God or that I go to religious places or read religious books for praying purposes!

A few people won't work with me on this humanity mission, only because I do not believe in God. Who actually suggested this? Does a religion suggest or give advice like that or God says? If religions or God suggest that, then who is really following?

A few people asked me if we give people treatment, education, water, food, shelter, etc., then won't there be any suffering and will everybody be happy? I do not think replying to this question is as simple as we think. Reducing suffering will not guarantee a smile, but I think that will be a big step towards that.

People ask me if I do not believe in God, then whom do I pray to for help? The answer is already hidden in the question. If there was a God or there is a God, then why would I need to ask for help? There wouldn't be any need to ask for help, as God would know about that and he would do that automatically! People have to come to one point, if God can do everything, then why is he not doing it? On the other

hand, if God wanted us to do it, then why do believers not want to do or act on that?

Some people say because I do not believe in God, that's why I am not getting any help or I won't get any help with my mission! As per their thinking, billions of people need humanity help, who also believe in God and pray regularly. Does God not want me to help them, because I do not believe in him? What sense does that make? Even if I take myself out of this picture, why is God not helping those billions directly?

One person sent me email:

I went through your website and I would like to tell you one story, An Industrialist who had earned money, fame, and everything and become no one in his place was dying. He was surrounded by journalists and one of them asked the industrialist, “Sir, you have earned everything in your life, now at this stage, if God said that He would give you another life to change one thing, what you would like to change?”

Then the old man said his story, when he was child, he went to municipality school and had bad friends, that time he thought for better school and nice company. At the age of twenty, when he was doing higher studies, he dreamt that one day he would change the status of his family. When he started earning, he was dreaming that one day he would do something good for the colony he lives in. He spent years for earning and one day again, he dreamt that he would do something for the state and the country. The whole life he has been running around behind personal needs and never bothered about his dreams. So, if he gets another life, the one thing he would do is to change him self.

My reply was; “I agree with your story as most of us think this way. But the main problem in thinking something is the same as taking an action, does not matter how many lives someone have. If that industrialist could have taken action on his thoughts, it would have brought change in him as well as change in the environment of what he was wanted. This mission, which I posted, is not just a thought, but also my intention to take action. For that, I need help—help from you and everyone who has thoughts, but are unable to take any action. All of our lives, we wait for someone else to start some project, and, again, we wait further to see how well that person will do, before giving them any hand or help—even if we are interested and excited about the outcome of that project. Naturally, in most cases, that project won't move forward for one of the other reasons that include because not enough support was received because all wait. I believe, instead of waiting, why not join together and act on that.”

Some think I am daydreaming, but they do not realize that if

someone does not dream, then there won't be any reasons left to live, as we are using the facilities of people who dreamt one day, and as a result of their dreams, invented things.

I also received plenty of negative advice from online chat people saying the way I want to proceed, is wrong. When I asked them what the right way would be and if they are doing things the way they said I should do, I received no reply. People just don't want to proceed themselves in their own way and also discourage others to proceed, but to give advice to someone they just stand in their way, why?

I am not afraid to say that if mostly God believers are harming others or cannot help others, then how can they say that they believe in something? As above, I posted this mission few years ago, and am promoting it regularly. I am asking for help, but hardly people come forward to stand with me. Are they so busy in their life that no one has time for others? People spend millions on one temple, mosque or church, but have any of them thought about spending same money on hospitals, schools, etc?

Like I said earlier, we always look to other people to do things first, if someone does try to do, then instead of supporting them, we hold ourselves back, because either we don't trust that person or we do not know if that person will achieve, even if we want the same things to happen. Some work without support cannot move forward, should we be held back? I think the same thing is happening with me with the above mission. People are not trying to understand that I cannot do anything alone. I need their support. I need all of your support.

I want to achieve this goal, but why I am not getting any support? Is God stopping me from achieve this goal, or if God does not stop good things from happening, then what actually is he doing about this? Is the devil trying to stop this goal? If the devil is trying to stop it, then what is God doing about that, or will He try some day, but when? It may be God trying to test others that how many come forward to support this mission! Well most all people believe this life is a test; this could also be a part of that test! If people are unable to understand this life, ignoring the need to reduce all this suffering, then how can they profess to really believe in God?

Some things take a few weeks, some a few years, and to achieve the above mission might take centuries, as nothing is instant; whatever happens, we should not lose our hope and keep trying.

Important Emails, Chats and Quotes

I received many emails regarding my mission and also forward emails, which are circulating on the Internet. I also chat with a lot of people. In this section, I am adding a few of them, which I found interesting, and feel that I should share with you. Some emails are very touching. I have made a few amendments; according to the way I see those wordings. I do not have the people's names, who wrote these quotes and forwarded emails, so I could not give them credit.

EMAILS ABOUT MISSION

I am very happy to see such a site. Only a few people in this world are working for humanity. I wish I were a millionaire or a very rich person so that I could help in this noble cause, but, unfortunately, I am still a student fighting to make my identity clear in this competitive world. By the way, I am very happy to know that in this world also there are people who think about humanity and know and understand and also dare to implement the broader sense of the term "HUMANITY."

Thanking you.

I am from one of the Arab countries. I don't know what are your opinions about Arabs, as most think they are bad, rude and don't use their minds. I am not writing these words to defend them, as I'm sure, it's difficult to make others change their minds. I'm writing to you, because your aim is very good, I like this aim a lot and maybe you can understand me. I know well that there are a lot of people, who accuse other religions of being the reason for terror and corruption in this world or in simple words you can say that they consider that ISLAM is the only religion behind that. My religion says that the one, who is responsible for a number of people, will be responsible for everything for them. He will be responsible for finding a good place for everyone, for not letting anyone go without food, not letting anyone sleep with an empty stomach, for not letting any injustice be in his land, and for achieving the fair in every place he is responsible for and for everyone under his charge. Some Muslims are not doing their job properly and

also giving a bad name to Islam. I think other religions have the same kinds of people. I'll not force anyone to worship what I believe, as it's a thing, which is free to all; that thing is what I've learned from my religion. I also have learned to respect all religions, not to look down upon any of them and treat their people in a good way.

