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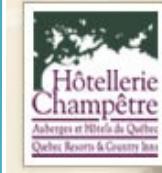


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આદરણીય વડોલો, માનનીય સજજનો અને સન્નારીઓ તથા છાલાં બાળકો,

નમસ્કાર! શુભ દિપાવલી અને નૂતન વર્ષાભિનંદન! નવું વર્ષ આપ સૌના જીવનમાં આનંદ - મંગાલ - ખુશીલી લાયે, તમારું ભવિષ્ય પ્રેમસભર, તંદુરસ્તિમય અને સમૂધ્યમય બને એવી મારા અંતકરણની શુભ ચૂંબક.

સૌ પ્રથમ ૨૦૦૮-૨૦૧૦ ના વર્ષનો કાર્યભાર અમારા શુદ્ધમાં સોપવા બદલ હું અમારી કાર્યકર્તા સમિતિના સભ્યોવતી આપ સૌનો આભાર માનું છું. કેવિશાસથી આપે અમને આ જીમેદારી સોપોને સમ્માનિત કર્યા છે, અને ગતવર્ષ વિ.સં. ૨૦૫૫માં વક્તાવારી અને પ્રમાણિકતાથી નિભાવવાની અમે કોશિશ કરી છે. સમાજના દરેક કાર્યક્રમોમાં સહભાગી બનીને અમારો ઉત્સાહ વધારવા બદલ આપ સૌને ધ્યાનયાદ.

એક સ્ત્રી અને એક પુરુષ ધાર્મિક પ્રણાલિથી લગ્ન કરીને દૃપતિ જીવન શરૂ કરે છે, અને જ્યારે એમના આત્મિય મિલનને પરમાત્માના આર્થિવાદ મળે છે, ત્યારે એમના જીવનમાં સંતાનનું આગમન થાય છે અને એક પરિવાર બને છે. જ્યારે આવા અનેક પરિવારો બેગાં મળીને પ્રેમ-સહાકાર અને સંપથી એક સંગઠન ઉભું કરે છે, ત્યારે એક સમાજ બને છે. આપણો ગુજરાતી સમાજ પણ છેલ્લાં તું વર્ષોથી વિવિધતામાં એકતાનું એક સુંદર ઉદાહરણ બનીને મોન્ટ્રીયલની શીતલ ભૂમિ પર પ્રેમજીવોતની હુંક છેલ્લાવી રહ્યો છે. હિંદુસ્તાનના ગુજરાત રાજ્યથી આખા વિશ્વમાં ડેલાયેલા અનેક ગુજરાતી પરિવારોના સભ્યો આજે મોન્ટ્રીયલના ગુજરાતી સમાજની શોભામાં અભિવૃદ્ધિ કરી રહ્યા છે. છેલ્લાં ચાર-પાંચ વર્ષથી સમાજની મેઘરશીપમાં જે રીતે દર વર્ષ પાંચથી દસ ટકાનો ઘટાડો થઈ રહ્યો હતો અને સ્વેચ્છાથી સમાજનો કાર્યભાર સંભાળવામાં જે રીતે સભ્યોએ નિરસતા દર્શાવી હતી, એ જોતાં લાગતું હતું કે આપણે ડોલરની પાછળ દોડવામાં ક્યાંક સામાજિક મૂલ્યો તો નથી ભૂલી ગયાને? કાર્યકર્તાઓની પહેલી મીટીગમાં અમોએ એક જ ઉદ્દેશ રાખ્યો હતો કે "આપણે નાના-મોટાં, નવા કે જૂના, દરેક ગુજરાતીઓને પ્રેમ અને સમાજન્પૂર્વક સમાજમાં આવકાર આપીશું અને જ્યાં જ્યાં વસે ગુજરાતી ત્યાં ત્યાં વસે સંદાકાળ ગુજરાત" નું સાર્થક સમાજ દર્શન કરાવીશું. દિપાવલી ના શુભપર્વે આપ સૌને એ ખુશાખબરી આપતાં હું ગર્વ અનુભવું છું કે આપના સહકાર અને કાર્યકર્તાઓના સતત સામુહિક પ્રયત્નોના પ્રભાવે, આ વર્ષ સમાજની સભ્ય સંઘાનો આંક ફરીથી ૬૦૦ ની ઉપર હોયાડવામાં આપણે સૌ સફળ બની શક્યા છીએ.

ગત વર્ષ દરમ્યાન હોળી, આનંદભજાર અને પીકનોક જેવા આપણા પરંપરાગત કાર્યક્રમોમાં જ નહીં, પરંતુ વેલેન્ટાઈન પાર્ટી તથા અફાર્ઝેમર સેમીનારમાં પણ ઉત્સાહપૂર્વક મોટી સંઘ્યામાં ભાગ લઈ આપ સૌએ એક વાત સાબિત કરી દીધી કે તમે આ સમિતિના કાર્યથી પ્રસન્ન છો. સતત આનંદપૂર્વક અને ખંતથી મહેનત કરીને સમાજના સભ્યોનું મનોરંજન કરવા બદલ હુલની કાર્યકર્તા સમિતિના દરેક સભ્યોનો હું હાર્દિક આભાર માનું છું. હુલની યુથ કમીટી અને ફયુનરલ કમીટીના સભ્યોનો પણ હું ખુબ ખુબ આભાર માનું છું. એમના કાર્ય અને સેવાની વધૂ માહિતી સમાજની વેબ સાઈટ તથા દિવાળી અંકમાંથી મળી રહેશે.

આપ સૌની નિઃસ્વાર્થ સમાજસેવા અને સંપૂર્વક સહકારની ભાવના વિના સમાજનું સંચાલન શક્ય નથી. તમારા પ્રેમ અને ત્યાગ બદલ સમાજના સભ્યોવતી ફરી એક વાર હું આભાર વ્યક્ત કરું છું.

આમ તો આપ સૌ અમારા કાર્યકર્તાઓથી પરિચિત જ છો, પરંતુ જે નવયુવાનોથી આપ અંજાણ છો, એમના નામ છે વિનીત ઉનડકત, મીનેષ જરીવાલા અને પ્રોતી જરીવાલા. જો તમે સમાજની વેબસાઈટ વાર્યાર જોતા હશો તો તમે નોંધ દીધી હુશે કે આપણી વેબસાઈટની રંગત કંઈક નવી જ છે. આપ સભ્યો તરફથી અમને e-news letter વિશે પણ પ્રશંસાના ઘણા શર્દી સાંભળવા મળ્યા છે. તો આ સુંદર કાર્ય માટે યશના હક્કાદાર દૃપતિનું નામ છે પ્રોતી અને મીનેષ જરીવાલા. નાના બાળકોની સાથે પણ સમાજ માટે જે યોગદાન એમણે આપ્યું છે, એ માટે ધ્યાનયાદ સહિત હું એમનો આભારી છું.

જ્યારે-જ્યારે પણ નવી ક્રમીટીનું ઈલેક્શન થયું છે, ત્યારે દર વખતે પ્રમુખપદ સંભાળવા માટે સમાજના એકાદ સભ્ય તરફથી તો મને અચૂક આમંગડા મળ્યું જ છે. હું અમેરીકા મુવ થવાનું વિચારતો હતો તેથી કાયમ એ સમ્માનને ટાળી દેતો હતો. પરંતુ એટલું જરૂર કહેતો કે “હું પાછળ રહીને જરૂરથી સમાજની સેવા કરીશા” કારણ કે સત્તા મારો વિષય નથી, પરંતુ સેવા મારો ગુણધર્મ છે. ગત વર્ષે દિવાળી સુધી જ્યારે સમાજનું સુકાન સંભળવા એઈ તૈયાર ના થયું, ત્યારે દિવાળી શો દરમ્યાન ત્યારના પ્રમુખ કુમારી જીની દેસાઈ સ્ટેજ પરથી ઉત્સરીને મને Auditorium માંથી બેચોને સ્ટેજ પર લઈ ગયા. શ્રી નરેન્દ્ર રાજા અને શ્રી અશોક ચૌહાણ જેવા ભૂતપૂર્વ ટ્રસ્ટીઓ તથા શ્રી દિલીપ શાહ અને શ્રી પુલકિત કાંટાવાલાના હઠાગ્રહની સામે પ્રમુખપદ સ્વીકારવા સિવાય મારી પાસે બીજો એઈ ઉપાય જ નો તો. જેમ દેવતાઓએ સમૃદ્ધ મંથનથી નવરત્નો મેળવ્યા હતા, તેમ પ્રભુકૃપાથી પુલકિતભાઈ અને દિલીપભાઈની મદદથી, શરૂઆતની બોડી નિર્ઝળતા બાદ, માત્ર બે અઠવાડિયામાં જ નવ જગ્યા તરફથી “દા” નો જવાબ મળો ગયો. તે દિવસથી તે આજ સુધી સૌચે સાચી લગનથી સમાજની સેવામાં સહિત આયો છે, એ માટે મારી ક્રમીટીનો હું ખાસ આભાર માનું છું.

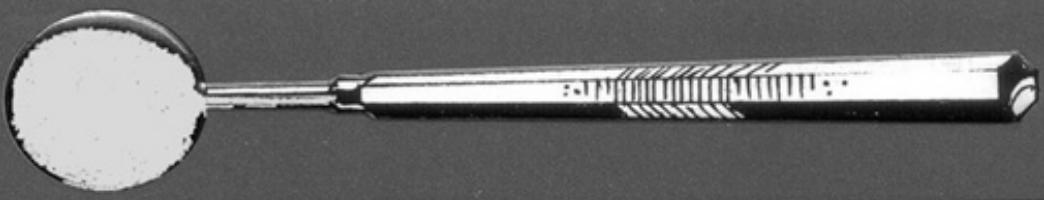
જીવન એક યાત્રા છે અને ચાગામાં મુસાફિર એક પડાવ પર વધુ લાંબો સમય રોકાઈ શકતો નથી. નવસારીમાં બાળપણ વિતાવીને મુંબઠીમાં દસ વર્ષ રહ્યા બાદ, મોન્ટ્રીયલમાં અઢાર વર્ષનો મારા જીવનનો સૌથી લાંબો પડાવ હતો. મોન્ટ્રીયલના ગુજરાતી સમાજના સભ્યોએ છેલ્લા પંદર વર્ષમાં મને તથા મારા પરિવારને જે પ્રેમ આપ્યો છે, મને સમાજની સેવા કરવાનો મોકો આપ્યો છે અને પ્રમુખપદનું સમ્માન આપ્યું છે, એ માટે હું અને મારો પરિવાર આપ સૌના સટેચ ક્રાફ્ટી રહીશું. જ્યારે આ સમાજના ડાર્ય સાથે જોડાયો, ત્યારે માત્ર શ્રી કુમારભાઈ અને શ્રીમતી લોલા માલિંદે તથા શ્રી શ્વામભાઈ અને શ્રીમતી ચંદ્રકાબેન ભટના પરિવારને જાણતો હતો. આજે સમાજના દેશક પરિવારને એક નોજ પરિવાર બનાવીને હું આપ સૌનો વિદ્યાય લઈ રહ્યો છું. આપ સૌને છોડતા હું એક સ્વજનથી દૂર થવાની લાગણી અનુભવ છું અને તમારા પ્રેમની મીઠી યાદોના ખજાનાને દિલમાં ભરીને. North Carolina, USA જઈ રહ્યો છું.

ભવિષ્યનો વિચાર કરીને જ સાતની જ્યાએ નવ સભ્યોને અમે હુલની ક્રમીટીમાં નિયુક્ત કર્યાં હુંતા. એક સાચા leader તરીકે બધી જવાબદારી પોતાના હથમાં નહી રાખતા મેં કોશિશ કરી છે કે સૌને પોતાના રસપ્રદ્યોગમાં નેતૃત્વ કરવાનો મોકો મળે તથા સૌની સાથે પ્રેમ અને સહિત એવી રીતે ડાર્ય કરીએ કે positive team-spirit જળવાઈ રહે. મને એ જણાવતા હર્ષ થાય છે કે આખા વર્ષની બધી પ્રવૃત્તિઓના સફ્ટ્ટા આચોજન બાદ આ ક્રમીટી બીજા ગ્રંડ વર્ષ સુધી આસાનીથી સમાજ સેવા કરવા માટે તૈયાર અને સક્ષમ છે. જો તમે એમના સેવાકાર્યથી સંતુષ્ટ હોય, તો એમને ફૂરીથી એકવાર ઈલેક્શન કરવા માટે સંકેચ ના અનુભવશો. સમાજના પ્રમુખપદથી હું રાજીનામું આપું છું કારણ કે હું અમેરીકા જઈ રહ્યો છું અને શ્રી દિલીપભાઈ શાહને એ સ્થાન સ્વીકારવા માટે વિનંતી કરું છું. હુલની ક્રમીટીમાં દિલીપભાઈ અને પુલકિતભાઈ સક્ષમ leaders છે અને ભવિષ્યમાં તેઓ પણ મારી જેમ સમાજને પોતાની સેવા આપતાં રહે એ માટે હું એમને ખાસ અનુરોધ કરું છું.

