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SECTION - A

1. Before the borders are broken the minds are invaded.
सीमाओं को तोड़ने से पहले दिमाग/ सोच पर आक्रमण किया जाता है।
2. Talent and passion are only useful tools if one has the work ethic to back them up.
प्रतिभा और जुनून तभी उपयोगी उपकरण हैं यदि किसी के पास उन्हें सहारा देने के लिए कार्य नैतिकता है।
3. The opportunity of interfaith dialogue: modern solution for globalised world.
अंतरधार्मिक संवाद का अवसर : वैश्वीकृत दुनिया के लिए आधुनिक समाधान।
4. The only impossible journey is the one you never begin.
एकमात्र असंभव यात्रा वह है जिसे आप कभी शुरू नहीं करते हैं।

The only impossible journey is the one
you never begin

At the midnight of
15th August 1947, India made its first
with destiny. It arised and awoke. India
was in fragmented state, economically weak
and politically unstable. India's journey to
development and democracy seemed impossible.
Many leaders like Winston Churchill dismissively
stated India is a mere geographical expression -
no more than equator. Ahead lied a daunting
challenge of poverty, parochial society and separatism.
The journey seemed impossible, many resisted
to not begin altogether.

But India began its new
journey. Today, we have India as a mystery
wrapped in a puzzle. An India which is
the World's largest experiment in building
multicultural democratic federation.

This is all become possible due to the fact that Indra not give in. In the face of impossible, the best option is to begin and not succumb. Once we start the impossible becomes possible. Those who don't start are not even in the race of completing the journey.

What is this journey? What makes it possible and impossible? The journey can be any path we take as individual, society or whole humanity. For instance, the journey of ISRO of from carrying rocket parts on bryde to launching the deepest MARS MISSION in history. Sometimes the journey seems easy and possible while sometimes it is challenging and difficult, seeming impossible.

Many surrender and the journey becomes impossible for them for eternity while those who embark turn impossible to possible. As

Robert Frost has said -

"Two roads diverged in the woods,

And I took the one less travelled by."

In this essay we will explore how the journey is impossible for those who never begin. And subsequently we will see how for those who begin there is ^{at least} a chance to complete the journey. We will also discuss the difficulties in beginning a journey and the roadblocks. Finally we will discuss about choosing our journeys wisely.

Journey without a beginning

The journey without a beginning is called an "impossible journey". Bhagavad Gita also says Siddhar Bheerabhi Karmaji's (success is born out of action). Without action, we cannot begin and get rid of our inertia and fears of the unknown and known challenges of a journey. For instance, Endic slavery

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Was an impossible journey until abolitionists began the journey of emancipation, gender equality was an impossible journey until feminists began, ending apartheid was an impossible journey until anti-apartheid movement began. Thus, all it took was a beginning, which turned the impossible into possible.

Journey without a beginning looks like the impossible task of climbing Mount Everest. Those who did not begin remained at the bottom while those who dared reached the summit. For instance, before Lord Rama began his journey of building the Ram Setu, the journey from Rameshwaram to Lanka was an impossible one. All it took was beginning. As it has been said,

"A journey of thousand miles begin with a single step"
The beginning is that single step.

The beginning is often prevented by our fear of journey. What if we fail, what if we perish along the journey. For instance, race discrimination was part of American culture for centuries. Very few dared to vote against it. They feared violence, persecutions, humiliations. They made their journey impossible by not beginning, until some women like Rosa Parks who refused to give her seat to white supremacists. As she is quoted,

"Those who do not move, can't witness their dreams."

By beginning the journey, it is possible that we may suffer pain as Martin Luther King Jr faced, when shot down by white supremacists but it is upto us, ~~to~~ either to begin and face pain or not begin and

feel regret. For instance, Malala chose pain over regret in her journey to girls education. She did not fear the journey and made impossible, possible!

What it takes to begin the journey?