I hope one day I could tell others about my religion and convince them religion is not bad. Some people just make it bad. Really, I don't know why I've written all these words for you, but your aim is splendid. I hope you will succeed soon.

Thanks for your time and bye

Do not try to change the world, it will change by itself. Just read Bhagavad-Gita (one of Hindu holy books) and do your job and give your 100 percent. Never ever try to change the world.

My question to persons who think this way is give your 100 percent to what and for what? 100 percent to one work? Should that work be for me or for others? Reading a religious book cannot stop disease or prevent any accident from happening. Any work we do, does bring a change in this world. Any work we start and do hoping for the future. If there was no hope or need, why we would start that work in the first place? The words *hope* or *needs* are not always used as selfishness. Sometimes we hope if we scratch someone's they will scratch ours. But sometimes we do something hoping to improve a life level without any expectation.

I absolutely agree with you. I am Muslim and also read Koran, but I never read Islam saying hurting or having fight with Hindus or Christians, etc. Allah says to love every one, don't fight. I am also working with NGO and in that NGO we have Hindus, Christians, and other religious people. But there is no argument about religions, as all religions teach us the same thing. It all depends upon the followers, how to take that. People join army to serve public in case a major incident happens, but instead of that, politicians use that power to destroy lives without even realizing how many sons, husbands, and fathers die! I wish people, who hold such powers would learn and do something meaningful.

INTERESTING CHAT

I have chatted with thousands of people around the world. A few of the chats I am adding, I won't be adding full conversations, but just the important parts! I won't be showing their ID's, but just show "ABC", which means someone else and "MB" for myself.

Once I chatted with a person from Pakistan (a little amended)

MB: what do u want to achieve in your life

ABC: unlimited wishes that may not come true

MB: but what is the main one?

ABC: see happy all the Muslims

ABC: but I know it's not possible

ABC: I want to do something for Muslims

ABC: I want to destroy America

MB: ohhh!

MB: why you have only wishes for Muslims?

MB: do you hate others?

ABC: I don't say I hate other

ABC: because these days only Muslims who are in trouble

ABC: Others only hate Muslims.

MB: That is not correct

MB: I am not Muslim and I don't hate Muslims

ABC: are you there

ABC: hello

MB: war is different, and religion is different, some people just try to use the religion with war, so they could get more support to destroy and some use a religion so they could create hate about that religion. You must have heard or seen, people say it is a holy war between Muslims and western!

MB: Now those people just want to give Muslim religion a bad name and want to create hate in other people's minds about Islam. People say they believe in particular religion but do nasty and selfish things in the name of religion. Why are they abusing their own religion? Some blind faith people, who do not understand anything about religion, they also starts following them and presume they are right!

MB: It is not only in Islam same things happening in other religions people. In Hinduism few people created a group called Shiv Sena, means God's Army, by using Hinduism they destroyed the mosque to build a temple, Shiv did not say to destroy, but they just want to give a bad name to religion, do you know even many good things a religion try to do, but because of few people like them do such things so religion becomes just a game.

ABC: I know, I absolutely agree with you.

MB: By the way as I already told you I don't believe in religions, but what I wrote is a common sense. Some people even hate other religions but pretend they don't, as their religion does not allow hating! Those people just pretend to believe. I do not understand if they do not

want to follow teachings of their religion then what is the meaning of believing. By saying only they believe does not mean anything.

MB: Sorry I was writing and did not see your messages

ABC: its ok, you are right about that

MB: That's why I would suggest you should not say you want to destroy America

MB: you can say you want to destroy bad minds

MB: minds who create troubles for others just for their own benefits

ABC: but people of America can't change mind of their governments?

ABC: they can't appeal for humanity

ABC: you know they don't care of our religious places

ABC: they destroy all things

ABC: then how can I love them?

MB: If someone hate and you hate back, then what will be the difference left between you and that someone? Do you know what happened on September 11, 2001, because of that, western countries blaming all Muslims, will that be right to blame? Who did this incident did not care how many people will die and their religions but did for personal enjoyment!

ABC: No, we are not doing the same. A few mad Muslims did that! But because of that all the innocent should not die in the wars, but they died in Afghanistan, Iraq etc and still dying!

MB: Tell me what is the difference left, if you are thinking the same to destroy America!

ABC: I am not killing any one.

MB: but destroying, destroying some thing also involve killing.

ABC: no its only revenge

MB: tell me what Americans did to you?

ABC: they kill my brothers!

MB: who killed?

ABC: American forces

MB: but they did not come in Pakistan

ABC: oh you can't understand my feelings

MB: I understand and if you want to talk about Iraq or Afghanistan

MB: I can say they were also my brothers, who were innocent.

ABC: if someone kills your brother

ABC: what you will feel?

ABC: those were no my real brothers but humanity link!

MB: believe me because of these wars Americans even protest!

MB: At the moment you are blaming America, but who you were blaming when Iran and Iraq were fighting each other for years!

ABC: That was different?

MB: Well whom you hated? Iran or Iraq? Did you want to destroy Iran or Iraq!

ABC: no I only wished to stop the war!

MB: Why is there so much difference! American people are not your brothers? For instance some other country attack America, will you be happy that many people died in America or you would like to destroy the country attacked America, because of humanity like you said earlier!

MB: As I explained earlier because of few people you couldn't hate a country, irrelevant what religion they belong to. Similar way people, who hate Muslims because of Sep 11, should not hate all Muslims or because of other incidents. We should not forget all fingers are not equal size. Every religion has people who just twist the wording and do things using religion word giving that religion a bad name, what you have to say about that?