જેમ સિકિંદર આખો દુનિયા જીતીને અંતે ખાલી હુથે ગયો, તેમ હું પણ તમારા પ્રેમ સિવાય બધું જ મોન્ટ્રીયલમાં મૂકીને જાઉં છું. અંતમાં જતાં જતાં એક વિનંતી કરતો જાઉં છું કે “જીવન ટકુ છે,” હું નો અહુકાર કે “મારું” ની માયામાંથી બને એટલા જાંટી છૂટવાની કોશિશ કરજો”. ૨૦૧૧ના દિવાળી અંદર્માં મેં “ગુરુ બીજી જ્ઞાન કહાં સે હોય” લેખ દ્વારા સર્માપણ ધ્યાનનો ઉલ્લેખ કર્યો હતો, બની શકે તો એ વાંચજો. વિષયની (દિમાગની) સમજ એટલે જ્ઞાન, હૃદયની સમજ એટલે પ્રેમ અને આત્માની સમજ એટલે ધ્યાન. “જીવનમાં અશાંતિ લાગે તો સર્માપણ ધ્યાન જરૂરથી કરજો”. આ વર્ષે અમારા સદ્ગુરુ શ્રી શીવકૃપાનાંદ સ્વામીજીએ North America ને સાક્ષાત ગુરુસ્વરૂપ મૂર્તિ ભેટમાં આપી છે, જે બીજે ક્યાંય નહી પણ મોન્ટ્રીયલમાં જ છે. “જીવનની ભાગ દોડ અને બુધ્યના તર્ક વિતક પણી પણ, જો મોક્ષ અસંભવ લાગે તો પરમાત્માના દ્વાર સુધી પણોચ્ચા એકવાર મારા ગુરુજીના દર્શન કરવા જરૂરથી જાજો.” For more information, please visit www.samarpanmeditation.org જ્ય શ્રી કૃષ્ણ !

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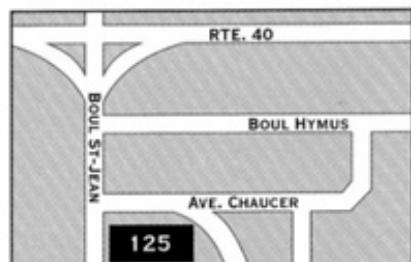
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આદરણીય વડિલો, સ્વજનો તથા બાળકો,

“નૂતન વર્ષાભિનંદન”

સમાજની કાર્યવાહક સમિતિ આપ સર્વને શુભેચ્છા પાઠવે છે કે નવ વર્ષ સર્વ રીતે લાભદાયી, શુભદાયી, મંગલમયી તેમજ આનંદદાયી નીવકે.

આ વર્ષના હિવાળી અંકને આપ સૌ સમક્ષ રજૂ કરતા ખૂબ આનંદ અનુભવુ છું. સ્વાભાવિક છે કે આ કાર્ય ખૂબ સમય અને મહેનત માંગી લે છે, પરંતુ સૌના સાથ સહકારથી આ કાર્ય સરળ બની ગયું. આશા છે કે આપને ગમશે.

આ વર્ષની શરૂઆત અમે નવી ઉજવણીથી કરી, ‘વેલેન્ટાઇન્સ ટે’, બધાને ખૂબ મજા પડી. એ સાંજે એટલો પ્રેમ ઉભરાયો કે અમે સૌ સમાજના સ્વજનોના પ્રેમમાં હજુ પણ ભીજાઈ રહ્યા છીએ. એ પછીની દરેક પ્રવૃત્તિઓમાં અમને આપ સૌનો ખૂબ સાથ મળ્યો.

આ વર્ષ ધૂળેટી ઘણા ઉત્સાહપૂર્વક ઉજવાઈ હતી અને આબાલવૃદ્ધ એનો પૂરેપૂરો આનંદ માણ્યો. ભૂલકાઓએ ટી-શર્ટ રંગવાની સ્પર્ધામાં ભાગ લીધો, તો વળી સમાજના કલાચાહકોએ નાળીયેર શરણારવામાં એકબીજાને લલકાર્યા. અંતે બાળકોએ સંગીતભુશીની મજા માણી. સંગીત પીરસ્યુ હતું મિનેષભાઈ અને પ્રિતીબહેને.

મોન્ટ્રીયલમાં શીયાળો કયારે પૂરો થાય? જ્યારે ગુજરાતી સમાજ આનંદબજાર ઉજવે ત્યારે. સૌએ આનંદબજારની મજા મન મૂકીને માણી, બધું ખૂટાડી દીધું. વળી બીગો વગાર તો આનંદબજાર હોય જ નહીં ને.

આપણા સમાજની ઉજાણી પાંચમી જુલાઈએ હતી. સમાજના સભ્યોના પરસ્પર પ્રેમને વશ થઇને મેઘરાજાએ પણ એ હિવસે ખમૈયા કરી દીધા, અને સભ્યોએ પણ ફરી આવો સારો હિવસ આવશે કે નહીં એમ વિચારીને ખૂબ મોટી સંખ્યામાં પધારીને પૂરેપૂરો લાભ લીધો.

It's a great pleasure to present you with this year's publication. It goes without saying that it required a lot of time and effort to prepare this Ank. It would not have been possible without the contribution of so many different members. We hope that you would like it.

We started the year with a new event, Valentine's day... of course, everyone enjoyed and rekindled their love for each other. This definitely rekindled their love for the samaj and since then we have got excellent attendance in every activity organised.

Dhuleti was celebrated this year with great enthusiasm. People of all ages had fun. Kids had T-shirt painting competition, the artists of the samaj faced off in coconut decoration. Kids also enjoyed Musical chair. Music through out the event was supplied by Minesh and Prity Jariwala.

Then came Anand-Bazaar, an event everybody looks forward to after a long winter. Due to record turn-out, everything was pretty much sold out much before our scheduled time. The tempo of our famous Bingo-fans never slows down. They were there to enjoy every bit of it.

Picnic was organised on 5th of July. Were we lucky? Or it was the love of our members that made even Mother Nature to shine on us. On a fun-filled day we enjoyed different games,

સવારે ઉભા ઉજાણી તો વળી બપોરે તાજા મકાચ અને ગરમાગરમ ચા, અને મિત્રો સાથે રમતો કે ગોજીની મજા જ જુદી હોય છે; અને તે પણ વિદેશની ધરતી પર... જવલ્યે જ આવો હ્યાવો મળે. અંતે આપણી પ્રખ્યાત ખીચડી. જો કે કહેવાય ખીચડી પણ એ બનાવતા ઘણા લોકોની કઢી નીકળી ગઈ, પણ એનો ય આનંદ અનેરો હોય છે. અરે હું તો સાવ ભૂલી જ ગયો, આ વખતે તો આપણને હેમાબહેન અને હિતેન્દ્રભાઈની 'મહેફીલ' નો પણ અનેરો લાભ મળ્યો.

નવરાત્રીની તો વાત જ શું કરવી, એ તો આપણા સમાજની 'ઓળખ' છે. બધા જ મોન્ટ્રીયલવાસીઓ આપણા ગરબાની રાહ જોતા હોય છે. સારા સારા કપડાં પહેરીને ભૂલકાંઓ, યુવક-યુવતીઓ અને હેઠે જુવાન એવા સૌ કોઈ મા ભગવતીની કૃપાથી પોતાને ધન્ય કરવા અને શરીરમાં જોમ ભરી લેવા થનગની ઊંઠ છે.

આ બધું ફક્ત અમારી મહેનતથી શક્ય ના બને. અમારુ સૌભાગ્ય છે કે અમને ફક્ત ગતવર્ષની જ નહીં પણ પાછલી બધી કમીટી ના સભ્યો તેમજ આપ સૌનો ખૂબ સહકાર મળ્યો. ભવિષ્યમાં પણ આવો જ પ્રેમભાવ સાંપડતો રહે એવી અભિલાષા છે. અમને ખાત્રી છે કે આવો સહકાર મળતો રહેશે તો આપણો સમાજ, સદાય ચેતનવંતો અને ગોરવશાળી બની રહેશે.

જ્ય જ્ય ગરવી ગુજરાત...

fresh corn and also the 'Mehfil' dominated by Hemaben and Hitendrabhai.

At the end of the day we had our traditional Khichadi. Although there was so much to do to prepare the meal, everybody pitched-in; some even passed their whole day in the kitchen out of dedication. It is impossible to mention each one of them but we thank them collectively.

And what about Navratri, it's our trademark, Montrealers of all stripes come and enjoy it. Everyone shows up with the colourful dresses and the desire to make the best out of the remaining few beautiful days before the winter sets in. This year though Navratri being earlier than usual, we didn't need even jackets. Everyone had a blast.

This would not have been possible with our efforts solely. We have been blessed to get the collaboration from not only the out-going committee members but the members from many earlier committees and all the members of our samaj. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all and hope that they will continue to do so. With your support like this, there is no doubt, our Samaj will remain vibrant for years to come.

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Abraham Lincoln's Letter to his Son's Headmaster

“He will have to learn, I know, that all men are not just and are not true. Teach him, if you can, the wonder of books. Also give him quiet time to ponder the eternal mystery of birds in the sky, bees in the sun and flowers on a green hillside.

In school, teach him, it is far more honourable to fall than to cheat.
Teach him to have faith in his own ideas, even if everyone tells him he is wrong.
Teach him to be gentle with gentle people and tough with the tough.

Try to give my son the strength not to follow the crowd when everyone is getting on the bandwagon...

Teach him to listen to all men; but teach him also to filter all he hears on a screen of truth and take only the good that comes through.

Teach him, if you can, how to laugh when he is sad. Teach him there is no shame in tears.
Teach him to scoff at cynics and to beware of too much sweetness.

Teach him to sell his brawn and brain to highest bidders, but never to put a price on his heart and soul.

Teach him to close his ears to a howling mob and stand and fight if he thinks he is right.
Treat him gently, but do not cuddle him, because only the test of fire makes fine steel.
Let him have the courage to be impatient. Let him have the patience to be brave.

Teach him always to have sublime faith in himself, because then he will have faith in humankind.

ALWAYS THINK POSITIVE

Lincoln's Letter makes sense even today
Go through it word by word and you will learn his way
His thoughts need to be etched in stone
To the Mankind it is his Wisdom Bouquet

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Our State of GUJARAT, Situated in western India and bordering Pakistan, is among India's most prosperous states.

Gujarat's GDP growth rate is 10.6% and India can not achieve 8 percent Growth rate without Gujarat getting closer to 12% growth rate.

If it was a nation it would have been 67th richest nation in the world above many European and Asian economies like Taiwan and Ukraine.

Gujarat holds many records in India for economic development:

- 20% of India 's Industrial Output**
- 80% of India 's Diamond Production**
- 9% of India 's Mineral Production**
- 50% of India 's Natural Gas Production**
- 54% of India 's Crude Oil Production**
- 22% of India 's exports**
- 24% of India 's textile production**
- 45% of India 's pharmaceutical products**
- 35% of India 's Sponge Iron Production**
- 47% of India 's petrochemical Production**

The world's largest ship breaking yard is in Gujarat near Bhavnagar at Alang.

Reliance Petroleum Limited, one of the group companies of Reliance Industries Limited founded by Dhirubhai Ambani operates the oil refinery at Jamnagar which is the world's largest grass roots refineries.

Over 20% of the S&P CNX 500 conglomerates have corporate offices in Gujarat

Over 35% of the stock market wealth of India is with Gujarati People.

In recent Forbes magazine list of 10 richest Indian people four are Gujarati - Mukesh Ambani, Anil Ambani, Azim Premji and Tulsi Tanti. Over 60% of Indian Population in North America is Gujarati.

An average income of a Gujarati family in North America is three times more than the average income of an American family.

Gujarat is having the highest no. Of operating airports in India (Total 12)..

Gujarat is having highest no. of vegetarian people compared to any other state in India..

The first ALL VEG PIZZA-HUT was opened in Ahmedabad

Surat is the fastest growing city in the world.

IIM, Ahmedabad is Asia's 1st and world's 45th ranked management college

Gujarat is the safest state as the Crime rate of it is 8.2 which is the least in India stated by India Today 2005 report.

Gujarat is having least crime against women among all Indian states where AP is 1st, Delhi is 2nd , Bihar is 3rd

Ahmedabad is ranked 2nd in Real Estate - Ahead of Bangalore, Chennai, Hyderabad, Mumbai & Delhi.

Percent of man-days lost in Gujarat due to labour strike are lowest in country - just 0.52%

The first state to have to fully functional LNG terminal

Gujarat is the first state to interconnect 20 rivers

It is the first state to provide uninterrupted 24hr 2 phase electricity to all villages

It is the only state with statewide gas grid

It is currently implementing statewide water distribution grid that will connect all 14,000 villages and all cities

It has largest e-governance network in Asia Pacific

In every corner of Gujarat, within the range of 25 KMs there is a development going on.

Operation WHITE FLOOD (MILK) was initiated in Gujarat by Dr. Kurien which took India in 1998 to become highest milk producer in the world.

Consumption of GOLD in Gujarat is highest in India ..

Highest Numbers of passports are issued from Gujarat .

Baroda gas project - bringing natural gas to every home - More than 35 years ago they installed pipelines to bring natural gas to every kitchen.

According to a recent study by the RBI, Gujarat stood first in the country with investments of US\$17.8 billion in 2006-07 or 25.8% of India 's total investment of \$69 billion during the year. The southern state of Andhra Pradesh stood a distant second having attracted \$6.1 billion in 2006-07.

A report in Times of India describes the Gulf of Kutch as India 's ' Gulf of Riches '. Four top business houses - Reliance Industries, Essar Group, Adani Group and Tata Group, have invested about \$34 billion along the Gulf of Kutch's 700-kilometer long coastline. Other corporate, which had invested over \$3.26 billion since the 2001 earthquake have investments worth another \$19.5 billion in the pipeline.

Ten special economic zones (SEZs) near Jamnagar, a 4000-megawatt power project and five private shipyards are coming up. And massive expansion is being undertaken of the Mundra and Kandla ports.

Not only has Gujarat unseated Maharashtra as India's number one investment destination but also, it is threatening to dislodge Mumbai, Maharashtra's capital and the financial and business capital of India, as the trade gateway to the country.

