

Topic: "A ship is safe in harbour, but that is not what ships are built for!"

Outline :

- Safety of ship used as metaphor to relate to human's inclination towards a safe and convenient life-style.
- a) Hobbes' "Social Contract Theory" as a relevant theory for desire of humans for a safe, peaceful and content life.
- b) Seeking of contentment by humans to avoid tribulations in life.
- c) Fear as a natural human characteristic predisposes to desire for maintenance of safety.
- d) Fall of great civilizations due to indulgence in idleness.
- Rusting of ships due to inactivity is compared with human's unwillingness to navigate the uncharted waters of life.
- a) Dilapidation of humans' skills set to



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- b) fight off the challenges of life.
- b) Vulnerable to dilemma of loss of treasure of human's experiences.
- c) Shying away from facing the struggles in life leads to cowardice in human nature.
- d) Incompetent individuals find it difficult to face the tumultuous storms of life.
- e) Humans, who don't intend to let their ships sail are beaten by an overwhelming force of enemy.

→ Humans, like ships are built to sail to face the turbulent currents of sea.

- a) Willingness as the most significant attribute for humans to face the adversities of life.
- b) Niccolò Machiavelli's philosophy of facing the challenges of life with utter willingness.
- c) Overcoming the fear of failure.
- d) Strong belief system to bolster the confidence of humans.
- e) Optimism as significant phenomenon to stimulate confidence in humans.



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a) Struggles of freedom fighters like Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King who sailed their ships.

Conclusion.

Introduction :

The tapestry of human life is woven with the fears and struggles of survival. And it would not be wrong to confess and claim that every human in this world comes with fair share of struggles. Every individual is ensnared in the intricacies and mysteries of the world to win over survival and overcome the overbearing force of failure. Despite the turbulent nature of life like the torrential currents of oceans, humans are equipped with physical, intellectual and emotional might to fight and overcome the tribulations of life. Nonetheless, a human might yearn for a life full of blessings and comfort and that is exactly why humans struggle to reach the pinnacle of a content life. But the nature of universe compels a human to step out of the comfort zone like a sheep which is safe in the harbour. However it is built to



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soil and navigate the uncharted waters before reaching its ultimate destination.

The safety of ship in harbour as a metaphor for convenience in life can be related to human's inclination for a safe and content lifestyle. The desire for a safe and hassle-free life is ingrained in human nature. The history of human civilisation is laden with examples of humans sacrificing their autonomy and sovereignty for achieving a safe and peaceful life.

The reference to human's desire for peace and security can be found in the "Social Contract Theory" of Thomas Hobbes.

Thomas Hobbes, a popular social and political philosopher sheds light on human behaviour by postulating that life in the state of nature is short and brutish. It is full of fear for survival. Subsequently, a man gives up his sovereignty and autonomy to



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establish a part of promise of safety from the emperor. Thomas Hobbes famous "Social Contract theory" is an excellent depiction of how humans are willing to trade off their liberty for a peaceful and tribulation free life.

The quest of humans for contentment lies in the safety of their ships in harbour. Every individual in this world seeks contentment in life and it would not be wrong to claim that contentment stems from security of life. Humans who are terrified to risk their lives seek contentment in hassle-free life. However, the world is not deprived of individuals who will risk their life to seek purpose and contentment.

Thus, it can be proved that humans prioritise safety to achieve contentment and comfort in life.

Fear, as ~~is~~ a natural characteristic of human predisposes to



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desire for maintenance of safety
 Humans, who prefer to not
 sail their ships are contained
 by fear of failure or intromi-
 dation to face the external
 world. Fear is an overwhelming
 feeling to defeat a person
 even before he or she steps
 out to take a stand for
 themselves. Hence, humans prefer
 to not sail their ships for
 the numerous fears life fear
 for life, belongings and achieve-
 ments.

And as Lord Jurg aptly said:

"No amount of adversity can limit
 human's potential as fear"

Human history is riddled with
 instances where mighty kingdoms
 lost its glory when they prefer-
 red to keep their ships in
 harbour. It led to the fall of
 great civilisations. Ibn Khaldun,
 a famous political philosopher
 in his theory of "Asabiyan"
 sheds light on how the
 kingdoms at their zenith



falls into idleness and over indulgence in their pleasures to lose the purpose of statecraft. Over contentment leads to lethargy and fades away the vigour of purpose. When the energy for higher purpose dissipates, humans lose sight of their divine purpose. Thus it makes them content with no purpose of sailing their ships to achieve high ends.

