

Man is born free and everywhere he is in chains

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Man is born with innate  
freedom yet social responsibilities and  
social issues entangle humans into convoluted  
chains. Paradoxically, sometimes these chains  
help to apprehend chaos within the  
society. According to Physics if gravity  
were more powerful the universe would  
collapse into a ball. Similarly, if gravity  
were less powerful the universe would  
fly apart. There would be no stars or

**Planets.** Similar rules apply to human beings since social controls within some limits create the world a better place for living absence of these social controls will bring the chaos. However, these chains are man made after God created a man free. Hence, man needs to surrendered its liberty in exchange of some biological needs in social setup. Moreover, man itself is trapped within self-perceived realities and he has to confront authority in his early stages of development. Furthermore, man's dependence on culture, superstitious beliefs, ethnocentrism in shape of jingoism further exacerbate the situation. These chains are not only restrict individual but also impact the third world country in shape of economic dependency and international bindings. Paradoxically, these chains depict the beauty of life and apprehend the chaos within the society. As social responsibilities prevent humans from wrong path. The self-doubts help to unlock hidden potential. Moreover, absence of social institutions hinders personal growth of human beings. Furthermore, social control helps consciously and unconsciously to

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unconsciously to mend to social setup.

As International bindings help to create peace and social interactions help to combat Jingoism in shape ethnocentrism.

The inherent freedom of man shrinks as he enters the society.

According to Aristotle "Man is social animal. He who lives without society is either beast or God." Similarly, human needs

society to survive. According to **Symbolic interactionist Perspective** society itself is the web of interacting individuals. As individuals combine they create family, families combine to create community, communities combine to create nations or states. As this cycle interdependence of individual cut each other in the society. To run the state there is

a need for governance or governing body. As **Governance body** can be explained through Thomas Hobbes, John Locke and Jean Jacques Rousseau's social contract. Hence, governance body is crucial for smooth running of the society. Hence, it depicts that humans need to舍弃 their liberty in exchange of survival.

Furthermore, human needs to surrender its liberty to fulfill biological needs. These human needs are interdependent on each other, as human is social animal and can not survive without other human beings. According to **Maslow's Hierarchy of needs** most important human needs are biological needs, these which include Physiological needs, Safety needs, and love and bonding. All these needs can be fulfilled in presence of other individual. After these needs then comes self esteem and self actualization. Similarly, **Functionalism Perspective by Emile Durkheim** explain the society as functions of collective organs. If one organ is not working properly it will effect overall performance. Hence, society itself is connected through chains.

Moreover, man itself is trapped in the self perceived reality. Sometime negative thoughts deter humans overall development. According to **Gautam Buddha** "What you thinking you become." The **Theory of Glass looking self** by **G.H Cooley** explains that You are what you think you are, you are not what others think you are, you are what you think other think you are. However, man

is enslaved to self doubts. Furthermore, George Herbert Mead explains I, and Me parts of the self. "I" is active part of self while "Me" is passive part of self. "Me" part is influenced by the society which directly impacts the "I" part of the self. Hence, all things (within self) are inter-linked with each other. These chains impact the overall personality.

As child grows he confronts with the authority. The loss of freedom compells him for an earlier youth. That's why child wants to attain its youth as soon as possible. This process of chain and loss of freedom can be explained through Psychoanalytical development presented by Sigmund Freud. elaborate that during anal stage child has to face the authority of self control. This self control compels him to think that its freedom is being apprehended. That's why he wants to attain his youth as soon as possible. However, in his adolescence he has to further face the Id, ego and Superego. In this period he not only controls his self but he also has to bear consequences if something goes wrong. With each development stage life becomes tough.

Furthermore, man's dependence on the culture increases with each development stage. As humans are born with tabula rasa state. The society writes on these blank pages through cultural values. As the culture is the medium for knowledge transfer.

As primary Agent of socialization like Family and peers inculcate cultural values in human beings and also mould their personalities

According to the sociologist John Maxwells a man personality is the product of cultural values and norms. Hence, for survival human depend on the culture. As

culture explains the ways of living, norms and values of a particular society

Hence, man is enslaved in the chains of poverty and superstition. As

man depends on the culture which inculcates the folkways, mores and taboos. All these also plays a

major role in fostering the superstitious beliefs in humans. It was the cultural

practice of Arabs to bury their daughters alive due to superstitious beliefs. Moreover,

the class difference in the society also enslaves

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human beings. According to Karl Marx due to unequal distribution of resources there are two classes haves (**Bourgeoisie**) and have not (**Proletariat**). The former controls the means of production and exploit the later proletariat. The class difference creates the rift between these classes. Hence, one enslaves the other.

