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SECTION - A

1. The ultimate renewable energy is the human ingenuity.
मानव प्रतिभा सबसे बेहतर नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा है।
2. Human laws and natural laws mutually reinforce each other.
मानवीय कानून और प्राकृतिक कानून परस्पर एक दूसरे को सुदृढ़ करते हैं।
3. History should be understood as evolution of society.
इतिहास को समाज के उद्भव के रूप में समझा जाना चाहिए।
4. If one has seen further than others it is by standing upon the shoulders of giants.
अगर किसी ने दूसरों से दूर तक देखा है तो यह दिग्गजों के कंधों पर खड़े होने की वजह से है।

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1. THE ULTIMATE RENEWABLE ENERGY IS THE HUMAN INGENUITY

The horror of Covid-19 pandemic is still fresh in our minds. Who can forget the walking migrants, burning pyres, job losses and the isolated lives away from loved ones? In this gloomy night, emerged a ray of sunshine in the form of life saving vaccines.

It was an example of ultimate human genius which was pan universal. However, soon enough, the virus 'mutated'. Emerging in even more virulent forms, it even led to breakthrough infections in vaccinated population. However, the human ingenuity screwed itself to design

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even better vaccines, which could fight the deadliest mutations.

The above example shows the phenomenal nature of humans to continuously innovate.

No doubt, it is a form of ultimate renewable energy. Let us deep dive into understanding why human ingenuity is renewable energy?

Renewable energy is limitless. It never ends. We can use it as

much as we want, for an infinite length of time. Some common forms are solar power, wind power and so on.

But then where does human genius comes into the picture?

Human potential, intelligence is limitless too. We continuously

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adapt ourselves to the newer challenges. For instance, as Thomas Hobbes articulates, we were earlier in a 'state of nature', which was nasty, brutish and short. We formed a 'social contract' in the form of state to lead civilised lives.

But alas! This turned to absolutism and despotism. The human genius rose up to the challenge and it gave birth to modern form of representative democracy.

This continuous replenishment of renewable energy also makes it harmonious with nature. We do not exhaust and pollute but use what nature bestows upon us without

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Excessive exploitation. Hydropower, for example, is just using falling water without exhausting it!

Isn't human ingenuity collaborative with nature too? Indigenous tribals optimally use forest resources. In Meghalaya, worship of sacred groves shows a spiritual form of human intelligence, at peace with its surroundings.

This harmonious alliance of renewable energy with nature allows its reach, even in the remotest corners. The sun doesn't differentiate between us, it shines equally for all, in all its glory. The same is true for human genius as well. It penetrates even the darkest of corners. Who could better illustrate this

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than an administrator whose mind, guided by empathy and compassion built a 100 km road, entirely from crowd funding! This was Mr Armstrong Rame in Manipur.

But what makes us the 'ultimate' or the best form of renewable energy? It is because human mind powers or energises every other innovation, every other discovery. It is truly passionate and energetic. A small island nation, Japan, without natural resources could power through precisely because of its 'human Capital'.

So, if we possess the

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ultimate strength, what stops us from building a utopia? Why do we not see disappearance of all our challenges?

At times, despite possessing the strength of mind, a human's potential is restricted by factors external to her. For half of the

global population, it is their gender which prevents them from realizing their full potential. For others, it is their caste, class, ethnicity & soon.

Even the kind of state, in which one is born, encourages or stifles human ingenuity. The intelligence of a scientist, poet, author, leader is probably forever ripped in the bud in a dictatorial state. In a country with

Constitutional morality, like ours, this genius is actively nurtured.

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It is not just that human genius is restricted at times. It is also true that this genius is disastorous. It is neither 'renewable' nor 'energetic' but sheer monstrosity. Take for example the software engineers who work terrorists to radicalise innocent youth. Or even cyber criminals, who possess skills but no ethics.

Even this human genius can negate the core philosophy of renewable energy - harmony with nature. Reckless deforestation in Amazon, 'Great Pacific Gaspatch Patches', tall heaps of landfills, oil spills, all show the dark side of human ingenuity.

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It is even more ~~terrifying~~ terrifying when this ingenuity is used against fellow humans. The same Covid vaccines, which showed our ability to withstand adversities, were denied to African nations.

All this weighs heavily on heart. Is everything lost? Are humans doomed forever, unable to realise their own strengths?