It is inevitable that inactivity leads to rusting of ships. Rusting is a perpetual process which eats away human potential to navigate through the uncharted waters of life and achieve high purpose of life. Willingness is a great virtue to compel human to dive into the waters of life and find pearl to add into treasury of his/her achievements.

Inactivity and unwillingness to explore the currents of life leads to loss of purpose and



insight in human life. Humans are naturally equipped with magnificent skill set and if they do not put it into optimal use, it will certainly rust. The dilapidation of humans' skill set will deprive them to unleash its potential. And this is certainly a significant loss for humans.

Moreover, it is pertinent to highlight the unfortunate dilemma of loss of experiences. Humans' experiences are an unparalleled treasure. No amount of wealth can be as exceptional as the wealth of experiences. Experiences adds to the intellectual discernment of human beings which proves to be highly beneficial in the long, arduous race of life. Thus, it would not be wrong to say that an individual is the sailor of his life and if he/she refrains from sailing their ship, they would be forever deprived of the noble treasure of human

Immanuel Kant puts it in an adept way by stating:

"One has failed in life if he has not portrayed the courage to collect experience. Certainly, it is the treasure for life."

Shying away from the odours struggles of life puts a human on the path of cowardice. A sailor breeds on the path of courage by facing the storms of sea. Likewise every individual who refrains from facing the struggles and searching heat of life ends up being coward. Courage is a virtue unparalleled and if an individual lacks this exceptional quality, this may lead to his swift downfall.

A rusted character of an individual ends up being incompetent. Uncompetitive individuals fail to face the tumultuous tsunamis of life. The courage to face fear and the struggle to face the odds integration impeccable

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human characteristics in an individual. Thus, excellence is the product of perpetual struggle and audacity to face adversities of life. And humans who yearn for comfort only deprives themselves of being competent.

Humans who are inclined and bent over not sailing their ships are beaten by an overwhelming force of enemy or the adversities of life. The fear and overwhelming might of enemy over power a coward individual. Hence, it is pertinent to emphasise that the courage to discover mysteries of life proves to be beneficial in empowering of an individual.

Humans, like ships are built and well equipped to face the turbulent currents of life. Certain characteristics prove to be crucial for the character development of an individual. Some are naturally ingrained characteristics which are refined in the long run.



Willingness, is the most important attribute to let the ship of life sail. A willing individual is always ready to showcase utmost potential to fight the odds and achieve victory. Hiccups are part of life and may complicate the journey of life for a while but it can never subdue the mighty force of willingness.

Niccolo Machiavelli, a famous Italian political scientist has rightly stated:

"Where the willingness is great, the difficulties are not great."

Niccolo was a staunch advocate of willingness to test and try new methods and discover a way to success. He emphasised on incredible human potentials to discover new paths to achieve the fruits of life.

A human can never sail his ship if he doesn't have faith



in himself. Faith is the first step to continue the struggle for life. Thus, a strong belief system needs to be in place to bolster the confidence of human beings.

Will Durant aptly emphasize the significance of a strong belief system which controls human.

"Nothing binds a human as much as his thoughts, Nothing limits a human as much as his fears and nothing controls a human as much as his beliefs".

Optimism is a significant phenomenon to stimulate the confidence in a human to face the struggles of life. The attribute of optimism has driven all the significant and successful personalities in the world in all arenas of life.

Optimism is a driving force which compels a human to belief in himself and the ~~bad~~ seemingly unattainable goals. Beliefs stems from the optimistic approach to life and

makes the unachievable, achievable. An optimistic sailor can take out his ship from the most untoward circumstances.

Some magnificent personalities are built to turn the tables in life just like the ships on which are made to sail.

Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King are such incredible and courageous personalities who stepped out of the comfort zones to fight for the rights of the Blacks. They stood against the ugliest odds with staunch beliefs in themselves and defeated the most feared English Civilisation in the most peaceful and glorious manner. The pages of history are riddled with their heroic tales and the world might never forget how they sailed their ships in favour of the entire Blacks generation.

Conclusion:

Humans like the ships are made to sail the uncharted waters of life and discover their purpose. Though, a comfort zone might offer contentment, peace and security but the tumultuous currents of life contribute to the upward trajectory of life. Life which is not rich with struggles is meaningless and purposeless. Every human needs to ~~at~~ sail their ship to discover purpose of life. Humans are built to face the adversities of life to specialise their skill sets. All the great men and women have achieved their unattainable goals after stepping out of their comfort zone and embracing the hurdles of life with utmost beliefs and optimism. Thus, it is crucial to let the journey begin with full vigour and enthusiasm.