The foremost thing required is courage and never say die attitude. For instance, the parable of two frogs is a solid case in point. When two frogs fell in a bucket full of cream, one gave up while the other kept kicking and turned the cream into butter and came out. One persisted without beginning while the other made the impossible journey possible.

Furthermore, the wisdom and foresight is also necessary to begin a journey confidently. Going unprepared in a journey is not impossible to conquer but almost fatal. For instance, Adolf Hitler began his journey to conquer Europe but he lacked the wisdom and foresight. His intentions were evil and he made many mistakes in his journey.

Similarly, it needs ethics and value system to ~~we~~ choose one's journey wisely. Not all journeys are worth embarking on.

Choose your journeys wisely

If our end goal is not good and moral, the journey would be impossible even after starting. For instance, as we discussed earlier, Hitler's lead goal of eliminating all Jews was an evil intention. He could not make possible his journey even after a strong beginning in Poland, Netherlands and France.

Thus impossible journeys are not only those which we did not begin. It comes in various forms. It is very easy to get lost in the journey. Our journey should be a moral and ethical one for greater good. For instance, the journey of UN after World War II, vowing never again to war has created the ^{most} peaceful era in human history. Today more people die of diabetes than war. Today sugar is more dangerous than gunpowder. Thus, a journey should not only be begun for the sake of it, but should be a moral and ethical journey.

The courage to begin: Impossibility to possibility

Our society is currently ensnared with issues such as inequality, riots, climate change, rise of technological ~~disruption~~ disruption and many more challenges. Sometimes it seems impossible journey to eradicate these challenges.

But as citizens, society and nation, we need to show fertitude, grit and resilience. We need to begin, move a step forward. We cannot delay our beginning till the perfect time. There is no such time.

We are young (75) ^{years} among nations. The time is of essence. We are faced with the fierce urgency of now. The fact is tomorrow has become today in this rapidly changing world. If we don't begin now the bus will leave. On the bleached bones and jumbled residues of the ancient civilisations are written the pathetic words 'too late'.