MB: I also get angry like you, when something bad happens, but it does not mean thinking about destroying!

ABC: If these wars only for terrorism I will agree, but it is not all about that

ABC: they only want to be owner of every thing

ABC: especially OIL

ABC: ok anyways leave it

MB: it is possible you are right as some create political reasons to attack, but actual reasons could be something else. Scientists still could not find any weapons, which were danger to western countries! If they wanted to take out only one family, they could have done with a special mission, but they did not! I do not have all the answers. But still, I am in favour of humanity!

MB: you cannot blame all

ABC: yeah

ABC: ok government

ABC: government minds are bad

ABC: is it ok now?

ABC: but people can change Gov?

MB: once someone is in power, it is impossible sometimes, like Saddam Hussein in Iraq!

ABC: I have to go now.

ABC: thanks for listening to me

ABC: bye

MB: Sure, anytime, bye and take care

ABC: I am just an emotional girl

MB: Emotion is good, without that there won't be humanity exist, bye and take care

It is not about who is right. The big question is, is war really necessary? War only creates more hate like above chat. Does humanity say if another person somehow does not stop doing such things or destroying, then we should become like them? I know it is confusing as to the way we should take; should we become like the other person or be our self? In most cases, we just choose the easiest option and become like others, which is the door to destroy humanity! There won't be any difference left, because if the other person has forgotten the humanity, and because of that, we forget as well, then what will be left when all humanity will be finished in our minds? Dead bodies?

OR does humanity says keep taking in and sacrificing yourself, because one day the other person will learn and stop creating all these troubles? The above person did not hate America because of any religion, but wanted to destroy the country because of few bad people! But one thing that has always been wrong, which I have explained in earlier sections, is that countries could spend easily billions of pounds of taxpayer's money for wars or to destroy, but spend few millions in order to build something. Money and controlling the world are not the only issues here. The main issue is to understand humanity. One thing I can say for sure is that wars and destruction only takes people towards hate. They won't be able to think about anything else and once that hate becomes lava, then there won't be any coming back or undoing button to amend. If it keeps going like this, then sooner or later, all humanity will disappear. Everyone knows the way we are moving it will happen one day. Why not work harder on humanity?

One interesting chat I had about disasters (Edited)!

ABC: Your mission is to maintain the flow of nature...isn't it?

MB: my mission is to bring smile

MB: nothing to do with nature, as nature also destroys

ABC: smile will come only by maintaining the nature

ABC: destroy is a part of maintenance.....

MB: do you think these tsunami waves, which created that much suffering was maintenance of something?

MB: are you talking about human nature or the nature?

ABC: Earth has its own safety circuit to balance all thing of its own; otherwise it'll effect the whole universe....

ABC: that's why...the destroy is essential

MB: if system works like this then why created if need to destroy

ABC: to rectify a system we've to find out where is the damaged area...

MB: we?

MB: or earth?

ABC: sorry...actually we all are responsible for the loss

MB: how we are responsible?

ABC: the creator knows which thing is essential for where, but we are disturbing them.

MB: so all this earth system is mistake?

ABC: by unusually pollution we are puncturing the ozone layer and the unfiltered sunlight is coming inside.

MB: that is one reason, we can say humans mistake

MB: but what about earthquakes, tsunami, volcano etc

ABC: I told you these are the software by which the creator will balance the planet to maintain the routine of universe; otherwise it will effect the all

MB: what creator you are talking here?

ABC: not God means the whole system!

MB: so it means suffering is just balancing things, we should accept that?

ABC: yes

MB: if you get sick do you go to doctor?

MB: but I don't think to balance something, suffering is necessary!

That person had to leave, so we could not chat further, but I think if God believers say God do these disasters and nature balance believers as above, then should anyone become a doctor?

FORWARDED EMAILS

Two choices—You have two choices!

Jerry is the manager of a restaurant. He is always in a good mood. When some would ask him how he was doing, he would always reply: "If I were any better, I would be twins!"

Many of the waiters at his restaurant quit their jobs, when he changed his jobs, so they could follow him around from restaurant to restaurant. Why? Because Jerry was a natural motivator! If an employee

was having a bad day, Jerry was always there, telling the employee how to look on the positive side of the situation.

Seeing this style really made me curious, so one day, I went up to Jerry and asked him, "I don't get it! No one can be a positive person all of the time. How do you do it?"

Jerry replied, "Each morning, I wake up and say to myself, I have two choices today. I can choose to be in a good mood or I can choose to be in a bad mood. I always choose to be in a good mood. Each time something bad happens, I can choose to be victim or I can choose to learn from it. I always choose to learn from it. Every time someone comes to me complaining, I can choose to accept their complaining or I can point out the positive side of life and I always choose the positive side of life."

"But it's not always that easy," I protested.

"Yes it is," Jerry said. "Life is all about choices. When you cut away all the junk every situation is a choice. You choose how you react to situation. You choose how people will effect from your mood. Its your choice how you like your life."

Several years later, I heard that Jerry accidentally did something; you are never supposed to do in the restaurant business—he left the back door of his restaurant open. In the morning, three armed men robbed him. While Jerry was trying to open the safe box, his hands were shaking from nervousness and slipped off the combination. The robbers panicked and shot him. Luckily, Jerry was found quickly and rushed to the hospital. After 18 hours of surgery and weeks of intensive care, Jerry was released from the hospital with fragments of the bullets still in his body!

I saw Jerry about six months after the accident. When I asked him how he was, he replied the same, "If I were any better, I'd be twins."

I asked him what had gone through in his mind when the robbery took place.

"The first thing that went through in my mind was that, I should have locked the back door," Jerry replied. "Then after they shot me as I lay on the floor, I remembered that I had two choices: I could choose to live or could choose to die. I choose to live."

"Weren't you scared?" I asked.