Hope is a thing with feathers,
That perched in the soul,
And sings the tune without the words,
And never stops at all.

- Emily Dickinson

There is still hope for us. All the energy is within us and it is time we realise this and put it to best use. How to do that?

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Firstly, one must be guided by basic human values ^{to be} able to use our genius in the right direction for betterment of society. Grandhiji's Talisman, which teaches us to look at our decision from the perspective of poorest of poor and gauge if we can ^{bring} smile on his face, is a guiding light.

Nextly, the society and state must afford equality of status and of opportunity to all, enshrined beautifully in our Preamble. This will help to develop the potential of the last person standing. When this happens, will we ~~at~~ be able to continuously replenish talent

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in all corners of the globe, sine qua non for renewable energy.

Further, we must tackle adversities head on, without being fearful of challenges.

'In the midst of winter, I realised there laid within me, an invincible summer'
- Albert Camus

It is only through challenges, we can truly develop our strengths & continuously innovate, 'renewing' ourselves as per the demands of life.

Another prominent solution is Carol Dweck's 'growth mindset'.

This must be actively taught to children. It simply means that our intelligence is not fixed but grows as we learn from our failures. This encourages a risk

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taking attitude because failures are not taken personally but as a stepping stone to success. This again helps to ~~some~~ push our limits, become endless like renewable energy.

Last but not the least, we have to grow with the nature and not at the cost of nature.

All our genius must improve human lives without environmental exploitation. Policies like Environ-mental Impact Assessment are a

right way to go.

Towards the end, we can say that while covid has significantly come down, there are never challenges & opportunities like

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Artificial Intelligence, climate change, genetics and so on. We must live up to the expectation of being the ultimate renewable energy, by being innovative, resilient, and power through all our challenges, energising the human society, forever.



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SECTION-B

2. MAN OFTEN ENJOYS THE COMFORT OF
OPINION WITHOUT THE DISCOMFORT
FOR THOUGHT

European colonisers post sixteenth century went about subjugating the entire globe. One of the justifications given for imperialism was 'White Man's Burden'. It was the duty of white civilized men to teach and 'reform' 'barbaric' natives. For only their culture was supreme. This was an ill formed opinion, albeit a comfortable one because it aided colonization. They never gave a thought to the beauty of different cultures — Indian, African, Aztecs, Incas and so on.

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For them, culture was not relative but hierarchical.

The above example shows how humans since long have formed 'opinions' without engaging in thought. But exactly, what is the difference between the two?

Opinions are an outward expression of our view points about an object, event, person. They can be cognitive, based on fact knowledge. They can also be affective, purely based on emotions. Believing and expressing that poverty is due to laziness and unwillingness to work is an opinion.

On the other hand, thoughts are an inward form of expression.

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While forming thoughts, we engage in introspection, forming thesis, antithesis and synthesis of a thought within our minds. Emirent Sociologist, George Herbert Mead, explained thoughts in an interesting manner.

As per him, our 'self' or identity consists of two parts - 'I' and 'me'. While 'I' is dynamic and unpredictable, 'me' is a conformist. Thoughts are formed due to an interaction between the two in the mind.

Realising that poverty is a result of structural inequalities and not indolent behaviour, is a well formed thought.

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The question arises, then why are opinions comfortable and thoughts uncomfortable?

Opinions are formed based on information received from our surroundings. It can even be an incomplete information. Based on this, it becomes easy to maintain a view point. It remains in conformity with societal standards and common narratives.

Thoughts, on the other hand, require a lot of deliberation. They challenge long held beliefs, thereby creating discomfort. Take for example sexual division of labour. It is very easy to say that women are meant to look after household due to their reproductive capacity. However,

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engaging in an internal debate, one would realise that this is a result of our socialization. Restricting women to private sphere is gender discrimination and ^{they} deserve equality.

Now this can be uncomfortable for those who enjoy dominance.

Further, thoughts require time to be well formed. One has to engage in epical deliberations and

there are no easy shortcuts. For instance, an opinion on capitalism could be about its efficiency and

huge wealth generation. But to form a thought, one would see its repercussions like extreme inequalities,

environmental destruction and so on.

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These ethical deliberations, even sometimes require us to go against the flow of tide, which is challenging.

Thoughts of social reformers like Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar, Raja Ram Mohan Roy took them against the prevailing opinions on sati, widow remarriage, but in the end brought a major change.

