સ્વ. જંગેરલી પરસોદામણી મહાદ્વા-યુ.:-

હે તાલા "જીવિકી હાસલ કરવા રહ્યી છે મારું તમારું મધ્યમે યુદ્ધ કરીને માર્ચમાં અને સપ્તાહમાં અનુભવ થાય છે અને ઉભા અને ભવની અનુભવ થાય છે. સ્વ. જંગેરલી પરસોદામણી મહાદ્વાની પરસોદામણી મહાદ્વાની યુદ્ધપક્ષી તરીકે આપના પરસોદામણી હેલ્થ સેવા અને સમાજમાં શક્તિશાળી પ્રક્રિયા બનાવવાર મહત્વનું ભાગ માના છું. સૂચના સંદર્ભનો લેવા માટે આપની સહાય પરિભાષા તૈયાર કરી છું. સહાય કરતા તરીકે આપની સેવામાં શક્તિ સમાજમાં શક્તિશાળી પ્રક્રિયા બનાવવાર મહત્વનું ભાગ માના છું.

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ગુજરાતી જનરલી પરસોદામણી મહાદ્વાની યુદ્ધપક્ષીની સેવા અને ભાવ દર્શાવતી છે. આપને આનંદપૂર્વક ક્રમમાં સેવા થવાની સુવિધા સામાજિક સુવિધાઓની સેવા અને સુસાધારણ સેવા મળે. આપને આનંદપૂર્વક ક્રમમાં સેવા થવાની સુવિધા સામાજિક સુવિધાઓની સેવા અને સુસાધારણ સેવા મળે. આપને આનંદપૂર્વક ક્રમમાં સેવા થવાની સુવિધા સામાજિક સુવિધાઓની સેવા અને સુસાધારણ સેવા મળે.
સ. વલલમાધ્ય રાણોદુલ પેટેલ(બદલ)-પુલિયા/સાંજયા

સુલભિત, સુધારિત એ શરીરમાં કામગીરી દરેક પારસો પસતી ખતમ તમ મનિયુશી, વિકારાર પર વિતરણને આ કોષ ને પરિસરોમાં, તે પ્રમ રામાં વાપિરને પરામાલા જે શરૂઆતને સાંભળી શકેલાં ભયાનક છે. સુલભ કરવું તેથી હવે જડ એ વધારું છે, જરૂરિયા લિંગ નર કહેલે છે. પત્ર નૃપુંષિલ લિંગને પરમાલામાં નિવચાર રાખે છે. જેમાં હલ મુલાંગ ટેક્ટ તો સરસત્તને અપાત રાખે છે, પત્ર પરામાલાની પ્રાણીણ આ આભારમાં મુહિચ્છ આપે છે. અનુભવમાં જ્રૂદી છે.

આપની સાહિત્યની હોલી પરિચાલન રહેન અનુભવ છે. આપનો પરિક્ષણ, સંચાર, સેવાઈમાં તથા પરિચાલનમાં જેના સરૂરૂ સામાન્ય પદકારી આપિસ રહે છે. આપના સરૂરૂ સામાનય કામ નવા તથા સામાનય પરામાલામાં સમાન શાસન હૂદી છે. આપને આપની વિવિધતા, વ્યવસ્થામાં જ અત્યંત જ પાસી આપને પરિચાલન સફળતા યોગ્ય સામે માતાને વાપિર છે. આપના પુસ્ત આપને પ્રેરણ દીધી સાથે આપેલ પ્રારંભના સમય સજરું સમજીત કરીને હોય... જે સાથે તટસ્થ સાથે રહી છે.