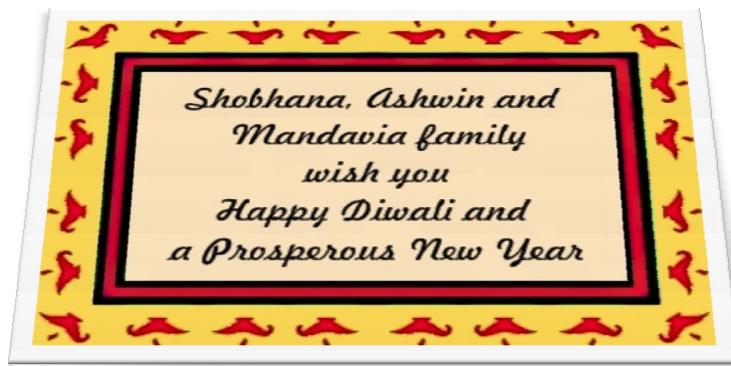
Mundra port where IOC and HPCL are setting up giant oil storage capacities has already emerged as India's largest private oil storage tank farm.

And now Gujarat is nursing ambitions of dislodging Mumbai as India's financial hub. Its government recently announced the setting up of an international financial services center, the Gujarat International Finance Tech-City with an investment outlay of \$6 billion in Ahmedabad.

Forbes Magazine published list of Top 20 Self-Made Business-Men from Asia. The list includes 6 men from India and out of 6 three are Gujarati - Tulsi Tanti, Gautam Adani and Uday Kotak.

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Life's Milestones and Your Protection



Maintaining a life insurance policy that meets your coverage goals is a lifelong process. Before you put that policy in a drawer to gather dust, you must remember that life insurance needs change when you reach life's various milestones. In order to help ensure your coverage continues to meet your needs and stays current, you must review your policy on a regular basis throughout the years.

The importance of life insurance and the role it can play in protecting the financial security of your loved ones is certainly clear. And yet, are you reviewing your policy on an annual basis? Doing so becomes particularly important whenever you reach any of life's milestones. New additions in your life, such as that of a spouse, home, or child, make reviewing your policy a necessary component of planning your financial future. You may need to give your policy extra consideration in the event of any of the following:

Marriage. In addition to determining whether or not your coverage amount is still appropriate, you may also consider insurance for your spouse. Updating your beneficiary list to include your new spouse, as well as correcting your policy to reflect a name change, if applicable, are important aspects of your plan.

Birth or Adoption of a Child. With added responsibilities comes the need for additional coverage. Keep in mind that the skills of a child's primary caretaker are not easily replaced, and childcare can be expensive. As your family grows, be sure to update your beneficiary list.

Purchase of a New Home or Refinancing of Your Mortgage. Owning your own home is an unbeatable feeling, but extra coverage may be necessary to help ensure mortgage requirements continue to be met.

Starting a College/Retirement Savings Plan. Review coverage amounts to supplement a potential loss incurred before your financial goals are met. Know the coverage periods of your policy to ensure you are covered for a length of time that meets your current needs and future objectives.

Starting Your Own Business. If you leave your old job to start your own business, make sure that you do not sustain a significant loss in coverage when you leave your employer's benefit plan. You should again review your policy's objectives and consider the ways in which life insurance can be a useful business tool. For example, for business continuation purposes, you may now be interested in obtaining coverage for financing a buy-sell agreement. In certain circumstances, you may consider placing business partners on your beneficiary list.

New Job. If you change jobs, pay attention to the benefits offered by your new employer. Coverage amounts will often vary greatly from employer to employer, and this must be factored into your personal policy.

Perhaps one of the most secure feelings in life is knowing you have covered your bases and are prepared for whatever may happen. Through annual reviews, you can plan for coverage that will provide for your loved ones and help ensure financial goals and obligations will be met. As you approach each one of life's many milestones, you will find additional consideration and planning are well worth the effort.

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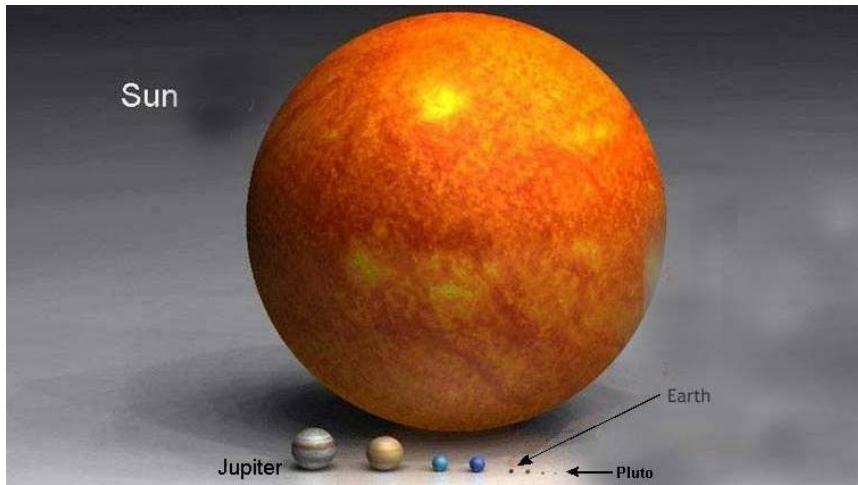
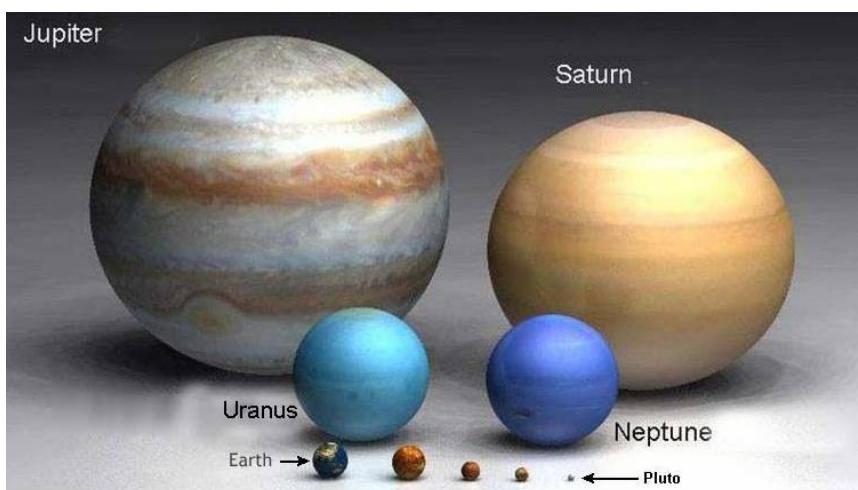
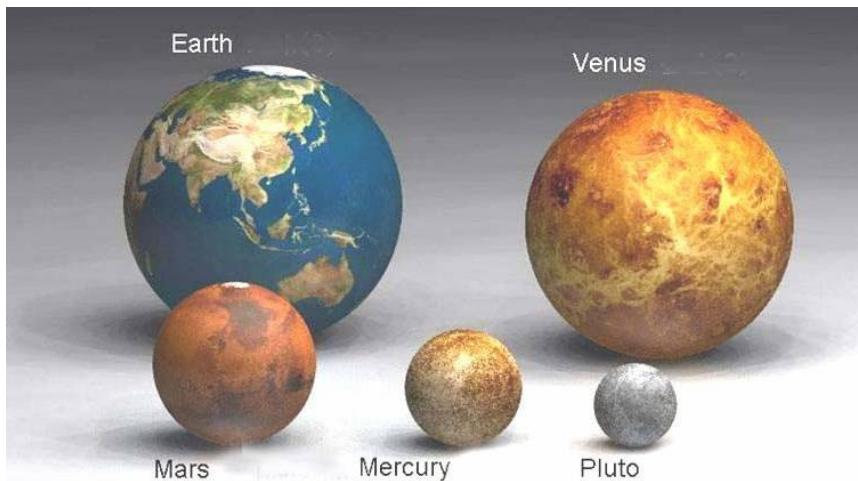
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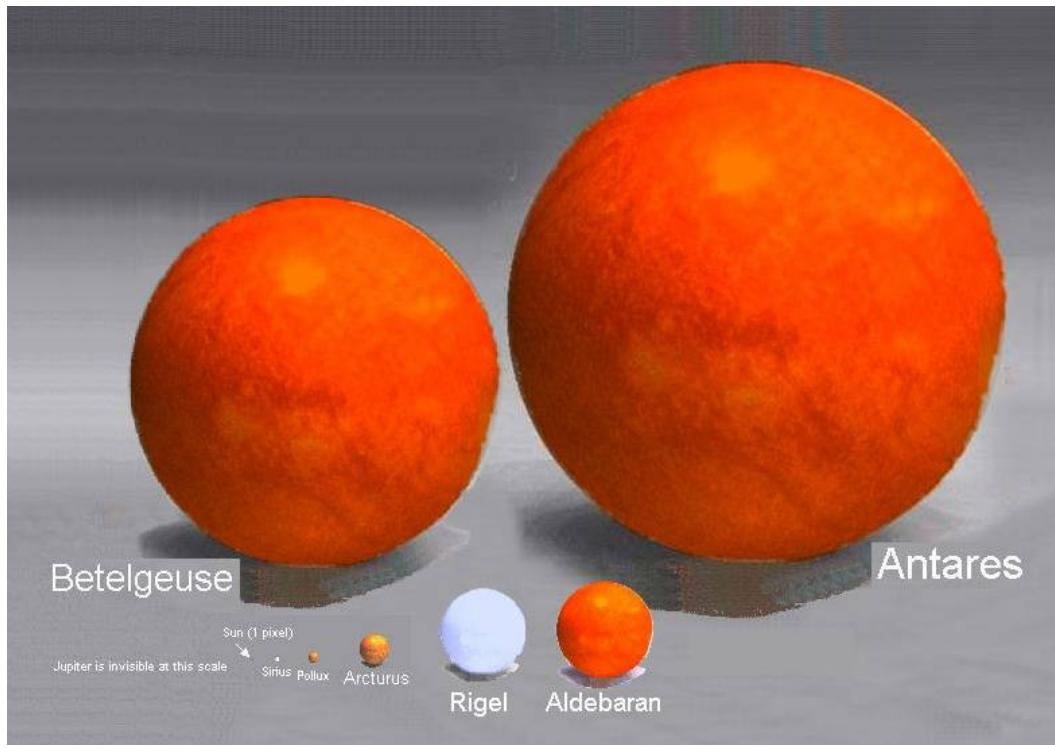
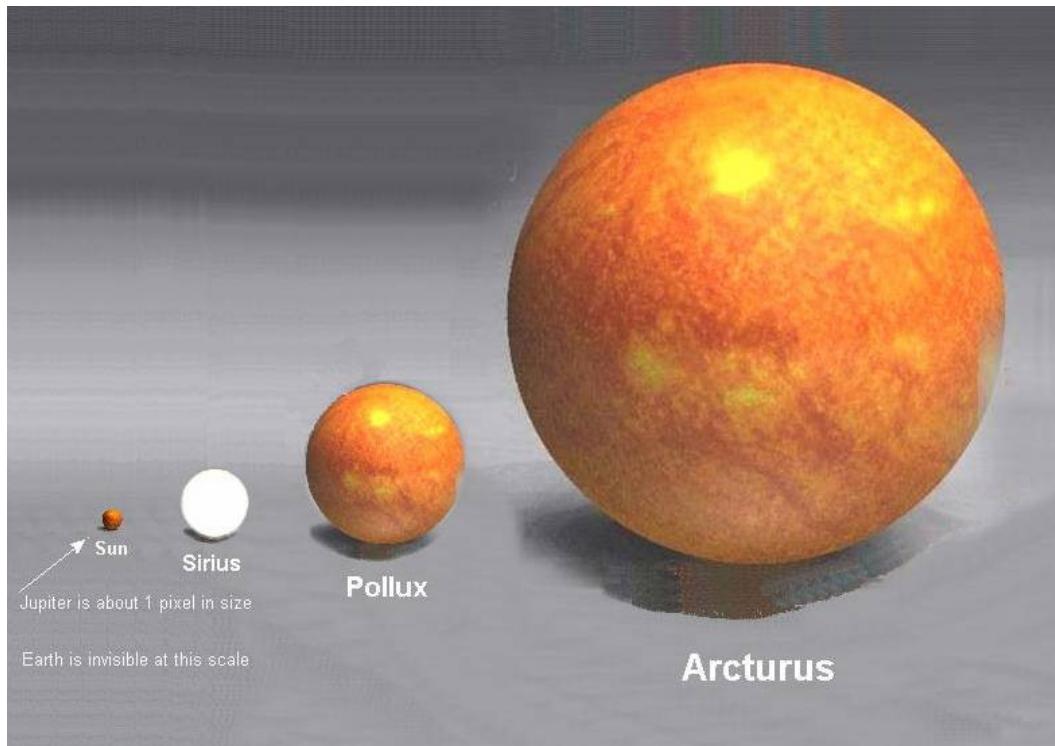
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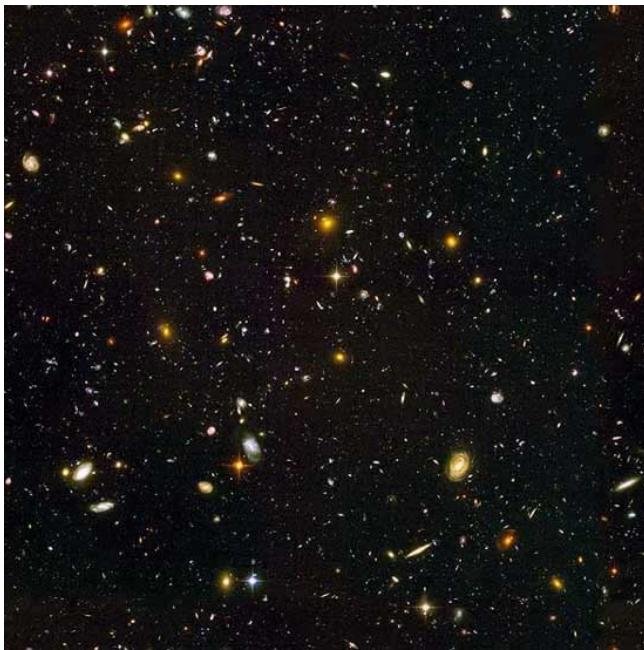
I certainly thought this was enlightening.

