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"The only impossible journey is the one you never begin."

"Let me go to school", cried a 15-year old girl. The oppressive Taliban regime shot a bullet that pierced her chest and she lay flat on the ground. It all seemed done and dusted until a ray of hope emerged in her, and she stood up with courage and conviction to pursue her education. The teenager went on to pursue her studies at Oxford Institute and win a Nobel Prize. This anecdote substantiates how something "impossible" turned out utterly "possible" with due intervention.

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"Well begun is half done" goes an old adage. History is replete with examples of mankind and its pursuit towards achieving the impossible. For instance, less did man know the origin of the fire, until he attempted to strike two stones against each other. Emperor Alexander's conquest of the world sounded a utopian vision, but once begun, there was no setback.

The above examples clearly show that an impossible feat turns possible when initiated. In the political arena, abolition of racial discrimination in the United States or the abolition of slavery and apartheid in Africa was perceived impossible; when the fight against injustice by Martin Luther King

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and Nelson Mandela respectively achieved fruition to prove it possible.

Similarly, the French Revolution and August Revolution of Russia which gave the world, the constitutional values of liberty, equality & fraternity ushered in change once begun. A revolution against the monarch and dictatorial regimes sounded an impossible journey, that turned a reality with a single rebellion.

Apart from global examples, in the Indian society, freedom from the subjugation of the British was a dream come true with the efforts and struggle raised by our nationalist leaders and the unique strategy of Gandhiji's Satyagraha.

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Modern problems require modern solutions. Impossible feats require unique solutions, that involve innovation and usher in an aptitude for intelligence. On the economic front, the very origin of the currency from the barter system and the introduction of the capital economy including stock markets sounds impossible to someone in the medieval era.

Such evolution leading to development of mankind requires the motivation to find solutions that makes impossible deeds to be possible. On the social front, sati, child-marriage were considered perennial social- evils, that were impossible to have been removed from the society.

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It took enormous efforts from the humble beginning of Raja Rammohan Roy and Jeshwar Chandra Vidyasagar to curtail and thus eradicate maladies such as Sati, child-marriage, infanticide etc. from the society.

Once begun, the legacy of such work is a source of inspiration to bring in new faces and continue their struggle. The crusade against sexual harassment, initiated from the Vishakha

Jadar case in the Supreme Court and progressed to stricter legislations and public reinforcement. The

recent #MeToo Campaign, release of Movie "Pink" and the complaints raised against Wrestling

Federation of India chief by the women wrestlers

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are an epitome of success of women's rights.
To bring such perpetrators of crime to the forefront,
was an impossible task until few years back when
Vishakha Yadav began and made history.

Nevertheless, a career in the entertainment
sector is next to impossible for a common man.
Small beginnings promote growth and help us achieve
impossible heights. An example to this, is the rise
of Bollywood Badshah Amitabh Bachan, who happened
to be rejected by the All-India Radio, and went on to
pursue character roles and later rule the Hindi
cinema world.

Apart from the entertainment arena, is the
sports world, where being a sportman and donning
the role as a career option is construed impossible.

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Breaking such shackles, Sachin Tendulkar not only dreamt of cricketing as a sport or career option, but achieved success by his consistent efforts removing self-doubt amidst adversities. If he had never begun, our country would have lost forever, a sporting legend.

In the space and technology sector, flying to the moon was considered impossible. It took the conviction of the NASA and Neil Armstrong that made it possible and thus, mankind landed on the moon. A reluctant Thomas Alva Edison, despite his 1000 failures, chose to attempt another time to get his dream of the light bulb into a reality.

On the literature front, Shakespeare cites in his play, "The Quality of Mercy" about

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Portia who dons the role of an attorney
to save Antonio from the unnecessary
punishment. To quote her,

"The Quality of Mercy is not strained
It droppeth gently as the rain"

Antonio loses faith until Portia speaks of the
quality of mercy and saves him from the
"impossible" punishment meted out to him.

Even in the Alchemist by Paulo
Coelho, the shepherd strives hard to turn a
millionaire and this sounds impossible to people
around him. His relentless pursuit pushes his
impossible task and turns him a millionaire.