Jerry continued, "The surgeons were great. They kept telling me I was going to be fine. But when they wheeled me into the emergency room and I saw the expression on the faces of the doctors and nurses, I got really scared. In their eyes, I read, "He's a dead man." I needed to take action.

"What did you do?" I asked.

"Well, there was a big nurse shouting questions at me," said Jerry. "She asked if I was allergic to anything."

"Yes," I replied.

The doctors and nurses stopped working as they waited for my reply.

I took a deep breath and yelled, "Bullets!" Over their laughter, I told them, "I am choosing to live. Please operate on me as if I am alive, not dead."

Jerry lived thanks to the skill of his doctors, but also because of his amazing attitude. I learned from him that every day you have the choices to either do some good in your life or to hate things. The only thing that is truly yours that no one could control or take from you—is your attitude, so if you can take care of that, everything else in life becomes much easier.

The Four Candles

The four candles burn slowly. The ambiance was so soft you could hear them talking.

The first one said, "I am PEACE! However nobody can keep me lit. I believe I will go out." Its flame rapidly diminishes and goes out completely.

The second one said, "I am FAITH! Most of all I am no longer indispensable, so it does not make any sense that I stay lit any longer." When it finished talking, a breeze softly blew on it putting it out.

The third candle sadly spoke in its turn, "I am Love! I have not got the strength to stay lit. People put me aside and don't understand my importance. They even forget to love those who are nearest to them." And waiting no longer it goes out.

Suddenly a child enters the room and sees three candles are not burning. He asked them, "Why are you not burning? You are supposed to stay lit until the end of this universe." Saying this, the child begins to cry.

Then the fourth candle said, "Don't be afraid, while I am still burning, we can re-light the other candles, I am HOPE!"

With shining eyes, the child took the candle of hope and lit the other candles.

The flame of HOPE should never go out from our life.

Important Message

Once I received an e-card. It had a short but nice message, "When living in time of war, terrorism, natural disasters and diseases.

Sometimes we need to be reminded, we still live in a beautiful world. There is always hope, so share some with others.”

The reason why women lie?

One day, a seamstress was sewing while sitting close to a river and her thimble fell into the river. When she cried out, the God appeared and asked, “Why are you crying?”

The seamstress replied that her thimble had fallen into the water and she needed the thimble to make her living. The God went down into the water and reappeared with a golden thimble. “Is this your thimble?” the God asked.

The seamstress replied, “No.”

The God again went down and came up with a silver thimble. “Is this your thimble?” the God asked.

Again the seamstress replied, “No.”

The God went down again and came up with a wooden thimble. “Is this your thimble?” the God asked.

“The seamstress replied, “Yes.”

The God was pleased with the woman’s honesty and gave her all three thimbles to keep, and the seamstress went home happy.

Some time later, the seamstress was walking with her husband along the riverbank and her husband fell into the river. When she cried out, the God again appeared and asked her, “Why are you crying?”

“Oh, God, my husband has fallen into the water!”

The God went down into the water and came up with Mel Gibson. “Is this your husband?” the God asked. “Yes,” cried the seamstress.

The God was furious. “You lied! That is not true, why you lied!”

The seamstress replied, “Oh, forgive me, my God. It is a misunderstanding. You see, if I had said ‘no’ to Mel Gibson, you would have come up with Tom Cruise. Then if I said ‘no’ to him you would have come up with my husband. Had I then said ‘yes’ you would have given me all three. God, I am a poor woman and am not able to take care of all three husbands, so THAT’S WHY I said yes to Mel Gibson.”

The moral of this story is: Whenever a woman lies, it is for a good and honourable reason and for the benefit of others!

But does it always happen?

Philosophy

Keep this philosophy in mind the next time you either hear, or are about to repeat, a rumour.

In ancient Greece (469 – 399 BC), Socrates was widely lauded for his wisdom. One day the great philosopher came upon an acquaintance,

who ran up to him excitedly and said, “Socrates, do you know what I just heard about one of your students called Plato?”

“Wait a moment,” Socrates replied. “Before you tell me I’d like you to pass a little test. It’s called the Triple Filter Test.”

“Triple filter?”

“That’s right,” Socrates continued. “Before you talk to me about my student let’s take a moment to filter what you’re going to say. The first Filter is Truth. Have you made absolutely sure that what you are about to tell me is true?”

“No,” the man said, “actually I just heard about it and...”

“All right,” said Socrates. “So you don’t really know if it’s true or not. Now let’s try the second filter, the Filter of Goodness. Is what you are about to tell me about my student something good?”

“No, on the contrary...”

“So,” Socrates continued, “you want to tell me something bad about him, even though you’re not certain it’s true?”

The man shrugged, a little embarrassed.

Socrates continued. “You may still pass the test though, because there is a third filter—the Filter of Usefulness. Is what you want to tell me about my student going to be useful to me?”

“No, not really...”

“Well,” concluded Socrates, “if what you want to tell me is neither True, nor Good, nor even Useful, why tell it to me at all?”

The man was defeated and ashamed.

This is the reason Socrates was a great philosopher and held in such high esteem.

Psychological Test

A story about a girl—This is a genuine Psychological Test. Read carefully!

While at the funeral of her own mother, she met this guy whom she did not know. She thought this guy was amazing, she believed him to be so much her dream guy that she fell in love with him, but never asked for his number and then.... couldn’t meet him.

A few days later, the girl killed her own sister.

Question: What is her motive in killing her sister? Give this some thought for a while before you read further. Your first thought is what counts here.

Answer: She was hoping that the guy would appear at the funeral again. If you answered this correctly, you think like a psychopath. This was a test by a famous American psychologist used to test if one has the

same mentality as a killer. Many arrested serial killers took part in this test and answered it as indicated above.

If you didn't answer correctly—good for you

Anyway

People often unreasonable, Illogical and self centred.

Forgive them anyway

If you are kind, people may accuse you of being selfish, and having ulterior motives

Be Kind anyway

If you are successful you will win some false friends, and some true enemies.

