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1. HISTORY NEVER REPEATS ITSELF, BUT IT DOES OFTEN RHYME

Wandering in the dusty sands of North-western India, Humayun, the great emperor, waned and defeated by Afgans, thinks of promises made to his dying father, Babur. Babur, who laid the stone of a coming mighty Mughal Empire, too has faced this kind of defeat at hands of Uzbeks from his throne in Ferghana, and so his son Humayun, lost battles against Sher Shah.

History has played its parts. what happened to Babur is now happening to Humayun, his kingdom is lost and he is forced to hide.

It is said, that history repeats itself; just as a tragedy, then as a farce, That is, history often rhymes.

When human age begun on this earth, the only purpose was finding ways of survival. The Paleolithic men had no means, no fire, no wheel, But the innovation process begun

and soon human discovered fire and wheel.
These 2 innovations, changed the course of
history and also the future for newer
generation, for civilisations were to emerge,
flourish and give way to new civilisations.

The history of human struggle for survival
and betterment of life rhymes with present
age very resonantly. The human race is
constantly engaged in technological innovations,
to defeat diseases, virus as well as Nature in
course of his/her survival.

The fire and wheel, can be superficially
equated with Vaccines for diseases like
Red plague, Small pox that made a profound
impact on course of human survival.

When lord Rama defeated Ravana, the purpose
of the ayug was fulfilled, it gave way to

Dwaparyug. History rhymed itself, for the "Adharma" in Tretayug was carried forward in Dwaparyuga. Lord Vishnu has to again reincarnate, now as KRISHNA to lay foundation of "DHARMA" and "SATYA" again. As in Rama Yug, Ravana had to be killed by Lord, so in Krishna Yug, "Kansa" had to be killed. Every Yuga resonated with relinquishing "Adharma" and establishing "dharma", and so will be the future, that is coming history, in form of "Yudh" between "KALI and KALKI". Every time the Lord will reincarnate to defeat demons.

The Mahabharata epic exemplifies the historical resonance of events, actions and situation.

Pandavas have made a beautiful Shreshmahal, the elder Kaurwa "Duryodhan" visits it,

and falls into pool with lotus petals,
mistaking it for floor with lotus petals.

"Draupadi" witnesses the incident and says

"Blind Son of Blind father". This event of
humiliation has to come to Draupadi

during Vastra haran.

Similarly Ramayana exemplifies this historical
Rhyme. Raja Dashratha mistakenly killed

Shraavan Kumar; ~~parents~~ The pain of

losing son was huge on Shraavan's Blind
parents. and released in form of curse to the
Raja.

Years later Raja Dashrath has to die weeping
for his own son Rama, during his exile.

Thus history comes forward in future, ~~not~~
in one way or the other. The PAIN OF

SEPERATION from son to a father has

come in front of Raja, who was the cause
of such pain to someone else in Past.

Fast forwarding to the modern world, when human race is trying to fight nature with equal might, we have witnessed some of the deadliest diseases.

Small pox pandemic, wiping $\frac{1}{3}$ rd of human population, then Influenza pandemic,

and in present century CORONA pandemic.

In nearly every century human race is challenged to its extinction by deadly viruses and bacteria. This is a historical

occurrence, but different in causes and impacts

while in past, these diseases were overpowering, now in present, technological development and innovation have reduced, not to say, eliminate their effects wholly.

while the plague wiped half the world population

CORONA and small pox saw development of new vaccines to reduce the havoc created by pandemics.

Similarly civilisations all over the world have similar history, but not same.

We find a set pattern of Beginning - growing - and decay of civilisations.

often starting near river banks, fertile plains, civilisations like Indus Valley, Mesopotamian, Maya civilisation (Brazil) had similar historical trajectories of growth.

All civilisations were of early men and women together with nature; some religious, some non-religious elements.

But the running theme of all the civilisation resonated in all stages like Youth, mature and die. Each civilisation had to end to give way to new men and women and civilisation.

