

A SHIP IS SAFE IN A HARBOUR, <sup>(1)</sup>  
BUT THAT IS NOT

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## WHAT SHIPS ARE BUILT FOR

### 1 - Introduction

Thesis statement: A man is safe when he does not explore new avenues in life. He is safe when there are no challenges in his life, but that life is bleak and deprives man of many benefits. That kind of life does not fulfill the purpose of man's existence in the world.

### 2 - A ship is safe in harbour for the following reasons

- i - no threat of sinking in the sea
- ii - no threat of getting looted by pirates

### 3 - A ship is built for the following things

- i - To sail in the sea for economic purposes
- ii - To sail in the sea for transportation purposes

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4. - Individuals are also safe when they do not do the following

- i - Face the challenges of life
- ii - Face their fears
- ~~iii - Do not resist the evil in the world~~
- iii - Make peace with the injustice happening to them

5. - Individuals are made for the following things

- i - Individuals are made to explore
- ii - Individuals are made to bring positive change in the world
- iii - Individuals are made to discover new things
- iv - Individuals are made to invent new things

6. - Nations are also made to face challenges and bring change in the world

- i - Different revolutions in the history

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ii - Black Civil Rights movements  
in the USA

2 - Ships are not safe always  
in the harbour

i - Oppression of native Americans  
in America

ii - Oppression of Muslims in  
subcontinent

8 - Conclusion

Sailing of ships in the sea is full of risks and threats.

A ship can sink or get looted by pirates in the sea. Ship

does not face any such threat when it is in harbour. But, staying

in harbour is not the purpose of life of a ship. Similarly,

a man is also safe when he accepts everything that the life gives him. He is safe when there are no challenges in his life.

But, that life is bleak and deprives man of many benefits of life. That kind of life

does not fulfill the purpose of existence of man in the world.

Man is born to face challenges and fears, explore what is in the sea and sky, discover and invent new things for humanity and suppress evil wherever it raises its head. There are

examples of many people who did not quit in life just

to be safe, but faced all the challenges and brought

change in the world. Similarly, there are many nations also

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who stood against oppression and did not fear any loss for the protection of their rights. These examples show that shunning the challenges of life is not the solution to any problem.

A human is made to bring positive changes in the world and not to be afraid of failures. Indeed the ship that never comes out of its harbour is never exposed to threats the sea poses. But, that does not ensure the safety of a ship.

Sometimes a ship gets destroyed in its harbour by its enemies. Therefore, it should come out and face all the challenges.

Similarly, a man must come out and face challenges. He must resolve the problem of life so that the purpose of his life is fulfilled.

There are many reasons for a ship to stay in its harbour. One of which is to protect itself from ~~the~~ sinking in the ~~gushing~~ gushing waves of the sea. Indeed, the waves

of sea during a storm are so mighty that they can engulf everything that comes in their way. Till today, no shipbuilder has made a ship that could guarantee that it would never sink.

In the past, shipbuilders built one ship named Titanic that was called "the unsinkable" by its builder. However, that invincible ship also could not stand in front of the fury of the sea and got destroyed on its first voyage. The fear of sinking prevents the ships from sailing in the sea and it is believed that the ship is safe in its harbour.

Ships face the threat of getting looted by pirates in the sea. This is another kind of fear that keeps ships out of the water. Pirates loot all the wealth of the ship, enslave the people on the ship and use the ship to commit their evil activities. In this way,

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the ship loses its pride and dignity. It also gets apart from its builder and from its own people. Pirates use it to fight with their rival groups of pirates that may end in the destruction of a magnificent ship. To prevent such ignominious and unfortunate end, the ship prefers to stay in its harbour.