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Small pursuits lead to bigger happiness.
 To cite a few, the questions of law raised and the PIL's evolved into constitutional case laws including the revolutionary NALSA Judgement on Transgender rights & the decriminalisation of Article 377.

On the mythological front, the fight for Dharma - "Dharanat Dharma Ityahuh", seems impossible until the Pandavas take up arms in the Mahabharata and establish the rule of law and justice.

In today's era, man is born free, but everywhere in chains quotes Rousseau in his Social Contract Theory. As a society, upliftment of the SC/ST's seemed impossible until

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Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Periyar's efforts attained fruition.

As a community, the fight against Smallpox seemed impossible to win until the advent of the vaccine. Diabetes seemed incurable, when efforts to find "Insulin" started and proved the nectar to the malaise.

The country - India until 20 years back, felt the goal of a 5 trillion dollar economy next to impossible. With efforts underway, the country is close to achieving amidst the COVID pandemic slowdown and has emerged as the 5th largest economy.

To a simple mind, arises the question if everything begun turns out possible, and the

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answer to this question is a clear "No". The pursuit towards reclaiming dead persons alive amidst research is an impossible feat to achieve.

Another instance is where life in an extraterrestrial planet seems impossible as on date. Analyzing the origins of the universe to reverse time & go back in time, sounds possible in a multitude of Hollywood films, but amidst efforts happens to be impossible.

"Arise, awake and stop not until your goal is reached", quotes Swami Vivekanand. Even impossible things might turn out possible sooner or later and it stands out as a test of time. The very example of a utopian, prosperous and peaceful globe is a reality not far from the impossible, if mankind rises to the occasion. Our clarion call by the

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Honble Prime Minister of India including
"Mission LIFE - Lifestyle for Environment" and today's
era as not an era of war are an inspiration
for not just Indian citizens, but the girl who
stood against the Taliban - none other than
Malala Yousafzai who stand as epitomes to make
impossible feats - possible and envision a world
full of peace, prosperity and joy.

"Sare Bharatki Sakshinah,
Sare Santu Niramayaha"

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"Doubt is the origin of wisdom"

In the Mahabharata, Arjuna is faced with the situation of fighting his brothers for the sake of establishment of dharma (Dharmayudha). A bewildered Arjuna seeks the help of Lord Krishna raising his doubts on truth, dharma, adharma, celestial law etc. Lord Krishna, encourages his doubt seeking behaviour and provides "divine" wisdom that serves as a prelude to the origin of the sacred Bhagavad Gita.

This anecdote is an astute example to attest the veracity of the gospel saying that Doubt turns out the origin of wisdom.

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Wisdom refers to the aptitude expressed by evaluating a particular objective with some degree of favour or disfavour using applied knowledge. For instance, the Divine Command Theory states God as the origin of the Universe. Man in today's era with his scientific knowledge has raised doubts, proving the origin with the Big Bang Theory.

There are instances where doubts were raised between sages, philosophers and the Lord himself. The discourses, debates, discussions and dialogue between poet Nakkirar and Lord Shiva; sage Agasthiyar and Karana; Lord Buddha and his disciples led to the advent of human philosophies and divine knowledge (Sabbam dukkham).

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History is replete with examples of victory of the scientific man over the romantic man.

Socrates' doubts on the flatness of the Earth and

Galileo's doubts on the Sun and the planets

encircling the Earth, led to the correct facts

that the Earth being round and the Sun and

the Earth and other planets in revolutionary motion.

Apart from history, in today's political scenarios, aspersions and doubts cast evolve into

electoral politics. For instance, the doubts raised

by CAG Vinod Rai evolved into the 2G scam &

Coal Gates Scam. Elections involve raising

doubts on the efficacy of our political leaders

and their intentions by contending rivals.

The conclusion of which produces wisdom on the right leaders in the electoral fray.

Nevertheless, the Courts in our country run through framing of questions of law.

For instance, the challenge of the AADHAR Act as against the right to privacy led to the

Puttaswamy Judgement setting a precedent in the court's wisdom.

Setting aside the political instances, on the economic question of development, doubts were raised on welfare spending versus capital expenditure

that led to the eternal wisdom of the Sen vs Bhagwati model of developmental economics.

