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From the anthropological era of human development; shifting from gather and hunter society to this modern society of Artificial Intelligence, the only thing which has never left humanity alone is the 'hope'. No matter how difficult and worse the life seems, the only fuel which keeps human moving is the ray of hope; a hope of overcoming adversity, a hope of achieving goal^{and} hope of better future. Hence, hope is the hidden friend of human, which guides him or her. It is the hope of achieving equality that made Nelson Mandela to strive against anti-apartheid elements and spent 32-years of his life in a prison. It is also the hope which keeps prophets moving in adverse conditions and the same hope has made Socrates to raise his head against all odds and inculcates his critical thinking among people which led to his death. Similarly, the era of Muslim invention began with the hope of Muslims

philosophers linking reason of philosophy with the revelation of religion. Not only this, hope has also led people to fight and bring revolution under the slogan of ^{liberty} Equality and Fraternity. The abolishment of slavery is another hallmark success of hope. The light of gender equality fall upon the patriarchal society and led to the gaining of women rights; the suffragette movement and the winning concept of Malala's Education for Girls. Hence, the revolution of society only comes when people believe in the possibility of seeing their goal as the ultimate reality and "hope" helps humans draw and see that reality coming true in the future and bringing humans from the age of darkness to the age of light.

Hope is the driving force behind every action and propels ^{that} action towards progress, with a strong conviction and dedication.

Hope of achieving an anti-apartheid

state out of apartheid south Africa led Nelson Mandela to bear the hardships of imprisonment of about 32 years. In his well renowned autobiography, "A long walk to Freedom", he has enlisted his hardships and his firm hope of getting out of the darkness of apartheid south Africa. His belief and devotion led to the end of apartheid in south Africa. Hence, hope was the silent engine behind Nelson's struggle from Apartheid to the Egalitarian South Africa.

Similarly, the period of ignorance (Jahiliya) was transformed into period of progress only because of prophets hope in their prophetic mission and trust on God. In the case of normal person, on seeing hardship, he tends to give up and lose trust. However, prophets have seen the extreme adversities in their life, but despite them, they showed resilient and an unshakeable trust on God. For instance, ^{when} Muhammad (PBUH) was injured by the people of Taif

and his shoe was sunk with the blood, Jibrael Amin (the angel) asked Muhammad (PBUH) that if he allows him he would grind the whole tribe of Taif between two mountains, however, Muhammad said that he has belief that there would be believers out of Taif people in the future. Such was the sacredness of the hope of Muhammad that he was seeing goodness out of the worst circumstance, ultimately his hope was ~~never~~^{come} true as people of Taif later on accepted Islam. (PBUH)

Believing on the same philosophy of prophets towards hope, philosophers also laid their lives for inculcating critical thinking, essential for problem solving and the progress of societies. From Thales, the first philosopher to question about the formation of the universe, to modern philosophers of Paul Sartre - post modernist philosopher John Dewey - all have laid their lives to quench the thirst of understanding surrounding and

philosophising those knowledge to the people for grasping the realities of life. For instance, Socrates used to question people about the general concepts of life like beauty, intelligence, etc. Through his Socratic method he used to engage youth to question the general phenomena and critically analyze their surrounding. Despite knowing that his direct democratic leaders, authorities, autocrats were not happy with this. But he was so hopeful about his inculcating critical thinking philosophy. Instead of giving up Socratic method, he drank the drink of Hamlet, leading to ^{the foundation} ~~idea~~ of Greek philosophy.

In addition to this, the era of Muslim science and innovation began with the courageous moves of philosophers; Alkindi, Al-Farabi and so on. Their concept of considering and aligning philosophy same as the religious study, building the step towards reasoning in the Islamic world. The most famous work in the Muslim philosophy is that of Ibn-Rushd, according to him,

"if God does not want Muslims to use wisdom, then He would not have given it to them". This justification for using reason in the study of Quran led to the growth and invention of things. The era of scientists naming; Al-Beruni, Ibn-e-Sina, Al-Khawarizmi, Ibn Haitham, all earned name to the Muslim world based on the courageous utilization of wisdom in the Islamic study. Hence, the hope of seeing reason as an alternate to revelation propels the muslim philosophy towards science and invention.

Moreover, political structure moved from monarchy to Democracy because of the hope of people in their say. The period of renaissance and enlightenment led public to believe on their rights of ^{being} social contractees, demanding liberty, equality, life, property and fraternity. This challenged the theory of divine right of kings and ultimately bloodshed began which eventually called for

Democratic set-up establishment.
Hence, the hope of changing political structure, despite violent and brutal onslaught by the monarchies, people gained democracy and now, in the modern world three-fourth of the countries are enjoying democracy because of that hope of people.

