

GREATNESS

It is said, " **Always aim high.** "So what then is aim high?

When we ask young children about their aim, the common answer is to be an engineer, doctor, judge, film actor, politician etc. Some however may have the aim to be a Minister, Prime Minister or even President. But Is there an aim higher than this?

YES, there is. It is said **GOD is great.** It is said so because God really does great task, when we say we are children of God, then I should aim to be like God.

What is Greatness then? Greatness means to be extraordinary. Greatness has foundation in excellence in a given field. Greatness is not a matter of luck, it is matter of choice. Any person can become great if he chooses to be so. However, it is not sufficient to just make a choice to be great. One needs to make a constant and tireless effort for achieving the high aim.

What needs to be done? I need to do what God does. **God gives** and hence is called **bestower.** I need to give, give and give. *In today's time human beings are the ones who take,* today's human beings say, if you give me respect only then I give you respect, if you give me cooperation only then i will cooperate. Our ultimate aim should be to be a true copy of God and hence **believe in giving than receiving.**

Deities are next to God and to be like God means whether others give me respect or not, it does not matter, it is my duty to stay in self-respect and give respect to others.

So the *motto is to* unconditionally give respect, give love, give peace, give cooperation , give happiness, give blessings, give God's knowledge.

Actually there is deep secret in giving, If we give, we certainly get back what we have given, There is a saying- **What you give in the World, comes back to you in hundred folds."**

So when this *Karmic philosophy* is clearly known then I should aim to give, give and only give all the good and the best that is within me and giving makes you great in your's, God's and other's lives.

The enemy of Greatness is EGO. If one feels "I am good" then one will be content in being good and he will not put effort to improve, that is the reason why we have good persons, good teachers, good doctors, good schools but very few great persons, great teacher's , great doctors-----

We should emulate example of Greatness –in thoughts- by constantly having great thoughts, pure thoughts in speech by speaking words that are powerful yet sweet, in action by having exemplary character. **This is what greatness is all about.**

It is of great help to reflect upon the message of life of great person who have been free from egotism and who have been seekers of truth. When we cultivate good thoughts and preserve them, evil thoughts gradually abandon us.

Therefore, it is rightly said.

To be Great, one has to be humble, to be humble one has to be at the giving end and once you are at the giving end, you are putting the pieces of God's puzzle together."

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