Similar is the fate of present civilisation of human. Learning from the history we see, climate change as the biggest

factor in ending and destruction of civilisation.
History is in front of our eyes, though in
more tragic and complex form.

The Indus Valley people had to convincingly,
face drying rivers, extending deserts, reducing
Sanskrit, loss of central power of state,

so is the running theme of present
era. The climate change coupled with
onslaught of micro-organism as air foes
causing pandemic and epidemic in nearly
every part of world, The hostility between
states, as we see the ongoing Russia-Ukraine
war, the growing power of Artificial
Intelligence etc are tool of destruction
of our civilisation, and alas history
WILL SURELY REPEAT, BUT in more horrific
form ending human civilisation, due to
its own actions.

Such is the case with Imperialism and Colonialism. The onslaught of Britishers on native Indian population, denying them freedom and opportunity, inflicting violence on men-women, came forward in 1857 in form of first war of independence. The 1857 revolt shook British authority in India. The suppressed anger, hostility and dissatisfaction of population got released leading to bloodshed. History was on side of British when they made India the brightest child of Imperialism and colonialism, but it also sowed seeds of Independence and a strong Nation to come from clutches of Imperialism. Revolt of 1857, the August Revolution, Quit India, civil disobedience movements

were rooted in historical action of British supremacy and colonial ~~attitude~~.

It is a thing to laugh at, yet feel proud, that an Indian origin person has become a Prime minister of Britain. But there was a time when Indians and dogs were not allowed in Indian restaurants itself. History surely has completed its sweet revenge.

The financial crisis rocking and shocking the world at different periods are a testimony to occurrence of historical events and their carry forward, though not in same form, but in similar form.

The Asian financial crisis of 1990s, when the Asian economies had their knees broke, widespread economic disasters brought

Poverty, ignorance, job loss and family breakdown, hunger and what not.

The world has not anticipated any such crisis, yet again we see the financial crisis of 2008, when whole world received its aftershocks, Again we saw the job loss, Middle class family breakdown, huge debt and financial loss.

The Reasons were different, ~~and~~ so were the character and nature of the crisis, but the effects were same. Financial assets melted down, economies shattered and who suffered !! COMMON MAN at hands of History. History makes its comebacks in bouts and affects everyone the same way as it does in past, though with new degree of severity, expanses and new Character.

Such is the event of Atomic Bombing on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1946.

The World War - 2 has ended and the World War - 1 also. Yes, it is all right if we say World War 1 and World War 2 ended after Bombing Japan, for WW-1 was the cause of WW-2 and WW-1 never really ended before WW-2.

The world saw huge bloodshed in World War - 1. Countries grouped made alliances secretly against one-another which all culminated in WW-1.

The imperialistic and colonial attitude of hateful countries and their internal fractures nurtured the WW-1 to the WW2.

History has again come in front of us, the same bloodshed, but with new weapon. The "Atomic Bomb", the destroyer of civilisations, which could threaten humanity.

But this was not the end, the "cold war" started and the mounting danger of Nuclear weapon again confronted us, this time in form of UBAN MISSILE CRISIS. Again the internal fractures and contradiction between two countries (USA and Russia) has brought the world on cusp of a nuclear disaster witness, already some 50 years ago.

The cause was different, but with same sunning theme, the impact, i.e. would-be impact more stronger. It seemed history had made sixer, a strong comeback, stronger than havoc in Japan.

such is the scene in political landscape too, because history is everywhere, it watches every sphere and preserves

energy to comeback and resurface in front of us.

There was a time when BJP government in late 1990s lost non-confidence motion by mere one vote !! and today is the time when it has super majority.

The space, the universe, none is untouched with ringing bells of historical incidents.

The cretaceous period saw dinosaur extinction by an Asteriod, paving way for humans, in similar ways when other mass extinctions paved way for them.

Now, human have extended their capabilities and made high-end technology to counter such events, The DART mission, to change asteroid path and finding habitable planet are good efforts, for the human learn from history, not

just stand as dinosaurs — mere spectators of their extinction.