The ship cannot stay in its harbour for it is not built to stay there. If the ship stays in its harbour, it would never be able to fulfill the purpose of its life. One of the purposes of the life of a ship is international trade. Ships serve humans economically by taking their goods across the sea. Humans have been using ships for ~~since~~ centuries. Humans get goods built by nations across the sea and earn money by selling their products also. Ships were used by ancient empires like Greek Empire, Roman Empire and Ottoman

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Empire. Ships are used in today's modern world also to move commodities from one country to other. In this way ships serve humans and fulfill the purpose of their life which gives them a sense of pride.

Another purpose of the life of ship is the transportation of humans. Ships aid in transportation of goods as well as humans. In the ancient times when other modes of transportation did not exist, people used ships to travel from one place to another. In ancient time, aeroplane and trains ~~and~~ ~~to~~ did not exist. At that time ships used to serve human as the only mode of transportation. People moved from one continent to other by the help of ships. Arab merchants used to travel to India by using ships. British traders also landed in India by travelling by a ship. Ships were the only mode of transportation and served



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human diligently. Ships are built for such work and ships cannot fulfill their purpose of life by staying in their harbour always.

The life of an individual is ~~always~~ also similar to a ship. An individual is also born to explore new avenues of life. An individual is undoubtedly safe when he does not embark on new journeys of life and stays in his comfort zone, but that prevents human from growing and fulfilling the purpose of his life. Such life is meaningless. An individual is born to explore like a ship. There have been many individuals who took new challenges in life and explored. One such example is Christopher Columbus. The story of Christopher Columbus makes one believe that one should not stay always in one's comfort zone to avoid all the risks of life and one should explore new avenues of life.

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Christopher Columbus vowed to explore the world. He was ready to face all the challenges in his way. He ended up discovering a new world to the ~~of~~ Asia and Europe. In 1492, Christopher Columbus discovered America. It shows that a man is made to discover new things and explore in the world.

Another purpose of the life of man is to face evil and bring positive change in the world. Indeed, such efforts bring losses, pains and risks with themselves, but all such losses are accompanied by positive changes which is the purpose of life of a man. A man should not capitulate in front of evil just to ensure his safety and must resist no matter what in quest for a positive change. There are many examples of people who stood against evil-minded people and brought positive

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changes despite facing several losses. Some of these people are Abraham Lincoln, Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King. These were the people who fought against the oppression of Black people in different times. They fought against slavery and discriminatory policies against Black people. They faced many problems and incurred many losses also, but they remained determined and achieved their goals in the end. They did not quit and were not afraid of risks they faced.

There are many risks associated with the discovery of something new in the world. Whenever a man embarks on the journey of discovering something, at first he ~~faces~~ incurs many losses. But, losses should not deter man from continuing his journey. Man is born to discover the hidden treasures of the world, no matter what cost

it has to pay. Today, everything that man enjoys is the result of tireless efforts of people in the past. Man enjoys these things for these people took risks and did not prefer to stay in their harbour for their safety. There are many examples of people who discovered new things despite facing difficulties. One such example is the Nobel Prize winner Marie Curie who discovered radioactive elements. These elements are highly dangerous for humans and scientists believe that these the radiations from these elements became the reason of the death of Marie Curie. However, she did not stop working and discovered a very useful material for the betterment of humanity.

Similarly, inventions are also accompanied by losses and difficulties. Many scientists lose even their life for ~~inventing~~ ~~new~~ during inventing new things for humanity.

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One such example is the invention of aeroplane. Today, aeroplane is considered the most safe and the fastest mode of transportation. It is used by millions of people. But, the story of its invention is not simple. People spent their lives studying for how to make human able to fly in the air. ~~Many~~ people took many risks and many people even lost their lives. In the end, Wright Brothers succeeded in making a machine that could fly man in the air. It was the bravery of those people that today humanity is benefitting from a wonderful invention named aeroplane. They took risks and came out of their harbours.