Thus our journey must begin now. We must gather courage, grit, resilience

to begin this journey. A journey to a
new India -

An India where no child goes to bed hungry

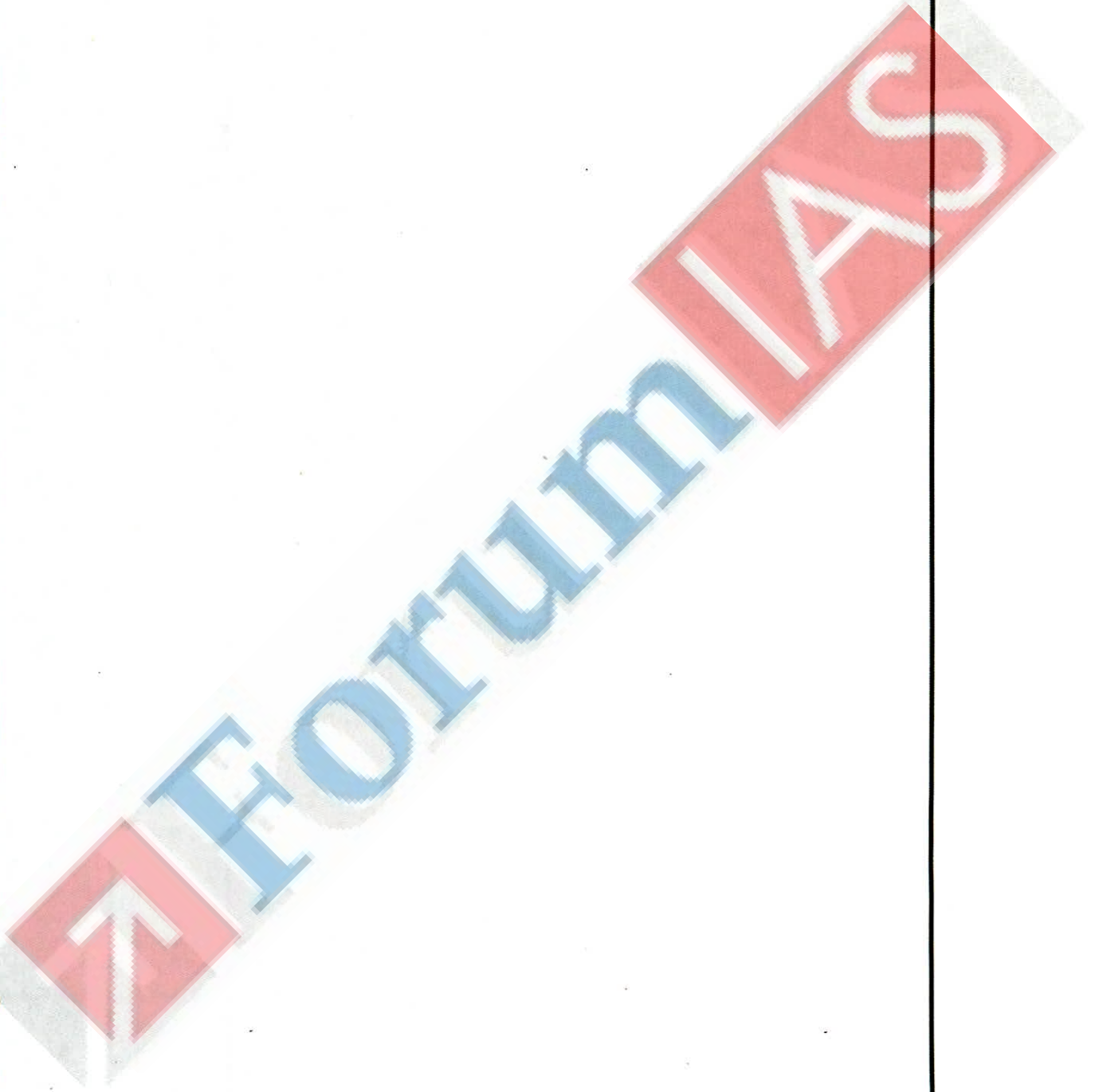
An India where no child sleeps under the sky

An India where no one is left uncared for

An India where no one is discriminated

An India where ~~no~~ no elderly has to work
to live with dignity.

This journey needs a new start,
a new beginning to fully make our
best with destiny.





FEEDBACK



SECTION - B

1. Science applied is the engine of humanity.
व्यावहारिक विज्ञान मानवता का इंजन है।
2. Eyes cannot see what the mind does not know.
आंखें वह नहीं देख सकती जो मन नहीं जानता।
3. Doubt is the origin of wisdom.
संदेह ज्ञान का मूल है।
4. The relation between environment, resources and conflict is same as the connection between Democracy, human rights and peace.
पर्यावरण, संसाधन और संघर्ष के बीच का संबंध वैसा ही है जैसा लोकतंत्र, मानवाधिकार और शांति के बीच का है।

3. Doubt is the origin of wisdom

The stage was set. All brave warriors gathered in the battlefield of Kurukshetra. After seeing his relatives, Gurus and brothers in the enemy camp, doubt shrouded the thinking of Arjuna. How can I fight with my family? was the doubt in Arjuna's mind.

This doubt led to the origin of wisdom of Geeta by Lord Krishna, Arjuna's Srathi.

Lord Krishna taught him the sense of duty and the righteous path to fight Adharma. Thus wisdom of Geeta was born out of Arjuna's doubt presents a resounding example of the relationship of doubt and wisdom.

Doubt jolts us with questions and persuades us to seek answers. It fills us with skepticism and shed our preconceived notions, biases and prejudices. The quest to seek those answers leads us to truth and wisdom.