Similarly, the abolishment of slavery and the recent fight against apartheid element, all represent the hope of people in their vision of equality. If Martin Luther King had not have hope of seeing a slaveless society, he would not have led America to ^{indulge} fight into a civil war. It's was all because of his hope that the slavery is no more norm of the today's world. Recent Hamas fight against apartheid Israel also shows palestinian hope of achieving palestinian right and end to apartheid Israel state. Hence, without hope, no nation indulge into war.

On the same lines, feminism gains momentum in achieving gender equality based on their hope of being recognized as an equal human like that of men. Feminism success from gaining right to vote in 1921 in America through a decade long struggle in suffragette movement to right of coloured women through famous speech of Susan Anthony "AINT I A WOMEN", and to the recent fourth wave feminist internet slogan of #MeToo Movement, all gain success only because of women hope in their vision of bringing gender equality on the dark face of patriarchy. Hence, society has gained progress from gender inequality to a bit gender equal world.

Moreover, the hope to cure and the hope to invent something laid the foundation of Invention and discovery. If there is no hope, nobody will invest lots of time and energy in doing

work of uncertain, unpredictable outcome. Only the hope is the driving force behind every invention and discovery. For instance, Thomas Edison after failing 1000 experiments, would have given up his vision, and the invention of light bulb would not become possible and the ^{today's} world would be of darkness. However, he has firm hope in his vision, hence he kept working till he succeeded in lighting the world with the bulb.

On the similar footing, humans are surviving despite all diseases and pandemic, only because of hope of medical experts in curing people with new technology and inventions. For instance, during COVID-19, the invention of vaccine led to immunization of people against Corona virus. Similar trust of medical has now involved AI enabled personalised treatment and Robotic surgery to ease the suffering of people. Hence, hope is the ultimate driving force behind innovating medical field and saving

lives of millions of people.

Furthermore, the hope of living in better economic condition has transformed society from gather and hunting society to today's capitalist society. Similar, evolution of economic model was discussed by Karl Marx in his book "Das Kapital" that struggle of societies for acceleration led to the evolution of economic structure of the society which ultimately would change the entire superstructure of the society. Now, the notion of Karl Marx that the proletariat are now having hope of ruling the world, would eventually lead to the establishment of classless society. Hence struggle of people has evolved the economic structure of the societies.

Similar viewpoint is being observed in Islamic world today, of integrating reasoning with the Islamic studies, with a hope of solving problems of

modern day man under the light of Islamic works. Allama Iqbal and Shah Waliullah has given the concept of Ijtihad, integrating reason with Quran to solve the problems. Hence, the hope of solving problems, has led to the introduction of Ijtihad in the Muslim world.

The solution to climate change is also enshrined in the hope of people to curb global warming. Had they have no hope of curbing global warming, they would not have worked for Paris Agreement and the recent Conference of the Parties, 29 Agreement. Thus, the society is transforming from fossil fuel driven society towards society based on renewable energy. This is all because of hope of people in mitigating the effects of climate change through these measures.

Furthermore, hope is the guiding light in all the works of literature, guiding people to stay motivated on their vision and never be depressed about the adversities of life. For instance, Saif-ul-Malook 'the political poet' collection has built enshrined faith on the vision, once one has faith on his vision, he would ultimately achieve that very vision. If Quran is checked, its words are nothing more than a hope, Allah says in the Quran "Never lose hope in Allah". Hence, all the literature guides of having hope in the goal.

Similar hope is being envisioned in this age of Artificial Intelligence. For example, Henry Kissinger in his book "The Age of AI and our Human Future" says that the future of human's

existence in the digital ages where humans and machines (AI) coexist and collaborates, not a tool of human, is built on the hope of developing a ethical AI framework, alleviating ethical concerns related to AI. Hence human whole historical analysis and shift towards technological era, there is only hope which has kept human driving towards progress.

On seeing all the parameters, the value of hope, it is worth-mentioning that hope is the ultimate light in the life of human. Man should have faith on his ~~or~~ vision, all the struggles in life come only to make human progress from lower scale to high scale. So human should never lose hope.

To conclude, humans have made progress only because of hope, working as the silent engine of growth. The democratic

political structure establishment,
economic liberal Capitalist
structure grand work, the ^{shift from} age
of ignorance to the technological
era, all shows, the steadfast
belief of people on their vision
of having better future, despite
facing worst circumstance at that
time. Nothing can drive
towards success, seeing the
hardships turning brutal in the
way, without hope. Hence,
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