Beyond our Sun it's a big Universe....



**Antares is the 15th brightest star in the sky. It's more than 1000 light years away.
Now, how big are you?**

Now, try to wrap your mind around this....



This is a Hubble telescope ultra deep field infrared view of countless 'Entire' Galaxies

BILLIONS OF LIGHT-YEARS AWAY.

Below is a close-up of one of the darkest regions of the photo above.



Humbling, isn't it?

Now, how big are you?

And how big are the things

that upset you today?

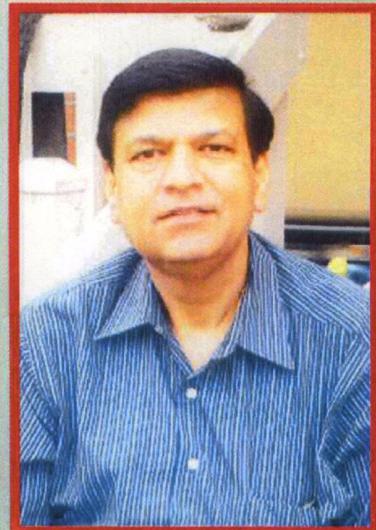
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DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LATERAL AND LOGICAL THINKING

Many years ago in a small Indian village, A farmer had the misfortune Of owing a large sum of money to a village moneylender.

The Moneylender, who was old and ugly, fancied the farmer's beautiful Daughter. So he proposed a bargain.

He said he would forgo the farmer's debt if he could marry his Daughter.
Both the farmer and his daughter were horrified by the Proposal.

So the cunning money-lender suggested that they let Providence decide the matter.

He told them that he would put a black Pebble and a white pebble into an empty money bag.
Then the girl would have to pick one pebble from the bag.

- 1) If she picked the black pebble, she would become his wife and her father's debt would be forgiven.
- 2) If she picked the white pebble she need not marry him and her father's debt would still be forgiven.
- 3) But if she refused to pick a pebble, her father would be thrown into Jail.

They were standing on a pebble strewn path in the farmer's field. As they talked, the moneylender bent over to pick up two pebbles. As he picked them up, the sharp-eyed girl noticed that he had picked up two Black pebbles and
put them into the bag. He then asked the girl to pick a pebble from the bag.

Careful analysis would produce three possibilities:

1. The girl should refuse to take a pebble.
2. The girl should show that there were two black pebbles in the bag and expose the money-lender as a cheat.
3. The girl should pick a black pebble and sacrifice herself in order to save her father from his debt and imprisonment.

Take a moment to ponder over the story. The above story is used with the hope that it will make us appreciate the difference between lateral and logical thinking.

The girl's dilemma cannot be solved with Traditional logical thinking.
Think of the consequences if she chooses the above logical answers.

What would you recommend to the Girl to do?
Well, here is what she did.....

The girl put her hand into the moneybag and drew out a pebble. Without Looking at it, she fumbled and let it fall onto the pebble-strewn path where it immediately became lost among all the other pebbles.

"Oh, how clumsy of me," she said. "But never mind, if you look into the Bag for the one that is left, you will be able to tell which pebble I picked."

Since the remaining pebble is black, it must be assumed that she had picked the white one. And since the money-lender dared not admit his Dishonesty, the girl changed what seemed an impossible situation into an extremely advantageous one.

MORAL OF THE STORY:

Most complex problems do have a solution. It is only that we don't Attempt to think. *



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Garbage Truck Philosophy

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He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets. Successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day.

Love the people who treat you right, ignore those who don't.



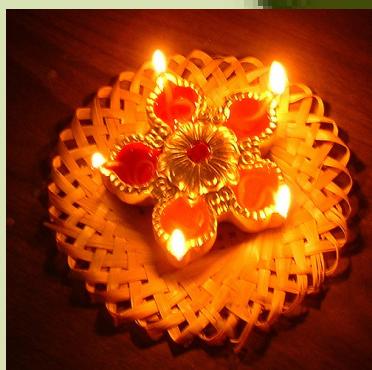
In life when we face choices, just throw a coin. Not because it settles the question, but while the coin is in the air you will know what your heart is hoping for ...

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પુર્વ ગાડુ

માલુમાને અહીં નહીં વડતાં હિંતુ પુર્વાંહો વડદીનું
આપું છે. આકાશમાં અસંખ્ય શ્રદ્ધા-નિષ્ઠાને જુદુભીજને
અધિકાર્યા રૂપના અસીથી પરિજ્ઞામળું કરી રહ્યા છે. આપુણી
જનમ કુર્દિનાં જાવાંહો છે જેઓથી બોઝ માટે અધિક હેરાત.
કરતો હોય છે. કોઈને શાનિ તો કોઈને ચાહું-કેદું, તો વળી
કોઈને મંગળ દોષનું વળગાયું લાગેલું છે.

તો એક પુર્વાંહોને વાપણો તો બીજા સાતની
આવતાં વળ લાગતી રહી. આર કાબડાને ગેરી ઘોળીયા
જેવાં પુર્વાંહો એક મૃકરણનું ગલુડીયાનો બોઝ.
લમણે પછાડતો હોવા છંતાં તથી લેને છોડતાં નથી. પછી શું
થાય ? સત્યવિતિના ઓહાંા ગુંઘવાયેનો આર્થિક શાલિવાનનું
મહાબાસે તમારા પુર્વભાનોં વારુ થાય છે. જીએ નિતામણ
બીજમાંપ્રતિજ્ઞાથી જ્ઞાનાચાચા એને લિખારા લીધે રહી રહ્યા.
સ્વેચ્છા મૃત્યુનું વરેણીન બોલસમાં અંધ્ય પુર્વાંહુ મૃત્યુમૃત્યનું
જે-ન્નાં એકો અસત્યનાં પુર્વાંહુનોનાં પણીમાં સ્વધારનાં
સત્ય આરે સંદર્ભ કરતાં રહ્યાં એને બેંસે લાંબોની શાદ્યાના
અધિકારી થાય. પુર્વાંહુ એક મૃકરણનો અધિકાર છે. અધિકારી
ગાંધારી છાંની માંદે આંધારી થઈ એને બોલદીન ધૂતરાભૂતના
અંધપુર્વભાનોં લીધો એકસો પુર્ણ રહીનું થાયે.

પુર્વાંહુ એક મૃકરણનું મુખ્યાંહને છે જેણું બેંધારણાં
તમારી પંડિતાઈ, તમારી શાદ્યા-અંધપ્રાદ્યા, તમારા જીતકાળ,
તમારા ઉદ્યારી મિદ્યાંહાંના રૂપ લિખાસનું અપરિપ્રકા
અશાફું છે. તમારી પાંચ કોઈની આહુતિ ખરી-ખોરી,
કોઈની પાસેથી આવતો વેંત જ એણું મુખ્યાંહનું કરો છો.
એ બાઈઓં ડાંડ લેપાનું નથી, ચુંઝલેશ આંદોનાં નકામનો છે.
તમે એ બાઈનો થોડો-ધારા કદાચ જણ્ણાતા પહું હશો હિંતુ
ઓણી હાસની પરિપ્રેક્ષિ, ઓણી વત્તમાન ક્રમાંગની ક
ઓણી જીવનની રૂપરેખાની સંદર્ભ અજ્ઞાન હોવા છેલ્લો પણ
તમે એક પુર્વાંહુ નિમાર્હ કરો છો. આ નીમાણા પુર્વાંહોની
અનુક્રમજીવના ચાલુ થાય છો.

પુર્વાંહુ એક મૃકરણનો જીતકાળ છે જેને દાલભાળ
એક કદાચ શક્તા છે. એવા ધરણા આજ્ઞાનું જીતકાળમાં
જ જીવન વ્યોતન કરતાં હોય છે પુર્વાંહોની મુત્ત
થાય એને સત્યનો સાક્ષાત્કાર કરવો કોઈનો.

" સત્યમત્તિરસધાયામું કિયાનું આજીવિતપણું ॥ ૩૫ ॥

અધ્યાત્મ જ્યારે કોઈ ચોંગી સત્યમાં
મુલિતિરસપણ થાય ત્યારે કળું કર્યા રિના પણ ક્રૂળે પાડો છે.
પર્તિકલિ ચોગસુત્ર આપણાં પુર્વજીહથી ગુણ કરે છે.
પુર્વજીહ શુદ્ધ અસત્ય હિંવાથી રિવેકપુર્વપદ્ધ પુર્વજીહનું
નિકદ્દન થાય જોઈએ જેવી સાક્ષીભાવ નિમાના થાય
પુર્વાત્મ હૃદ્યથી જેતે પર્વતિરસપણ વિષે તમારું મેંતથ્ય
આપવું કોઈએ. સત્યને જાળિબાળી દીક્કો સત્યપદ માણસમાં
હોય છે. જુપણ અપદ્ધીન નથી. એક સંજગ આણસે, વાતમાન
પ્રવિ પ્રામાણિક હિંવાથી સત્યને પાડો છો. સત્ય, માત્ર
સત્ય એક અંગુખુતિના વિષય છે એ ટાચાર્ણો વિષય
નથી. રિચાર્ડ રાજારી જુપણાનું અણુભાનું હોય શક
કિંતુ સત્ય સાથ જોઈ સેંબંધ નથી.

" સત્યમત્તિરસધાયામું હાયાનો અથવા સત્ય બોલવં
જ પુરાનાં કર્યું સ્વયંમાં હોયું જરૂરી છું. અંગુખુત્તના જેન
પરિનાલીએ કહો છો ઓરદો બિજિના જેવા થાયું અને સ્વયંમાંન
ઉક્કો ઝુકવો. સત્ય આ પરિનાલીએમાં આરવાય ગયો છે.
સમાજ રાજારી પરિનાલીએ જોપણે છે એ સમાજના
જીસ્સો વે જે બહુરૂપી હોય શકે. સત્યમાં મત્તિરસપણ
હિંવાથી જ્ઞાનજીત ર્યાર્ડ સ્વયંમાં પાંચો છો. તન
તમારી આંતર્દ્ધ સર્વાબોં સંપર્ક આવો છો અને સત્યનો
સાક્ષાત્કાર થવાથી સમગ્ર અસીત્ય કુબે લાગો છો
ત્યારે કોઈ પુર્વજીહ નાહિ કેવા સત્યન પાંચો છો.

" મુલિપરિશુદ્ધાં સ્વરૂપચુંનોંબા ગર્વમાત્ર નિબિંદુકો "

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અપરોધ મુલિ કરા થાય છે. આજી કોઈપણ દાઢના
તેજી સત્યતાનો પ્રાભતી નથી. કર્યું મુલિ જ્યારે જોઈ
શુદ્ધ અપસ્થાઙ્ગાં હોય તો. અન કોઈપણ સ્કારના
અપરોધ રિના, જે ને દાઢનાની કે મત્તિરસપણની રચાતીના
જોઈ શક છે ર્યા સંગ્રહ પણ રાજાય છે અને ર્યારે કે
નિબિંદુક સગાધી કુલિત થાય છે. અનંતું કામ અપરોધ
કરવાનું છે. લક્ષ કરવો, લક્ષ કાપવો અને જીણનયા લક્ષ
ઉણા કરવાં. અપરોધની જાપણીમાં જુપણ પતી જાય છે
પરંતુ કાપવી તો જાધુરી જ રહે છે.

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અથાતો લક્ષ્મિજિદાસા ॥૧॥
અથાતો ભક્તિમુદ્યાચાર્યામઃ ॥૨॥

જીહમ સુતનાં પ્રથમ નાદનું પ્રથમ સુત અથાતોથી ।
૨૩ થાય છે અથતિ "હવે જીહમ વિષયક વિચારણાનો આરથિ
થાય છે. મહિષી નારદજીનાં લક્તિસુતો પણ અથાતો એરલે
હવે લક્તિની વ્યાચ્યાનો સમય ૨૩ થાય છે. અથાતો ઓફ
અધિકારનું સુચાન છે. કારણો કે હવે તથે લક્તિ મારે અને
જીહમ વિચાર સમજવાને લાગ્યક થયા છો. તમારું ગાધુણોંનું
જીવન નો ગાલ્પ ગાયુ. હવે તથે પુણીલાનો જ્યાલ કર્યો!
તમારા જીવનની આપુણીલાનો વિચાર આવ્યો! ખરેજુર
જીવનમાં લક્તિનો મનેશ કે જીહમ જિદાસા જીવનના
અંતિમ વખોંગાં જ આવે છે. મહિષી વેદ વાસણ અને મહિષી
નારદજીને "અથાતો" થાસામા "નો વિષય ૨૩ કર્યો. આજુ
જીવન તારી-મારી, ધન, મદ્વા, યત્ન, પૂત્રિયા, રક્તિ અનુ
આઈ એમ સમયોં, જોર્ડ ધીન એનીબડી સાબિત કરવામા
વયર્ન ગુમાયા પુર્યાત "અથાતો" નો મનેશ થાય છે. સુત્યમુ
શિવમુ સુદરમ" દર્શાવ સત્ય છે અને સત્યની સાધનાનાં
આગમાં અસત્યની સુવેદ્ય લાધાઓએ મુક્ત થવું જોઈએ.

દુષ્પાપણું હ્યાં ખાવણું આસમાં લક્તિનાં પુર
આવે છે. આજના જીવનમાં અધાર માસળી દૈવશાયની
એકાદશી "અથાતો" નો પ્રાર્થન થાય છે અને ડાલ્ફિની દૈવદી
અઠિયારસે, દૈવ જાગૃત ધતાં જ "અથાતો" વિદાય લે છે. ઓફવાર
અથાતો પ્રદેશો પણ તે ચિરુંજીવી થયો જોઈએ. જીહમ જિદાસા
કે લક્તિરસનું મુખ્ય જીવનનું અંતિમ દિપસોગાં સમજાય છે
ત્યારે પસ્તાવા પણ હાથમાં રહેલો નથી. જીવની ચાણી મૃત્યુ
સુધી રહી તો જીવના કલ્યાણ માર ધૂધાવસ્થા સુધી કેવે
રાહ જોવી પડી? આત્મ કલ્યાણ જીવનનો પરમ ઉદ્દેશ છે.