However is History Powerful, or the humans who have exploited history to make new paths for survival.

Is nature and universe more powerful or human who suffer everytime at hands of history !!!

Nothing is invincible, the history teaches as from freedom movements and other examples, but would history stop at an event!! The answer is "No". The "Present" is the future history", It will come back in some other form at some other place, but will surely come back, because that is how the cycle of life works, the Hindu notion of "Karma theory" fits this comeback of history at all levels, be it individual, social political or national, and International

II WE MUST ACCEPT FINITE DISAPPOINTMENT, BUT NEVER LOOSE INFINITE HOPE

The Music show was over, pianos and violins stopped singing tunes, and BEETHOVEN, who played the instruments while his back towards the audience, was standing still, to let everyone leave. At this time his accompany realised what he has done and turned him towards the stage. BEETHOVEN was being given standing ovation by hall full of people.

BEETHOVEN has done magic, he was deaf, couldn't listen his own music, but composed such, that everyone was filled with joy and yet tears.

Disappointment, a very long word, yet more worse feeling, a feeling of failure, feeling of incompleteness, a void which shakes aspirations, confidence and sometimes the very purpose of life.

Hopes and aspirations often are accompanied with disappointment, but people like Beethoven extract the magic out of adversity and disappointment.

The Ramayana Epic is a story of hope and and disappointments. SUGREEVA, the monkey king has lost his kingdom to elder brother BALI by threat and mischieves. He is shattered, shameful and less powerful to confront BALI, but HANUMANA give him hope in form of LORD RAMA. Sugreeva regains his kingdom, his patience and Dharma and friendship pleases Rama, more than BALI. The counterpart to sugreeva is the old lady Shabri, waiting for lord to come her home. she is wane, pale and aged.

Yet filled with hope, waits for arrival of Rama,
her lord.

The disappointment is constant in every living
being and is bound to come.

Pandavas are deprived of their kingdom,
sent to "AAYATWAS", yet the bore patiently
the injustices and prepared for the final
battle and for sure lord on their side.

The epics are Ideals and it is said Ideal is
never fully realised.

The success failure, hope-disappointment
dichotomy confronts us daily.

Thomas alva Edison was a dyslexic,
with only 3 months of formal education,
the letter of her teacher to her mother addressed =
"Your tommy is stupid, he can't learn". He
was taught by his mother and the
light which we see our world today in,
was invented by him. The temporary

disappointment did not hamper his mother's
courage to teach her child, nor did it hamper
Thomas' aspirations.

A caterpillar, thus struggles to come out of
cocoon. It is very painful to him, must
be disappointing at such tender age, but
this struggle makes stronger wings to fly.

We see some of the great personalities in
human history who exemplify this

The Swimming champion - MICHAEL PHELPS, with
most gold medals. A youth in his ^{he} 20s wanted
to master swimming, but was afraid to
put his head under water. What a pity!!!

How could one swim without getting into
water.

But his hope gave him new ways. ~~the~~
swam backwards with head up and the
backstroke was the first he mastered.

such is the story of another great

spokesperson Lionel Messi. "You would not grow taller than 1.47m" - said the doctors.

Messi had short legs. What could be the future of such child??

Undergone with therapies and medication, he refuse to accept the limit set on his hope by physical challenges. He is now the

greatest of all times LIONEL MESSI, a plural to Football. His take on his short height is recorded as "It helps me being more swift than my co-players"

This attitude is shaped by the Ray of hope which one keeps lightening inside one's heart.

Lee Kuan Yew, have never thought that his country Singapore will become the Asian tiger when he saw the violence, ethnic divide, drug abuse. But he had the hope!!

The hope for transformation, lifting people out of poverty and misery.

He did not accept the current situation of his country and tried to change it, the result we see today, Singapore as a vibrant economy.

The world is filled with such people who hoped, just hoped and not submitted to disappointment and challenged the present order of things.