Wisdom is the gaining of knowledge, knowing the truth and understanding everything, everyone around us. It cannot be achieved by beliefs and preconceived notions but a continuous quest of enquiry fuelled by doubt and skepticism.

In this essay we will explore in various dimensions, how doubt is the origin of wisdom and without doubt we often get trapped in biases, prejudices and superstitions. We will also explore the pitfalls of too much doubt and finally how to seek doubt and its need in present world.

Voyage to Wisdom on Raft of Doubt

We humans are endowed with a inquisitive mind. It keeps on doubting and seeking ^{answers to} questions. This can be seen in a child who is a source of unending questions.

A child has doubts like,
 "mother which color God was? Why was Jesus white?
 Why cannot I play with my muslim friend?
 Why can't my sisters go to school with me?"

These doubts by a child challenge the ignorance of society and often translates into wisdom of gender equality, racial equality, secularism.

These are only made possible with doubt. Doubt sends us on a quest of truth. We collect evidences, introspect, debate and discuss to finally acquire the wisdom. For instance, what if Newton did not doubt when apple fell on his head? What if he just believed and accepted that it always falls below? He would have been devoid of the concept of gravity and further research and advancements in science would have slowed down by centuries. Similarly, all wisdom about us - from atom to the vast cosmos has originated from the seed of doubt in someone's head. Without doubt we risk stagnation of ideas.

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But society often persecutes those with doubt. It wants to maintain status quo. It considers those who doubt as rebels. For instance, Galileo was persecuted for doubting that Earth was flat and at the centre of Universe. His doubt gave the world the wisdom that, Earth is just a pale blue dot, a mote of dust in this vast cosmos. But it is also true after initial resistance, society has to accept the wisdom. First they laugh but later they accept.

This was also true for Rachel Carson, whose doubt on climate change and its impact gave us the wisdom to fight it. Initially she was mocked by pesticide companies, leaders but it was her doubt which pushed the climate change discussions from academic seminars to dining table discussions.

The quest for doubt is bloused by many hurdles. Let us explore some knowitall and confident schools of thought.

Knowitall schools : origin of ignorance

Doubt is often challenged by confident religions and supreme leaders. They claim to know a wide spectrum of things surrounding us. Their claim goes from knowing the origin of universe, its creator and cosmological mysteries to what to eat, dress and whom to marry! Many religions forbid unions of homosexuals, decide length of sleeves of women and can precisely articulate what their God wants from us?

This lack of doubt leads to complete surrender to beliefs, superstitions and absurdities. Of course not all religions teach this and mostly this "doubtless" form of religion is a distorted version of humus, manum, and padens. But it is also true that, the lack of doubt, questioning and enquiry has led to persecutions, Jiked, Crusades, riots and communal divisions. It has kept wisdom at bay and has embraced ignorance many a times through history.

Similarly, the communist regimes of Stalin and fascist regime of Hitler had no place for doubt. If you doubt in your supreme leader you will be in the GULAGS the next day. There were the era of ignorance and wreaked havoc upon humanity.

On the other hand, democratic regimes give space for doubt, debate and discussion. It entertains other schools of thought & too. It is humble enough to embrace change.

"When facts change, I change my opinion"
- Aristotle.

Doubt breeds tolerance and is inclusive in nature. By allowing multiple schools of thought the path to wisdom is opened. For instance,

US's doubt on Anti-Semitism led to its acceptance of great scientists like Albert Einstein who spread his wisdom to the World from America.

Not All Ships of Doubt lead to Island of Wisdom

As Buddha has said, excess of something is not at all desirable. We must follow "Madhyam Marg". The same holds true for doubt too. There is such a thing called too much doubt which turns into paranoia. For instance, this paranoia was witnessed during the cold war, especially during the Cuban Missile Crisis. What if they attack first? This doubt led world to the verge of nuclear catastrophe.

