

Eagles Fly Against the Wind

Outline

Introduction

It can be stated that an eagle's flight against strong wind is a virtue; which opens new avenues of greatness and prosperity for those who adopt it.

2) Eagle is a symbol of resistance and resilience in the face of difficult situations.

3) Many great men have faced trials and tribulations like an eagle flying against the wind.

i) Holy Prophet (Pbuh) remained steadfast during all the trials and tribulations in Makkah.

ii) Quid's struggle for nation is a perfect depiction of an eagle's flight.

iii) Resolve shown by Mufadid Alif Sani, is a perfect manifestation of steadfastness.

iv) Nelson mandella's struggle for equality is a lesson for all

4) The Eagle like resilience makes nations great.

i) America faced several obstacles and a bloody civil war to emerge as a superpower.

ii) The steadfastness of companions of prophet (Pbuh) in early days of Islam is an epitome of resilience

iii) Japan's rise as an economic superpower after surviving nuclear attacks.

iv) The resolve of the Muslims of sub-continent was driving force behind the independence of Pakistan.

5) It is imperative for Pakistan to face strong wind like an eagle by.

i) Mobilizing its youth bulge and human capital

ii) Strengthening and reforming national institutions.

iii) Using media and social media to improve or strengthen nationalism

iv) Improving law and order situation in the country

v) Conclusion.

Flying high, in the face of strong wind is ~~was~~ the most admired trait of an eagle. This trait starkly contrasts the traits of other birds like pigeons and dove. In fact pigeons are notoriously known for being faint hearted. This suggests that this trait is found in a few creatures, and this trait is imperative for those who want to achieve ^{the} unprecedented success. Just like ^{an} eagle, God has bestowed many with many unparalleled traits. One such trait is to emulate. Man invented aircrafts by emulating birds' flight. This trait of an eagle is such that many men, nations and countries try to copy it. Those, who manage to master this trait man are able to remain steadfast in every trial and tribulation. Individual like Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah stood firm in all difficult situations just like an eagle flies against the strong wind. Similarly, United States had to remain steadfast in difficult times to emerge as a global leader. Thus, it

can be stated that an eagle's flight against the strong wind is a virtue, which opens ~~the~~ new avenues of greatness and prosperity for those who adopt it.

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Many want to adopt this virtue of an eagle of flying high against the strong wind. It is interesting to note that this brief sentence has a great deal of substance in it. This represents resistance, resilience and steadfastness. These are the characteristics, which a man is required to exhibit in difficult times. Unfortunately, very few among nations and individuals manage to display such traits at the time of need. This results in majority succumbing to turbulent circumstances. This characteristic of resilience is the dividing line between success and failure. USSR, lacked the ability to fly in high wind as a result it had to face ~~spit~~ disintegration. Similarly, only those individuals can reach at the top

who have resilience in abundance. History proves that only those individuals and nations achieved their goals who remained undeterred and steadfast in difficult situations.

There were many people in the past who had all the competence of the world but failed to reach their ^{respective} destinations. On the other hand those who remained steadfast, succeeded. Among all great men, none could parallel the steadfastness, courage, resilience and determination of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (Pbuh). Holy Prophet grew up as an orphan. When he started to call people towards Islam. Holy prophet had to face fierce opposition. People of Quraish spared no opportunity to torment Holy prophet. Moreover, when people of Taif hurled stone on the messengers of God, Prophet did not utter a single word of curse, anger or complaint. When the Prophet migrated

to Madinah both ^{the} Jews and
 Quraysh hatched many plans against
 him, but Holy Prophet stood firm
 and faced all the difficult circumstan-
 ces. Eventually, a day came arrived
 when Holy Prophet entered Makkah as a
 victor, without shedding even a drop
 of blood. Thus, steadfastness of Holy
 Prophet is a guiding light for the
 whole humanity.

Hundreds of years after
 the demise of Prophet, a courageous
 man rose to prominence to absolve
 Muslims of subcontinent from the shackles
 of slavery. That man was Quaid-e-
 Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. In his
 struggle for Muslims the Quaid had
 to face the opposition of not only the
 Hindus and British rulers but also
 of some influential Muslim leaders.
 Amidst such opposition Quaid ~~remained~~
 remained firm. Opposition from

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Hindus, non-cooperative attitude of British rulers and declining health could not keep Quaid-e-Azam from advocating a separate homeland for Muslims. Even after the partition, all the problems of a nascent state seem very small in stature before Quaid's resolve. Thus, Pakistan became a reality due to display of sheer resilience and great resolve by Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah.

Among many whose resilience resulted in to betterment of masses, Shaikh Ahmed Sirhindi deserves a special mention. When the monarch Jalal-ud-Din Muhammad Akbar introduced Deen-e-Ilahi, an amalgamation of major religions of subcontinent, it was feared that Islam would no longer remain intact. As the new religion was introduced by "Sheh-Anshah-e-Hind", no body could dare to speak against it. In such circumsta

Shaikh Ahmad Sirhindi arose, to uphold the truth. He proposed the concept of Wahdat-al-Shahood. This concept of nation, demolished the basis on which the edifice of the religion of the monarch was standing. Resultantly, Akbar grew furious and sent Shaikh Sirhindi in to captivity. Akbar kept trying to change Shaikh Sahib's stance till death, but Shaikh Sirhindi proved too staunch against all tribulations and persuasion. Thus, his resistance was a manifestation of an eagle flying against strong wind.