Succeed anyway

What you spend years building, someone may try to destroy overnight.

Build anyway

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you.

Be honest and frank anyway

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow.

Do good anyway

Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough

Give the world the best you have anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous

Be happy anyway

You see in the final analysis, its between you and humanity.

It was never between you and them anyway.

Success

The road to success is not straight. There is a curve called Failure, a loop called Confusion, speed bumps called Problems, red lights called Enemies, caution lights called Family, flat tyres called Jobs. But, if you have a spare called Determination, an engine called Perseverance, insurance called Faith, then you will make it to a place called Success.

Fleming

His name was Fleming, and he was a poor Scottish farmer. One day, while trying to make a living for his family, he heard a cry for help coming from a nearby bog. He dropped his tools and ran to the bog. There, mired to his waist in black muck, was a terrified boy, screaming and struggling to free himself. Farmer Fleming saved the lad from what could have been a slow and terrifying death.

The next day, a fancy carriage pulled up to the Scotsman's sparse surroundings. An elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out and introduced himself as the father of the boy Farmer Fleming had saved.

"I want to repay you," said the nobleman. "You saved my son's life."

"No, I can't accept payment for what I did," the Scottish farmer replied waving off the offer. At that moment, the farmer's own son came to the door of the family hovel.

"Is that your son?" the nobleman asked.

"Yes," the farmer replied proudly.

"I'll make you a deal. Let me provide him with the level of education my own son will enjoy. If the lad is anything like his father, he'll no doubt grow to be a man we both will be proud of."

And that he did. Farmer Fleming's son attended the very best schools and in time, graduated from St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London, and went on to become known throughout the world as the noted Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of Penicillin.

Years afterward, the same nobleman's son who was saved from the bog was stricken with pneumonia.

What saved his life this time? Penicillin.

The name of the nobleman? Lord Randolph Churchill.

His son's name? Sir Winston Churchill.

Children

Most of us want other people's children to behave the way ours should.

Making the decision to have a child is momentous. It is to decide forever to have your heart go walking around outside your body.

You can learn many things from children, how much patience you have, for instance.

If your child has never hated you, you have never been a parent.

A child may not be able to lift too much, but it can certainly hold a marriage together.

Children are like wet cement; whatever falls on them makes an impression.

The best thing to spend on your children is: your time.

There are no illegitimate children, only illegitimate parents.

No two children are alike, particularly if one is yours and the other isn't.

By the time a man realizes that may be his father was right, he usually has a son who says, "Father, you are wrong."

Hold your child's hand every chance you get; the time will come all too soon, when he or she won't let you.

A sweater is usually put on a child when the parent feels chilly.

There is only one perfect child in the world and every mother has it.

Children being raised by unloving their parents, as they grow, they judge them, very rarely, they forgive them.

A Simple Truth

A person asked Confucius, "What surprises you most about mankind?"

Confucius answered, "They lose their health to make money and then lose their money to restore their health.

By thinking anxiously about the future, they forget the present, such that they live neither for the present nor the future, and they live as if they will never die, and they die as if they had never lived..."

There are two eternities that can really break you down.

Yesterday and Tomorrow

One is gone and the other doesn't exist. So, live today.

Three Things

Three things in life that once gone, may never come back—Time, Words & Opportunity.

Three things in life that may never be lost—Peace, Hope and Honesty.

Three things in life that are most valuable—Love, Self-confidence & Friends.

Three things that make a man—Hard work, Sincerity & Commitment.

Three things in life that can destroy a man—Wine, Pride and Anger.

We are Special

Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. "But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value. Dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to those who DO love you. The worth of our lives comes not in what we do or whom we know, but by WHO WE ARE." You are special—Don't EVER forget it!

The Most

The most selfish one letter word "I" Avoid it. The most satisfying 2-letter word "WE" Use it. The most poisonous 3-letter word "EGO" Kill it. The most used 4-letter word "LOVE" Value it. The most pleasing 5-letter word "SMILE" Keep it. The fastest spreading 6-letter word

"RUMOR" Ignore it. The hardest working 7-letter word "SUCCESS" Achieve it. The most enviable 8-letter word "JEALOUSY" Distance it. The most powerful 9-letter word "KNOWLEDGE" Acquire it. The most essential 10-letter word "CONFIDENCE" Trust it.

What is love

A group of 4 to 8 year-olds was asked, "What does love mean?"

The answers they gave were broader and deeper than anyone could have imagined.

"When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love."

Rebecca—age 8

"When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You know that your name is safe in their mouth."

Billy—age 4

"Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs."

Chrissy—age 6

"Love is what makes you smile when you're tired."

Terri—age 4

"Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK."

Danny—age 7

"Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, and then he wears it everyday."

Tina—age 7

"Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well."

Tommy—age 6

"During my piano recital, I was on a stage and scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore. That's love."

Cindy—age 8

"My mommy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night."

Clare—Age 5

"Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day."

Mary Ann—age 4

“I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones.”

Lauren—age 4

Love...is not only made for lovers, it's also for friends who love each other sometimes better than lovers.

Smile and spread some love today!

Moments in Life

There are moments in life when you miss someone so much that you just want to pick them from your dreams and hug them for real!

When the door of happiness closes, another opens; but often times we look so long at the closed door that we don't see the one, which has been opened for us.

Don't go for looks; they can deceive. Don't go for wealth; even that fades away. Go for someone who makes you smile, because it takes only a smile to make a dark day seem bright. Find the one that makes your heart smile.

Dream what you want to dream; go where you want to go; be what you want to be, because you have only one life and one chance to do all the things you want to do.

May you have enough happiness to make you sweet, enough trials to make you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human and enough hope to make you happy.

The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything that comes along their way.

The brightest future will always be based on a forgotten past; you can't go forward in life until you let go of your past failures and heartaches.