(તા જ્હેમીય સુલભમાં પોરીટરની પરિચાલનમાં)

સુલભમાં પોરીટરની પરિચાલનમાં પોરીટરની પરિચાલનમાં પોરીટરની પરિચાલનમાં પોરીટરની પરિચાલનમાં

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હવે આવશ્યકતાના સમય અનુસાર આ પરિચાલનમાં પરિચાલનમાં પરિચાલનમાં પરિચાલનમાં

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આપણે કસવરણ માં 20 થી ઉપ કુદુમ્બની બુંધનીમાં તે વડી ગણી છે. આ કામ છે કરતા અમારી મોટી કસવરણ, આમારી શક્તિ, અમારી વૃદ્ધિથી વિવિધતાથી બાળકો... આ એક પોષણકીય સમાચાર કસવરણના છે. જેણાં તો સરળ પાટાણ વિવિધતા નોંધાયા કેટલા તથા અધિકારીઓ એને આપણાં મોટી પાકાના પ્રાણી જીવન માટે હોય... સુખદાઃબાદના ઉપાદાન સમૂહની પ્રોભાકા પુલ્લા જેનો જેની દિસ્કસશ પુલ્લા અશીક કરી તથા કેટલા વધારે જ નહીં પાલી પણી દ્રાર રાખીયે કે સરળતા સામગ્રીને ખુબ છે જે વિદ્યાભૂમિને કે પ્રથમાં સમાચારો કે કે હેઠળામાં શુધી કે કેટલા ??? આ પ્રભાવનું અંદાજ કરી શક્ય છે. કારણ આ એકવધાર્ય તપાસ અનુસાર ઉપર વિશેજતાના પદધાત ચીઝ કરતા હતી તેમાં આપેલા પાલતા પાલી તથાકામ છે એવી નથી યાં જે વિદ્યાભૂમિને વિશ્વસતા કરાવશે. શાખાનું કાર્યક્રમ હોય થાય, જે પ્રથમાં અપાવતા સામ્ય પ્રશ્ન થાય તે જે વિદ્યાભૂમિને મોટર કરી આ લાગૂવાતા અસામાન્ય અંગે, ખરીદના પસંદીદાર પસંદ પણ વધુ પ્રેરણા કરી શકે છે... આ પાકાના જીવનમાં પ્રભાવની સ્થિતિ નથી...}

“જાવેદ” અને “જાવેદ” જે તે હોય છે કે લોકપદેમાં આપણે ઉત્તમ પ્રાપ્ત શક્તિ હોય, તે હોય કે પ્રાણીની માચુડ કદર કદર કદર કદર કદર. સુખ્દાઃબાદાં ઉપાદાન સમૂહની પ્રોભાકા પુલ્લા જેનો જેની દિસ્કસશ પુલ્લા અશીક કરી તથા કેટલા વધારે જ નહીં પાલી પણી દ્રાર રાખીયે કે સરળતા સામગ્રીને ખુબ છે જે વિદ્યાભૂમિને કે પ્રથમાં સમાચારો કે કે હેઠળામાં શુધી કે કેટલા ??? આ પ્રભાવનું અંદાજ કરી શક્ય છે. કારણ આ એકવધાર્ય તપાસ અનુસાર ઉપર વિશેજતાના પદધાત ચીઝ કરાવશે. શાખાનું કાર્યક્રમ હોય થાય, જે પ્રથમાં અપાવતા સામ્ય પ્રશ્ન થાય તે જે વિદ્યાભૂમિને મોટર કરી શકે છે... આ પાકાના જીવનમાં પ્રભાવની સ્થિતિ નથી...
Day 3 - June 30
Breakfast was served to all in Hotel Banquet room from 7 to 9 AM.
We had Invited Mr. John Foppy a Public Motivational speaker, Mr. foppy was Born disable without both arms and is well known international speaker and was not only well received by all but Much appreciated his speech. He spoke on difficulties of life, how to overcome it and guided kids on challenges of life. Many kids were speechless during this session.
Then we had Invited Mr. Darpan Vinodhbhai Bhakta who is young Business man who is developer of the Hotel business in TX. As most of us are in Hotel business and many kids will follow the family hotel business Mr. Darpan Bhakta gave inside of the hotel business and guided kids on how to be a successful hotelier with power point presentation.
After great start in the morning with 2 of our great motivation speaker kids were ready to have some outdoor fun and we all left for picnic on the Lake Grapevine, TX. We had hired Buses to transport kids. They all were in group and their group leader were guiding them. After short ride we came to park on the lake. The scene of the lake was so beautiful we were on the hill top and had great lake view. Indian street food Lunch were served along with Pizza and soft drinks. Then kids played games in the park like basketball, football and enjoyed outing on the lake.
When we came back to hotel at 3 PM refreshment were served.
We had another Motivational session by Mr. Pratik Bhakta who spoke on how to get involve in politics and how we can change thing in Politics. How to do community service and all.
Then we had open sessions all the kids were encourage to give us feed beck on how the youth event was? Many kids ask lot of questions and were all answered by Vice president Jitendra Bhakta.
Gala nite was in the plan as well for kids so kids left to get ready for Gala nite. At 6 to 7 Pm Mock tail was served to all kids, followed by dinner. During the dinner time Youth Committee had planned their own Session where all the kids will drop question in box and a youth panel selected by Youth committee will answer it. Lot of question came in and we learned a lot from this session on what kids want in life and are dealing with many issues that we learned.
All the kids were ready to have fun. We have hired D.J Yogi from Karma DJ out of Houston, he entertain kids well with his music. Kids had lot of fun.
They enjoyed dancing on the floor.