Another man who could not be broken by tribulations and imprisonment was Nelson Mandela. Nelson Mandela is among the greatest democrats of recent times. Mandela was from South Africa. South Africa was a divided country because of its racial differences. Blacks were not

considered to be equal citizens. They were treated badly, even government and state were not willing to give them ^{their} due rights. Emergence of Nelson Mandela proved to be a great blessing for the nation. He talked of promoting harmony and brotherhood among all races of South Africa, and resultantly, strengthening the democracy and nation. His ideas were not appreciated by those in power. As a result he was imprisoned for many years. But all these hardships could not stop him from materializing his ideals in South Africa. Thus, resilience and resistance drove Mandela to greatness.

Just like great nation individuals, great nations, too, have the capacity to fly like an eagle against the on wind. One country that appears to be an embodiment

of an eagle flying against the wind appears to be United State of America.

Since its inception it had to face ~~coast~~ aggression from superpowers like France and United Kingdom. It sought to find solution to such aggression instead of shying away.

Later in 19th century a civil war broke out in the country. USA was practically divided into two countries.

It was the sheer will of President

Abraham Lincoln and the masses of ^{northern} southern states that restored the union. Then, such resilience was

against on display during great depression. Economy was in perils, survival appeared to be very difficult

it for United States. In such situation, nation of great resolve rallied behind

the President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and emerged victorious. Thus, a

nation having 'Bald Eagle' as nation

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its spirit in difficult circumstances.

Among all resilient nations, the muslim ummah that emerged in the life-time of Holy prophet appears to be the most resolute. The muslims who were forced to leave their homeland and settle in Makkah Madina were facing many issues when, Quraysh attacked them at Badr. Poverty, cunning neighbours like jews, and pains of exodus were already very disturbing, and to add insult to the injury Quraysh attacked with full force to crush muslims. Consequently, 313 muslims had to face a well equipped army of over a thousand troops. Not only muslim emerged victorious due to their courage and resolve but also were able to neutralize more of such attacks. Later, the spirit of those 313 led to the emergence of great Islamic Empire, which spread across multiple continents.

Another nation that met hostile situations with great resolve is Japan. When the second world war was almost over, in order to neutralize Japan USA conducted two nuclear strikes on Japan. One nuclear bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, while other on Nagasaki. This resulted in to un-precedented devastation. Many of the Japanese evaporated in to steam at the time of explosion. The people killed were in hundreds of thousands. Infrastructural damage was also unprecedented. In those times it was the will of Japanese nation that made Japan to rise from the ashes and become one of the most modern and biggest economies of this world. Thus, resilience of Japanese people is behind the success of Japan.

Another nation that strived very hard to ensure its survival is the nation of Muslims of subcontinent. When British rules snatched power in Muslims, they were faced with existential threats. Both the rulers and majority had turned against Muslims. In such circumstance the wisdom of Sir Sayyad Ahmed Khan and resilience of Muslims proved very vital. Muslims were able to adapt according to evolving situation due to sheer resilience and great resolve. Later, this resolve was directed by the leadership of Quaid-e-Azam to carve a separate homeland for Muslims. Thus, Pakistan is a product of resilience and determination.

As Pakistan is the product of resilience and determination, these days it is required to exhibit those virtues. These days, economic

terrorism and political instability have made things difficult for Pakistan.

Pakistan can overcome these difficult times like an eagle flies against the wind. The foremost thing Pakistan

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can do is to rely on its populace especially the young generation.

Populace can as a whole adopt such measures which can lead to national harmony and integration, this will help to relieve political instability.

And investing on human resource will help Pakistan to eventually overcome its economic predicaments. Thus,

the populace of Pakistan can help in improving its resistance against difficult situations.

Moreover, an eagle manages to fly against the wind due to its strong and agile body. In order to have such resilience, a country must have

strong and properly functioning institutions. Unfortunately, most of the institutions are not able to function properly. The reasons behind this problem include corruption and redundant rules of service. Government should take steps to minimize corruption, and to upgrade institutions according to modern times. So, governance structure of Pakistan may become as agile as body of an eagle.

Along with the strong and functional structure, strong attachment of population with the state is imperative for resilience of a state. Although one cannot question the attachment of a populace with its country, in modern times ^{this bond} it needs to be renewed. This renewal can be done by using media and social media. As media and social media play very crucial role in opinion

building. Newspapers must print more blogs on great personalities from Pakistan. Similarly, such ideas must be promoted in public, which cause public to associate more to Pakistani products than imported products. Thus, overall strengthening of nationalism in country will lead to an increased capacity to take the bull of predicaments by horns.

Furthermore, in order to ensure resilience like an eagle, Pakistan must give maintenance of law and order a top priority. In case of Pakistan, maintenance of law and order is a big issue as the Eastern neighbour is financing proxies against Pakistan. On the other hand the Western neighbour is not capable enough to not let its territory being used against Pakistan. Such law and order situations not only are threatening but also cause of creating divide among different

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sects. Thus, it is obligatory for Pakistan to control terrorism and other such activities. This will result in better living conditions for the masses and overall national integrity, leading to improved resolve against all sorts of trouble.

In the end, one cannot refute the fact that now is the one of the most testing junctures, the country has ever faced. Inflation is all time high, unemployment among youth has reached at unprecedented level.

In this scenario an eagle's flight against the wind is guiding light for Pakistanis. This expression is not only applicable to the life of an individual but also to the nation. Great men like Prophet Muhammad (Puh) and Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah ^{struggles} have been the manifestation of an eagle's flight against the wind. Similarly, the path to glory was not

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bed of roses for powers like Japan
and USA. They had to pave their
way through rocky terrain to
reach the junctures of glory. Pakistan
can also march towards success with
some reforms, and faith in its
people. As people are the real
source of power that is recruited
to fly against the wind.