When you were born, you were crying and everyone around you was smiling. Live your life so at the end when you're dying, you're the one who is smiling and everyone around you is crying.

Don't count the years—count the memories.

Feel Good Factor. Think about them one at a time before going on to the next one.

It does make you feel good, especially the thought at the end.

1. Falling in love.
2. Laughing so hard your face hurts.
3. A hot shower.
4. No lines at the supermarket
5. A special glance.
6. Getting mail

7. Taking a drive on a pretty road.
8. Hearing your favourite song on the radio.
9. Lying in bed listening to the rain outside.
10. Hot towels fresh out of the dryer.
11. Chocolate milkshake. (or vanilla or strawberry!)
12. A bubble bath.
13. Giggling.
14. A good conversation.
15. The beach
16. Finding a £20 note in your coat from last winter.
17. Laughing at yourself.
18. Midnight phone call that last for hours.
19. Running through sprinklers.
20. Laughing for absolutely no reason at all.
21. Having someone tell you that you're beautiful.
22. Laughing at an inside joke.
23. Friends.
24. Accidentally overhearing someone say something nice about you.
25. Waking up and realizing you still have a few hours left to sleep.
26. Your first kiss (either the very first or with a new partner).
27. Making new friends or spending time with old ones.
28. Playing with a new puppy.
29. Having someone play with your hair.
30. Sweet dreams.
31. A hot drink.
32. Road trips with friends.
33. Swinging on swings.
34. Making eye contact with a cute stranger.
35. Making chocolate chip cookies.
36. Having your friends send you homemade cookies.
37. Holding hands with someone you care about.
38. Running into an old friend and realizing that some things (good) never change.
39. Watching the expression on someone's face as they open a much-desired present from you.
40. Watching the sunrise.
41. Getting out of bed every morning and being grateful for another beautiful day.
42. Knowing that somebody misses you.
43. Getting a hug from someone you care about deeply.

44. Knowing you've done the right thing, no matter what other people think.

Change your thinking

Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back.

The men talked for hours on end. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service, where they had been on vacation.

Every afternoon when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window.

The man in the other bed began to live for those one-hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and colour of the world outside.

The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every colour and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance.

As the man by the window described all this in exquisite detail, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine the picturesque scene.

One warm afternoon, the man by the window described a parade passing by.

Although the other man couldn't hear the band, he could see it. In his mind's eye, as the gentleman by the window portrayed it with descriptive words.

Days and weeks passed.

One morning, the day nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his sleep. She was saddened and called the hospital attendants to take the body away.

As soon as it seemed appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch, and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone.

Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the real world outside.

He strained to slowly turn to look out the window beside the bed.

It faced a blank wall. The man asked the nurse what could have

compelled his deceased roommate who had described such wonderful things outside this window.

The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall.

She said, "Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you."

Epilogue

There is tremendous happiness in making others happy, despite our own situations.

Shared grief is half the sorrow, but happiness when shared, is doubled.

If you want to feel rich, just count all the things you have that money can't buy.

"Today is a gift, that's why it is called the present.

Don't be sad!

If you are stricken by poverty, others are chained in debt.

If you don't have shoes, others have no feet.

If you feel pain now, others have been aching for years.

If your son dies, others have lost many.

So don't be sad!

If you have sinned, then repent.

If you have committed a mistake, correct it.

The doors of repentance are ever open!

The fountain of forgiveness is very rich!

So, don't be sad!

Let all bygones be bygones!

What is predestined for you, you shall see it!

Being sad will not change anything!

So don't be sad!

Sadness spoils your life!

Destroys your happiness!

And turns it into wretchedness!

So don't be sad!

See how vast is the earth!

How nice are the gardens and forests!

How bright are the stars!

All are happy, but you are sad!

So, don't be sad!

You have sweet water to drink!

Fresh air to breathe!

Feet to walk with!

You sleep safely in your bed!

So, why be sad?
 Every cloud has a silver lining!
 After long nights, comes the bright sun!
 Life will soon give you a smile!
 So be ready to get it!
 And don't be sad!
 Real life is that spent in happiness!
 So cross out your sad days from your age!
 Peace of mind is the real treasure!
 Sorrow avails not!
 So don't be sad!
Realize
 To realize
 The value of a sister: Ask someone who doesn't have one.
 To realize
 The value of a friend: Ask the person who lost one.
 To realize
 The value of ten years: Ask a newly divorced couple.
 To realize
 The value of four years: Ask a graduate.
 To realize
 The value of one year: Ask a student who has failed a final exam.
 To realize
 The value of nine months: Ask a mother who gave birth to a stillborn.
 To realize
 The value of one month: Ask a mother who has given birth to a premature baby.
 To realize
 The value of one week: Ask an editor of a weekly newspaper.
 To realize
 The value of one hour: Ask the lovers who are waiting to meet.
 To realize
 The value of one minute: Ask a person who has missed the train, bus or plane.
 To realize
 The value of one-second: Ask a person who has survived an accident.
 To realize
 The value of one millisecond: Ask the person who has won a silver medal in the Olympics.

Time waits for no one. Treasure every moment you have. You will treasure it even more, when you can share it with someone special.

THIS IS FUN!

Logical sentences!

Your future depends on your dreams. So go to sleep.

I talk to myself because I like dealing with a better class of people.

If a cluttered desk is characteristic of a cluttered mind, what does an empty desk mean?

What does retired mean? Tired yesterday, tired again today

A diplomat tells you to go to hell in such a way that you actually look forward to the trip.

Never try to drown your troubles...especially if she can swim.

Don't be so open-minded your brains fall out.

My wife's a water sign. I'm an earth sign. Together we make mud.

An unmarried man has no buttons on his shirt. A married man has no shirt.

Marriages are made in heaven. But so again, are thunder and lightning.

An archaeologist is the best husband any woman can have: The older she gets, the more interested he is in her.