During the Break VP Jitendra Bhakta thanked all the Volunteers without their help and support this event wouldn't have been possible, all the speaker, the hotel staff, all the parents for sending their children to the youth event and all the kids for attending BYC2018 and SRBS National Board, SRBS Youth Committee, DFW Bhakta Samaj and all the donors who donated for the event, all the well-wisher of the event.

Day 4 - July 1st

We all had breakfast and ready to leave. Many kids were gathering in the Lobby for departure and were hugging and were emotional as they all had great 3 days of fun together. And our event was success and we all had lot of fun learned a lot from this as well.

- The event was covered by National Media, TV ASIA from New jersey. Mrs Nalini Raja reporter from the Community round up Program was there to cover the BYC 2018. They filmed various session and were telecasted on TV ASIA on their community round up program. Bhakta Samaj of USA was highlighted on Nation TV that was proud moment for Bhakta Samaj of USA.
- EVENT PHOTOGRAPHER MAYA MANISH BHAKTA SNYDER, TX. Also was volunteer.
- Volunteers: Binaben Bhakta from NM, Tanviben Bhakta from Guymon, OK, Rina Bhakta from Liberal, KS. BhareshBhakta Minneapolis, MN., Nilam Bhakta from Wichita, KS. Arti and Shailiess Bhakta from San Antonio, TX. Bhumika Amit Bhakta from San Antonio, TX. Jagubhai Bhakta from Dallas, TX. (JR) Pratik Bhakta Asheville, NC., Jay Bhakta and Pritesh Bhakta from Denton, TX. Anand Bhakta from Minneapolis, MN. Trushar Bhakta from Irving TX.
- YOUTH COMMITTEE
  - Akhil Bhakta Florida
  - Akshay Bhakta Corpus Christi, TX
  - Amit Bhakta Southwest Region
  - Amit "DG" Bhakta San Antonio, TX
  - Anisha Bhakta Dallas, TX
  - Bhavik Bhakta Southern California
  - Bhavin Bhakta Midwest
  - Divyesh Bhakta N. California
  - Dipen Bhakta Houston, TX
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SRBS of USA Tried their best to motivate Youth of Samaj that roots and culture of any Samaj is always important... One should never forget their Origin!!!

- J. S. Bhakta
  Vice President SRBS of USA

"It's ok if you can't be sweet, never be bitter."

From the Editorial desk

Namaste!
Raan Kabir!
Respected readers,

We are publishing the 528th edition of Kabirwaani October 2018 in memory of Lt shree Jhaverbhai Parsottambhai Bhakta-UK. Lt. Shree Vallabhbhai Ranchodji Patel (Bhakta)-RoopwaadadaZambia with financial support of their family members. We heartily thank the families and pray for the peace of the souls of the deceased. Ohm Shanti Shanti Shanti.