Nations are also made to bring positive changes in the world. Nations earn respect in the world and dignity only when they stand against their oppression and bring about revolution. There are examples of many

revolutions in the world that show that to bring a positive change and to secure the rights of a nation, risks must be taken and pain must be endured. The American Revolution, Russian Revolution, French Revolution and the Independence of Pakistan are some of the ~~the~~ incidents from history which were drenched with blood but brought positive change in the world. These nations lost many things in their struggle but what they get was dignity and land of their own.

Black Civil Rights movement is another example of a nation that vowed to protect its rights and reach equality of all the races despite all the risks and losses. Black people started this movement in 1956 in the USA against the discriminatory policies of the USA. They were humiliated by these policies. Black people faced life and economic

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lone during the movement they were killed, imprisoned, harassed and manacred by their white ruler, but they did not prefer to stay in harbour to avoid all the atrocities and faced everything boldly to bring a permanent positive change in the USA for their future generations. Their struggled culminated in their victory and they secured equal rights. They fulfilled the purpose of their life.

ships prefer to stay in harbour to stay safe, but those ships must understand that staying in ships does not ensure safety always. Sometimes, the evil attacks those who are in their harbour. History is replete with such examples when the evil persecuted the one that preferred to remain out of all the conflicts. The suppression of Native Americans by ~~Spaniards~~ European Imperial Powers is the supreme example of suppression of people who were in their

harbour. Native Americans were away from the entire world. They were in peace and were oblivious of the European nations. However, in 1492, their suppression started with ~~them~~ them getting discovered to the rest of the world by the European nations. European powers like British, Spain, France, Portugal and ~~former~~ Netherland looted and persecuted Native Americans ~~unreasonably~~. These people were not causing any harm to Europeans and were in their own lands but they were attacked and killed in their own harbour.

Another story of suppression of those who were in their harbours is the story of Mughals in subcontinent.

Mughals were ruling subcontinent and were in peace. They ~~were~~ did not have any touch with the British Empire, but they were overthrown by the British Empire. The English traders started creeping into India



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in the 16th century when Jhanganir was ruling the Mughal Empire British slowly got enmeshed in all the economical and political matters of the Empire and eventually overthrew the empire that preferred to stay in its harbour. Interestingly, the Mughals were responsible for the fall of their empire for they did not resist. They ~~was~~ remained unaware of the activities of the British traders and their choice to stay in harbour led to their fall. It is proven that staying in the harbour does not ensure safety always.

In a nutshell, ships prefer to stay in their harbour when they fear the storm of the sea. They avoid the gushing waves of the sea and also the brutal pirates that rule the sea, but that deprives ship of all its dignity. Ships are not built to stay in their harbour.

Ships are built to rule the sea. They are built, so that

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humans get benefit from sea. They serve humans economically by trading goods across the sea and by helping humans travel around the world. The purpose of the life of a ship is fulfilled only when the ship comes out of its harbour. This analogy can be applied to a man also. A man is useful only when he faces the challenges of life and overcomes his fears. These challenges and fears deter man from coming out of his comfort zone and do not let him bold step. Man fear of the lone that taking those bold step may incur on them. But, man can make himself useful only when he faces those challenges. Man is made to discover and explore. He is made to invent new things for the betterment of humanity and he is made to fight the evil. In doing so, man may incur many lone, but those lone bring benefits with them that

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man can never enjoy if he  
 stays in his harbour. The ~~purpose~~  
 purpose of life of a man is  
 served only when he comes out  
 of his harbour. Nations are  
 also useful only when they fight  
 against injustice and do not  
 step back fearing the adverse  
 consequences of their struggle.  
 Nations who gather courage to  
 fight for themselves earn dignity  
 and respect in the world. All  
 these examples show that staying  
 in harbour deprives human of  
 all his potential and dignity  
 in the world. One remains  
 unaware of the bounties bestowed  
 upon him by Allah Almighty  
 and does not become able to  
 benefit from the resources of  
 the world. Therefore, man  
 should come out of his harbour  
 and spend a meaningful  
 life by pursuing a purpose.