You don't stop laughing because you grow old; you grow old because you stop laughing.

Gravity cannot be held responsible for people falling in love.

Quit smoking! Take air pollution instead.

Practice makes perfect...But nobody's perfect...so why practice?

If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?

Since light travels faster than sound, people appear bright until you hear them speak.

How come "abbreviated" is such a long word?

Money is not everything, there's Mastercard & Visa.

Every man should marry. After all, happiness is not the only thing in life.

The wise never marry and when they marry, they become otherwise.

Success is a relative term. It brings so many relatives.

Never put off work until tomorrow, which you can put off today.

There should be a better way to start a day than waking up every morning.

“Hard work never killed anybody” but why take the risk.

Work fascinates me I can look at it for hours.

We have no choice to choose relatives; luckily we can choose our friends.

The more you learn, the more you know, the more you know, the more you forget, the more you forget, the less you know, So...why learn?

A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk, I have a work station...what more can I say...

Tough times don't last. Tough people do.

How can a dead man take money with him?

There was a man who had worked all of his life, had saved all of his money, and was a real miser when it came to his money.

Just before he died, he said to his wife, “When I die, I want you to take all my money and put it in the casket with me I want to take my money to the afterlife with me.”

And so he got his wife to promise him with all of her heart that when he died, she would put all of the money in the casket with him.

Well, he died.

He was stretched out in the casket, his wife was sitting there in black, and her friend was sitting next to her. When they finished the ceremony, just before the undertakers got ready to close the casket, the wife said, “Wait just a minute!”

She had a box with her; she came over with the box and put it in the casket. Then the undertakers locked the casket down, and they rolled it away.

Her friend said, “I know you weren't fool enough to put all that money in there with your husband.”

The loyal wife replied, “Listen, I'm a religious person, I can't go back on my word. I promised him that I was going to put that money in that casket with him.”

“You mean to tell me you put that money in the casket with him?” the friend asked.

“I sure did,” said the wife. “I got it all together, put it into my account and wrote him a cheque. If he can cash it, he can spend it.”

Convince

A man and his wife were having some problems at home and were giving each other the silent treatment. Suddenly, the man realized that the next day, he would need his wife to wake him at 5:00 a.m. for an early morning business flight. Not wanting to be the first to break the

silence or lose, he wrote on a piece of paper, “Please wake me at 5:00 a.m.” He left it where he knew she would find it.

The next morning, the man woke up, only to discover it was 9:00 a.m. and he had missed his flight. Furious, he was about to go and see why his wife hadn't wakened him up, when he noticed a piece of paper by the bed. The paper said, “It is 5:00 a.m. Wake up.”

Men are not equipped for these kinds of contests. God may have created man before woman, but there is always a rough draft before the masterpiece.

It seems that whoever wrote the above lines missed the main point that God is a gentleman. He will always say, “LADIES FIRST.” Or do you think God is not a gentleman?

Rest

There is one more joke I remember: God created the universe; he rested. God created earth; he rested. God created trees, etc.; he rested. God created animals; he rested. God created man; he rested again. Then he created woman, but since he created woman, he is restless.

No offend intended ladies; it is just a joke, as there should be plenty jokes about men as well. But I do not know any; if you know any, please do send them to me and I will add them into my next book, if this ever comes out.

QUOTES RECEIVED (AMENDED)

Friendship ends when you stop sharing, love ends when you stop caring, hope ends when you stop believing in yourself, and life ends when you stop dreaming.

Friendship should be like the relationship between hands and eyes; when hands get hurt, eyes weep; when there are tears in the eyes, hands wipe off the tears.

If you have a penny and I have a penny and we exchange pennies, you still have one penny and I still have one penny. But if you have an idea and I have an idea and we exchange ideas, you now have two ideas and I now have two ideas.

It takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them.

Do not value the THINGS you have in your life...But value WHO you have in your life!

The beauty of life does not depend on how happy you are, but depends on how happy others can be because of you.

Anger is only one letter short of danger.

If someone betrays you once, it is his fault; if he betrays you twice, it is your fault.

He, who loses money, loses much; He, who loses a friend, loses much more; He, who loses faith, loses all.

Learn from the mistakes of others. You can't live long enough to make them all yourself.

Yesterday was history, tomorrow is a mystery, and today is a gift to make use of for right things.

A true friend is someone who thinks that you are a good egg even though he or she knows that you are slightly cracked.

Good Friends are hard to find, harder to leave, and...impossible to forget!

Good friends are like diamonds, precious and rare. Bad friends are like dried leaves; scattered everywhere.

Good friends are like stars. You don't always see them, but you know they are always there.

The best way to have a friend is to be one.

How can I spell "S_CCESS" without 'U' or "C_TE" or "H_MBLE" or "F_N" or "F_T_RE" or even "TR_ST" what will I do without 'U', proud to have a friend like 'U'.

To love without condition, to talk without intention, to give without reason, and to care without expectation, is the heart of a true friend!

When it hurts to look back, and you're scared to look ahead, you can look beside; your best friend will be there.

Most people walk in and out of your life, but only true friends leave footprints in your heart.

Remember, every minute spent angry is a waste of sixty-seconds of happiness.

The hardest thing to do is to watch the one you love, love somebody else.

What do you do when the only person who can make you stop crying is the person who made you cry?

Nobody is perfect until you fall in love with him or her.

Everything is okay in the end. If it's not okay, then it's not the end.

Don't let the past hold you back; you're missing the good stuff.

Life is short. If you don't look around once in a while you might miss it.

Simple music can make you sing. Simple love hug can make you feel better. Simple things can make you happy, so be Simple, be your self.

A good thing is that you correct yourself and accept your faults.

Conclusion

I hope you enjoyed reading this book. You might have learned a few things and there are plenty of things you might think I need to learn about. Some people might not like my views. I did not write thinking someone would like it or dislike it, but I wrote because I wanted to share my opinions and I am convinced that we need to follow humanity more than anything.