Celebration of festival or madness?

The festival of Ganesha is celebrated with pomp and glory across India and world. I was dumb struck when I read that Rs. 250 crores would be spent only in the city of Surat in celebration of the Ganesh festival. What is our financial contribution when the government builds FoBs or better roads? At that time we have no money. That is not our responsibility. And we spend billions rupees only for ten days. Everybody believes in God but the way people behave and spend money should be diverted to positive way, so that poverty of India could be abolished. We took example of only one city. There are myriad of villages, towns and cities across India where this festival is celebrated and money is wasted. More over, this is only one festival. It will be followed by Navraatree and then Diwali. People spend myriad of rupees in fire works during Diwali. Nothing is understood as to
how to get people out of the mire of ignorance. I wish that you take this perusal sincerely and try to awake people around you. Let us be 'Human'. We don't need to race to be disciples of God. Let us imbibe knowledge in day to day life and worship God in real sense. Start with self. No publicity of faith should be done. It can't be shown. It is spiritual linkage with the Lord almighty. It is to be experienced.

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If we talk about the bitterness in relationship, we emphasise on rights rather than duties. Our expectations are so baseless and heavy that we can't keep well in relationship. For instance, a mother expects more from her children. These expectations are straight away transferred to daughter-in-law. She should give everything to the elders as if it were the birth right of the elders. Even if one accepts her heartily, the own son doesn't give even a glass of water to the elders. It is only daughter-in-law to carry out such duties. If the son worries about his wife, he is labeled as uxorious.

Parents educate children and rear them up, isn't it their duty also to carry out some duties? It is so shocking that when so called educated people's thoughts are so primitive. The daughter-in-law is said, all the problems started since her arrival. But she came at a very later stage, what did you give to your kids? Modern, intelligent and educated lady would not follow all of the family rules. Thus, mother's wishes are not fulfilled. Husband and son are complained about this. This bitterness of speech eclipses relations.

On the other hand, there are parents who feel that it was their duty to rear their children up and educate them. They also feel that they would not take any service from daughter-in-law till they are hale and hearty. They are right. If the elders try a bit to be of assistance to the young son and his wife, life would be happier and more comfortable. The daughter-in-law would become daughter.

Keep in mind small matters for the happiness of the family. Stop enlarging flimsy and gone by matters. Present can't be bettered by chewing old gum. Don't wrap up your eyes and think in one direction only. This will spoil life. It is not good to keep in mind one's vices all the time. Let us pray to God day and night, 'Prabhu, more avaguna chitta naa dharo' means O Lord! Don't mind my vices. Then we can't stick other's vices in mind either. Why is this paradox? In some families, elders are so haughty, adamant and egoistic. If kids try to explain them, they would say, 'how dare you explain me? I've seen more Diwalis than you means I've had more experiences than you have'. Turmoil prevails in such a family eventually.

Don't mind other's follies to keep a family intact. Son also should render duties just as parents do. Injustice is done to parents if he looks after only wife and kids. As a result, the daughter-in-law has to suffer. Let us alter this tradition. Let us make old age of parents memorable.

Apart from family, let us try to understand other human relations. It is crime to magnify other's foibles. Keep pardoning and forgetting about it. Try to better the soiled relations with good emotions. The fruit is sweet of such an act. Life is interesting if we think good of those who spoiled our life. Illusion or doubt spoils relations. Honour to the other makes life happy. We should check our own speech and behavior and see our feelings are flawless.

These days, it takes moments to disturb relations. This matter is exacerbating. Many parents are so pragmatic having long vision. They distribute property when they are alive. Thus, they avoid quarrel among children in the family. Relations die as soon as an elder passes away in many families. Without waiting for final rites to be over, they start quarreling over property matters. Two brothers become ruthless to harm though they are born out of the same embryo.

Money and property is easy to get but how about love, brotherhood and emotions? An enemy named greed is responsible for this which makes one forget true religion- humanity. Modern educated youngsters do so thoughtlessly.