ઉદ્ઘોદાનમનાનમાણમુ વાત્માનમદવરણોદ્યેત ।

આત્માદૈવ હ્યાતમનો લંઘુરામેવ રિપુરામનઃ ॥ ૫ ॥

"આત્માસંયમયોગ" માં શીકુણ્ણા કરેંછે કે મનુષ્યો આત્મા
વડે (મન, શરીર) અને દીર્ઘયોગાં સંયમ વડે આત્માના
ઉદ્ઘાર કરવો જોઈએ. કે મનુષ્ય આમ કરતો નથી તે
સ્વયં પોતાનો દુરમન છે જ્યારે જ આત્માકલ્યાણ કરે છે
તે પોતાનો લંઘ છે.

आत्मानों, उद्यार, धर्मनों उपचारकी थारे हो. धर्मों
उपदेश के धर्मों सिद्धान्तों तत्परानों पोषे हो, वादविवाद
अने धर्मों प्रस्तुत करें हो. तुकमिति धारा भू- भूमिसुर
व्यापार तकनी कोई मतिस्था हाली बढ़ी. नक्ष अस्थायी हो.
कोई पहुँच तकनी तभी गमे दर्शनी अरोड़ी रहो हो. इशावाश्यम्
ईदम् सुवर्ग - ईश्वरु तो अत्यन्त सवर्गी हो. ईश्वरिक्षण
गुरुस्थानों धर्मों सपुत्रों मागद्वारों करे हो. आत्मानों उद्यार
तथा आत्मानु परिपतन, धर्मों तत्परानों बढ़ी अन्य
कोई विज्ञान - कर्मकांडनी विद्या हो। जहु थारे.

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महात्मा रथामीके धर्मों के अक्षयात
कल्याणी अने सवार्तन दृश्य हो. अंहिसा अन. तथा
धर्मों ले नेत्रों हो. त्रिवर्त सवर्ग हो. ईन्द्रीयों संयमयी
आनंदस्थान, अर्जुक्षयाणी शिवन् सानिद्य संपूर्ण थारे
हो. आनंद ज्ञवनगों धर्म हो। भूवर्षा करे हो, ज्ञवन एक
हो. धर्म ज्ञवनों सम्मुखतानों पोषे हो. आठुगात्रों
व्यतात्ताना अने अनुष्ठानी - अनुष्ठयतानी आधारक्षिता हो.
तीर्थकर महात्मा रथामी धर्मों अस्तित्व कहे हो. अने
अनुष्ठयतानु कुल चीतवाची के ज्ञवनगों धर्मों उद्या
थारे हो. "कोशाम" हुँ कोहो । जो उत्तर उपनिषद्
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संस्तपुरुषों समक्ष शार कहीक ममाहित करो के तभ
कहीक हो. आ अद्यमनु शिक्षणों हो. ईश्वर आपहुन
मनुष्य निभित करो, वातसद्ययी संबोधा अने गारो
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૧. ડીયા (DIAMOND) — આ અત્યંત કઠોર તેમજ કિંમતી રન્ન હોય છે. તે સફેદ, ગુલાબી, પીળી તેમજ કણા રંગમાં મળી આવે છે. જ્યોતિષની દર્શિણે આ શક ગ્રહનું પ્રતિનિધિત્વ કરે છે.

૨. પાનું (EMERALD) — આ રન્ન લીલું અથવા સફેદ નિયત લીલા રંગનું હોય છે. તે પારદર્શી તેમજ અપારદર્શી બને પ્રકારનું હોય છે. આ બુધ ગ્રહનું પ્રતિનિધિત્વ કરે છે.

૩. યોખરાજ (YELLOW SAPPHIRE) — આ પીળા અથવા સફેદ રંગનો રંગની પથ્યત હોય છે. આ પારદર્શી હોય છે. જ્યોતિષની દર્શિણે તે ગુરુનું પ્રતિનિધિત્વ કરે છે.

૪. નીલમ (BLUE SAPPHIRE) — નીલમ ભોરના ડેકની જેમ ઘાટા વાદળી રંગનું અથવા પારદર્શી હલકા વાદળી રંગનું રન્ન છે. જાઢા વાદળી રંગના નીલમને બેંકાકનો નીલમ કહેવામાં આવે છે. હલકા વાદળી રંગના પારદર્શી નીલમને શીલાની નીલમ કહેવામાં આવે છે. આ શનિગ્રહનું પ્રતિનિધિત્વ કરે છે.

૫. માણ્ડેક (RUBY) — આ રન્ન લાલ રંગનો હોય તો શ્રેષ્ઠ માનવામાં આવે છે. પરંતુ સ્થામ વર્ષા-નિયત લાલ રંગનો પણ માણ્ડેક હોય છે. તે સૂર્યગ્રહનું પ્રતિનિધિત્વ કરે છે.

૬. બુ. મૃગા (CORAL) આ રન્ન ધણે ભાગે લાલ, સિદ્ધુરી અથવા સફેદ રંગનું, હોય છે. આ મંગળ ગ્રહનું પ્રતિનિધિત્વ કરે છે.

૭. મૌતી (PEARL) — મૌતી મોટે ભાગે સફેદ રંગનો જ હોય છે. ધણી વખત હલકા ગુલાબી તેમજ હલકા પીળા રંગોમાં પણ મળી આવે છે. તે જ્યોતિષીય દર્શિણે ચંદ્રમાનું રન્ન છે.

૮. ગોમેદ (HESSONITE) — આ રન્ન થોડું કાળાંશ નિયત લાલ રંગનું તથા લાલ રંગમાં થોડું પીળાંશપણું નિયત એવો દીયં છે. સાથે સાથે તે ગોમુત્રના રંગનું પણ હોય છે. આ ચાહુંગ્રહનું પ્રતિનિધિત્વ કરે છે.

૯. લસુનિયો (CATS EYE) — આનો રંગ થોડી કાળાંશ ઉપર લીલા તેમજ પીળો હોય છે. એમાં બિલાદીના આંધોની ધર્તીઓ માફક હોવાથી તેને વિડાલાંશ (CATS EYE) પણ કહેવામાં આવે છે. આ કેતુગ્રહનું પ્રતિનિધિત્વ કરે છે.

Three stories

The Turtles

A turtle family decided to go on a picnic. The turtles, being naturally slow about things, took seven years to prepare for their outing. Finally the turtle family left home looking for a suitable place. During the second year of their journey they found a place ideal for them at last!

For about six months they cleaned the area, unpacked the picnic basket, and completed the arrangements. Then they discovered they had forgotten the salt. A picnic without salt would be a disaster, they all agreed. After a lengthy discussion, the youngest turtle was chosen to retrieve the salt from home. Although he was the fastest of the slow moving turtles, the little turtle whined, cried, and wobbled in his shell. He agreed to go on one condition: that no one would eat until he returned. The family consented and the little turtle left.

Three years passed and the little turtle had not returned. Five years...six years... then on the seventh year of his absence, the oldest turtle could no longer contain his hunger. He announced that he was going to eat and begun to unwrap a sandwich. At that point the little turtle suddenly popped out from behind a tree shouting, 'See! I knew you wouldn't wait. Now I am not going to go get the salt.'

[Some of us waste our time waiting for people to live up to our expectations. We are so concerned about what others are doing that we do not do anything ourselves.]

The Frogs

A farmer came into town and asked the owner of a restaurant if he could use a million frog legs. The restaurant owner was shocked and asked the man where he could get so many frog legs! The farmer replied, 'There is a pond near my house that is full of frogs millions of them. They all croak all night long and they are about to make me crazy!'

So the restaurant owner and the farmer made an agreement that the farmer would deliver frogs to the restaurant, five hundred at a time for the next several weeks.

The first week, the farmer returned to the restaurant looking rather sheepish, with two scrawny little frogs. The restaurant owner said, 'Well... where are all the frogs?' The farmer said, 'I was mistaken. There were only these two frogs in the pond. But they sure were making a lot of noise!'

[Next time you hear somebody criticizing or making fun of you, remember, it's probably just a couple of noisy frogs. Also remember that problems always seem bigger in the dark. Have you ever laid in your bed at night worrying about things which seem almost overwhelming like a million frogs croaking? Chances are pretty good that when the morning comes, and you take a closer look, you'll wonder what all the fuss was about.]

The Pretty Lady

Once upon a time a big monk and a little monk were traveling together. They came to the bank of a river and found the bridge was damaged. They had to wade across the river. There was a pretty lady who was stuck at the damaged bridge and couldn't cross the river.

The big monk offered to carry her across the river on his back. The lady accepted. The little monk was shocked by the move of the big monk. 'How can big brother carry a lady when we are supposed to avoid all intimacy with females?' thought the little monk. But he kept quiet... The big monk carried the lady across the river and the small monk followed unhappily. When they crossed the river, the big monk let the lady down and they parted ways with her. All along the way for several miles, the little monk was very unhappy with the act of the big monk. He was making up all kinds of accusations about big monk in his head. This got him madder and madder. But he still kept quiet. And the big monk had no inclination to explain his situation.

Finally, at a rest point many hours later, the little monk could not stand it any further, he burst out angrily at the big monk. 'How can you claim yourself a devout monk, when you seize the first opportunity to touch a female, especially when she is very pretty? All your teachings to me make you a big hypocrite. The big monk looked surprised and said, 'I had put down the pretty lady at the river bank many hours ago, how come you are still carrying her along?'

[This very old Chinese Zen story reflects the thinking of many people today. We encounter many unpleasant things in our life, they irritate us and they make us angry. Sometimes, they cause us a lot of hurt, sometimes they cause us to be bitter or jealous. But like the little monk, we are not willing to let them go away. We keep on carrying the baggage of the 'pretty lady' with us. We let them keep on coming back to hurt us, make us angry, make us bitter and cause us a lot of agony.

Why? Simply because we are not willing to put down or let go of the baggage of the 'pretty lady'.

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- ① નાણ કે દૂર રહેણું હો શિંગનો અધ્યાત્મ છે
- ② નાણ કે પસ્યું હો માનવીનો અધ્યાત્મ છે

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- ❖ Not only soul, but every object of the universe also, is subject to change by itself, without any external interference.
- ❖ All human beings are miserable due to their own faults, and they can themselves be happy by rectifying the same.
- ❖ The greatest mistake of a soul is non-recognition of its real-self and can only be rectified by recognizing itself.
- ❖ There is no separate existence of God. Everybody can attain Godhood by making supreme efforts in the right direction.
- ❖ “Know thyself”; recognize thyself; be immersed in thyself; you will attain Godhood.
- ❖ God is neither the creator nor the destructor of the universe. He is merely silent observer and omniscient.
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Meditation-Experiences of some Gujarati Youth

By: Kumar Malde

Benefits of Meditation

Regular meditation brings about complete balance in an individual. When a person is balanced and able to connect with the divine, then his/her life becomes balanced and it is then possible to grow physically, mentally, socially and spiritually and to experience wholeness and the resolving of problems in each of these areas of life. This is true not only for adults, but very much so to the young. Here I would like to expose experiences of four Gujarati youths who have benefited enormously from regular meditation.

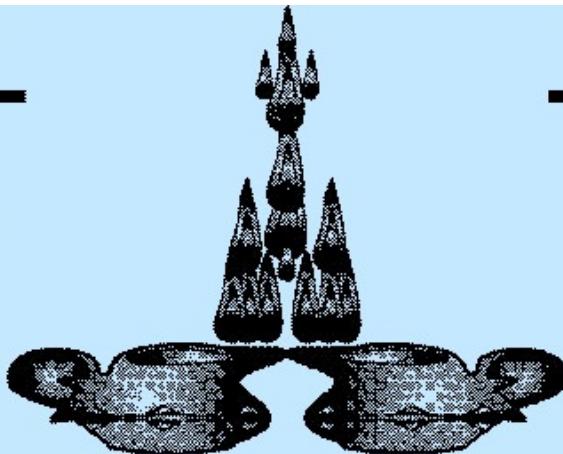
Rahul Rughani : He is a seventeen year old young member of our Gujarati Samaj, who lives in Montreal and attends Marianopolis College. He started meditating when he was 15 years old. Initially of course he was not aware of what meditation will result in. As he progressed in his daily meditation he noticed that he could focus much better on his studies and started to get much higher marks for his school work and examinations.

Shalini Rughani : She is only thirteen year old, yet the advantages of meditation have become very clear to her. Like her brother she started meditating two years ago, with the encouragement of her parents. Initially she could not quite grasp the meditation technique, but now she meditates concentrating her attention on the Sahastrar Chakra (Crown Chakra). She declares that she has become calmer and is able to concentrate well on whatever she is doing. She sits down with the whole family after supper to meditate for 30 minutes everyday.

Nidhi Patel : This 12 year old youngster finds that because she is meditating regularly she is becoming stress free. She takes her everyday school work in stride with ease. She does not have any tension about exams. She is also scoring high marks after she started meditating and she attributes this to better concentration. It has been three years that she has been meditating with her parents and she feels that she has become very balanced.

Vishakha Patel : She is much younger than her sister Nidhi, but even at the age of seven she manages to sit down for daily meditation with the family. She has not yet understood meditation completely, but she enjoys the daily half an hour.

There are many youths now taking up meditation with very good results. In fact they have become very balanced in their lives. As a parent if you would like your children to experience the benefits of meditation then write to samarpancanada@gmial.com to set up an introduction session for your children. The key is for parents themselves to start meditating and encourage their children.



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The Guru path -a Western Perspective

By: Colin Jardine -U.K.

