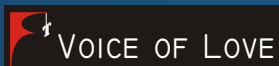


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The grass grows for the sake of growing, the raindrops pour for the sake of pouring, and the flowers bloom for the sake of blooming. None of them have any purpose. None of them have goals. Why is that I alone need goals in life?



A blade of grass or the raindrop or a flower cannot outgrow the nature with which they were born. The beehive is an engineering marvel. There isn't much of a difference between the beehive constructed when man lived in the caves and the beehive that is constructed in the new millennium. However, the man of the millennium bears very little similarities with his ancestors of the cave. Why?

Of all the creations in existence, man alone is bestowed with the ability to outgrow his very nature. Whether to swim with the aquatics or to crawl like the reptiles or to fly with the birds or to live his animalistic instincts or to live up to the glory of being human or to manifest his divine higher self in playing a role in evolving the collective human consciousness - it is all a matter of choice. This inherent urge in the psyche of every man to transcend his prevailing nature drives his

futuristic vision - called the goals, purpose, vision or mission in life.

Once a seed is planted in the womb of mother earth, all the forces, from within the seed and without, conspire together to cause its sprouting. A planted seed must germinate and it is this ability of the seed to manifest life that separates it from the pebbles. Having planted the seed, on the verge of sprouting if you unearth the seed, the seed will be dead. Similarly, when man becomes conscious of his potential and yet does not find the field of expression to his potential, he walks around dead in spirits. Unless you have a vision for tomorrow, you will find neither strength nor power in your today. Days end with inexplicable emptiness.

Man is born to transcend. Man is born for growth. However, the very meaning of growth changes many-

a-times in the life cycle of a man. Along with the process of evolution, from your lower to the higher self, the meaning of growth too evolves.

To begin with, man is highly self-centred. All his needs are governed by the need for sensual gratification. Men at this stage do not look beyond their body. Life is no more than indulging in instant gratification. The troubles and sufferings of their family or community or country mean nothing to them. They use and consume the world for their existence.

Most men outgrow this utter selfish nature, but grow into another leg of selfishness. Now they do care for their near and dear ones, their kith and kin, but nothing beyond. Their family becomes the circumference of their life. Unfortunately, the rest of the world cannot cater to the need of this one family - hence these people will be in constant confrontation with the rest of the world for their family's needs. They are a pain in every neighbourhood.

Some will outgrow even this element of selfishness, but now their sense of family is the larger community - their caste, their associations, their society and maximum their nation. All their goals will be associated with the faction they represent. They are selfless and sacrificial when it comes to the cause, the creed or the community they represent; but, absolutely selfish and intolerant of everything else beyond their chosen periphery. These are angels to their clan and devils to the rest. They de-harmonize

the world by always trying to isolate their society from the rest.

Very few outgrow this factional selfishness and identify themselves with humanity as a whole. They outgrow all discriminations. Every moment of their life, every bit of their energy and every effort of theirs are to lift humanity. Their goals always carry a sense of contribution to lift their brethren. However, these men too have a limiting factor - they do not look beyond humanity. Their selfishness is bound to Homo sapiens. They represent man and live for men.

Count a few in every generation outgrow even this. They represent the divine and they live for life - everything that is life. They are the torch of life; the beacon of humanity. Even to be born at a time when they live is truly a blessing. To that man even selfishness surrenders. His love is all inclusive and he lives connected to everything that is life - from the plants to trees, from the bees to birds, from the insects to animals, to all men - the good, the bad and also the ugly. He is love. He is bliss. He is truth. He is consciousness. He is energy on the move. Life illuminates in passing through him. His presence is transforming, and in his mere presence everything is transformed. He is transhuman.

From selfishness to unselfishness is the journey of growing and outgrowing. To transform from animal to a man and from man to the divine higher self is the purpose of human life. Every human being is born with the possibility of attaining this final stage.



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