Friends, one is destined to have money. It is good to have money of one's right but it is criminal to usurp the other's money by hook and crook. Abandonment is needed to keep relations intact. God's grace showers where there is the feeling of abandonment. Injustice or dago harms oneself one day. Don't construct a wall out of greed. Money comes and goes but keep relations sweet. Have good feelings for all. You would win reputation and respect. Life is if relation is. Bitterness of mind would push new generation in to the whirlpool
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ESSAY

Unfortunately our day to day life dictates that we have to jump into action only when situations arise. The only differentiating factor is whether there was any prior opportunity to predict, prevent, plan, arrange for a full participation and perform to a mutually beneficial satisfaction or only react as situations arise in line with our work. There was obviously a lack of initiative within the staff concerned.

Notwithstanding, in an interview for a vacant post, an employer will be looking for that proactive person and not one that only reacts to situations. It seems most, if not all of the prospective candidates know that only a proactive person stands a good chance in securing that job.

The current business environment is changing so fast that it becomes difficult for new entrants into the business world to keep up. Traditional businesses are under threat. The conventional office is almost extinct in advanced economies. Home (mobile) workers are the new in thing. Communication has been revolutionized within such a short space of time.

Employers are therefore more discerning.

Managing Directors and Senior Managers who are in a position to hire staff members, believe that candidates are hired to do a specific job and are supposed to deliver satisfactorily. Also, they would not understand why new or existing staff members within the company cannot play supporting roles between their respective departments.

Irrespective, customers calling in for issues that cannot be predicted or prevented, must receive positive support. Technology allows for service providers to know when preventative maintenance for the company's client base is due and alarms are set in place to warn service providers of impending failures.

Lastly, a service provider must gauge his performance in the view of the receiver. Did he perform to the satisfaction of the customer? Or to the satisfaction of his company? The answer is easy to find out. Simply ask the customer. Simple courtesy call after providing the service can also help.

All staff members are then expected to perform to their fullest in
support of their employer, without excuses, legitimate or otherwise. ‘A customer is always right’ should be the policy. Customers and staff are the most important components of any business. Correctly harnessed and supported with the correct resources, any business that puts these two components at their forefront, will stand a good chance to succeed, no matter how tough the business environment may be.

TAWANDA MAJACHANI.

CONCLUSION
Tawanda went on to relate exactly what happened with regard to the ‘poor service delivery’ episode between his company and mine. Since it is a private business relationship, which is mutually enjoyable/beneficial, I have not considered it appropriate to relate it in full within this publication.

AUTHOR.

ASPIRATIONS
A PERSONAL ACCOUNT...
Here’s a brief account of a traumatising experience when I was less than half of my present age (80). I was already well known as a successful businessman of the time, in the late seventies and early eighties. I still have fresh memories of the events which resulted in my family’s total economic extended collapse, due to no fault of ours. It was due to help extended towards family friends who were in deep financial difficulties. Professional advice (not so professional, in hind sight) was given to my family. We were advised to step in “temporarily” with a bank guarantee to support the friends ailing business empire, then pull back the guarantee after selling off some of their disposable assets in order to pay off their dept to bankers. We could then continue with our businesses, having rehabilitated our friends completely into a much smaller business.

However sound that plan would have seemed at the time, it did not materialize. Bankers and funders lost patience with the defaulting party and also there was a serious down turn in the economy. Bankers then called up our guarantees, knowing that we had a strong asset base which they could call upon in order to fill the deficiency. The whole pack of cards, represented by our friend’s diminishing assets, together with our own sound economic base was then to collapse.

As a saving face, we were afforded the opportunity to simply assign our entire assets in favour of the trustees, leaving us penniless. Had we allowed the friends to collapse their business without us providing guarantees, we would have survived and been able to help our friends start up afresh since we had strong business operations. This then is the background to the lessons learnt from that traumatic episode.

The ‘personal aspirations’ to rise again, as an aftermath to all this drama provided the turning point for me. As the principal breadwinner in joint family, I had to engage in a variety of activities, anything and everything was ‘ok’ for me to engage in, however farfetched some ideas may have seemed at the time.

