

### **Response Paper on The Immortals of Meluha**

The Immortals of Meluha by Amish Tripathi is not just a mythological novel. It's more than that. It is a story which tells about choices, justice and what it really means to be good in a hard world. Shiva, the main character, shows us that greatness does not come from birth or big power. It comes from doing the right things even when it's not easy. The book reminds us that even perfect places can have big problems. And the real hero is one who asks questions.

At the start of the story, Meluha looks like a dream place. Everything is clean and very organised. People follow rules, and they believe in justice. But when Shiva lives there longer, he starts to see the truth behind it. Like how they treated Nagas. The people who were born with different bodies. They are not accepted. Instead, they are thrown away like monsters. This made me think that real life also is like this. Where people are judged for how they look or talk. Kids are bullied in school for being different, and the same things happen with adults too.

One of the best moments in the book was when Shiva understands that Chandravanshis and Nagas are not really bad. They are just not understood. This is where everything changes. It's like when we listen to bad things about someone without knowing them and afterwards find we were wrong. Shiva then not just follows what others say but tries to learn the truth himself. That is a real hero. Not fighting only, but listening also.

The line "A man becomes a Mahadev when he fights for what is right" was stuck in my mind. It makes me think of normal people who stand up for others. Like students who stop bullying in class. Or someone who says something is wrong even if he gets in trouble. These are the true heroes. Shiva is not a god because he is perfect. He becomes a god because he chooses good.

Also, this story teaches that no place is truly perfect. Meluha looks ideal, but its rules are so strong that people who don't match are pushed away. It reminds me of school or family who care so much for rules and forgot to care about people's feelings. Just being right is not always being good. Shiva tells us asking questions is sometimes more important than just obeying.

Shiva also has many tough choices. He doesn't always know what to do and feels confused. But he tries to listen to his heart. That's something we all feel. Like

choosing a career or helping a friend or speaking up. There is no clear answer. But Shiva shows that even when you are not sure, you can still try to be right.

The book also shows what real leadership is. Not being bossy or showing power. But to help others and protect weak people. Shiva never says he is the best. He just learns and grows and stays kind. Today, when leaders just want to be popular, this is a big lesson. Shiva leads with heart.

Destiny and choice are also big ideas. Shiva didn't know he would become Neelkanth. But still he does good before people call him special. This shows that we should not wait for title or success. Just do the good from the start. Shiva was already a leader before people followed him.

Sati is also a strong person in the story. She fights her battles even when society calls her bad because of being Vikarma. But she never gives up. She shows that you are not what other people say. You can still respect yourself. She inspires us to rise from the past and be strong.

Shiva also faces many struggles with his identity and purpose in the book. He is often confused and unsure of his role in the larger scheme of things, yet he always pushes forward with a strong sense of morality. It made me think about how we all can feel lost at times in our lives, not knowing what path to take. But like Shiva, we can still choose to do what is right, even when the future seems unclear. His journey is a reminder that life is not about having all the answers but about having the courage to take the first step and learning along the way.

In the end, it's not only Shiva who changes. Meluha also changes because of him. Even the strict place can learn. One person can make a big change. It starts with one brave heart.

So The Immortals of Meluha is not only a story of war and gods. It is a story of what it means to be human. About mistakes, learning, courage and kindness. Real power is when we stand up for good. Even when no one claps for us. Shiva may be from an old tale, but his heart is something we all should try to have in real life.