

“One day as a lion is better  
than a hundred as a  
jackal

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There are centuries when nothing happens; there are weeks when centuries happen. The difference is owing to the command of the time. A prudent Commander, living with courage, can do much in a day that a coward can not do in a century. A former one, thus leaving a legacy behind, while the later one is buried by history. That is why it is said, "one day as a lion is better than a hundred days as a jackle". For instance, Tipu Sultan is a glowing example of a lion. He fought against the malevolent intentions of Britishers till his last breath, and has left a legacy behind. On the other hand, Meer Jafar, who owned a vital mind and a chicken heart supported Britishers behind stages, leaving a shame behind. This philosophy



is not only confined to leadership, but it underpins all aspects of individual and collective life. Individuals become lions when they rely upon their own strength like a tree does. Blowing winds and pressure gradients do bend a tree, but at the same time it is strong enough to get back to its original position by swelling on itself, thus showing courage. On the other hand they become coward by relying on others.

Same goes true for countries and nations too. Some countries are newly independent and are broadening the horizons of prosperity while others are centuries old and are in a stalemate. To boil it down, a courageous life, albeit short, lived by individuals, and nations is worth admiring than the one lived behind the bars of cowardice.

This line is often associated with Tipu Sultan, as mentioned earlier, he uttered it while taking his last breath.



The metaphor lion signifies an individual, nation, group or organization which has courage to face all the odds of life bravely. On the other hand the metaphor Jackle signifies cowardice, whether exhibited by an individual or a group. Courageous ones live their lives like a lion with respect and honour, while coward ones live their lives like a jackle. Despite Jackle's long life, it does not enjoy it because all the time it lives in fear. Its subconscious is preoccupied <sup>with</sup> ~~by~~ fear. It keeps hiding. On the other hand, albeit Lion's life is short, it lives it without <sup>alto</sup> fear. This implies to all individuals and nations.

Courageous individuals live admirable life. They are free from any external or internal insecurity. They have a sound sleep, a free walk and a peace of mind. They live



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in tranquility. They are unaware of any panorama or undefined terror. On the other hand Coward individuals live their entire lives under the burden of panorama. Panorama is an unknown fear that occupies the mind of individuals, precluding them from pursuing their legitimate avocations. Similarly Courageous individuals live under the principle of sheer will power and discipline. They are self contained and self reliant like a tree. Life does teach them lessons, but they get back to live a normal life with courage and bravery - not hiding behind the words of saints.

Beyond perks in individual life that courage bestows to individuals, it bestows courageous leaders with eternal legacy. Who does not know about the great Tipu Sultan. He



not a stalwart of Britishers. Rather he fought them, and curbed their malevolent intentions. This is the proof of the rage of his courage that even after his martyrdom Britishers were afraid of his corpse. They avoided getting close to him for three days. Take Qud-e-Azam, for instance, a courageous founder of Pakistan. A person may not know his grand dad, but he would know about the great leader Qud-e-Azam. Nelson Mandela, a towering figure of South Africa, despite spending 27 years in prison did not lose hope and ended the apartheid government. He is still remembered today. This eternal bliss is owing to their courageous nature, and more specifically their own choice.

Some nations are newly independent, and they are achieving



heights, while others are centuries old, but are stuck in the mental maps of past. The world has witnessed it. The newly born courageous nations have considered some stock of ideas courageously which have preserved happiness and freedom for them, rather than misery. Their international stature is high; their political stature is high; they don't need austerity policy of IMF. On the other hand some nations with best geographical position and talented minds are living in cowardice. This is perhaps, because their top brass are coward. Sadly, this is a case of Pakistan. She has relied too much upon others, making her a coward nation. Every budget is made under the tutelage of IMF. But this cowardice is not by luck; it's her choice!



Religion and philosophy also emphasize over the choice of courage. Religion and philosophy call it a choice, and it is a choice indeed. One can not complain for being a coward. Rather it is one's own choice to become a coward or courageous. In Quran Allah says, "And thou shalt not run away from battlefield; whosoever do so will be thrown into hell forever" Islam emphasizes on courage and bravery. One should live ones human years in this world with courage. This is the message of Islam. In order to build the quality of courage Islam teaches about small and atomic habits. These habits all together make one courageous and brave. Similarly Stoicism also teaches about being courageous. Stoics posit that one should endeavour the odds and pains of life in order to be courageous and being gifted with eternal bliss.



Gen-Z have paid paltry attention to courage and legacy. Their only obsession is the pursuit of money. They don't need it much, but they need it for show off. This has made them coward unlike their predecessors who were people of courage and strong will. Take Mr Song lyrics, for instance, it better portrays the condition of Gen-Z.

I got braads in Atlanta  
Chasing Codme and Fanta  
Credit Cards and secummers  
Hitting off licks in Bando  
Black X6 Phantom  
White X6 Like a Panda  
Goin out like Montana  
(tundred killer, Itundred skammer.  
(Panda)

X6, Phantom is a luxury car by Rolls Royce Automobiles. The song name is Panda, written by Designer.



He is just touching about what he has earned. This is the representative of the whole Gen-Z. They have forgotten about Courage. Every one wants to tout about Money. Boys and Girls send snapshots of their food before they eat it. They have, Alas, forget the great lesson of courage which would rather tout about them forever, if it were listened to.

On the other side is the life of coward people. The preceding paragraph discussed Courageous ones. This one unfolds the painful life of coward people. "Après moi le deluge" is a phrase uttered by Louis XV of France. It translates as, "after me the flood". He contended that he wouldn't care what would happen to France after him. Things would fall apart, but that would not be



his Concern. He was a Coward, leaving an eternal Shame. He did not take the courage to take better care of his People. The Conundrums of France were left unsolved, and he openly compelled it. He did not go beyond macrostatics to observe the fabric of the men society with microscopic approach like other leaders did. Similarly individuals in their personal life fail to take courage about their own selves, making their lives a failure. Such is the life of Jackle. These cowards do not enjoy their present because they are cowards nor do they enjoy their past because they were not great. They were Jackles, and their long reigns are worth condemnation.



There are numerous ways to live a courageous and lion like life. These methods are based on self choice and are fruitful for individuals and nations, if they were listen to, and were acted upon. An individual should pour all his energy into his skills to be courageous. He/she need regulate their emotions and hypnotize their ownself to ~~exert~~ negativity. For nations we have glowing examples of Germany and Japan. By applying the philosophy of "Vergangenheitsbewältigung" to their education and administration she converted the shame of ~~Holocaust~~ Holocaust into national prosperity. For Japanese it is, "七転八起" (Fall seven times, stand up eight). If these philosophies were acted upon any nation and individual would be able to live ~~and~~ a courageous life of lion which is worth admiration.



To sum up the crux, cowards may live a long life but that would be vain, while brave ones may live a shorter life but that would leave a legacy behind.

This philosophy encompasses not only an individual life but a collective life. Individuals living under persecution punish their own selves. Nations, relying on others, look ill for their future.

Men like Quade-e-Azam, Japu Sultan and Nelson Mandela among others left a permanent mark on history.

Islam also teaches humanity to live with courage and to face the odds of life with bravery.

There also lies a big lesson for Pakistan. She should take the courage on and should choose courage over cowardice; motivation over indifference; inclusion over exclusion; self reliance over begging in order to bestow herself with the life of lion and a high political stature.