The following is a summary of my thought processes, a strong willpower to recover and stand up once again, get back everything lost and even more, not to accept the losses as a defeat but rather as an aberration in my life and then to take up the challenge to rebuild the Mooney family businesses from scratch.

Manhar B. Mooney

SUMMARY
✦ Aspire to get back everything we lost and a hundred times more.
✦ My business experience and determination should help me not to fear for the future. I must put feelings of devastation behind.
✦ Despite having suffered total destruction, we had pride in having stood up for a friend in need.
✦ We were counted amongst the leaders in the business world, as astute businessmen, as a family actively engaged in charitable causes and an integral part of the larger community.
✦ I believed that 95% was achievable through personal effort and only 5% was through luck, if ever there was such a thing.
✦ I accepted everything that happened to me as destiny rather than to dwell on it as a collapse.

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पुष्करीची अवसराची करू शेवटचे जोड्या. कृपया करू येते तरी तेंतील पर्यंत जुटू न घेत येईल कराय. हे दिवस सर्वांची प्रतीक्षा असत. त्याच्या निर्णयाना आणु, कसे ते तयारता होता. माझ्या वाक्यात काही समय करा. एकदम तुमच्या हातात काही किंवा काही हात नसे. त्याच्या निर्णयाना पूर्वक तुम्ही कसा करतो? त्याच्या निर्णयाना पूर्वक तुम्ही कसा करतो? त्याच्या निर्णयाना पूर्वक तुम्ही कसा करतो?

२१. सुमाशंकलाचं जुनन ज्युनाना पचू लोकेची निम्नो.

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The Concept of Bhakti

Dr. Chaitanya Desai-Surat

Dear Devoted Readers,

Ram-kabir to you all…

As Monsoon comes and the months of 'Shravan', 'Bhadarvo' and the religious festivals are in their full swing. I thought to talk to you regarding Devotion (Bhakti) as your heart might be filled with it these days. We, the members of Bhakta Community, are, by very nomenclature, very nearer to Bhakti. Our Guru Kabir Saheb has preached no dogmatic principles, but Bhakti with pure heart and clear mind, where there is no place of rituals, rigid religious norms or blind faith and so on. Therefore, let us ponder over the concept of Bhakti in this issue of Kabir-vani. We do believe in God. And our thankfulness to God for our existence is Bhakti, in the simpler terms.

These days the word 'progress' is in vogue. Many people, leaders, politicians talk of progress, social change and upliftment of society. But very few pay heed to man's all round development and the means to achieve it. Many think in terms of economic prosperity and secular progress only. They forget that man does not live by bread alone. Wealth is necessary, but it cannot be the sole purpose of our life. We must think about our soul also.

We, as human being, do not possess merely a living physical body, our mind and intellect are also equally important to make our life and existence more meaningful. Over and above our bodily needs also. So, if you are interested in or talk about the real/integral, total development of man, you must consider both the outer and inner development of man. In order to achieve this, we must try to understand, control, invigorate, purify and sublimate the mind. Mind can be sublimated and purified through Bhakti, and concentration on the image of a personal God. Everyone today craves for absolute pleasure, bliss, and it is possible only if a person forgets the world during his walking hours, or conscious state. This state can be enjoyed by concentration. And to achieve concentration, devotion to God is required. But devotion does not merely mean formal worship of God through prayers, offering of flowers, fruits and burning incense sticks in holy places. Of course, such things, help to stimulate one's feelings of reverences towards God. It enables one to concentrate on the unseen power. Some people feel that there is no need of singing praises in flattery of God and that God will judge our actions and will give justice to us according to the nature of our acts. If we are engaged in doing good to society, where is the need for Devotion, Bhakti or worship of God? But do we know, how and when our action become good?