Furthermore, too much doubt also leads to lack of confidence which hinders the path to wisdom. Doubt is like a double edged sword. Just like a doubt can send you on a quest to wisdom, it can also stop you from that. The doubt of failure, doubt of one's strength often stops us from moving forward and making progress. For instance, the doubt of Lord Hanuman in his strength to cross the ocean and reach Lanka in search of Mata Sita.

A dose of humility for lack of doubt

The know-it-all attitude of us needs a dose of humility in order to source wisdom. Humility makes us accept our limitations and search for wisdom. For instance, Scientists' humility to accept that we have explored only 5% of universe gives hope to search for the other 95%.

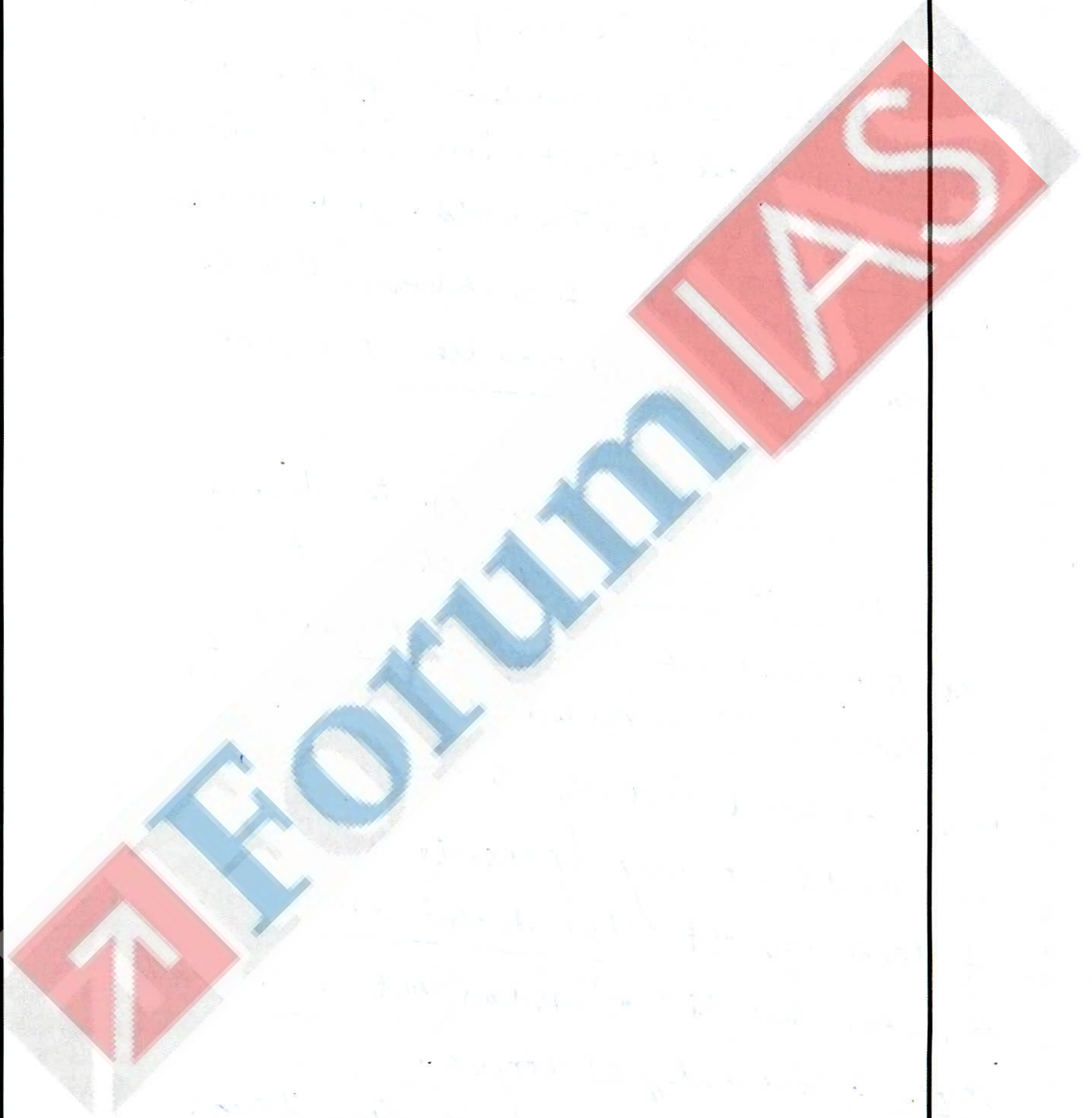
Thus, Humility transforms into doubt while pride and vanity leads to false confidence and ignorance. Our current society is marred with confident religions, ideologies, leaders, groups. Their refusal to doubt themselves is causing great loss to mankind - be it riots, mob lynching or cow vigilantes.

