

# Alma Mater Values

*Voice of Love*

Alma Mater is an evolving consciousness with a vision to awaken humanity. Alma Mater has been mentoring hundreds of thousands of people on holistic living. Alma Mater Values expound timeless wisdom in the simplest of words. Here is another pearl of wisdom from Alma Mater, an organisation which truly is the only one of its kind.

## **I will have passion for excellence.**

Nobody has ever defined and nobody will ever define a limit to human potential. Limitlessness seems to be the only adjective that befits human potential. Man is a mystery. Man is a miracle. Man is pure magic. History is full of many such one-man-armies, where one human being, in one life time, by the way he lived his life, changed something about the world forever. Do you know their spark came from their passion?

Extraordinary people are ordinary people who did everything in their life with extraordinary passion. That 'extra' was all about passion. Legendary living is in identifying a cause on which you are willing to invest every breath of yours to the very last breath. You make history, when you have a cause that inspires you to wake up every morning a little early and keeps you awake a little late and fills every minute in between with the depths of fulfillment. A cause that seems larger than your own life - it was this passion for the cause, this passion to make their life count, this passion to make their life useful that made all the difference. Every blood cell of theirs yearned with this passion for excellence. In anything and everything they did, there was this stamp of excellence.

Excellence is self-explanatory. Where there is excellence, explanations are not required. Where explanations are required, rarely you find excellence. What's okay is okay and what's not okay is not okay.

However, we have a tendency to explain, justify, reason and rationalise - what's not okay as okay. Hold it. Once you develop this tendency to use your mind in ways to make what's not okay look okay, you press your own self-destructive button. The mind that gets trained into justifying lack of excellence learns to settle for compromises - it learns to live with compromises. How long can you make a cat look like a lion? You cannot hide the fact from yourself, nor hide yourself from the fact. What is short is short. Explanations cannot make up for the shortfall. Self-consolation for lack of excellence will very badly hurt you in life. It will make you, time and again, fall short of your mark and eventually you will fall short of what you are capable of. Wake up. What's not okay is not okay. 6.01 is not 6.00, and Monday alone is Monday. Lack of excellence should hurt. That which hurts instructs. That which instructs creates.

'Zero defect' is possible. Precision is possible. Sustained excellence is possible. It all starts with the attitude to refuse to settle for anything but the best. It is a funny thing about life that if you refuse to settle for anything but the best, it often gives it to you. Get created. Create excellence.

In fact, the vision of the makers of this spiritual land has been so profound that in the Constitution of India, under Article 51A on 'Fundamental Duties of every citizen of India', one of the fundamental duties of every Indian is listed as, 'To strive towards excellence in all spheres of individual and collective activity'.