



## **FOLLOW KNOWLEDGE LIKE A SINKING STAR**

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### **ABSTRACT**

*Literature and life are realistically reciprocal due to which any happening in one has been persistently reflected into another. In short they hold mirror to each other. Consequently, every emotion in literature has to be molded and measured by the fountain pen of reason and rationale. Being reason alone visionary, has the credential credit of enriching and enhancing the quality and quantity of our life. Hence, the discoveries and inventions of science are scrupulously relied on rational aspect of the researcher. In art too the rule of reason can be applied though it is familiar as the realm of emotion and imagination. Hence if life is tested by emotion and chewed by reason, it will be worth perceptible. To glorify the qualities of head and to limit the stride of heart has been obligatory to prevent and prohibit man transforming into brutal beast that we witness in each and every walk of life today.*

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Life is a means and medium to enjoy the happiness and harmony of heaven which can be witnessed here and here only if we are positive and constructive in our approach to living and being. The Supreme has bestowed us the beautiful body, pious psyche and supreme rationale which are nobody else but the means and mediums to behave as human beings. Hence, each and every individual must aspire and aim to reach at the peak of popularity by discharging his or her duties in his respective field honestly and sincerely. If it happens so, then, whatever the dreams cherished by our forefathers, social leaders, visionaries can alone enter into reality which will thoroughly transform our nation into a developed country. And this very fervor found in each one of us will change the face and facial of our society specifically and that of our nation generically.

Man has been stamped as a rational and social animal. It is he who leads all the animals on the planet with his own reason which has always assisted him to acquire every smallest and

highest thing whether it is in his capacity and capability or not. So, to listen to the reason is quite obligatory on the part of every one of us. No doubt, emotions, passions are significant in our life for they create sweet and sugary fragrance in our living. But this very essence must be supported by the meaningful border of reason which limits and makes the frame of life meaningful. Hence, life can be rightly called as an image and illustration of emotion bordered and bounded in the frame of meaningful rationale. It is reason which always draws a demarking line for the throbbing heart to follow and make the life meaningfully momentous. So, heart is always secondary and brain is at the top of our humanly structure known as body. The reason with a stick in hand always tries to direct the wayward heart to follow all the rules of humanly traffic. Christopher Marlowe in his play *Dr. Faustus* has named this rationale as Good Angel who tries to check the whimsicality of Faustus. This divinely spirit tries to prohibit Faustus from reaching at the threshold of black magic that he wants to attain in order to enjoy life as:

***Good Angel: Sweet Faustus, leave that execrable art. Contrition, prayer and repentance are the means to bring thee unto heaven. Think of heaven and heavenly bliss. Think Faustus, upon God that made the world. (01)***

So, following knowledge, listening to our reason, respecting the Good Angel in us and supporting the constructive bent in all of us is the basic need of time today. Ultimately, merely eyes are not important but eyesight is essentially required which can make us to behold beyond the heavenly horizon. And it is the rationale which bequeath and bestows that essential eyesight which has the capacity to gain respect in the society. Consequently, Alfred Lord Tennyson, the 20<sup>th</sup> century modern poet has rightly stated in his eye-opening poem 'Ulysses' as:

***And this very grey spirit yearning in desire  
To follow knowledge like a sinking star  
Beyond the utmost bound of human thought (02)***

This usual and habitual yearning is the fundamental sign and symptom of sound mind and sound body which has been the real root of meaningful life that has been lived by everyone as per the desire of our supreme designer. Life is a flower of five petals of which one is the rationale found in books to due to which P. Lal, the Indian poet in English in his poem *Life* has stated:

Life is a flower of five petals

***The fifth---look  
Wrapped  
In that terrible Book  
Terrible man terribly trapped. (03)***

To release and relieve each and every suffering soul from the plight and predicament the window of knowledge is always essential for it is only through knowledge that we can achieve the independence of mind and spirit that enables us to stand on our own feet and face the world with courage that makes light to fear. Ignorance is not the bliss but the major curse of God that we should always sincerely try to irradiate it by aspiring to attain the wings of knowledge which alone can lead us to immortal heaven. Knowledge is the only remedy to remove fear from the psyche of every individual. With its earnest attainment everyone can become rational and acquire meditative bent of mind. Hence, our words weighed with thoughts alone pave the way for the paradise that each fallen angel aspires to reach. This very thought provoking approach to life has been realistically revealed by Claudius in Shakespeare's *Hamlet* as:

*My words fly up, my thoughts remain below.*

*Words without thoughts never to heaven go. (04)*

Thus, reason leads to race and this very contest and competition lead us to the victory that we cherish in every walk of life. Its user through experiment tries to reach to the bottom of sea howsoever deep and profound or the peak of zenith howsoever tall and towering. Every rationale that is sincerely after knowledge is always involved in experiments being it the true method of knowledge. Hence, choice is in our hands for options are three as to become bigots, fools or slaves and live life accordingly.

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