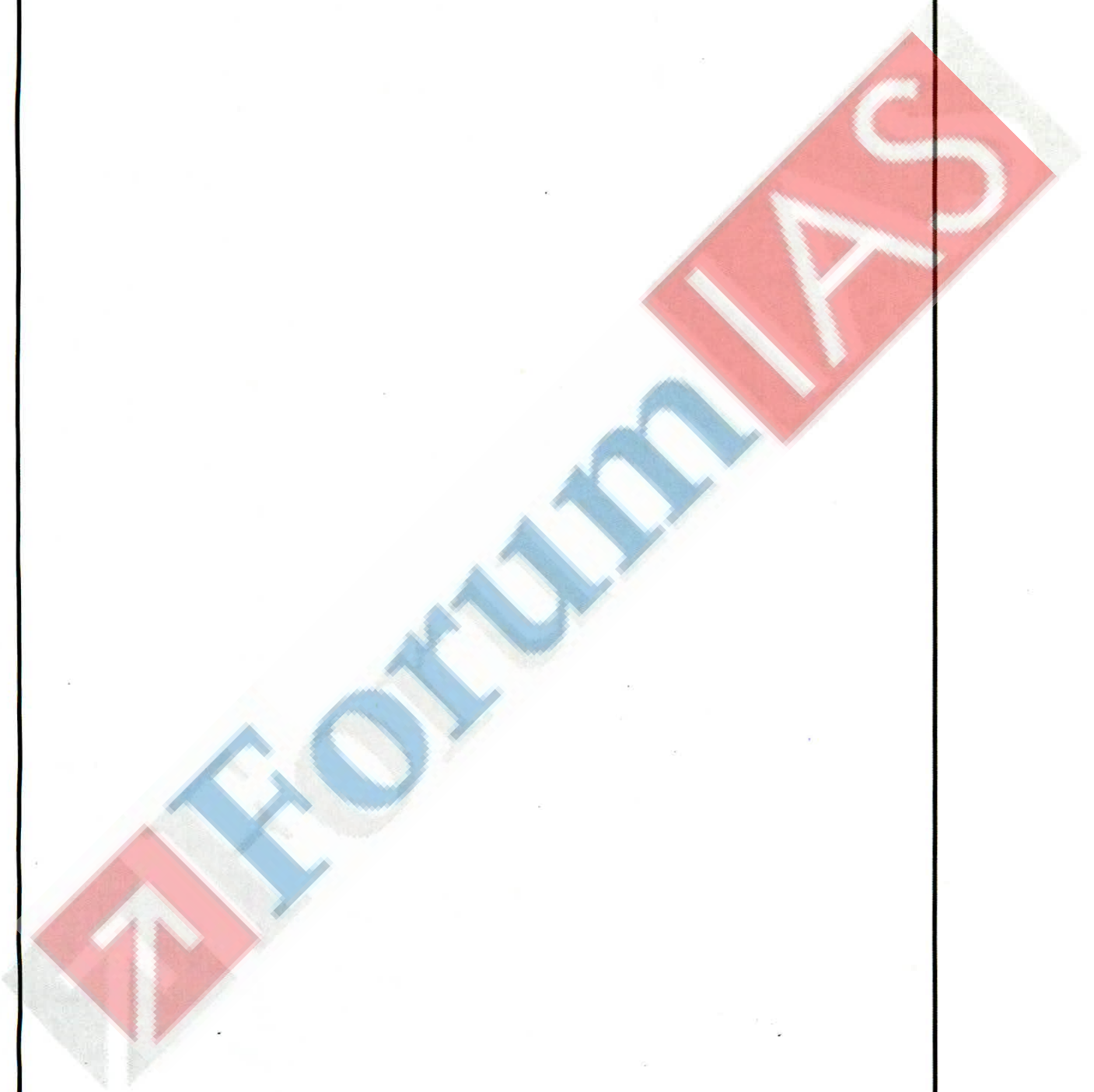
A dose of humility will go a long way in moving from ignorance to wisdom. The wisdom of a peaceful society based on "Ekam Sat Vipra Bahude Vadanti" (That which exists is one, says call it by different names)