About the author, Colin Jardine. He was brought up in a Christian family and trained as a Christian Minister as a young man, Colin felt his spiritual roots from an early age. But at the age of 30 he left the Christian church seeking deeper spiritual experience and his search for meaning and satisfaction took him in many directions. However, none of this satisfied his inner search for Truth, which grew more intense by the end of 1999 and by a series of synchronistic events he and his wife experienced a period of growing awareness of energy and a kind of spiritual expansion that culminated in meeting Shree Shivkrupanand Swami in Cardiff, Wales, UK in July 2001. The experience he received from Swamiji, he said, was like being plugged into the mains after having lived your whole life on rechargeable batteries! In the early days of Samarpan in the UK Colin played a significant role in establishing the simplicity of Samarpan and expressing it within a Western culture. Colin lives with his wife, Liz, in South Wales, UK.

The Guru path, with some notable exceptions, is not widely known or understood by Western people. The largest and oldest mainstream religion in the West is Christianity, which has at its heart the teaching that all men and women are born into a position of sinfulness, which by the grace of God they can escape from through Jesus Christ and be 'born again' into the family of God, in other words be reunited and accepted by God through their acceptance of Jesus as their path to God.

For over a thousand years or more this belief system has been the one which generations of people have been born into and taught by their communities.

In more recent generations the numbers of people from other cultures travelling and settling in the West, as well as Western people travelling into different parts of the world, have brought with them an understanding that people have found God through the teaching of Holy men known as Gurus.

This path is not easy for a person who has been taught that there is only one way to God, until through lifelong searching that person, being unable to find satisfaction in mainstream religion experiences God through a Guru. Then you have an experience of God; not just teaching about God, and that cannot ever be taken away.

It is this experience, which sets you free from religious teaching, for in your soul you know that you have found a path to that which you were seeking.

It was nearly four years ago that I first met Swamiji. I had seen an advertisement for a meditation workshop in Cardiff, and I felt very strongly drawn to this even though I knew nothing of meditation or Gurus. So my wife and I went along to an Indian community centre in a run down area of the city. As we entered people were singing Indian songs and playing Indian instruments and I wondered what I had come to.

Then a physically short man with grey hair and a grey beard walked in and began to teach in Hindu.

That first night there was no translation until the end, when someone summed up what was said in English. As we drove home we talked about what we had just experienced and really we were not sure. However we had been asked to commit to all 8 days of this workshop and so we continued to go each night.

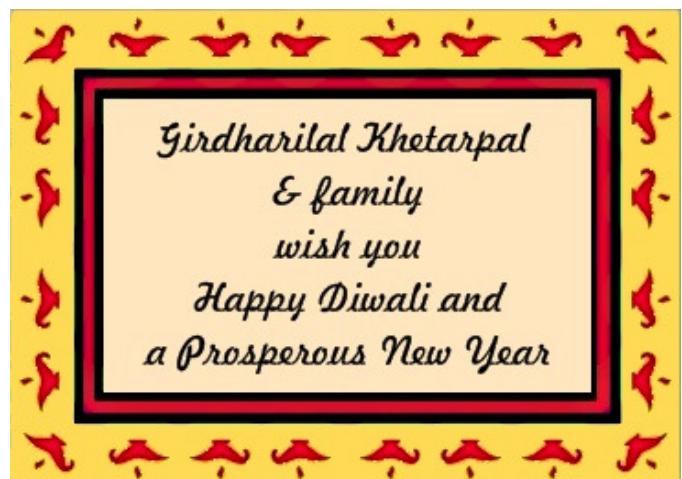
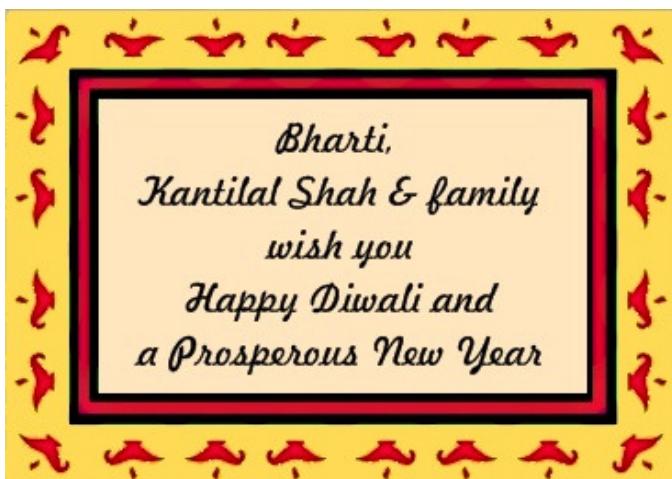
On the third night, we were taught a mantra and in the middle of that night, I woke up in bed with this mantra going through my mind again and again. As the nights went by we began to feel the energy of God flowing to us, and it was the most powerful thing I had ever experienced.

Since then I have walked this path, the Guru path and all aspects of my life through meditation have been brought into a place of balance and contentment.

I now have understood that Jesus was a teacher, a guru, and a holy man who allowed people to experience God through his life on this earth. A living Guru is an energy through which God can be experienced. Not in the physical man but by experience of the energy that flows through him. We do not worship the man, but through reverence of the energy we meet with God and our Guru within is awakened.

There is little support in Western society for the Guru path; amongst friends, family and work colleagues you can be met with strange looks and comments, unless they too are spiritual seekers. However, once you have experienced God through a living Guru, you can never be the same again.

Submitted by: Kumar Malde





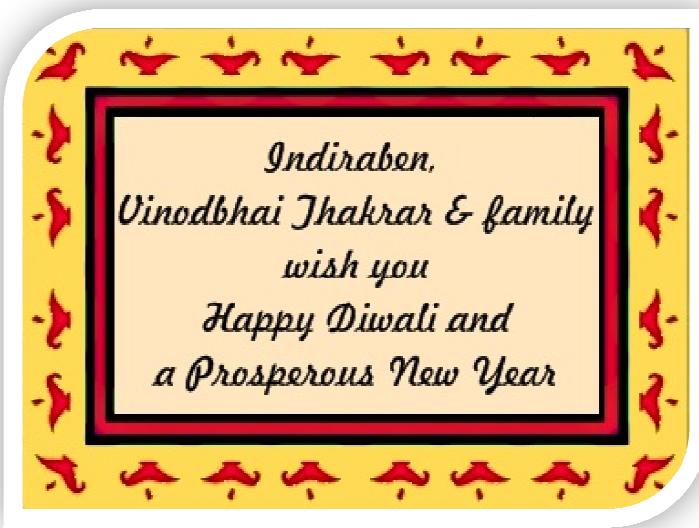
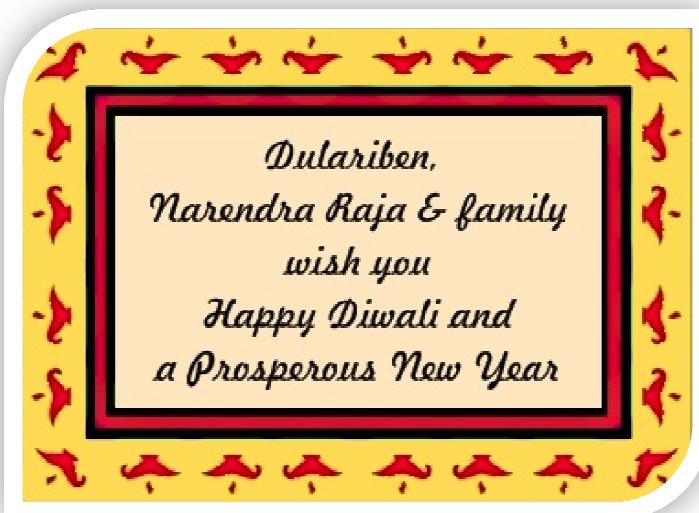
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My daddy knows everybody.

At 10 Years

My daddy is good but is short tempered

At 12 Years

My daddy was very nice to me when I was young.

At 14 Years

My daddy is getting fastidious.

At 16 Years

My daddy is not in line with the current times.

At 18 Years

My daddy is becoming increasingly cranky.

At 20 Years

Oh! Its becoming difficult to tolerate daddy.
Wonder how Mother puts up with him.

At 25 Years

Daddy is objecting to everything.

At 30 Years

It's becoming difficult to manage my son.
I was so scared of my father when I was young.

At 40 Years

Daddy brought me up with so much discipline.
Even I should do the same.

At 45 Years

I am baffled as to how my daddy brought us up.

At 50 Years

My daddy faced so many hardships to bring us up.
I am unable to manage a single son.

At 55 Years

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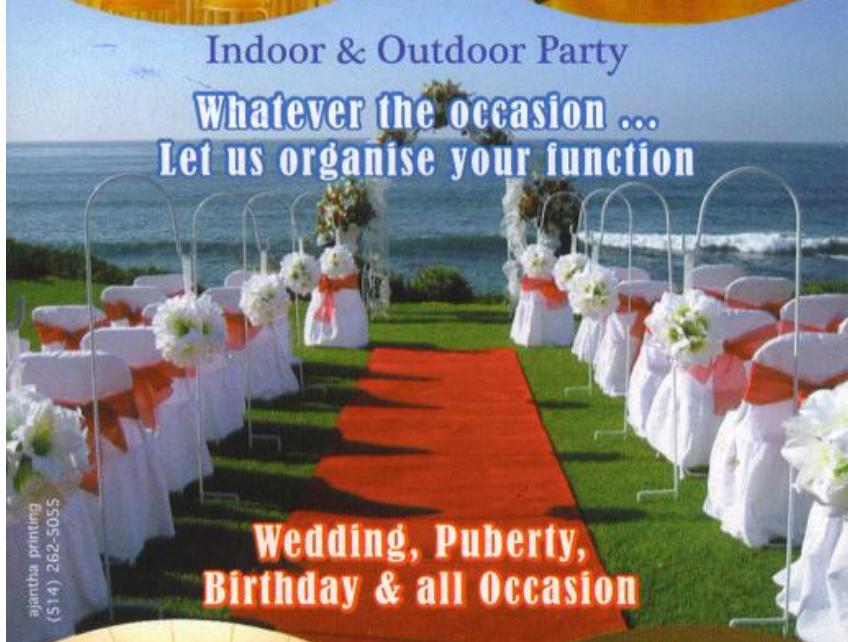
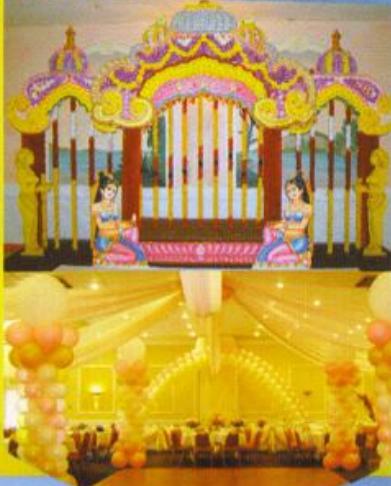




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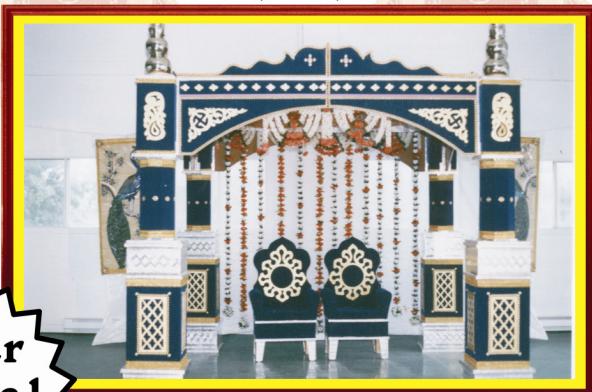


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Dear Tech Support,

Last year I upgraded from Boyfriend 5.0 to Husband 1.0 and I noticed a distinct slowdown in the overall system performance, particularly in the flower and jewellery applications, which operated flawlessly under Boyfriend 5.0.

In addition, Husband 1.0 uninstalled many other valuable programs, such as Romance 9.5 and Personal Attention 6.5, and then installed undesirable programs such as NEWS 5.0, MONEY 3.0 and CRICKET 4.1.

Conversation 8.0 no longer runs, and Housecleaning 2.6 simply crashes the system.

Please note that I have tried running Nagging 5.3 to fix these problems, but to no avail.

What can I do?

Signed,

Desperate Woman

Dear DESPERATE Madam,

First, keep in mind, Boyfriend 5.0 is an Entertainment Package, while Husband 1.0 is an operating system.

Please enter command: i thought you loved me.html and try to download Tears 6.2 and do not forget to install the Guilt 3.0 update.

If that application works as designed, Husband1.0 should then automatically run the applications Jewellery 2.0 and Flowers 3.5.

However, remember, overuse of the above application can cause Husband 1.0 to default to Silence 2.5, Happy Hour 7.0 or Beer 6.1.

Please note that Beer 6. 1 is a very bad program that will download the Farting and Snoring Loudly Beta.

Whatever you do, DO NOT under any circumstances install Mother-In-Law 1.0 (it runs a virus in the background that will eventually seize control of all your system resources.)

In addition, please do not attempt to reinstall the Boyfriend 5.0 program. These are unsupported applications and will crash Husband 1.0.

In summary, Husband 1.0 is a great program, but it does have limited memory and cannot learn new applications quickly. You might consider buying additional software to improve memory and performance.

We recommend: Cooking 3.0 and Hot Looks 7.7.

Good Luck Madam!



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The boss asked him, "Have you ever been a salesman before?" "Yes sir, I was a salesman in Rajasthan in India", replied the lad. The boss liked the cut of him and said, "You can start tomorrow and I'll come and see you."

The day was long and arduous for the young man, but he got through it. And finally 6:00 PM came around. The boss duly fronted up and asked, "How many sales did you make today?"

"Sir, Just ONE sale." said the young salesman.

"Only one sale?" blurted the boss. "No! No! You see here, most of my staff make 20 or 30 sales a day. "If you want to keep this job, you'd better be doing better than just one sale. By the way "How much was the sale worth?"

"Three hundred thousand, three hundred and thirty four pounds" said the young marwari.