Once an officer said to a saint, "Swamiji, I believe in God, but I don't think that we should pray to God twice everyday. Even though I am a Govt. officer, I do not expect my subordinates to wish me every time. While judging their performance, I do not take into consideration if a particular employee bids me good morning or not. I see his performance and give promotion, or give justice to him."

Swamiji, having heard him completely, peacefully replied, "Sir, devotion to God or expression of thankfulness to God, is not the
flattery of the Lord. Tell me how do you determine whether an action is good or bad? The intention decides the status of an action is good or bad. See, here is an example... Suppose a person gives 1 lakh rupees to construct a public well in a backward village where there is no source of drinking water. Anybody would say, it is a noble act of service. But suppose, he does the same act with the intention of capturing the votes of the villagers in the election, for gaining political power / social status, then will it be considered a noble action?" "certainly not," the officer retorted. "It will be like a clear business-like bargain." Thus, the motive behind the action decides whether the action is good or bad... Good actions done with bad motives are bad, and bad actions done with good motives are good. The question, therefore is. Whether we can know and control our motives behind our actions completely? "We cannot."

In fact, all our motives are not consciously entertained. Many motives spring from the unconscious part of our mind. So purification of our mind is, necessary to generate good and noble motives in us. Sublimation of mind can be achieved by regular practice of concentrating the mind on some noble, sublime and divine object. Our mind is receptive and picks up qualities of the object over which it concentrates. God is the noblest of the noble and purest of the pure. Devotional concentration of God, is therefore, inevitable for purification of our mind.

We believe that God is present everywhere (omnipresence) and is all powerful (Omnipotent). One has to practice concentration on God with the help of a divine image of the Almighty. At this stage, we can fluid that BHAKTI or devotion is absolutely necessary for the development of mind. At the same time, we should also keep in mind that God is always near to us. When we are aware that God is with or near us there are three assertions:

Lord! You love me.
Lord! I am yours.
Lord! You are mine.

God is with us and within us. He is the sole cause of our existence; all our fates and fortunes, wisdom and virtues are because of Him.

We all know that we do not control or operate our metabolism. Some unseen power is doing it by dwelling within us. We do not know that what sleep is. Yet we sleep and enjoy peace during sleep. It is God that gives us happiness in sleep out of love. We do not know how to digest the food we eat, yet we enjoy a variety of dishes. Jesus Christ once said, "It is not ye that speak, but the spirit of thy Father (God) that speaketh in you." Saint Tukaram similarly asserted, "We speak because of God's power." So, we must try to understand. God's nearness to us and His love for us. He loves us from within. This understanding creates self-respect in the mind of a common man. Even a downtrodden man can develop respect for himself, as God equally loves all human beings, irrespective of his/her religious belief or even to a non-believer also.

Feeling of nearness of God develops self-respect in us and make us strong, so that we can fight against all odds in life. A society can be healthy, only if individuals have self-respect. Also, self-respect is a must in every individual for picking up virtues and fighting against evils.

THE FEELING OF NEARNESS OF GOD IS THE FIRST STAGE TO DEVOTION...
True Devotion also generates some fundamental understanding. A Devotee (A Bhakta) should willingly and lovingly say, "O Lord! I am yours and you are mine. I am your because you have given me a body and you are also operating it. You are mine because you are doing this out of affection for me." This should be the attitude of a Bhakta towards God. This world raise three questions: Are we the slaves, friends or children of God? So, we must first establish our true relationship with God. Once we are rooted in this relationship, it will manifest itself in our everyday actions. This relationship is explained in stages in the Upanishadas:

तत्त्वातिः तत्त्वातिः Tatvamasi, meaning 'That thou art.' ते यु हैं.

There are three steps of the ladder to that ultimate truth, तत्त्वातिः. There are also three stages in a man's spiritual development they are - तु त्वमाति - You exist because of Him.

We indeed exist with all our fortunes and wisdom only so long as God's loving grace and presence is with us and within us. Among the Muslims, there is a tradition, that when a person receives a gift from another, the recipient recognizes that the gives is only acting as an instrument in the hands of the God and he thanks the God, instead of the gives, by saying 'Shukra Allah' meaning thanks to God.