Also, there is a rise of technological disruption which is threatening the doubt itself. The use of surveillance and AI similar to the Orwellian dystopia with thought police and thought crime poised to eliminate all the doubts from the world. It becomes true wisdom would be a chimera. How can citizens with no doubt and fear acquire wisdom?

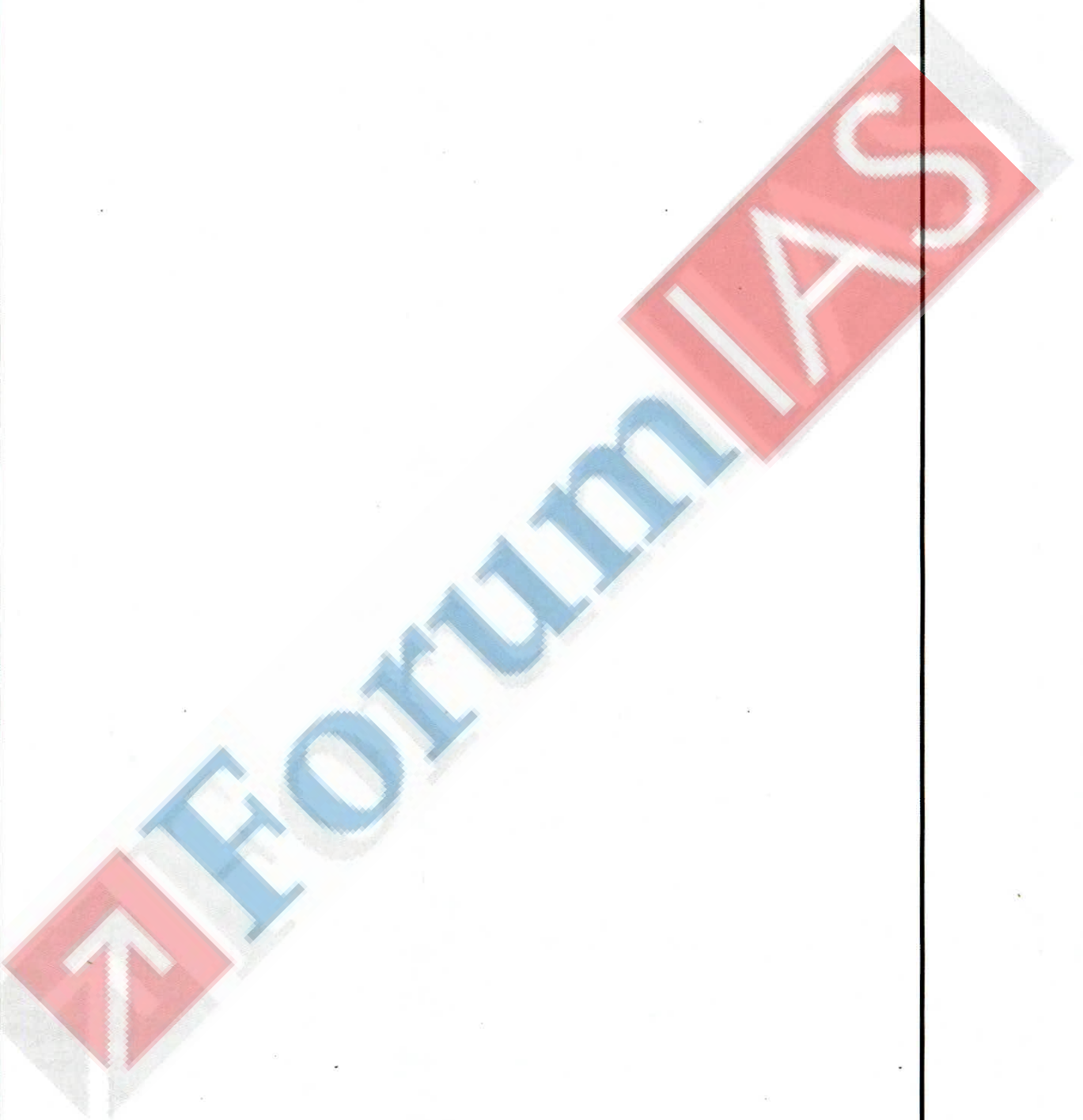
Thus, what we need is to develop a skeptical and doubtful approach, not too less and not too much just like Madhyam Marg of Buddha. This is needed at various levels from individual to society to nation. For instance, we should not only appreciate the positives of technology but also doubt its negative impacts. That will be 'wisdom', not a one-sided touch of technological utopia.