"What"," How did you manage that?" asked the flabbergasted boss.

"Well", said the salesman, "This man came in and I sold him a small fish hook, then a medium hook and finally a really large hook. Then I sell him new fishing rod and some fishing gear. Then I asked him where he was going fishing and he said down the coast. So I told him he'd be needing a boat, so I took him down to the boat department and sold him that twenty-foot schooner with the twin engines.

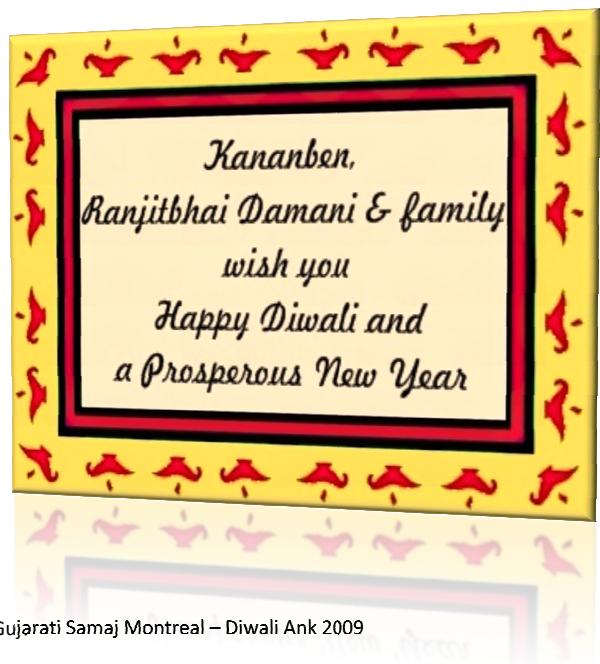
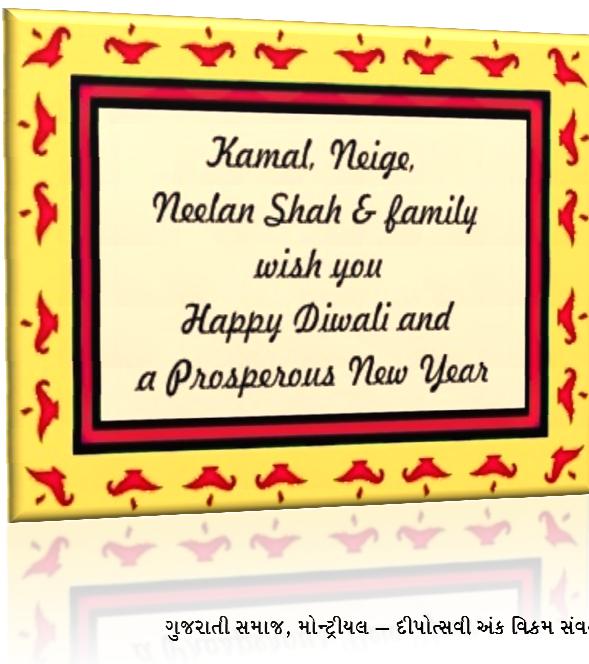
Then he said his Volkswagen probably wouldn't be able to pull it, so I took him to our automotive department and sold him that new Deluxe 4X4 Blazer.

I then asked him where he'll be staying, and since he had no accommodation, I took him to camping department and sold him one of those new igloo 6 sleeper camper tents. Then the guy said, while we're at it, I should throw in about \$100 worth of groceries and two cases of beer.

The boss took two steps back and asked in astonishment,
"You sold all that to a guy who came in for a fish hook!!"

"No" answered the salesman, "he came in to buy a box of Sanitary napkins for his wife and I said to him,

"Your weekends screwed anyway, you might as well go fishing."



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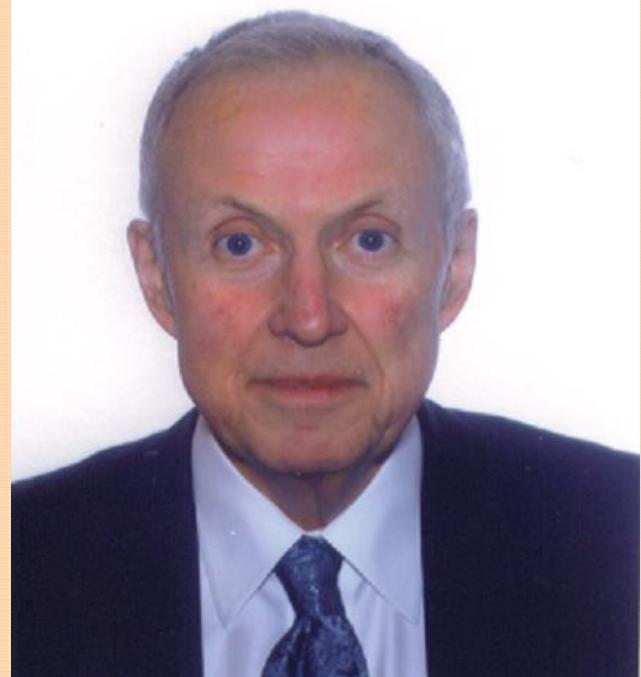
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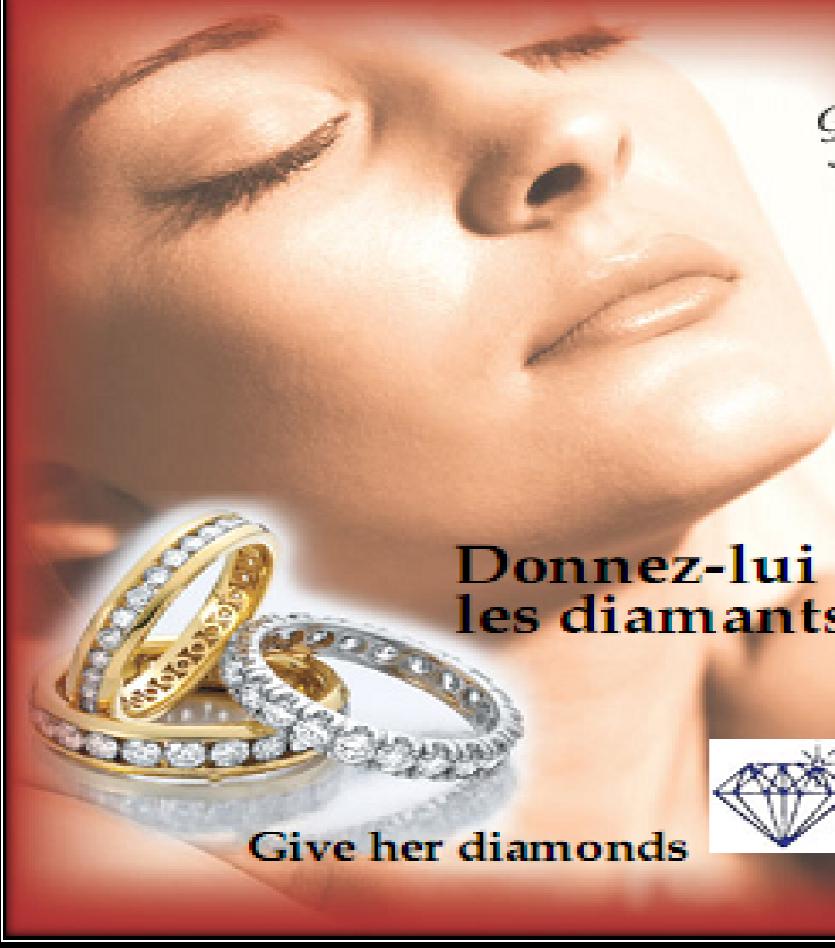
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'I realize it's terrible weather out there and I have this huge house all to myself, but I'm recently widowed,' she explained. 'I'm afraid the neighbours will talk if I let you stay in my house.'

'Don't worry,' Jack said. 'We'll be happy to sleep in the barn. And if the weather breaks, we'll be gone at first light.' The lady agreed, and the two men found their way to the barn and settled in for the night. Come morning, the weather had cleared, and they got on their way.

They enjoyed a great weekend of fishing.

But about nine months later, Jack got an unexpected letter from an attorney. It took him a few minutes to figure it out, but he finally determined that it was from the attorney of that attractive widow he had met on the fishing weekend.

He dropped in on his friend Bob and asked, 'Bob, do you remember that good-looking widow from the farm we stayed at on our fishing holiday up north about 9 months ago?'

'Yes, I do.' Said Bob.

'Did you, er, happen to get up in the middle of the night, go up to the house and pay her a visit?'

'Well, um, yes!,' Bob said, a little embarrassed about being found out, 'I have to admit that I did.'

'And did you happen to give her my name instead of telling her your name?'

Bob's face turned beet red and he said, 'Yeah, look, I'm sorry, buddy. I'm afraid I did.' 'Why do you ask?'

'She just died and left me everything.'

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He who laughs----- --lasts

A man walks into a bar in London and orders 3-glasses of beer and sits in the backyard of the room, drinking a sip out of each one in turn.

When he finishes, he comes back to the bar counter and orders 3 more. The bartender asks him, "You know, beer goes flat after I fill it in the glass; it would taste better if you buy one at a time."

The man replies, "Well, you see, I have two brothers. One is in Dubai, the other in Canada and I'm here in London.

When we left home, we promised that we'll drink this way to remember the days when we drank together.

The bartender admits that this is a nice custom and leaves it there.

The man became a regular in the bar, and always drinks the same way. He order 3-Beers and drinks them in turn.

One day, he came in and ordered only 2-Beers All the other regulars noticed and fell silent.

When he came back to the bar for the second round, the bartender said, "I don't want to intrude on your grief, but I wanted to offer my sincere condolences on your great loss."

The man looked confused for a moment, and then he laughed.... "Oh, no," he, said, "Everyone's fine - both my brothers are alive."

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I just quit drinking, but these two have not!!!

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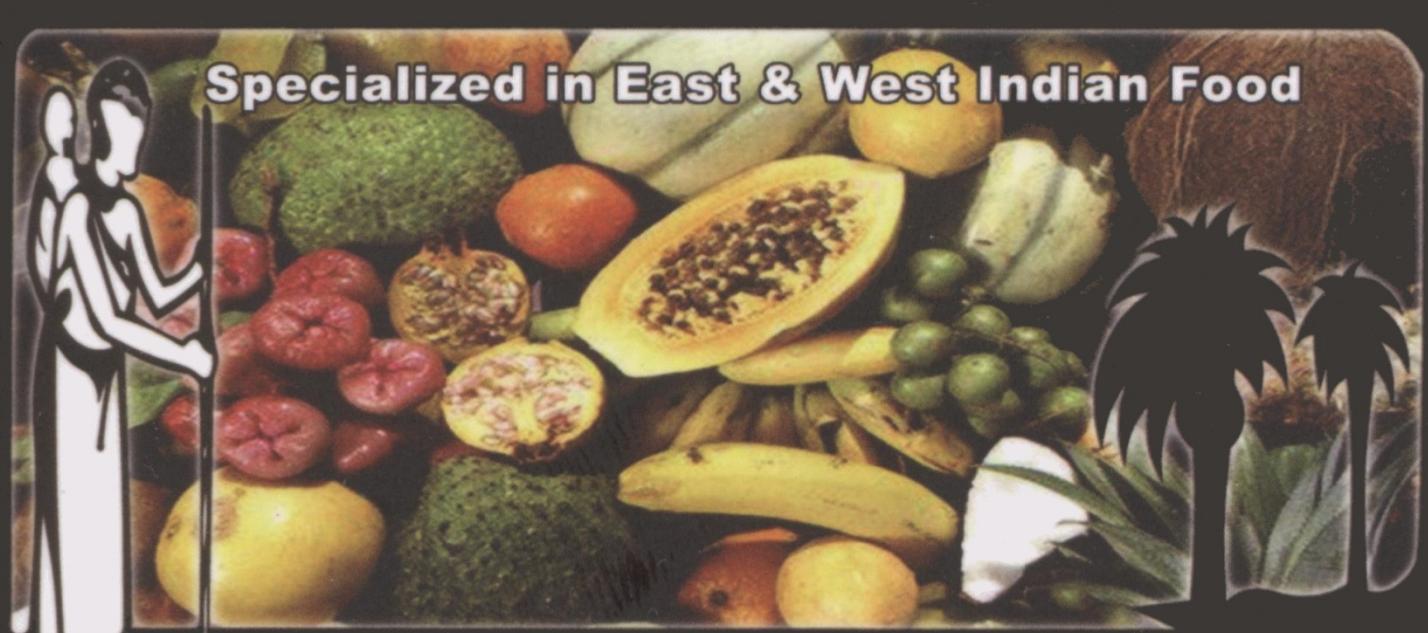
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Perspective

One day, the father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the express purpose of showing him how poor people live. They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family. On their return from their trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?" "It was great, Dad."

"Did you see how poor people live?" the father asked. "Oh yeah," said the son. "So, tell me, what did you learn from the trip?" asked the father.

The son answered: "I saw that we have one dog and they had four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden and they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night. Our patio reaches to the front yard and they have the whole horizon. We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight. We have servants who serve us, but they serve others. We buy our food, but they grow theirs. We have walls around our property to protect us, they have friends to protect them."

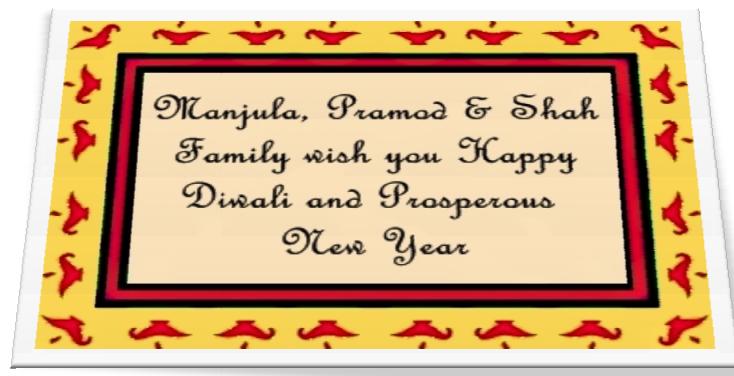
The boy's father was speechless. Then his son added,

"Thanks Dad for showing me how poor we are."