This brings us to discuss the consequences of engaging in the uncomfortable process of thought formation before giving opinions. Firstly, it leads to building more holistic ideas.

When one thinks, we engage with diverse views points. We realize there are multiple versions of truth and all are equal as propounded in the

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- 'Anekantavada' theory of Jainism.

This builds tolerance and harmony
in society.

Also, we empathise with
situation of others before judging
them. A manager ^{on} seeing the
employee getting late few days in
a row, would first be concerned
about her well being and if
everything is okay at home ~~she~~
instead of forming an opinion that
she is slacking off and is not punctual.

As seen above, thoughts
directly translate into our actions.

No matter how uncomfortable to
form, once formed, thoughts direct
what we do. This was taught to us
long ago by Buddha.

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Even at the global level, when nations avoid comfortable short term opinions and choose deliberations, peace prevails. Mistrust among nations led to world wars and when they thought about what they had done, United Nations was formed, a beacon of peace.

The consequence of thought before opinion is perhaps best visible in compassionate administration. Officer Divya Desrajani, when posted in a tribal area, actively learnt the local language and culture and focussed on their needs. She didn't work as per prevailing opinions on top-down development approach but followed her thoughts on bottom up inclusion.

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Well, if we realise that it is of utmost importance to engage in uncomfortable thought process, how do we go about it?

Nelson Mandela had remarked that if you want to bring a change, start with children. They must

be encouraged to engage in debates, discussions and be allowed to

actively form thoughts. They must be taught the Socratic method

of introspection, where one engages in critical questioning of one's beliefs and uncovers biases, if any.

Further, one must be exposed to role models who were not afraid to challenge discriminatory

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opinions. One must develop the courage of conviction as was done by these great humans. Dr B. R. Ambedkar, Martin Luther King Jr, Rosa Parks are shining souls.

At the same time, society must move towards tolerating diverse views. This will encourage people to freely speak their mind and where the mind is without fear in the true sense.

To do this, it is also essential to not be affected by modern 'echo-chambers' like social media.

One's opinion is amplified by algorithms and one is kept in dark about the opposite side.

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In the end, we can say that we must not repeat the crimes of colonisers of forming 'half baked' opinions, without thoughts.

'Lines of great men, all remind us,
Our lives can be sublime
And departing, leave behind us,
Footprints on the sands of time'

- A Psalm of Life
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

The above lines inspire us to learn from the great humans who were not afraid of uncomfortable situations, for us to be able to bring a true change, we must also choose uncomfortable thoughts over comfortable opinions.

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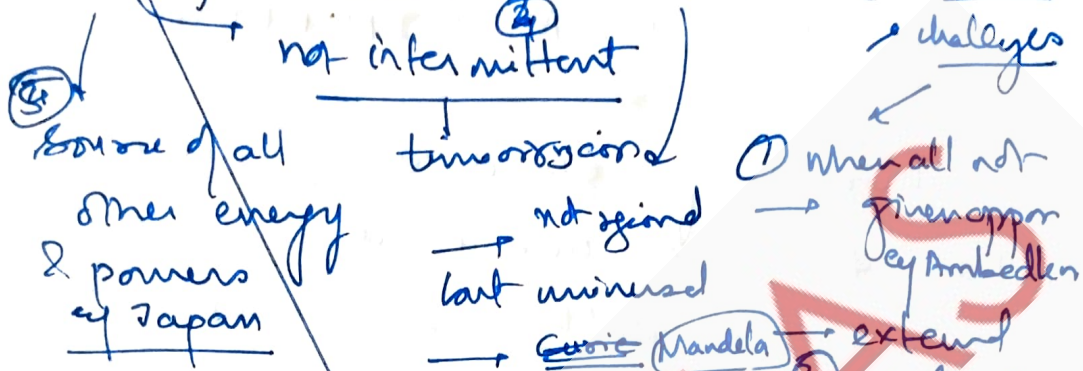
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but my 'ultimate' or the best?