The principle of Financial inclusion of 1.42 billion

Indians arose from the doubts raised on the

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efficiency of the Targeted Public Distribution System evolving into the Jan Dhan - AADHAR - Mobile Trinity.

Our society is a mix of both good and evil. The rockbed architecture of the society involves raising doubts on the irrational conventional practices. Such doubts have risen to the occasion of eliminating wrong beliefs prevalent in the society.

To cite a few, doubts raised on the non-consumption of papaya in pregnant women, feeding sugar to the newborn have helped science prove these as unhealthy practices against popular belief. Furthermore, aspersions cast on the females and transgenders on their capabilities, has helped them prove their talent - From Indira Gandhi to Saina Nehwal, women and transgenders such as Dutee Chand have shaken the collective conscience on their talent & capabilities.

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On the technological framework, doubts on the efficacy and efficiency of humans, led to the advent of robotics and artificial intelligence.

On the scientific front, Newton's doubts on the falling of the apple from the tree, led to the advent of gravity.

In our everyday world, life is filled with instances where doubts brought out collective wisdom to the society. Solving physics problems on velocity and mathematical problems in calculus is fundamental to the wisdom of engineering. Raising doubts on the working of the human body and the cause of diseases led to the wisdom of the physiology of the body.

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The very facet of the Criminal Justice System accords the benefit of doubt to the accused in our society. Raising doubts on the criminals, led to nabbing the parents in the Anushi Talwar murder case, an astute example to reinforce the concept of doubts leading to wisdom.

Apart from the real world, literature is filled with examples of doubts leading to wisdom. In the play, "Julius Caesar", Antony through his powerful speech raises doubts in the minds of the mob, and brings out the truth of Caesar's assassination.

"Friends, lovers, countrymen lend me your ears,.....
.....The good is oft interred with their bones."

Thus, Mark Antony wins over Brutus in striking the wisdom of the mob.

Nevertheless, science and nationality promote doubt seeking nature. Individual and collective inquisitiveness on why, what, when, how lead to crystallised intelligence over a span of time. The 90 million elderly population and their wisdom is a standing example to the doubts and the solutions that they have gathered in the form of experiences.

"Prejudice is what fools claim for reason", quotes Voltaire. Prejudice prevents the casting of aspersions or doubts on due claims and leads to faulty wisdom. For instance, racial prejudice or communal hatred would never let understand the true nature of individuals.

In the social setup, at the community level, doubts on the prevention & management

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of disease & pandemics such as covid led to
the wisdom of the vaccine.

At the country level, doubts cast on the
nuclear weapon technology of china, led India's
wisdom to develop nuclear weapons & induct
operation Smiling Buddha.

At the Global level, where "Might is Right",
Ukraine has proven itself against Russia, where
doubts were cast on the military prowess of Ukraine.
This instance has brought out wisdom that even
smaller countries can withstand the heat from
larger countries.

Having seen these examples, it raises questions
if doubts can always lead to wisdom. For instance,
the 2G scam that raised doubts on lesser to the

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Government Exchequer was proven to be false
by the court and the accused acquitted.

Raising doubts on the integrity of
the soldiers who guard the frontiers of the
country does not produce wisdom, but
decreases the morale. As Wilfred Owen quotes
in his poem,

"Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori"

(No doubt laying life for the country brings happiness)

Self-doubt, i.e. diffidence produces counter-
productive results and ignorance in the pursuit
towards wisdom. To cite, man could not have
dreamt of a civilized society living an average
68.7 years with self-doubt in him.

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To sum up, India is a country that stands tall with a multitude of discoveries & inventions. Research, which is the panacea for such doubts has taken a backseat with less than 0.25% of GDP. The National Research Foundation is a welcome move in this regard, in unleashing new wisdom, as envisaged by our Honorable Prime Minister.

Just as Arjuna seeks Lord Krishna's help in seeking divine wisdom, it is time we unleash the doubts in our minds to bring clarity in our thoughts and serenity of our soul, for an.

"Idle mind is a devil's workshop."

"Truth is truth even if no one accepts and lie is lie even if everyone accepts and there lies wisdom"

- Gandhiji