Isn't perspective a wonderful thing? Makes you wonder what would happen if we all gave thanks for everything we have, instead of worrying about what we don't have.

Let us appreciate every single thing we have, especially our friends!

"Life is too short and friends are too few."



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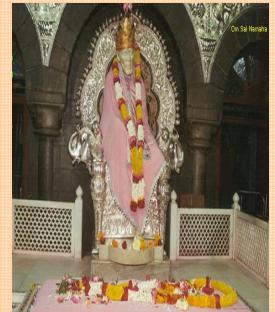
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The Seed

A successful business man was growing old and knew it was time to choose a successor to take over the business.

Instead of choosing one of his Directors or his children, he decided to do something different. He called all the young executives in his company together.

He said, 'It is time for me to step down and choose the next CEO.

I have decided to choose one of you. 'The young executives were Shocked, but the boss continued. 'I am going to give each one of you a SEED today - one very special SEED. I want you to plant the seed, water it, and come back here one year from today with what you have grown from the seed I have given you. I will then judge the plants that you bring, and the one I choose will be the next CEO.'

One man, named Jim, was there that day and he, like the others, received a seed. He went home and excitedly, told his wife the story. She helped him get a pot, soil and compost and he planted the seed.

Everyday, he would water it and watch to see if it had grown. After about three weeks, some of the other executives began to talk about their seeds and the plants that were beginning to grow.

Jim kept checking his seed, but nothing ever grew.

Three weeks, four weeks, five weeks went by, still nothing.

By now, others were talking about their plants, but Jim didn't have a plant and he felt like a failure.

Six months went by -- still nothing in Jim's pot. He just knew he had killed his seed. Everyone else had trees and tall plants, but he had nothing. Jim didn't say anything to his colleagues, however.

He just kept watering and fertilizing the soil - He so wanted the seed to grow.

A year finally went by and all the young executives of the company brought their plants to the CEO for inspection.

Jim told his wife that he wasn't going to take an empty pot.

But she asked him to be honest about what happened. Jim felt sick to his stomach, it was going to be the most embarrassing moment of his life, but he knew his wife was right. He took his empty pot to the board room. When Jim arrived, he was amazed at the variety of plants grown by the other executives. They were beautiful in all shapes and sizes. Jim put his empty pot on the floor and many of his colleagues laughed, a few felt sorry for him!

When the CEO arrived, he surveyed the room and greeted his young executives.

Jim just tried to hide in the back. 'My, what great plants, trees, and flowers you have grown,' said the CEO. 'Today one of you will be appointed the next CEO!'

All of a sudden, the CEO spotted Jim at the back of the room with his empty pot. He ordered the Financial Director to bring him to the front. Jim was terrified. He thought, 'The CEO knows I'm a failure! Maybe he will have me fired!'

When Jim got to the front, the CEO asked him what had happened to his seed - Jim told him the story.

The CEO asked everyone to sit down except Jim. He looked at Jim, and then announced to the young executives, 'Behold your next Chief Executive Officer!'

'His name is Jim!' Jim couldn't believe it. Jim couldn't even grow his seed.

'How could he be the new CEO?' the others said.

Then the CEO said, 'One year ago today, I gave everyone in this room a seed. I told you to take the seed, plant it, water it, and bring it back to me today. But I gave you all boiled seeds; they were dead - it was not possible for them to grow.'

All of you, except Jim, have brought me trees and plants and flowers. When you found that the seed would not grow, you substituted another seed for the one I gave you. Jim was the only one with the courage and honesty to bring me a pot with my seed in it. Therefore, he is the one who will be the new Chief Executive Officer!'

- * If you plant honesty, you will reap trust
- * If you plant goodness, you will reap friends
- * If you plant humility, you will reap greatness
- * If you plant perseverance, you will reap contentment
- * If you plant consideration, you will reap perspective
- * If you plant hard work, you will reap success
- * If you plant forgiveness, you will reap reconciliation
- * If you plant faith in God , you will reap a harvest

So, be careful what you plant now;
it will determine what you will reap later.

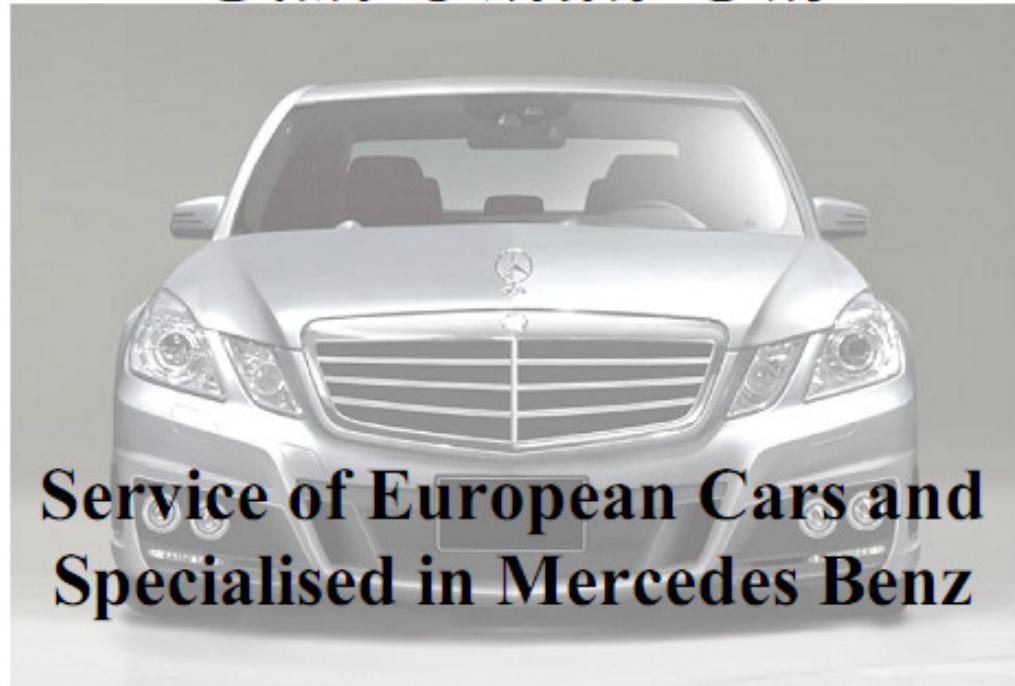


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Original List (age 22):

1. Handsome
2. Charming
3. Financially successful
4. A caring listener
5. Witty
6. In good shape
7. Dresses with style
8. Appreciates finer things
9. Full of thoughtful surprises
10. An imaginative, romantic lover



Revised List (age 32):

1. Nice looking (prefer hair on his head)
2. Opens car doors, holds chairs
3. Has enough money for a nice dinner
4. Listens more than talks
5. Laughs at my jokes
6. Carries bags of groceries with ease
7. Owns at least one tie
8. Appreciates a good home-cooked meal
9. Remembers birthdays and anniversaries
10. Seeks romance at least once a week



Revised List (age 42):

1. Not too ugly (bald head OK)
2. Doesn't drive off until I'm in the car
3. Works steady -- splurges on dinner out occasionally
4. Nods head when I'm talking
5. Usually remembers punch lines of jokes
6. Is in good enough shape to rearrange the furniture
7. Wears a shirt that covers his stomach
8. Knows not to buy champagne with screw-top lids
9. Remembers to put the toilet seat down
10. Shaves most weekends



Revised List (age 52):

1. Keeps hair in nose and ears trimmed
2. Doesn't belch or scratch in public
3. Doesn't borrow money too often
4. Doesn't nod off to sleep when I'm venting
5. Doesn't re-tell the same joke too many times
6. Is in good enough shape to get off couch on weekends
7. Usually wears matching socks and fresh underwear
8. Appreciates a good TV dinner
9. Remembers my name on occasion
10. Shaves some weekends

Revised List (age 62):

1. Doesn't scare small children
2. Remembers where bathroom is
3. Doesn't require much money for upkeep
4. Only snores lightly when asleep
5. Remembers why he's laughing
6. Is in good enough shape to stand up by himself
7. Usually wears clothes
8. Likes soft foods
9. Remembers where he left his teeth
10. Remembers that it's the weekend



Revised List (age 72):

1. Breathing
2. Doesn't miss the toilet



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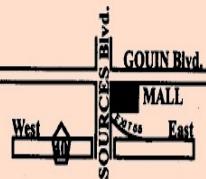
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Dear wife,

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Your boss called to tell me that you quit your job today & that was the last straw. Last week, you came home & didn't even notice I had a new haircut, had cooked your favorite meal & even wore a brand new pair of silk boxers. You ate in 2 minutes, & went straight to sleep after watching all of your soaps. You don't tell me you love me anymore; you don't want sex or anything that connects us as husband & wife. Either you're cheating on me or you don't love me anymore; whatever the case, I'm gone.

Your EX-Husband

P.S. don't try to find me. Your SISTER & I are moving away to West Virginia together! Have a great life!

Dear Ex-Husband

Nothing has made my day more than receiving your letter.

It's true you & I have been married for 7 years, although a good man is a far cry from what you've been. I watch my soaps so much because they drown out your constant whining & griping. Too bad that doesn't work. I DID notice when you got a hair cut last week, but the 1st thing that came to mind was 'You look just like a girl!' Since my mother raised me not to say anything if you can't say something nice, I didn't comment. And when you cooked my favorite meal, you must have gotten me confused with MY SISTER, because I stopped eating pork 7 years ago. About those new silk boxers: I turned away from you because the \$49.99 price tag was still on them, & I prayed it was a coincidence that my sister had just borrowed \$50 from me that morning.

After all of this, I still loved you & felt we could work it out. So when I hit the lotto for 10 million dollars, I quit my job & bought us 2 tickets to Jamaica. But when I got home you were gone.. Everything happens for a reason, I guess.

I hope you have the fulfilling life you always wanted. My lawyer said that the letter you wrote ensures you won't get a dime from me.

So take care.

Signed,
Your Ex-Wife, Rich As Hell & Free!

P.S. I don't know if I ever told you this, but my sister Carla was born Carl.

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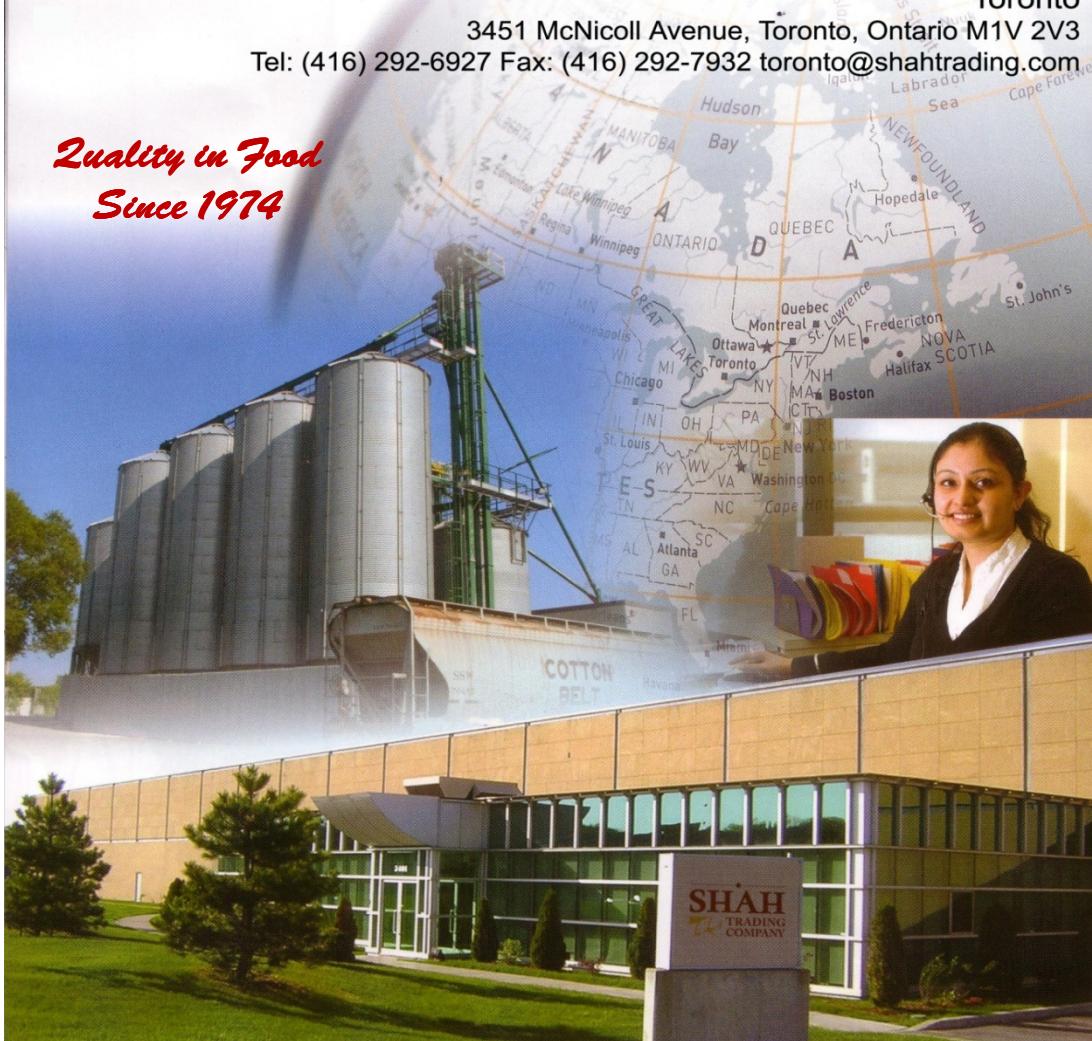
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