Exhaust of all other energy & powers of Japan

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external challenges

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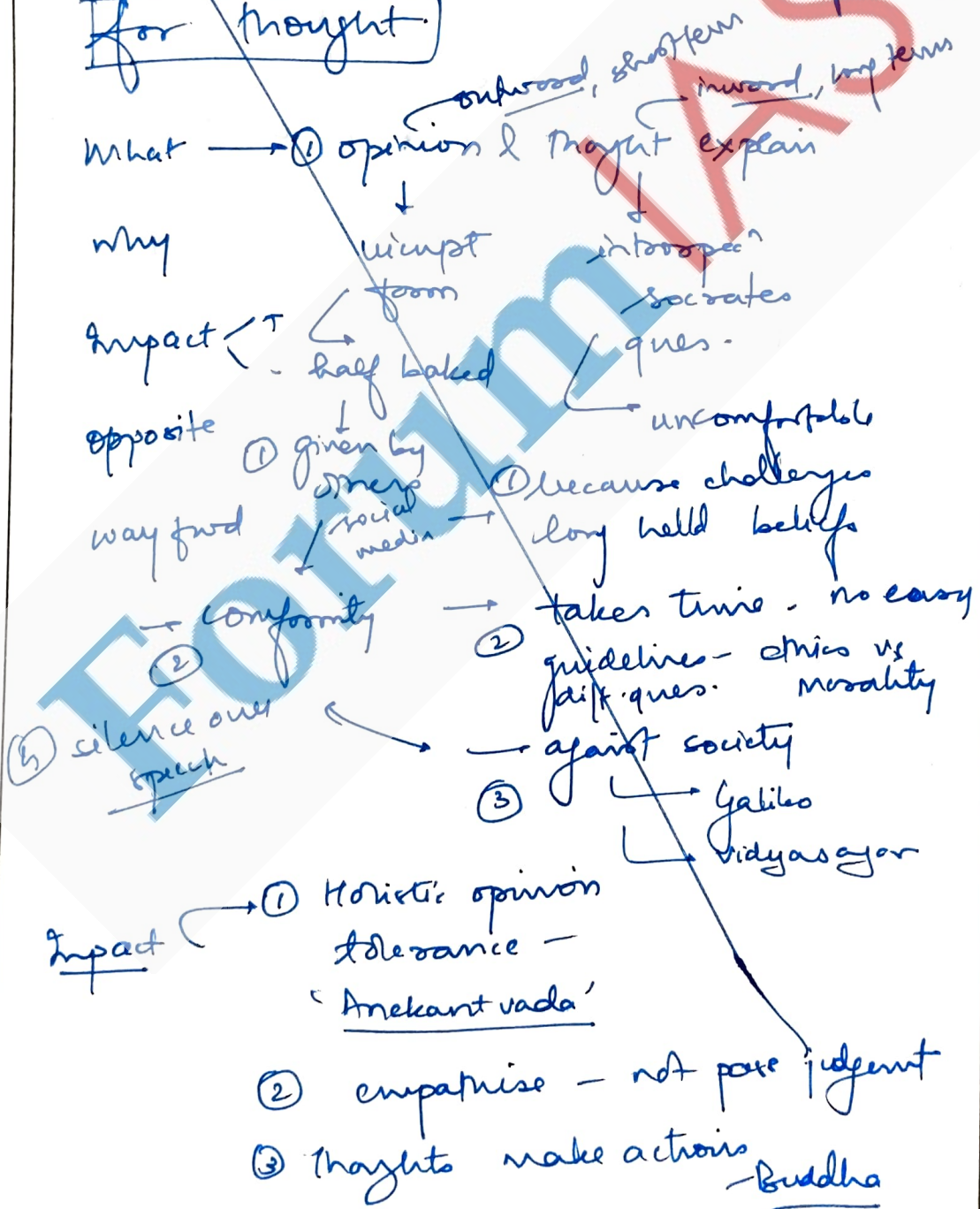
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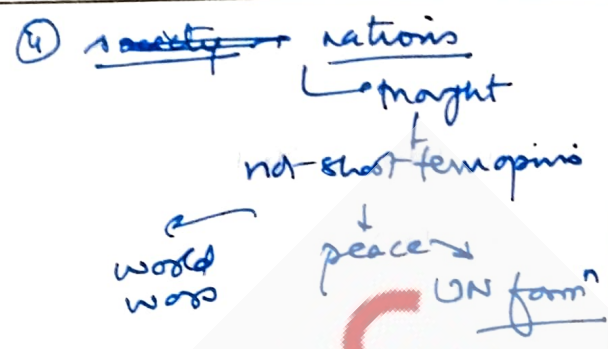


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- ① think before you speak - Socrates
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- Other opinions
 our thoughts

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Intro - British → material vs spiritual

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