तत्त्वाति त्वमाति - You belong to Him. Owing our very life to the Lord, of us are indeed children of our supreme Father. Gandhiji also has written a book: 'आपसे जी चेक पितालां संगताः.'

तत्त्वाति त्वमाति - That Thou Art. Ultimately, the truth dawns on us. That there is no difference between us and the Lord. We are one. Any human being who belongs to any religion, can not deny this philosophy of our Sanatan Hinduism. If encompasses all the human beings as brothers and sisters, even with differences of religions,

castes, creed what so ever. And the entire world is one family.

कल्याण कुटुंबम् There is a need to develop this feeling amongst all of us to be united and to be one. We, the children or members of Bhakta Community, do believe in the preaching of our Guru Kabir Saheb, but He was also a noble soul, a true believer in supreme soul.

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Alphabet For Action

Reorganize

If you haven't yet succeeded, then you have to say, "I need to reorganize." When you fail, you will need to reorganize. And when you succeed you will need to reorganize.

Whether you've failed or succeeded, chances are, there are parts of your life that need reorganization. The only person who doesn't have to reorganize constantly is the person for whom life and business has become static. Anybody whose life is static is dead.

I've been reorganizing the past month. I took a few days off with my wife and we prayed. I asked these questions, to myself, to God, to my wife:

1. Who am I?
2. Where have I come from?
3. How did I get here?
4. Where do I want to go?
5. How can I get there?

I knew who I was last month, and last year, but I'm constantly changing. I need to frequently reevaluate who I am and where I am
going. And right now I'm reorganizing my life around the answers to those questions.

A few years ago the doctor told my wife that she had a cancerous tumor in her breast. Just before the surgery, she called her doctor and me to her bedside and said, "After the surgery I want to know what the score is. If cancer has spread through my body, and I have only twelve months to live, I want to know right away, because there are two things I want to do before I die." We agreed. However, thank God, her surgery was successful. We believe she's permanently cured But about a year or two ago, I remembered what she had told me just before her surgery. I asked her, "Honey, do you remember what you said to me just before surgery? What are the two things you wanted to do?"

She said, "Number one, I wanted to organize all my closets and drawers. I didn't want to be dead and have other people go through the drawers and closets and say, 'Boy, what a mess!' The second thing I wanted to do was write a personal letter to each of my children."

Reorganize. Times change. You may have to change your whole corporate structure. You may have to abolish some departments. Sometimes you have to go back to get on the right track. Maybe you need to advance. Perhaps you need to retreat or regroup. Maybe you need to scale your operation up or down, maybe even close down. Whatever your situation is, chances are that you need to reorganize.

Share

God can do tremendous things through the person who doesn't care who gets the credit and is willing to share the credit, share the power, and share the glory.

More than once company has been successful, only to reach a certain leveling-off period where it began to die. The reason? The guy who started and developed the business reached a point where he couldn't do it all the administration, but he couldn't bring himself to delegate it to others. Some people are afraid to delegate because they think no one else can do as good a job as they.

I've gone through that. But I came to this conclusion. It's better to let somebody else do a worse job than I would do, than not have it get done at all. The surprising thing is that, more often than not, they do a better job of it than I would have done!

Share your feelings and share your gratitude. Say "Thank you" to the people who helped make it happen. At the point of success, don't forget to share appreciation. I don't forget the fact that I'm totally dependent upon friends and members of the church who keep the ministry going. Share your appreciation by using that powerful word, "Thanks."

In a cynical moment of interviewing, a newspaper reporter said to Rudyard Kipling, "Mr. Kipling, I just read that somebody calculated that the money you make from your writings amounts to over one hundred dollars a word." Mr. Kipling raised his eyebrows and said, "Really? I wasn't aware of that." Then the reporter said, "Here's a hundred-dollar bill, Kipling. Give me one of your hundred-dollar words."

Kipling looked at the hundred-dollar bill, finally look it, quietly folded it up, and said, "Thanks." Then he turned and walked away.

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