We all need to be like Arjuna doubting the various aspects of life and searching our Lord Krishna amongst us to keep learning, ever evolving and acquiring wisdom.





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SPACE FOR ROUGH WORK

The only impossible journey is the one you never begin

① Intro: ~~We are going to die.~~ Journey of Curable Sperm
India's Journey → Churchill

- ② Slavery → Mythology → रथसिंघ
 - Women → World History -
 - Climate → Sperm's Journey
 - Poverty → gum - diabetes; Peace (WW)
 - Bull; Technology - Wright Brothers.
 - Social → Sahi Remman Roy
 - Journey of Feudalism to democracy
 - Irrationality to rationality



Battlefield

Rose Park → Chair

③ Journey → what?
 - Possibility
 - Impossible → Siddhartha Gautama

Journey of 100 miles - ... single step.

Why is it the only impossible journey?

fear of Journey, the roadblocks, give up attitude
 frag cream → butter

Defeated, Destroyed

Robert Frost

④ Answers: Choose the Journey wisely

⑤ Search sometimes get lost in the journey.

Battlefield

⑥ How to begin: The Courage.

⑦ Journey to where a new India - it is possible if we begin

Doubt is the origin of wisdom.

Intro: Hygiene Biograde Spele.

What's doubt & wisdom

Ways to wisdom on way of doubt

- skepticism - other thoughts
- Dumb + Search - thence - death, dialogue
- Induce & Evidence

Knowledge Schools of Thought

Intuition -> Doubt turns into person's lack of confidence (within myself)

What is required to have doubt?

- humility

Need for doubt in present world

Why forward

Doubt existence

Knowledge, Skill - NO Doubt

One true world

When feelings change!

Intuition

Logic (Wanna)

Ignorance - great discovery

Neuron - apply
 earth - center
 feet - position

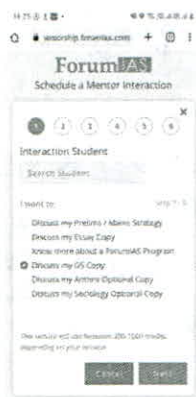
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