Gandhi after thrown out of train on Petermatitzberg station in chilling and biting cold despite of a valid ticket, ROSA PARKS, after being asked to vacate bus seat for white person — could have accepted the situation as their fate, They would have accepted the disappointment from the political system, social structure of society, the inequality, the differentiation, the white supremacy. Surely the accepted but not submitted to it. The

Black rights movement, the Indian freedom struggle was thus the burning hope in hearts of lakhs of people like Gandhi and panks, that liberated humans from injustice by fellow humans.

our freedom struggle presents a noteworthy example in form of two strands of struggle. The STRUGGLE-TRUCE-STRUGGLE (STS) and the STRUGGLE-VICTORY ideology.

The STS strategy surely was a ~~long~~ far sighted approach than constant struggle

The disappointment has to be analysed practically, rationality and logically, it is then the root cause of disappointment can be cured. Accepting disappointment temporarily is not sign of failure, but a way to recoup strength and act with more vigour and strength.

Helen Keller similarly accepted her

Physical limitations, but her mind and heart knew no bounds, she was a disappointed child — a DEAF and DUMB what could be worse?, but why do we know such child? it is because there was infinite desire to learn, to read, to see world through her mind, heart. She is an aspiration to physically challenged people to not bow down before situations that are uncontrollable, rather take into command the things one can conquer.

There is always a great value in accepting Disappointment, it teaches us to be patient and sensible and redouble the efforts.

The "Nankh" cheeti" poem by Harivansh Rai Bachchan is an exemplary to this.

The "ant" stumbles down the wall again and again but not stops until hope to climb is alive

we are taught from childhood, the meaning and purpose of life - that is hope. ~~hope~~ for betterment. STEVE JOBS was a college dropout, kicked from a business partnership, betrayed by a friend. He was disappointed who can not be! at this stage.

But we know Steve Jobs for the multi National company he built "The Apple". His failure or disappointment did not stop him.

The infinite hope is a testimony in case of unification of Italy. The hero "CARIBALDI" sailed and put in fetters, accepted his state but not consider it fate. He rose with his countable comrades and changed the course of history.

The words failure and disappointment are so close to Abraham Lincoln, who does not know him. The US president Lincoln has a life full of disappointment, he failed countless numbers of times,

everytime accepted the failure but rose again and again, today the history remembers him as one of the greatest US President.

We fail, we are disappointed and yet we rise — the flame of hope is the energy provider. The Mangalyan mission of India is an example to this. Marked with difficulties of low budget, first time inter-planetary mission: amidst the superpowers NASA, ~~Canada~~ and other space agencies with better resources, the Indian scientist had faith and infinite hope which craved them for success.

The world saw Mars (Mars orbiter mission) success. The failed mission on moon were forgotten, the disappointment was temporary.

The humanity was attacked with Novel Corona virus, which knew no cure

~~was~~ with deaths numbering in lakhs on daily basis every country was horrified.

But the continuous trial for vaccine development did not stop. we failed many times, the citizen ^{were} disappointed many times, but we had hope and faith in the scientific community, who came with vaccines and saved from further disaster.

After endless failure and disappointments India made foray into indigenous vaccine.

Humankind is full with experiences of success, failure, hopes, aspirations.

even it is based on that. we mean

same when we say the Hindi Rhetoric

"Ummeed Pe dunya kayam hai". Literally

it translates into "the world is based on hope".

The Buddhist philosophy helps in calming the struggle between hopes and aspirations and disappointments.

The Disappointment or the term "Dukkha" in Buddhist philosophy is said to be originating from endless desires.

The way out of it is given by the "MADHYAM MARGA" or the middle path.

The buddhist philosophy gives primacy to burning^{the} flame of knowledge through infinite hope. hope for change; hope for renewal, hope for betterment, for betterment of humanity is the end goal.

The flame of hope should keep burning to defeat disappointments. The world is sustaining on the hope of better future; thus every single living being has to be hopeful even in face of temporary disappointments.