Furthermore, the chains of Jingoism where one feels <sup>that</sup> one's nation is superior to the other nations. It fosters the resentful or vengeful feelings in others. Consequently it disrupt the overall peace in that region. **The feelings of ethnocentrism promote violence.** According

to **The Clash of Civilization** by Samuel P Huntington the future wars between the nations will be fought on the basis of culture. Furthermore, the concept of **Hindutva or Akhand Bharat** is the appalled beliefs that hindu nationalist are superior and they will rule the world.

This belief fosters the violence in different parts of India against minorities. Furthermore, these extremist views are chains that hinder the development of India.

In recent era, economy has become the defining factor for states existence. However

third world countries bound by the economic slavery. As these countries depends on the financial assistance of IMF (International Monetary funds) for their sustenance.

In order to gain access to the funds the countries has to adopt

**Structural Adjustment Policies of International Monetary Fund.** As these

structural adjustment policies impact the overall, fiscal, monetary and foreign policies of the country. The economic dependency enslaves the developing countries. Hence, these chains are not limited to individuals they impact the nations as well.

B Moreover, signatories of international organizations have to surrender before the bindings or sanctions imposed by these international organizations. In recent years during BRICS summit in Johannesburg the Valdimir putin had to join the meeting through online platform. As South Africa has to follow the order of International court of justice orders regarding the Russian presidents. Similarly, Impased sanctions

on Iran and Russia regarding trade and other subjects all depict the western block interest. The other countries have to sacrifice their own interest, in order to follow the commands of the developed nations. Hence, it hinders the growth of developing nations.

Paradoxically, these chains help to apprehend the chaos within the society. As these chains depict the beauty of life. As social responsibilities prevent humans from wrong path. As Travis Hasci a sociologist presented the bond theory this theory explains that in adolescence there are more chances that youth can deviate from the socially accepted norms.

However, the stronger bond between family members help to prevent such mishaps.

Furthermore, to protect women rights the domestic violence Act 2020 was presented by government legislature body. Furthermore, collective efforts are help in highlighting important environmental causes and other global issues.

Moreover, absence of social institution hinders the personal growth of the human beings. The family as the

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Furthermore it elaborates that questioning the very existence of things chance, one's knowledge. The knowledge helps to break through the chains that hinders the growth both at individual and social levels.

The existence of blind faith compels the people to think rationally about the things. The work of Machiavelli challenged the religious beliefs that provide the basis for state existence. He explained that state is the end not the means. However, state should not be used for religious purposes. Another rational thinker Friedrich Nietzsche presented the philosophy to explain the liberalism. He explained that God is dead. we have killed him. He explained the modern era where people shifted from theological stage to scientific stage. Moreover, he explained that state and nations built on the religious beliefs will easily be shattered when people shift towards the scientific explanations. However, it helps to break through the chains of religion and superstitions.

C. H. Cooley a sociologist explained that presence of social controls,

operates at both conscious and unconscious level of mind. Whenever, people consider that they are answerable to authority they are automatically become considerate and mindful about their actions. Hence, social control plays an important role. Jeremy Bentham also gave the concept of Hedonistic Calculus that there is always a trade off between pain and pleasures. If pain outweighs pleasures people tend to avoid such actions. Hence, social controls are important for social order in society.

for establishment of peace, avoid international bindings play crucial roles. Sometimes these bindings act as the mediator between two states to resolve a dispute and sometimes it contributes towards the overall welfare of the globe. The Indus Water treaty in 1960 resolved the water dispute between India and Pakistan.

Moreover, the announcement of important measures to counter climate crisis in Conference of Parties (COP) (also helps the organizations) unite countries to mitigate the impacts

of climate crisis. Moreover, the austerity measures suggested by International Monetary funds help to counter the balance of payment crisis.

Furthermore the social interaction according to symbolic interactionist perspective help people to unite against the social evils.

The collective effort of Muslim states at United Nations helped them to highlight the issue of Islamophobia at international forum. Hence, as the consequence 15 March was announced as a day to combat Islamophobia. Moreover,

Incident of Rosa Park where she refused to leave her bus seat led to civil right movement. Furthermore, Galileo Galili challenged the conventional truth and presented other heliocentric theory. Hence, above mentioned examples explained that collective efforts breaks the chains created by the society.

Hence, man is born free and every where he is chains. They chains are man made fetters that suffocate the humans. However, some chains hindrance

the growth of human while some  
chain <sup>act as</sup> ~~are~~ mediums to reach the  
end goals. Aesop "Man is social animal.  
One who lives without society is  
either beast or God!" Aristotle. Hence,  
human can't survive without society.  
However, society set up enslave humans.  
Man should find the way to  
break through convoluted chain. As  
Bruce Lee once said, "Be shapeless and  
formless like a water and adapt  
according to the situation." However, man  
should learn to survive in all  
circumstances with hope and  
courage. There is always a ray of  
hope even in the darkest of the  
tunnel.