I also tried to clarify, as much as possible, but it is possible that this book might have hurt someone's feelings. And because of that, a few people might be angry about what I wrote about religions, etc. Everyone has a right to give their opinions, and anyone can send me email commenting about their feelings. If that comment is legitimate, I will add it into my next book. I am sure I did not criticize any religion, as all religions are the same to me and I never meant to hurt anyone's feelings.

I keep talking about humanity, and you may wonder how much I follow what I say and what I am doing about it. To tell you the truth, I am just like you and have not done anything special yet. Working on humanity is not an easy task for one person, but if we all get together and do it, it will become easy. Then just imagine what we will be able to achieve together.

To understand humanity do we need brain or heart? I believe, we need to follow our heart, but also need a brain in order to plan, etc. But if we only follow our brain, then there won't be any difference left between a businessman and us; we will become a businessman and start thinking about ourselves first!

I might be wrong about humanity. This might be the wrong path and whatever I said in the book about killing and wars might be the right path. Well, who knows...? As per my beliefs, and for my personal satisfaction, I will stick with humanity.

After reading this book many people might comment that they could write better, I am sure they could, and they should. Everyone can express his or her feelings and opinions by writing. I will be glad if

people could come forward and write about their opinions so we could share.

As you might have seen, I have written in very simple and basic English. My English is not perfect, just ok enough to write at a basic level, and also most worldwide reader's reading comprehension is similar to my level. I also believe that writing on any topic should be simple so that others can easily understand it. If this book does publish in English, I would like to publish in every language, so that I could reach people worldwide.

Like I said initially, most of the money made by this book and any future books will go to the mission, which I explained in this book. Once this book is published and is in circulation, I will try to approach the World Bank, as their aim is also to improve living standards.

I like happy endings, but this book has no end. I have missed many important points in this book, either because while writing, I could not remember, or I am not aware of those points at the moment. Please let me know about them, as I will try to add them into the next book.

What about life? Will we be able to live happily ever after? Well, at least, we should try, and that decision every individual has to take without any selfishness.

I remember one Indian song; HUM HONGE KAAMJAB EK DIN (we will succeed one day)! I am sure we will.

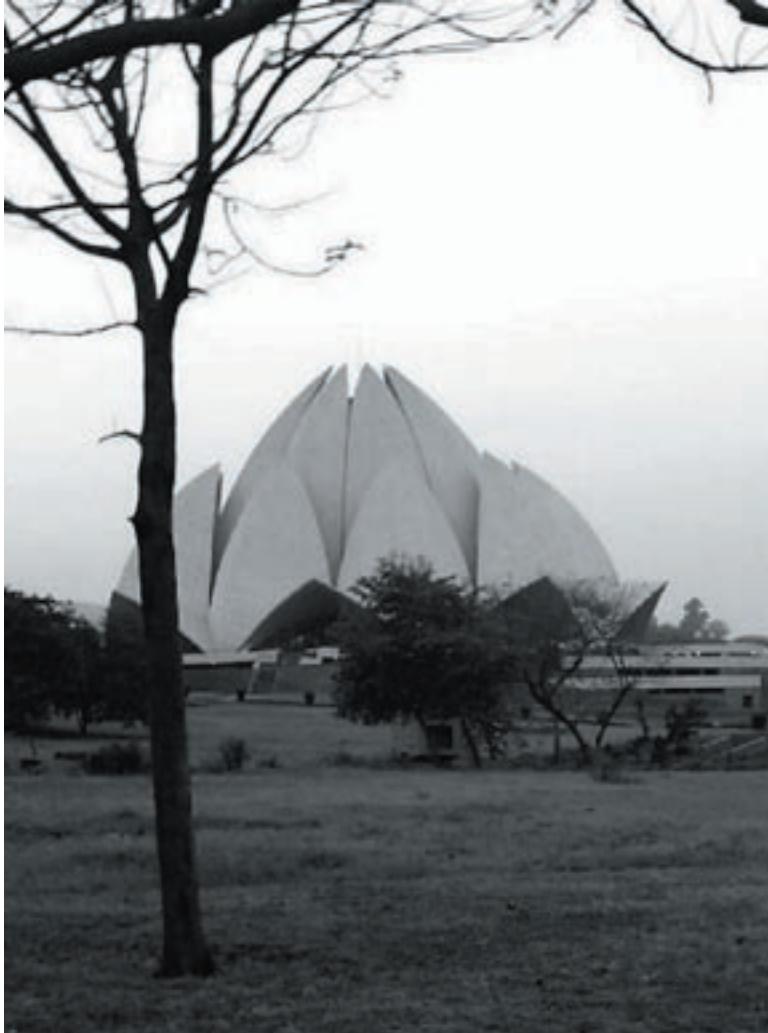
Life always has been a mystery and full of questions! Human beings, even after living over millions of years, are still unable to solve this mystery; the more we go deeper, the more it becomes complicated. Religious people leave it on God. Science is still looking and discovering those puzzle pieces, and some people are just doing good things, hoping that one day they will see this world free of all crime.

I know whatever I wrote is very common, but so common that we tend to ignore these things without realizing. More importantly, we should always remember that no one is the same; every person is different and has his or her own opinions. Everyone lives for themselves. Why don't we try to start living for others? We spend many of hours on our pleasure; I think we could make a little time for others!

I've shown this book to a few publishers, but they turned it down, primarily the reason given was that this topic would take us to into debate! But does the topic of humanity really take us towards debate? Could someone really say humanity is no good and debate on that? I might be wrong about people, because we can see the current situation of our world and how humanity is disappearing. If some people do say that humanity is no good, then should we ignore these debates?

Some readers will find that a few things that I wrote will not make any sense, and some might say nothing makes sense. Well, to tell you a big truth, we are each a part of one another's life! A Human Life!

To be continued.....



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